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Ask Us

Q-Since Jan.1 falls on Sunday, when will the new county officials be sworn in?

A—According to County Clerk Frances Billingsley, the officials will be sworn in on Thursday, Dec. 29 at 4 p.m. in the District Courtroom on the third floor of the courthouse.

In Brief

Planes attack

GROZNY, Russia (AP) Russian war planes targeted residential areas and administrative buildings in the Chechen capital today, and Russian troops advanced toward the capital from two directions.

Five people were killed and 12 wounded in the predawn attacks, the Interfax news agency reported, quoting Chechen authorities.

After a lull overnight among the ground forces outside Grozny, heavy gunfire was heard near dawn from the northern and northeastern outskirts of the city.

Chechen President Dzhokhar Dudayev denounced the Russian attacks on his capital.

Dudayev and his supporters continued to ignore Moscow's demands that they disarm.

Local

Video series

The Family Life series continues at 7 p.m. Monday



Snyder Daily News

TUESDAY



NEW ADDITION — A new addition to the lights at the Scurry County Courthouse this year is Santa Claus riding to town on a buffalo. Framed between strings of white lights, this colorful at-

traction was designed by Dwain Hicks. A large poinsettia on the north side of the courthouse was designed by Ricky and Sara Fritz. (SDN Staff Photo)



The first Scurry County quartets, duets, soloists and the Service will be held tonight in the local residents. coliseum.

At coliseum...

The event will begin at 7:30. Everyone is invited.

More than 400 county residents are taking part in the program and local financial institutions, schools, hospital employees, county employees and churches are among those who have volunteered to provide after-service refreshments. There is no admission fee. Organizers said box seats will be reserved for senior citizens. The event has been planned by the July 4th Prayer Breakfast/ Candlelight Committee, which for a number of years has sponsored the annual prayer breakfast on Independence Day. Meditations from Max Lucado's "God Came Near," music and fellowship are some of the highlights planned during the evening. Reading meditations will be Miller Robinson, pastor of Colonial Hill Baptist Church; Gayle Lomax, Snyder ISD superintendent; Tom Holcomb, minister of East Side Church of Christ; Barbara Bigham, speech pathologist with Snyder ISD; Tony Wofford, pastor of the Word Is Life Church; and air conditioning contract with system was first installed in 1952 and Marty Akins, pastor of the Honeywell, Inc. First Baptist Church. Senior High School from Colonial eywell for formal pproval. That

The audience will also be in-Community-Wide Candlelight Worship Team, made up of 11 vited to participate in "Silent Night" as the program concludes.



WASHINGTON (AP) - A man, said to have been running tow-

Chamber OKs \$5,000 for Ritz

directors voted Monday afternoon Development would match the doto help fund the Ritz Theatre reno- nation. The chamber entertained vation project with a donation of the request last month but tabled it \$5,000 after first tabling the re- at that time. Earlier this month, the quest for the second time.

In other business Monday, chamber directors recognized in- under the BCD funding coming board members Julie Sentell, Rob Sanders, Ronnie Shields. Keith Hackfeld, Gary Loft and Art Feinsod. Thomas will serve as the Pizza Inn, Radio Shack, First president for 1995 and the directors voted for Sanders to serve as president-elect for 1996. Ronnie Dwain Hicks. Shields will serve as vicepresident for the coming year while Jeffrey Martin will be the secretary/treasurer.

The directors recognized Rental Store and More as the chamber's business of the month for January.

Prior to voting to table action on the donation to the Ritz Theatre, the directors heard from Snyder City Councilman Ron Shaw, who told them the city would "front" the chamber \$10,000 and deduct \$2,500 from quarterly hotel/motel tax revenue.

The chamber directors balked at that proposal. Incoming chamber president Daryl Thomas told Shaw, "We feel real uneasy about 10,000 — that is a lot of money for us."

Shaw responded that he felt the chamber did have hotel/motel funds available "and I feel that by not giving \$10,000 - that is jeopardizing the Ritz project.'

recognizes the value the Ritz Theatre will be to the community but said the board was hesitant to obligate future funds --- "espe-

Snyder Chamber of Commerce the chamber and Board of County BCD turned down the request, stating the project did not fall guidelines.

New members recognized Monday were Koshmore Kasuals, America Bank, Outreach Home Health, Don's Value King and



TOM HAYWOOD

Haywood here Thomas said the chamber board On Wednesday

A "Meet The Senator" public reception will launch a day-long visit to Snyder Wednesday by State Senator-elect Tom Haywood. The reception is set from 9 to 10 a.m. in the chamber of commerce board room. Haywood, a Republican from Wichita Falls, defeated Democratic Senator Steve Carriker of Roby for the right to represent the 30th Senatorial District which includes Scurry County. Haywood said he will use the day to meet with Scurry County residents and to inform himself of issues that are of concern and interest locally. Starting at 10 a.m. in the conference room at Snyder National Bank, Haywood will hold a series of meetings with local residents representing a variety of interests prove comfort in the facility while and occupations. A dutch-treat luncheon will be well also guarantees to provide held at noon at Snyder Country Club. The afternoon will be spent acquainting the newly-elected se-Although specific monies have nator with Snyder and Scurry Haywood will also tour the College.

on Cablevision Channel 2 with "Faith and Inquiry: Tough Questions Jesus Asks.'

BCD

Scurry Board of County Development will meet at noon Wednesday in the Development Corporation of Snyder board room. Agenda items include consideration of approving one or more funding projects and approval of financial statements and previous minutes.

Health care

Snyder Health Care Center will have its residents' Christmas party at 7 this evening. Each family is asked to bring a gift for their relative and cookies.

ISD taxes

People needing to pay Hermleigh and Ira school taxes are advised that the computer at Scurry County Appraisal District will be down Friday, Dec. 30, through Monday, Jan. 2.

Anyone needing to make payments should make them on or before Dec. 29. Appraisal personnel said they will also accept December payments on Jan. 3.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Monday, 72 degrees; low, 42 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Tuesday, 42 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1994 to date, 11.55 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, clear. Low around 30. Light and variable wind. Wednesday, sunny. High in the lower mid 60s. Light and variable wind.

Almanac: Sunset today, 5:45. Sunrise Wednesday, 7:38. Of 353 days in 1994, the sun has shone 345 days in Snyder.

Grade system gets approval by HISD

An executive session planned said advanced courses will carry grading system.

failed to attend Monday's meet- grade. ing. Another executive session has been scheduled for 8 p.m. Thursday.

The purpose of the executive sessions is apparently to determine if the district's 1986 finances should be audited. At least two trustees feel there may be a discrepancy in the payroll from that year, said Jerry Church, superintendent.

Church said the district is audited annually, and he is confident there are no problems.

weighted course grading system, There are a lot of different systems which will go into effect in the and there's good and bad in each second semester. Supt. Church one," he said.

by Hermleigh ISD trustees Mon- more weight under the local sysday evening didn't pan out but the tem in the future. He said that curboard did adopt a weighted course rently, students competing for scholarships may be tempted to Trustees postponed their execu- take regular courses instead of adtive session when an attorney vanced ones in order to get a better

> "You can't blame them for that, because they are looking at getting into college, but obviously the advanced course will better prepare them for college," said Church.

A weighted system will allow a student to take a more advanced class without being penalized for a slightly lower grade. Church said the system used for the spring will be an added-point system.

"This summer, we'll probably study this again and try to come up Trustees did approve a with a system that fits us best.

ard the White House brandishing a long knife or machetc, was shot today by police in the third shooting incident at or near the executive mansion in two months.

This time, no shots were aimed toward the White House. The incident occurred about 9 a.m. EST. President Clinton was in the Oval Office at the time. An aide said he was informed but that no changes were made in his schedule.

The man was taken to George Washington University Hospital, where he was in critical condition and was undergoing surgery, said hospital spokesman Rich James. The spokesman identified him as Marcelino Corniel, 33, a homeless man.

He was wounded once in the chest and once in right leg, James (See SHOOTING, Page 8)

cially funds that could drop, such as those from the hotel/motel tax."

However, following an executive session at the end of the meeting, the chamber board did approve \$5,000 for the renovation project out of present funds. The board also voted to give an additional \$5,000 in 1995 if the funds are available, said Thomas.

Snyder City Council had voted in November to donate \$10,000 to the Ritz Theatre renovation fund if

For Cogdell... Air flow system on agenda

Cogdell Memorial Hospital of Wednesday's meeting. board of managers will meet at 8 a.m. Wednesday to consider ap- store the hospital's air flow system proval of a heating, ventilation in the older part of the facility. The

Board members gave their go-Performing will be the sixth ahead on the project last week, but pected to be some \$204,000, in- CEO Jeff Reecer said the hospital Hill and a host of others, including contract is expected to be the focus

The hospital is seeking to re- upgrading the equipment. Honey-

and renovated in 1960.

Cost of the improvements is ex- not been set aside for the project, County. The project is expected to im- tunds for the project.

training and on-going services.

grade choir, the Snyder High requested that hospital administra- cluding replacement of an air has budgeted \$130,000 in capital Price Daniel unit and the TDCJ School Ensemble, the Junior and tors work up a contract with Hon- handler at an estimated \$35,000. approvements for heating and air warehouse. He will visit the The total cost does not include conditioning over the next three Scurry County Courthouse, tour asbestos abatement, which could years. He also noted that the hospi- Cogdell Hospital and visit the cost the hospital \$10,000 or more. tal can use disproportionate share campus of Western Texas

The SDN Column

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A clean mind has to be changed occasionally."

Strange Christmas wish: an empty closet. While remembering that words like "rich" and 'poor" are relative, a recent news story about Christmas decorations drew a sharp contrast.

We had just passed some senior citizen volunteers in the bank who were dutifully collecting funds for the Kiwanis Club Goodfellows operation. Goodfellows in Snyder is one of the quietest, but also one of the best organized and effective programs around. The late Speedy Prince, co-owner of Friendly Flowers and long-time Kiwanis Club member, served as chief Goodfellow for many years.

The work of Goodfellows in Snyder is what the holiday season is all about, so we wondered about the "rich" folks described in that article.

One woman in Dallas has hired two professional decorators to ensure a stress-free holiday. The duo spent two weeks decking her Dallas home with Christmas trees, wreaths and other seasonal good-- right down to tacking stockings on the ies mantel

A professional decorator in Hollywood, Calif. has been booked up since summer, splurging with interior Christmas decorations costing between \$20,000 and \$40,000.

By Roy McQueen

One Beverly Hills lawyer is paying \$23,000 to rent a 25-foot tree for five days, after which the decorator will take it down and haufl it off.

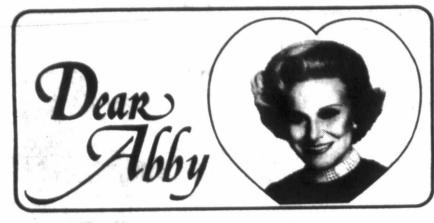
A Dallas firm, for a mere \$40,000, will import organic decorations from around the world including Casablanca lilies, French roses, ranunculi, tulips, anemones and lilac, miniature oranges, pears, apples, lines, pineapples and other fruit from Italy.

In Hollywood, a client has ordered a hot-pink artificial tree suspended upside down from the ceiling, making a Christmas-like chandelier spinning around on a motorized base.

One client has ordered three trees, including a giant one for the foyer. The family does plan to buy a fourth one, a mere six-footer for the daughter's room, but the family will have to hang ornaments themselves.

It's all relative, but a \$4,000 wreath made out of artificial flowers and grape vines?

We did a survey in Snyder to find the most decadent gift wish. It was a Christmas tree that could stay decorated year-round and rolled into an empty closet.



Man Embarrassed by Impotence **Discovers How Widespread It Is**

by Abigail Van Buren © 1994 Universal Press Syndicate

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "Hot in Hot Springs, Ark.," who got angry when her adult stepson asked her to turn off a television program dealing with sexual dysfunction. I suspect he may have that problem and she failed to realize what a sensitive issue this is with most men.

I'm only 35, and it happened to me. At first, I was too embarrassed to get professional help, but when I finally did, I left the urologist's office feeling much relieved, and now I'm functioning very well. Abby, I learned that there are

more than 10 million men in the United States who suffer from impotence or some other type of sexual dysfunction. I also learned that smoking can compound sexual problems. Men who want to continue to be sexually active in their later years should quit smoking, keep their weight down and exercise regularly.

Please urge "Hot in Hot Springs" to ask her husband to encourage his son to see a urologist immediately for evaluation and possibly treatment.

BEEN THERE, DOING THAT AGAIN (HAPPILY)

DEAR BEEN THERE: Thanks for writing. Your letter will be appreciated by many men and women, too.

Since 1983, Impotents Anonymous (IA), a non-profit, self-help program of impotent men (fashioned after AA), and I-Anon (which is similar to Al-Anon) for their partners, has provided newsletters, brochures and support groups. To contact them. send a long (business-size), selfaddressed, stamped (32 cents) envelope, plus \$1 to cover printing costs, to: Impotence World Service, 119 S. Ruth St., Maryville, Tenn. 37803.

They don't see anything wrong with this, but it just turns my stomach, and my husband refuses to eat another meal at their home.

What can I do? We can't have the holiday meals at my house all the time. We left town for Thanksgiving, but we have to be here for Christmas

I have even taken paper plates to use at their house when we are invited for birthday parties, but you can't use paper plates for Christmas dinner.

Please help. HOLIDAY DILEMMA

DEAR HOLIDAY: Who says you can't use paper plates for Christmas dinners? Shop around. There are beautifully decorated paper plates especial-ly designed for Christmas parties - which spares the hosts the "chore" of kitchen duty after the festivities are over.

The alternative is leveling with your sister about why your husband is absent.

* * *

DEAR ABBY: Why is the U.S Postal Service honoring Richard Nixon with his picture on a U.S. postage stamp?

Nixon was forced to resign for unethical behavior in office. Please poll your readers.

G. JOHNSON, DULUTH, MINN.

DEAR G. JOHNSON: Postmaster General Marvin T. Runyon Jr. was quoted in the Los Angeles Times as saying that he already had fielded several objections to the Nixon stamp.

He explained that traditionally every president is honored with a stamp after his death, and he had no intention of changing tradition by denying the Nixon family the honor of

New research study says...

Industrial chemicals cause ozone loss Ozone in a layer about 60 miles room for natural possibilities.

satellite has found powerful new evidence that manmade chemicals and not natural forces are causing the global thinning of the protective ozone layer, including the ozone hole over the South Pole.

NASA scientists announced Monday that the Upper Atmosphere Research Satellite has detected hydrogen fluoride, a chemical that is not made by nature, in the stratosphere where the ozone layer is being eroded.

Mark Scherberl, project scientist for the satellite, said the amount of hydrogen fluoride measured by the satellite corresponds directly to the amount of chlorofluorocarbons in the atmosphere.

He said hydrogen fluoride is associated with the same chemical reaction that creates chlorine from chlorofluorocarbons. The presence and the amount of hydrogen fluoride, said Scherberl, proves that the chlorine, which actually destroys the ozone, is not from volcanoes or from other natural sources

"We have this thing nailed," said Anne Douglas, deputy project director. "There is no other possibility. It all adds up.'

Atmospheric scientist Dave Hofmann said the new data from the National Aeronautics and

GODDARD SPACEFLIGHT another nail in the coffin'' on an CENTER, Md. (AP) - A NASA earlier belief that the erosion of above the Earth protects creatures ozone in the stratosphere could be on the surface from excessive ula natural phenomenon.

"I know of no scientist active in the field who still believes that the ozone loss is not related to manmade chemicals," said Hofmann, of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Chlorofluorocarbons, or CFCs, are industrial chemicals used for refrigeration and cleaning. Since the early 1980s, many scientists have theorized that CFCs trigger chemical reactions in the stratoozone layer. This happens when sunlight breaks down the CFCs, freeing chlorine, which then reacts with the ozone.

traviolet radiation from the sun. Such radiation can cause sunburn sphere and are responsible for and skin cancer, destroy some ozone loss," Schoeberl said at a microscopic organisms and damage some plants.

In 1987, most nations signed an agreement known as the Montreal protocol to phase out the use of CFCs. The agreement already has led to a dramatic drop in the amount of CFCs being released into the atmosphere.

At one time, some experts were sphere that cause a thinning of the suggesting that chlorine gas from natural sources, such as volca- of the detected chlorine could noes, could cause the problem.

"This data confirms that chlorofluorocarbons are the major source of chlorine in the stratonews conference. "We don't see any other plausible explanation for chlorine in the stratosphere [at the levels that produce large-scale ozone losses like the Antarctic ozone hole."

He added: "The volcanic source of chlorine is just no longer an issue."

Schoeberl said only one-sixth come from natural sources and all But Schoeberl said the new of the rest originates from mansatellite measurements leave no made chemicals. such as CFGs

Schools, families doing OK by students, researchers say

study out today takes a much ro- children, its authors said. sier view than usual of American past 20 years, and better-educated search institute. parents and smaller families are helping students learn.



WASHINGTON (AP) - A parents are failing the nation's were doing somewhat better than

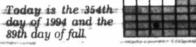
"Prevailing perceptions are too schools and families. Contrary to gloomy," said David W. Grisspopular belief, it says, U.S. mer, who led the study at Rand, a schools have gotten better over the Santa Monica, Calif.-based re-

The researchers found "no support for charges that our families, The Rand Corp. study should students, schools and public poli-Space Administration "puts dispel the notion that schools and cies are failing," Grissmer said in a statement.

dents ages 13 and 17 who took the increased about 3 percentile points National Assessment of Educa- for whites, 11 points for Hispantional Progress tests between 1970 ics, and 19 points for blacks. and 1990. The scores were analyzed alongside information tion and increased spending on from government surveys of schools, especially programs families.

Education Secretary Richard Riley, in announcing the latest National Assessment of Educational Progress results in August, said that although American students

DATE BOOK Dec. 20, 1994 SMTWTFS



TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1986, a gang of white youths chased Michael Griffith, a black man whose car had broken down nearby, onto a highway where he was killed by a car in Howard Beach, N.Y. The driver of the car — a police officer's son — was never tried, despite the insistence of two of the other victims that he had been involved in their beatings. TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Harvey S. Firestone (1868-1938), industrialist; George Roy Hill (1922-), director, is 72; Bo Diddley (1928-), singer-guitarist, is 66; Billy Bragg (1957-), singer, is 37. TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1888, strongman William B. Curtis lifted 3,239 pounds with the use of a harness. **TODAY'S QUOTE: "The revolution is** just a T-shirt away" - Billy Bragg TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1942, a cold wave chilled Boston to 11 degrees.

they did 20 years ago, the progress was inadequate.

The Rand study said standardized test scores for black and Hispanic teen-agers improved significantly between the mid-1970s and 1990, narrowing the gap with white students, who made much smaller gains.

The average math and reading The study was based on stu- scores of students ages 13 and 17

That suggests that desegregatargeted at minority students, have paid off, the study says. Early education and nutrition programs for poor children also may have helped.

The researchers said their next goal is to figure out which programs work and why.

"The country should be cautious about dismantling programs until we know which deserve to go and which to continue," Grissmer said.

While minority students benefited from changes both at school and at home, the small improve ment in white students' scores seems to be tied to family life, the study said.

DEAR ABBY: The holidays are here, which poses a big problem.

What do you do when very close relatives invite you to a meal at their home, and your husband refuses to go? Here is the reason: My sister and brother-in-law let their dog eat off the same plates that the guests have been served on. The dog licks the plate clean!

having his picture on a postage stamp.

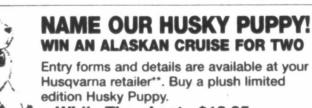
Good advice for everyone - teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is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

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Attitude surveys show that a high percentage of wok users in the United States are gay, buy "earth-friendly" products and worry about endangered animals

The factor that helped students most was better-educated parents, the study found. For example, in 1970, 38 percent of the mothers had not completed high school; in 1990, all but 17 percent had completed high school.

Common stains are divided into three categories - greasy, nongreasy and combination.

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Christmas musicians in recital

O The chapel of the First Baptist Church was the site where 41 stu-⁸ dents of Bethel Studio of Music presented "Christmas With Granzy," written by instructor ELynn Bethel.

Approximately 300 guests were welcomed by Matthew Leininger then the program began with a flute quartet by Chelsie Birks, Jenise Judah, Kevin Taylor ad Marie ¹⁹Clark, instructor.

The first scene was Christmas DEve in Granzy's living room where Granzy's daughters, brought by all the grandchildren, visited and were to show off their holiday best and perform for Granzy before going to a Christmas Eve program at church. Performers in this scene were Temi Thompson, Amanda Calley, Jessica Sollis, Colton Long, Angela Riggs, Ryan McKamie, Katie Chandler, Ashley Sanders, Zachary Greenlee, Jerica Tyler, Starling Shields, Maggie Flanigan, Rachel Cave, Kelby Drum, Bryany Martin, Stormy Clark, Cara Best, Stephanie Hoyle, Nicki Riggs, and Johnnie Riggs.

Following intermission and retfreshments, the scene at Christmas Eve service began. Students participating were Bailey Stoker, Faith Feaster, Blake Robertson accomspanied by her father on the trumpet, Jennifer Petty, Abby Flaniagan, Craig Bowen, Chelsea Forbes, Whitney Rogers, Jacki Thompson, Sandi Nussey, Amber Kelly, Temple Latimer, Angie Glover, Jami Thackerson, Elizabeth Rollins, Sonda Leininger, David Melton, Mandy Strain, Karomy Drum, and Trey Gorman, accompanied by Mrs. Bethel.

ZTV taped the program to be aired later on Colorado City, Post xand Snyder cables.

Walking with arthritis

ATLANTA (AP) - People suffering from arthritis should follow a walking program to maintain a range-of-motion and use of arthritic joints, advises the Arthritis Foundation.









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Lead the suit, score the honor

Yesterday we looked at a deal in which it was correct to take a finesse for a queen, first through one defender and then through the other defender. Today's deal bears some similarity to that theme. It occurred during the qualifying rounds of the 1977 Bermuda Bowl in Manila. Sitting West was Mike Passell, one of the world's best players.

Opening lead: ??

Against the ambitious grand slam, what should Passell lead? Well, he knew that if he didn't lead a trump — as recommended by the textbooks when defending against a grand slam - the declarer was sure to play him for the queen. So, trying to deflect the declarer from a winning course, Passell led the spade four!

Dummy's spade 10 won the first trick. Totally deceived by the lead, South The Snyder (Tex.) Daily News, Tues., Dec. 20, 1994 3

Bridge **By Phillip Alder**

that ran through South registered about eight on the Richter Scale.

Passell deserved his good result, but let us analyze South's play. In the real world, the trump lead is either from a holding without the queen or from queen-fourth. Therefore, it seems to me that the right play is to lead the spade six from the dummy at trick two. Here, East discards and declarer knows how to play the suit without loss. But if East

cashed dummy's spade ace at trick two. follows with another low trump, declar When East discarded, the shock wave er should finesse his spade eight! So, in er should finesse his spade eight! So, in a grand slam missing the trump queen, declarer can conceivably draw trumps

without using the ace or king on either of the first two rounds of the suit.

Phillip Alder's new book, "Get Smarter at Bridge," is available, autographed upon request, for \$14.95 from P.O. Box 169, Roslyn Hts., NY 11577-0169. © 1994 NEA



BABY SHOWER - Heather Holcomb of Lubbock was given a baby shower Dec. 11 in the multipurpose building at East Side Church of Christ by several hostesses. Hunter Ray Holcomb was born on Dec. 14 at Methodist Hospital. From left are Lei Holcomb, Hunter's aunt from Abilene; June Holcomb of Snyder, his paternal grandmother; the honoree; and Judy Finley of Snyder, his maternal grandmother.



According to the foundation, frequent exercise by walking will help keep joints flexible, build endurance and provide an overall sense of feeling good without undue stress.

The foundation recommends the following:

- Start slow. Be cautious the first two weeks if you haven't been active for a while. Start with just 10 minutes of walking and gradually build up your time to 20 or 30 minutes of brisk walking.

Walk on a flat, firm, level surface. Walking on steep grades for uneven surfaces may lead to hip, knee or foot pain. Fitness trails, shopping malls and quiet peighborhoods with sidewalks all are good choices.

 Always warm up and cool down with a stroll. Walk slowly for five minutes before increasing to a brisk walk and then finish with the same slow walk.

- Wear comfortable shoes of the correct length and width and with shock-absorbing soles and insoles.

- See a doctor before starting any exercise program to determine the best types of exercise for you, an appropriate duration for



teddy Santa; an outdoor romp

with a plump snowman; an

angelic choir of musical bears;

and a bevy of elegant bears waltz-

windows, these Christmas win-

dows are pure fun. I've been col-

lecting teddy bears for many

years and children, like me, adore

them," said Gene Moore, Tif-

573-6536

'Aside from being my last

ing around at a New Year's ball.

CHRISTMAS RECITAL - Forty-one students from Bethel Studio of Music were presented in recital, "Christmas With Granzy," written by Lynn Bethel. From left to right in the top photo are Amanda Calley, Blake Robertson, Whitney Rogers, Sandi Nussey, Stormy Clark, Angie Glover, Temi Thompson; photo two, bottom row, Starling Shields, Karomy Drum, Cara Best; back row, Jacki Thompson, Kelby Drum, Rachel Cave, Elizabeth Rollins, Katie Chandler, Chelsea Forbes; photo three, bottom row, Bryony Martin, Sonda Leininger, Maggie and Abby Flanigan, and Jerica Tyler, all of Post; back row, Colton Long, Craig Bowen, David Melton of Spur, Trey Gorman, Matt Leininger of Post, Zach Greenlee of Rotan; photo four, seated, Stephanie Hoyle, Nicki and Johnnie Riggs; back row, Ashley Sanders, Faith Feaster, Jennifer Petty, Angela Riggs, Amber Kelley, Mandy Strain, Jami Thackerson, all of Colorado City. (Contributed Photos)

Designer Christmas bear bows

NEW YORK (AP) - That popular art form, the store Christmas window, is in full swing countrywide.

Tiffany's, for example, dominates a prominent corner in Manhattan with this year's version of its street theater in five acts five specially dressed-up windows, each presenting a scene starring teddy bears.

fany's master of window design There's a bear dinner party; a for nearly four decades, who is now about to retire. Christmas Ornaments 50% Off **Check Other Sale Items**

REUNION HELD -- The Snyder High School Class of 1984 met during the summer for its 10-year reunion at the Snyder Country Club. Attending were, from left, first row, Misty Merritt Williamson, Jay Casey, Paul Tate, Chad Peterson, Jerry Bowen, Michael Head, Mickey Broach, John Edward Stanley, Connie Henderson Fine; second row, Monica Becerra Castillo, Kim Butler Minor, Kathy Rhodes Scott, Susan Brim Goetz, Shahala Blair, Laurie Donelson Gillman, Cari Walker Limmer, Tracy Fortune Hopper, Ollie Carroll Burke, Edyth Guynes Loveall, Brandi Campbell Thompson, Teresa Tate Wolf, Kathy Norris Bauer; third row, Darren

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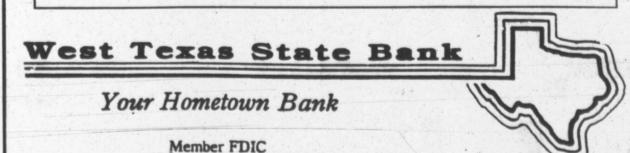
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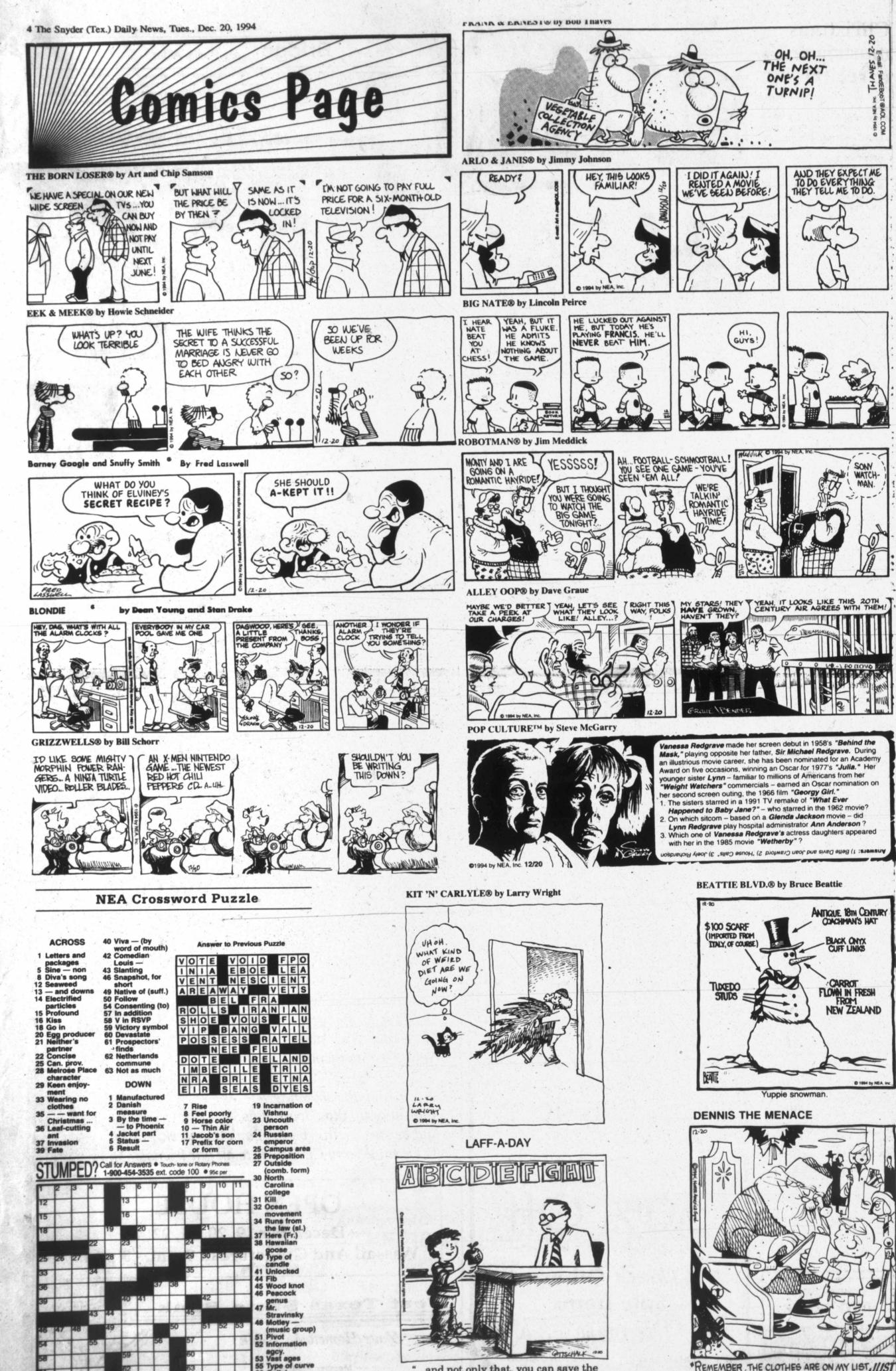
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Dallas' win is costly

Hamstring injury likely to sideline Smith

appeared to march merrily to the the playoffs. last two Super Bowls and a 12-3 record this season.

the Cowboys.

vision, as the Cowboys beat the New Orleans Saints 24-16, they saw Emmitt Smith, the league's leading scorer and heart of their offense, limp off the field with a pulled hamstring. Then they held off a Saints rally when Darrin Smith grabbed his second interception, stopping a late drive.

"We haven't had a cakewalk this year," receiver Michael Irvin said. "We've got to work for them all. Every game we've played has been a tight game, so we'll be ready when the next tight one comes.

Smith went down in the third quarter after slipping on the Superdome turf and pulling his left hamstring.

"I really don't know what happened," Smith said. "I saw a big hole and just wanted to get through it. My leg just felt like a grab, a pull, and that's it."

Dallas has already clinched the NFC East title and the second spot in the conference playoffs behind San Francisco. The Cowboys'

Lady Tigers get dumped Plainview downs Snyder, 47-39

Snyder's varsity girls played tough here Monday evening but couldn't quite put a leash around the Lady Bulldogs of Plainview, who won 47-39. mi Browth

1 Snyder started slowly but av ond quarter rally left the Lady Tigers behind just 19-18 at intermission. Plainview broke the game

first glance, the Dallas Cowboys three weeks in the second round of said, not ruling out an appearance

Dallas completes its regular season Saturday against the New But it's not easy, not even for York Giants. While the Cowboys are locked into the second seeding Monday night on national tele- position in the NFC, they could



Emmitt Smith

knock the Giants out of playoff consideration, just as they did

(for the Giants), but obviously think, I just grabbed it. It felt we're not even going to consider great.' that," Switzer said. "The doctors will tell us.'

"I'm getting myself mentally for Dallas.

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - At next do-or-die game will come in prepared to play," Emmitt Smith against the Giants. "I just want to get in."

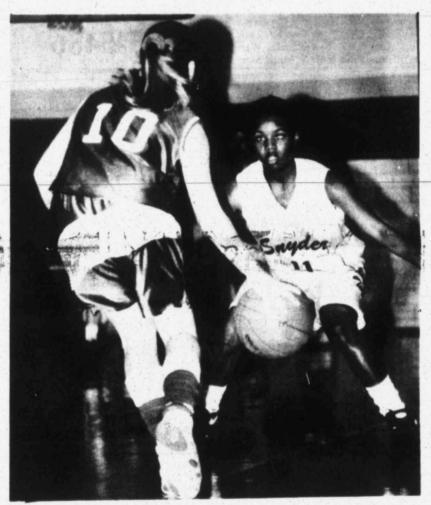
While the Cowboys worried about Smith and what his injury might mean to their chances of winning a third straight Super Bowl, the Saints (6-9) ensured their first losing season since 1986 by allowing two interceptions for touchdowns. New Orleans also had a defensive breakdown to open the second half that allowed the Cowboys to keep the football for 81/2 minutes.

"We just made too many mistakes to beat those guys," coach Jim Mora said. "They're too good. You can't give them anything, and we gave them too much.

Darrin Smith intercepted Jim Everett twice in the fourth quarter - the first he returned 13 yards for a touchdown to make it 24-9. The second stopped the Saints' final drive and ended their threat of tying the game.

"I saw the ball coming to me New Orleans on Monday night. each time and I just grabbed it," "Emmitt thinks he will be back Smith said. "I didn't have time to

Smith's interceptions followed don't think it's severe. But time a 54-yard interception return by Tony Tolbert to open the scoring



Tigers hang tough Free throws key

Sports

loss to Bulldogs **By TODD STANLEY SDN Sports Editor**

The Tigers knew the going would be tough Monday night as they hosted the defending class 4A state basketball champions, Plainview.

What they couldn't have known was that their foul shooting would cost them the game.

"The single biggest determining factor in the game was our free throw shooting," Snyder head coach Bud Birks said. "We missed our foul shots in the fourth quarter when we needed them the most."

Snyder (9-6) led the Bulldogs 45-44 at the end of the third quarter thanks to a lastsecond tip in by Wayne Braziel.

However, Plainview (8-6) would outscore the Tigers in the fourth quarter, 16-8, to capture a 60-53 victory on the road.

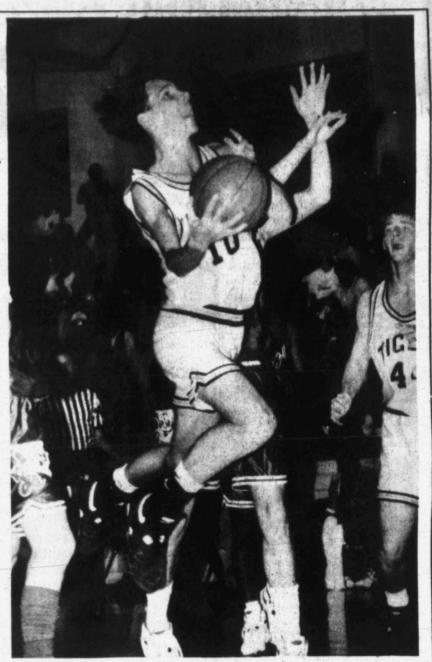
One of the turning points in the game came in the second quarter, as the Bulldogs capitalized on a six-point play.

With the Tigers leading 21-15, a Plainview player was fouled from beyond the 3-point arc. The player missed two of his three shots, including the third one, and the Bulldogs put back the offensive rebound for two.

On the Tigers' ensuing inbounds pass, the ball was thrown out of bounds.

Plainview made Snyder pay for'the miscue by hitting a 3-pointer, thus completing the six-point play and tying the score at 21-21.

On a similar play, Braziel was whistled for a technical



SUSPENDED - Snyder's Robby Huestis hangs in the air during the first half of the Tigers' 60-53 loss to the Plainview Bulldogs. Huestis finished with eight points. (Photo by Todd Stanley)

foul on an apparent blocked shot.

The officals ruled that he slapped the backboard before the ball made contact with the glass.

Plainview converted the free throws and knocked down a jump shot to add four points to the score without Snyder touching the ball.

"Going into the game, I told the players that how we played against a tough team like Plainview would show how we would stack up to teams in our district," Birks said. "I think we showed that we can stay with them (Snyder's district

foes).

"I was pleased with the effort our guys put forth. I don't think we have any reason to hang our heads."

Birks, like he has over the course of the season, employed wholesale substitutions throughout the game and he felt the results were positive.

"I thought both groups came in and did equally well," he said. "The second group really came up with some big defensive plays.

"When you have a young team like this, it is important that everyone gets their minutes."

open in the third, however, by outscoring the hosts 14-4.

A late fourth quarter rally helped Snyder close the gap, but the margin was too wide to overcome.

Shayna Crow contributed 13 points for Snyder, which fell to 3-12 on the season, while sophomore Erica Garvin added 10. Jodi White scored all 9 of her points from the free-throw line.

Plainview, now 7-9, was led by Katrisa O'Neal, who bagged 23 points, including three 3-pointers.

The Lady Bulldogs won despite a poor night from the charity stripe.

Snyder was 10 of 15 from the line, backed by Garvin's 9-for-10 effort.

Plainview connected on just 8

Top 25

By The Associated Press The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, record through Dec. 18, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

Record P	ts P		
1.NorthCarolina(57)	6-0	1,616	
2.UCLA(5)	4-0		
3.Arkansas(3)	6-1		
4.Massachusetts	5-1	1,430	5
5.Kentucky	5-1	1,340	
6.Arizona	7-1		
7.Kansas	5-1		
8.Florida	5-1		
9.Duke	5-1	1,149	9
10.Connecticut	4-0	1,130	
11.Maryland	7-2	961	12
12.Georgetown	5-1	769	15
13.Cincinnati	6-2		
14.Syracuse	5-1	651	16
15.ArizonaSt.	5-2	588	13
16.Minnesota	6-2	517	11
17.MichiganSt.	4-1	509	18
18.GeorgiaTech	6-1	433	14
19.WakeForest	5-1	411	21
20.Wisconsin	5-1	408	20
21.NewMexicoSt.	7-2	230	24
22.Virginia	5-2	204	23
23.Illinois	7-1	174	_
24.California	5-0	166	-
25.lowaSt.	7-1	151	-

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Other receiving votes: Indiana 138, Nebraska 132, St. John's 105, Alabama 82, Villanova 77, Penn 72, Ohio U. 66, Oklahoma St. 50, Louisville 32, Iowa 29, St. Louis 29, Xavier, Ohio 26, Tulane 23, Brigham Young 20, Marquette 20, Florida St. 17, St. Joseph's 17; Texes 11, Virginia Tech 10, Mississippi St. 9. Stanford 9, Oklahoma 8, New Mexico 7, Hawali 6, Utah 6, Georgia 3, La Salle 3, Penn St. 2, Manhattan 1, Missouri 1, Providence 1.

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POCKET PAL - Snyder's Devon Reed applies intese detensive pressure to Plainview's Emily Cranmer in the Lady Tigers' 47-39 loss Tuesday. Reed helped spark a Snyder rally with opportunistic steals and hip pocket defense. (Photo by Todd Stanley)

of 20 free throw attempts to keep to rest as they boarded the bus this morning for a long road trip to Althe game close. The Lady Tigers have no time pine. Game time is 8 tonight.

Kidd returns to Bay Area

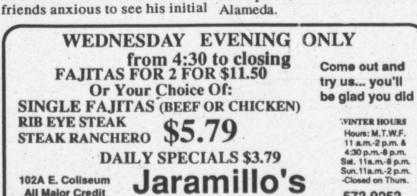
OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) - Ja- performance with the improving son Kidd is making himself at Mavericks. After a summer dominated by home on the road.

off-court problems, Kidd, 21, re-Dallas' rookie point turns as the focal point of the Mavericks' turnaround. Dallas guard makes (11-8) has won three straight for his professional debut the first time since 1990. The Mavericks already have matched in his hometown tonight their victory total in 1992-93 and when the are within two of matching last Mavericks season's total. play Golden

"I think the team is going to be S t a t e successful," Kidd said. "We're at the Oakland Coliseum Arena. still young. We've got a lot to Kidd has played at the arena be- learn. We just have to work hard, fore, both as a prep star and as a keep our eyes and ears open and listen to coach (Dick) Motta."

"To come back home and play Kidd was the second player tain the Bay area is really special ken in the NBA draft after opting for me because this is where I to leave California, which plays grew up but I'm taking the game some of its home games at the as just another game," Kidd said Coliseum, following his sophomore season. He also played at He'll have a rooting section at the Coliseum in prep championthe game, though. Kidd acquired ship games while attending St. 300 tickets for relatives and Joseph of Notre Dame in

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Junior varsity teams get swept

Missed free throws continue to be a sad reality for both of the loss was Snyder's inability to Lady Tigers in the third quarter Snyder's junior varsity basketball hit their foul shots. The Tigers hit teams. Both the Tigers and Lady Ti-

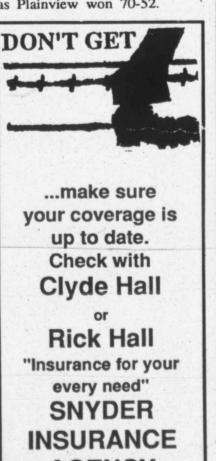
gers shot under 52 percent from the free-throw line in their losses to Plainview.

The Tigers fell behind early to the Bulldogs, 36-20, in the first half. The Bulldogs' halftime lead was fueled by Snyder's poor offensive execution. Snyder mistakes turned into fast break layups on Plainview's end of the court.

The Bulldogs' Frank McDonough was the game's leading scorer with 21 points.

Snyder was paced by Jason Crunk's 14 points, which included two 3-point bombs. Jeremiah Johnson connected for 12 Tiger points, most of which came on slicing layups in the lane.

In the end, though, the Tigers' chance to comeback was slammed shut thanks to the Bulldogs' ability to cause turnovers on the press, as Plainview won 70-52.



only 16 of 31 from the line or 52 percent.

story unravelled.

Snyder connected on only 14 of 31 from the line, or 45 percent.

The Lady Tigers (8-6) proved to be their own worst enemy, as they fell 37-32.

but came out sluggish to start the tournament.

Another factor contributing to second half. Plainview topped the 12-6 to take a 26-21 lead into the final period.

Darla Blackwell and Tiffany In Lady Tigers' action, a similar Garza led the Lady Tigers with six points apiece, while Jina Miller chipped in five points of her own. Tami Tucker had four.

The Lady Tigers make the long trek to Alpine today, while the boys are scheduled to resume play Snyder lead at the break, 15-14, on Dec. 28 in the Jayton varsity





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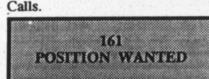
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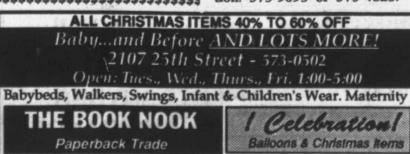
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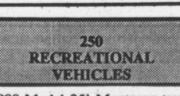
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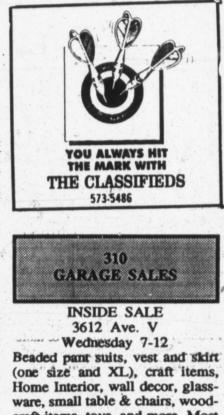
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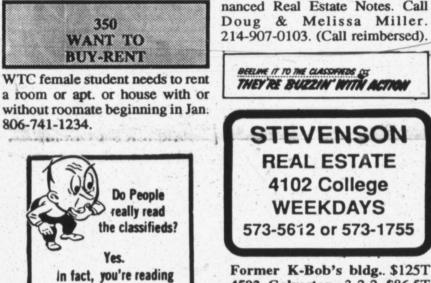
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The Snyder (Tex.) Daily News, Tues., Dec. 20, 1994 7

FDA ban sought for spinal screws

WASHINGTON (AP) - More than 1,000 Americans a week get steel screws implanted in their spines to fight back pain, although the devices are not governmentapproved and studies show they may cause more harm than good, a consumer advocate charged today.

Public Citizen petitioned the Food and Drug Administration to ban the screws, and accused the agency of negligence for not cracking down on allegedly illegal and unethical use of the devices. "This has got to stop," said Public Citizen's Dr. Sidney Wolfe. "It is a major and dangerous racket being perpetrated on patients in this country."

At issue are orthopedic devices called pedicle screws, long hardware that is literally screwed into the bones of the back. Doctors think the screws may help heal spinal fractures or severe spinal degeneration, although the FDA has not approved them for use anywhere except in strictly controlled clinical trials.

But because screws are approved for use in leg and arm against the seven manufacturers it bones, doctors can buy them for other, unapproved purposes unless the FDA specifically bans it. So 50,000 to 70,000 Americans agency copies of full-page ads for get the treatment every year, many for such common ailments as chronic low-back pain.

Complaints about the screws aren't new - more than 600 peo- panel of outside advisers whether ple who say they were injured or spinal screws should be banned ---disabled by them have joined a and that panel said the agency class-action lawsuit, and the FDA should make it easier for the warned seven manufacturers last screws to gain approval to treat year to stop illegally advertising fractures and severe spinal degenthe experimental devices.

The FDA also required manufacturers to say on the products" labels that they are not for spinal use, said spokesman Don McLearn. It wasn't immediately clear whether manufacturers complied. Leading companies didn't return phone calls seeking comment.

But Public Citizen today rescrews, concluding they endanger out the screws from critics as well thousands, that the FDA has been as the industry.

negligent in fighting their illegal promotion and that they are pushed by surgeons who received profitable stock shares in return.

"We found evidence of manufacturers' aggressive, illegal marketing of a dangerous device, often with the complicity of coopted surgeons," said Public Citizen attorney Joanne Mott.

Her review of medical studies found spinal screws cause complications in a third of all patients and break off inside the spine in 10 percent. Also, screw recipients are twice as likely to need additional spinal operations as are patients who undergo traditional surgery to fuse their spinal bones without screws, she said.

Yet patients often aren't told the devices are experimental, Mott contended. She uncovered FDA records citing researchers who had not obtained informed consent before enrolling patients in pedicle screw trials, and her own survey of 101 screw recipients found only one who recalled being told the device was not FDA-approved.

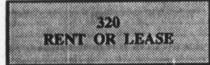
The FDA never took any action warned to stop advertising spinal screws, so the promotion continued, Mott reported. She sent the the screws, all from respected health journals, by seven different manufacturers.

The FDA last summer asked a eration. The doctors concluded people were only harmed by the screws if their doctors used them improperly and for treating minor ailments.

But the panel based its decision on manufacturer-funded studies that several internationally known spinal surgeons denounced as scientifically flawed, Public Citizen reported today. Wolfe blasted the leased its own investigation of the FDA for not soliciting advice ab-

craft items, toys, and more. Most clothing items are new but priced to sell.

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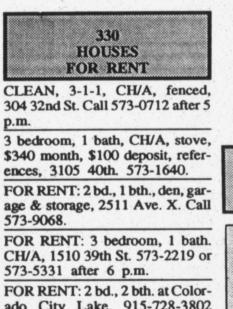
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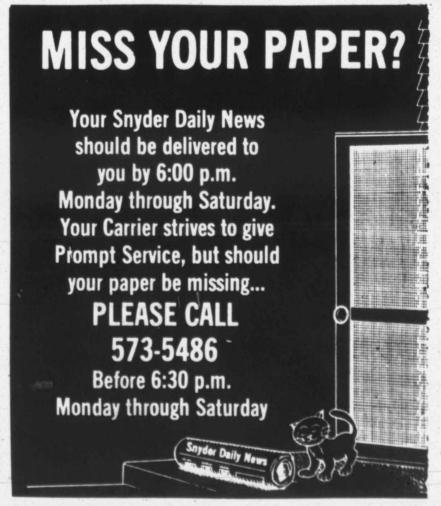
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TV sets may become capable of blocking violent programs soon

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your remote control so they can't. tary, the new technology may

off. specifically block violent prog- tives, speaking on condition of rams from being displayed on anonymity. screen could be in retail stores in 18 months, Jonathan Thompson, a chip is not a computer chip. The V spokesman for the Electronic Industries Association's consumer added to a microprocessor already electronics group, said in an interview Monday.

The electronics industry took a major step to make that happen when the largest TV set manufacturers on Friday agreed to equip new sets with blocking technology, which goes by the nickname "V chip."

But a number of factors may blunt the technology's effectiveness for consumers, the most significant of which may be a dearth of programs that are electronically coded for violent content.

Under the V chip system, a viewer punches a code into a remote control that will block all programs with a "V" for violent rating. The technology identifies the code and blocks the program. The code is carried in the signal that transmits a program into viewers' homes.

So far, the ABC, CBS, NBC and Fox networks have refused to rate programs.

CBS Senior Vice President Martin Franks said existing policies at each of the networks, including parental advisories, al-

ready give viewers adequate information about a show's content.

"Our feedback from viewers is that they know what to expect. They know what 'NYPD' is, what 'ER' is, what 'Murphy Brown' is. . We rarely surprise the viewer," Franks said in an interview.

A ratings system also would be hard for the industry to imple-ment, Franks said. "We get a show one day before it airs. The idea of a show going through a

WASHINGTON (AP) - MPAA-like (Motion Picture As-You're going out for the evening sociation of America) board is a and don't want your children to logistical nightmare," Franks

Another problem: Because the television. You push a button on manufacturers' program is volun-That scenario may not be far show up only in the most expensive sets, those selling for \$1,000 New TV sets enabling people to and up, said some industry execu-

Contrary to its nickname, the V chip is technology that would be in TV sets. That microprocessor is currently used to provide closed captioning - text of a program's. dialog — at the bottom of the TV screen like subtitles in a foreign film. Thompson estimated that consumers will pay about \$20 more for a set with the new technology.

Plans are in the works for some programs to be electronically coded for violence.

The cable industry is devising a ratings system for this purpose. The system is supported by all the major cable networks from HBO and Showtime to MTV and the Playboy Channel.

It is not clear when that system will be in place and how it will work, said Rich D'Amato, a spokesman for the National Cable Television Association.

Privately, broadcast executives said they are worried that a ratings system will turn off advertisers.

But cable systems have been offering parents less high-tech blocking options for years. They can obtain "lock boxes" - an add on to the cable convertor box from cable systems to block specific channels.

Campaigners against TV violence hailed the set manufacturers' decision to install the rechnelogy into sets.

'For the first time, parents will have access to technology that lets them make decisions about what their children watch, rather than a presidences in New York or Loss Angestes, which Rop Tomard Markey, D. Muss

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Mild quake strikes California

area, she said.

Three times, in 1922, 1934 and

The Parkfield area was put on a

moderate earthquake struck this was not immediately known. morning near this Central California town where scientists have bles, Atascadero, San Luis Obispo been studying how to predict and Parkfield. quakes.

The quake has a preliminary magnitude of 5.0 and hit at 2:28 a.m., said Pat Jorgenson, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Geological Survey in Menlo Park.

There were no reports of serious damage or injuries.

"Mostly people are just kind of scared," said Coalinga police department dispatcher Mary McClellan.

The quake's epicenter was about five miles west of Parkfield or 20 miles northeast of Paso Robles.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Leora Partain, Snyder Oaks Care Center; Peggy Sanchez, 1800 Scott.

DISMISSALS: Betty Browning.

Census: 45 (Med.-10, Long-Term Care-30, OB-4, Nursery-1).



Peggy Sanchez announces the birth of her nine-pound, six-ounce son born at 12:46 a.m. Dec. 20 at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

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The quake was felt in Paso Ro-

Parkfield, about 170 miles southeast of San Francisco, is in a 1966, a 5.0-magnitude quake in ing codes.

the area was followed within misparsely populated area along the nutes by a 6.0, she said. This San Andreas fault where scientists have been studying how to predict morning's quake was not followed by any immediate aftershocks. earthquakes.

"This earthquake did occur just outside the area where scientists "level A" alert in November last had expected a Parkfield fore- year after a 4.8 quake struck the shock to occur," Jorgenson said. area. Scientists said there was a 37 **Shooting at White House**

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said. "He was recognized by Secret Service people as someone who was (outside) the White House a lot," spending much of his time in Lafayette Park across Pennsylvania Avenue from the presidential mansion with the homeless people and protesters who live there year-round.

Others who live in the park described him as a Los Angeles native who first showed up in the park two or three months ago.

Maj. Robert Hines of the U.S. Park Police said the man was running across Pennsylvania Avenue when officers stopped him.

'There was a struggle," Hines said. "They told the man to drop his knife two or three times. The man did not drop his knife, so he

shot him. "He refused to drop the knife. He was close enough that the officer felt threatened."

Hines said the two shots were fired by park police.

"We don't know what started it," he said. "All we know is that our officers tried to stop him as he got to the edge of the White House sidewalk.'

One of the man's friends, Walter Gregory Jackson, said "he left due to police harassment" about a month ago, then returned two weeks later.

One of the homeless men was shouting at police, "This is not a police state, this is not a police state.'

Wrap Up Christmas In Snyder With A Low-Interest Loan!

PARKFIELD, Calif. (AP) - A The fault the quake occurred on Though the quake struck about percent chance that a 6.0 would soon follow, but it never three miles outside the defined materialized. area which scientists are watch-A magnitude-5 quake can proing, they were still monitoring the

duce moderate damage, if in a populated area without strong build-

U.S., 'Korea' discuss pilot

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) ----U.S. and North Korean officials met today to discuss the lack of progress in repatriating a captive American pilot and the remains of his colleague.

The session at the truce village of Panmunjom, in the heavy fortified Demilitarized Zone that separates the two Koreas, lasted less than an hour.

"Information was passed," said U.S. military spokesman Jim Coles, adding that he could not immediately release details.

The meeting involved staff officers from both sides of the U.N. Military Armistice Commission.

A high-level meeting planned for Monday to discuss the U.S. helicopter that went down in North Korea on Saturday was canceled at the last minute by the North's Korean People's Army.

Several countries, including China, have been asked to intervene with North Korea on behalf of the United States, U.S. offi-



Obituaries

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ROGER ALLEN SWIGERT

1957-1994

Memorial services are set for

10 a.m. Wednesday in the Snyder

Cemetery for Roger Allen

Swigert, 37, of San Antonio who

cal Center Hospital in San Anto-

He was born Oct. 28, 1957, in

Survivors include his parents,

Dale and Judy Swigert of Snyder;

one brother and sister-in-law,

1924-1994

Services are pending at Bell-

Born on Aug. 21, 1924, in Fort

education in Wichita Falls and

Childress. After her family relo-

nio following a lengthy illness.

Roswell, N.M.

Roger Swigert

Other survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Rick and Lyne Bruyere of Alamogordo, N.M.; one daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Rodney Acker of Dallas; one brother, Roy D. Gilliland of Tulsa, Okla.; and five granddaughters and one grandson

Wrecks keep police busy

Snyder police were busy Monday as they worked four wrecks. No injuries were reported.

At 8:40 a.m., officers investigated an accident involving a 1990 Chevrolet pickup driven by Billy Stone of Box 245, Ira and a 1989 Mercury driven by Elton Shearer of 3139 Lake Island Rd., Montgomery.

Sue West, 402 34th St., reported a hit and run accident at 8:56 a.m. which involved a parked and unoccupied 1990 Geo Prizm and a vehicle which left the scene

died Wednesday in Baptist Medi-Officers investigated a minor wreck in front of Allsup's at 1:30 p.m. which involved two vehicles whose owners did not want to file reports.

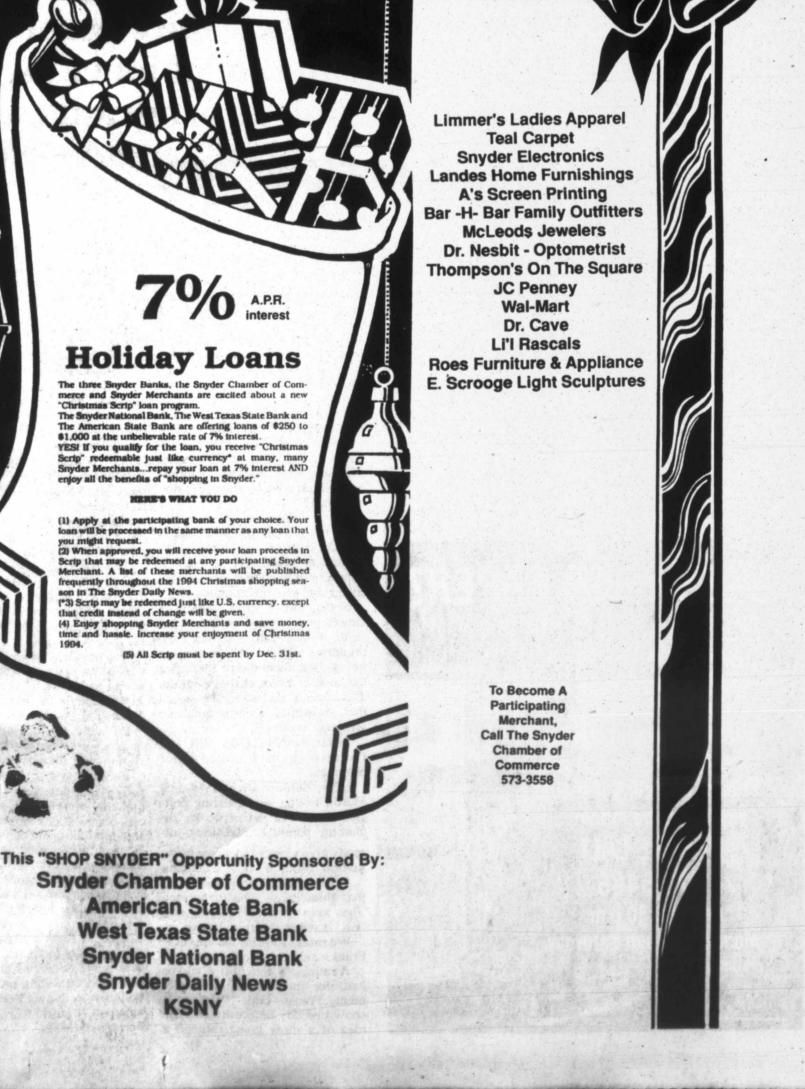
Officers also investigated an accident at 2:20 p.m. in the 4700 block of College Avenue that in-James and Bella Swigert of volved a 1988 Ford pickup driven Snyder; two sisters, Cindy Garcia by Terry Rumpff of 2310 41st St. and a 1994 GMC pickup driven by Melvin Pratte, Rt. 1, Encino, grandmother, Helen Maples of Texas.

Also struck were two utility poles and a fire hydrant owned by the city of Snyder.

Two juvenile shoplifters, a 9-year-old male and a 12-year-old female, were in custody at Don's Value King at 4:24 p.m. The store did not want to press charges and the juveniles were later released to their parents.

Officers investigated a report of prowlers in the 2300 block of 42nd Street at 10:55 p.m. Three people were identified and advised of the complaint and an offense report for suspicious persons was filed.

cated in Gladewater, her parents opened Gilliland Photographic Natural gasoline Studio, operating it for more than pipeline explodes



20 years. After graduating from Gladewater High School in 1940, she graduated from Kilgore College in 1942. She was one of the tural gas spewing from a ruptured original Kilgore Rangerettes, the first girl's drill team organized to perform during halftimes of collegiate football games.

Mrs. Bruyere was preceded in death by her parents.

She was married to Bolton D. Bruyere Jr. on Aug. 2, 1942 in Kilgore. He survives.

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AURORA, Colo. (AP) - Napipeline exploded in flames 200 feet high early today near this Denver suburb, forcing nearly 200 people to evacuate a nearby subdivision.

No injuries were reported, but the blast awakened people 30 miles away in Byers and heat kept firefighters half a mile away.

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A CHRISTMAS ON SANTA STREET by Delainey and Rasmussen

GATER BETTY SAT AT AND THAT'S WHEN ROGER ENTERED TO HAVE A FEW SHE HAD HAULED THEM BACK TO HER DESK WITH THE THEIR PLACE OF PURCHASE FOR A IN FACT IT LOOKED CLUBS ONCE AGAIN REFUND WHICH DIDN'T HAPPEN. LIKE CHRISTMAS WORDS AT HER SIDE. WASN'T GOING TO HAPPEN NO REFUNDS BETTY, GOT A MOMENT? NO NOTHING

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The judge gave CNN a choice Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) - The Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-6-1 (eight, six, one)

MIAMI (AP) - On the fifth an- Monday: Pay a substantial fine of posed dictator was convicted and niversary of the U.S. invasion of any amount he chooses plus the is serving a 40-year sentence. Panama, CNN is admitting on \$85,000 it cost to prosecute the judge's order in broadcasting broadcast the admission of error

In what he called "a very diffi-"CNN realizes it was in error in cult" decision, CNN President defying the order of the court and Tom Johnson agreed to broadcast publishing the Noriega tape while the statement, which was first appealing the court's order," the aired Monday night. It also was to network said in a statement ap- run on CNN Headline News

"I do regret that we came into conflict with the court and particularly that we did so in such a public way," Johnson said before Hoeveler's offer.

Today marks five years since the United States invaded Panama. Noriega was brought to Miami and went on trial for drug and racketeering charges. The de-

Hoeveler, who presided over television that it disobeyed a case against the network, or Noriega's trial, had convicted CNN of contempt in November

for broadcasting leaked tapes of telephone conversations between Noriega and his lawyers in 1990. CNN aired segments of the

tapes 11 times over two days in November 1990 even after Hoeveler learned of the plans and warned that any use of the tapes would violate his order.

The network argued that it was legally entitled to broadcast the tapes, and that it had a journalistic responsibility to do so to show what it said was government misconduct for taping the calls in the first place.

Attorneys for Noriega said they thought his calls to their office weren't monitored. The U.S. Bureau of Prisons said it taped calls for security reasons. Noriega's prosecutors said they did not have access to the tapes.

"The principal purpose of the court is to get the message across that the court simply will not tolerate the willful defiance of the court's order," the judge said after the agreement was reached.

Published corrections are often required to settle lawsuits involving news media errors. The CNN case is different because the network was convicted of violating a gag order.

gag orders must be obeyed until ter a critical State Auditor's Office they are set aside on appeal. The report faulted the school's invest-Supreme Court has not addressed ment policies. and the second and the second and the issue.



The Snyder (Tex.) Daily News, Tues., Dec. 20, 1994 9

What's sensible restroom hygiene?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is there a health concern from sitting on a public toilet seat?

DEAR READER: For a healthy person who sits on a dry public toilet seat, the risk of becoming ill is negligible

To begin with, intact skin provides an extremely effective barrier to infection. In the second place, many disease-causing micro-organisms are killed by exposure to light and air, so they don't survive very long on toilet

I suppose that a person with an open abrasion or cut who sits on a public toilet seat that has just been soiled by a previous user could contract a serious skin infection or some other communicable disease. However, the chance of this is so remote that it would constitute a medical curiosity.

To a large extent, many prohibitions about bathroom practices are holdovers from the time when people weren't as clean as they are today and antibiotics had not been invented. In modern society, people are much

more meticulous about personal

hygiene. (For example, outhouses are a thing of the past.) Therefore, diseases are rarely spread from public restrooms. Today's contagious afflictions are more likely to be transmitted by inhaling infected airborne droplets (when people cough or sneeze) or from contaminated food (such as recently publicized cases involving hamburgers and iced cream).

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Several years ago you wrote an article about the effect alcoholism had in causing sore or aching legs. Please discuss this again.

DEAR READER: Alcohol abuse is recognized to cause many physical ailments: brain malfunction (dementia), muscle weakness, heart disease, liver disorders, pancreatic inflammation, and circulatory disturbances, to mention a few.

In addition, many heavy drinkers experience a condition called "neuropathy," malfunction of the nerves of the hands and feet. Therefore, alcoholics may experience pain, tingling and numbness in the upper or lower extremities.

Furthermore, in the presence of alcohol-induced liver and/or heart disease, the feet and ankles may swell

from excess fluid (edema) causing further discomfort.

Obviously, alcohol neuropathy is only a reflection of serious, underlying organ damage. Once nerve injury has occurred, the heart, liver and brain usually have malfunctioned sufficiently to overshadow the nerve problem. Alcohol neuropathy can often be suc-cessfully treated with the vitamin thiamine, in conjunction with abstinence.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Help II: Mental/Substance Abuse." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$2 plus a long, selfaddressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2433, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title. O 1994 NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.



Odessa College officials said cleared by grand jury probe

school's investment portfolio.

An Ector County grand jury ended its weeklong investigation Monday without issuing any indictments. Jurors also issued a statement commending the administration and trustees for "quick action on this financial crisis in order to recover financially."

The grand jury began looking Lower courts have ruled that into the situation about a week af-

> The auditor's report showed that the school violated the Texas Public Funds Investment Act by not paying close enough attention to investments made by former Vice President of Business Affairs Roger Coomer. The report said Coomer invested the school's entire \$22 million portfolio in two types of highrisk derivatives, leading to reported losses of about 50 percent of its value.

has cleared Odessa College offi- 4,500-student school to issue sold some of the securities. cials of wrongdoing in an invest- \$10.75 million in bonds and take ment scandal that has led to mil- on an annual interest payment oflions of dollars in losses in the ficials say will cost about \$780,000 this school year.

The school also has raised taxes jury's action.

ODESSA (AP) - A grand jury The crisis forced officials at the and tuition, slashed its budget and

Bob Clark, president of the OC board of trustees, said he was "tickled to death" with the grand





IN APPRECIATION - Mary Farris, outgoing president of the Senior Center Advisory Council, presented a plaque of appreciation to J.B. Tate last week. Tate is retiring from the board after Your financial position will become nine years of service. (SDN Staff Photo)





GOING AWAY GIFTS - Jerry Baird, director of the Senior Citizens Center, received going away gifts last week. He is retiring in. January. Baird has worked at Western Texas College, which oversees the center's operation, for 25 years. In the top photo, Baird displays a gag travel gift. In the bottom photo, Truman Wilson, left, presents Baird with a plaque from the center's pool players who made Baird an honorary lifetime member. (SDN Staff Photos)

By Bernice Bede Osol



Wednesday, Dec. 21, 1994

stronger in the year ahead, but don't spend what you gain too quickly or in unwise ways.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) When assessing developments today, rely on facts - not intuition. If you aren't properly analytical, your overall picture will be distorted. Sagittarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Do not allow a disagreement over a material object to drive a wedge between you and a friend today. Worldly goods can be replaced, pals can't.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Companions who do not share your vision today will be more of a hindrance than a help. Try not to let them impede your progress.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Make notes of critical information today instead of relying on your memory. Your attention span might not be up to par.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Self-discipline is essential today. Do not let pleasurable pursuits take precedence over your responsibilities. Remember: If you play, you'll pay

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Conditions might be tenuous today between you and your mate. Try not to do anything that would irritate him/her.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Don't count on your co-workers to do your work for you today. Pleading won't alter conditions, so do what needs to be done yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Any financial problems you have to contend with today are apt to be of your own making. The root causes are probably carelessness and extravagance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you have authority over other workers, do not abuse it today. Abusing your power could offend persons who do not forgive readily. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Situations can develop the way you visualize them today. If you foresee positive results, you will do all the right things to bring them about. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Companions can exert a substantial influence over your spending patterns today. If they are loose with their money, there is a good chance you'll follow suit.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you hope to achieve anything today, get motivated. Your chart indicates you might rationalize and procrastinate instead of resolving problems at this time. 01994 NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.

Derivatives are securities with their value tied to the performance of something else. The derivatives bought by Odessa College are tied to pools of home mortgages.

NEW OFFICERS - C.J. Smith, left, is the new president of the Senior Center Advisory Council. Jack Denman is the new vice president. (SDN Staff Photo)



