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Ask Us

Q—While the lights around the courthouse are attractive, it seems like there were more in past years. Have all the lights been put up?

A—Chamber officials said there are fewer lights. A lack of time and manpower to help put up the lights are apparently the problems.

In Brief

JFK tapes

BOSTON (AP) — Congressional leaders pressed President John F. Kennedy to take military action against Cuba at the outset of the Cuban missile crisis, according to previously unreleased secret White House tape recordings.

"Khrushchev has once again rattled his missiles and we must react," Sen. Richard Russell told the president in a briefing recorded by microphones concealed in wall sconces in the Cabinet room.

The tapes about the crisis which brought the world to the brink of nuclear war were made available this morning by the John F. Kennedy Library in Boston.

They cover meetings held Oct. 22, 1962, about a week after aerial reconnaissance photographs revealed the presence of a Soviet medium-range ballistic missile site under construction near San Cristobal in central Cuba.

Arguing against military action, Kennedy said that "the idea of a quick strike was very tempting" but an air attack alone could not destroy all the Soviet missiles.

Local

HISD board

Hermleigh ISD board of trustees will meet in executive session at 8 p.m. Thursday to discuss a possible audit of 1986 finances.

Video series

The Family Life series continues at 7 p.m. Monday on Cablevision Channel 2 with "Faith and Inquiry: Tough Questions Jesus Asks."

Appreciation

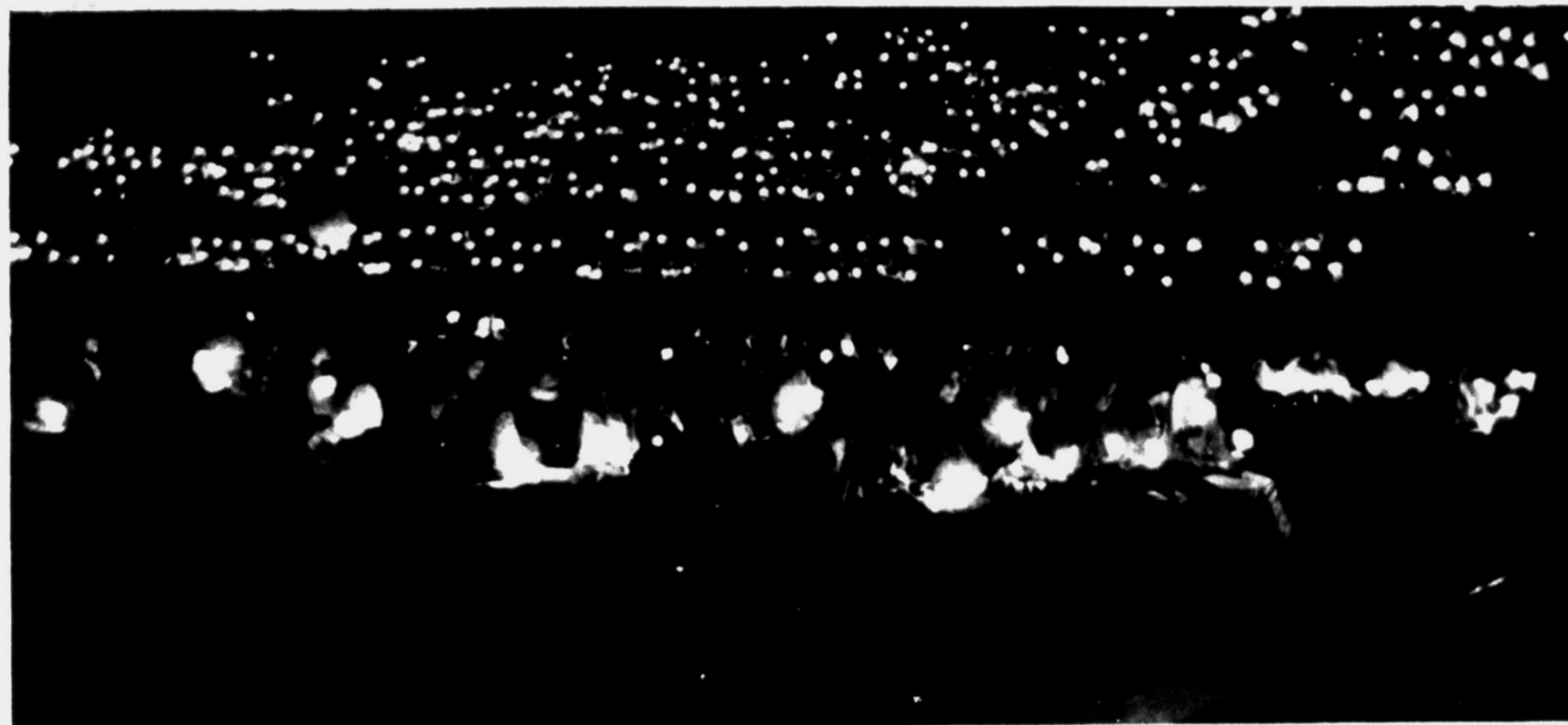
An appreciation reception will be held from 10-11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 30 in the county courtroom for Justice of the Peace Wanda Rushing and County Judge Bob Doolittle, who are leaving office.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Tuesday, 61 degrees; low, 31 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Wednesday, 36 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1994 to date, 11.55 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, clear. Low near 30. Light wind. Thursday, mostly sunny. High near 60. North wind 5-15 mph. Outlook for the Christmas weekend, becoming mostly cloudy Thursday night with a slight chance of light rain Friday and Saturday then partly cloudy Christmas day. Lows in the 30s with highs in the 50s.

Almanac: Sunset today, 5:45. Sunrise Thursday, 7:39. Of 354 days in 1994, the sun shone 346 days in Snyder.



COMMUNITY-WIDE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE — More than 1,500 people attended the Scurry County Community-Wide Candlelight Service held at the coliseum Tuesday night. Some 400 county residents took part in the service which was

planned by the July 4th Prayer Breakfast/Candlelight Committee. The program concluded with all those in attendance lighting a candle. (SDN Staff Photo by Wade Warren)

Air system repairs...

CMH pact with Honeywell OK'd

Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers this morning approved a contract with Honeywell, Inc. for heating, ventilation and air conditioning repair.

Approval of the contract was the purpose of today's called meeting and the only item on the agenda.

Under the contract, the cost of the improvements will be no more than \$204,000. Completion of the project is expected within 150 days, beginning Jan. 3. Mike Flynn, with Honeywell, Inc., out of Lubbock, said the lengthy repair time is necessary to avoid shutdown or disruption of any portion of the hospital. Otherwise, he said, the work could be completed in 40 days.

"By coordinating with the hospital, we hope to not affect any-

one's comfort level," Flynn said. Should it be necessary to shut down any heating or cooling, Honeywell can bring in auxiliary sources, he said.

The hospital is seeking to restore the hospital's air flow system in the older part of the facility. The system was first installed in 1952 and renovated in 1960.

The cost of the project does not include asbestos abatement. That was originally expected to cost the hospital \$10,000 or more. It could possibly be achieved with as little as \$3,500, Honeywell representatives said today.

The entire project is expected to improve comfort in the facility while upgrading the equipment. Honeywell also guarantees to provide training and on-going services.

J. Eicke case...

Competency motion filed

LUBBOCK — A United States attorney has filed a motion to determine whether Johannes Eicke, one of three people charged in an alleged \$1 trillion banking scam, is competent to stand trial.

Eicke, a former Snyder resident, was arraigned Tuesday before U.S. Magistrate J.Q. Warnick Jr. in a federal district courtroom.

U.S. Attorney Steven M. Sucusy said he filed a motion to have Eicke undergo psychiatric or psychological testing to determine if he is competent to stand trial and whether he was competent at the time of the alleged criminal activity.

Warnick has not yet ruled on the motion.

Eicke, 39, his 42-year-old brother, Arlie Thomas Eicke of Snyder, and 29-year-old Heather M. Altshuler of Denver were named in a 21-count federal indictment unsealed on Oct. 31.

They are charged with conspiracy, wire fraud, mail fraud and interstate transportation of falsely made securities. According to the indictment, the scheme revolves around bogus cashier's checks written on Central Dominion Trust, a non-existent bank in Snyder. Authorities say the bank consisted of a fax machine, computer and a post office box.

Checks written on the bank totaled \$1 trillion, including one \$100-billion check sent to the U.S. Attorney's office in Dallas to cover other outstanding securities. Authorities said only one check, for \$50,000, was ever successfully cashed.

Johannes Eicke was arrested in Detroit on Oct. 28. His arraignment had been pending since his return to Lubbock on Dec. 7. Last week, Magistrate Warnick appointed Lubbock attorney Marvin

Williams to represent him. Arlie Eicke was arrested in Snyder on Oct. 30. He pleaded not guilty and is free on \$5,000 bond.

Altshuler was arrested in London on Nov. 1. Her extradition is still pending, Sucusy said.

Trial date for the brothers has been set for Feb. 6, but Sucusy said it will likely be postponed because of the competency motion and the fact that Altshuler has yet to be extradited. Sucusy said he is also considering filing a motion to test Altshuler's competency to stand trial after she is eventually returned to the United States.

"We plan to have all three tried at the same time," said Sucusy. "Our feeling is this is a conspiracy and ordinarily, co-conspirators are tried together."

If convicted of all charges, each defendant could receive a maximum prison term of 110 years and a fine of \$5.25 million.

approvements for heating and air conditioning over the next three years. He also noted that the hospital can use disproportionate share funds for the project.

All board members were present for the meeting, to include Sue Mize, Ted Crenwelge, Jimmy McMillan, J.B. Tate Jr., Bill Wilson III and G.A. Parks Jr.

DPS predicts 55 traffic deaths during holidays

AUSTIN (AP) — The state Department of Public Safety on Tuesday predicted that as many as 55 people could die in traffic accidents in Texas during the Christ-

mas and New Year's weekends.

"This time of year we ought to really be celebrating and having a happy time rather than ending up in tragedy," said DPS Traffic Law Enforcement George King.

The DPS accident records bureau estimated that up to 30 people will die in traffic wrecks during the 78-hour Christmas holiday period, which runs from 6 p.m. Friday to midnight Monday, Dec. 26.

For the 78-hour New Year's period, which runs from 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 30 until midnight, Jan. 2, the department estimates another 25 traffic deaths.

King said alcohol was a factor in 54 percent of the fatal accidents during the last Christmas and New Year's holiday season.

He urged travelers to buckle up, noting that most of those who died were not wearing seatbelts.

Eighty-two percent of the Christmas traffic victims had been unrestrained, and 68 percent of the New Year's victims weren't wearing seatbelts, the DPS said.

Last Christmas weekend, there were 34 traffic fatalities, and 28 during the New Year's weekend for a total of 62.

King also urged motorists to stop every 100 miles or so to rest. "Have a soft drink or some coffee," he said.

Keeping line on holiday crime

Crime seems to be on the decrease this holiday season and Snyder Police Department is encouraging citizens to help the trend continue.

"Citizens need to keep their guard up and practice a few tips which will help insure them a happy holidays," said Sgt. Trevlyn Pitner, with the department's community services division.

Police advise that citizens always keep their cars locked when they are shopping. Purses, gifts and other valuables should be kept out of sight as much as possible. It's preferable to keep packages in the trunk.

While in the store, shoppers should always keep their purse or billfold with them. Thieves are always alert for an unattended purse, and Snyder has had several cases of these type thefts this year.

For a safe holiday, be alert, Pitner says. "Drive carefully, remember to wear seatbelts and be extremely careful in parking lots since traffic is so congested this time of year."

Locking up at home is also important. Citizens should keep their doors and windows secured. Avoid placing packages and gifts near windows.

Residents who plan on being away from their home — even for a quick trip to the store — should remember to lock up, close garage doors and put valuables such as large toys and bicycles out of sight.

Finally, be aware that some may try to take advantage of the holidays as a time for giving.

"There are a lot of worthy organizations out there, but citizens should make sure who or what they are donating to," said Pitner. "Unfortunately, some people will try to collect money or accept donations under false pretenses. Just be sure you are familiar with the organization and feel comfortable with what you are doing."

Citizens who are suspicious of someone asking for donations may call the police department. An officer will verify and make sure the request is legitimate.



The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Mealtime is that period of the day when a lot of us sit down to continue eating."

Now you can buy a companion. Wait! Before you jump to conclusions, it's all on the up and up. There's no need to fret over some little black book surfacing just about the time you run for public office.

Motivated by safety concerns of persons who are traveling alone, a mail-order company is offering a dummy to ride shotgun with you.

The life-size mannequins are designed to make would-be muggers believe that you're not alone. The catalog offers its basic safety dummy (head and torso) for \$119.95. Legs cost 20 bucks extra.

Optional is a \$39.95 travel bag in which the seven-pound dummy can be stuffed when not in use. The dummy features a latex head and hands in a fabric polyfiber torso. Owners are left to dress the dummy to suit the occasion. However, the face has a five o'clock shadow to give it a tough-guy im-

age to help discourage would-be intruders.

If you don't get arrested for stuffing a life-like guy in the trunk of your car, there could be some other benefits.

For example, a dummy could contribute to a stress-free, no back-seat-driver advice. The dummy won't complain about your Roy Orbison and Buddy Holly tapes, and the dummy never needs a pit stop.

The dummy won't complain about it being too hot or too cold. The dummy can't read a map either, but it won't insist that you stop and ask for directions.

A dummy has never nagged to stop at the next antique shop nor backtrack to make sure that the coffee pot was turned off.

The companion doesn't eat, doesn't shop and doesn't expect a Christmas present.

Guess we're just getting sentimental this time of year, but only a dummy could like somebody that dull.

United Way ready to close '94 books

Scurry County United Way drive coordinator Connie Thompson is asking businesses and individuals who have outstanding donations to get them in quickly so that the books can be closed for 1994.

"We appreciate all the donations we have received and want to encourage those who are planning to donate but haven't to contact us as soon as possible," said Thompson.

The fund drive is at \$40,816.59, or 60 percent of its goal of \$68,000, Thompson said.

United Way donations are being accepted at the chamber of commerce or by mail at P.O. Box 1411. Anyone who needs a dona-

tion to be picked up can call 573-3558.

Original allocations for the drive were \$21,000 to Scurry County Boys & Girls Club; \$10,000 to Snyder Child Day Care Center; \$8,900 to Noah Project; \$5,000 to the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts; \$5,000 to Oil Patch Foster Parents; \$2,600 to Snyder Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse; and \$500 to Red Cross. In addition, the total includes \$8,000 in local United Way expenses.

Allocations may have to be cut if the goal of \$68,000 is not met.

The theme for this year's drive has been "Open Your Heart."

Study says smoking declines older women's physical ability

CHICAGO (AP) — Elderly women who smoke are weaker and less agile than their nonsmoking contemporaries, researchers say.

They may also feel older. "For an older woman, smoking may have the same effect as adding five years to a person's age," said Dr. Heidi D. Nelson, lead author of a study that appears in today's issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association. "The study adds to the long list of reasons why people should not be smoking."

The study's results also suggest that older smokers may increase their risks of injuries from falls and require more frequent treatment for physical injuries than nonsmokers, Nelson said.

The study measured how 9,704 white women over the age of 65 performed such basic physical tasks as gripping an object, walking, rising from a chair and climbing stairs.

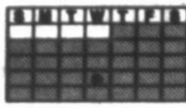
Smokers performed more poorly than nonsmokers in 11 of 12 categories tested, said Nelson, an assistant professor of internal

medicine at Oregon Health Sciences University's School of Medicine.

In each case, test results for the smokers were similar to what would have been expected for women years older. The researchers said smoking causes vascular problems that may explain the poorer functions.

DATE BOOK

Dec. 21, 1994



Today is the 355th day of 1994 and the 1st day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1898, Pierre and Marie Curie discovered the element radium.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Joseph Stalin (1879-1953), Soviet political leader-dictator; Heinrich Boll (1917-1985), novelist-poet; Kurt Waldheim (1918-), Austrian politician-national socialist, is 76; Joseph Paterno (1926-), football coach, is 68; Jane Fonda (1937-), actress-activist-fitness instructor, is 57; Frank Zappa (1940-1993), singer; Chris Evert (1954-), tennis player, is 40.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1959, the Dallas Cowboys hired Tom Landry as head coach. He helmed the Cowboys to 22 consecutive winning seasons over 29 years in the driver's seat.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Truman lost his temper, MacArthur lost his job, Acheson lost his war, a million and a half people lost their lives and Stalin didn't even lose a night's sleep." — New York Herald Tribune on the Korean War

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1892, a storm totaling 27.5 inches buried Portland, Ore., setting its all-time snowstorm record.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Dec. 18) and last quarter (Dec. 25).

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HOME HEALTH AGENCY — Outreach Health Services, which offers alternatives to a long hospital stay or nursing home care, is now open in Snyder. Located at 5305 Trinity Blvd., Ste. A1, the new business was the site of a ribbon cutting ceremony last week, sponsored by the Gold Coaters. Employees shown are, from left, Georgia Shifflett, Teresa Ragland, RN; Cindy Drain, Kathy Walker, Jo Dell Cook and Cindy Shehorn. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Flabio's near nude posters becoming hot selling item

REDONDO BEACH, Calif. (AP) — He's got that California look — and more. He's tanned, with blue eyes, long blond hair and a come hither gaze.

He's also got a 58-inch waist and weighs 400 pounds.

Move over, Fabio. Way over. Here comes Flabio.

"It's cool to be big, you know," said Michael Glover, a 38-year-old former truck driver who's enjoying his role as poster-boy spoof of the beefcake model.

Posters of a near-nude Flabio sprawled at the ocean's edge are selling out at Xtra-Xtra Big & Tall stores in Southern California.

The posters are the brainchild of Eric States, who says he got the idea when he stepped out of the shower one day and noticed his own gut. States said he expects the

posters will catch on and distributors will be added.

The parody has Fabio's blessing — sort of.

"If people are interested in seeing a Flabio impersonator of Fabio, then Fabio wishes him the best of luck," said Peter Paul, Fabio's manager.

But Helen Gurley Brown, editor of Cosmopolitan magazine and a Fabio friend, was skeptical about any impending super-celebrity status for Glover.

"Fabio does what is called stopping traffic," Brown said. "I dare say Flabio might be stopping traffic also, but for different reasons."

Conrail is an acronym for Consolidated Rail Corp., a private, for-profit corporation set up by Congress in 1976 to reorganize and consolidate six bankrupt Northeast railroads — the Penn Central, the Erie Lackawanna, Reading, Central of New Jersey, Lehigh Valley and Lehigh & Hudson River. The legislation provided for a \$2 billion federal loan to the corporation and set a phased schedule of repayments.

Astrograph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Thursday, Dec. 22, 1994

Your ability to earn will steadily improve in the year ahead. If a surplus accrues, think savings — not spending.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be cautious around persons you don't know well today, especially in your commercial affairs. Select the people you trust carefully. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you to understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) The shared objectives of you and your mate can only be reached through harmony of purpose. If either of you goes off on a tangent, no progress will be made.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A bad attitude toward distasteful chores will make them even more unpleasant. If you think something is no fun today, you'll prove it to yourself.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Lady Luck might take the day off, so don't count on her to bail you out of complications you create today. Don't make things unnecessarily hard on yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Do not provoke a family dispute today. Once started, it could prove difficult to subdue the shouters.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Strive to encourage others today instead of criticizing them, especially if they are doing their best to help you. Caustic comments could cost you their support.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you do not exercise proper self-discipline today, you will waste your resources and opportunities. Do not take good things for granted.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Persons in your charge can be led today, but not driven. Before trying to boss others around, consider their feelings. Treat them as you'd like to be treated.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Do not waste time today worrying about things that may never happen. If you think there are wolves behind every tree, you won't have the courage to walk through the forest.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If your better judgment warns you against something today, do not cave in to peer pressure. Be your own person and do that which you think is best.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Occasionally, when you're tired or bored, you cannot decide on a course of action. This could be one of those days. Don't waffle.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It is high time to forgive someone who offended you in the past. Nothing will be gained by holding a grudge.

Musician honored NEW YORK (AP) — Mezzo-soprano Marilyn Horne isn't just a great singer. She's a fine musician, too.

Musical America gave the opera star its "Musician of the Year" honor and put her picture on the cover of its annual "International Directory of the Performing Arts."

"This is extraordinary for a singer," Horne said Tuesday during the ceremony at Lincoln Center.

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RADIO SHACK GRAND OPENING — Members of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce Gold Coats hosted the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new Radio Shack which is located next door to Permian Communications. Among those attending were (front row, left to right,) Bobby Foust, Will Harrison, Melissa Thompson, Bill Overhulser, Sharon Sartor, Glenn Showers and Betty House. (SDN Staff Photo)

Church told to play fewer carols following complaints

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — Vici and Stephen Diehl would prefer a silent night to "Silent Night."

The Diehls complain that a church 500 feet from their home has been making too much of a joyful noise this holiday season, blaring Christmas carols daily from loudspeakers on its steeple.

On Tuesday, a state appellate

court judge ordered the Congregational Church of Antwerp to cut back.

"The sad thing is, I like listening to Christmas carols," said Mrs. Diehl, who told the judge that she has to take medication to stay calm while the music is playing. "But I don't like being forced to listen to anything for hours on end."

The couple, wildlife photographers who do much of their work at their home, said the music disrupted their work schedules. They complained to state police on Dec. 11 after eight hours of music.

Ordinances in Antwerp, about 90 miles north of Syracuse, prohibit loud noise between 10 p.m. and 8 a.m., so the village board concluded the music did not violate the law.

But Judge John F. Lawton limited the church to broadcasting two one-hour sessions each day, separated by at least four hours, between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. until Jan. 1, said the Diehls' attorney, Robert J. Miletsky. The judge allowed two two-hour sessions on Christmas Day.

"I'm not totally happy," Mrs. Diehl said outside the judge's chambers, where the Diehls made a final plea Tuesday. "The ideal solution would be to turn the volume down. They could play them all day then."

Ira Church of God slates Bible course in January

A college course in the Old Testament will be taught at Ira Church of God during the spring semester.

Offered through Mid America Bible College in Moore, Okla., the course begins in January and will be held one Saturday a month from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through May.

Cleo Carlile of Big Spring will be the instructor. The cost will be \$25 plus book. Those completing the course will receive three hours of college credit.

Anyone wishing to enroll is asked to confirm by Dec. 31 by calling either Shari Cotton at 573-7409 or Jack Darnell, pastor, 573-5965.

A CHRISTMAS ON SANTA STREET by Delainey and Rasmussen



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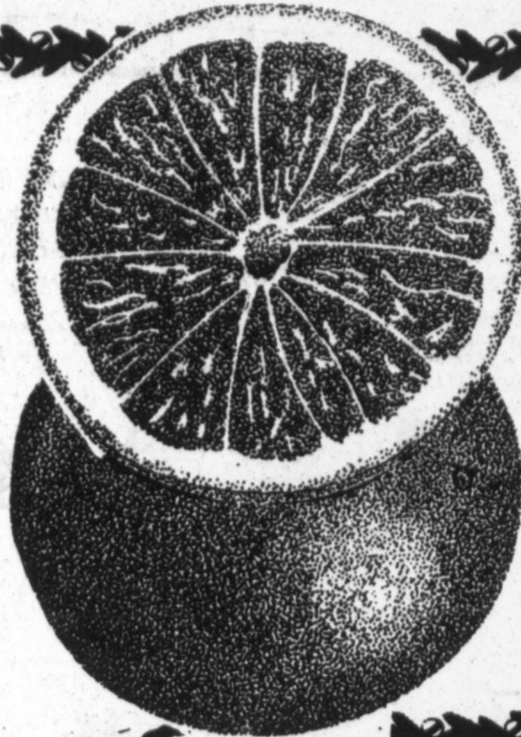
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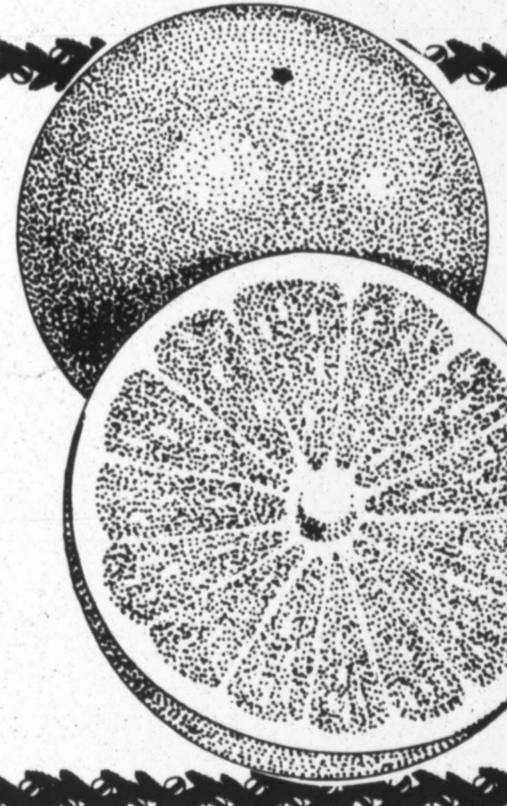
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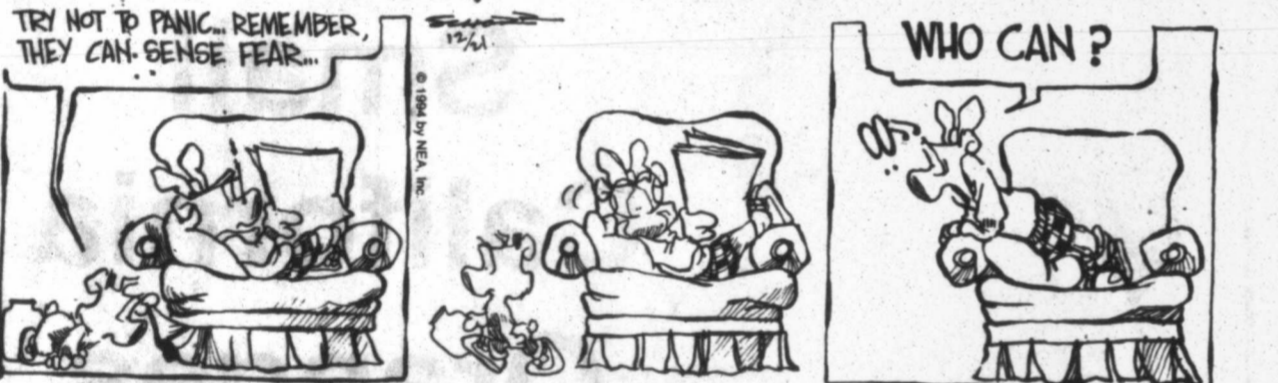
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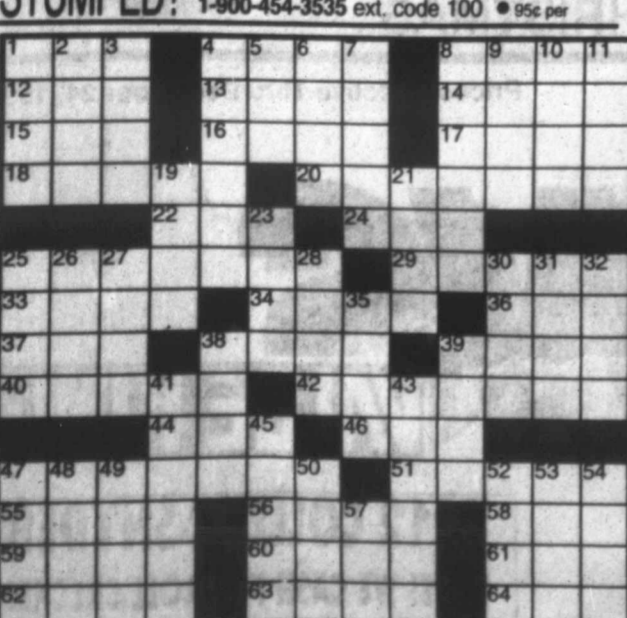
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 - Baseball statistics
 - Outerwear
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 - Yours and mine
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- DOWN**
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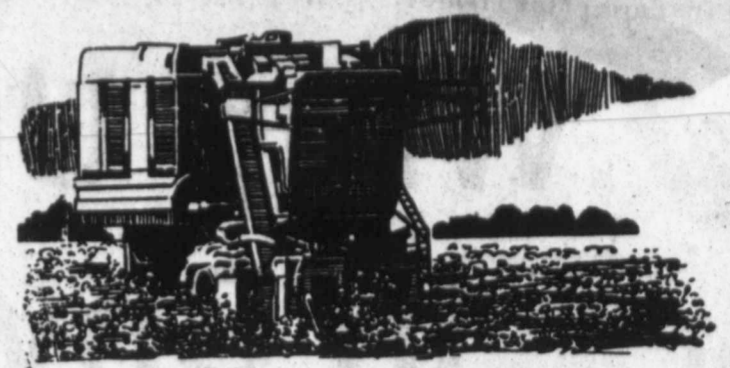


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The Emu Report

By Shirley Pate, Pate Emu Farm

It's almost Christmas, by this time most emu producers have hens that are laying. Those who have early layers may be hatching chicks. It is important that you keep records both to increase your hatch record and to provide information to the future buyer of your birds. Records should be kept on each hen and every egg she lays. This week we are going to touch on only one type of record, the different stages an embryo can die during incubation. Listed here are the different stages and abbreviations that should be used upon identification of the condition. Infertile (INF); Early Embryonic Death (EAR); Mid-term Embryonic Death (MID); Late Embryonic Death (LAT); Dead in Shell (DIS); Live Healthy Chick, Unassisted Hatch (NOR).

Many times an egg is said to be infertile, when in fact the embryo died in the early stages. Each egg which does not hatch should be examined carefully. First break the egg into a clear, flat dish. Usually, in an egg that has incubated for 50 days, the yoke and the white will have run together and become cloudy. To declare whether it is INF or EAR, if you are unable to see any kind of development, you should go through the contents with your fingers to find the blastoderm, a small, dime-size, clear, gelatin like substance. If it is clear, and there are no signs of embryonic development, it is INF.

EAR: Upon examination of the egg contents, the only evidence of embryonic development may be very tiny. Sometimes only an eye can be seen while other times a complete small embryo.

MID: This is when you see a mostly developed embryo. It will be small, sometimes completely feathered or just a small amount of feathers.

LAT: At this stage the embryo is fully developed but died before internal pipping.

DIS: The chick has internally pipped or even externally pipped but died before completely clearing the shell. He may or may not have assorted the yoke sack.

NOR: If you are able to put this down on most of your records, you can be thankful and know you are doing things right.

Using this method of identification, should you have a number of eggs that do not hatch, it will help

in locating the cause. It may be in one hen only, if so she could have an infection, or you may need to store her eggs for several days to allow the albumen to break down before incubation. The temperature or humidity may need adjusting, or there may not be enough fresh air flow in the incubator room. In any case the above will help you correct the problem. For further information contact, Pate Emu Farm, 573-5340.



Town & Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts
County Extension Agent

When cooking a holiday meal in advance, divide foods into small shallow containers and cool quickly. This includes the carved turkey.

Do not attempt to partially cook meat and poultry ahead of time and then finish cooking at the destination.

Transport cold or frozen foods in an insulated cooler with a cold source.

Hot foods should be kept hot, and should not be held at room temperature over two hours. Wrap well to insulate.

Keep hot foods HOT and cold foods COLD.

Sometimes it's safer just to give up on taking your feast across the country. Look for new traditions when you get there.

If you have other questions about meat and poultry safety, call a turkey genie-us at the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline toll free at 1-800-535-4555.

Hotline home economists and registered dieticians will answer calls from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mon. through Fri. year round.

Perry recognizes Central Plains eradication program

AUSTIN — Cotton farmers in the Central Rolling Plains approved the Boll Weevil Eradication Program, becoming the third zone in the state to vote for eradication. Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry said. The Southern Rolling Plains and Lower Rio Grande Valley have already approved the measure.

Cotton producers approved establishing the zone by 84.6 percent. The assessment rate, which will help pay for the program,

passed by nearly 83 percent. Woody Anderson was elected as the zone representative to the Boll Weevil Eradication Board.

The Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation is working to set elections in the other six eradication zones. Dates and plans for other areas of the state will be announced as they are finalized.

"Only a united, vigorous eradication program will allow our farmers to get rid of this tremendously vicious pest," Perry said. "Our farmers must eradicate the boll weevil so they can sell more cotton, use less pesticides and enjoy a safer environment."

The Central Rolling Plains zone includes Archer, Baylor, part of Borden, Callahan, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Palo Pinto, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, north Taylor, Throckmorton and Young counties. This zone has approximately 675,000 acres of cotton.

A toll free number (1-800-687-1212) has been set up to answer questions about the program.

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Regional meetings planned for area's cotton producers

LUBBOCK — Cotton growers on the South Plains can get a jump on the 1995 growing season by attending one of three regional conferences Jan. 16-18. National leaders in the cotton industry will join research scientists and Texas Agricultural Extension Service specialists who work directly with local growers to present up-to-the minute information on production technology and regulations, national and international policy and marketing strategies.

Opening the series Jan. 16 will be the Southern Mesa Cotton Conference at the Dawson County Annex Building, 609 North First St., Lamesa. It will focus upon concerns for growers in Dawson, Borden, Gaines, Garza, Scurry, Terry and Yoakum counties.

The Caprock Cotton Conference will be Jan. 17-18 at the Plains Baptist Assembly seven miles south of Floydada on U.S. Highway 62. It will address needs of growers in Crosby, Floyd, Hale, Briscoe and Lubbock.

The Llano Estacado Cotton Conference will be Jan. 18 at the Olton Ag Pavilion, U.S. Highway 70 at Ave. D, Olton. It is tailored to concerns of growers in Lamb, Castro, Parmer and Bailey counties.

The three conferences are a result of the highly successful Caprock Cotton Conference presented in Crosbyton each January for the past several years by the Extension Service.

"The Caprock Cotton Conference, and the two additional conferences this year, are a direct result of educational programming requested by the producers," said Dr. Bob Robinson, Extension Service district director. "The response was so great that last year we had to turn away growers who wanted to attend."

Robinson said the series of conferences titled "Beltwide" forum hosted by Texas

SAN ANTONIO — More than 5,000 cotton producers and leaders from all phases of the cotton industry will gather here Jan. 4-7 as Texas plays host to the Beltwide Cotton Conferences. The premier annual forum for cotton production, it combines more than a dozen special technical conferences into a single national event.

The national event is sponsored by the National Cotton Council in cooperation with state land-grant universities such as Texas A&M University, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, agribusiness, consultants and state and regional cotton organizations.

ferences was devised to allow more growers to take part and to fully address specific concerns in different growing regions of the South Plains. All three statewide Extension Service issues of economic competitiveness for Texas agriculture and communities; water quality and conservation, and environment and natural resources.

Each conference will provide continuing education units which growers need to comply with state environmental regulations. Registration fees include meals and advance registration is desired. Growers may register with their county extension office.

At each conference, Paulette Zalrezeski (cq), legislative analyst and lobbyist for the National Cotton Council, Washington, D.C., will provide a legislative update and Adam Ballinger, publisher of "Fiber" magazine, Memphis, Tenn., will present an historical perspective on cotton production.

Mark Lange, director of economic services for the Cotton Council at Memphis, Tenn., will describe the world cotton economic outlook and status of U.S. farm bill deliberations at the Southern Mesa and Caprock programs. At both the Caprock and Llano Estacado programs, Nicholas Hahn, president of Cotton incorporated, New York City, will report on its activities.

U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm (D-Texas) will provide a Congress update at the Llano Estacado conference. Other featured speakers at that program will include Dr. Ed Smith, Extension Service economist, College Station, discussing present and future farm policy, and Woody Anderson, chairman of the Texas Boll Weevil Foundation, on eradication efforts.

Technical presentations at Lamesa will be: Dryland cotton yields, Dr. Dan Krieg, Texas Tech University; variety and planting considerations, Kater Hake, extension cotton specialist; weed control, Dr. Billy Warrick, extension agronomist; economics of low volume irrigation versus dryland production, Dr. William Lyle, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station; cropping systems, John Farris, Dawson County extension agent; and laws and reg-

ulations, Randy Rivera, Texas Department of Agriculture.

The two-day Caprock conference, which will offer 10 CEUs, will include a presentation on property rights by Marshall Kuykendall, Dripping Springs rancher and president of the Take Back Texas organization. Also featured will be a discussion of biotechnology with Dr. John Gannaway, Experiment Station cotton breeder, and officials of Calgene and Mico gene corporations.

Other presentations at Floydada will include: The 1995 cotton marketing picture, Dr. Carl Anderson, Extension Service economist, College Station; integrated pest management, Dr. Tom Fuchs, extension entomologist, San Angelo; boll weevil eradication program, Frank Meyers, Texas Boll Weevil Foundation, Abilene; what the '94 crop told us, Hake, and moisture management, Lyle.

Also, the systems approach to cotton production, Dr. Wayne Keeling, Experiment Station; seed quality, Dr. Norman Hopper, Texas Tech; insect situation, Dr. James Leser, extension entomologist; weed control result demonstrations, Kerry Siders, Floyd County agent; variety test results, Greg Jones, Crosby-Floyd county entomologist.

The Llano Estacado conference at Olton will include updates on crop insurance reform by Dr. Jackie Smith, extension economist; worker protection standards, James Esty, TDA; farm bill update, Dr. Ed Smith; value-added cotton marketing, Bedford Forrest, TDA; 1994 crop review, Hake; '95 pest outlook, Leser, and boll weevil update, Roger Halldenby, Plains Cotton Growers.

RPRRA meeting held

By Belinda Dollins

The Rolling Plains Ratite Assoc. met Dec. 17 at the N.E. Community Center. Guest speaker was Fred Ross with Rheanational, Inc.

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Colorado City livestock auction

COLORADO CITY — All classes of cattle were steady on 802 head of cattle sold at the Colorado City Livestock Auction on Saturday, Dec. 17. All packer cows and bulls \$2-\$4 higher. The auction will be closed Dec. 24 and Dec. 31 and open again on Jan. 7.

Heifers: 200-400, 80-100; 400-600, 72-80; 600-800, 68-72.
Steers: 200-400, 90-105; 400-600, 78-90; 600-800, 68-78.
Bred Cows Good: 600-700; Older: 400-550.
Pairs: Good: 725-835; Older: 500-600.
Packer cows: Good: 44-48; Fat: 40-43; Old Shelley: 20-32.
Packer bulls: 48-58.

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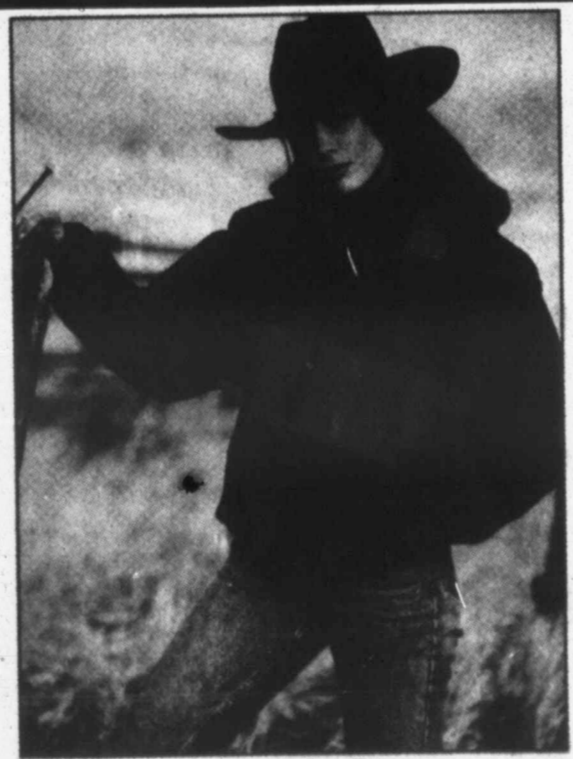
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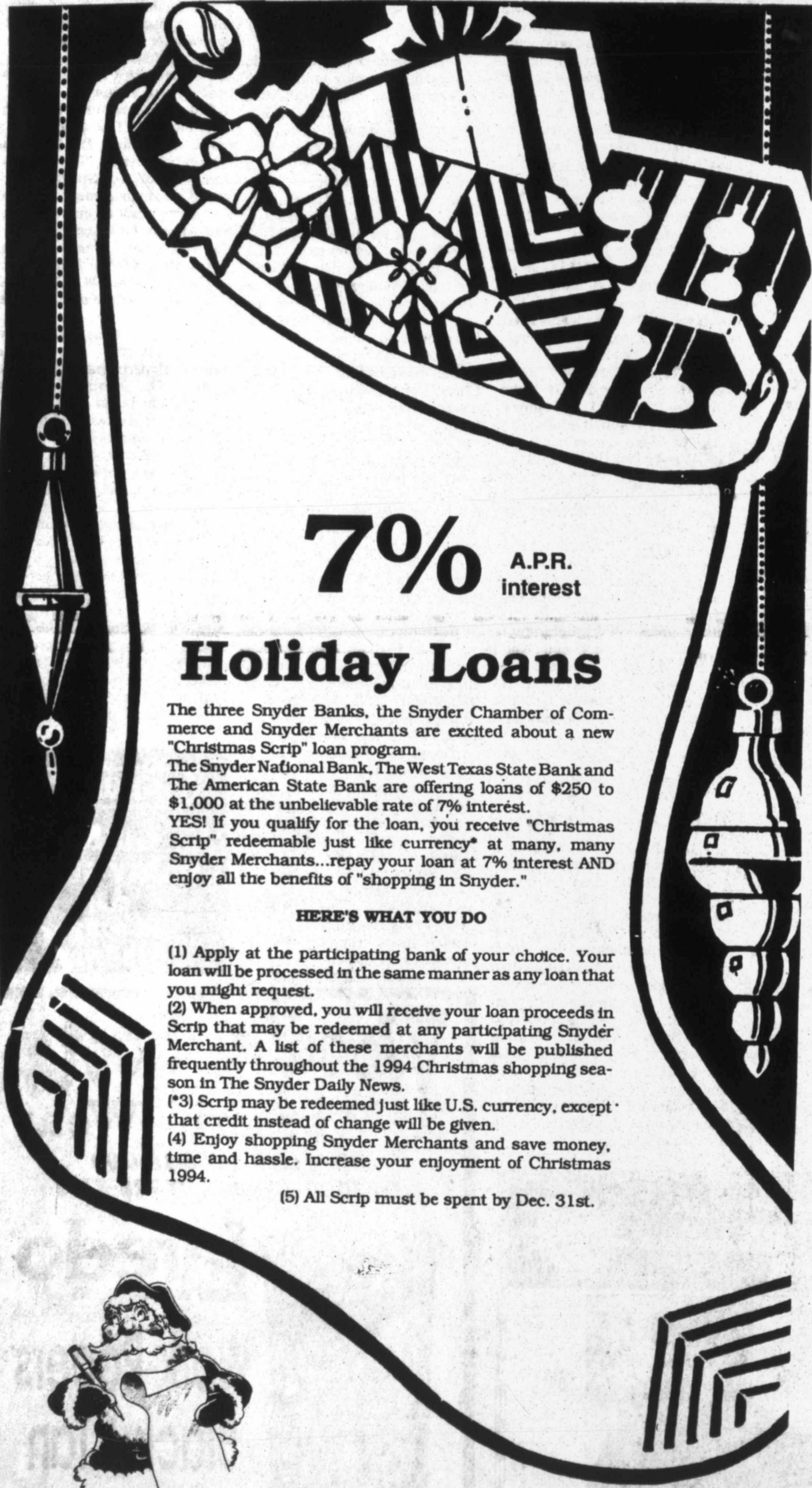
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