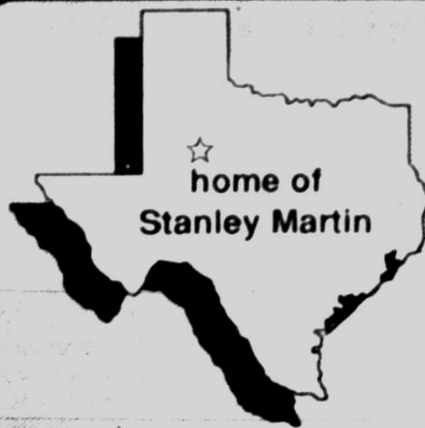


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Q—What are the filing dates for the March 10, 1992, primary?

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In Brief

Clinton tours

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton promised to be a leader with direction and substantive ideas, not just enticing images, as he swung through South Texas rallying support for his presidential bid.

Clinton fired a few verbal shots at President Bush's last presidential campaign, saying it was based on powerful TV images but little else.

Oust judges

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Four city judges and five magistrates have been removed by the San Antonio City Council, which said the housecleaning was necessary to restore public confidence in the courts.

The action was taken Tuesday at the recommendation of committee that investigated alleged abuses within the court system. Allegations of judges' involvement in ticket-fixing triggered the council's investigation.

Bus wreck

AMARILLO (AP) — At least 22 Canyon Independent School District students suffered minor bruises and cuts when their bus collided with a pickup truck this morning, authorities said.

None of the injuries was serious, but about 20 students were taken by ambulance to the Amarillo Emergency Receiving Center for observation, a Randall County Sheriff's Department spokesman said.

Local

Gentle Dove

Gentle Dove Ministries will be closed Thursday and Friday.

Early delivery

Snyder Daily News' Thanksgiving edition will be delivered early Thursday morning instead of the afternoon.

Post Office

To accommodate the holiday rush, the local Post Office retail window will open two Saturdays, Dec. 14 and Dec. 21, from 8:30 a.m. until noon.

Weather

Snyder Area Forecast: High Tuesday, 70 degrees; low, 42 degrees, reaching at 7 a.m. Wednesday, 50 degrees; no precipitation, total precipitation for 1991 to date, 24 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight: Mostly fair. Low in the mid to upper 40s. South wind 5 to 15 mph. Thursday: partly cloudy. High in the mid 70s. Southwest wind 15 to 25 mph and gusty. Lake wind advisory will be required.

Almanac: Sun. at today, 5:41 p.m. Sunrise Thursday, 7:22 p.m. Of 330 days in 1991, the sun has shone 317 days in Snyder.



FIREMAN OF THE YEAR — State Rep. David Counts, right, congratulates Phillip Cockerell during Tuesday night's annual fire department banquet. Cockerell was named Fireman of the Year during the banquet. Counts was the guest speaker of the event held at Snyder Country Club. (SDN Staff Photo)

Cockerell named Fireman of Year

Phillip Cockerell was named Fireman of the Year Tuesday night during the annual fire department banquet at Snyder Country Club.

Chamber Manager Ricky Fritz served as master of ceremonies for the 62nd annual event in which individuals were recognized for their service and a sweetheart was named. State Rep. David Counts was guest speaker.

Cockerell joined the local department as a volunteer in July of 1989. He has also served with volunteer departments in Haskell, Hamlin and Cisco. He currently serves as president of Snyder's volunteer organization. Cockerell is manager of Lone Star Gas Company.

Other nominees for the award were Sterling Williams, Malcolm Crawford and Perry Westmoreland.

Autumn Pollard, daughter of fireman Jim and Suzanne Pollard, was named sweetheart.

Service pins were presented to

Gerrel Bigham for 40 years of service; Albert Canon, 15 years; John Pilgrim, 10 years; and Sterling Williams, five years.

Receiving 100 percent attendance awards were Malcolm Crawford, Breland Ledbetter, Robin Smauley, Jack Callaway, Perry Westmoreland, Garry Kubena, Larry Kubena, Kenneth Wood and Tommy Guynes.

Awards were presented by Guynes, assistant fire chief.

(see BANQUET, page 9)

Many offices to be closed for holidays

County offices in Snyder will take a two-or-more-day holiday for Thanksgiving.

City Hall, Snyder Post Office and all local financial institutions will close Thursday only.

The county courthouse, senior citizen's center and health unit will close both Thursday and Friday and reopen Monday.

County facilities normally open on Saturday and/or Sunday, such as the library and museum, will close today and will not open again until Monday morning. The county library also advised its book drop will be locked during the holiday period.

Snyder public school children were dismissed for the holidays Tuesday afternoon. Ira and Hermleigh students were to be dismissed today between 2 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Business offices for all three districts will remain closed until Monday.

Western Texas College students were to be dismissed today at 1 p.m. Dormitories and offices were to close at 2 p.m. Dorms will reopen 2 p.m. Sunday and offices will open Monday morning.

Prolonging session...

Congress at odds on tax cut

WASHINGTON (AP) — Instead of finishing for the year, Congress is starting out on a pitched battle with President Bush over an election-year tax cut and a fix for the suffering American economy.

Accepting Bush's dare to take up a tax cut package to stimulate the economy, congressional Democrats decided late Tuesday to begin hearings next week by the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee.

House Speaker Thomas S. Foley, boiling with anger after a closed-door caucus of House Democrats, said he was leaving open the option of calling Congress back for a December showdown session on taxes.

At the same time, leaders kept the House in session into the early morning hours in hopes of securing pre-Thanksgiving approval for

a \$151 billion highway bill, a measure aiding the Soviets and a bill to shore up the fund that insures bank deposits.

Foley, D-Wash., refused to permit a vote on the last-minute plan by House Republicans — a package cutting capital gains and other taxes — that Bush endorsed only belatedly.

"It is really unbelievably irresponsible for the president to suggest he would like us to vote today on a proposal that wasn't even a legislative proposal until last night," Foley said.

The political jousting over taxes dominated all other action. Congressional leaders of both parties had planned an all-night session ending with adjournment for the year.

A crime bill that contained a waiting period for handgun purchases and expanded the federal

death penalty was stalled off the House floor as leaders scrounged for the votes needed to enact it. Bush and Republicans were opposed, as were some liberal Democrats.

House and Senate negotiators met through the night to work out the compromise measure to strengthen the fund that insures bank deposits. Separate legislation would provide \$80 billion for the savings and loan bailout.

Foley ran into resistance from many of his own Democrats with his proposal to abandon adjournment plans and resume the congressional session in December.

But Democratic leaders saw an irresistible political advantage in accepting Bush's challenge to take up a tax-cut package, viewing it as a political bluff by the president.

Democrats said the Republican plan amounts to a giveaway to the

rich, and they relished a comparison with their own plan, which would pay for middle-class tax cuts with increased taxes for the richest Americans. Foley denounced the GOP proposal as adding \$23 billion to the federal deficit.

"They lobbed up a pretty good ball at us, and we ought to be able to hit it a pretty good lick," said Rep. Charles Wilson, D-Texas.

Senate Republicans were horrified by the thought of spending December debating a tax cut plan cooked up not by the White House but by House Republicans, led by conservative maverick Rep. Newt Gingrich of Georgia.

Senate GOP Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., complained that he had heard nothing from Bush or the administration in support of the tax package that Gingrich proposed last Friday.

Committee adopts redistricting plan

AUSTIN (AP) — A legislative committee has adopted a new redistricting plan for the House, but opponents of the measure said the committee had no authority to do that and the plan doesn't treat minorities fairly.

But House Redistricting Committee chairman Tom Uher, D-Bay City, defended the plan Tuesday, saying he is confident it resolved all the objections of the U.S. Justice Department.

Justice Department officials had rejected the state House redistricting plan adopted earlier this year by the Legislature.

We believe it speaks to what the Justice Department said,

Uher said.

The new plan approved on Tuesday could result in the election of two more Hispanics than the original House measure, Uher said. Those districts are in South Texas and Dallas County.

But attorneys for minority plaintiffs suing the state said the plan failed to elect enough minorities to reflect Texas' population.

"It's totally unacceptable," said Jim Harrington, of the Texas Civil Rights Project. "They don't get anywhere near what they need for equity representation."

The new plan was passed unanimously after a day-long meeting. (see COMMITTEE, page 9)

Bus collides with truck, injuring band members

FAIRFAX, La. (AP) — A charter bus carrying a high school band from Alabama to Houston collided with a garbage truck today, injuring 26 people, state police said.

Injuries to members of the Chilton County High School Band were described as minor to moderate. Most were treated and released from area hospitals within a matter of hours.

Frank Hand, secretary with the school board, said the band intended to resume its trip to Texas.

The bus, operated by Chilton Motor Lines, was one of four char-

ter buses carrying about 175 to 180 students and chaperons to Houston on Interstate 10, investigators said. The bus involved in the accident was the lead vehicle in the motorcade that left Clanton, Ala., on Tuesday, troops said.

The band planned to participate in the Foley's Thanksgiving Day parade, said Debbie Fraywick, a chaperone.

We were going to march in the parade. It was by invitation only, Fraywick said.

Band member Brandi Niles said the band learned in May that it was scheduled to march in the parade and raised money to make the trip.



Mary Ahrenhoersterbaeumer

What's in a name? Try Ahrenhoersterbaeumer

She says she is pretty good at spelling. Maybe it's because her last name is such a challenge.

"People ask me, 'How many letters in your last name?' Twenty, I say," said Mary Ahrenhoersterbaeumer, a fourth grade student at West-Elementary.

My mom started teaching me to spell it when I was four. I would spell it in parts. First Ahren-, then Ahrenhoer-, then Ahrenhoerster-, and finally Ahrenhoersterbaeumer.

I kept on going and going until finally I learned how to do it."

The name is German and means "birds nesting in a tree." It is a combination of several family names and when the family moved to the United States long ago they

vowed not to shorten it.

Mary's lengthy name came to the attention of SDN as she made the honor roll earlier this year and when typesetting her name, two lines were needed.

Does she have to scrunch the letters together to get her name to fit on her school work?

No. It fits on all my papers, she said. She also said no one at school really makes a big deal out of it.

Mary likes school. Math is her favorite subject. She wants to be a teacher when she grows up.

She's not sure if her students will have a hard time with her name or not.

"Maybe I'll be married and change my name by then."

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "An unusual amount of common sense is often called wisdom."

There's a lot of things we haven't done, but there are also a bunch of things we don't intend to try. Our list of non-intents includes rattlesnake hunting, jumping out of airplanes, hang gliding, exploring caves and running with the bulls.

Just this week, we added another activity to our no-no list. A new wave hitting the country is the dare devil sport of bungee. That's the sport that hooks jumpers to elastic cords for the purpose of leaping from heights into thin air. The cord is supposed to stop the jumper before hitting the ground.

The sport is growing so rapidly that some states have begun to regulate operators. Florida, for example, has 27 pages of rules and regulations. Federal safety regulators are looking at cords

and other operating apparatus. There have been no deaths reported, but injuries have ranged from a cracked pelvis to rope burns. Insurance may cost operators as much as \$100 per jump.

Supporters of bungee counter the sport is definitely more safe than it appears.

Frankly, pages of government regulations and the assurances of safety experts and insurance, won't change the mind of one original chicken.

We're one of those who think walking, instead of riding in a golf cart, is pressing your luck.

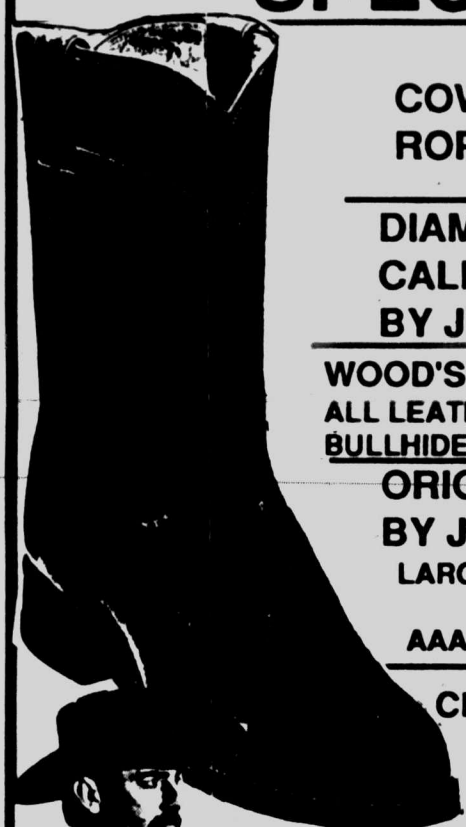
It is not too early to think about Christmas gifts, and pet lovers should take note of a video available from Catastrophic Productions in Beachwood, Ohio.

The film offers, for \$19.95, a video entitled "Here Kitty Kitty," to amuse house pets.

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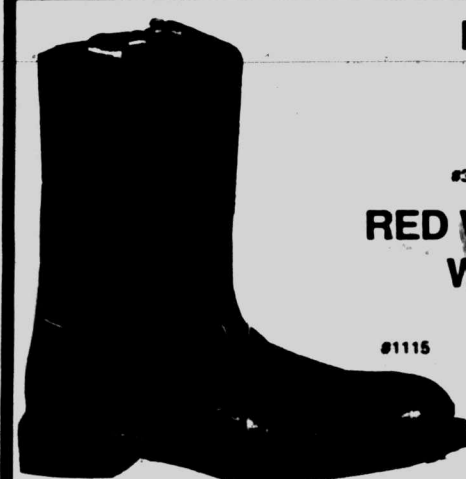
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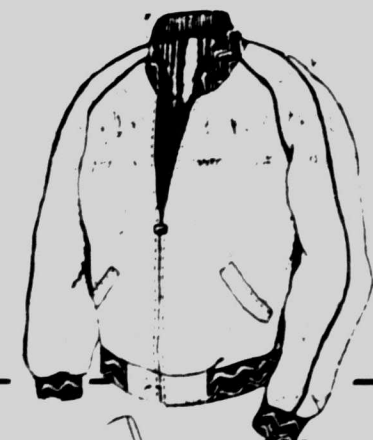
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Survey: consumer confidence drops

NEW YORK (AP) — If the economy can be likened to a sickly patient, then the chart at the foot of the bed does not point to recovery. The Conference Board put its mark on the chart Tuesday, as its monthly index of consumer confidence fell sharply for the second consecutive month to three points below its lowest reading of the 1982 recession.

The business-supported research group bases its monthly survey on responses from 5,000 households across the country.

Researchers say The Conference Board survey and a confidence survey Wednesday from the University of Michigan, along with media polls of consumer attitudes, are increasingly important forecasters of economic declines and recoveries.

But they also say that month-to-

month changes in an index can fail to reflect the important interplay of news events, financial markets, politicians, the media and consumer sentiments.

"The real power in studying consumer attitudes is in understanding what's important to people, why they do what they do, which attitudes have changed and how those changes influence people's behavior," said Jay Schmiedskamp, a Gallup Organization economist.

But such misgivings have done little to dull the financial markets' interest in the board's monthly report.

On Tuesday, the government bond and stock markets rallied on the index's results, as the decline in confidence boosted hopes that the Federal Reserve would lower interest rates to stimulate eco-

nomie growth. Lower interest rates can bolster the relative value of stocks and fixed-income securities.

Lending credibility to the confidence survey is the economic clout of consumers.

Consumers account for two-thirds of spending. Their decisions about whether to buy a new car, TV, refrigerator or furniture determine whether the economy stagnates or grows.

"These purchase decisions really depend on the optimism and confidence of individual families," said Richard Curtin, consumer survey director for the Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan.

Schmiedskamp, who directed

the Michigan consumer surveys from 1968 to 1976, said the Persian Gulf War was the sort of dramatic news that distorts consumer confidence trends. Confidence soared in February as victory became apparent, but overall the war produced deep jitters.

Curtin said dramatic events such as the war and the 1987 stock market crash show how negative news has an important but limited role in the development of public attitudes. Confidence recovered after the crash because consumers "concluded that whatever was happening on Wall Street just wasn't happening in their neighborhoods," Curtin said.

Investors do care whether consumers are willing to spend money and are upbeat about the economy, said Mark Donahoe, managing director for institutional sales trading at Piper, Jaffray & Hopwood, a regional brokerage in Minneapolis.

However, reported drops in consumer confidence can have little noticeable effect on financial markets if the declines are not a surprise, or if other indicators already have caused the market to fall, Donahoe said.

Teachers don't like rehiring plan

DALLAS (AP) — Several teachers rehired by the Dallas school district after being laid off during the summer say their new schedules are frustrating.

Dean Webb, a former magnet school teacher, says he has gone on medical leave because his new assignment teaching middle school math is too stressful.

"(The job shuffling) makes me feel diminished and ridiculous as a professional," said Rod Crosser, an art teacher who now is assigned to substitute.

Maureen Peters, president of the Alliance of Dallas Educators, said the process has left teachers feeling "like so many cards in a deck."

Dallas Independent School District officials said the layoffs in early September were necessary because of the state's so-called Robin-Hood school finance plan. Under that plan, which shifts hundreds of millions of dollars from property-rich districts to poorer ones, Dallas lost \$47 million, DISD officials said.

Though the job shuffling scheme allowed all 257 teachers to be rehired, some aren't assigned now to the schools where they started this school year. Others aren't teaching subjects they're used to teaching or must substitute.

"Sometimes I'm a glorified baby sitter," said substitute teacher Rick Harrington. "I'm a sub until someone retires, dies or quits."

Olin Hankins, an 11-year-teaching veteran, last week started his seventh assignment of the year. He said each time the district transfers him, they say it's the last time.

Superintendent Marvin Edwards said the rehiring process is going as planned. No one was promised a job at a specific time, he said.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you're disseminating information to a special group today, gauge your audience with care. Don't overpower them with facts; tell them only what they can comprehend and assimilate. Sagittarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for Sagittarius' Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) By allowing those who have no direct involvement in your affairs to poke their noses in, you could be courting disaster. Post a "no trespassing" sign, even if it ruffles a few feathers.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Decisions you make for selfish reasons won't be nearly as advantageous as those which benefit all concerned parties. Let "one for all, and all for one" be your motto today.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You're likely to start the day with good intentions about doing a worthwhile job. However, if things get tough, you might attempt shortcuts that could spell trouble.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Be extra mindful of how you advise others today, especially in financial matters. You might bank too heavily on chance, and you could steer someone toward a money-losing venture.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) This could be a productive day for you, provided you use your own methods and techniques. If your mate interferes with alternative procedures, you won't work well.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) When dealing with individuals who are performing work for you today, make sure everything is just business. Getting too chummy might tempt them to take advantage of your good nature.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Financial conditions could be both hazardous and beneficial for you today. Gains might be acquired in an unusual manner; losses could also develop in the same unfathomable way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You're likely to be gifted with clever ideas today, but you might lack the knack for implementing them effectively. Be neither too timid in planning nor too bold in execution.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You're gifted with an active imagination today but, unfortunately, you might focus on negatives as opposed to positives. To be a winner, you must think like a winner.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) It might be best not to lend anything you truly treasure to friends today, be it money or possessions. Something could be mis-handled which might put the relationship in jeopardy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your insight pertaining to career matters is quite keen today. However, knowing what you know, you might still foul it up with poor timing.

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Moves to 2-1 on the season...

Snyder upsets Rebels, 59-50

By PHIL RIDDLE
SDN Sports Editor

Snyder played the role of giant killer for the second straight game Tuesday, knocking off District 4-5A co-favorite Midland Lee, 59-50, in non-district basketball action at Scurry County Coliseum.

Saturday the Snyder boys tripped the other pick in that 5A loop, San Angelo Central, 74-66.

The Tigers jumped to a 20-11 lead after one quarter Tuesday, settled into a stubborn defensive stance and withstood a second-half three-point barrage by the Rebels to move to 2-1 on the season.

"I'll take any victory," said Tiger coach Bud Birks, "but beating a 5A team has a little extra meaning."

"They're definitely not devoid of talent," he said of the Lee squad. "They have some kids that can really play."

"I was really proud of our effort and of our team play. We're coming together as a team this year. Everyone pulls for everyone else. In that regard, I was really pleased."

The Tigers dominated the first half, pulling out to a 14-point lead, 27-13, on a Jeff Wortham three-pointer with five minutes to play in the second period.

After scoring only 21 points in the first half, Lee rallied to within four in the third quarter on three treys by Andre Lattibeaudienne, the district's sophomore of the year last season, who finished the night with 20 points.

Leading by just four, Birks changed the SHS defensive alignment.

"We switched to our zone in the first half," said the SHS coach, "and it worked for a long time."

"They started attacking it in the third quarter and we went back to the man defense. That was the turning point, I thought. When we went back to the man-to-man we shut them down."

Following the defensive switch, Snyder sophomore Eric Brazier

sank a three-pointer to extend the Tigers' margin to seven as the quarter ended.

Clutch free-throw shooting by senior Eric West highlighted the fourth period.

West hit five of seven from the stripe in the final stanza, including four straight in the final 2:12, to stave off a pressing Rebel defense.

The difference in the game appeared to be the dominance of Snyder's post players.

"Again, we had good post play," Birks reported. "Of course,

you can't say the posts have a good game unless you get them the ball. We're getting better at that all the time."

Playing inside for the Tigers were Hayward Clay, the game's high scorer with 21 points, Jeff Wortham, who banged in 16, including a three, and Barron Wesley, who contributed 10 points to the winning cause.

West and Brazier each ended up with five and Steven Bollinger hit a bucket for Snyder.

The Tigers will be off until a Dec. 3 trip to Big Spring. Satur-

day's scheduled game at Sweetwater was cancelled due to the appearance of the Mustangs' football team in the Class 4A playoffs.

MIDLAND LEE (50) — Henry 1 0-0 2; Brown 1 0-0 3; Lattibeaudienne 8 1-2 20; Skaggs 2 0-0 4; King 1 0-2 2; D. Wilson 4 0-0 9; W. Wilson 4 1-2 10; TOTALS 21 2-6 50.

SNYDER (59) — West 0 5-7 5; Clay 10 1-1 21; Wesley 4 2-3 10; Bollinger 1 0-0 2; Wortham 7 1-2 16; Brazier 2 0-0 5; TOTALS 24 9-13 59.

3-point goals: SHS 2 (Wortham 1, Brazier 1); Lee 6 (Lattibeaudienne 3, Brown 1, W. Wilson 1, D. Wilson 1). **Total fouls:** SHS 8, Lee 14. **Fouled out:** none. **Record:** SHS 2-1, Lee 11 10 16 13 -50. Snyder 20 11 13 16 -59.

Murphy scores 24...

Western Texas blasts Cisco

BIG SPRING — Freshman Brent Murphy exploded for 24 points to lead a group of seven WTC eagers in double figures Tuesday as the Westerners notched a 103-85 win over Cisco Junior College in the final round of the Howard College Hawk Classic.

Murphy hit a dozen buckets from the floor to lead the offensive assault. Sophomore Michael Crowe added 14, as did Ben Berry and Kino Outlaw; Ricardo Hamilton contributed 13 and Jon Gaston and Terrance Ross tossed in 10 apiece.

"We played a whole lot better than we did the night before (in a 108-89 loss to Lamar)," said

Western Texas coach Kelly Green.

"It was like watching a different team."

"We played hard, we passed the ball well, we advanced the ball up the court with the pass."

"Basically, we just worked together for a common cause."

The win lifts the Westerners to a 7-5 mark on the season.

Cisco, now 5-6, hit 11 three pointers on the night, including four by top scorer Thomas Dortch, who finished with 16 points.

The Westerners leave today for the Thanksgiving Shootout at Paris Junior College.

Action at the round-robin event begins with women's play, includ-

ing WTC's Lady Dusters, Thursday, and winds up Saturday.

Western Junior College Athletic Conference play begins next week for the Westerners as they host Howard on Thursday and travel to Odessa Saturday, Dec. 7.

WESTERN TEXAS (103) — Gaston 4 0-0 10; Ross 4 2-4 10; Berry 6 2-4 14; Murphy 12 0-0 24; Crowe 5 4-4 14; Hamilton 5 3-4 13; Gray 1 0-0 2; Outlaw 7 0-0 14; Brown 1 0-0 2; TOTALS 45 11-16 103.

CISCO (85) — Grays 4 0-0 11; Lofton 3 0-0 6; Thomas 5 1-2 13; Sapp 1 0-0 2; Scott 7 0-2 14; Cornelson 2 2-2 6; Ortega 2 2-2 6; Brown 0 1-2 1; Randle 4 0-0 10; Dortch 6 0-0 16; TOTALS 34 6-10 85.

3-point goals: WTC 2 (Gaston 2), CJC 11 (Dortch 4, Grays 3, Thomas 2, Randle 2). **Total fouls:** WTC 13, CJC 16. **Fouled out:** none. **Halftime score:** WTC 47, CJC 41. **Records:** WTC 7-5, CJC 5-6.

SJHS 7th graders sweep Andrews

Snyder's three seventh grade basketball teams all moved to 2-0 with a Monday sweep of Andrews here.

The A team, behind Patrick Jordan's 10-point effort, captured a 59-20 win against the Ponies while the B team, led by Orlando Hernandez' nine points, beat Andrews 32-26.

Snyder C claimed a 21-8 victory with Isaac Maldonado leading the charge with eight points.

"I was extremely pleased with all their efforts," said Snyder coach Mike Holmes. "They really hustled and didn't make many mistakes."

Jordan was aided in the A team win by Eric Tovar with nine points, Matt Fambro's eight, six from Zeb Alexander and Jay Griffin, four apiece by Chris Post and Ramsey Castillo, Jeremiah Johnson with three, two each from Luke Green, Richard Canas, Rick

Henderson, Russell Riggins and Chris Ramirez with one.

7th girls rip Goliad, 39-15

Snyder's seventh grade girls' A team blasted Big Spring Goliad Monday, 39-15, behind an eight-point game from Darla Blackwell and five each from Samantha Trevino and Devon Reed.

Also scoring for Snyder were Brandi Gill, Tiffany Garza and Erica Garvin with four apiece, two each from Norma Maldonado, Maribeth Dillaha, Claudia Hinojosa and Sha Marrie and Brandy Roberge's one.

Blackwell, Trevino and Garvin earned MVP honors for the game and Reed, Maldonado, Gill and Garza were tabbed defensive standouts by Snyder coaches.

Snyder will be back on the court when it hosts the same Goliad team on Monday, Dec. 9.

Blanden Chisum hit eight for Snyder's B team followed by Jeremy Skellenger's five, Teddy Murray, Gabriel Vasquez, Jeffrey Loper and Jay Ball with two apiece and one by Jonathan Tovar.

Gabriel Rios added four in the C victory. Heath Porter was good for two as were Eric Pesina, Jared Smith and David Klarady, and Jeremy Burton clarified one.

Snyder's seventh graders will return to action Saturday, Dec. 7, when they travel to Big Spring. Games commence at 10 a.m.

NBA glance

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All Times EST
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	8	5	.615	—
New York	8	5	.615	—
Miami	7	5	.583	1/2
Philadelphia	7	6	.538	1
Orlando	5	6	.455	2
Washington	5	9	.357	3
New Jersey	2	10	.167	5 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	11	2	.846	—
Cleveland	7	5	.583	3/4
Atlanta	7	6	.538	4
Detroit	6	8	.429	5 1/2
Milwaukee	6	9	.400	6
Indiana	5	9	.357	6 1/2
Charlotte	4	10	.286	7 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	9	3	.750	—
San Antonio	7	3	.700	1
Utah	7	6	.538	2 1/2
Dallas	5	7	.417	4
Denver	5	7	.417	4
Minnesota	2	9	.182	6 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
L.A. Lakers	9	3	.750	—
Golden State	9	4	.692	1/2
Portland	9	5	.643	1
Seattle	8	5	.615	1 1/2
L.A. Clippers	6	9	.400	4 1/2
Phoenix	5	9	.357	5
Sacramento	5	9	.357	5

Tuesday's Games

New York 98, Miami 81	
Cleveland 95, Philadelphia 91	
Detroit 103, Atlanta 93	
L.A. Lakers 98, Orlando 87	
Houston 118, New Jersey 109	
Denver 103, Charlotte 97	
Portland 107, Milwaukee 98, OT	
Seattle 136, Golden State 130, OT	
Chicago 116, L.A. Clippers 79	
Sacramento 104, Phoenix 89	

Wednesday's Games

L.A. Lakers at Miami, 7:30 p.m.	
Philadelphia at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.	
Atlanta at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.	
Orlando at Boston, 8 p.m.	
Denver at Minnesota, 8 p.m.	
Indiana at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.	
New Jersey at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.	
Charlotte at Utah, 9:30 p.m.	
Sacramento at Phoenix, 9:30 p.m.	

College hoops

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SOUTHWEST

Baylor 99, Sam Houston St. 60
Texas Christian 94, Tulsa 81
Texas-Arlington 130, Huston-Tillotson 64
Texas-El Paso 94, Chapman 64

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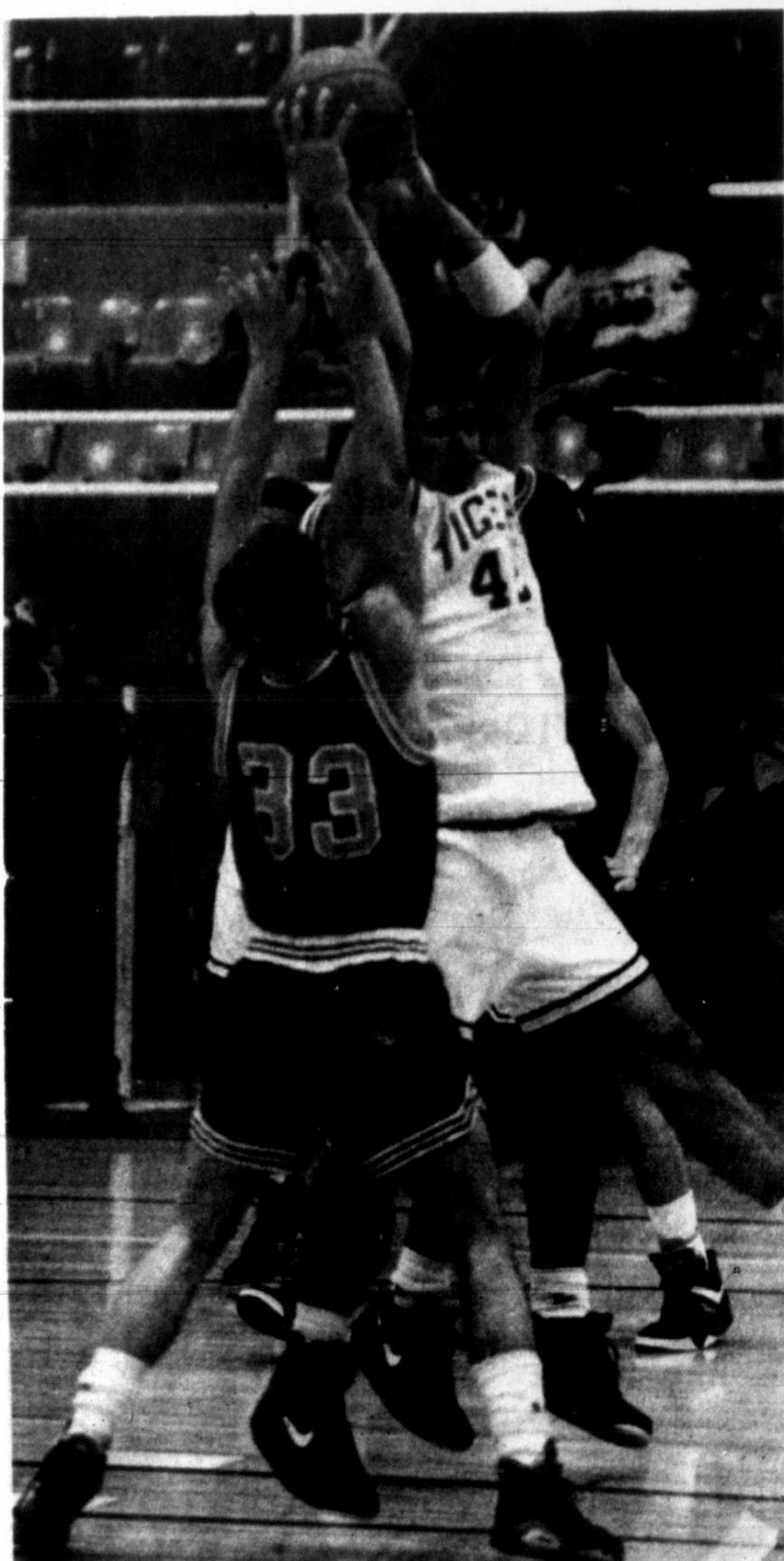
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REBOUND! — Snyder's Jeff Wortham (42) out-muscles Midland's Jeremy Skaggs (33) for a defensive board in Tuesday's 59-50 Snyder win. The Tigers, now 2-1, are idle until next Tuesday when they travel to Big Spring. Their scheduled Saturday game against Sweetwater was cancelled due to the Mustangs' participation in the Class 4A football playoffs.(SDN Staff Photo)

Abilene hands SHS girls loss

By PHIL RIDDLE
SDN Sports Editor

Snyder's Lady Tigers fell to 0-3 on the young basketball season Tuesday, as visiting Abilene High handed them a 54-27 loss at Scurry County Coliseum.

"We played hard," said Snyder coach Laurie Welch. "We played a lot better than we have been. We have really improved as far as our aggressiveness and just plain effort."

"They gave it all they had," she continued. "We made mistakes, which I feel like is going to happen."

Welch was pleased with the Lady Tigers' defensive play Tuesday.

"We were able to contain them somewhat, defensively," she said. "Abilene is usually a big scoring team."

"We are having trouble offensively," coach Welch admitted.

"We're not looking up the court for the open person and getting the ball inside to our big people."

The Lady Tigers limited Abilene to just 11 first-quarter points, but were able to put up just one in the opening eight minutes.

Abilene's Lady Eagles had taken a 20-6 advantage with less than two minutes to go before the half when Shalawn Smith, Jennifer Kime and Stephanie Fambro hit consecutive buckets for Snyder, pulling the Lady Tigers to within eight at intermission.

The second half belonged almost exclusively to Abilene, as the Lady Eagles racked up 32 points and allowed Snyder to score only 15.

Kime, playing at post, led the Snyder crew in scoring against AHS with six. Melanie Duncan nailed five, as did Dena Ball and Smith.

Tamara Jones led the Lady Eagles with 18 points.

Abilene's Amy Anderson poured in 14 in Tuesday's early game as the AHS junior varsity pounded Snyder 51-19.

Kayla Walker was the top scorer for the Lady Tiger JV with nine points.

The Snyder girls will be off until Tuesday when they travel to

Coahoma to meet the Lady Bulldogs in JV and varsity games.

Varsity

ABILENE (54) — Thompson 10-22, Pyle 3 2-7 8; McDonald 5 0-2 10; Walker 1 0-0 3; Jones 8 2-4 18; Horton 2 0-1 4; Lewis 1 0-2 2; TOTALS 22 4-17 50.

SNYDER (27) — Duncan 2 1-4 5; Ball 1 3-5 5; Ragland 1 0-2 2; Brazier 1 0-0 2; Smith 2 1-4 5; Kime 2 2-3 6; Fambro 1 0-1 2; TOTALS 10 7-19 21.

3-point goals: AHS 2 (Walker 1, Horton 1). **Total fouls:** SHS 19, AHS 21. **Fouled out:** Gregory, AHS. **Records:** SHS 0-3, AHS 3-0. **Abilene** 11 11 17 15 -54. **Snyder** 1 11 9 7 -27.

Junior varsity

ABILENE (51) — Garcia 10-0 2; Hall 20-0 4; Anderson 7 0-0 14; Harness 0 2-2 2; Horton 3 2-2 8; Merryman 1 0-0 2; Powell 1 2-2 4; Boatwright 1 0-0 2; Sapp 5 1-1 11; Saling 1 0-0 2; TOTALS 22 7-7 51.

SNYDER (19) — Claborn 1 0-0 2; Brazier 2 0-0 4; Walker 4 1-4 9; Games 2 0-0 4; TOTALS 9 1-4 19.

Total fouls: SHS 16, AHS 13. **Fouled out:** none.

Abilene 8 21 16 6 -51. **Snyder** 2 7 6 4 -19.

Transactions

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
NEW YORK KNICKS — Placed Tim McCormick, center, on the injured list. Activated Patrick Eddie, center, from the injured list.

PHILADELPHIA 76ERS — Placed Dave Hoppen, center, on the injured list. Activated Kenny Payne, forward, from the injured list.

FOOTBALL

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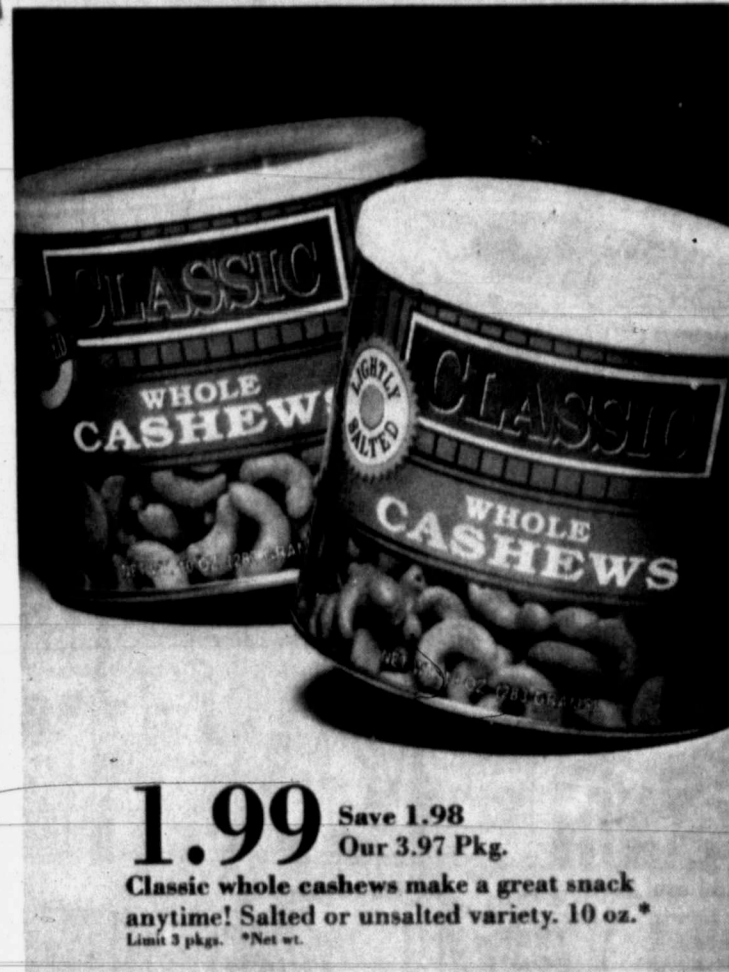
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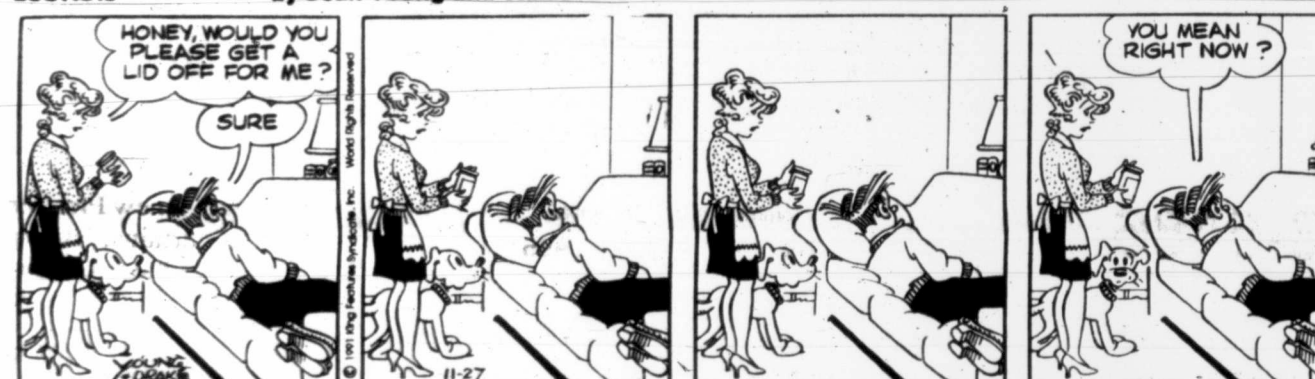
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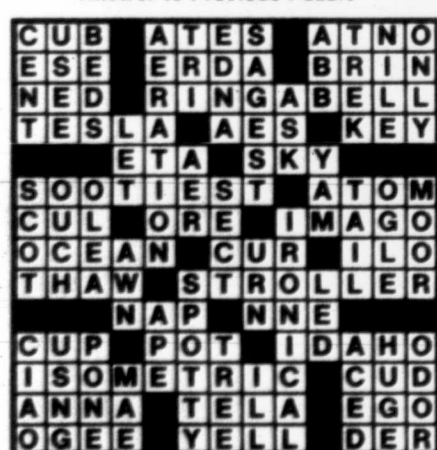
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- 5 Actress — St. John
- 9 Undivided
- 12 Two-toed sloth
- 13 W. Coast coll.
- 14 — to lunch
- 15 Atomic device
- 16 Sails
- 17 TV network
- 18 Chemical suffix
- 19 Vandal
- 20 Store for future use
- 22 Life story
- 24 Incandescence
- 26 Mideast nation
- 29 Naval petty officer
- 33 Vegetable
- 34 In the same place (abbr.)

DOWN

- 36 Oxalis plant
- 37 Bird (comb. form)
- 38 Before long
- 39 Leap
- 40 Distinction
- 42 Kind of beard
- 44 Luxuriate
- 46 Exclamation of disgust
- 47 Number
- 50 Bizarre
- 52 Drug agcy.
- 55 Yoko —
- 56 Rookie
- 58 Don —
- 59 — Clear
- 60 Pertaining to dawn
- 61 Choir voice
- 62 Ids. time
- 63 Seeks payment from
- 64 No men — Island

Answer to Previous Puzzle



- 1 Church loft
- 2 — the ground floor
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- 4 Bathing place
- 5 Tribal magic
- 6 Frosting
- 7 Law deg.
- 8 Roped
- 9 Mrs. Charles Chaplin
- 10 Lumps
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- 19 Do farm work
- 21 Couple
- 23 Author Fleming
- 25 Fibbing
- 26 Construction beam (2 wds.)
- 27 Gaffer
- 28 Ballesteros
- 29 Detroit team
- 30 Morfels
- 31 Top
- 32 Scruff
- 35 Actress — Derek
- 38 Killed (fly)
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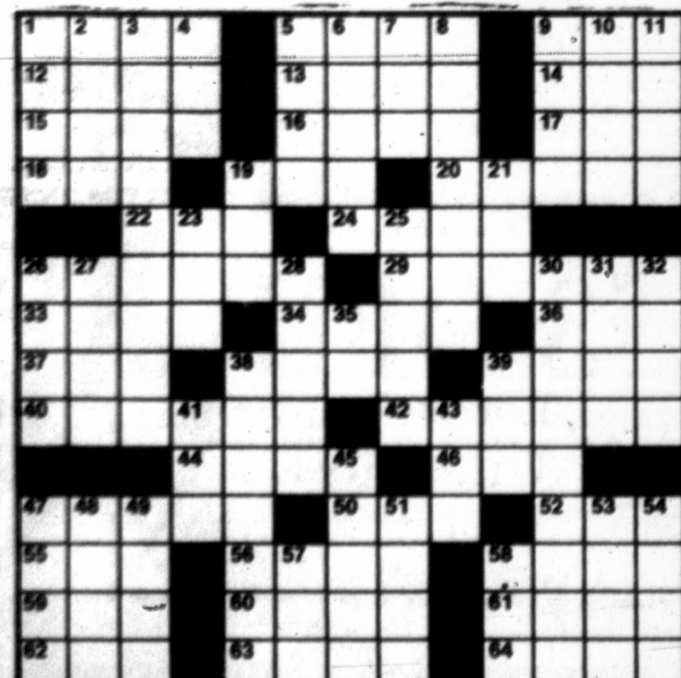
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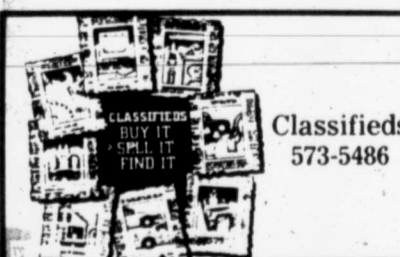
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3210 Ave A-3-2-2, 55T.
37th St.-Lg house & Sm house, extra lot, \$95,000.

3782 Dalton-2-1-1, 26T.
102-23rd-house, shop, 10 acres.

2206 43rd-3-1-low 40's.
3802 Noble Dr.-2-1CP, 28.5T.

2806 36th St.-3-2-1, 55T.
Reduced-3-2-2 50A, 68T.

3102 42nd-3-2-2, 52T.
Dble Wide-on 160A, 80T.

3100 Hill-3-2-2CP, 53T.
3000 Denison-3-2-2CP-69.5T.

3725 Rose Circle-assume 20's.
2807 Ave W-3-2-2, \$49,500.

West 37th-4-2-2CP-1 acre, 69T.
2512 Towle Pk Rd-3-2-2, 45T.

2301 37th-reduced, \$24,500.
2212 43rd-3-1 upper 30's.

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2707 28th-3-2-2CP, \$72T.
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3606 Irving-3-1-1-\$32,500.
6A-3-2-2-2&CP-Roundtop.

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3405 44th-3-2-2, \$50's.
3205 42nd-3-1, sell or rent.

2207 43rd-3-1-1CP, \$48T.
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2807 Ave W-3-2, \$49,500.
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Bush needs a savvy campaign strategist

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Bush heads for the 1992 election lacking a street-wise political wizard to help focus his message. That may be contributing to the mixed signals that seem to be coming from the White House.

In 1988, Bush could draw on two experienced hands to run his

AP analysis

successful presidential campaign — the late Lee Atwater and James A. Baker III, now the secretary of state.

Atwater, although criticized in some quarters for hard-ball tactics, earned a reputation for political results and for concentrating on themes that had high emotional impact — issues like street crime and the Pledge of Allegiance.

And Baker brought to the 1988 campaign the same prowess at strategy and negotiating that has served him as Bush's secretary of state and, earlier, as President Reagan's chief of staff and treasury secretary.

Both Atwater and Baker were veterans of many campaigns and were widely respected by Republican political operatives.

Those in the prospective campaign lineup for 1992 — White House chief of staff John Sununu, Commerce Secretary Robert Mosbacher, Michigan pollster Bob Teeter and businessmen Fred Malek — lack the same broad-based political expertise.

It seems unlikely that Baker would want to quit the Cabinet to return to the world of politics. And if Bush asked him to do so, it would likely be viewed among Democrats as a sign of desperation.

Bush is expected to announce his re-election team within the

next few weeks. Mosbacher is widely forecast to be named overall chairman — the role Baker occupied in 1988 — with Teeter and Malek handling day-to-day management of the campaign.

Mosbacher has wide experience in business and in fund raising but not in political strategy. Likewise, Malek's experience lies in organization and business management — not political wheeling and dealing.

Teeter has a reputation as a thoughtful and perceptive political strategist, but he has few management credentials. And critics say he is slow to make up his mind.

The crucial campaign question for Bush is how he wants to position Sununu, his combative chief aide.

If Sununu stays in his current job, he will wield enormous influence over the campaign; the chief of staff of any incumbent president seeking re-election becomes, in effect, the top campaign official.

Some of those expected to work in top jobs in the campaign, including Teeter and New York media consultant Roger Ailes, have clashed with Sununu in the past.

Sununu, the former governor of New Hampshire, doesn't have wide experience in running presidential election campaigns, either. But he had enough for Bush: he helped deliver New Hampshire to him in the 1988 Republican nomination race, starting Bush's winning streak.

The president's standing in public opinion polls has slumped as the economy remains stalled. And what once was viewed as an easy re-election campaign is now taking on more of the nature of a horserace, increasing the need for experienced hands.

Homeowners insurance rates are considered

AUSTIN (AP) — The State Board of Insurance, which convenes a hearing Monday on applying a new flexible rating system to homeowners' insurance, has received varying recommendations for a "benchmark" rate.

The state advocate for insurance consumers recommended Tuesday that the benchmark be 5 percent lower than the current maximum rate for regulated companies.

That compares with increases of 15.9 percent and 16.5 percent recommended by Allstate Insurance Cos. and State Farm Insurance Cos., respectively, said Amy Johnson of the Office of Public Insurance Counsel.

For a typical policy on a \$100,000 frame house in the Austin area, the cost at the current state rate is \$641, according to Ms. Johnson's office.

The public counsel's office said that under her recommendation, that would go to \$609; under State Farm's, to \$747; and under Allstate's, to \$743.

But under the new rating system approved by lawmakers, the benchmark rate is only the starting point.

The new law provides for insurance companies to charge rates that are a certain amount higher or lower than the benchmark without obtaining prior approval from the State Board of Insurance.

Under Ms. Johnson's recommendation, companies could charge up to 15 percent more and 30 percent less than the benchmark rate without getting a specific OK from the board.

The insurance companies, Allstate and State Farm, have recommended that flexibility be allowed for 30 percent above and 30 percent below their proposed benchmark rates.

"I don't think they need to charge that much, and I don't think that we are recommending a rate that's unhealthy to insurance companies," Ms. Johnson said of the insurers' recommendations. "My goal is not to put insurance companies out of business."

Industry spokesmen said that a benchmark rate that is too low could make it harder for some people to get insurance by making it unprofitable for companies to insure them.

Ms. Johnson said that 81 percent of the premiums written for homeowners insurance in 1990 in Texas were below the state rate.

Allstate spokesman Bob Lapinski in Illinois said the "driving

force" behind his company's recommendation was a particularly bad property loss record for Texas in 1989 and 1990 due to storms.

Jerry Johns, president of Southwestern Insurance Information Service, said, "Certainly a rate increase for property insurance in Texas is needed. We have companies operating in the state of Texas that historically have lost money here, and I think unless we see some sort of a modest rate increase, we could be facing a situation where insurance could become more difficult to purchase."

Bruce Romig, State Farm's regional vice president in Austin, said State Farm wants insurance companies to have as much flexibility as possible to fix the price appropriate to the risk.

Ms. Johnson said the largest unjustified expense calculated by companies is for the state premium tax. She said the tax is 3.5 percent, but because companies get a break for investing in Texas, they paid an average of 1.77 percent in 1990.

The premium tax amount included in figuring rates should be closer to what actually is paid, she said.

Ms. Johnson said that in 1990, the difference between the tax paid for property and casualty insurance and the amount calculated at 3.5 percent was \$260 million. That includes automobile as well as homeowners' insurance, with most of the amount attributable to the auto insurance premium tax, she said.

Romig said that the difference caused by the premium tax calculation is immaterial, considering the flexibility that may be allowed in rates. He added, "There are a lot of companies that go broke, and we never collect the premium tax on those."

Petroleum prices

NEW YORK (AP) — Petroleum cash prices Tuesday as compared with Monday's prices

Refined Products	Tue	Mon
Petrol No. 2 NY 15¢ per gal	n.a.	6105
Gasoline 15¢ per gal RVP NY 15¢ per gal	n.a.	6095
Gasoline 15¢ per gal RVP NY 15¢ per gal	n.a.	6280
Prices provided by Oil Buyer's Guide		
X-prices are for RVP grade of gasoline		
Petroleum - Crude Grades		
Saudi Arabian light 5¢ per bbl	17.40	17.35
North Sea Brent 5¢ per bbl	19.80	19.65
West Texas Intermediate 5¢ per bbl	21.00	21.40
Alask No. Slope del. US Gulf Coast	17.80	18.20
Alask No. Slope del. US West Coast	n.a.	18.35

Israel wants to delay peace talks by 5 days

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel wants to postpone the next round of Mideast peace talks by five days because it needs more time to prepare, Deputy Foreign Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said today. Palestinians denounced the move.

Assault case, DWI arrests noted by PD

Snyder police filed a report of aggravated assault and made three unrelated arrests Tuesday and early this morning.

Officers filed an offense report for aggravated assault after a woman notified police at 4:12 p.m. Tuesday that her 16-year-old daughter had been assaulted by a 16-year-old male at the Snyder High School tennis courts.

The female juvenile was treated at a local doctor's office. Police had made no arrest in the case as of this morning.

At 10:02 p.m., two juveniles came to the sheriff's office to report that they had been assaulted by their stepfather. Officers transported the juveniles to the police department and filed a report for family violence. The youths were later released to their parents.

Officers made three arrests for driving while intoxicated during the 24-hour period. One subject, a 35-year-old female, was released after she passed an intoxilyzer test.

Officers arrested a 24-year-old male for DWI in the 3600 block of Ave. E at 12:29 a.m. today. They also arrested a 22-year-old female for DWI in the 2600 block of 25th St. at 2:12 a.m. today.

Both subjects were booked into the county jail.

Police worked one minor traffic accident at 3:11 p.m. Tuesday in the 4100 block of College Ave. Involved were a 1991 Pontiac driven by Jason Rogers of 2308 41st St. and a 1978 Dodge van, driven by Ross Richardson of Bangs. No wrecker or ambulance was needed.

Officers also handled several domestic disputes Tuesday without incident.

County clerk needs to know address changes

County Clerk Frances Billingsley has requested the assistance of all voters whose addresses have recently been changed by postal authorities.

New voter's registration certificates are due to be mailed out in early December, and all addresses need to be corrected by that date, if possible.

The local post office states the following changes have been made:

—Polar Route, Dermott, to HCR 63.

—Clairemont Route to HCR 67.

—Arah Route to HCR 68.

—Fluvanna Route to HCR 69.

Anyone that has any one of the above changes should contact the county clerk's office in person or call 573-5332. Those who have actually moved will need to go by the clerk's office to sign a change of address form.

Washington on Dec. 9. The United States has invited the Arabs and Israelis to meet on Dec. 4.

The Israeli call for a postponement comes after Israeli expressions of outrage because the Jewish state was not consulted about the site before Washington issued the invitations. However, Netanyahu said Israel was seeking the postponement because "we have to organize."

"We received a short warning to prepare these negotiations which are so important, even fatal," he said on Israel Television.

Officials have said Israel is insisting that the Washington talks be brief, concentrate on procedure and move speedily to the Middle East.

Israel wants the talks held in the Middle East, saying this would test the Arabs' willingness to recognize Israel's existence. It also wants to talk with the Arab delegations individually and away from U.S. influence.

Palestinian negotiator Saeb

Committee

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although Republican members abstained, and Hispanic members had already left the meeting. Eight votes were needed to make the recommendation, and state Rep. Sam Russell, D-Mt. Pleasant, who left the meeting earlier, had to return to Austin to provide the eighth vote in a series of votes.

Early in the meeting, the committee came under fire.

"This is worst sham I've ever seen in the legislative process for redistricting," said Rep. Tom Craddick, R-Midland, who is chairman of the House Republican Caucus.

Banquet

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A special award was presented to Kyle Cox by Mayor Troy Williamson.

Also recognized were members of the auxiliary. They are Lanette Callaway, Brenda Clark, Carolyn Cox, Joy Early, Charlotte McDowell, Cissi Williams and Retha Canon. Others are Floradene Cockerell, Judy Doty, Amy Hall, Suzanne Pollard and Trudie Wood.

Darrell Doty provided the entertainment.

WTC's annual art show planned

Paintings, furniture and ceramics will be among the artworks displayed on the college campus during the annual Western Texas College Faculty and Staff Art Show, scheduled to begin Dec. 3.

The show will run through Dec. 11 in the Fine Arts Gallery.

Featured artists will be Ty Brunson, John Gibson, Carol Bullard, Buff Hearne, Jack Price, Donny Brown, Gail Snider and Max Snider. Artworks will include paintings, drawings, furniture, quilts, pottery and glass.

The gallery will be open for public viewing from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. through the show.

The 4th annual WTC pottery sale will be held in conjunction with the show and the Christmas Happening, set for Dec. 8. The sale will be held from noon until 4 p.m. in the Fine Arts Building.

Erekat called the Israeli demand a "classic example of blackmail" and said the Jewish state was "trying to get the results of the negotiations before they begin."

Obituaries

Louise Haney

1901-1991

Services are to be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Chapel for Louise Muriel Haney, 90, of Snyder with the Rev. Pat Githens of Victory Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be at Hillside Memorial Gardens.

She died today at Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a brief illness. Mrs. Haney was born Sept. 23, 1901, in Morgan, Texas, and had been a resident of Snyder for 41 years.

She was preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include her husband, William A. Haney of the home; three daughters, Celia D. Vidulich and Norma D. Laywell, both of Snyder, and Avanel Sullenger of Clifton; two sons, Wallace G. Haney of Lubbock and William H. Haney of New Iberia, LA; 15 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren.

Tilton cancelled

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Television stations are canceling evangelist Robert Tilton's Success-N-Life program as a criminal investigation of his ministry gets under way. Tilton's lawyer says.

Markets Middy Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

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AMR Corp	59 3/4	59 1/4	59 1/4 -5/8
AlliedSignal	39	38 3/4	38 7/8 -1/8
ALLTEL Cp	36 3/8	36 1/8	36 1/4 +1/4
AmStar s	29	28 5/8	28 5/8 -3/8
Amer T&T	36 3/8	36 1/4	36 3/8 +1/8
Ameritech	60 3/8	60 1/8	60 1/8 -1/4
Amoco	47 3/8	47	47 1/8 -3/8
AndarkPr	24 7/8	24 1/2	24 1/2 -3/8
Arkla	14 3/8	14 1/4	14 1/4
Armcolnc	45 7/8	41 1/2	45 7/8 -1/8
AtlRichld	104 3/8	103 3/8	103 3/4 +1/8
BakerHugh	18 3/4	18 1/2	18 5/8 -1/8
BellAtl	45 1/4	45	45 1/8 -1/8
BellSouth	46 3/8	46	46 -1/2
Beth Steel	117 7/8	113 1/4	117 7/8
Borden	30 5/8	30 1/2	30 1/2
Caierprlr	40 1/8	39 1/8	40 +1/8
Centel	30	29 7/8	30
CentSo West	51 3/8	51 1/4	51 3/8
Chevron	67 5/8	67 3/8	67 1/2 -1/4
Chrysler	117 7/8	115 7/8	113 3/4
Coastal	27	26 3/4	26 3/4 -1/4
CocaCola	70 3/4	69 7/8	70 -1/2
ColgateP s	42 5/8	42	42 1/2 +3/8
ComlMetl	18 3/4	18 5/8	18 3/4
CyprusMf	21	21	21
DallSemi	71 1/2	71 1/4	71 1/4
DeltaAirl	58 1/2	58 1/4	58 1/4 -1/8
DigitalEq	64 1/4	63 5/8	63 7/8 -1/2
Dillard	129 3/8	128 1/4	128 3/8 +1/4
DowChem	50	49 1/2	49 3/4 -3/8
DresserInd	19	18 3/4	18 3/4 -1/4
duPont	45 1/4	44 5/8	45 1/4 +5/8
EastKodak	46 3/4	46 1/2	46 5/8 -1/4
Eljerdnd	75 7/8	73 7/8	75 7/8 +3/8
Enserch	15 1/2	15 1/4	15 3/8 -1/8
Exxon	58 1/2	58 1/4	58 3/8 +1/8
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FlowerInd	137 7/8	137 7/8	137 7/8 +1/8
FordMotor	24 1/4	24	24 1/8
GTE Cp	31 7/8	31 5/8	31 3/4 -1/8
GnDynam	48 3/4	48 5/8	48 5/8 +1/8
GenElct	66	65 1/2	65 7/8 +1/8
GnMill	66 7/8	66 1/4	66 3/4 +3/4
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GratPac	26 5/8	26 1/8	26 1/2 +1/4
Gulf StatUt	93 1/4	95 7/8	93 1/4
Haliburt	305 7/8	30	30 1/8 -1/2
Hanson	185 7/8	183 7/8	183 7/8 -3/8
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Litton Ind	87 3/4	86 7/8	87 +1/4
Lowes	41 7/8	4	41 7/8 +1/8
Luby's	27 1/2	27	27 1/2 +3/8
Maxus	161 7/8	157 7/8	16 -1/8
MayDSI	73 1/4	71 1/2	71 1/2 -1/8
Medtrn s	515 7/8	513 7/8	511 1/2 -1/8
Mobil	75 3/4	74 1/2	74 3/4 +1/4
Monsan	65 1/8	64 3/4	65 1/8 +3/8
Motorola	62 1/4	61 7/8	62 +1/4
NENB Cp	601 7/8	597 7/8	597 7/8 -3/8
Navistar	341 1/2	341 1/4	341 1/4 -1/4
Nynex	27 7/8	25 7/8	27 7/8 +1/4
OxyEngy	75	74 3/4	74 3/4 -1/8
PacTeles	26	25 5/8	26 -5/8
PanHECp	397 7/8	395 7/8	393 1/4 -3/8
PenneyJC	151 1/4	15	151 7/8 +1/8
PopBoys	501 7/8	495 7/8	50 -1/2
Phelps Dod	177 7/8	175 7/8	173 1/4 +1/8
PhilPet	681 1/2	681 1/4	681 1/4 -1/4
Polaroid s	223 1/4	221 1/2	225 7/8 +1/8
Primerica	251 1/2	251 1/4	251 1/4 -1/4
ProctGamb	333 1/4	331 7/8	33 7/8 -7/8
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ond round of the peace talks were issued by the United States earlier this month. Jordan accepted promptly. Lebanon gave its assent later.

Hospital Notes

1 ADMISSIONS: Maria Contreras, 1305 16th; James Manley, 4002 Irving.

DISMISSALS: Linda Derrick, Alton Davis, Omer Midkiff, Sandy Pruitt, Samantha Silva and baby.

Census: 44 (Med-12, Long-Term Care-29; CCU-1, OB-1, Nursery-1)

Less spending

WASHINGTON (AP) —

Consumer spending dropped a sharp 0.3 percent in October, the biggest decline in six months, the government said today as it released a variety of reports depicting an economy still struggling to emerge from recession.

The Commerce Department said that the drop in consumer spending, which accounts for two-thirds of total economic activity, was the second setback in the past three months and the largest decline since a 0.5 percent drop in April.

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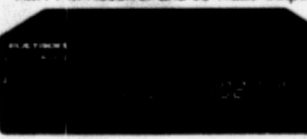
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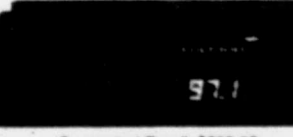
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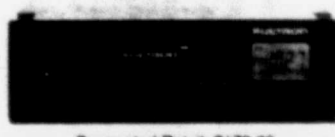
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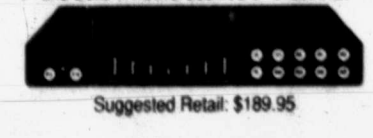
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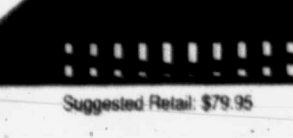
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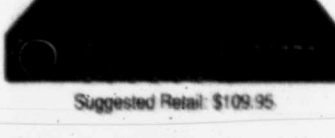
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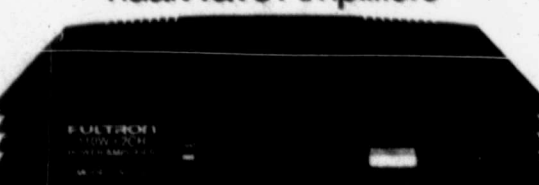
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Mystery truck driver brightens day for nursing home residents

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The postcards aren't fancy and their messages aren't deep. But the mysterious missives from a truck driver known as "Heavy Duty" have residents of Nebraska nursing homes eagerly awaiting the next day's mail.

"We look forward to his cards and wonder when he will drop us a card again. They are so interesting to see the different states he's going through," said Ida Kramer, 77, who lives at Schuyler Nursing Center in Schuyler, a town of 4,100 people about 50 miles west of Omaha.

For months and even years, postcards signed "Heavy Duty" or "The Nebraska Trucker" or "Bob H." have been arriving at three nursing homes from New York, Washington, Alabama and other states in the East, South and Midwest.

"It's really a beautiful state," one card said of Alabama. "It has a lot of industry and good people."

In other cards, the trucker wrote about changing his tires and passing a driver's test.

At the Schuyler nursing home, activities director Dorothy Zwick has formed a Heavy Duty fan club and keeps a scrapbook of the 18 cards received since May. A sign outside says: "Truckers: Come and Go, Stop, Heavy Duty, and Say Hello."

"I kind of figure him to be a big fat guy," said Mrs. Kramer, one of 70 residents. "Some truckers are that way, you know. They do a lot of sitting, don't get much exercise."

Heavy Duty also writes to the Mount Carmel Home in Kearney, a south-central Nebraska city of 22,000, and to Wilber Nursing Home in Wilber, a town of 1,600 about 40 miles south of Lincoln. Residents speculate that he sees the nursing homes from the highway. Others think he has relatives in each home.

"It makes them feel good that somebody is thinking of them and caring enough to let them know what is going on in the world," said Tish Sigler, social services director at Mount Carmel, which has 76 residents.

Heavy Duty's first card to the Schuyler home summed up his

motives:

"Hi, just trying to send a little bit of the USA to anyone interested."

"As both my parents used to be in a rest home, I would visit and notice some people never had much company. Just maybe somebody will appreciate these cards. I

don't live in Schuyler, but not too far away. Heavy Duty."

The trucker first wrote to Mount Carmel in 1989 and added Schuyler and Wilbur last spring.

A card sent from Providence, R.I., on Aug. 26, 1990, informed Mount Carmel residents that Heavy Duty was missing his wed-

ding anniversary:

"I married a pretty girl from Pleasanton, 22 years ago today. Needless to say, I'm 1,500 miles from home. Guess I'll have to kiss the bride later."

Sigler figured out the trucker's identity when his aunt began stopping by to gather up his postcards.

Percussion virtuoso excels even though she cannot hear

WASHINGTON (AP) — Percussion virtuoso Evelyn Glennie beats, shakes, rattles or squeezes more than 600 musical instruments, but the applause from her concert audiences always falls on deaf ears.

Although deaf since childhood, Glennie wastes no time on regrets. She's too busy building a career as the world's only full-time percussion soloist.

She's a master of marimba, a sensation on snare drums and

cymbals. She's terrific with tomtoms, tam-tams, temple blocks and tympani, not to mention triangles and tambourines.

She's expert on the xylophone, great on the glockenspiel, hard to beat on the bongos. Clever with castanets, claves or cowbells. And no stranger to the African amandinda, the Irish bodhran or the Brazilian pandeiro.

The program for her Kennedy Center debut Tuesday night included "To the Earth," a work

scored for tuned flowerpots. Glennie arrived from London with four clay pots in her luggage.

The 26-year-old daughter of a Scottish farmer dismisses her loss of hearing as "just something that happened in my life." She is reluctant to talk about it. At her insistence, her recital programs omit any mention of her deafness.

Glennie "hears" music by the subtle vibrations of tone and pitch that she feels in her body. She usually kicks off her shoes during a performance, partly to sense the reverberations from the wooden stage.

She has overcome her handicap so skillfully that casual acquaintances find it hard to believe that when a telephone rings nearby, she hears only a faint, crackling sound.

She speaks with the lilting Scottish accent she learned as a young child. She reads lips, facial expressions and hand gestures to understand what others are saying.

Musically, she is blessed with perfect pitch. After years of practice, she can sight-read a complex score in a few minutes.

"I didn't need to listen to music because I could read it like a book," she wrote in her autobiography, "Good Vibrations." She also learns new works by hugging stereo speakers or playing a tape recorder between her knees.

As a young girl, Glennie played piano, guitar and clarinet. But she fell in love with percussion instruments when she saw a xylophone player dazzling the audience at a hometown talent show.

She was 8 when she first noticed she was losing her hearing. By age 12, she was fitted for hearing aids and urged to enter the Aberdeen School for the Deaf. Her father refused, and kept her in public schools.

Dr. Gott Peter Gott, M.D.

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 20-year-old son is in good physical condition except for an occasional bout of dizziness. An ear specialist has identified the condition as vertigo/Meniere's disease and has made arrangements for him to undergo a balance test. My son is reluctant to have this performed as each bout is followed by nausea and a day in bed. Is there any other way to confirm his diagnosis?

DEAR READER: Meniere's disease affects the inner ear, causing vertigo (a sensation of spinning), loss of hearing and tinnitus (ringing or buzzing in the ears). The cause is unknown, but the condition may follow head injuries or middle ear infections. The attacks last a few minutes to several hours.

Specialists often order an MRI scan, a test using electromagnetic waves, to make sure that the symptoms are not due to a tumor of the inner ear. Sometimes, tests to measure balance are used to confirm the diagnosis. Treatment of Meniere's disease involves prescription anti-histamine drugs to lessen symptoms, in severe cases, surgery to cut the balance (vestibular) nerve may be necessary.

I can understand why your son hesitates to have a balance test, because this can bring on violent vertigo. In fact, such a test may not be necessary, if an MRI is normal. Because Meniere's disease is largely a diagnosis of exclusion, I agree that further confirmatory testing would probably be redundant.

To resolve this issue, I suggest a second opinion from another ear-

nose-and-throat specialist. There is no specific test for Meniere's disease, so the second opinion could help your son avoid an additional unpleasant medical experience.

To provide further information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Ear Infections and Disorders." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've been told Wegener's disease is genetic. What can you tell me about this disorder?

DEAR READER: Wegener's granulomatosis is not genetic. It is an uncommon, potentially fatal disorder of the respiratory tract and kidneys, marked by extensive areas of inflammation. The cause is unknown, but the disease is probably an autoimmune disorder, resembling polyarteritis and lupus.

The disease leads to ulcerations of the nose, sinuses, upper airway and lungs. Cough, fever, blood-spitting, weight loss, pleurisy, joint pains, rash and kidney failure are common. The diagnosis is made by examining a biopsy of the ulcerations.

Corticosteroids or immunosuppressive drugs, such as cyclophosphamide, are used in treatment, which is usually effective if started before serious renal damage appears. On occasion, kidney transplants are necessary. Patients with Wegener's granulomatosis should, in my opinion, be under the combined care of rheumatologists and kidney specialists.

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THE WORLD ALMANAC DATE BOOK

Nov. 27, 1991

Today is the 331st day of 1991 and the 66th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1919, the Treaty of Neuilly was signed by Bulgaria, ending World War I with the Allies and recognizing the independence of Yugoslavia.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Robert R. Livingston (1746-1813), U.S. diplomat; Chaim Weizmann (1874-1952), Zionist leader-biochemist; "Buffalo Bob" Smith (1917-), entertainer, is 74; Eddie Rabbit (1941-), singer, is 50; Ken O'Brien (1960-), football player, is 31; Robin Givens (1964-), actress, is 27.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1948, Army and Navy played to a 21-21 tie. Entering the game, the Cadets were 8-0 while the Midshipmen were 0-8.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The thrill, the danger. It was so dangerous. I loved it. I loved the danger. ... He was exciting. I can't describe it — I mean, bad. He was a turn-on." — Robin Givens, on her attraction to heavyweight boxer Mike Tyson.

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1983, the Netherlands recorded its record lowest pressure, 28.17 inches.

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TODAY'S MOON: Day before last quarter (Nov. 28).

TODAY'S BARE BY PHIL PASTORET Traditionally, folks take walks after Thanksgiving dinner — in these times, it's from the table to the couch in front of the TV.

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Dear Abby

In Our Troubled Times, We Still Have Thanks to Give

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR READERS: Tomorrow is Thanksgiving. So let us pause for a moment today and make a mental note of all those blessings for which we can be thankful.

How is your health? You have a few minor complaints? Well, thank God they're not major. If you're reading this — you're still here. You can probably think of at least one person who isn't around this year. (I know I can.)

If you awakened this morning and were able to hear the birds sing, use your vocal cords to utter human sounds, read the newspaper with two good eyes (or even one) — praise the Lord! A lot of people couldn't. (Say a prayer for those who have perished — from natural causes, fire, flood, earthquake or war.)

How's your pocketbook? Thin? You're not alone. But many people in much of the world are a lot poorer and have far less hope than we have in America.

Are you lonely? Well, the way to have a friend is to reach out to someone and try to be a friend. If nobody calls you, call someone. Go out of your way today to do something nice for another person. It's a sure cure for the blues.

Are you concerned about your country's future? Hooray! Our system has been saved by such concern — concern for fair treatment under the law. Our country may not be a rose garden, but it is far from a patch of weeds.

Freedom rings! Look and listen. You can worship in the church of your choice (or not worship at all if that's your choice), cast a secret ballot and even criticize our government

without fear of retribution. And for the first time, we are living in a unipolar world free from the threat of impending nuclear disaster.

As a final thought I'll repeat my Thanksgiving prayer. Perhaps you will want to use it at your table tomorrow — let one of the children read it:

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

"We thank thee for health and remember the sick."

"We thank thee for friends and remember the friendless."

"We thank thee for freedom and remember the enslaved."

"May these remembrances stir us to service."

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

May the spirit of Thanksgiving be shared by one and all! Have a wonderful Thanksgiving, and may God bless you and yours. — Love, Abby

P.S. Why not invite a friend who lives alone to share a Thanksgiving meal — or better yet, call and say, "I'm coming to get you, and I'll see that you get home." Try it, and let me know how your day was.

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Testimony concludes in lawsuit

DALLAS (AP) — A federal judge in Dallas is considering whether to approve a third settlement in a 17-year-old dispute over the state's care for the mentally retarded.

Testimony concluded Tuesday in a hearing on the matter.

After two days of testimony, U.S. District Judge Barefoot Sanders asked lawyers for both sides to file legal briefs by next week.

Sanders will review those documents before issuing a ruling, said Phyllis Macon, the judge's secretary.

Under the agreement, at least one of 13 state schools would be

closed by 1994 to streamline the mental retardation system and redirect funds to community-based services. Eventually two schools would be closed, which would remove between 600 and 1,400 residents from state institutions.

The parents of John Lelsz Jr., 39, the chief plaintiff in the class action suit, oppose the plan. John Lelsz Sr. and Ruth Lelsz fear the plan will force retarded citizens out of state institutions. An intervenor in the suit, the Parent Association for the Retarded of Texas, also is opposed.

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