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Ask Us

FmHA losses at \$36 billion

NEW YORK (AP) — A federal audit found that the Farmers Home Administration, which makes loans to struggling farmers, has accumulated losses of at least \$36 billion, a newspaper reported today.

The General Accounting Office said the agency would be "unable to meet its outstanding debt obligations without additional borrowings or congressional ap-

propriations," according to The New York Times.

"People just don't realize how much money we are lending to farmers in this country," said Frederick D. Wolf, director of the GAO's Accounting and Financial Management Division. "Congress is clearly going to have to deal with this problem next year."

The agency was created more than 40 years ago to provide low-interest loans for farmers who have difficulty finding credit in the private sector.

The GAO audit, the first in the agency's history, found that the agency had total liabilities of about \$91 billion, but the value of its outstanding loans was only about \$55 billion, leaving a shortfall of \$36 billion.

The audit was for the fiscal year ended Sept. 30, 1987.

"We've seen nothing in the past year that would reverse the loss trend," Wolf said.

Some of the loans are backed by land, but others made to help farmers buy seed and equipment are not, making recovery of those loans nearly impossible.

Farmers who can't qualify for a bank loan or a loan from the Federal Farm Credit System can come to the Farmers Home Administration as a last resort.

"By definition the borrowers are the least credit-worthy, and you better expect some losses," Wolf said.

Farm loans under the program went from \$60 billion in 1982 to almost \$90 billion in 1987, due to the depression in the agriculture economy. In 1987, losses grew by \$22 billion.



NEW AT THE CHAMBER — Immediate past Chamber of Commerce president David Kattes, left, introduced new board members and officers prior to a Tuesday afternoon board meeting. From left are new board members Eddie Williams, Cindy Banta and Joe Sentell, along with new president Herbert Figueredo. Fran Farmer, also a new board member, was not present. (SDN Staff Photo)

For 1989...

Chamber goals told

A goals-oriented 1989 was unveiled Tuesday at the year's final board meeting of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce by Herb Figueredo, president-elect.

The McDonald's owner takes over leadership of the Snyder chamber from President David Kattes who expressed his appreciation for cooperation and work exhibited by chamber members.

"It was both frustrating and fun," Kattes said. "It's rewarding to see people work and see things accomplished and Herbie begins his year enthused and civic-minded."

At Tuesday's meeting, four new board members to serve three-year terms were introduced and new officers for 1989 were elected.

In addition to Figueredo, Fran Farmer, vice president of Olney Savings, was named president-elect. Joe Sentell was chosen vice president and Joe Coronado was re-elected as treasurer.

New chamber board members are Farmer, Sentell, Cindy Banta and Eddie Williams. Outgoing chamber directors are Barbara Williams, Harley Bynum, Elizabeth Potts and Donna Gray.

Figueredo said a full report of committee assignments would be made to the board in January.

Among the goals offered by the new president was a more comprehensive accounting system for the chamber, a new commit-

tee composed of representatives of all organizations in Snyder to help plan and schedule activities, and a monthly report on the activities of the chamber office and staff.

Also, the new president plans to meet quarterly with committee chairmen and the chamber manager to insure that each committee is on target and actively pursuing goals.

Figueredo said he will devote the first executive board meeting follow the end of each quarter to the evaluation of the chamber budget process. In an effort to be an active and informed president, Figueredo said he will meet weekly with the chamber manager.

The new president offered a logo which he hopes will reflect

his year. It read, "Snyder, City of Opportunity... meeting the challenge. Development, Diversification and Involvement."

The board heard a series of reports including one from Donna Gray of the business development committee concerning the Christmas retail promotion. Saturday's auction which climaxed the event saw more than \$225,520 bid from local cash register receipts.

Roy McQueen, from the economic development committee, reported that construction at the prison is approaching 40 percent complete and is on target for the July, 1989 opening. It was also reported that Western Texas College graduated its first correc-

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Council opposes computer growth

City councilmen indicated Tuesday night that they would not favor enlarging the city's computer system to lease computer space to Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

"I don't see a financial reason to pursue it," Councilman Paul Zeck said following a presentation on the proposal by hospital

officials John Johnson and Padraic White.

Mayor Troy Williamson indicated that he had a similar view, and the 6:30 p.m. work session was adjourned after an hour.

Johnson, also a member of the council but appearing in his capacity as head of the Cogdell clinical services, and White, the hospital controller, had outlined a proposal for the city to expand its system, with various options ranging up to an expenditure of about \$200,000 over five years.

Johnson and White said the hospital's system has reached its capacity, and they proposed an arrangement under which the county-owned hospital would pay back the investment the city would be required to make.

City customer services director Carolyn House had prepared a nine-page memorandum and proposed contract, and she gave a profile of the municipal computer system and outlined what would have been involved in such an arrangement.

Council members Joe Coronado and Ernest Tippens also attended the meeting. Ralph Williamson, who has been hospitalized with an illness, and Jack Greene Jr. were absent.

Toward the end of the meeting, the mayor discussed his recent

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Oil prices jump near \$18 mark

NEW YORK (AP) — A squeeze on a futures trader who was caught short sent an expiring contract for West Texas Intermediate crude oil sharply higher, although other energy futures rose only modestly at the same time.

The January contract for West Texas Intermediate, the benchmark grade of U.S. crude, shot up \$1.42 on Tuesday to settle at \$17.73 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. It had fallen 41 cents the previous session.

One major trader who was caught short had to buy January contracts on the final day to close out a position, said Peter Beutel, assistant director of the energy group at Elders Futures Inc.

Traders who are short have sold borrowed contracts as a bet that the price will fall, and they will be able to repay their debt with contracts bought at the cheaper price.

But in a classic short squeeze Tuesday, the trader was forced to pay exorbitant prices to get anyone to sell, said another trader, Jack Unger of Merrill Lynch Energy Futures.

There were conflicting reports about the identity of the trader or traders who were caught short.

Lottery winner remains busted

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Richard VanDeBoe quit his meatpacking job and planned to buy a house with his girlfriend when he won a \$13.6 million lottery. But then, his debts, his ex-wife and his estranged wife caught up with him.

VanDeBoe and his girlfriend, Kelly Elsinga, received their first \$510,750 lottery payment Tuesday, but most of VanDeBoe's \$255,375 share was withheld under a court order.

And he'll need more than the \$21,000 he was left with just to pay taxes next spring, his lawyer says.

VanDeBoe bought the winning \$1 ticket for Lotto America's Dec. 3 drawing. When he claimed the jackpot two days later, he told a news conference he gave the ticket to Ms. Elsinga as a Christmas present after he knew it was a winner.

"I'm scared, happy — everything all at once," said Ms. Elsinga at the news conference. "We're just one big happy family, happier now."

She said they would buy a house and Christmas presents for her two children.

"I'm supposed to work tomorrow but I'm not going back," VanDeBoe, who lives in suburban Norwalk with Ms. Elsinga and her children, said at the time.

But soon, the estranged wife came forward, claiming he gave the ticket to Ms. Elsinga to avoid having to pay her a cut of the winnings. They were married in 1981, separated three months later and never got divorced because "we could never afford one," said Kandy McCullough VanDeBoe.

Then, the former wife showed up, also questioning his motives, saying VanDeBoe was years

behind in child support payments for their three children.

The state also made a child support claim.

The Internal Revenue Service joined in, declaring that if a gift had been made, VanDeBoe could owe millions of dollars in gift taxes.

A breakthrough came at a court hearing last week when VanDeBoe, through his lawyer, agreed to pay his child support debt and to clear up claims the state had against him.

VanDeBoe, 37, and Ms. Elsinga, 27, entered into a joint-winner agreement to settle the gift tax issue. It also permitted Ms. Elsinga to get her half of the money while the courts sort through the claims against VanDeBoe.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "If things don't change, Santa will arrive from Japan this year instead of the North Pole."

Like it or not, the Christmas season is here. Television networks are out to outdo each other with Christmas specials.

Some of the TV specials have been seen so many times, that many viewers can recite lines by heart. Some folks have suggested some new Yuletide specials:

"Christmas Surprise: Frosty the Snowman decides to spend the holiday in the Bahamas and it changes his life forever."

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear: 1988 tax statements arrive along with notice of pending audit."

"A Christmas Carol: Narrated by the SEC. Scrooge comes to see the real meaning of Christmas after Tiny Tim blows the whistle on him for insider trading."

"The Fruitcake-The Paradox of Plenty: Geraldo Rivera takes a hard look at the ailing fruitcake industry and proves with hidden cameras that the nation is playing musical fruitcake. Four million fruitcakes were bought last year, but five million are in circulation."

"A Glasnost Christmas: The lighter side of the Dictatorship of the Proletariat is featured as host Mikhail Gorbachev lays claims to Rudolph the Red-Nose Reindeer as a communist hero on the basis of his nose color."

"I'm dreaming of a Vanna White Christmas: On adult channels only."

"The 112 Days of Christmas: Ted Kopple examines the question, Is the Christmas buying season too long?"

"Inside the Dallas Cowboys: On the pretense of wise men taking advice to Tom Landry, the 60 Minutes crew goes in depth to find out what's wrong with the Cowboys. They do conclude the Cowgirls are still A-okay."

"A Christmas to Remember: with Dr. Ruth."

Q.—Are hospital employees receiving the longevity pay approved for county employees?

A.—No, hospital personnel are paid according to schedules approved by the hospital board of managers.

In Brief

Stolen T-Tops

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Fort Worth police are attempting to track down the owners of more than 3,000 sets of T-tops recovered during raids on area auto parts firms.

Burglary Detective Thomas Boetcher said Tuesday the removable glass panels from sports car roofs are a favorite target for thieves, who can fence the stolen tops for as much as \$75 to \$100 per pair.

They are then resold to car owners for as much as \$1,000 per pair, Boetcher said.

"They (thieves and fences) just circle them back around, like hub-caps," he said. "They generate their own market (by stealing the tops)."

The tops were seized during a series of raids in October by police in Dallas and Fort Worth. Police believe most were stolen in the same area.

Crew returns

MOSCOW (AP) — A Soyuz space capsule carrying a Frenchman and two Soviets who had set a space endurance record landed today in Central Asia after a three-hour re-entry delay caused by an overloaded computer, Tass said.

The official Soviet news agency said the craft, which separated on schedule from the Mir space station earlier today, touched down at 12:57 p.m. Moscow time about 110 miles southeast of Dzhzhkzagan in the republic of Kazakhstan.

Dzhzhkzagan is about 60 miles from the Baikonur space center.

There was no word in the brief Tass report about the health of the crew.

Local

Toys

A month-long effort to provide toys for needy children in Scurry County will end tonight when the Snyder Jaycees distribute the new and repaired items.

The Snyder Jaycees helped some 330 children last year in the Toys for Tot program.

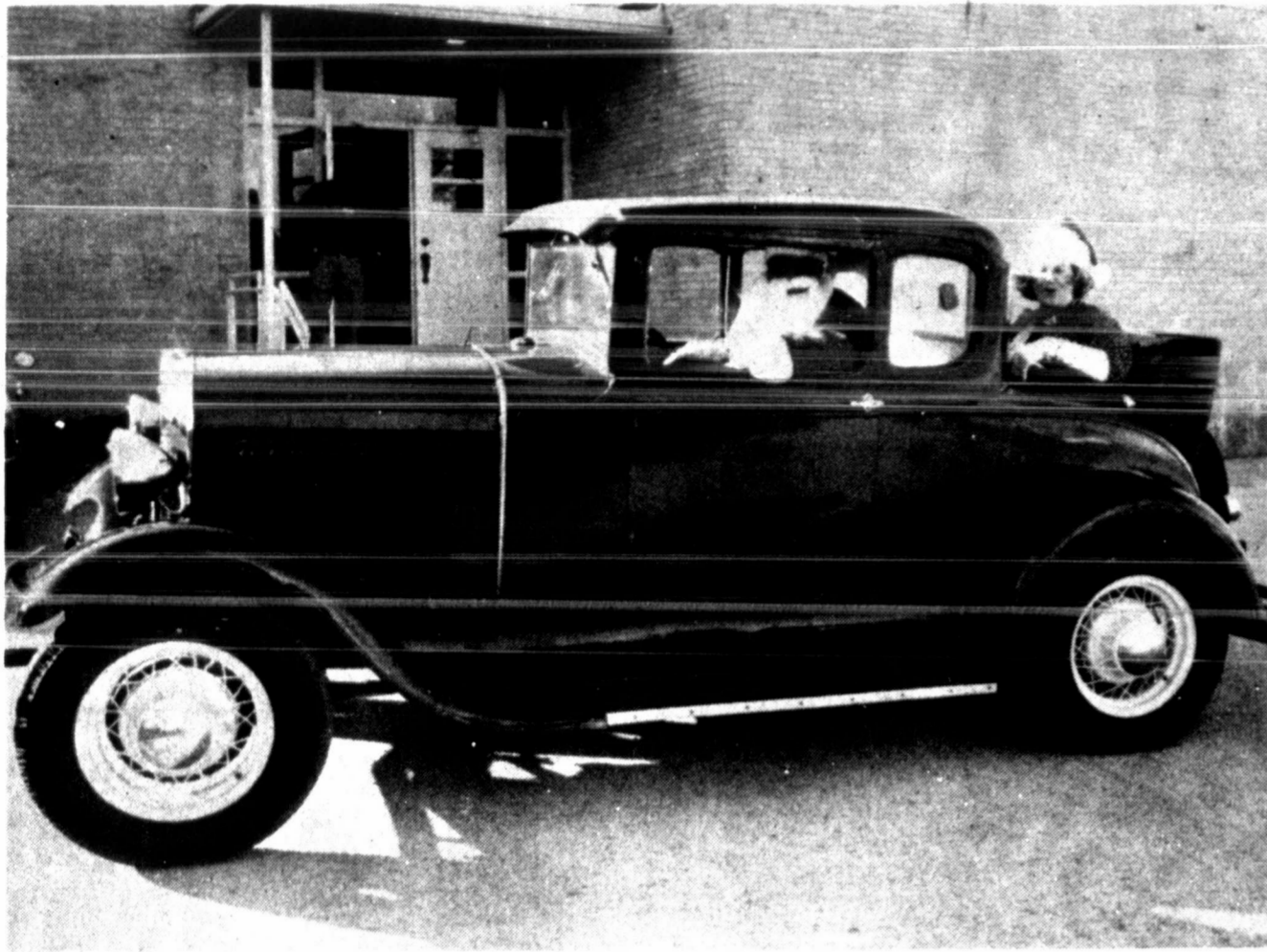
Judging

Entries in the annual Jaycee Christmas lighting contest will be judged between 7 and 11 p.m. Wednesday. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three places in two categories—best theme and best lighting.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Tuesday, 59 degrees; low, 27 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Wednesday, 27 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1988 to date, 21.24 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly fair and not as cold. Low in the lower 40s. Wind south 5 to 15 mph. Thursday, partly cloudy. High in the mid 60s. Wind west to northwest 10 to 20 mph. Forecast for the Christmas weekend, partly cloudy with highs near 60 and lows in the mid 30s to upper 30s.



MRS. SANTA VISITS CENTRAL—Mrs. Santa Claus drove up in a Model T Ford Dec. 16 to visit the children at Central Elementary School. (SDN Staff Photo)

Amnesty hotline established

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Immigration amnesty applicants in West Texas and southern New Mexico have a hotline they can call with questions varying from where English classes are being offered to how to appeal if they are turned down for permanent residency.

The El Paso Catholic diocese is offering the toll-free hotline as

part of its extensive efforts to "welcome the stranger and to extend a hand to make the newcomer feel at home," Bishop Raymundo Pena said Tuesday.

The El Paso diocese has probably the most ambitious church-based program for helping aliens get through the amnesty process. The diocese helps applicants fill out their paperwork, loans them

money for their applications, offers free or inexpensive legal advice through a network of volunteer lawyers, co-sponsors English and civics classes with El Paso Community College and the El Paso Interreligious Sponsoring Organization, and gives out general information.

The new hotline, (800) 331-6695, will be staffed by volunteers who can answer questions or refer callers to lawyers or other experts, said the Rev. Rick Matty, director of diocesan Migrant and Refugee Services.

The classes, legal help and hotline are designed mostly to aid amnesty recipients entering Phase II under the Immigration Control and Reform Act. Under the first phase, immigrants who had lived in the United States illegally since before Jan. 1, 1982, could apply for temporary work permits and amnesty from deportation.

Gag rule issued by judge

BRYAN, Texas (AP) — Three state district judges have issued an order restricting the release of information about the death of a prominent Brazos County rancher, a newspaper reported Tuesday.

The gag order was filed Monday in connection with the death of George Andrew "Pete" Adams, the Bryan-College Station Eagle reported.

State district judges W.T. McDonald Jr. of the 85th District Court, John Delaney of the 272nd District Court and Carolyn Ruffino of the 361st District Court issued the order.

The order was filed less than 24 hours after authorities found Adams' body Sunday in a field near Brushy Community. Law officers said Adams suffered a head wound.

Delaney said no one petitioned the court for the gag order. He declined to comment on why it was issued, saying only that the motion speaks for itself.

Dr. J.C. Lee, a Bryan pathologist who performed the autopsy, said Adams suffered several blows, but a blow to the head caused a brain hemorrhage that killed him, the Eagle said. "In my opinion, it was a homicide," Lee said.

Two juveniles arrested Sunday night were taken to the Brazos County Juvenile Detention Center. But because of the judges' order, law officials refused to comment whether the youths were still in custody.

Brazos County District Attorney Bill Turner said late Sunday night that he would try to have the juveniles certified to stand trial as adults.

A source close to the investigation told the Eagle that two juveniles were in a field shooting a gun. Adams, a lifelong collector of arrowheads, left home about 3:30 p.m. and went to the field to look for arrowheads.

Sources close to the investigation said officers believe Adams befriended the youths, inviting them to look for arrowheads with him. One of the juveniles got behind Adams and hit him in the head with the gun, a source said.

Brazos County Sheriff Ronnie Miller said Sunday night that one of the juveniles told investigators the two hit a man in the head and robbed him. He then took investigators to a field in the Brushy Community, where they found Adams' body.

The three-page gag order specifies that the district attorney, the county attorney, any future defense attorneys and law enforcement officials are barred from releasing information in connection with several aspects of Adams' death.

Dear Abby



Grandma Says No Thanks To Gratitude That's Forced

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I am writing to protest the kind of giver who always has her hand out for thank-you notes. My mother used to be so rough on us kids to write thank-you notes immediately, we almost hated to get another present for fear of hearing, "Have you written your letter to thank Grandma yet?"

I am 63 years old, and as a direct result of being nagged to write thank-you notes, my own friends suffer because I hate to write letters.

How simple it would have been for my mother to have added a few lines to her own letters, saying, "Susie loves her doll, and wants me to say 'thank you' for her."

I'm a grandmother now, and I've never expected thank-you notes from any of my grandchildren, and I never got any. They love me, and I love them, and I don't need any thank-yous. I give for the joy of giving.

DON'T NEED THANKS IN KNOXVILLE

DEAR DON'T NEED THANKS: Children can be taught to write thank-you notes without being browbeaten. The mother who adds a few lines to her letter saying, "Susie wants me to say thank you for her" is sending this message to Susie: "Don't bother to say 'thank you' — Mother will do it for you."

At the risk of sounding like a broken record: Children cannot be expected to know what they have not been taught, and one of the best gifts a parent can give a child is to teach that child to write a thank-you note personally — and promptly.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 35-year-old professional woman. Over the last several years I have been invited to numerous social occasions (weddings, bar mitzvahs, etc.) given by my colleagues. I am never asked if I want to bring a guest even though my married colleagues bring their spouses. I am dating someone special and everyone who knows me is aware of this.

Whatever happened to the social custom of extending invitations to "Mary Smith and Guest"? Would it be proper for me to ask if I may bring an escort when I receive an invitation?

HATES TO GO ALONE

DEAR HATES: It's proper. Considerate people still extend invitations to "Mary Smith and Guest." Unless it would be a financial hardship for the host or hostess, singles (male or female) should be invited to bring a guest.

DEAR ABBY: I appreciate all you have done to prevent animal abuse. If you want to save millions of animals from pain and agony, you will print the following:

Three years ago, a bill was passed to protect laboratory animals from needless suffering. It was passed by a huge majority and signed into law by the president! However, because the opposition to this bill had such a powerful lobby, this law has never been enforced.

Those who want to help laboratory animals should get the names of their congressmen and senators (they are on file in the public library), then write a short letter telling them that you want the Dole Amendment to the Animal Welfare Act implemented!

MELITA MOSTYN, MOUNTAIN VIEW, CALIF.

CONFIDENTIAL TO "GETTING ON IN YEARS": Do your givin' while you're livin', then you'll be knowin' where it's goin'.

Don't put off writing thank-you notes, letters of sympathy, etc. because you don't know what to say. Get Abby's booklet, "How to Write Letters for All Occasions." Send a check or money order for \$2.89 (\$3.39 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Letter Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

Judges suspended for freeing killer

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Two judges who let a playboy killer go free after serving only two years for the rape and murder of a 6-year-old girl have been suspended pending an investigation into charges they took a \$200,000 bribe.

The government news agency Notimex Tuesday said Chief Justice Carlos del Rio Rodriguez told a news conference that the

case, which has provoked a public outcry, was being investigated "at the highest level."

Alejandro Braun Diaz, a wealthy German-Mexican, went free last week after serving only two years of his 30-year sentence for the rape, torture and strangulation of Merle Yudiria Mondain.

The 6-year-old girl was murdered two years ago in the posh resort town of Acapulco, where Braun's family has a successful cruise business.

Braun, described by one newspaper as "The Jackal of Acapulco," had confessed to keeping the little girl tied to his bed for two days while he drugged and raped her.

He and his teenage houseboy, who is still in jail, told the court they strangled her and dumped the body in a junkyard. The houseboy testified that Braun, 34, was addicted to drugs and alcohol.

Notimex said the magistrates who ordered Braun's release, Gilberto Arredondo Vega and Eufemio Zamudio Aleman, were suspended from the bench in Guerrero state pending an inquiry into charges they took a \$200,000 bribe.

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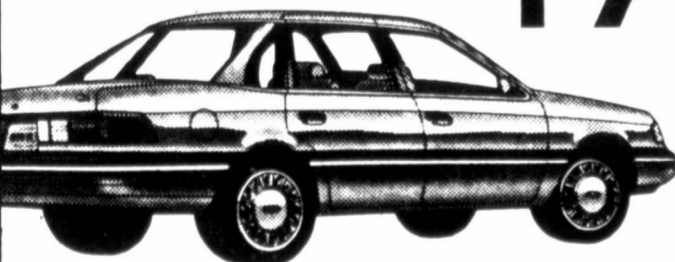
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Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For more information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3956 or 573-0414.

THURSDAY

Free blood pressure clinic; Dunn Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
Advanced Duplicate Bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 1:30 p.m.
Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.
Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For more information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
Weight Watchers of West Texas; basement of First Presbyterian Church; 6 p.m. New members welcome and should register at 5:30 p.m.
Alateen; for the children of alcoholics; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.

FRIDAY

Story Time for Preschoolers; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.
Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Snyder Country Club.
Free blood pressure clinic; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2:30 p.m.
ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.
Cornelius Dodson House; open by appointment; 573-9742 or 573-2763.
Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For more information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.
New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.

SATURDAY

Candlelight Communion Service; First Christian Church; 2701 37th; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For more information, call 573-4870.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Bridge

James Jacoby

12-21-88

NORTH
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♥ 8 6 5 3
♦ A 9 3
♦ Q J 5

WEST
♦ K 8 7 2
♥ 10
♦ Q 7 2
♦ A K 10 9 6

EAST
♦ A 6 3
♥ 9 4 2
♦ 10 6 4
♦ 4 3 2

SOUTH
♦ 10 9 4
♥ A K Q J 7
♦ K J 8 5
♦ 7

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: West

West	North	East	South
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Pass	1 NT	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: ♦ K

Declarer could play A-K of diamonds and hope that the queen would drop. But there was a better method. Even though West was marked with the diamond queen, the location of the 10 was uncertain. If East had the 10 of diamonds, the contract could be made. South led the jack of diamonds. West covered with the queen, and dummy won the trick with the ace. A low diamond was played back from dummy, and declarer finessed his eight-spot to make 10 tricks.

James Jacoby's books "Jacoby on Bridge" and "Jacoby on Card Games" (written with his father, the late Oswald Jacoby) are now available at bookstores. Both are published by Pharos Books. © 1988, NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.

Profits up for fourth quarter

DALLAS (AP) — Dresser Industries, a Dallas-based energy products company, on Tuesday reported a 35 percent increase in earnings per share for the quarter ending Oct. 31, which company officials said came chiefly because of cost-cutting measures.

Dresser makes both oil exploration and drilling equipment, and also "downstream equipment" — that used to take raw minerals and make them usable. Equipment used to turn crude oil to gasoline is a good example, Ryan said.

Police assist woman

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Police are having a bad year, but when they learned of the plight of a stranded woman, they chipped in enough money for her bus ticket.

Dallas Police have been troubled this year with shootings that have left five officers dead, a change in leadership at the top and an ongoing grand jury investigation into the shooting deaths of citizens by police officers.

When officers working off-duty as security guards at the Greyhound bus station, recently learned of the plight of Samantha Roberts of Spartanburg, S.C., they called on their fellow officers for help.

The woman's plight was first noticed by Lt. Mike Hibbs.

"She was hanging around, walking back and forth to the telephone," Hibbs said. "She looked like she had a problem."

The woman told Hibbs she was enroute to Nevada to visit her mother, who has cancer, when she learned upon arrival at Dallas that her husband had been seriously injured in an automobile accident.

But even after she turned in the unused portion of her ticket to Nevada, Mrs. Reed did not have enough money to return to South Carolina.

"I asked her what was wrong and she told me she needed \$81 to get back home," Hibbs said. "I called all the local charities, but they are closed on the weekend."

Hibbs was then relieved by Sgt. Drew Roberts, who began working on a solution for the woman's problem.

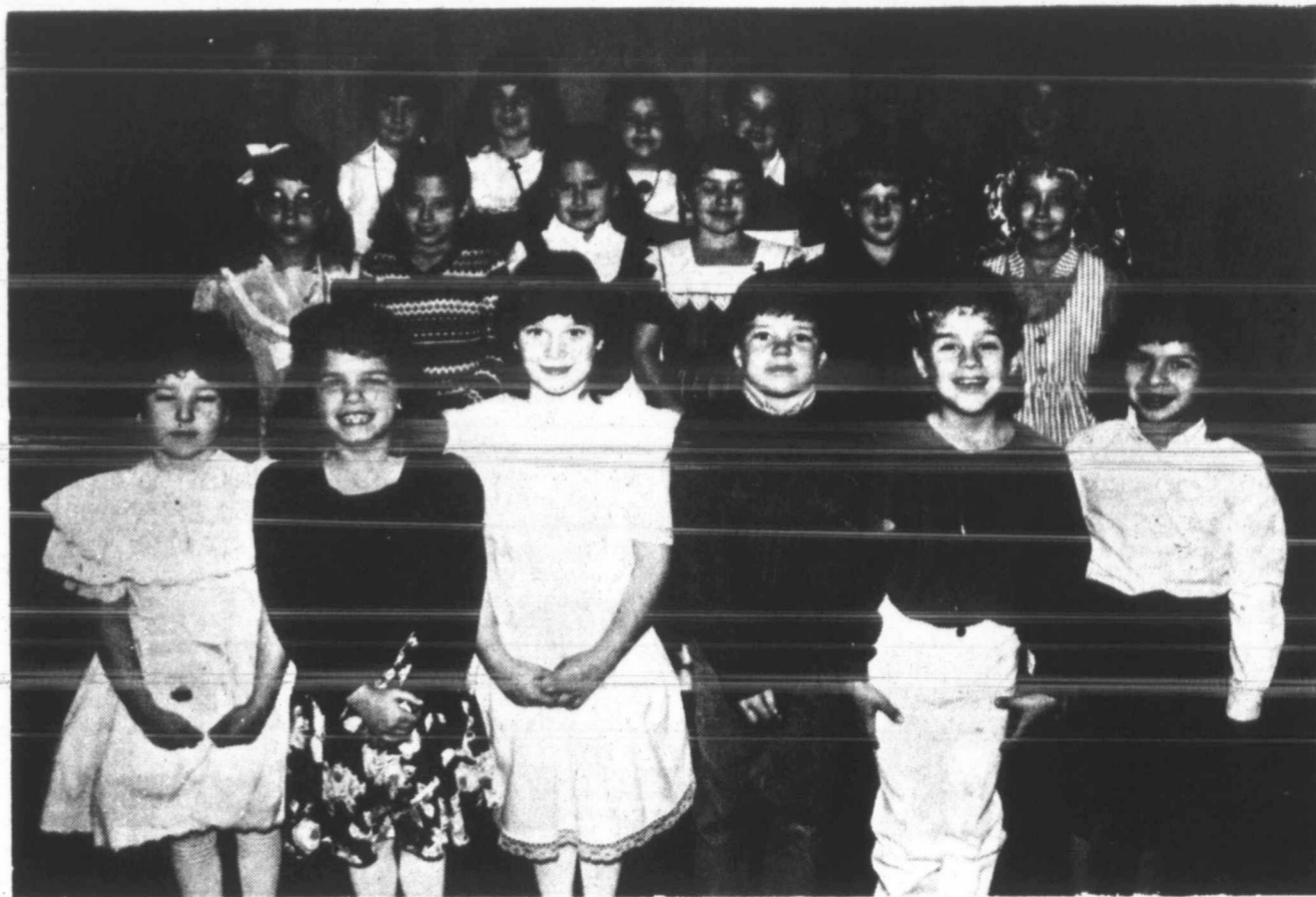
"She was desperate and I was desperate," Roberts said. "I thought, 'God, what can I do?'"

Roberts called his colleagues at the traffic division and asked that they donate \$1 each to help the woman get home. A dispatcher sent Roberts' message to patrol officers via the police mobile computer system.

"It just ballooned and within minutes there were police cars parked up and down the road around the bus station," Roberts said. "I got a lot of money real fast. Even off-duty officers in their personal cars were coming by."

"A sergeant gave me \$20 and when I wanted to give him change, he told me to tell the girl to have a nice meal on him or to buy her husband a gift," Roberts said.

"The whole thing gave me a lump in my throat," Roberts said. "Everyone came by. White, black, male or female, it didn't matter."



NINE CHEERS FOR CHRISTMAS—Mrs. Carole Haynes' second grade class at Stanfield presented "Nine Cheers for Christmas" Dec. 14. Students on the first row are: Mimi Stout, Kara Gowin, Abigail Scott, Blake Bell, James Allen Shields and Stephanie Ramirez. Second row: Andrea Robinson, Darcee Purcell, Calli Pierce, Melanie Prichard, Alan McGuire, Melissa Martin. Third row: Tamra Anderson, Britney Canada, Renae Hall, Bandy Rollins, Travis Paul and Leslie Daniell. (SDN Staff Photo)

Woman can't give details

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — An Arlington bank executive who was found outside a Fort Worth restaurant one month to the day after she disappeared still can't discuss what happened, police said.

Catherine Thom, 31, hadn't been seen since Nov. 14, when she wrote a check for a large amount of money at First City Bank Central, where she works as a vice president.

She was found nude shortly after midnight Dec. 14, leaning against the front doors of a Fort Worth pizza parlor.

"She remembers some specific things that are very fragmented, not really related in any way," Arlington Police spokesman Dee Anderson said Tuesday. "We feel like there may not be a breakthrough of a wave of information, at least for a while. For a while, it may come in bits and pieces."

Ms. Thom had "flashes of recognition" after a police detective drove her through "some areas which were hopefully familiar to her" Monday night, Anderson said.

And at a news conference Tuesday, John France said his daughter is improving.

"We're just delighted at her progress," France said. "She's really a tough kid."

Ms. Thom and her 10-year-old son, Daniel, have lived with her parents since she was found. She has not received visitors, France

said. Anderson likened Ms. Thom's case to heiress Patty Hearst's kidnapping and said detectives are contacting police departments that have handled similar cases.

"This is new territory for us; there's no secret about that," he said. "There are very few departments that we have been able to find in the country that have had to deal" with such cases.

Meanwhile, France describes

his daughter's condition as "a nightmare that's going on in the daytime."

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By James Jacoby

When the normally correct way of playing a card combination cannot possibly work, declarer has to look for a different approach. Today's deal demonstrates the logical reason for the "backward" finesse.

After South reached four hearts, West led the club king and played the heart 10 at trick two. Declarer drew trumps and played a spade. West took the king and played a spade to East's ace. Back came a club, ruffed. At this point all South had to work with was that West had opened the bidding and East had been unable to respond. It was fair to assume that East did not hold as much as six points, since that would be enough for a normal response. Because East had played the ace of spades, it was clear that the queen of diamonds was in West's hand.



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VISIT WITH SANTA—Northeast kindergarten student Sheena Callaway was the first student to visit with Santa Claus when he stopped by for a visit on Dec. 15. (SDN Staff Photo)

Dr. Gott

Peter Gott, M.D.



By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What causes staph infection? Can it be fatal?

DEAR READER: Many microbes have the ability to cause disease. One such group, the staphylococci, is particularly common. Staph bacteria are normal inhabitants of the nose and skin of healthy individuals. Under certain circumstances, when a person's immunity is lowered, staph will cause infection.

Regulation of AT&T to continue

AUSTIN (AP) — AT&T failed in its bid to have its long-distance telephone service deregulated in Texas, but the Public Utility Commission agreed it would consider new rules for regulating the company's private-line and WATS services.

Pres Sheppard, a vice president for AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc., said he was frustrated by the three-member PUC's action Tuesday on long-distance service.

AT&T, the only long-distance company regulated in Texas, has argued that it should be treated like its competitors.

"Our competitors can serve the low-cost locations and carry their services to the high-volume customers, and continue to pick away at the best part of the market, which leaves AT&T in the situation that ultimately its costs and its prices are going up, or potentially will go up," Sheppard said.

"We are going to continue to try to serve our customers the best we can, but this is not good news, in my opinion, for the consumers of Texas," he said.

Sheppard said new rules for the company's private-line and WATS services had potential.

The commission asked the staff to prepare a proposed rule to "look at the fact that the reality today is private lines and some WATS are below ... the access cost that AT&T is having to pay to the local exchange companies," said PUC member Jo Campbell.

At the same time, Ms. Campbell said, the commission wants to "protect the public interest and protect ratepayers from being subject to cross-subsidization."

Typically, this infection is associated with abscesses: pimples and boils. However, staph can cause food poisoning (nausea, vomiting and diarrhea), pneumonia, bone inflammation, blood stream infection and so forth. Post-operative wound infection is a particularly dreaded complication of surgery. Staph spread in the bloodstream can cause abscesses in any part of the body.

Most staph infections, especially on the skin, heal with simple treatment, such as scrubbing with soap or the use of hot packs (to cause the boils to "point" and drain).

More deep-seated infections need antibiotics. This can be a problem because many strains of staph are resistant to penicillin and other common anti-microbials; the bacteria deactivate antibiotics by excreting a substance called penicillinase.

Therefore, penicillinase-resistant drugs have to be used; these include methicillin, nafcillin, cephalosporins, gentamycin and others. Internal staph abscesses may have to be surgically drained.

The major exception to the above characteristics is toxic shock syndrome, a type of bloodstream staph infection that is associated with high fever, vomiting, diarrhea, skin rashes, delirium and shock. It is often caused by the improper use of menstrual tampons, particularly in frequent changing of tampons.

Certain patients with deficient immunity — such as newborn babies, intravenous drug users and people with

chronic diseases — have to be especially careful of staph infections and must receive prompt and appropriate treatment if infections appear. However, for most people, serious staphylococcal infections are rarely a noteworthy problem.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm female, age 49. About a year ago I experienced terrible pain in my legs, feet, arms and hands. My hands became swollen and turned black, and the tips of the fingers became ulcerated. The doctor said I had Raynaud's syndrome and put me on Cardizem. I'm wondering if it's toxic shock.

DEAR READER: If you had fever, headache, nausea, diarrhea, kidney failure and liver malfunction, you may have had toxic shock syndrome. This is a type of staphylococcal infection that typically occurs in women who improperly use high-absorbency tampons.

On the other hand, your symptoms could have resulted from an unusual form of acute inflammation of the arteries, causing arterial spasm and a dangerous circulatory disturbance. Raynaud's syndrome is characterized by sporadic attacks of arterial spasm, leading to interruption of blood flow to fingers and toes. The condition is often associated with nerve compression, reactions to drugs and disease such as rheumatoid arthritis. Ask your doctor to discuss your diagnosis and treatment with you. I am sure he would be willing to address your specific questions.

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Lobby favoring Israel faces problems at critical time

WASHINGTON (AP) — Israel's relationship with the United States is in for a bumpy ride in the months ahead, and the sudden resignation of one of its chief lobbyists in Washington is not helping any.

Douglas Bloomfield, the legislative director of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, resigned several days ago after nine years at one of the best organized and most influential lobbies in Washington.

In keeping with their dislike of publicity, AIPAC officials including Bloomfield declined to discuss his departure publicly. Privately, some contended that it was prompted by personality clashes rather than policy disagreements.

But congressional supporters of AIPAC, as well as some Jewish leaders, warned that Bloomfield's departure reflects a dangerous crack in the traditionally close relationship between Congress and the powerful lobby.

"It's the worst possible timing," said Morris Amitay, a lawyer who served as AIPAC's executive director from 1974 to 1980. Amitay, whose office directly overlooks AIPAC's and who still acts as a father confessor to some of its staffers, said Bloomfield's departure reflects a shift in the group's lobbying tactics.

The organization, which had concentrated all its efforts on lob-

bying Capitol Hill, has in recent years also reached out to the administration — too much so, said Amitay.

AP analysis

"They feel, erroneously, that they can lobby the administration the same way as Congress and get what they want. That's not very sophisticated," he said.

Rep. Lawrence Smith, D-Fla., who has fought strenuously against administration requests for arms sales to Arab countries, said he has worked closely with AIPAC in the past but "if this trend goes on, I'm going to have a problem with them."

"They have to understand that the real bedrock of support for Israel is the Congress. Administrations come and go. We're pretty constant and reliable," Smith said.

AIPAC's reputation as one of Washington's most powerful lobbies is due in large part to the \$3 billion in annual U.S. aid to Israel, the most received by any nation. The organization also has fought successfully against arms sales to moderate Arab states.

Several new arms sale proposals are likely to surface in the coming months and add to the strains in U.S.-Israeli ties.

Israel and the United States already are at odds over last week's decision by President Reagan to reverse a 13-year ban on U.S. talks with the Palestine

Liberation Organization, which Israel views as an enemy committed to its destruction.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and his top lieutenants expressed a sense of betrayal and shock over the decision. Israel's former U.N. envoy, Binyamin Netanyahu, said the decision had eroded U.S. credibility in Israel's eyes.

But President-elect Bush has indicated he plans to continue the dialogue with the PLO in an effort to advance peace talks in the Middle East. Officials on his transition team also have indicated they will consider a new Saudi Arabian weapons shopping list.

The Saudis, weary of fighting Congress over previous arms requests, recently signed \$30 billion worth of weapons contracts with British companies. Defense Secretary Frank Carlucci chastised "various interest groups and many in Congress" for costing the United States the lucrative deal.

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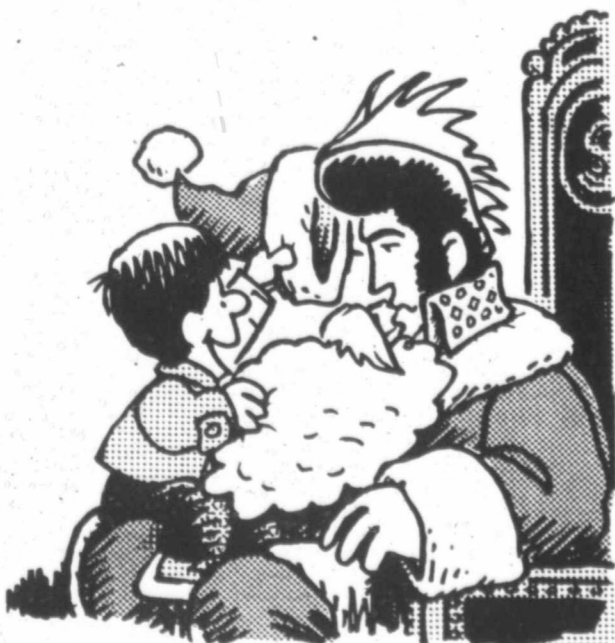
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IRA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND SIMILAR TRUST FUNDS YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1988

DATA CONTROL CODES	Governmental Fund Types			
	10 General Fund	20/30/40 Special Revenue	50 Debt Service	60 Capital Projects
REVENUES:				
5700	Local, Intermediate, Out of State	1,068,479	-	-
5800	State Program Revenues	73,130	-	-
5900	Federal Program Revenues (Note H)	14,842	9,025	-
5030	Total Revenues	1,156,451	9,025	0
EXPENDITURES:				
0011	Instruction	554,781	7,154	-
0012	Instructional Computing	5,629	987	-
0022	Instructional Resrcs & Media Servs	12,001	-	-
0023	School Administration	29,292	-	-
0031	Guidance and Counseling Services	512	-	-
0033	Health Services	68	-	-
0034	Pupil Transportation - Regular	19,007	-	-
0036	Co-curricular Activities	21,270	-	-
0037	Food Services	60,083	-	-
0041	General Administration	107,951	-	-
0042	Debt Service	121,211	-	12,914
0051	Plant Maintenance & Operations	112,948	-	-
0052	Facilities Acquisition & Operations	-	-	-
0072	Computer Processing	1,663	1,382	-
6050	Total Expenditures	1,046,416	9,523	12,914
OTHER RESOURCES:				
5060	Other Resources	-	-	-
6060	Other (Uses)	-	-	-
7000	Total Other Resources (Uses)	0	0	0
1200	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue/Resources over Expenditures/Uses	110,035	(498)	(12,914)
0100	Fund Balance - Sept 1 (Beginning)	948,549	0	12,914
1300	Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	-	-	-
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	1,058,584	(498)	0

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

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NFL playoffs

By The Associated Press

Saturday, Dec. 24
AFC Wild Card

Houston at Cleveland

Monday, Dec. 26

NFC Wild Card

Los Angeles Rams at Minnesota

If Minnesota wins NFC Wild Card

Saturday, Dec. 31

Philadelphia at Chicago

Seattle at Cincinnati

Sunday, Jan. 1

Cleveland or Houston at Buffalo

Minnesota at San Francisco

If Los Angeles wins NFC Wild Card

Saturday, Dec. 31

Cleveland or Houston at Buffalo

Philadelphia at San Francisco

Sunday, Jan. 1

Los Angeles Rams at Chicago

Seattle at Cincinnati

Sunday, Jan. 8

AFC championship, TBA

NFC championship, TBA

Sunday, Jan. 22

At Joe Robbie Stadium, Miami

23rd Super Bowl

Highsmith happy to play Cleveland in cold Municipal Stadium Saturday

HOUSTON (AP) - Houston Oilers fullback Alonzo Highsmith prefers playing on the road - where there are fewer distractions - even though he knows visiting players generally receive a somewhat-less-than-cordial greeting.

"On the road I feel more relaxed, I guess because I don't have to get tickets for people," said Highsmith, who returns to one of his favorite homes away from home Saturday when the Oilers play the Cleveland Browns at Municipal Stadium in the AFC wild card game.

"Everyone's talking about the Cleveland Stadium, but I love it," Highsmith said. "I love it when you come out on the field and everyone is booing you and throwing things."

Not all the Oilers appreciate the Cleveland fans, however.

General Manager Ladd Herzeg has complained to NFL headquarters about objects being thrown from the seats called the Dawg Pound at the end of the field where visitors are required to warm up.

"(Assistant coach) Doug Shively got hit in the back of the neck with an ice ball," Herzeg said. "We've requested if a net can't be put up to protect our players from projectiles, we'd like to flip-flop ends of the field with the Browns during pregame warmups."

Herzeg said NFL Executive Director Don Weiss agreed to investigate the conditions.

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"It will be much sweeter to go up there and come back with a victory," Highsmith said of the trip to Cleveland. "I have no doubt that we're going up there and kicking Cleveland's behind."

The dressing rooms at Municipal Stadium are crowded and the field can become concrete hard or a slush depending

on the weather, Highsmith said.

But he believes the conditions are ideal for the Oilers, who through advancement in the playoffs could face more cold weather in the coming weeks.

"We'll just use this game to get used to the cold weather," Highsmith said. "It doesn't bother me. A couple of pairs of longjohns and a bowl of soup and I'm all right."

"I really like that little dressing room."

Highsmith played his best game of the season Sunday against the Browns, Coach Jerry Glanville said.

"But I'm going to turn it up two notches from what I had last week and play much harder," Highsmith said.

The Oilers, who haven't won a non-strike game in Municipal Stadium since 1981, took a 23-7 third-quarter lead Sunday before the Browns rallied for a 28-23 victory.

A Houston victory would have eliminated the Browns and given the Oilers' the home field for the wild card game.

The Oilers had a 10-6 regular-season that was up and down throughout.

Four of their six losses came after they blew leads. But the Oilers haven't lost consecutively all season.

Linebacker Johnny Meads says the Oilers have to change their pattern now that they are in the playoffs.

"It's tough anytime your emotions are going up and down, but that's the type of business we're in," Meads said.

"They (the Browns) were in a situation that they had to come back. Our emotions remained on an even keel throughout the game. Maybe we should have notched it up a little like they did."

Sooners' woes cause problems for Texas

AUSTIN (AP) - University of Texas football officials are trying to determine how to make up revenue they will lose because of Oklahoma's banishment from television next season.

And despite a series of NCAA sanctions against OU, Texas does not see any decline in the Sooners' recruiting efforts in the Lone Star State.

The sanctions, announced Monday, prevent Oklahoma's participation in bowl games in the 1989 and 1990 seasons, no live televised games next season, and cuts in the number of recruits who can sign with the Sooners from 25 to 18 in each of the next two years.

The one-year ban on Oklahoma's televised games will hurt the Longhorns in the pocketbook.

Texas Athletic Director DeLoss Dodds told the Austin American-Statesman the Longhorns could lose about \$170,000 next year because the annual game between UT and OU will not be televised.

The game, traditionally played at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, has been televised 36 times since

1948. Last season's game was carried nationally by CBS, which bought the rights for about \$600,000, Dodds said. Under the distribution policies of the Southwest Conference, UT received about \$170,000, he said.

"You've almost got to call this a loss of revenue for us," said Dodds.

He said the only way Texas can recover the money is for the Longhorns to arrange another nationally televised game.

Dodds said Texas usually figures on getting revenue from three national telecasts. With Oklahoma not available for 1989, the most likely opportunities are Colorado, Penn State and conference foes Arkansas and Texas A&M.

"We'd have to get three of the four, and that's not very likely," Dodds said. "The odds of us replacing this aren't very good."

Meanwhile, Longhorn coaches are preparing for another tough recruiting season despite the penalties against OU, sanctions last week against the University of Houston and the recent resignation of Texas A&M Coach Jackie Sherrill.

Southern Miss return man hopes to impress pro scouts

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) - Southern Mississippi coach Curley Hallman says the outcome of Friday's Independence Bowl game against Texas-El Paso could rest on special teams play and, if so, James Henry is ready.

"If he's healthy he could have a big impact," Hallman said. "He's as good a punt returner as there is in the country."

Henry has returned six punts for touchdowns in two years, one short of the NCAA career record. Last year, he returned four punts for touchdowns in a three-game span to set an NCAA record.

Henry, however, says everyone knows he can run back punts, so now he wants to show pro scouts he can play cornerback.

"I'm going to try to pick off a couple passes. I want to finish off my career with two interceptions

and, of course, I want to run another one back," Henry said.

Hallman said Henry's ankle, injured Nov. 12 against Louisiana Tech, should be close to 100 percent by Friday.

Against Mississippi State this year, Henry returned a punt 73 yards for a touchdown and finished the game with 136 yards on five returns, an NCAA single-game high this year.

Things don't promise to be so easy against UTEP, however. The Miners have one of the nation's stronger kicking games.

Lance Brownlee averages 41.9 yards on 58 punts. Brownlee's longest punt this year was 64 yards and he has had eight punts of more than 50 yards.

Brownlee has also placed 26 punts inside the opponent's 20-yard line this year.

Henry said he is hoping to use

Friday's game to improve his chances in this spring's NFL draft.

"I'm going to go out and show the scouts I'm a capable defensive back as well as a punt returner," Henry said. "I'm looking forward to going to an NFL camp. I see myself as a defensive back. Everyone knows me as a punt returner, so I want to get on as a returner and then move in as maybe a nickel back."

This season, Henry had 56 tackles, one interception and broke up 10 passes while playing at right cornerback, a fact that is not lost on Hallman.

"He's a pretty good cornerback," Hallman said. "If he goes to the right team he could stay in camp a long time and maybe make a team."

Mavericks club Philadelphia to win fifth straight on road

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - According to Rolando Blackman, the Dallas Mavericks figured out the Philadelphia 76ers in the lockerroom at halftime.

"We talked at halftime about what we had to do in the second half. We knew we had to work harder on Charles Barkley and we knew we had to get more rebounds. They had too many offensive rebounds," said Blackman, who scored only four points in a first half that ended with Dallas down by nine.

Blackman had a 16-point third quarter and ended with 24, as the Mavericks stopped the 76ers, 108-102, Tuesday night.

Sam Perkins had 25 points and Mark Aguirre 21 for the

Mavericks, who won their fifth straight road game, equaling a club record set in the 1988 and 1983 seasons. Dallas' record on the road this year is 6-1, the best in the NBA.

"We think we're capable of winning all of our road games. We're looking forward to New Jersey tomorrow (Wednesday) night," Blackman said. He thought his first and second halves were like two different games.

"I was just running around in the first half. In the second half I wanted to make sure I got the ball in the right places. We ran some plays for me and I started hitting, I just got into a groove."

Barkley, who finished with 35 points, thought the 76ers let up just as Dallas came on strong.

"We didn't get our fast break going and Dallas played very

well," he said. "Rolando Blackman just took over the game. He's a great player. They are a very well-balanced team."

Barkley's 41-foot shot at the halftime buzzer gave the 76ers a 60-51 advantage, but Dallas, sparked by Perkins' six points, went on a 10-2 run at the start of the third quarter, cutting Philadelphia's lead to 62-61.

"We are recognizing when Perkins needs the ball and giving it to him," said Aguirre. "We're also getting more fast-break opportunities than before."

The Sixers seemed to live and die by the three-point shot, attempting a record 17 and making a record seven. But Philadelphia went only 2-9 on the long shots in the second half.

"When they are there, you've got to take them. Sometimes they (see MAVERICKS, page 7)

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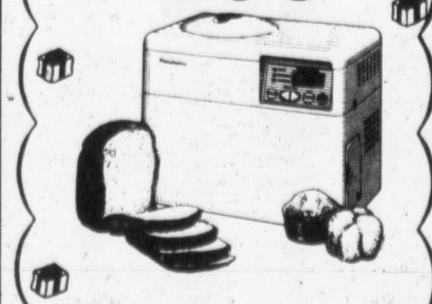
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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	17	7	.708	-
Philadelphia	14	11	.560	3 1/2
Boston	12	11	.522	4 1/2
New Jersey	10	15	.400	7 1/2
Washington	6	15	.286	9 1/2
Charlotte	6	16	.273	10

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	16	5	.762	1/2
Detroit	18	6	.750	-
Atlanta	16	9	.640	2 1/2
Chicago	13	10	.565	4 1/2
Milwaukee	12	10	.545	5
Indiana	5	18	.217	12 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Dallas	15	7	.682	-
Denver	15	9	.625	1
Houston	15	9	.625	1
Utah	13	11	.542	3
San Antonio	6	16	.273	9
Miami	1	20	.048	13 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
L.A. Lakers	16	8	.667	-

Portland	14	10	.583	2
Phoenix	12	10	.545	3
Seattle	12	10	.545	3
Golden State	10	12	.455	5
L.A. Clippers	8	16	.333	8
Sacramento	5	16	.238	9 1/2

Tuesday's Games

New York 141, Indiana 113
Dallas 108, Philadelphia 102
Atlanta 121, Seattle 118
Cleveland 110, Utah 94
Detroit 116, Miami 100
Chicago 116, L.A. Lakers 103
Milwaukee 125, Charlotte 115
Houston 105, Sacramento 104
Portland 127, Denver 124
Phoenix 128, San Antonio 110
Golden State 113, L.A. Clippers 111

Wednesday's Games

Cleveland at Boston
Dallas at New Jersey
Utah at Washington
Milwaukee at Charlotte
Seattle at Miami
Sacramento at San Antonio
Thursday's Games
Detroit at New York
L.A. Clippers at Houston
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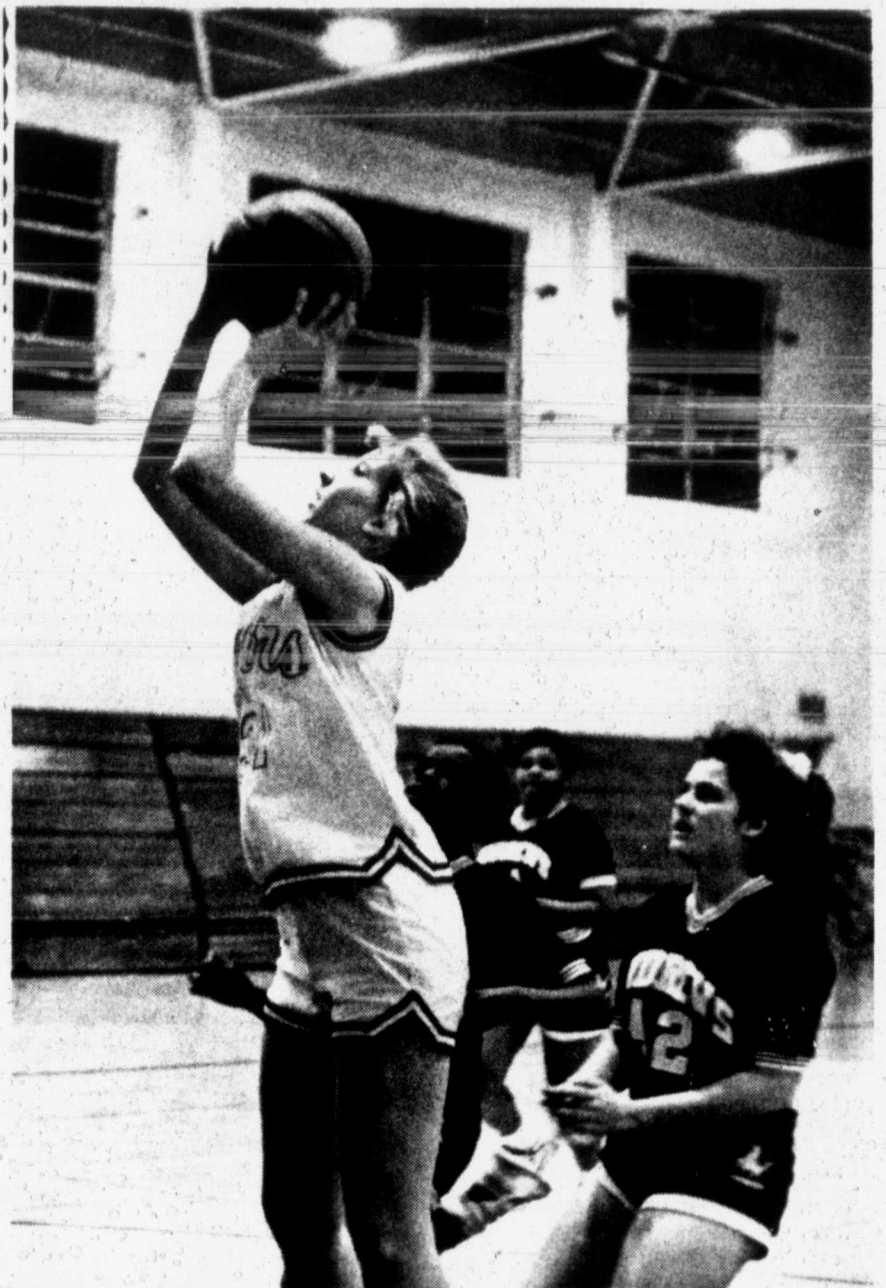
Lady Tigers rout Andrews

It may be close to Christmas, but Coach Ken Housden's Lady Tigers were in anything but a giving mood here Tuesday night. The Tigers reeled off 12 unanswered points in the first quarter and went on to sack up a 51-36 victory over Andrews' Lady Mustangs at the high school gym. The win broke a two-game District 4-4A losing slump for the Tigers, who are now 5-7 overall and 1-2 in league play. "I was real pleased," beamed Coach Housden of the Tigers' victory. "We jumped on them early in the first quarter and we carried it through and held on. It's something we haven't been doing in the past. The game was locked 4-4 when Beth Alvis put a rebound back up

and in to start Snyder's 12-point run. Evette Housden bagged two free throws with 3:58 on the clock and Holly Fuller scored another field goal as the hosts got their fast break warmed up. Pickering added another bucket and a free throw and Evette Housden slipped in three freethrows for a 16-4 lead for the Tigers. Christa Rogers finally broke the string for Andrews with a freethrow at the 1:32 mark. Osborn and Pickering got into early foul trouble but Coach Housden got some good help off the bench. "We got some players to come in off the bench and do a real good job," said Housden. Dana Fenton and Dessie Ware

were among those who came in to lend a hand. Snyder out-gunned the visitors 11-7 in the second quarter and both teams scored 24 second-half points. Andrews was able to pull within nine early in the fourth quarter but Snyder reeled off eight straight points to end any thoughts of a comeback. Snyder was led by Fuller's 18 points. Evette Housden had 13 and dished out a half-dozen assists. Osborn scored eight points and Pickering six, with six rebounds. "That was probably Holly's best game of the season," said the coach. Andrews, 5-9 overall and also 1-2 in district play, got nine points

each from Rogers and Mataya Maxie. Next action for Housden's girls will be Dec. 28 when they enter the Jayton Tournament. The Tiger junior varsity had been slated to play in the three-day event, but handed the ball over to the varsity since poor weather forced the older girls out of the Wylie Tournament earlier this month. Earlier in the evening here Tuesday, Liz Greathouse scored 14 points, Freda Clay 13 and Camille Thompson 10 as Snyder junior varsity ripped Andrews' underclassmen 62-20. Snyder scored 22 first-quarter points to only six for the visitors, who were led by Becky Morales' 10 points.



QUICK TWO -- Snyder's Holly Fuller gets behind Andrews on the fast break to score two of her game-high 18 points here Tuesday as the Lady Tigers defeated the visitors 51-36. It was Snyder's first 4-4A win in three tries. Pictured for Andrews are Christa Rogers, Paulette Jones and Melinda Gonzales. (SDN Staff Photo)



KEEP IT GOING -- Coach Ken Housden couldn't find much fault with his Lady Tigers during a timeout after they jumped on Andrews 16-4 here Tuesday. Snyder went on to win the District 4-4A battle 51-36. Housden's girls will play in the Jayton Tournament beginning Dec. 28. (SDN Staff Photo)

Play in Brownwood Tourney next...

Tigers ripped in 4-4A start

ANDREWS -- Tuesday's District 4-4A opener wasn't exactly what Coach Larry Scott had in mind as a Christmas present. "They probably played one of their better games and we probably played one of our worst games," said Coach Scott, whose Tigers were burned 86-46 by third-ranked Andrews here. "We helped them look real good and helped ourselves look real bad." The lopsided loss dropped Snyder to 6-5 on the season but has Scott looking forward to the

upcoming Brownwood Tournament. "We just need to play games. We had played only one game since Dec. 6 and they (Andrews) played five in that time. I think that probably had a little to do with it." Snyder opens play in the Brownwood Tournament by taking on Brady at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 28. Following the three-day tourney, Snyder will resume District 4-4A action Jan. 3 in Big Spring. The Tigers stay on the road to play Fort Stockton on Jan. 6. They end a 13-game road trip when they entertain San Angelo Lake View on Jan. 10.

Scott said the Tigers knew what they needed to do to challenge Andrews, but didn't get it done. "They beat us in every phase of the game," mused the coach. "We thought we had to out-rebound them to win the game and we didn't. We knew we had to keep the turnovers low and we didn't. We had to keep some of their people below their averages and we didn't." The Tigers committed 25 turnovers to Andrews' eight and were out-rebounded 38 to 33. Snyder hit just 13 of 56 field goal attempts and was 19 of 40 from the free throw line. In contrast, the Mustangs were 37 of 64 from the field and 11 of 12 from the stripe. Gym Bice, son of Coach Frank Bice, led the hosts with 33 points. Damian Clay scored 20 and Ara Baten added 15. The victory pushed the Mustangs, ranked third in the state according to the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches, to 13-1 overall. Snyder got 13 points from Jeff Franklin, 12 from Tracy Braziel

and 10 from Dewayne Clinkinbeard. In other action here Tuesday, Andrews defeated Snyder in a junior varsity game, 65-58. Sam Bercy scored 23 and Mark Morris added 19 for Andrews. Hayward Clay paced Snyder with 19 points. Carlton Sanders bagged 12.

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Ira 16 24 31 16 87	
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Trent 41, Hermleigh 32	
Trent 9 11 11 10 41	
Hermleigh 4 12 5 11 32	
Leading Scorers: Trent- Massey 23; Hermleigh- Romero 12.	
GIRLS	
Grady 68, Ira 26	
Grady 13 23 14 19 48	
Ira 8 3 9 6 26	
Leading Scorers: Grady- McMorris 18, Tunnell 15, Adkisson 13, Garza 13; Ira- Weber 9.	
Hermleigh 56, Trent 36	
Trent 12 3 8 13 36	
Hermleigh 14 13 9 20 56	
Leading Scorers: Trent- Massey 12; Hermleigh- Smith 21, Crumly 14, Blair 13.	

4-4A boys basketball

Team	Dist.	Season
Andrews	1 0	13 1
Lake View	1 0	8 6
Sweetwater	1 0	6 5
Big Spring	1 0	7 8
Pecos	0 1	8 5
Snyder	0 1	6 5
Fort Stockton	0 1	4 6
Monahans	0 1	4 10

Tuesday's Results: Andrews 86, Snyder 46; Big Spring 77, Pecos 74 (2-ot); Sweetwater 69, Monahans 46; Lake View 104, Fort Stockton 79.

4-4A girls basketball

Team	Dist.	Season
Big Spring	3 0	12 1
Sweetwater	3 0	11 3
Lake View	2 1	4 9
Pecos	1 2	9 5
Snyder	1 2	5 7
Fort Stockton	1 2	5 8
Andrews	1 2	5 9
Monahans	0 3	1 10

Tuesday's Results: Snyder 51, Andrews 36; Big Spring 57, Pecos 29; Lake View 62, Fort Stockton 27; Sweetwater 53, Monahans 17.

Jordan, Wilkins top vote getters

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MAVERICKS

(continued from page 6) Roy Tarpley and Harper each added 14 points for the Mavericks, while Mike Gminski had 15 for the 76ers. Dallas coach John MacLeod was asked about his team's success in away games. "We've got a lot of good players and we've got players who enjoy playing on the road," he said. "We have a group of veterans and they're accustomed to playing in front of away crowds and playing well. Tonight everybody made a contribution."

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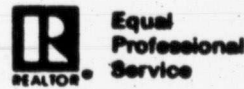
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THE LOST MELODY—West third grade students in Meloney Early's, Neoma Harlin's and Joann Peek's classes presented "The Lost Melody" on Dec. 15. Mrs. Early's students include, from left, top row: Allison Bowden, Wesley Wilson, Jennifer Salmon, Aaron Stansell, Eric Gard and Timothy McDowell; middle row: Holly Goebel, Melody Guynes, Justin McNair, Reid Johnson, Kimberly McClain and Timothy Wallace; bottom row: Nickolas Means, David Thames, Belinda Flores, Leigh Ann Fowler, Kris Humble, Taylor Lowrance and Cinnamon Sowell. Mrs. Harlin's students are Banks Alexander, Amy Church, Brett Gibson, K. C. Harrison, Mandy Hess, Jacob Hodges, Laurie Huddleston, Vanessa Jones, Clell Knight, Justin Logston, Adrienne McJimsey, Andy Parker, Callie Parks, Brooke Phillips, Andy Smith, Lisa Soliz, Nathan Sorrells and Tyler Warren. Mrs. Peek's students include Tara Beall, Michael Cantu, Jessie Dominguez, Ashley Grimmer, Morgan Kelley, Lori Marshall, Cristi McCarty, Jacob Medrona, Dru Murray, Courtney Pechacek, April Pyburn, Chassy Raines, Matt Rodgers, Lydia Rodriguez, Michelle Rollins, Annie Siller, Adam Sosa, Josh Stutts, Monica Triplett and Dolly Vanous. (SDN Staff Photos)



Bethlehem's Arab officials nix celebrations for holiday

BETHLEHEM, Occupied West Bank (AP) — Vendors in the souvenir stalls around the Church of the Nativity are keeping their Christmas lights and ornaments in packing boxes this year.

In honor of the Palestinian uprising, city officials are refusing to sponsor holiday celebrations in the birthplace of Christ.

Israeli soldiers stood guard Tuesday as Israeli civilians employed by the army built a platform for a choir concert to entertain the hundreds of pilgrims who officials hope will come to worship in Bethlehem on Christmas Eve.

But Arab officials in this West Bank city have decreed that there will be no municipal decorations this year and no traditional holiday reception for diplomats or Boy Scouts on parade.

"It is a protest for those killed, injured and detained," said the town's Palestinian Christian mayor, Elias Freij. "The people are not in a mood to celebrate or rejoice."

More than 330 Palestinians have died in clashes with the

Israeli army since they launched their "intefadeh," or uprising, against Israel's 21-year occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Thirteen Israelis also have died in the 12 months of unrest.

The underground leadership of the uprising has declared Dec. 24 "a national day of mourning," calling a general strike to close shops and restaurants on the normally busy holiday eve.

For its part, Israel's Tourism Ministry has tried to maintain some semblance of Christmases past.

"Nothing has changed in the intrinsic meaning of Christmas in Bethlehem," it said in a statement. "No secular municipal action will either dampen the religious fervor of pilgrims or mar their freedom of worship in Bethlehem."

To this end, the ministry is sponsoring Christmas Eve performances by choirs from Switzerland, Spain and the Shiloh Baptist Church in Washington, D.C.

Roman Catholics, Anglicans and other Christian denominations have put out pamphlets publicizing events ranging from the Catholic patriarch's procession Saturday afternoon to midnight Masses in Bethlehem chapels.

Just how many pilgrims will travel to Bethlehem for Christmas rites is uncertain. Tourism for the year is down 14 percent, and Israel admits many potential visitors have been frightened away by the daily reports of clashes.

Peace and joy were not part of the mood Tuesday on Manger Square outside the Church of the Nativity, which covers the grotto where the Bible says Christ was born.

Israeli soldiers lounging near the undecorated municipal tree were pelted with stones by Palestinian youths, who then fled up a narrow street in the Arab market. Street hawkers complained of bad business.

The holiday sadness extends deep into the Palestinian community, including its Christians.

There are an estimated 35,000 Christian Arabs in the occupied territories and about 100,000 within Israeli borders, according to Geris S. Khoury, director of

the Al-Liqa Center for Religious Studies and chairman of the religion program at Bethlehem University.

Khoury, a Greek Catholic, says there will be no Christmas presents for his wife and four children, no festive dinner at his home.

"The only present I would like to give them is the story of the suffering of my people," Khoury said.

Nicholas Canavati, owner of a large Bethlehem souvenir store, said he and other businessmen were called in by Israeli officials this week for what he described as "a gentlemanly talk."

He said the officials asked if it wouldn't be better for business if stores got out their decorations.

"I said yes," Canavati says. "But I told them there are more important things than business."

His store remains unadorned, and he is unconvinced flashing lights and colored ornaments would be a lure.

"Why should anyone come to Bethlehem when the town is full of arms and soldiers rather than peace, which is the symbol after all of the man born here," Canavati said.

PUC approves changes affecting Dial-a-Porn

AUSTIN (AP) — "Dial-a-Porn" and other services that Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. decides don't fit its corporate image would be assigned new telephone prefixes and be forced to do their own billing under a decision by the Public Utility Commission.

Such services have been under "Dial 976," Southwestern Bell spokesman Dave Lopez noted Tuesday. Criticism of so-called adult entertainment programs has been leveled at Dial 976, which provides access to the telecommunications network to information providers, with the telephone company billing callers at a rate determined by the providers.

"And because the billing and collection for sponsors of controversial programming is done in Southwestern Bell's name, the company's corporate image continues to be hurt," said the report to the PUC by J. Scott Henderson, hearings examiner.

"For example, many people blame Southwestern Bell for billing problems or charges for calls not known to be toll calls," Henderson said.

Adult entertainment programs — and others deemed offensive by Southwestern Bell — will be available only by subscription under the PUC action, Lopez said.

010 LEGAL NOTICES

The City of Snyder, Texas will accept bids for the purchase of one ambulance at the Office of the Purchasing Agent, 1925 24th St., P.O. Drawer GG, Snyder, Texas 79549 on Tuesday, January 3, 1989 at 11:00 a.m. Further information and specifications may be obtained at the Purchasing Office in City Hall. The City of Snyder reserves the right to reject any and all the bids.

In 1983, 269 people were killed when a Korean Air Lines Boeing 747 was shot down by a Soviet jet fighter after the airliner entered Soviet airspace.

The United States, Australia and New Zealand signed a mutual defense pact in 1951 that came to be known as the ANZUS treaty.

World War II began Sept. 1, 1939, when Nazi Germany invaded Poland. Great Britain and France declared war against Germany two days later.

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Dec. 22, 1988

In the year ahead your greatest strides are likely to be made in situations that do not require partners. For best results, try to strike out on your own. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) One-to-one relationships could be extremely touchy today, even with friends of long standing. Don't permit something to develop that could jeopardize a valued alliance. Major changes are ahead for Capricorn in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$1 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Taking impulsive shortcuts in tasks that require time and patience could lead to undesirable consequences today. Don't end up at ground zero. PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If your instincts tell you to avoid a certain group or clique today, it could prove wise to follow your hunches. Being around people you dislike will make you feel very uncomfortable.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Although you'll mean well, if you're not careful today, you could create bigger complications for the people whose affairs you're attempting to manage. It's best not to interfere. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Strive to be open-minded and flexible today or else you could be resistant to the sound advice or suggestions of associates who have your interests at heart. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) It behooves you to be a bit more budget-minded at this time. If not, the cumulative effect of small debts could become an overwhelming sum you'll have to deal later. CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you are too self-serving today, you might have to deal with an individual who is as single-minded as yourself. This could result in a no-gain situation where both parties are concerned.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Failing to take care of important matters today could create a critical log jam for you. Don't let negligence crowd you into a corner. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) This is not a good day to gamble on risky ventures, even if you link up with a pal who usually fares well on flyers. Both could go down the pipe.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you present your case in a manner today that is too arrogant or forceful, the results are likely to be just the opposite of your hopes. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your companions will not be very appreciative of your company today if you come on like a know-it-all. Give others a chance to present their points of view without attacking their statements.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Be on guard today so that you are not maneuvered into a position where you have to pay for someone else's mistake. This could be costly if money is involved.

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Petroleum prices

NEW YORK (AP) — Petroleum cash prices Tuesday as compared with Monday's prices. Table with columns for Fuel oil No. 2 NY hbr bg gl fob, Gasoline reg NY hbr bg gl fob, Gasoline unleaded NY hbr bg gl fob, Saudi Arabian light, North Sea Brent \$ per bbl fob, West Texas Intermed \$ per bbl fob, Alaska No. Slope del. US Gulf Cst.

Former resident is TSU graduate

Tommy Parks, formerly of Snyder, graduated from Tarleton State University in Stephenville on Dec. 17 with a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics. Parks, a 1983 graduate of Snyder High School, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Young of Odessa, formerly of Snyder.

Two injured in Tuesday mishap

Two persons were injured in a three-vehicle accident at 9:37 a.m. Tuesday in the 500 Block of 37th St.

Police said a 1968 Chevrolet pickup driven by Connie M. Burditt of 3408 Ave. E. was in collision with a 1982 Pontiac four-door driven by Johnnie O. Almanza of Rt. 2 and a 1981 Chevrolet pickup driven by Darrell Craig of Box 729.

Burditt and Almanza were both treated and released at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

The Burditt and Almanza vehicles were both towed.

At 6:28 p.m. in the 3400 Block of 37th St., a 1986 Chevrolet pickup driven by Jeffery L. Black of Rt. 3 was in collision with a 1968 Ford pickup driven by Bobby G. Hataway Jr. of 3214 Ave. U, after which the Hataway pickup was towed.

In 1961, the Soviet Union ended a moratorium on atomic testing with an above-ground nuclear explosion in central Asia.

Deficit panel still shaky despite action by Bush

WASHINGTON (AP) — President-elect Bush has made his appointments for the final two spots on the National Economic Commission, but doubts persist over how successful the panel will be in breaking a seven-year deadlock over the budget deficit.

The high-level commission was created to help the new president deal with President Reagan's biggest economic failure, huge budget deficits that have more than doubled the national debt.

On Tuesday, Bush announced he was choosing former Sen. Paul Laxalt, R-Nev., and former Ohio Congressman Thomas "Lud" Ashley, a Democrat and one of Bush's closest friends.

Under law, Bush was required to pick one Democrat and one Republican to complete the 14-member commission, which is headed by Democrat Robert Strauss and Republican Drew Lewis.

Supporters once believed the

bipartisan panel represented the best hope of breaking the impasse between Reagan's opposition to tax increases and the Democratic Congress's refusal to trim domestic spending enough to tame the budget deficit.

But even with the appointments, many observers said the commission faces a nearly impossible task of reaching a consensus among panel members who have squabbled openly over such issues as taxes and the need to trim defense spending.

"What Bush has done is give the commission a renewed look of respectability, but the members are a long way from reaching a consensus on a credible plan that Bush and Congress will accept," said Michael Evans, head of a Washington consulting firm that bears his name.

The commission once had hoped to complete its work before Christmas but Lewis has said the panel may not issue its recom-

mendations until next September.

At that time, the panel could

serve as an emergency vehicle which Bush could use to throw together a compromise with Con-

gress in order to avoid automatic spending cuts under the Gramm-Rudman deficit reduction law.

Doctor: child found chained to bed treated for gonorrhea

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — The mother of a 3-year-old girl who was found alone and chained to a bed said she assumed the child somehow picked up a gonorrhea infection around the house, but she said the tot never suffered abuse.

The girl was removed from her home last Thursday after a woman found the child alone in a ramshackle Brownsville house and attached to a bed with a three-foot-long chain on a ring around her ankle. Her hair was matted and she smelled of urine, police said.

Petra Betancourt, 22, said she wants the child back.

"I still love her very much," Ms. Betancourt said.

In May, the child had a severe case of gonorrhea, said Dr. Carmen Rocco, a physician who

works at the Brownsville Medical Center and the Brownsville Community Health Clinic.

Gonorrhea, an inflammation of the genital mucous membrane, is usually transmitted sexually.

Ms. Rocco said she reported the case to Child Protective Services and recently was informed that the investigation had been closed without finding any further evidence of abuse.

"In most cases, if a child has sexually transmitted diseases, it is because a child had been sexually abused," said Remberto

Artega, a supervisor with Child Protective Services, adding he could not comment on individual cases.

Child Protective Services is seeking temporary custody of the child at a Dec. 30 hearing in state district court in Brownsville.

"Nobody abused the little girl," Ms. Betancourt told The Brownsville Herald. "I took good care of my little baby."

She said she thought the child had acquired the venereal disease around the house in some way other than sexual abuse.

Isaac Gonzalez, who described himself as Ms. Betancourt's landlord, said he took care of the woman. He said they usually chained the child to the bed when they were home, to prevent her from putting her fingers in electrical outlets or turning on the gas stove.

He said they left the girl chained and alone Thursday because they were in a hurry to get Ms. Betancourt, who is expecting a baby in January, to the doctor.

A visiting homemaker checking on an elderly woman who used to live in the residence found the 3-year-old girl. "It's not that we did it because we don't love her," he said. "It was the first

Chamber officers for '89 approved

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tional officer's class and that WTC was granted certification to offer additional classes in 1989.

Chamber Manager Bill Moss reported that Cogdell Hospital is also working to answer a TDC request for proposal for medical services. The deadline is Feb. 1.

Moss also reported that about 350 persons attended the Christmas Symphony held last week, an activity of the cultural affairs committee.

It was also reported that the quarterly coffees to recognize existing businesses had been successful and the activity would be continued in 1989.

In the public affairs division, it was reported that 14 Snyder residents attended the swearing-in ceremony for State Rep. David Counts, and that the Sparklers hosted a public reception for Counts on Dec. 6 at WTC.

Kattes also presented a copy of State Sen. Steve Carriker's position on workman's compensation reform. Kattes asked board members to review the position paper and to contact Carriker and other legislators concerning needed reform.

Directors attending the December meeting were Kattes, Williamson, Banta, Gray, Dr. Harry Krenek, Sentell, Williams, Hamm, Coronado, Figueroa and Potts.

Markets Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) Table with columns for High, Low, Last, Mobil, Monstano, Motorola, NCNB Cp, Nyvestar, ProctGamb, PacTelesis, PenneyJC, Phelps Dod, PhilipPet, Polaroid s, Primerica n, Primecap w, ProctGamb, PubS NwMx, SFSouP s, SearsRoeb, SherwinWm, Southern Co, SwstAir, SwstBell, SterlingChm n, SunCo n, TNP Ent, Tandy, Tempilind, Tenneco, Texaco, TexAmbnch, TexEastn, TexasInst, Tex Util, Tetryon, Tyler, USX Corp, UnCarbide, UnPacCp, US West, UnTel, Unocal, WalMart, WestgheI, Xerox Cp, ZenithE.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Fred Ubando, Hermleigh. DISMISSALS: Janelle Bearden, Amanda Jones, Susan Musgrave.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Culbertson of Andrews are the parents of a baby boy, Matthew Lynn, born at 12:56 p.m. Monday in Lubbock Methodist Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce and was welcomed by a brother, John-David.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J.M. McPherson of Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy Culbertson of Colorado City.

Obituaries

Willie Davis

Services for Willie Faye Clay Davis, 55, of Snyder are set for 2 p.m. Friday at Mount Olive Baptist Church with the Rev. E. D. Toines officiating, assisted by the Rev. O. J. Archie of Midland. Burial will follow at Snyder Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

She died at 10:30 p.m. Monday at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She was born March 14, 1933 in Snyder. She was a homemaker and member of Mount Olive Baptist Church.

She was married to Matthew P. Davis Aug. 4, 1950 in Seminole.

She is survived by four daughters, Veronica Floyd of Dallas, Anita Biggers of Colorado City, Retha Anthony of Odessa and Debra Lawrence of Midland; one son, Norman Davis of Stockton, Calif.; eight grandchildren; her mother, Mrs. Johnnie Kirksey of Snyder; and six brothers, Will Clay Jr. of Stockton, Calif., Vernon Clay of Sherman, Curtis Clay of Houston, Hayward Clay of Snyder, Eric Clay of Houston and Chris Clay of Stockton, Calif.

An American Christmas

Southerners celebrate long and hard

By Rebecca Rhodin

In the mountains of North Carolina where Pete Daniel grew up, people who were regarded as particularly old-fashioned celebrated Christmas for 12 days. At the beginning, the old people got together; at the end, the young people "raised holy hell," he said. They were farmers, and carousing for 12 days in winter was no great waste of time.

Daniel, now a curator for the Smithsonian Institution, saw these "old Christmas" practices fade out in the 1950s as farmers' schedules became more crowded and the culture-at-large came to dominate the holiday.

But other traditions live on in the South, where some households decorate with magnolia leaves, go hunting on Christmas and eat a special assortment of Southern foods including sweet potato pie, oyster dressing, wild turkey and goose.

In one respect, the University of Mississippi says, America's Christmas began in the South. In 1831, Louisiana and Arkansas became the first states in the nation to make Christmas a legal holiday. They were followed by Alabama in 1836. And the South is still a leader: North Carolina is the nation's largest producer of Christmas trees.

In the past, historians believe, Southerners saw Christmas more as a time to relax than as a religious event. For slaves, the traditional European yule log held special significance because their holiday lasted as long as the log slowly burned.

Today, Christmas in the South is generally celebrated as it is elsewhere in the country: With holiday trees and images of Santa Claus, it is a time to gather with family, to visit neighbors and to feast on turkey and ham.

"The Southern Christmas, in my opinion, is not made up of tinsel and lights," said Clyde Gilmore, director of the Virginia and Carolina Craftsmen, an organization of artisans. "It's a time to see family, relax and celebrate the season with the people you love. It's not a time to see what you

can drink or spend."

In some rural Southern families, boys and their fathers go out hunting for doves, duck and goose on Christmas, while the girls and women cook as a group, in an annual social ritual. Others make liqueurlike wines at home.

Richard Guidry, a Louisiana native, says the Cajun Christmas celebration used to be especially distinctive. His mother, Mildred, remembers a time when, for example, there was no Christmas tree.

She made holiday balls of popcorn, pecans, peanuts and syrup from locally grown sugar cane. Children left out shoes or stockings at the foot of the bed hoping for little gifts.

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Traditional ways to dress a bird

Sea Islander Emory Campbell can tell you how to bake a raccoon to eat at Christmas, but for the more faint of heart, here is a white potato dressing that the Islanders make with their holiday fowl.

Cut up potatoes as you would for potato salad and boil them with the peelings. Chop giblets and mix with the potatoes along with salt and pepper to taste. Stuff your turkey and bake.

In another part of the South — Gueydan, La., southwest of Lafayette — Mildred Guidry, who has been cooking for 55 years, makes a great Cajun rice dressing. Her grandmother handed the recipe

director of the Penn Center, St. Helena Island, S.C., says some still do.

On Christmas, the children, in one group, were served fruits, soft drinks, cakes and candy at each house, while the men got to eat baked roast beef, ragoon, rabbit or venison, along with stroff festive drinks. The day after the holiday, the women would do the same, but traditionally they were lashed if they succumbed to the intoxicants, which was hard not to do after visiting as many as 50 homes.

In the Deep South, a fir Christmas tree might cost as much as \$60, says Stephen Bender, a gardening editor at Southern Living magazine. So, Southerners use Virginia pine or native cedar trees.

They may decorate the tree with strings of cranberries or popcorn, as well as large, glossy green magnolia leaves (also used to dress up the mantle and staircase railings) and pine cones. Also popular in Southern households are bread-dough and wood-cut ornaments, according to Clyde Gilmore.

In many parts of the South the chances of having a white Christmas are dim at best, despite the popular images — even there — of a snowy holiday.

"You think maybe it will snow and wish it will," says George McDaniel, director of education for the Atlantic Historical Society. "A 50-degree Christmas Day is kind of a drag."

Tara Duhon, a Louisianaian, says she had a downright arctic holiday last year. But that's because she had her air conditioner on.



I LOVE CHRISTMAS—"I Love Christmas" is a stockingful of the holiday's greatest songs. The program was presented recently by the fourth grade classes at East Elementary. Students pictured are Rebecca Bailey, Jay Ball, Tyra Brooks, William Clayton, Christy Harlan, Rea Dawn Hembree, Josh Holder, Shahala Marris, Sabrina Orona, Heath Porter, Chris Post, Tywayne Rivers, Shelley York, Joe Garcia, Zeb Alexander, Twylla Brown, Cody Cribbs, Maribeth Dillaha, Crystal

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Brand-by-brand cigarette analysis is now released

WASHINGTON (AP) — After nearly four years without a brand-by-brand analysis, American cigarette devotees are once again confronted by The List.

The List — which itemizes tar, nicotine and carbon monoxide content in cigarette smoke — is back, released Tuesday by the Federal Trade Commission for the first time since January 1985.

The new compilation, based on tobacco-industry tests of 272 varieties of cigarettes, showed that varieties of Carlton and Now scored lowest in all three categories, exactly where they ranked in the 1985 list.

At the other end of the spectrum, Old Gold Straights produced the highest amounts of tar and nicotine and varieties of Century 25s, More 120s and Tall 120s produced the most carbon monoxide in the tests, the consumer agency said.

The list was formerly done annually, with the testing done by an FTC laboratory. After the release of the 1985 list, the agency

halted the testing program it began in 1966 in the wake of the U.S. surgeon general's finding that cigarettes are dangerous to human health.

In dropping its tests, the FTC cited budgetary constraints and said such scientific sampling was not consistent with the chief functions of an agency dominated by lawyers and economists.

The new test results were produced by the industry-supported Tobacco Industry Testing Laboratory under FTC oversight and using the same procedures previously employed by the agency, according to Judith Wilkenfeld of the FTC's Bureau of Consumer Affairs.

She said that Harold Pillsbury, former director of the FTC laboratory, worked under contract to the agency to monitor the industry testing procedures and review its data.

An FTC statement said the 272 varieties of cigarettes were obtained by a company hired by the industry laboratory. It said the company purchased two

packages of each variety in 50 different locations around the nation.

The tests measured each variety's smoke content of tar, which is particulate matter exclusive of nicotine; of nicotine, an addictive substance; and of carbon monoxide, a toxic gas.

Lowest in all three categories were Carlton's and Now's filter kings marketed in hard packs. Each produced tar, nicotine and carbon monoxide readings below the measurement sensitivity of the test equipment.

The lowest measurable readings in the three categories were also produced by these two brands: Carlton filter king regular and menthol in soft packs, 100s in regular and menthol in hard packs and 100s in soft packs; and Now filter kings, regular and menthol, in soft packs, and 100s, regular and menthol, in soft packs.

Their tar readings ranged from 1 to 3 milligrams per cigarette.

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