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Family of four survives crash

Huddles 16 hours in downed plane

LONG POND, Pa. (AP) — A family of four was found huddled inside the wreckage of their single-engine airplane about 16 hours after crashing in a forest. Fog and driving rain had stymied rescue efforts.

The parents had stayed up most of Saturday night singing to their young daughters to keep them awake, The Express-Times of Easton reported, quoting unidentified friends. The father, a commercial pilot, had placed a cooler beside the wrecked aircraft to collect rainwater for drinking, rescuers said.

"When you consider the weather conditions and consider the fact that there were two small children involved, it's truly an amazing thing," said Bob Groff, an emergency management spokesman.

Gary and Marie Knapp of Hunterdon County, N.J., and their daughters, Annie, 5, and Isa, 2, were in stable condition today at Pocono Medical Center, a hospital spokeswoman said. Their injuries ranged from a broken arm to cuts and lacerations.

One of the rescuers, Kevin Long, said he braced himself for the worst when he finally came across a broken airplane tail Sunday morning.

Then he heard shouting: "We're over here!"

"The passengers' compartment stayed intact from nose to tail, except it was missing some windows and things were torn up," Long said. "The family was in there together, covered up, trying to protect themselves."

The family had been returning home after visiting relatives in Massachusetts for Thanksgiving, neighbors said.

The Piper Archer 28 plane was heading from Montague, Mass., to Pittstown, N.J., when it crashed Saturday evening in Monroe County forest in the Poconos, about 75 miles north of Philadelphia, said Kay Garvey, a spokeswoman for the Federal Aviation Administration.

The cause of the crash Saturday evening was under investigation by the National Transportation Safety Board.

An emergency locater transmitter on the plane began sending signals immediately as more than 300 rescuers joined the search, which was called off for 2½ hours early Sunday.

"The weather was lousy all night — icy towards early morning and then much of the same with fog and rain as daylight approached," Long said. "We got close, but we didn't know it because of all the fog. ... They heard our vehicles and they called out to us, but we didn't hear them."

WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE - Joe Gutierrez pumps water this morning from the site of the bridge construction on 27th Street, adjacent to the Snyder Senior Center. Snyder received one-inch of rain last Thursday to hamper work on the project. (SDN Staff Photo)

Christmas tree lighting tonight

Western Texas College will hold its annual tree lighting ceremony tonight and the public is invited.

The informal event will begin at 6:30 in the central courtyard on campus.

A local gospel group, 4-Giv'n, will sing and the WTC Handbell Choir will perform.

An appearance by Santa Claus is planned. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served.

In conjunction with the lighting, Scurry County Museum will be open late so that visitors to the campus can view the Toys Through the Years exhibit.

The toys range from 1899 to the early 1980s. The oldest is a linen book called "Baby's Own." The most recent toys are an extensive grouping of Star Wars collectibles.

A large collection of dolls are featured, to include the "Florodora" doll from 1901 made in Germany by Armand Marseille.

One unusual toy is an Indian doll made out of tin cans during World War II when metal was scarce.

There is a toy Model-T car dating to the 1920s and a rubber car made by Firestone in 1936 for the Texas Centennial.

Other random exhibits include wind-up toys from the 1910s, an electric toy stove from the 1930s and a wooden toy train made in Germany in 1955.

Commissioners table sealcoating rock bids

Scurry County commissioners tabled action on bids received for sealcoating rock when they met this morning, citing the increased cost of the product from last year.

Commissioners are expected to consider the item when they meet this coming Monday.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Jerry Gannaway cited a $2 increase over last year's bid of $3 for #5 sealcoating rock as the reason for not taking any action this morning.

"We may have to re-bid the rock," said Gannaway.

The court did approve the lone bid received for asphalt. Fina Oil and Chemical of Big Spring bid 61 cents per gallon for 225,000 gallons of AC-5 asphalt, and 67 cents per gallon for 225,000 gallons of MC-300 asphalt.

The court also set the holiday schedule for 1997.

County employees will have 12 holidays: New Year's Day, President's Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving and the day after and Christmas and the day after.

Since road and bridge employees work four 10-hour days and are off on Friday, they will be off the Thursday before Good Friday, plus six hours of their choice during the year.

The court also approved one line-item transfer this morning in the amount of $2,200 for the consolidated precinct. The money was moved from the precinct payroll line to capital outlay-machinery. The county purchased a 24-foot gooseneck trailer to haul Price Daniel Unit horses and dogs to county projects where inmate line crews are working.

U.S. military to return some land on Okinawa

TOKYO (AP) — Bowing to complaints by residents, Defense Secretary William Perry agreed today to return some of the land U.S. forces use on Okinawa and move one base offshore.

Perry signed the measures to reduce tensions on Okinawa, which makes up less than 1 percent of Japan's total area, but holds two-thirds of the 45,000 U.S. troops in Japan. Anti-U.S. anger boiled over in Okinawa last year after a 12-year-old girl was raped by three American servicemen after she was abducted while shopping for school supplies.

Navy Seaman Marcus Gill, 22, of Woodville, Texas, had confessed to the rape. Two Marine privates had confessed only to joining in the abduction.

U.S. bases on Okinawa — close to Communist China and North Korea — have for decades been a key to U.S. military strategy in the Pacific.

"This agreement very significantly reduces the burden on the Okinawan people," said Perry, who was in Japan on the final leg of a tour that also took him to Bosnia and the Persian Gulf.

But the reforms ignored Okinawa's demand to sharply reduce the number of soldiers stationed there — 30,000 — prompting more than 200 people in the Okinawan city of Nago to protest the plan as Perry headed home.

The package to return 12,000 acres of land — more than 20 percent of that occupied by the troops — was based on proposals made by a special joint committee formed after the September 1995 rape, which set off major demonstrations.

Perry agreed that the Marines would move their Futenma Air Station from the crowded city of Ginowan to a platform offshore. Japan would pay to build the platform, a project expected to cost billions of dollars.

While officials in Tokyo praised the plan, Okinawans say it will take years to vacate the land once a new site is picked — and several towns already have refused to let the new base be built off their shores.

"If the land is returned as planned ... we would regard this package highly," said Okinawa Gov. Masahide Ota. "But there is strong opposition to the relocation of many of the facilities to other places in Okinawa, and we hope due concern will be given to the feelings of the Okinawans."

Ota wants the troops off the island by 2015. He maintains that the heavy military presence stifles economic growth on the island, site of a major World War II battle.

Japanese officials want the troops to remain, saying they help stabilize the region. But they admit they must win over the islanders if they are to keep the bases there.

"We will continue our strong efforts to receive the Okinawans' understanding on this need," said Fumio Kyuma, head of Japan's Defense Agency.

Japan spends more than $5 billion a year to support the U.S. troops there. That amount covers 70 percent of the costs.

Court rejects appeal in abortion access case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today rejected the appeal of a woman convicted of blocking access to a Milwaukee abortion clinic two years ago, turning away her contention that she wrongly was denied a jury trial.

The justices, without comment, turned down Marilyn R. Hatch's challenge to the federal law used to prosecute her, the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act.

In other action, the court:

—Turned down an appeal by a California businessman who said the state's ban on fully automated telephone sales pitches violates his free-speech rights.

—Rejected an appeal by two former federal informants being sued by a Mexican doctor who was abducted and brought to this country for trial in the killing of a U.S. drug agent. The informants challenged a trial judge's refusal to free them from liability for the kidnapping.

—Upheld Ohio's latest congressional redistricting plan, ending a former congressman's bid to take politics out of the process of drawing electoral districts.

Hatch was sentenced to 30 days in jail and fined $500 for her part in a June 4, 1994 incident outside a clinic.

Her appeal contended that Congress exceeded its authority to regulate interstate commerce when it passed the act, that the law violates free-speech rights and that she wrongly was denied a jury trial.

The nation's highest court previously had turned away similarly broad challenges to the FACE law, but those did not raise the jury-trial issue.

A series of Supreme Court decisions have stated that the Constitution's Sixth Amendment does not require jury trials for petty crimes, which the court has defined as those punishable by no more than six months in jail.

Hatch, whose trial was before a judge with no jury, was charged with being a first-time, nonviolent offender of the FACE law. As such, she faced a maximum penalty of six months in jail and a $10,000 fine.

Her appeal argued, among other things, that the combination of the jail time and fine raised the charges against her from petty to serious — and therefore her request for a jury trial should have been granted.

The 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals last April rejected most of Hatch's appeal unanimously, but split 2-1 in ruling that she had not been entitled to a jury trial.

The appeals court noted that a 1993 Supreme Court ruling denied a jury trial for someone facing six months in jail and a $5,000 fine.

ASK US

Q—When is the county livestock show?

A—The Scurry County Junior Livestock Show is set for Jan. 16-18.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 53 degrees; low, 26; high Sunday, 57 degrees; low, 29; 7 a.m. Monday, 38; trace precipitation; total precipitation for 1996, 18.24 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear. Low, upper 20s. Light wind. Tuesday, mostly sunny. High, mid 50s. Variable wind 5-10 mph.

Dondi Brock
Sunny

Sunset: 5:40 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:27 a.m.
Of 336 days in Snyder, the sun has shone 332 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The north wind brings forth rain, And a backbiting tongue an angry countenance.

Proverbs 25:23

Not all 911 calls are for emergencies

DALLAS (AP) — You wake up on Election Day and don't feel like looking in a newspaper to find out where to vote. The minister didn't show for your wedding. You missed the lottery numbers last night on TV.

You need help. But you don't need 911.

Still, the Department of Justice reports that the majority of 911 calls in many communities are routine inquiries such as those, tying up dispatchers' time and sometimes blocking serious police, fire or medical emergency calls.

On Election Day last month, dispatchers in the Dallas-area suburb of Euless were inundated with calls from people asking for polling locations. Communications supervisor Melanie Reese said dispatchers tried to provide precinct information when possible, while explaining that 911 is supposed to be for emergencies only.

In Arizona, Scottsdale Mayor Sam Campana called 911 about six times earlier this year for directions while she was driving in her car. She later said she considered her actions an appropriate use of police resources when she is "under duress." The police chief finally gave her three private telephone numbers to try when she gets lost.

Sam Trejo, senior dispatcher at the Harlingen Police Department, said nearly half of the 300 calls his 911 operators receive daily are not actually urgent.

"We get calls from people who ask for the lottery numbers, weather information and even the time. We get a lot from state hospitals that house the mentally challenged," he said. "We get calls from people in our community who have nothing else to do. They use 911 just for conversation."

Trejo recalled one instance in which he was working a call regarding a heart attack victim and was interrupted by a child making a crank call.

Trejo blames laziness and television programs such as "Rescue 911" for the deluge of nonemergency callers.

"They figure that we're like TV — all the calls come in through 911. They want to be a part of that," he said.

Mary Kozak, communications manager for the El Paso Police Department, recalls a 911 operator getting called from someone at a wedding where the preacher failed to show. The person called 911 to find a substitute.

"In their minds that was an emergency," Ms. Kozak said. "That was cute and all. We weren't that busy and the operator tried to help them. She got them off 911 and said, 'Well, let me take a look' and got them a couple of numbers."

Jim Goerke, executive director of the Advisory Commission on State Emergency Communications, said the agency has worked hard to teach children the difference between true emergency calls (such as a house fire or a crime in progress) and those that aren't (a cat in a tree, a burglary that has occurred long before the call is made, or vandalism).

Dispatchers say they either transfer nonemergency calls to a regular police line or ask the caller to redial.

Still, Goerke said, most communications workers do not want to intimidate people about using 911, because that forces them into deciding whether to call.

As an alternative, the city of Baltimore offers a new number for routine concerns like noisy neighbors and lost pets. Baltimore is the first city in the nation to offer 311, developed after President Clinton issued a request in July to take the pressure off the 911 system.

Goerke said his agency generally opposes 311 "because of that whole issue of confusion and placing the responsibility on the individual of ultimately deciding what's an emergency or what's not."

But at least one Texas city is considering a similar concept. Dallas has petitioned the Texas Public Utility Commission to designate 511 for nonemergency city services, including routine police calls, street and sanitation, animal control and other concerns.

Judith Shaw, interim director of Dallas' Equipment, Communications and Information Services Department, said the request was denied last year because the PUC was awaiting an official ruling from the Federal Communications Commission.

But the city's program is still on the table, she said.

Until such an option is available, dispatchers suggest people keep the regular police number next to the telephone for nonemergency situations.

"If it's not going on right now, you need to go ahead and stop and think a minute," Ms. Kozak said. "If it has just occurred, we would love to hear from you on 911."

GOODFELLOW DONATION — Chairman of the Goodfellows and Kiwanian Scott Gassoit, center, and Darrell Calley, Kiwanis president, accept a monetary gift to the Goodfellows from Lions Club president, Redge Heard, right. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Contractor admits it paid for lottery official's Dallas trip

DALLAS (AP) — Officials with GTECH Holdings Corp., the state lottery's biggest contractor, have admitted to paying for a lottery official's trip to Dallas this year.

The Dallas Morning News reported in Sunday editions that Billy Rhea, the lottery's chief of security, traveled to Dallas from Austin, ate dinner and watched a Dallas Stars hockey game on Jan. 29 at company expense.

Rhea has since reimbursed GTECH $25 for the food and $65 for the hockey ticket. GTECH officials said Saturday they've also asked him to reimburse his share of mileage expense for the trip.

A GTECH official called the incident a clerical oversight.

The disclosure, however, comes amid investigations into the relationship between lottery officials and GTECH.

State lottery officials began investigating GTECH consultants after The News reported Nov. 21 that Mike Moeller, a close friend of lottery Director Nora Linares, had received a $6,000-a-month contract to do work in New Mexico four years ago. Ms. Linares has said she didn't know of Moeller's work until last month.

Federal prosecutors have also sent subpoenas to the lottery commission in recent months, and GTECH has said the U.S. attorney is investigating the company's business activities in Texas and New Jersey.

GTECH's former national sales manager, J. David Smith, was convicted in October in a New Jersey federal court of participating in a fraud and kickback scheme involving the company's plans to expand that state's lottery operations. GTECH said he was responsible for hiring Moeller.

Buying anything for lottery commission employees is a violation of GTECH's contract with the state and grounds for terminating the contract, company officials said.

Lottery commission officials could not be reached by The Associated Press on Sunday.

Texas Lottery Commission Chairwoman Harriet Miers called the disclosure "very troublesome."

"I'm going to review it with counsel and see what is appropriate," she said.

Ms. Miers said she has not drawn any conclusions about GTECH's conduct, Rhea's trip, or any other lottery commission employees.

GTECH officials said what happened with Rhea was an unfortunate oversight and "not excusable."

Company records show that Rhea reimbursed GTECH $165 for meals and miscellaneous expenses incurred during three other occasions.

"It was simply an oversight by a junior staff person at GTECH who went socially to a game with" Rhea, GTECH spokesman Robert Rendine said. "To single out a simple transgression or failure to send an invoice is indicative of a witch hunt."

Rendine said Rhea had repeatedly asked to be billed for the trip and said the invoice was sent to Rhea after the company found out about the oversight Wednesday.

He didn't identify who accompanied Rhea to the hockey game, other than to say the group included two GTECH employees who were both warehouse workers.

Archaeologists say La Belle excavation running out of cash

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Excavation of the French shipwreck La Belle, considered the most important current archeological project in Texas, could soon run aground because of a lack of cash, researchers say.

The 310-year-old ship, once owned by famed French explorer La Salle, is believed to be the second-oldest discovered in Texas waters, preceded only by a 1554 wreck found off South Padre Island.

Work began at the Matagorda Bay site in September and so far has yielded archaeological treasures and the remains of at least one human. Archaeologists are working inside what is called a cofferdam, a steel dam around the site that leaves the sea floor exposed.

But Jim Bruseth, who is directing the project for the Texas Historical Commission, said workers might have to abandon the wreck if officials can't find more funding.

"We need $200,000 by early January to be able to keep this thing going," Bruseth told the San Antonio Express-News for Sunday editions.

"If we don't get it, then we let the water come back in and all the wood that's been exposed starts to deteriorate ... We run a very significant risk of losing what has been preserved for 310 years.

"This shipwreck is the crown jewel of shipwrecks in Texas and one of the most important in North America. You don't just recover half of it and let the other half of it disintegrate."

The state has allocated $1.7 million for the project. Another $1.3 million has been raised, mostly through grants and foundations.

Bruseth said the funding shortfall occurred because the excavation has turned out to be more expensive than originally thought.

"Fortunately for us, and unfortunately for us, what we're finding is much more than anticipated. That's why we're having the funding shortfall. I can't imagine we won't get the money," he said.

In addition to the money needed immediately to keep the work going, another $1 million must be raised to treat, store and then display the ship and artifacts, said Renee Peterson, a commission spokeswoman.

"Our financial situation is more extreme than we thought," Ms. Peterson said. "We just desperately need more money to continue into January. If we don't get it fairly soon we're going to have to re-evaluate our plans."

The Legislature could pass an emergency appropriation when it convenes in January, but that would require the governor's signature and two-thirds support in both houses.

"Logistically speaking it could be done," said Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant and chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. "Whether they have the support to do that is another question."

Date Book

Dec. 2, 1996

Today is the 337th day of 1996 and the 72nd day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1804, Napoleon became emperor of France.

On this day in 1859, abolitionist John Brown was hanged in what is now West Virginia.

On this day in 1942, Enrico Fermi's team of scientists produced the first controlled, sustained nuclear reaction at the University of Chicago.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Georges Seurat (1859-1891), painter; Adolph Green (1915-), playwright-lyricist, is 81; Alexander Haig (1924-), U.S. general/politician, is 72; Julie Harris (1925-), actress, is 71; Edwin Meese III (1931-), U.S. attorney general, is 65; Tracy Austin (1962-), tennis player, is 34.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1972, Anthony Davis scored six touchdowns as USC defeated Notre Dame 45-23.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Had I so interfered in behalf of the rich, the powerful, the intelligent, the so-called great, or in behalf of any of their friends... every man in this court would have deemed it an act worthy of reward rather than punishment." — John Brown

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1874, people looking into the night sky above Shreveport, La., observed a meteor that was "brilliant, exploding with blue and yellow light."

SOURCE: 1996 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Day before last quarter.

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Happy Birthday Sally Herrington

Royal son shoots stag

LONDON (AP) — It's not her idea of a good time, but Princess Diana says she won't question her eldest son's new interest in hunting.

Fourteen-year-old Prince William reportedly shot his first stag last month while in Scotland with his father, Prince Charles.

'Dalmatians' takes top spot

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Moviegoers saw spots, lots of them, as they spent an estimated $46 million to watch Disney's "101 Dalmatians" this weekend.

The comedy starring Glenn Close as an evil fashion designer who wants to turn puppies into a fur coat took the record for a five-day Thanksgiving opening from "Back to the Future 2," which debuted with $43 million in 1989.

The live-action remake of the 1961 Disney animated feature knocked "Star Trek: First Contact" into second place. The sci-fi adventure took in $25.3 million, followed by Michael Jordan and "Space Jam" with $17.9 million.

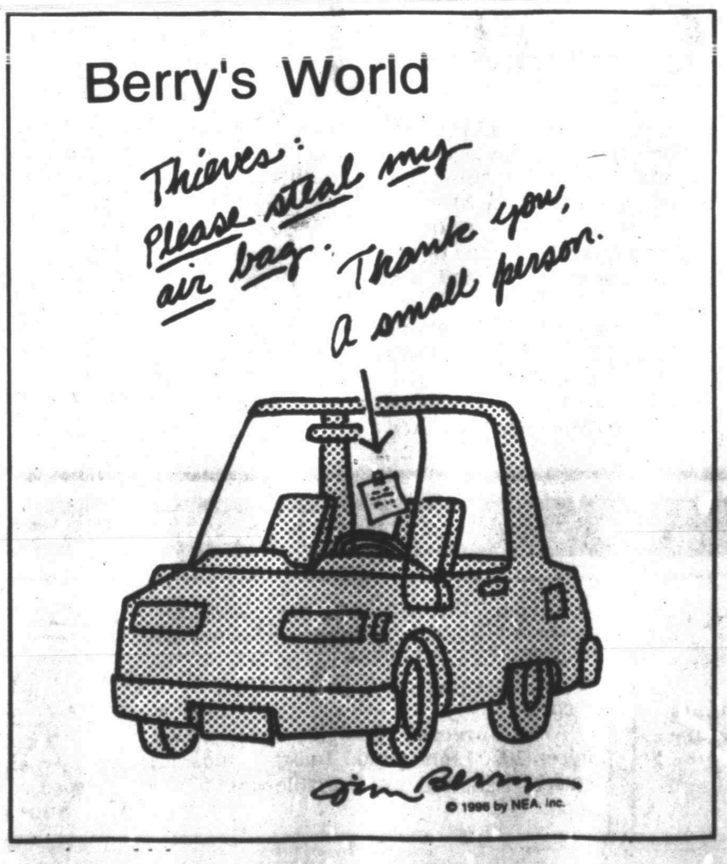
Mel Gibson's "Ransom" was fourth with $17.6 million, followed by Arnold Schwarzenegger's "Jingle All the Way" with $17.5 million.

The success of "101 Dalmatians" was no surprise. The movie was pushed by a huge marketing campaign and had the Thanksgiving weekend to itself.

Other debuts were for a trio of limited-release films: "The Crucible," at just one theater; "Ridicule" and "Sling Blade" on three screens each.

Estimated grosses for Wednesday through Sunday (final figures to be released today):

1. "101 Dalmatians," $46 million.
2. "Star Trek: First Contact," $25.3 million.
3. "Space Jam," $17.9 million.
4. "Ransom," $17.6 million.
5. "Jingle All the Way," $17.5 million.
6. "The Mirror Has Two Faces," $8.2 million.
7. "The English Patient," $5.9 million.
8. "Set It Off," $4.6 million.
9. "William Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet," $3.5 million.
10. "Sleepers," $1.5 million.



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Scurry County

Vista Resourcs Inc. will drill the No. 11 P.J. Morgan in the Sharon Ridge field, five miles south of Ira. Planned for a depth of 1,700 feet, location is in Section 32, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Borden County

Honeck Oil Co. will drill the No. 201 Creighton unit, in the Lamb field, 11 miles northwest of Gail. The venture is planned for a depth of 6,430 feet, and location is in Section 25, Block 32, T6N, T&P survey.

Honeck will drill the No. 601 Creighton unit in the Lamb field, 11 miles northwest of Gail. The re-entry project is planned for 6,000 feet, and location is in Section 25, Block 32, T6N, T&P survey.

Howard County

Federal Oil Inc. will re-enter the No. 1 Ingram in the Sara-Mag field, three miles west of Vincent. Planned for 8,000 feet, location is in Section 15, Block 25, H&TC survey.

Kent County

Sharp Image Engery will plug and abandon the No. 1 Morrison, a 6,500-foot wildcat re-entry located 26 miles west of Jayton. Location was in the J.B. Morrison survey.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Scurry County Museum's hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Storytime for 4- and 5-year-olds; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

Canyon Reef 4-H Club; Senior Citizens Center; 7 p.m.

Alateen; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-8971 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-9458, 573-8626 or 573-8929; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Alpha Study Club; luncheon; MAWC; hostesses, Dorothy Owens, Rae Adams.

Weight Watchers; Trinity Methodist Church (south wing); noon; for more information, call 1-800-359-3131.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1141 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956, 573-2101,573-1141 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; Christmas luncheon; MAWC; "Creating Memories," by Sue Travis; Sandra Browning, Maribeth Vestal and Bonnie Fry, hostesses.

Al-Anon meeting (smoke free), noon to 1 p.m., brown bag. Park Club in Winston Park. For information call 573-4203 or 573-5525.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Eubank at 573-6509.

Deep Creek Chapter of ABWA; the Shack; 6:30 p.m.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Codependents Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-7358; 7 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd. Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointments; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 573-8929; 8 p.m., open meeting (last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting, pot luck at 7 p.m.).

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349; 10 a.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 5 p.m.

Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 7 p.m.

Report: too many minorities enrolled in special education

AUSTIN (AP) — Too many minority students in Central Texas are being shuffled off to special education classes, while too few are placed in gifted-and-talented programs, some school officials and parents say.

According to an analysis of state enrollment data by the Austin American-Statesman, black students in the Austin area were 50 percent more likely than whites to be put in special education last year.

The study, published in Sunday editions, also showed that black students were five times less likely than whites to be placed in gifted-and-talented programs.

Hispanic students were slightly more likely than whites to be put in special education, and about four times less likely than whites to be placed in gifted programs.

School districts insist that special education placements are not discriminatory and are based on objective tests and evaluations.

But they cannot explain the low numbers of minority students in accelerated programs.

"I don't know why it is," Georgetown Superintendent Jim Gunn said of figures that show his district has no black or Hispanic students in accelerated programs.

"We are keenly aware that we are not representing all of our populations in gifted-and-talented, and we are working to fix that."

Education experts fear that pressure on school districts to bolster performance on state tests can lead to misdiagnosis of under-achieving students or those with behavior problems.

Observers note that tucking students into special education classes can pay off for schools in two ways.

First, they are not required to take the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills tests that lead to school rankings.

Also, school districts can get twice as much money for special education students ($5,517 per year in federal and state aid) as for those in regular classrooms ($2,447).

"There is something terribly wrong here," said Alton Rison, a retired Austin school principal and consultant who specializes in improving school performance of minority students. "There are predominantly black schools in Texas where no children are in special education."

The disparities in Austin-area districts mirror findings nationwide, some of which have led to changes.

Faced with higher rates of black and Hispanic students in special education, for example, the New York City school district is considering forcing schools to provide counseling and other assistance rather than separate special education classes.

1996 Christmas shopping starts strong

By RACHEL BECK
AP Business Writer

The Grinch may not be able to steal this Christmas.

At least that's what retailers are hoping after early figures showed plenty of buying over the Thanksgiving weekend, the official kick-off of the holiday shopping season.

After a dismal season a year ago, consumers crowded the nation's stores and malls with their wallets open. Several retailers said they had their best Thanksgiving weekend ever.

"Last year was the weakest Christmas in 11 years," said Clark Johnson, chairman of Pier One Imports Inc., which sells home furnishings. But "this weekend was beyond our level of expectations."

"This is going to be a strong Christmas," he predicted.

Last year, a shaky economy and low consumer confidence left retailers with depressed holiday sales, which generally account for about half of stores' annual sales and profits.

A rebounding economy has retailers more upbeat about consumer spending, and the strong sales over the holiday gave merchants more confidence that shoppers would spend enthusiastically until Christmas.

Revenues at malls rose by 11 percent from a year ago on the day after Thanksgiving, according to the International Council of Shopping Centers. TeleCheck Services Inc., a check approval service, said the amount of sales paid for by check that day rose 3.6 percent.

Topping many gift lists was clothing, a big boon to apparel retailers who have struggled over the last few years. Sales at J.C. Penney Co. Inc. stores were boosted over the weekend, thanks to buying in its all its apparel departments, spokesman Duncan Muir said.

Toys and jewelry also sold well, as did perfume and cosmetics. Consumers also showed interest in home products, including electronics, furnishings and tools.

That was good news for Sears, Roebuck and Co., which reported strong sales in tools, as well as computers, men's and kid's apparel, shoes and jewelry.

"We had our best Thanksgiving weekend ever," said John Costello, the department store's senior executive vice president.

Other stores didn't fare as well. Business at Dayton Hudson's department stores, which include Dayton's, Hudson's and Marshall Field's, was a little slower than last year, said spokeswoman Susan Eich, who attributed the decline to a reduction in sales promotions from a year ago.

Retailers used sales and early store openings to lure shoppers. Some stores opened as early as 5 a.m., while others, including 40 percent of all Wal-Mart stores, stayed open 24 hours a day.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 12-02-96
♠ A K 3
♥ Q 5 2
♦ 9 6 2
♣ J 6 5 2

West
♠ 9 2
♥ J 6 3
♦ A K Q J 10 4
♣ Q 3

East
♠ J 8 7 5
♥ 10 4
♦ 7 5
♣ K 10 8 7 4

South
♠ Q 10 6 4
♥ A K 9 8 7
♦ 8 3
♣ A 9

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

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

Opening lead: ♦ A

Through the mail

A few days after I had written about the six foreign bridge magazines, another one dropped into my mailbox. It was Bridge Plus from England.

In a small-page format, its editor, Elena Jeronimidis, aims the content at non-expert players — but the mail-in problem is very difficult. The articles and quizzes cover the gamut of the game.

I enjoyed this contribution by Stephen Cashmore. The North-South hands appeared on his computer screen. He knew that the declarer-play technique to make four hearts was avoidance, or Bath Coup, or blocking, or discovery, or dummy reversal, or elimination and endplay. After West begins with the three top diamonds, which is right?

Three diamonds showed a high-card heart raise.

Cashmore first tried a dummy reversal, giving up a club and ruffing a club in hand, but West overruffed. After telling the computer to return to trick four, Cashmore next attempted an endplay, but West had safe exits galore. In disgust, he asked the computer to supply the answer.

You should ruff the third diamond (East discarding a club), draw trumps, and exit with the ace and another club. After winning with the queen, West exits with a diamond. However, now you know 11 of West's cards: three hearts, six diamonds and two clubs. He has at most two spades.

Cash dummy's two top spades before playing a spade to your 10 — that most devoutly to be desired 100 percent finesse. So, it was a *discovery* deal.

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Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

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Phone fraud victim fears telling husband

DEAR ABBY: I have been married 54 years, and this is the first time I have kept a secret from my husband. If I were to tell him, I'm afraid it would kill him or my marriage. Neither of us is in good enough health to work. We are both in our 70s, and he thinks we have enough money to carry us through the rest of our lives.

It began with mail saying, "You're a winner!" and my answering the mail. Next came phone calls, and instead of hanging up, I'd talk to whoever it was. I began sending them money and, of course, I'd get a two-bit gift for a few dollars. This got me started. It kept getting worse until I was on every sucker list in the country. It's like I have a gambling disease.

I have an ulcer and shingles from worry and don't know where to turn. All our money (and I mean all) is gone. I'm in debt and can't even pay our bills. We get $900 a month from Social Security, which doesn't go very far. There's no other income.

If I could afford a lawyer and keep my husband from finding out, I'd try getting some of my money back. The only thing I'm sure of now is that no one can get any more money out of me, as there is no more to get.

When I tell them on the phone that I'm broke, they tell me I'm not! I hang up, and they call back and chew me out for hanging up on them. Some are very rude.

I know there is nothing you can do to help me, but just being able to confide in someone helps a little. After rereading this, I'm sitting here shaking. I know I have to handle this problem myself in some way, but I don't know how.

Thank you, Abby, for being here and being someone with whom I can share this heavy burden.

LOST IN THE DESERT

DEAR LOST: Gather your courage and tell your husband what has happened. Two heads are better than one in a crisis, and you must support each other.

Although most telemarketing calls are legitimate, fraudulent telemarketers often target older people, and it is estimated that their activities cost Americans $40 billion a year. Because this problem has become so widespread, a nationwide effort was begun several years ago to crack down on telemarketing fraud.

In order to create more effective anti-fraud messages, the National Consumers League is conducting a special project, funded by American Express, to study why older people are susceptible to telemarketing fraud. They have discovered that many victims do not consider illegal telemarketers criminals; they think they are just pushy salespeople trying to make a living, and are unaware that the companies they work for are fraudulent. Nothing could be further from the truth.

A new public education campaign will be launched this month to publicize the message that "illegal telemarketers are crooks" with the goal of encouraging consumers to hang up and report them.

I advise you to file a complaint with the National Consumer Fraud Information Center, P.O. Box 65868, Washington, D.C. 20035. Your complaint will be forwarded to law enforcement authorities, and those who have been victimized and need help will be referred to the appropriate agency for assistance. You should also contact your state's attorney general, whose office is in the state capital.

Although it may be too late to get your money back, dear lady, you have done a great service to other seniors by sharing your experience with them.

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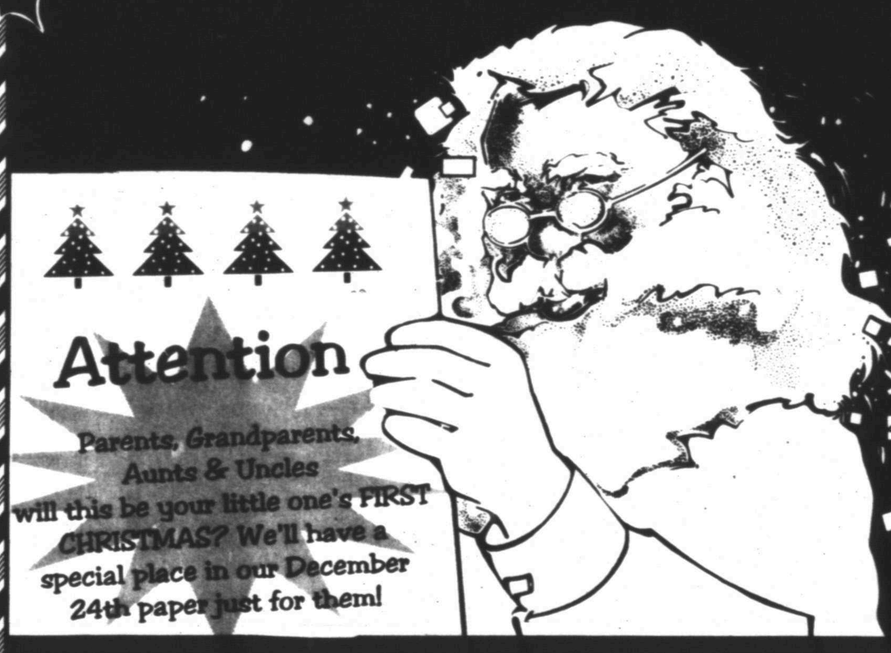

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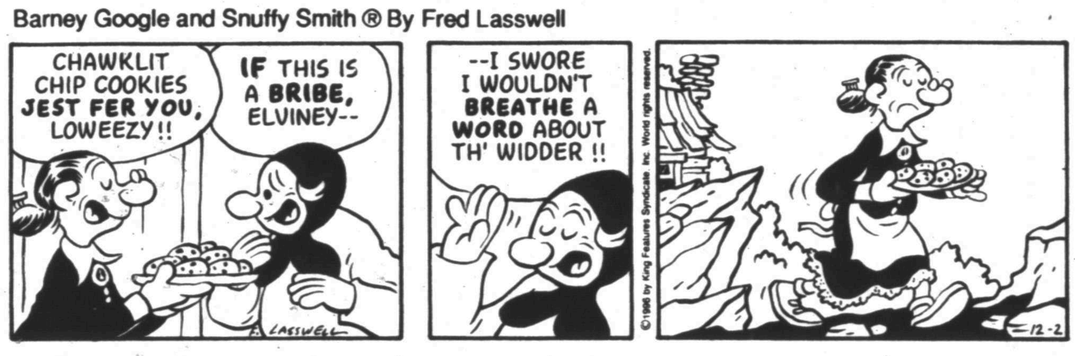

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ACROSS

1 Can. prov.
4 Exaggerated promotion
8 Table d'—
12 Type of bean
13 Vast period of time
14 Tennis term (2 wds.)
15 Rose — — rose
16 Advantage (2 wds.)
18 — Runyon
20 Uncle
21 Author Tolstoy
22 Call — — day
24 Abominable Snowman
26 Regional language
30 Office tables
33 Doctrine
34 True
36 Bluish-green
37 Whitney and Wallach
39 Regrets
41 Vase
42 Rips
44 Mysteries
46 Playwright Coward
48 French coin
49 Okla. time
51 Fleur-de- —
53 Below
57 Cover (a sofa)
60 Map abbr.
61 Actor — Julia
62 Spirit
63 Offer
64 Existence
65 Christmas item
66 — -mo (filming technique)

DOWN

1 Tobacco chew
2 Celestial bear
3 Kind of cheese
4 Specter
5 Opposite of nope
6 Roman Catholic chief
7 Fog
8 Shout of amusement
9 Harem dweller
10 Fork prong
11 Opposite of ecto
17 Water plant
19 Lubricate
23 Maple genus
25 Iced —
26 Eat to lose weight
27 Emerald —
28 Variety of asbestos
29 Heraldic crosses
31 Author Vonnegut
32 Deprived of
35 Michelle and Peggy
38 Box-office abbr.
40 Cause of widespread affliction
43 Market
45 Do a marathon
47 Composer Franz —
49 Heal
50 Health resorts
52 Move slightly
54 Small amounts
55 Wicked
56 Decorate anew
58 Bullfight cheer
59 Chemical suffix

Answer to Previous Puzzle

A	Y	E	S		O	W	E	D		F	L	A
D	O	S	E		C	A	V	E		R	A	T
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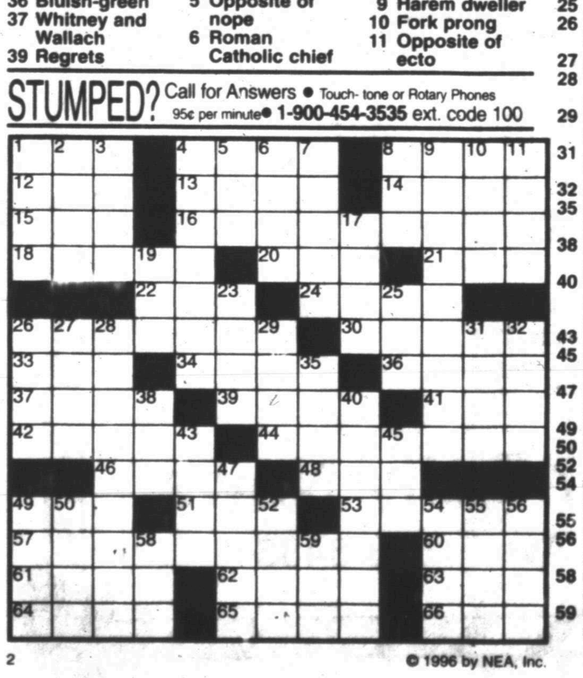

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SPORTS

Broncos refuse to let Seahawks ride

By The Associated Press

In Denver, the Broncos paved a key section of the road they hope will lead them back to the big show. In New Orleans and New York, it was strictly no show.

Before 74,982 at Mile High Stadium, the Broncos wrapped up the home-field advantage for the AFC playoffs with a 34-7 rout Sunday of Seattle. But the Broncos, hoping for a fourth trip to the Super Bowl, won't be relaxing over the final three games.

"We can't just say we have home-field advantage and we play in a month," coach Mike Shanahan said after Denver upped the NFL's best record to 12-1. "We have to keep the momentum up so there's no letdown in the playoffs."

That would be advisable if the Broncos hope to finally break through to victory in the NFL championship next month in New Orleans.

One thing is certain: The participants in the 31st Super Bowl will draw considerably more than the regular-season tenants of the Superdome. The New Orleans Saints drew just 26,310 to their 26-10 loss to St. Louis.

At East Rutherford, N.J., where there is no roof, the New York Jets lost 35-10 to the Houston Oilers — themselves beset by tiny crowds in the wake of their announced move to Nashville — before 21,731. Because the Jets' ticket is considerably higher than that of the Saints, the no-shows totaled 55,985.

That is believed to be an NFL record, although the league said it could not confirm that. But Keyshawn Johnson, the NFL's top draft pick, confirmed one thing: Those who showed up booed loud enough to make the gathering seem far larger than it was.

"I don't blame them at all," Johnson said after the Jets kept the inside track to a second straight No. 1 pick by losing for the 12th time in 13 games. "If I was a New York fan and just a guy in the stands, I'd be angry, too."

Elsewhere Sunday, it was Minnesota 41, Arizona 17; Indianapolis 13, Buffalo 10 in overtime; Green Bay 28, Chicago 17; Jacksonville 30, Cincinnati 27; Philadelphia 24, the New York Giants 0; Baltimore 31, Pittsburgh 17; Carolina 24, Tampa Bay 0; Oakland 17, Miami 7; St. Louis 26, New Orleans 10; and New England 45, San Diego 7.

Kansas City beat Detroit 28-24 and Dallas took Washington 21-10 to start the holiday weekend on Thursday.

San Francisco visits Atlanta tonight.

Broncos 34, Seahawks 7

"It's never too early to clinch," Denver's John Elway said after throwing for two touchdowns and running for a third. "If we could have clinched it in the fifth week, I would have taken that."

Elway, who missed a series in the second quarter with a hamstring injury, passed for a 1-yard score to Shannon Sharpe and a 4-yarder to Ed McCaffrey, and ran in from 2 yards out as Denver won its ninth straight game. Because Buffalo and Pittsburgh lost, the Broncos will be home throughout the playoffs after a bye in the first week of the postseason.

"We didn't expect it today," Sharpe said. "But it's what comes from getting your business done in September and October. We won then, we won in November, and now we've won in December."

Elway finished 17 of 27 for 189 yards. His TD pass to McCaffrey was the 250th of his career, making him the ninth quarterback in history to reach that figure.

Terrell Davis carried 26 times for 106 yards — including a 5-yarder for a touchdown — leaving him 25 yards short of the 22-year-old Denver record of 1,407 held by Otis Armstrong.

Ravens 32, Steelers 17

Visiting Pittsburgh (9-4) failed to clinch an AFC playoff berth, falling victim to Derrick Alexander. He caught seven passes in a driving rain for a career-high 198 yards and a touchdown as Baltimore (4-9) ended a four-game losing streak. The Ravens' Vinny Testaverde completed 17 of 24 for 259 yards, becoming the first quarterback this year to throw three scoring passes against the Steelers.

Former Steeler Bam Morris, dropped after an off-season drug arrest, hurt Pittsburgh with 28 carries for 100 yards.

Colsts 13, Bulls 10, OT

A 49-yard field goal by Cary Blanchard 8:14 into overtime enabled Indianapolis (7-6) to remain viable in the AFC wild-card race. Blanchard's 31st field goal this season allowed him to surpass Raul Allegre's 1983 franchise record. Visiting Buffalo (9-4) was hurt by injuries that kept quarterback Jim Kelly and running back Thurman Thomas on the sidelines.

Panthers 24, Bucs 0

Carolina, which has allowed just 10 second-half points at home this season, posted the first shutout in its history and moved a step closer to becoming the only second-year team to make the playoffs. The Panthers (9-4) kept Trent Dilfer on the run, sacking him five times and knocking him down 13 more while winning their fourth straight game.

Packers 28, Bears 17

Returning to the Green Bay lineup after missing a month with a broken arm and playing with a cast, Antonio Freeman had career highs with 10 receptions and 156 yards. The Packers (10-3) beat Chicago for the sixth straight time and 14th straight at Lambeau Field. The Bears (5-8) have not won a December road game during the regular season since 1987.

Oilers 35, Jets 10

After missing six weeks with a separated shoulder, New York's Neil O'Donnell pulled a leg muscle while warming up. He never got on the field and the Jets won't know until later in the week if he will play again this season.

The Oilers (7-6) — probably feeling more at home than the Jets considering the sparse crowds they are drawing to the Astrodome — stayed in contention for a playoff berth.

NFL at glance

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
East						
NewEngland	9	4	0	.692	355	269
Buffalo	9	4	0	.692	267	215
Indianapolis	7	6	0	.538	232	274
Miami	6	7	0	.462	285	266
N.Y.Jets	1	12	0	.077	221	368
Central						
Pittsburgh	9	4	0	.692	299	211
Houston	7	6	0	.538	291	254
Jacksonville	6	7	0	.462	263	288
Cincinnati	5	8	0	.385	299	318
Baltimore	4	9	0	.308	320	369
West						
x-Denver	12	1	0	.923	351	199
KansasCity	9	4	0	.692	262	230
SanDiego	7	6	0	.538	277	323
Oakland	6	7	0	.462	274	234
Seattle	5	8	0	.385	250	317
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
Dallas	8	5	0	.615	254	201
Philadelphia	8	5	0	.615	303	265
Washington	8	5	0	.615	291	251
Arizona	6	7	0	.462	248	332
N.Y.Giants	5	8	0	.385	200	250
Central						
GreenBay	10	3	0	.769	346	191
Minnesota	7	6	0	.538	243	245
Chicago	5	8	0	.538	202	248
Detroit	5	8	0	.385	263	289
TampaBay	4	9	0	.308	153	243
West						
SanFrancisco	9	3	0	.750	291	188
Carolina	9	4	0	.692	292	164
St.Louis	4	9	0	.308	246	334
Atlanta	2	10	0	.167	224	359
NewOrleans	2	11	0	.154	184	291

x-clinched division title.

Thursday's Games
Kansas City 28, Detroit 24
Dallas 21, Washington 10

Sunday's Games
Minnesota 41, Arizona 17
Indianapolis 13, Buffalo 10
Green Bay 28, Chicago 17
Jacksonville 30, Cincinnati 27
Philadelphia 24, New York Giants 0.
Baltimore 31, Pittsburgh 17
Carolina 24, Tampa Bay 0
Denver 34, Seattle 7
Houston 35, New York Jets 10
Oakland 17, Miami 7
St. Louis 26, New Orleans 10
New England 45, San Diego 7

Monday's Games
San Francisco at Atlanta, 9 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 5
Philadelphia at Indianapolis, 8 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 8
Atlanta at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Baltimore at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Denver at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Houston, 1 p.m.
New York Giants at Miami, 1 p.m.
St. Louis at Chicago, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Washington at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
New York Jets at New England, 4 p.m.
Buffalo at Seattle, 4 p.m.
Carolina at San Francisco, 4 p.m.
Dallas at Arizona, 4 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 8 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 9
Kansas City at Oakland, 9 p.m.

REBOUND — Snyder junior Chad Carter takes a defensive rebound and looks to pass while being defended by Andrews' Shaud Williams in Saturday's non-district basketball action. Snyder defeated the Mustangs, 53-32. (SDN Staff Photo)

Lady Westerners roll past Ranger

Playing by far the best game of the season, Western Texas College rolled to an impressive 65-41 victory over Ranger Junior College Saturday night in the final game of the WTC Thanksgiving Classic.

The triumph upped Coach Anthony Portley's season record to 3-7 after losing its first two tournament games, one of them a conference tilt, in the Scurry County Coliseum.

Against Ranger, WTC enjoyed a 35-23 halftime lead after a opening half featuring a balanced scoring attack.

Dionna Russel, who sank three three-pointers, was the Lady Westerners' top point producer with 17. Shanna Gaithright was also in double digits with 14 while Cecelstine Otuoro put in 12 and Freda McKnight 10.

Others getting on the scoreboard were Angelica Brooks with eight while Jessica Jeffrey and Jennifer Northcott each contributed two field goals.

For Ranger, Yolanda Yates led the scoring with 12, half of them from the charity line. Emily Okeke was also in double figures with 10.

In Saturday's first game, Paris Junior College edged Odessa College, 73-69. Paris, who defeated WTC in the tournament opener on Thursday, led by only one point, 29-28, at halftime.

Kenda Patterson paced Paris JC with 20 points while Odessa's Pashen Murray had the game high with 23 points.

The Lady Westerners rest the first part of the week before traveling to Tyler for a two-day Tyler Junior College Classic starting Friday.

Texas believes it has shot at title

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — John Mackovic isn't listening to those who say his unranked Texas Longhorns don't have a chance against Nebraska in the Big 12 Conference championship game.

"They might not know enough about our team," Mackovic said.

Nebraska coach Tom Osborne isn't one of the naysayers. He says he just hopes his Cornhuskers can stand up to the Texas passing game — and that Nebraska will have a healthy running back Saturday in St. Louis.

"I hope we can get an I-back or two healed up because we finished the game with one," Osborne said.

Osborne and Mackovic downplayed the fact that Nebraska (10-1, 8-0 Big 12), clinging to hopes for a third straight national title, will probably be heavily favored to beat unranked Texas (7-4, 6-2 conference).

Freshman DeAngelo Evans rolled up 123 yards on 25 carries as he provided offensive steam after starting I-back Ahman Green and his backup, Damon Benning, were injured early in the game.

"We may be favored down there but I would say, the way Texas is playing lately, it's anybody's ball game," Osborne said Sunday.

"It seems like the last four or five games they've really stepped up their play," Osborne said. "They really did a tremendous job taking A&M apart through the air. We hope we won't be that vulnerable to the pass, but you never know."

Mackovic lauded the Cornhuskers during a telephone news conference Sunday, but made clear that his Longhorns "feel very good about how we were able to play down the stretch ... we made a lot of improvement."

Nebraska's offense struggled but its defense got the job done as the Cornhuskers won the North Division championship Friday with a 17-12 win over Colorado.

Over Andrews...

Tiger defense shines in win

ANDREWS — The Snyder Tigers relied on its defense, holding Andrews to just six points in the second half, en route to a 53-32 non-district victory over the Mustangs Saturday afternoon.

The Tigers opened with 20 points in the first quarter, including 10 by junior Jimmy Taylor who finished the tilt as high scorer with 19 points.

Snyder, however, managed only nine in the second quarter and held only a three-point advantage, 29-26, at halftime.

The Tigers scored only six in the third period while holding Andrews to one, but Coach Bud Birks' crew exploded for 18 in the final period to seal the victory, the Tigers' fifth of the season.

"We played pretty hard against Andrews, better than the first time we played them," Birks said. "Anytime you can hold anybody in the 30s, you played good defense. I thought Jimmy Taylor played a very good game." In addition to his 19 points on offense, Taylor hauled down 15 rebounds.

Birks said he expects a tough game against Class 5A Lubbock High Tuesday night in the Snyder High School gym. The junior varsity contest tipoff is at 6 p.m. followed by the varsity at 7.

Snyder is 5-1 for the season, its only loss coming last week at the hands of the Seminole Indians.

Against Andrews, two other Tigers were in double figures. Rick Henderson, who was held to only one basket in the first half, finished with 11 while Ramsey Castillo pitched in 10. Chad Carter added six points while Alvin Fabre canned four. Jeremiah Johnson added two and David Smith one.

Leading scorer for Coach George Byerly's Mustangs was Chris Helbig with 13. Shaud Williams and Tim Kimberlin each pitched in seven.

Snyder's junior varsity lost to Andrews Saturday, 51-49.

NBA at glance

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EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Miami	12	4	.750	-
Orlando	8	4	.667	2
NewYork	9	5	.643	2
Philadelphia	7	8	.467	4½
Washington	7	8	.467	4½
Boston	4	10	.286	7
NewJersey	3	9	.250	7
Central Division				
Chicago	15	1	.938	-
Detroit	12	3	.800	2½
Cleveland	9	5	.643	5
Charlotte	8	6	.571	6
Atlanta	9	7	.563	6
Milwaukee	8	7	.533	6½
Indiana	5	8	.385	8½
Toronto	4	10	.286	10
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Houston	15	1	.938	-
Utah	12	2	.857	2
Minnesota	7	8	.467	7½
Denver	5	12	.294	10½
Dallas	4	10	.286	10
SanAntonio	2	13	.133	12½
Vancouver	2	15	.118	13½
Pacific Division				
Seattle	14	4	.778	-
L.A.Lakers	12	6	.667	2
Portland	10	7	.588	3½
L.A.Clippers	6	10	.375	7
GoldenState	5	11	.313	8
Sacramento	5	12	.294	8½
Phoenix	1	14	.067	11½

Saturday's Games
New York 115, Sacramento 101
Philadelphia 96, Vancouver 90
Houston 103, Washington 99
Miami 78, Boston 77
Orlando 86, Cleveland 82
Minnesota 79, Toronto 70
Charlotte 94, Milwaukee 87
Chicago 97, San Antonio 88
New Jersey 106, L.A. Clippers 95, OT

Sunday's Games
Golden State 98, Portland 70
Detroit 95, Sacramento 66
Utah 96, Seattle 90
L.A. Lakers 104, Denver 96

Monday's Games
Houston at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Utah, 9 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
Boston at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at New York, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Chicag at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Indiana a 6t Portland, 10 p.m.
Charlotte at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
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Buffalo 78, Niagara 77
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Duquesne 71, Akron 55
Fairfield 82, Cent. Michigan 63
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Georgetown 68, DePaul 41
Harvard 67, New Hampshire 58
Iona 85, American U. 72
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Penn St. 70, Loyola, Md. 55
Providence 74, Columbia 61
Rhode Island 115, Fairleigh Dickinson 69
Siena 86, Rider 81
St. Bonaventure 65, Canisius 53
St. Francis, NY 73, Brown 55
St. John's 77, Hofstra 54
Texas Tech 84, George Washington 75
Vermont 74, Marist 65
West Virginia 83, Ohio U. 68

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Alabama St. 82, Jacksonville St. 71
Alcorn St. 87, Ark.-Pine Bluff 84
Appalachian St. 87, Milligan 49
Arkansas St. 85, Jacksonville 83, OT
Cent. Florida 89, Tenn. Temple 85
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Leaving Dust, ridden by Kenneth Hart and trained by Russell Harris, clocked a time of 17.730 for the 350-yard race. The third place finish paid $10,000.

Finishing second was Featured Dash, followed by Leaving Dust, Just Take It Easy and Snow N Syn.

The MBNA America Racing Challenge is a $1.6 million series of 40 regional races run throughout the United States, Mexico and Canada.

The winner of each regional race represented that region in the MBNA America Challenge Championships Nov. 24 at Turf Paradise in Phoenix.

Two complete basic training

Marine Pvts. Jeremy D. Brown and Quintin L. Kasparek, both 1996 Snyder High School graduates, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

They both successfully completed 11 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally. Both began training at 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. They also completed classroom and field assignments including first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training.

Brown and Kasparek. along with fellow recruits, worked as a team to solve a number of tactical problems during the program. They performed close order drill and operated as a Marine small infantry unit in the field.

Brown is the son of Denece C. Shankles of Snyder. Kasparek is the son of Jackie L. Kidd of 5990 County Road 3116 and Gary L. Kasparek of Snyder.

Personal papers surface after nearly 40 years

NEW YORK (AP) — When Carmen Watson went to see a movie at the Apollo Theater, she placed her pocketbook on an empty seat next to hers. The year, after all, was 1960.

"It was a better time," said Watson, who was then a 20-year-old university student named Carmen Bilbao. "I thought it was safe."

Her wallet vanished, only to be rediscovered some 36 years later — along with the wallets and pocketbooks of dozens of other victims — by workers who are demolishing the Apollo to make way for a new, larger theater.

The workers found the stash in a cramped air shaft behind the walls of the theater's balcony, The New York Times reported today.

A pickpocket who preyed on movie lovers from 1959 to 1961 apparently pinched the purses, the Times said. The wallets and pocketbooks had cash and valuables removed, but still contained personal papers and photographs.

"This brings back a part of my life I had almost forgotten," said Maria Correa, 50, who rediscovered photographs she lost nearly four decades ago.

The Times found the wallets and pocketbooks a reminder of the tawdry Times Square, which replaced porno shops with legitimate theaters and tourist attractions.

"The Times Square of the late 1950s and early 1960s was the capital of pickpocketing," said Luc Sante, a social historian who has written about New York City crime.

Busy weekend noted for area peace officers

Eight people were arrested over the weekend in Snyder, including five at one location for public intoxication.

Officers were called to the 2900 block of Avenue U at 1:42 a.m. Saturday in reference to a report of several people fighting. Five people were taken into custody for public intoxication, including three 20-year-old males, a 21-year-old male and a 22-year-old male.

Another arrest for public intoxication was made at 11:54 p.m. Saturday from the 1900 block of Coleman Avenue as a 30-year-old male was taken into custody.

Officers arrested a 29-year-old male at 8:46 a.m. Sunday in the 200 block of Hickory for assault/family violence.

DPS troopers arrested a 34-year-old male at 7:38 p.m. Sunday on U.S. Highway 84 on a warrant from Dallas County for an insufficient check.

Scurry County deputies responded to a reported robbbery at 3:57 this morning some 17 miles south on U.S. Highway 208. The case is still under investigation as to whether a robbery was attempted or not, according to sheriff's deputies.

An Asian male from Levelland had a flat tire and a person stopped to assist him. According to reports, the flat was changed but the spare on the Levelland man's car went flat also, and the man again assisted him. At this time, the Levelland man attempted to buy the other man's spare tire. Due to language difficulties, it has not been determined yet what then ensued. No robbery report has been filed.

In other activity over the weekend, a report for Class C theft was submitted at 4:52 p.m. Saturday in reference to a shoplifter at Wal-Mart.

Mike Parmer requested an officer at 7:56 p.m. Saturday in reference to a mobile phone being stolen from 302 32nd St. An offense report for burglary of a vehicle was submitted.

Stanley Clark requested an officer at 9:37 a.m. Sunday in reference to someone putting spray paint on his 1996 Chevrolet pickup and his 1971 Chevrolet pickup. A report for Class B criminal mischief was filed.

Tracy Iglehart notified police at 2:10 p.m. Sunday that someone had stolen two bicycles. A report for Class C theft was filed. The bicycles were later purchased by the Bike Shop, which notified authorities. Charges are being pursued.

Darrell Campbell advised officers at 6:49 p.m. Sunday of the theft of a check from his residence. A report for Class C theft was filed.

Cogdell Hospital officials contacted police at 2:35 p.m. Saturday in reference to a male patient causing a disturbance. The individual was released from the hospital and transported to his residence.

A report for criminal mischief was filed after a woman contacted officers to complain that two subjects had put shoe polish on her vehicle.

Fire burns garage here

Snyder Fire Department is investigating a Saturday evening fire which destroyed a garage and damaged the outside of an adjacent vacant house.

Volunteers responded to the fire at 7 p.m. Saturday at 1108 24th St. No injuries were reported in the fire, which burned a garage and caused slight damage to a vacant residence owned by Don Head. The blaze also damaged a fence owned by Ned Underwood.

Fire officials said the blaze was of a suspicious nature and are still determining the cause.

Firemen also extinguised a fire in a dumpster in the 2800 block of 34th Street at 2:46 p.m. Saturday and a grass fire at 5452 County Road 473 at 1 p.m. Sunday.

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BellSouth	40⅛	39½	39⅞	— ½
BethSteel	9	8⅞	8⅞	— ⅛
BritPet	138¼	137¼	137¼	— ⅜
BurlNoSFe	89⅛	88⅞	89	— ⅞
Caterpillar	78⅞	77⅞	78⅞	— ⅛
CenSoWst	26⅞	26½	26⅞	+ ⅛
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CocaColas	51¼	50⅞	51	— ⅛
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DowChem	83½	82⅛	83⅜	— ⅜
DresserInd		33	32¾	32¾
DuPont	96⅛	94⅜	96⅛	+1⅞
EastmanChem	56¼	56¼	56½	— ⅛
EstKodak	82⅛	81¼	82	+ ⅛
EDS Corp	48⅛	47⅞	47⅞	— ⅛
EljerInd	12⅛	11⅞	12⅛	+ ¼
Enserch	23⅜	23¼	23⅜	+ ⅛
Entergy	27⅞	27	27⅞	+ ¼
Exxon	94¼	93½	94	— ⅜
FstBksAm		10	10	10
Flowers	23⅜	23¼	23⅜	+ ⅛
FordMotor	32⅝	32⅛	32⅝	— ⅛
GTE Cp	45	44½	44½	— ⅜
GenDynam	73½	73⅛	73⅜	— ⅜
GenElec	103⅜	102⅝	103	—1
GenMills	63⅜	63¼	63⅜	— ⅛
GenMotors	57⅞	57¼	57½	— ⅛
GaPacif	73⅜	72⅞	73⅜	+ ⅛
GlobalMar	19½	19⅛	19⅜	— ⅛
Goodrichs	44⅞	44⅛	44⅛	— ⅛
Goodyear s	48⅞	48	48⅛	— ¼
GtAtlPac	32½	32¼	32¼	— ½
Haliburtn		60⅛	60⅛	60⅛
Hanson ADSs	6⅛	6⅛	6⅛	— ⅛
HarteHanks	25⅜	25½	25⅜	— ⅛
HoustonInd s	22	21⅞	21⅞	— ⅛
IBM	162⅜	159⅜	162	+2⅜
IntlPaper	42⅜	41⅜	41⅜	— ⅜
JohnsnJn s	53⅛	52⅜	52⅜	— ⅜
K mart	11⅜	11⅜	11⅜	+ ⅜
Kroger	46	45⅜	45⅜	— ⅜
Litton	47½	47	47½	+ ⅜
LockhdMart	90⅜	89⅜	89⅜	—1
Lowes Cos	41¼	40⅜	41⅛	+ ½
Lubys		22⅛	21⅜	22
LucentTech n	51	50⅛	50⅜	— ⅛
MayDeptStrs		49⅜	48¼	48⅜
Medtronic	66⅜	65¼	66	— ⅛
Mobil	121⅜	120¼	120⅜	— ⅜
Monsanto s	39⅜	39⅜	39⅜	— ⅛
Motorola	55⅛	54⅜	54⅜	— ⅛
Nationsbk	103⅜	102¼	103⅜	— ½
Navistar	9⅜	9⅜	9⅜	+ ¼
NoramEngy		15⅛	15⅜	15⅛
Norwest	46⅛	45⅜	45⅜	— ⅜
Nynex	46⅜	46	46	— ⅜
OryxEngy	20⅜	20	20⅜	— ⅜
PacTelesis	36⅜	36½	36⅜	— ⅛
PanEnergy	44	43⅜	43⅜	— ⅛
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Polaroid	42⅝	42⅛	42⅛	— ⅜
Praxair	48⅜	48	48	— ⅛
ProctGamble	108⅛	106⅜	107⅛	—1½
PubSNwMx		19⅜	19⅛	19⅛
RoyalDutch	169⅛	168⅛	168½	—1⅜
SBC Comm	52⅜	51⅛	52⅛	— ⅜
SaraLee	39⅜	38½	38⅜	— ½
SearsRoeb	51⅛	50⅛	51⅛	+1⅛
SherwinW	56⅜	56	56	— ⅜
SmthBchADS	68⅛	67⅞	68⅛	— ⅜
SouthernCo	22⅛	22⅛	22⅛	— ⅛
SwstAirlines	24⅜	24⅛	24⅜	— ⅛
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SunCo	25	24⅜	24⅜	— ⅜
TNP Ent	25⅞	25⅜	25⅜	+ ⅛
Tandy	42⅛	42	42⅛	— ⅛
TempleInl	53⅜	53⅛	53⅜	— ⅛
Tenneco		51⅛	50⅞	51
Texaco	99	98⅛	98⅜	— ⅜
TexasInd	56⅜	56⅛	56⅜	— ⅜
TexasInst	65⅛	63⅛	65	+1⅜
TexUtil	39⅜	39⅛	39⅜	+ ⅛
Textron	94⅛	92⅛	93⅜	—1⅜
Travelers s		45⅛	44⅜	45
TrinityInds	34⅜	34⅛	34⅛	— ⅛
TritonEngy	47⅞	47½	47⅞	+ ⅛
Tyler		1⅜	1⅜	1⅜
US WestCm	31⅛	30⅞	31	— ⅛
USWstMda	19	18⅜	18⅜	— ⅜
USX Delhi	15⅛	14⅜	15⅛	+ ⅜
USX-Marathn	23⅜	23	23⅛	+ ⅜
USX-USS	30⅜	30⅛	30⅛	+ ⅛
UnCarbde	45⅞	45⅜	45⅜	— ⅛
UnPac s	58⅛	57½	57⅞	— ½
UnitedTech	139⅞	137⅞	137⅞	—2⅜
UnitedTech wi		69⅛	69⅛	69⅛
Unocal	41	40⅞	40⅞	+ ⅛
WalMart		25⅜	25⅛	25⅛
WstnGasRs	19⅛	18⅞	19	+ ⅛
WestghEl	18⅜	18⅛	18⅜	— ⅛
WinnDixie	33⅜	33⅛	33⅜	— ⅛
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Midday Stocks

Students studying abroad in record numbers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly half the students on Suzanne Hartman's dormitory hall at Emory University are packing their bags to join an increasing number of U.S. students earning college credit abroad.

As a freshmen, she shared a dorm hall with 20 students. Now, as upperclassmen, eight are off to study in France, Italy, Spain, Ecuador and Australia.

"It's a great opportunity. More kids are doing it," said Hartman, 21, a junior from New Providence, N.J., who is leaving in February to study a semester in Sydney, Australia.

Except for the air fare and personal spending money, she said it will cost about the same to study in Australia as it would at Emory, a private school in Atlanta.

"Schools are starting to realize that this is not just a trend, and they're making it easier — like finding you ways to talk to other students who have done it," Hartman said.

The number of American students studying abroad rose 10.6 percent over the previous school year to 84,403 in 1994-95, continuing a 10-year upward trend, a report released Sunday by the New York-based Institute of International Education said. Many are venturing beyond Europe to destinations like Africa, Australia and the Middle East.

Foreign student enrollment in U.S. schools, meanwhile, rose less than 1 percent the past two years.

"As recently as a decade ago, studying abroad was considered a luxury," said Richard M. Krasno, the institute's president. "I think it's now considered a more instrumental part of undergraduate education."

He speculated that American students are warming to the idea of studying abroad because they are being exposed to other cultures on their own campuses. Many also recognize the importance of a second language and international experience in competing for good jobs, he said.

Amy Hofsheier, 21, a student at the University of Arizona, is off to Israel next month to study 5½ months at Ben Gurion University in Beersheva. She's majoring in archaeology and Judaic studies and hopes to see the country and improve her language skills.

"I think for myself. It's really a necessity," said Hofsheier, who hopes to do archaeology work in Israel one day. "The majority of the kids are still going to Spain and France, but I think interest is opening up to other places."

Kenitra Burton, 20, a junior at Hartwick College in Oneonta, N.Y., spent a month in Thailand as a freshman to broaden her knowledge of the country's language, culture and religion.

"I grew up a lot. I really matured. It gave me a whole other perspective on being a minority," said Burton, who is black. "I had braids in my hair at the time. They were all curious and kept asking 'How did you do that?'"

A fast-growing economic market in China led to a 30 percent increase in American students studying there in 1994-95, Krasno said. Costa Rica also reported a 30 percent increase, partly because many students recognize the advantage of knowing Spanish, he said.

He said Australia is aggressively recruiting U.S. students. It reported a 42 percent rise in American enrollees in 1994-95 with 3,346.

While these countries reported large percentage increases in American students, Britain still hosted the most — 19,410 students, or 23 percent of all study-abroad students. France, Spain and Italy ranked second, third and fourth with 7,000 to 7,900 students.

Were teens playing bizarre game that went way too far?

MURRAY, Ky. (AP) — The five teen-age murder suspects were just lonely, some say, and their vampire role-playing games strictly innocuous.

"You had a group of kids that just wanted to be a part of something, wanted to belong to a group," Calloway County prosecutor David Harrington said. "They even paid membership dues."

Others see a plot far more sinister: A cult in which members mutilated animals for their blood and body parts, and adults lured teen-agers with promises of sex.

Since the arrest Thanksgiving night of three Murray teens along with another youth from nearby Mayfield, tales of vampire children have been the talk of this southwestern Kentucky town of 13,000, home of the national Boy Scout museum.

"People are talking about it," said Greg Duncan, sipping coffee at the Hungry Bear restaurant. "Some people are afraid."

All five, including a daughter of the slain couple, were arrested in Baton Rouge, La., suspected in the Nov. 25 slayings of Richard and Naoma Wendorf. The couple was found beaten to death in their Eustis, Fla., home.

Police say Rod Ferrell met the Wendorfs' 15-year-old daughter, Heather, when he lived in Eustis with his father. Ferrell, 16, moved back to Murray last year to live with his mother.

The teens were part of a group that sucked blood from each other and believed they were vampires, police say.

And they were later driven to kill, police say. Ferrell, Ms. Wendorf, Dana Cooper, 19, of Murray, and Scott Anderson, 16, of Mayfield, are all accused of murder. Charity Keesee, 16, of Murray was charged with being an accessory to murder.

Extradition proceedings in Baton Rouge are to begin today.

Authorities believe Ferrell was also involved in a break-in this fall at a Murray animal shelter in which two puppies were mutilated and their body parts taken.

"They had stomped one of them to death and one of them, they pulled the legs off," said Calloway County Sheriff Stan Scott.

It was the first time officials thought something unusual might be going on. "We've had kids in the graveyard, vandalism, you know, seances, but nothing this serious," Harrington said about the break-in.

And the charges involving the group extend even to parents. Ferrell's mother, Ms. Sondra Gibson, faces a charge of solicitation to commit rape and sodomy for a letter police said she wrote to a 14-year-old boy.

"I longed to be near you ... to become a Vampire, a part of the family immortal and truly yours forever," the letter reads. "You will then come for me and cross me over and I will be your bride for eternity and you my sire."

Harrington said he doesn't think an organized cult exists or that Ms. Gibson was involved. He said it was Ferrell who began to take the role-playing game far too seriously, and was scaring the others.

Police have said there was no sign of any cult ritual at the scene of the slayings.

Ferrell's grandfather, Harold Gibson, said Saturday that his grandson was not the leader of a murderous cult.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Is irritable bowel treatable?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've just recovered from an unpleasant bout with irritable bowel syndrome. Both my family and my gastroenterologist treated my condition very casually and said nothing could be done to cure or prevent it. I can't believe that there isn't some diet or medicine to help.

DEAR READER: This affliction is common — and frustrating, as you've discovered. IBS is believed to be a "functional" ailment, meaning that it has no obvious physical cause; instead, the syndrome stems from a bowel that doesn't function completely normally. Symptoms include gas, bloating and diarrhea or constipation, often brought on by stress and tension.

IBS is a "rule out" diagnosis, meaning that other, more serious conditions, such as colon cancer, are excluded by blood tests and similar examinations, including X-rays and colonoscopy. After appropriate testing fails to reveal a physical cause for symptoms, patients are diagnosed with IBS by exclusion.

Treatment is highly individualized, because there is no consistently effective therapy. As a general rule, IBS symptoms are often relieved by additional dietary fiber (Metamucil and others), avoidance of food known to cause gas and evacuation problems, sympathetic support, reassurance, and — in occasional instances — stress counseling. In addition, the use of bowel anti-spasmodic medicine (Donnatal and others) may be helpful.

IBS is not dangerous or harmful to health, but it is a nuisance, no doubt.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Irritable Bowel Syndrome." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Can one sperm test, performed by a chiropractor, prove a man is sterile? My husband had such a single test done 29 years ago and failed the test.

DEAR READER: I can think of no more egregious activity than a chiropractor performing fertility tests. This is so inappropriate that it hardly warrants comment. Such sensitive testing should only be performed (or ordered) by a urologist or specialist trained in reproductive medicine.

Moreover, a single analysis is not proof positive of infertility. There are many variables that could account for a temporarily low sperm count. For example, your husband could have failed the test if he had intercourse within 12 hours prior to having it done.

While it's too late to resolve this issue with your husband, I can unequivocally state that such testing is invalid unless performed by a professional familiar with its use. I have a busy practice of internal medicine and am fully licensed. Yet I wouldn't consider obtaining fertility tests on either men or women; I'm simply not qualified to do so. Any person concerned about fertility should seek the services of the specialists I mentioned.

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'Blue dog' House Demos see increased clout

WASHINGTON (AP) — Alabama Democratic Rep. Bud Cramer says he suspected a joke or a mistake when House Majority Leader Dick Armey telephoned the day after the election. It was neither.

"He talks to me about bipartisan cooperation and how valuable the Blue Dogs are. ... And by the way, congratulations" for being re-elected, a still astounded Cramer, who barely knows the Texas Republican, recalled recently.

As Cramer learned, with President Clinton and both parties' congressional leaders singing the praises of moderation and compromise, the 105th Congress could be a grand time to be a Blue Dog.

The Blue Dogs are a small band of conservative House Democrats who, although a minority within their own party, could wield disproportionate influence on the budget, campaign finance and other issues. Chief reasons are the centrist, accomplishment-oriented message voters sent on Election Day, plus a smaller and more fragile majority that House Republicans will have when Congress convenes next month.

"Everybody sounds like a Blue Dog these days," crowed Rep. Collin Peterson, D-Minn., a group leader and one of the few Blue Dogs from outside the South. "They're all coming back from the elections making our speeches. Now the question is if rhetoric is going to be translated into action."

The group's name evolved from the old "Yellow Dog" moniker for Democrats who supposedly preferred yellow dogs to Republicans. Members say they would turn blue rather than succumb to pressure from party leaders to conform.

Liberals and moderates predominate among the approximately 206 House Democrats in the next Congress, with a few races still unresolved. The Blue Dogs will have at least 21 members, including six freshmen, the so-called Blue Puppies.

The clout of the 2-year-old group exceeds its membership list. Last May, for example, its balanced-budget plan became the chief Democratic alternative to the Republican package that eventually passed. The Blue Dogs' proposal was easily defeated but won 110 Democratic votes, a majority within the party.

Next year, the group plans to move early with a budget and a package of bills to regulate campaign finance. It also plans to propose streamlining Food and Drug Administration product approval and study long-term overhaul of the tax system.

To maximize their muscle, the Blue Dogs have talked with moderate Republicans about crafting bipartisan positions on the budget and other issues. Each group hopes a centrist coalition would enhance its power within its party, while pulling the two sides toward compromise.

In truth, it may be hard for the mostly rural Blue Dogs to find much common ground with the 40 or so moderate Republicans. The GOP moderates, largely from Northern and Eastern suburbs, tend to be more liberal on social issues, environmental protection and business regulation than the more conservative Blue Dogs.

The Blue Dogs gain leverage because Rep. Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., the speaker, will sometimes lose support from Republican moderates, sometimes from GOP conservatives. The Republican majority will be about 228-206, with one independent.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, Dec. 3, 1996

Your social life and your financial situation will both improve in the year ahead. You will get a boost from people who like and trust you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Today you should devote your energy to devising ways to enrich your life materially. You will have good fortune in this area. Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead make wonderful Christmas stocking stuffers for all signs of the zodiac. Mail $2 for each and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure you state desired zodiac signs.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today, your greatest asset will be your ability to inspire enthusiasm in others. Fortunately, you'll spread your influence widely.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) In business deals today, don't ignore your intuition. It is a valuable asset which could enable you to spot opportunities overlooked by others.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Today you might discover how an obstacle that has disturbed you can be eliminated or circumvented. Opt for the former, not the latter.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You will experience an unusual occurrence today, and even something which seems to be insignificant could lead to a big opportunity.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your positive attitude and demeanor will attract favorable attention today. Individuals who failed to acknowledge you previously will take notice.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Today, you could be capable of making good things happen for yourself as well as your associates. Avoid associating with negative-minded people.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) The busier you are, the more efficient you will be today, so don't hesitate to tackle several assignments simultaneously. Try the toughest one first.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You will be highly motivated today. If you focus on your goals, you will find yourself in the profit column before long.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Someone who has been on your mind a lot lately has also been thinking about you. See if you can make an arrangement to get together today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) The good deeds you've done for others have not been forgotten. Starting today, you might finally be on the receiving end. Keep the faith.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Solid investment proposals or profitable ideas might be revealed to you today through conversations with several friends. Try to be a good listener.

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Tiny Tim dies of apparent heart attack while singing hit

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Tiny Tim's one hit became his swan song.

Nearly three decades after he first crooned "Tiptoe Thru' the Tulips" in his trademark falsetto voice, the ukulele-strumming singer fell ill while performing his signature tune and died.

Tiny Tim had recently said that he was born April 12, 1932, making him 64, although over the years he had sometimes fibbed about his age.

His widow, Susan Khaury, said he cut short "Tiptoe" during a benefit for the Woman's Club of Minneapolis and told her he was not well. She was trying to help him back to their table when he collapsed.

"That wasn't his style to die in bed. He went out with a big bang. Very theatrical. That was his way, to collapse in front of hundreds of people," Mrs. Khaury said Sunday.

Tiny Tim died at a Minneapolis hospital late Saturday. A hospital spokeswoman said the cause apparently was cardiac arrest, but a final determination would be made later.

Born Herbert Khaury, Tiny Tim built his career on his single hit song in 1968, his stratospheric falsetto, an asexual and childlike stage persona and a flair for self-promotion.

The 6-foot-1 entertainer with long, frizzy hair was given his stage name in 1960 by an agent who had been working with midget acts. He made his first national television appearance on "Rowan and Martin's Laugh-in."

In an era of acid-tinged performers, the older Tiny Tim seemed to offer a benign, comic foil. "Tiptoe Thru' the Tulips" is a remake of a 1929 hit by Nick Lucas, but Tiny Tim appropriated the song on behalf of the flower generation.

"He was certainly a prince of a man. He was so gracious and polite that that kind of became part of his 'cartoon image,' calling everyone 'Sir' and 'Miss,'" said radio host Dr. Demento, also known as Barry Hansen, who is heard on about 100 stations.

Tiny Tim's 1969 marriage to Vicki Budinger, whom he called "Miss Vicki," on Johnny Carson's "Tonight Show" attracted an audience of 40 million viewers. They had a daughter, Tulip Victoria, before they divorced.

The performer was known for his falsetto, but also sang in a baritone. His albums include "God Bless Tiny Tim," "Prisoner of Love," "Rock," and "Girl."

Business and Industrial News

Countryplace has Christmas gift ideas

Christmas is here and Glenda Glasscock and Clara Tate, owners and operators of Countryplace, carry a wide selection of gifts that are sure to satisfy everyone on your list, as well as many treasures for you to enjoy yourself. Whatever the occasion, Countryplace has just what you're looking for.

Dreamsicles are the number one collecting item in the world and Countryplace has a large selection to choose from. There's a Dreamsicle for every occasion and in every size so you are sure to find just the one you need.

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Beautiful Dale Tiffany lamps are now in stock and will make an excellent addition to any home.

Glenda and Clara now carry Denby Stoneware which is dishwasher and oven proof, new colors of the Frankoma collection of dinnerware and the ever popular Blue Willow dinnerware.

Chantal cookware has been added to the kitchen department and is a must for the avid cooks on your gift list or for your own special indulgence.

Gorgeous Arthur Court serving pieces and frames make an exciting gift and one that will be cherished for years to come. You'll also find the Pintel Collection of serving pieces at Countryplace.

COUNTRYPLACE — Glenda Glasscock and Clara Tate, owners and operators of Countryplace, invite everyone to come and see the selection of gifts and personal items in their store's inventory. (SDN Staff Photo)

For the young ones there are stuffed Cherished Teddies and the Gund stuffed animals — a true delight any child would love.

Lotion, bath gel, hand cream and cologne by Caswell Massey can now be found at Countryplace. This natural fragrance is loved by everyone and worn by the famous.

Specially made linens by Glenda are available in tablecloths, napkins and placemats in exquisite materials and rich color tones.

Caspari paper goods are a must for your parties and you'll fine matching score cards and bridge pads.

If you're looking for a humerous or musical card for any occasion then Countryplace is the place to go for a large selection and for the music lovers there are tapes by Dino and Emile Pandolfi.

These are just a few of the new lines offered at Countryplace and of course all the items you've come to expect are still there. Remember that Glenda has a large selection of Yankee candles in two jar sizes, housewarmer gift boxes and small sampler candles and also offers a complete registry for the bride and groom and the infant.

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Columbia's flight extended by one day

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Two astronauts whose spacewalks were canceled because of space shuttle Columbia's stuck hatch said today it's a reminder for NASA to focus closely on details. Also today, NASA extended their flight by a day.

Thomas Jones and Tamara Jernigan didn't say much on Saturday when their two planned spacewalks were scrubbed. Mission managers had decided it wasn't worth the risk to allow them to try to force open the jammed hatch.

But today, Jones and Jernigan revealed their surprise, frustration and disappointment at not being fully able to rotate the handle to release the hatch last week.

"The fact that our hatch failed on this flight is a good reminder that spaceflight's a complex business and we have to pay particular attention to all the details, including the ones we've taken for granted on past flights," Jones said in an interview with CNN.

Successful operation of hatches is crucial for current flights to Russia's Mir space station and future assembly missions for an international space station. Construction begins late next year.

"It's good that we had this hatch failure on this mission in the sense that the objectives can be rescheduled and reprogrammed for later accomplishment," Jones said. "We'll learn from this experience and go on."

Jones and Jernigan were supposed to practice using a 17½-foot crane and other new tools for building the station. NASA will try to plan the spacewalks on another shuttle flight sometime next year.

The space agency was counting on the exercises to make final decisions about spacewalking gear for station construction.

"Certainly it is a bit of a setback," Jernigan told CNN.

She pointed out that the five Columbia astronauts were pleased with the release of an ultraviolet telescope and the release and retrieval of a semiconductor-producing satellite.

NASA extended their two-week-plus voyage by one day to allow the telescope to make more observations. The crew now will retrieve the telescope early Wednesday, one day later than planned, and return to Earth on Friday, 17 days after rocketing into orbit.

The telescope, which was set free by Columbia's five astronauts within hours of launch on Nov. 19, has made more than 300 observations of newborn and dying stars, the moon's atmosphere, Jupiter, Mars and Saturn, NASA astrophysicist Ronald Polidan said.

Israel's new prime minister continues to infuriate Arabs

JERUSALEM (AP) — Six months ago, Israel was in the midst of an unprecedented economic and diplomatic boom, opening new ties and markets across the Arab and Islamic world.

After the breakthrough peace agreement with the Palestinians, a historic treaty with Jordan and the end of the Arab boycott, Israel established diplomatic or trade links with Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Tunisia and Mauritania. Even peace with Syria seemed attainable, and foreign investment and exports soared.

Today, the great thaw is over.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has infuriated his Arab neighbors since taking office in June. The Arab League held an emergency meeting Sunday in Cairo to discuss Israeli plans to expand settlements in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Golan Heights — land Israel captured from Jordan, Egypt and Syria in the 1967 Mideast war.

The previous Israeli government had indicated it was willing to give up most of that land for peace with the Palestinians and Syria.

Netanyahu has yet to make any move to carry out the Israel-Palestinian agreements signed by his predecessors, most glaringly Israel' eight-month overdue withdrawal from the West Bank city of Hebron.

He also has expressed support for settlement expansion and has ruled out a full return of the Golan or negotiations on the future of Jerusalem.

Netanyahu has approved construction of 474 homes in Jewish settlements in the West Bank's Jordan Valley, settlers said today. Netanyahu also told the settlers he would seek to annex the Jordan Valley as part of any permanent peace agreement with the Palestinians.

"Israel alone is responsible for these measures which torpedo the peace process," the Arab League said in a statement Sunday.

In an interview with Israel's Maariv newspaper, Jordanian Prime Minister Abdel Karim Kabariti questioned Netanyahu's commitment to peace with Israel's Arab neighbors.

"We wanted so much to trust Netanyahu," Kabariti said. "We gave him every possible chance, every benefit of the doubt. ...But as time passes we are becoming more frustrated and confused."

Relations with Syria have worsened so much since Netanyahu took office in June that there is widespread speculation in Israel about the possibility of a limited Syrian military strike to seize part of the Golan and force the United States to intervene diplomatically.

Time magazine reports in its Dec. 9 issue that the Israeli military is "moving rapidly to a war footing." It quotes an unidentified military official as saying: "In the last few years, because of the peace process, we took some chances. But now the possibility of war is up, so we have to build up to face that."

Israel defense officials said they noticed Syrian President Hafez Assad was training his forces more aggressively this fall and emphasizing attack strategies rather than defensive ones, Time reported.

Lucid given medal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Shannon Lucid, the celebrity astronaut who spent a record 188 days in space this year, today became the first woman to be awarded the Congressional Space Medal of Honor.

In a ceremony in the Oval Office, President Clinton praised the 53-year-old Lucid for her mission to the Russian space station Mir that was the longest ever by a woman or an American. She returned to Earth in September.

"Her accomplishments should come as no surprise. She has always been a determined visionary," Clinton said in a voice hoarse despite four days of rest over the Thanksgiving weekend.

In accepting the medal, Lucid said it reflected the joint efforts of the American and Russian space teams that put together and supported her long mission.

"What this flight really was, was a story of two great spacefaring nations that cooperated together and worked together, and it's just a foretaste to what can happen in the future," she said. She was joined by her husband, Michael Lucid.

She related a brief anecdote from the mission which she said symbolized it best. One day, she said, she and her Russian crew mates were "sort of floating around after supper."

"We were talking about our childhood and how we each grew up mortally afraid of each other's nation, and then how we were sitting there on a day-to-day basis working together, laughing together, having a good time together. To the three of us this seemed like just a small miracle — something we never would have thought of when we were children. This is sort of the take-home story from this flight."

Obituaries

Wenetschlaeger

1921-1996

Funeral service was set for 2 p.m. today in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel for Henry F. Wenetschlaeger, 75, who died Saturday, Nov. 30, in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital.

Jim Wright, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, was to officiate, and burial was to follow in the Hermleigh Cemetery.

Born Jan. 12, 1921 in Hermleigh, Mr. Wenetschlaeger married Opal Smith on Jan. 29, 1965 in Snyder. He was a lifelong resident of Scurry County.

A member of the Grace Lutheran Church, Mr. Wenetschlaeger had worked for Wilson Motors following his retirement from Lone Star Gas. He was a member of the Sons of Hermann Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Opal Wenetschlaeger of Snyder; a son and daughter-in-law, James and Joni Wenetschlaeger of Snyder; a brother, Willie Wenetschlaeger of San Angelo; four grandchildren, Stephanie Jo and Brian Wenetschlaeger and Brandi and Brandin Roberge; and two great-grandchildren, Zachary and Timothy Wenetschlaeger.

Jimmy McBroom

1953-1996

Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Jimmy McBroom, 43, a former longtime Snyder resident who died early today at his sister's residence near Overton after a lengthy illness.

He had lived in Snyder all of his life prior to moving to Overton.

Survivors include four daughters, Samantha Darlene Roberts, Jamie Michelle McBroom and Melinda Jo McBroom, all of Oklahoma, and Annie Sybil McBroom of Kilgore; one son, William Gail McBroom of Oklahoma; four sisters, Virginia Pulis and Jane Collins, both of Snyder, Louise Pettijohn of Houston and Jerry Wood of Overton; two brothers, Thomas McBroom of Snyder and Johnny McBroom of Kilgore; and two granddaughters.

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Mrs. Barkowsky

1914-1996

LAMESA — Funeral service was held this morning in the Northridge Methodist Church for Anna Barkowsky, 82, who died Friday, Nov. 29, in Lubbock's St. Mary Hospital. Burial was to follow in Lamesa Memorial Park.

Mrs. Barkowsky was the mother of Dr. Ed Barkowsky of Snyder.

Born in Hill County, she married Franz Barkowsky on Dec. 21, 1931 in Sparenburg. He died in 1956.

Mrs. Barkowsky had lived in Dawson County since 1924. She was a homemaker and a Methodist.

Survivors include two other sons, Gene Barkowsky of Lamesa and Harvey Barkowsky of Austin; a daughter, Joyce Davidson of Lamesa; a sister, Clara Barkowsky of Lamesa; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association.

Dow Corning proposes sum of $2 billion to settle cases

BAY CITY, Mich. (AP) — Dow Corning Corp., once the biggest maker of silicone breast implants, moved today to put a product liability crisis behind it with a $2 billion plan that could pay women less than what the company offered two years ago.

The proposal is contained in a reorganization plan aimed at getting the company out of bankruptcy court, where it sought protection in May 1995 because of the crush of breast-implant lawsuits.

A plaintiff lawyer immediately called the plan inadequate. The $2 billion is identical to the amount the company had pledged to settle claims two years ago. Now, the company says most of the money would be released only after a trial to determine whether implants are hazardous.

The reorganization plan must be approved by Bankruptcy Court Judge Arthur J. Spector. The company said it hopes to have the plan approved in 12 to 18 months and emerge from bankruptcy.

Hundreds of thousands of women contend the implants made by Dow Corning and other companies caused a variety of health problems.

Births

Sammie and Misty Graham of Snyder announce the birth of their son at 3:25 p.m. on Nov. 30 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed seven pounds, one ounce.

Lisa Gutierrez of Snyder announces the birth of her son at 1:51 p.m. on Dec. 1 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed seven pounds, 4¾ ounces.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Nov. 29-Erna Chauncey, 2006 37th #7; Jessie Roberts, 1607 52nd #56; W.W. Sumruld, 1387 N. Bus. 84, Essie Cotton, 3507 Houston; Nov. 30-Jimmy Davis, 205 24th; Thomas Early, 118 35th; Misty Graham, P.O. Box 706; Ronald Morris, 1306 20th; Stacey Browning, 2501 28th; Dec. 1-Lisa Gutierrez, 4400 Ave. U #2C6; Eliza Trew, 2904 Ave. W.

DISMISSALS: Nov. 29-Billie Allen, Hazel Haynes, Dewey Lester, Lorenzo Martinez; Nov. 30-Erna Chauncey, Jessie Roberts, Essie Cotton, Dec. 1-Thomas Early, Ronald Morris.

CENSUS: 53 (Med., Surg.-9, Long-term Care-40, OB-2, Nursery-2).

What's Up?

Artist displaying works

Southwestern paintings by local artist and SHS teacher Ned Moore are on display in the West Texas State Bank lobby through Friday.

Key to Kingdom series

The Key to the Kingdom series continues on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. The next tape, "Guilt and Repentance," will air at 7 this evening.

VFW-auxiliary meeting

The VFW and the auxiliary will meet at 7 p.m. tonight in the post home.

Grief support group

The grief support group meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church.

GED testing resumes

GED test dates will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday and at 8 a.m. Wednesday. Tests are administered in the Learning Resource Center on the WTC campus. For more information or to make an appointment, contact Geraldine Parker at 573-8511, ext. 322, from 8-11 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday or 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

A new minimum standard for passing the GED will become effective Jan. 1.

WTC booster club

WTC booster club has a new meeting place and time. WTC boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Christian Student Center, located between the museum and the Baptist Student Union on the WTC campus.

Snyder Junior High Night Out

Snyder Junior High Night Out will be held Tuesday at Pizza Inn. All parents, students and staff are invited to participate.

Study in Europe program

An informational meeting concerning Western Texas College's Study Abroad in England program will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday in Room 2B110 on campus. The trip is scheduled for June 9-23 and is also offered for those not wishing to get credit for English 2322. For information, call Beth Bowen at 573-2670 or Jana Wesson Martin at 573-8511, ext. 296.

Beans & cornbread supper

First United Methodist Church, 2700 College Ave., will hold a beans and cornbread supper with drink and dessert from 5-6:30 p.m. Saturday. Cost is $3. Children under age six may eat for $1.

Reynolds reception slated

A reception to honor Pat Reynolds, administrative assistant at First United Methodist for 11 years, will be held Sunday at the church, during the Sunday School and fellowship hour. She will begin work in the district clerk's office in the Scurry County Courthouse.

NHS sale to help needy

Snyder High School National Honor Society will hold its Pink Elephant and Garage Sale from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14 in the foyer of the girls' gym. Funds raised through the project will go to help needy families during Christmas. Donations are welcome.

Christmas trees needed

Snyder Healthcare Center, 5311 Big Spring Hwy., is needing old Christmas trees, lights and ornaments. Anyone having extras and willing to donate is asked to bring them to the Center or call Cleo or Dorothy at 573-6332 for pick-up.

Tiger's Lair yearbooks

Snyder High School Tiger's Lair yearbooks are on sale for $35 until Dec. 20 in the journalism department. After the 20th, the price will be $40. The journalism department suggests that the yearbooks make ideal Christmas gifts.

New ladies league forming

A ladies volleyball league is forming at the Boys & Girls Club. For information, call 573-3344.

Christmas lights for sale

Hermleigh Senior Class is selling Christmas outdoor lights at $6 for a 100-light strand or $10 installed. The class will also install lights for owners who already have them for a fee. Installation dates are Dec. 2-7. Call 863-2215, 863-2720 or 573-2911.

Volleyball fund-raiser

Snyder's Lady Tigers volleyball team is holding its annual fund-raiser. The team is offering a Win Win Discount Card, good for savings at 15 local businesses. The cards are $5 each and good for one year. For information, call Patty Grimmett at 573-6301 or 573-9416.

SNS accepting applications

Snyder Neighbors Sharing is accepting applications for its 1997 workday. Applications may be picked up at Sam Robertson's Insurance Agency, the chamber of commerce or West Elementary and returned to Snyder Neighbors Sharing, P.O. Box 541, Snyder, Texas, 79550. Applications will also appear randomly in the Snyder Daily News.

Applications are due by Jan. 15. To be considered, applicants must own and be living in the house, be current on taxes and be age 65 or older or disabled.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

4-3-0

(four, three, zero)

Lotto Texas

By The Associated Press

One ticket sold in Dallas correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated $4 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 1-3-6-13-19-49.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $4 million.