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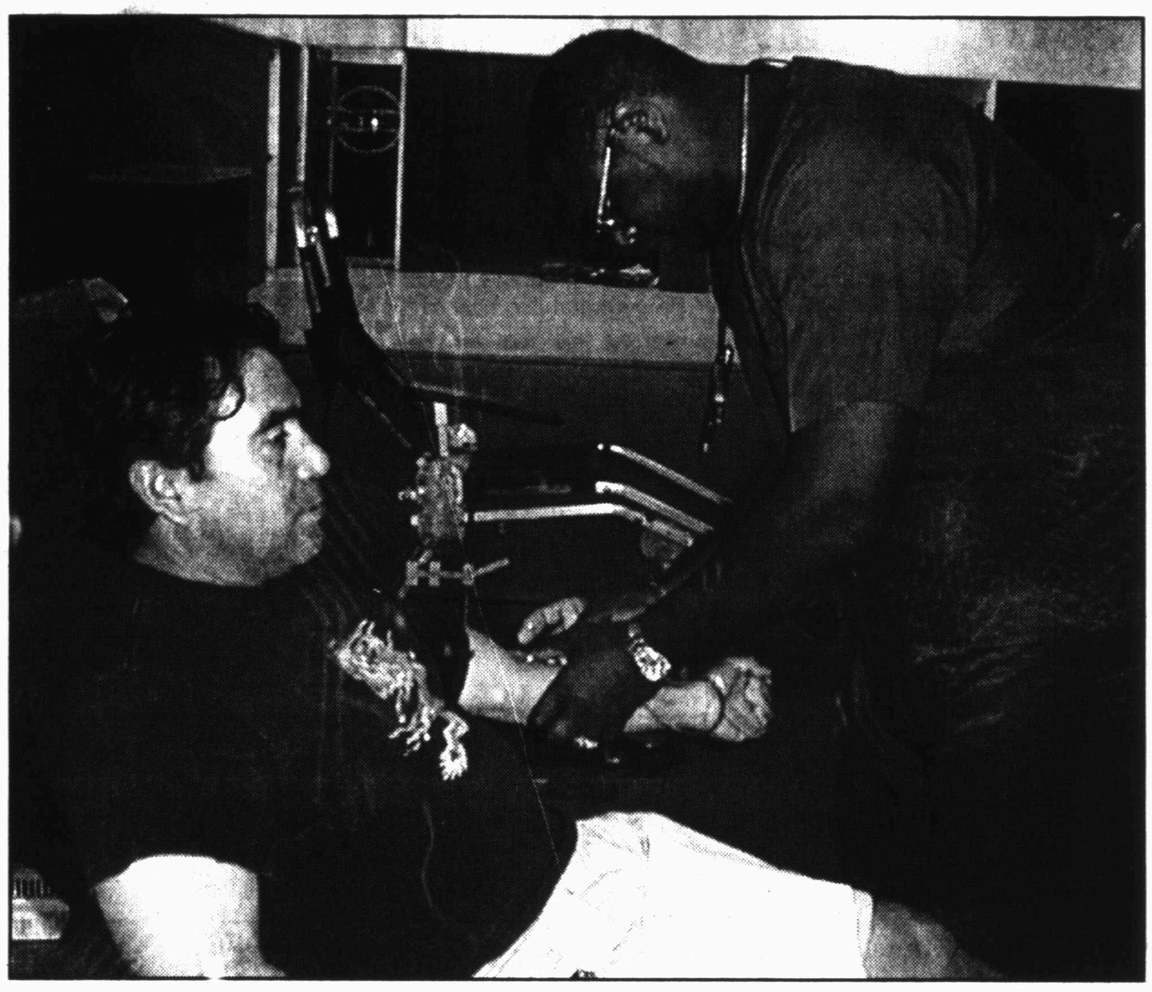

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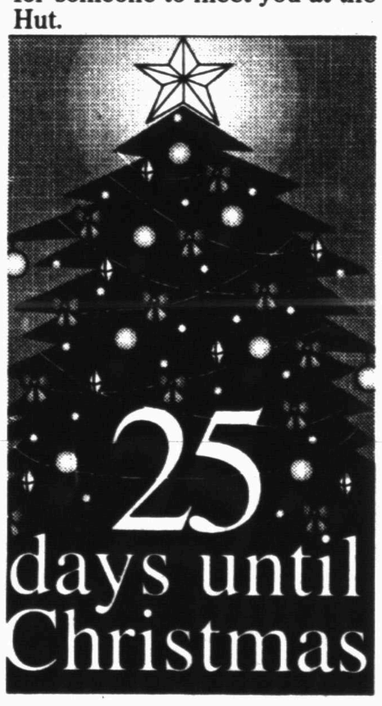

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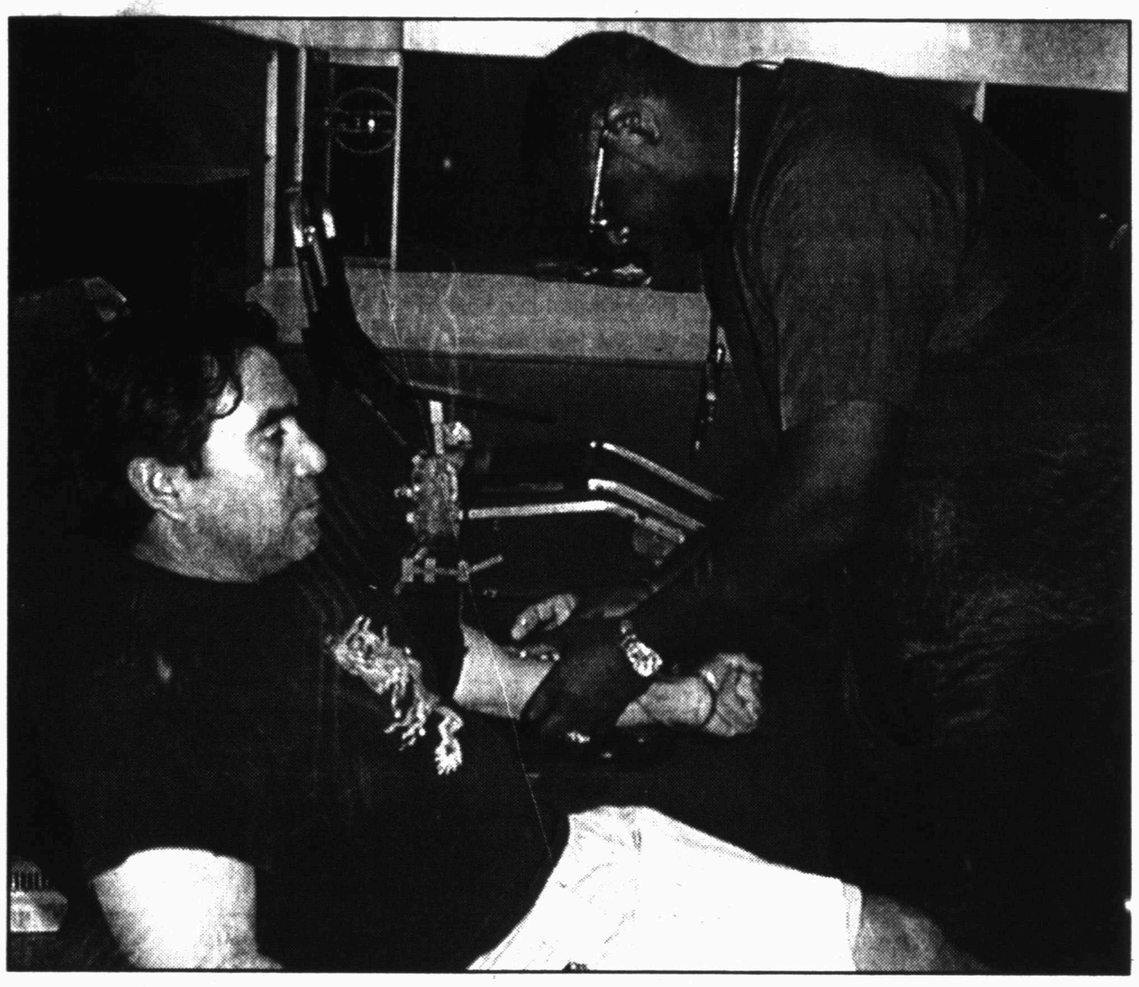

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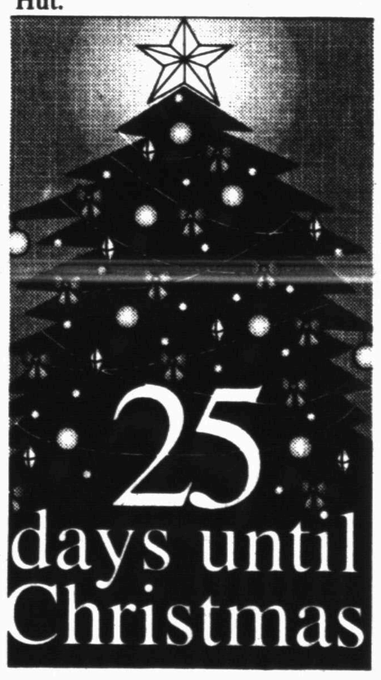

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The news of Gonzalez's death Tuesday sent many in the nation's eighth-largest city into mourning. Gonzalez, who retired in 1998 after 37 years on Capitol Hill, died in a San Antonio hospital at the age of 84.

"It is a sad day, but I think we need to remember the contributions that my father made," said U.S. Rep. Charlie Gonzalez, choking back tears. "He was so proud to represent this city."

The younger Gonzalez, one of eight children, followed in his father's footsteps and now occupies his old seat in Congress.

Born in San Antonio in 1916 to recent immigrants from Mexico, the man known as "Henry B." emerged from poverty by attending San Antonio College and St. Mary's School of Law in San Antonio.

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First elected to Congress in 1961, the intensely proud, sometimes irascible and always unpredictable Gonzalez was derided throughout his tenure for his unwillingness to work within the system.

But back in San Antonio, the unabashed populist who pushed for affordable housing was celebrated as a hero and defender of the downtrodden.

"He was a really important figure for our community," said Norma Cantu, a 53-year-old English professor at the University of Texas at San Antonio. "'Un abrecaminos,' you would say. Making way for others."

A Democrat who served as chairman of the powerful House Banking Committee and as dean of the Texas congressional delegation from 1961 to 1998, Gonzalez charted a determinedly iconoclastic course.

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"We are taking this very seriously," Lorinda Gardner, air section manager for the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission in Harlingen, told the Valley Morning Star in Wednesday's editions. "It did impact a city."

She said residents in the area telephoned complaints of respiratory problems from the burn.

"We have had a number of complaints regarding this particular burn," said Gardner. "It basically impacted a large number of people. We've gotten calls from people who say it affected their breathing or gave them watery eyes."

Further, she said, the Rio Grande Valley Sugar Growers group was not authorized to conduct the burn Saturday morning near the intersection of Farm-to-Market roads 507 and 599, north of Harlingen.

An official at the Santa Rosa sugar mill, Norman Rozess, countered that the sugar growers' group lawfully conducted the burn.

Cameron County Fire Marshal Desi Najera said Monday he would recommend that sugar growers use incinerators to burn cane stock leaves to put an end to open burning.

"Were going to get together with the growers to find another alternative to this open burning," he said. "My suggestion is they get an oven or an incinerator."

However, Rozess called incinerator burning unfeasible because of the magnitude of the region's sugar cane burning.

Gardner said that if state records show the sugar growers' group conducted a previous unauthorized burn, state environmental officials could hand down a fine. She said a first offense warrants a warning, a second offense carries fines of as much as $10,000.

"The (TNRCC) board order specifically says you don't burn over the weekend," Gardner said. "We have to authorize those requests, and we did not."

Najera said open burning now threatens large numbers of residents who live near sugar cane fields, with hot embers causing a potential fire hazard.

"We have to consider all the people who have respiratory problems and are on medicine," said Najera. "Some residents came back from the holidays and found their pools were damaged by soot. Some residents are saying their homes are full of ash."

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Toys will be picked up Monday, December 18th from 1-6 p.m. and on Tuesday, December 19th from 9-6. Each family will be notified (by phone) of their pick up time. Only adults will be allowed to pick up and sign for toys (ID will be needed). Mail applications to: Judi Martin, Christmas For Kids, 3106 Hill Avenue, Snyder, Texas 79549-3845. For more information, please call 573-3525 or 473-6725. Applications will be accepted through Wednesday, December 13th.

Date Book

Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2000

Today is the 334th day of 2000 and the 69th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1775, the Continental Congress voted to form a Committee of Correspondence for the purpose of communicating with America's allies around the globe. The formation of the committee marked the beginning of the United States Foreign Service.

On this day in 1961, a chimpanzee named Enos was launched into orbit by the United States. Enos was the first living creature known to have orbited the Earth.

On this day in 1990, the United Nations Security Council authorized the use of force against Iraq should it fail to withdraw from Kuwait by Jan. 15, 1991.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Gaetano Donizetti (1797-1848), composer; Louisa May Alcott (1832-1888), writer; Busby Berkeley (1895-1976), director; C.S. Lewis (1898-1963), writer; Adam Clayton Powell (1908-1972), politician-minister; Madeleine L'Engle (1918-), writer, is 82; Chuck Mangione (1940-), musician, is 60; Garry Shandling (1950-), comedian, is 51.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1987, Ivan Lendl won a record $583,200 at a tennis match in West Palm Beach, Fla.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The task of the modern educator is not to cut down jungles, but to irrigate deserts." — C.S. Lewis

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Nov. 25) and first quarter (Dec. 3)

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Settlements are offered in some Columbine suits

DENVER (AP) — The parents of the Columbine High School gunmen and one of the people who supplied them with weapons have offered a $1.6 million settlement to dozens of victims and their families.

The money, apparently to come from homeowners insurance policies, could be divided among as many as 37 families of those killed or injured in the deadliest school shooting in U.S. history.

The offer was contained in a Nov. 20 letter sent by C. Michael Montgomery on behalf of the families of gunmen Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold and Mark Manes, who supplied one of their guns.

"The offer is contingent upon the settlement fully and finally resolving all of the claims of all of the victims and victims' families to whom the offer is being made," said the letter, obtained Tuesday by some Denver media.

The settlement parties could include 13 victims' families represented by a group of attorneys led by Stephen Wahlberg, six families represented by attorney James Rouse, and 18 families who haven't filed claims, according to the letter.

Gary Lozow, who represents the Klebolds, said he was disappointed the letter was leaked to the media. "The Klebolds are hopeful that the good-faith efforts will carry on for all of the parties," Lozow said.

The letter was sent in response to a Sept. 25 request from lawyers representing wounded students Sean Graves and Lance Kirklin for about $3 million in insurance coverage from the Harrises, Klebolds and three other defendants.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 11-29-00
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♥ 5 4
♦ A K 4 2
♣ J 6 3 2

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♥ 10 9 8 3
♦ 8 5
♣ K 10 9 7

East
♠ 9 2
♥ A K J 6 2
♦ Q 10 9 7 6
♣ 5

South
♠ K Q J 10 5
♥ Q 7
♦ J 3
♣ A Q 8 4

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
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3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ 10

Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2000

From the monastery to the convent

By Phillip Alder

David Bird is well-known for his stories about the monks of St. Titus. Now he has written "Having Nun, Partner?" (Finesse) about the players in St. Hilda's Convent. It contains light, amusing text built around tricky deals. Amusing? Well, for example, the Mother of Discipline rules that 12 high-card points are needed for an opening bid. When Sister Colleen opens with only 11, she is punished with three days on Saint Iona's regime: eating morning cereal without milk, maintaining a total silence between Lauds and midday, and sleeping without a pillow!

The two religious establishments meet in an annual 32-board match for the Martyr's Platter. The Mother Superior judged this deal perfectly.

After North opened with a weak no-trump, promising 12-14 points, East's two-club Asptro overcall showed hearts and another suit.

After winning the first two tricks in hearts, East switched to his singleton club. The Mother Superior went up with her ace, hoping that if clubs were East's second suit, West would be considerate enough to drop the singleton nine, 10 or king.

Declarer drew two rounds of trumps from hand, then led a low club to dummy's jack. West had to duck, or South would have had only one club loser. However, now in the dummy, declarer called for a low diamond. East went in with the queen and returned a diamond to South's jack. Mother Superior crossed to dummy's spade ace and discarded her club losers on the ace-king of diamonds. Very well timed!

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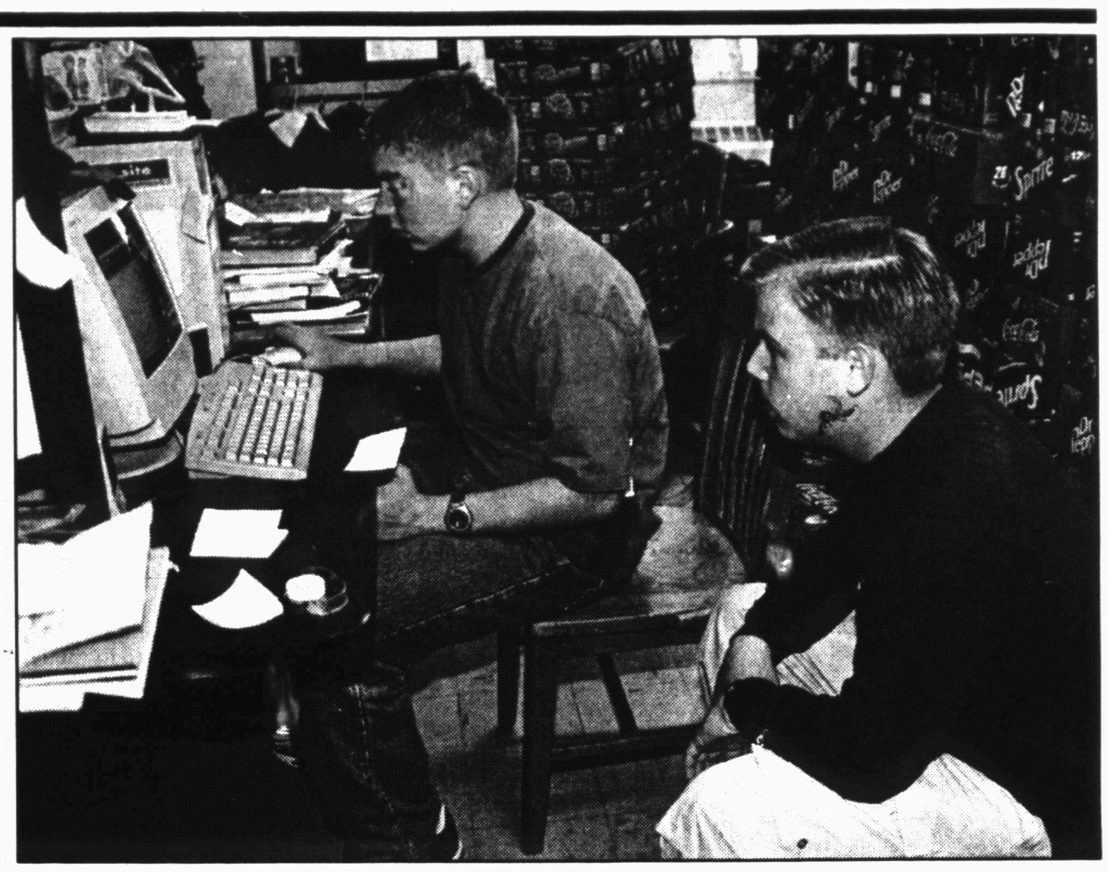

SEARCHING — Ninth grade Snyder High School speech team members Josh Kemp, seated at the computer, and Austin McCormack, are searching for extemp topics for Saturday's "Who's Your Daddy" speech tournament, sponsored by the local speech team. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Plane crashes during stunt

TYLER (AP) — A kit plane performing a stunt maneuver spiraled out of control Tuesday and slammed into the ground in East Texas, killing the two men on board.

Matthew Arthur Roberts and Stan Laughlin, both of Tyler, died in the crash.

"I saw it doing some stunts and he went down in a spiral," said eyewitness Austin Hardy. "He started to pull up but I guess he just lost it."

National Transportation Safety Board officials from Dallas were expected at the crash site later today to examine evidence.

Roberts, 51, was a flight instructor. Laughlin, a 45-year-old businessman, was credited by friends as having 20 years of flying experience.

Justice of the Peace Mary Guthrie held inquest at the scene and ordered autopsies on both victims to be performed at Southwestern Forensics in Dallas.

"(The plane) climbed, turned over and dove toward the ground," said Linda Allen, who witnessed the crash while she was driving home from work. "I never saw it come out of the dive."

The plane was performing what is called an Immelmann turn, a maneuver in which the plane climbs and falls into a dive that the pilot pulls out of as the plane nears the ground, Allen told the Tyler Morning Telegraph for Wednesday's editions.

The Tyler Police Department, Texas Department of Public Safety, Tyler Fire Department and Bullard Volunteer Fire Department responded to the crash, which occurred at 4:20 p.m.

Rescue workers had to use emergency extraction equipment to get the two bodies out of the wreckage.

The aircraft, a 1984 Christen Eagle II, was a home-built biplane designed for aerobatics. Kits for the planes cost about $40,000 and a 200-horsepower engine propels the nearly 20-foot-long craft. The aircraft has a listed range of 350 miles.

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More than 100 million people inhabit the island of Java, more than the combined populations of California, Texas, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Florida and Ohio all jammed into an area just a little larger than Louisiana.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Woman in the company of men does her gender an injustice

DEAR ABBY: The other day, a female co-worker and I were talking about friendship. She informed me that she prefers the company of men. When I asked her why, she said that women were small-minded and boring.

It saddened me to realize she has so little insight into human nature. The characteristics she shuns are individual personality traits, not qualities of gender.

Abby, I am profoundly pleased that during the past 50 years so many things have changed for the better for women. Nevertheless, when I consider how in the past mankind lost the contributions of an untold number of brilliant and wise women, it fills me with regret. Who knows what advances could have been made in this world of ours if half of the population hadn't been left out of the process?

My workmate's perception of her own gender may be understandable, given how few women have had the chance to contribute much outside their own homes — but I caution her and others who share her opinion to realize how small-minded these perceptions sound to those who have the wisdom to know better. — **TENNESSEE (MALE) FEMINIST**

DEAR FEMINIST: From the tone of your co-worker's comments, she must be living in the 1950s. Women who make blanket accusations about their own gender to men in this day and age often do it to be manipulative. Watch out for that one.

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DEAR ABBY: This is an unusual "how we met" story. If you think it's worth printing, it would be a wonderful anniversary surprise for Marie and Ed.

Several years after my father died, my mother, Marie, invited my two sisters and me, and our husbands, on a seven-day cruise with her — her treat.

One night, we met a group of lovely young women from Minneapolis, my Mom's hometown. A few days later, one of the women, Debbie, noticed that Mom was attractive and fun-loving — but alone. She said her husband's grandfather, Ed, was a widower, and she thought Ed and Marie would enjoy each other. She asked Mom if it would be OK to give Ed her phone number. Mom agreed.

When Debbie returned home, she gave Ed Mom's phone number and a snapshot of her that had been taken on the cruise. He called Mom, and they spoke on the phone for more than an hour. Among other things, they discovered they had both been happily married for more than 50 years. After that, they talked almost daily for the next couple of weeks.

They met in person on April Fool's three years ago. During the months that followed, they fell deeply in love. On Labor Day, Ed proposed, and he and Mom were married Thanksgiving weekend. She was 76 and he was 79.

Mom and Ed will celebrate their third anniversary on Nov. 29. His family and ours are thrilled they are so happy. They're beautiful together. — **DELIGHTED DAUGHTERS**

DEAR DELIGHTED: Your family indeed has much to be thankful for.

Congratulations, Ed and Marie, and many more years of happiness.

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Trial postponed

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — A trial stemming from the skirmish Kenny Chesney and Tim McGraw had with sheriff's deputies has been postponed while legal maneuvering continues.

The country singers had been scheduled to go on trial Dec. 7. A judge is set to hear motions in the case Dec. 14.

The singers and McGraw's manager, Mark Russo, were arrested June 3 following a music festival in Orchard Park, N.Y. Chesney is accused of taking a police horse without permission.

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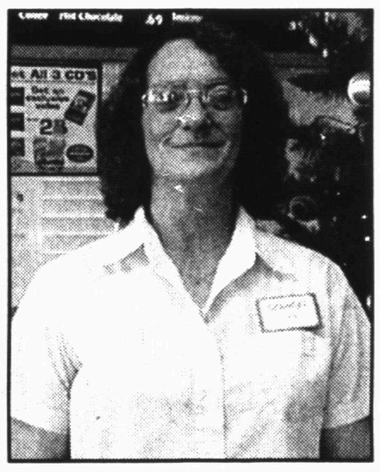

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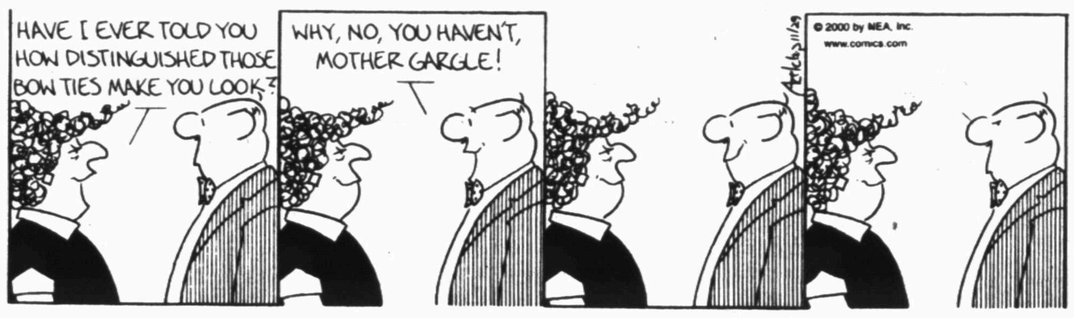

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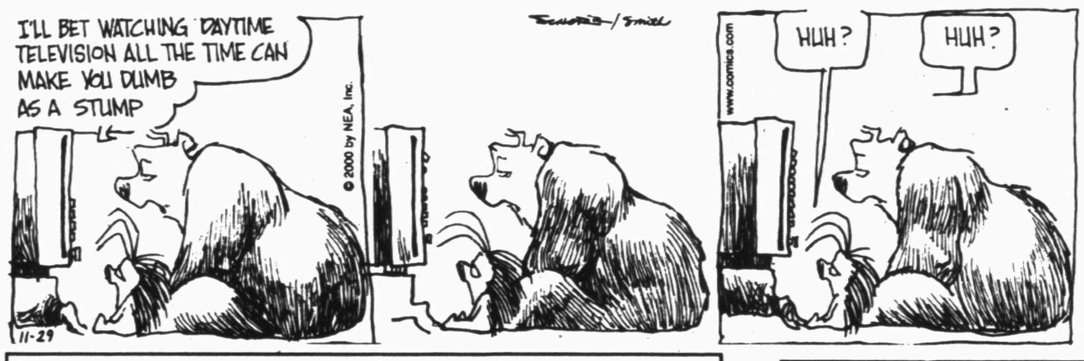

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13 Reveal
14 Ruler's realm
15 Actress Dixie —
16 Scoundrel
17 Workers' assn.
18 Pub drink
20 Gym feat
21 King of the beasts
23 War zone, for short
24 Contact —
25 Take a — at (try)
27 Pegs
29 Ms. Sills, for short
31 Negatives
32 Actress Arthur
33 "Of course!"
34 Force
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40 South African currency
41 Football div.
43 Quantity of paper
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46 Football org.
47 Energy unit (abbr.)
48 Object
51 Defendants' excuses
54 Legal
55 Prepared without meat or milk
56 Uneven
57 Did some digging

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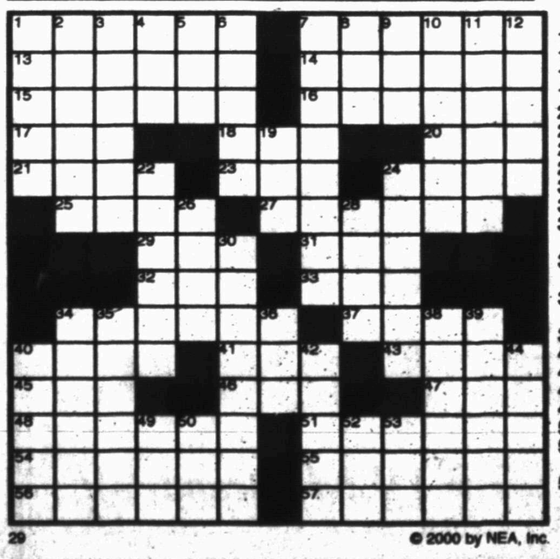

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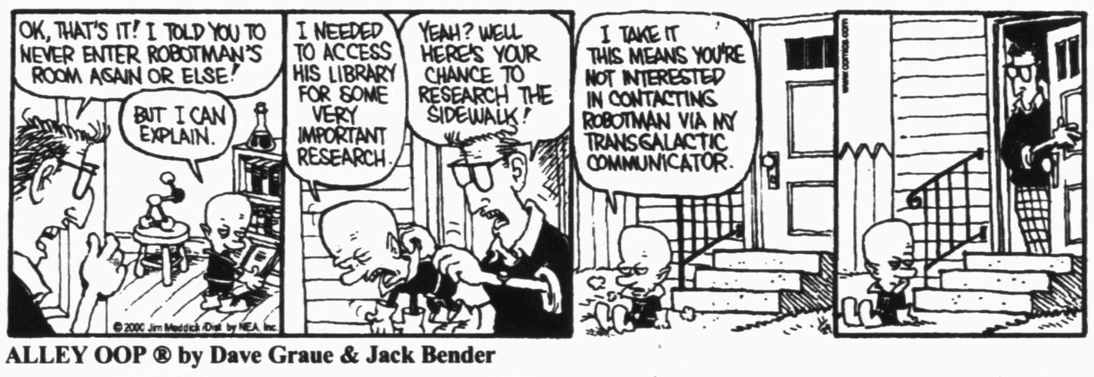

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SPORTS

Defense keys 58-33 Lady Tiger victory

LUBBOCK — If the other team doesn't score, it can't win. It's a simple theory, and the Snyder Lady Tigers are putting it to use.

Snyder limited Lubbock High to only five points in the first half Tuesday night and improved to 4-0 on the year with a 58-33 victory at Westerner Gym.

It's the second straight game in which Snyder has dominated on the defensive end. Their last time out the Lady Tigers held Lamesa to a mere four points in the opening two quarters.

"We played extremely well in the first half," said Snyder coach Sam Tipton. "That's two straight games where we have shut our opponents down in the first half. You can't ask for much more than that.

"In the second half, we really didn't have that much of a let down, but we started running out of gas. We're still not in great basketball shape. But with all of the tournament games we play over the next week, that should change."

After building an 8-4 lead in the first quarter, Snyder closed out the first half with a 15-1 run to go up by 18 points at the break.

Lubbock High tried to climb back in the game in the second half. The Westerners, who were dominated on the inside by Kameron Kallemeyn and Ashley Delce in the first half, resorted to fouling the Lady Tiger posts in the second half, rather than giving up the easy bucket.

"Lubbock started using karate in the second half. They were hacking us underneath and sending us to the line, almost every time down the floor," said Tipton. "But our girls kept their heads, and our guards kept feeding the ball inside. Our guards did a great job of that all night. They made a lot of good entry passes."

Lubbock committed 27 fouls on the night, resulting in 31 free-throw attempts by Snyder. The Lady Tigers had 16 chances from the charity stripe in the fourth quarter alone, and made good on 10 of them.

Kallemeyn led all scorers with 18 points, while Delce finished with 17.

Next up for Snyder is the Concho River Classic in San Angelo. The Lady Tigers open the tourney at 3 p.m. Thursday against El Paso Socorro.

Snyder	08	15	13	22—	58
Lubbock	04	01	15	13—	33

Snyder
Kallemeyn 7 4-6 18, Delce 6 5-12 17, Mackey 3 2-4 8, Eicke 1 2-2 5, Geiger 2 1-2 5, Murray 1 2-2 4, Schwertner 0 1-3 1. **Totals 20 17-31 58.**

Lubbock
Carrillo 4 3-7 12, Loya 4 0-0 10, Lomas 3 3-4 10, McKay 0 1-2 1. **Totals 10 7-13 33.**

Three-point goals: Snyder 1 (Eicke), Lubbock 4 (Loya 2, Lomas, Carrillo). Total fouls: Snyder 14, Lubbock 27. Fouled out — Moreno, Alvarado.

Indians break down Tigers, 68-50

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

When looking for something to blame for their setback to Seminole Tuesday night, the Snyder Tigers will have plenty of things to point at.

Snyder broke down defensively, and made only four of 25 shots on the offensive end in the second half, to fall 68-50 to Seminole at the SHS gym.

The loss snaps the Tigers' three-game winning streak, and pushes the Indians' record to 4-0.

The fact that it's their second setback of the year doesn't concern the Tigers, as much as the manner in which it happened.

"We didn't do a lot of things right," said Snyder coach Bud Birks. "We committed turnovers. We went cold in the second half. And they were able to beat us off the dribble on a consistant basis. We have to get a lot better on the defensive end. We have to defend the dribble better than we did tonight. That's all there is to it."

The first half shaped up as if it would be another classic battle between the Tigers and the Indians, with both teams shooting over 50 percent.

After Seminole jumped out early, Snyder battled back to trail by only four points at halftime.

The Indians stretched the lead to nine points in the first minute of the third quarter, but a bucket from Jared Thornhill and a three-pointer from Heath Pinkerton fueled a 7-0 Tiger run that slashed the deficit to only two points.

That would be the final bright spot for Snyder.

Pinkerton's long-range bomb at the 4:30 mark of the third was Snyder's final basket of the quarter. The Tigers' cold shooting continued into the fourth, with their next field goal coming on an inside bucket from Thornhill with 3:35 left in the game.

Snyder's offensive drought spanned 8:55 on the clock. The Tigers only points during that time came on a pair of free throws.

By the time Thornhill broke the drought, the Indians had stretched the deficit to 20 points.

Seminole built its lead by continually driving past Snyder defenders, and either converting the layup, or dishing off to an open teammate for an easy shot.

"The biggest difference in the game was that their players' ability to drive to the basket was better than our players' ability to stop it," said Birks. "That's one thing that Seminole does well, and we didn't do a very good job of defending it."

Seminole's Seth Nichols led all scorers with 21 points, while Chris Espinoza added 18.

Pinkerton paced the Tigers with 17 points. Thornhill finished with 15 points and 11 rebounds.

The road doesn't get any easier for the Tigers. Snyder squares off with the region's top-ranked Canyon Randall Raiders at 1 p.m. Thursday in the opening round of the Cotton Pickin Shootout at Frenship.

Seminole	21	16	16	15	—	68
Snyder	17	16	08	09	—	50

Seminole
Nichols 7 4-6 21, Espinoza 9 0-0 18, Sheets 5 1-2 11, Ralech 3 2-4 8, Braly 2 2-2 6, Adams 1 0-0 2, Chiles 1 0-0 2, Berry 0 0-1 0. **Totals 28 9-15 68.**

Snyder
Pinkerton 6 2-2 17, Thornhill 6 3-8 15, Wofford 3 1-4 8, McLeod 2 0-0 6, Thompson 1 0-0 2, Dorsett 0 1-3 1, McGuire 0 1-2 1, Pruitt 0 0-1 0. **Totals 18 8-20 50.**

Three-point goals: Seminole 3 (Nichols 3), Snyder 6 (Pinkerton 3, McLeod 2, Wofford). Rebounds: Seminole 33 (Sheets 8), Snyder 30 (Thornhill 11). Total fouls: Seminole 20, Snyder 15. Fouled out — None.

Ira sqauds register pair of victories

KLONDIKE — The Ira Lady Bulldogs used a second half spurt to keep their record unblemished.

Soon after, the Ira boys did the same.

The Lady Bulldogs put together a 17-4 run in the third quarter Tuesday night en route to a 54-37 victory over Klondike, while Ira's boys poured in 41 points in the second half to pull away from the Cougars, 75-50.

Both Ira squads remain undefeated. The Lady Bulldogs are 3-0 heading into this weekend's Coahoma tournament, while the Bulldogs are 2-0.

The Lady Bulldogs trailed by two points at halftime, before the 17-4 run in the third quarter put them up for good.

"Our girls played some tenacious defense, and that's nothing new for them," said first-year Ira coach Mike Duke. "We have played extremely well on the defensive end throughout the season, and that's a big key to our success."

Morgan Clements drained a game-high 29 points, with Celeigh Sterling sinking 11.

Kristen Harless and Tara Allen added four points apiece, and Michelle Nettles, Lindsey Wilson and Davi Barnes chipped in two each.

"We're really playing well as a team right now," Duke stated. "I felt coming in that we had a good nucleus of players. Our girls that played a lot last year are performing well again. And we have some other girls who were role players last year that are really stepping up."

The Ira girls open the Coahoma tourney at 4:30 Thursday against Sweetwater.

In the boys' match-up, the Bulldogs jumped out to an early 14-point lead, which shrunk to only six by halftime.

"We started taking some bad shots in the second quarter, and we stopped crashing the boards," said Ira coach Bubba Edwards. "But in the second half, we started rebounding better and we made a lot more layups. We had 25 steals, most of them off of our press, and that resulted in some easy buckets for us."

Ira came out firing in the second half, registering 17 points in the third period and 24 more in the final frame.

Nathan Smith led all scorers with 28, and Eric Dickerhoff added 14.

Bryce Wilkins and Cade Tucker rattled home eight apiece. Jeff Fine netted five, and Todd Wall, Jess Wall and Seth Sterling finished with four apiece.

Ira's varsity boys' tournament for this weekend has been cancelled. Instead, the Bulldogs will compete in the Klondike Cotton Classic.

Ira will meet Lubbock Coronado's sophomores at 11:30 a.m. Friday, followed by O'Donnell at 5:30 p.m.

In her Ira hoops action, the Lady Bulldogs' junior high squad suffered a 49-21 setback to Borden County on Monday.

Leading Ira's scoring effort were Brittany Dickerhoff with 11 points, and Whitney Payne with 5.

JV boys fall to Seminole, 52-46

Snyder made a strong second half charge but couldn't surpass the Seminole Indians to fall, 52-46, in Tuesday night's junior varsity boys' basketball action at the SHS gym.

The Tigers trailed by as many as 15 points in the first half, before rallying to take a brief lead midway through the first quarter.

Eleven Snyder players registered points, led by Josh Mendoza who poured in 10.

Colby Driggers drained eight points, while T.J. Jones and Josh McGaha netted five apiece. Tyler Pollard and Tanner Beard dropped in four each, with Chance Greenwood accounting for three. Brady Reed, Brad Spells and Corey Clay tallied two apiece, and Jay Scott chipped in one.

Next on Snyder's schedule is the Coahoma tournament. The Tigers, who received a first-round bye, will meet the Hawley-Borden County winner in a second-round game at 2 p.m. Friday.

Freshman girls nab two wins

LUBBOCK — One game was a rout and the other couldn't have been much closer, but Snyder came out on the winning end of both.

Snyder's freshman girls captured a pair of victories Monday over Lubbock Slaton. Snyder Gold squeaked out a 50-48 overtime win, while Snyder Black rolled to a 37-8 decision.

Sharday McKinney paced the Gold squad with 14 points, while Dominique Braziel and Desiree Braziel added nine apiece. Kelby Drum dropped in seven points, and Misha Wofford netted six.

Snyder Black was led by Laura Arellano who drained 10 points. Sharena Lewis registered nine points, and Amanda Whitson tallied eight.

The Lady Tigers will be in action again Monday when they host Lubbock Cavazos.

Lady Cardinals back on track with second win

HERMLEIGH — After opening the season with a pair of setbacks, the Hermleigh Lady Cardinals are now on track.

Hermleigh recorded its second consecutive victory Tuesday night, knocking off Luedders-Avoca, 46-39, at Cardinal Gym.

The win, which comes on the heels of a 56-50 victory over Westbrook last week, levels Hermleigh's record at 2-2.

The Lady Cardinals led early, before falling behind, 25-17, at halftime.

But Hermleigh's second half effort on the defensive end proved to be the difference.

The Lady Cardinals limited the Lady Raiders to only seven points in each of the last two quarters, while notching 29 second half points of their own.

Sheena Callaway, who scored 33 points against Westbrook, poured in 17 to pace Hermleigh.

Sabrina Terry finished in double figures for the second straight time with 15 points. Terry tallied 11 against the Wildcats.

Lisa Sanchez dropped in 12 points, and Toni Martinez chipped in two.

The Lady Cardinals will be in action again Thursday at the Wilson tournament.

Seventh grade boys rally for 46-43 victory

Snyder Gold overcame a first half deficit to edge Lubbock Slaton, 46-43, in Monday's seventh grade boys' basketball action.

Cade Simpson poured in 14 points to pace the Tigers, while Chris Smith added 12.

Blake Scott drained six points, and Dustyn Williams tallied four. Jay Weaver, Garrett Pinson, Barrett Bowlin, Blake Seale and Eric Martinez finished with two points apiece.

Snyder will be back on the court Monday at Lubbock Cavazos.

Local Sports Schedule

THURSDAY
Basketball

Snyder varsity boys vs. Canyon Randall, at Frenship tourney, 1 p.m.
Snyder varsity girls vs. EP Socorro, at San Angelo tourney, 3 p.m.
Ira varsity girls at Coahoma tourney
Ira JV boys at Ira tourney
Hermleigh varsity girls and boys at Wilson tourney
Snyder JV girls at Sweetwater tourney
Snyder freshman boys at Snyder tourney

Women's College Basketball Scores

EAST
Harvard 54, New Hampshire 45
Hofstra 64, Columbia 57
Marist 68, Bucknell 55
Massachusetts 54, Dartmouth 46
St. Bonaventure 93, Canisius 84
UMBC 66, Towson 57
Villanova 70, La Salle 56

SOUTH
Alabama 53, South Alabama 46
Alabama St. 59, Samford 56
Charleston Southern 58, Mercer 41
E. Kentucky 87, Belmont 82
Florida St. 68, UCF 37
James Madison 85, St. Francis, Pa. 68
Mississippi St. 90, Southern U. 48
N.C.-Asheville 69, Appalachian St. 67
Northwestern St. 92, Centenary 49
UAB 76, Middle Tennessee 71
UNC-Greensboro 66, East Carolina 53
Wofford 89, Montreat 45

MIDWEST
Ball St. 102, Wright St. 73
Butler 54, Arkansas St. 52
Detroit 76, Valparaiso 70
Indiana 79, Kent St. 42
Kansas 73, Illinois 60
Marquette 65, Syracuse 59
Wis.-Milwaukee 87, Chicago 66

SOUTHWEST
Baylor 108, Bethune-Cookman 45
LSU 83, SMU 62
Mississippi 76, Ark.-Little Rock 74
Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 75, Lamar 67

FAR WEST
Arizona 84, Rice 71
BYU 64, S. Utah 57
CS Northridge 84, Cal St.-Fullerton 59
Cal Poly-SLO 72, UC Riverside 53
New Mexico 82, New Mexico St. 53
San Diego 86, UCLA 67
San Diego St. 53, Portland St. 50

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	11	2	.846	—
New York	9	6	.600	3
Boston	7	7	.500	4½
New Jersey	6	8	.429	5½
Miami	5	9	.357	6½
Orlando	5	10	.333	7
Washington	4	11	.267	8
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	9	5	.643	—
Charlotte	9	6	.600	½
Toronto	8	6	.571	1
Indiana	6	7	.462	2½
Detroit	5	9	.357	4
Milwaukee	5	9	.357	4
Atlanta	3	12	.200	6½
Chicago	1	13	.071	8
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	11	3	.786	—
San Antonio	9	4	.692	1½
Dallas	10	5	.667	1½
Minnesota	8	6	.571	3
Houston	8	7	.533	3½
Denver	7	7	.500	4
Vancouver	5	9	.357	6
Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	10	3	.769	—
Sacramento	10	3	.769	—
L.A. Lakers	11	4	.733	—
Portland	10	6	.625	1½
Seattle	7	9	.438	4½
Golden State	4	10	.286	6½
L.A. Clippers	4	11	.267	7

Tuesday's Games
Atlanta 102, Washington 75
Boston 87, Cleveland 72
Milwaukee 102, Miami 101
Utah 98, New Jersey 92
Dallas 107, Toronto 93
Sacramento 88, Houston 81
Minnesota 96, Chicago 76
Seattle 105, Portland 93
L.A. Lakers 124, Indiana 107

Wednesday's Games
Washington at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Utah at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at New York, 8 p.m.
Denver at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Golden State at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Chicago at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Houston at Denver, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Portland, 10 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Indiana at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

National Hockey League

All Times EST
EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	13	11	0	0	26	83	77
Pittsburgh	11	8	3	1	26	65	61
New Jersey	11	8	3	0	25	77	60
Philadelphia	10	9	4	0	24	57	61
N.Y. Islanders	7	11	2	2	18	52	64
Northeast Division	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	13	7	4	0	30	77	58
Toronto	12	7	3	1	28	65	47
Buffalo	12	7	2	1	27	60	53
Boston	8	11	3	2	21	59	85
Montreal	7	15	2	0	16	61	76
Southeast Division	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	8	10	3	1	20	54	66
Tampa Bay	8	10	2	2	20	67	81
Washington	6	10	6	1	19	53	66
Atlanta	5	9	6	1	17	52	66
Florida	5	9	4	3	17	45	56
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central Division	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	15	4	3	0	33	71	39
Detroit	14	8	1	2	31	77	67
Nashville	9	9	5	1	24	58	61
Chicago	8	12	2	2	20	62	74
Columbus	7	15	1	1	16	46	77
Northwest Division	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	16	4	3	0	35	73	48
Edmonton	14	9	3	0	31	76	67
Vancouver	13	7	3	2	31	85	69
Minnesota	7	13	4	1	19	52	66
Calgary	5	12	5	4	19	53	75
Pacific Division	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	14	5	2	0	30	62	44
Dallas	13	5	3	1	30	60	42
Phoenix	12	6	6	0	30	67	56
Los Angeles	11	8	6	0	28	88	75
Anaheim	8	12	4	2	22	66	86

Two points for a win, one point for a tie and overtime loss.

Tuesday's Games
Ottawa 3, Buffalo 1
Boston 3, Pittsburgh 1
N.Y. Rangers 7, Los Angeles 6
Nashville 6, Calgary 1
Vancouver 4, Anaheim 1
San Jose 4, Minnesota 1

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N.Y. Rangers at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
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Phoenix at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Montreal at Edmonton, 9 p.m.

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Class action suit challenges Cheney's Wyoming residency

AUSTIN (AP) — A second lawsuit seeking to block Gov. George W. Bush from becoming president by challenging running mate Dick Cheney's status as a Wyoming resident was filed in Texas on Tuesday.

Filed as a class-action lawsuit in Austin, it lists 1,915 plaintiffs and claims that Cheney and Bush cannot earn Texas' 32 electoral votes because Cheney — like Bush — is a Texas inhabitant.

"We believe Bush is from Texas and Cheney is from Texas," said Philadelphia attorney Philip Berg, the lead counsel in the case. "Cheney does not meet the residency requirements of the state of Wyoming."

The lawsuit cites the 12th Amendment of the Constitution, which says if the president and vice president are inhabitants of the same state, they can't earn that state's electoral votes.

The lawsuit alleges that Cheney, a former Wyoming congressman, is a Texas resident because he has lived in Texas for the past eight years, has not moved to another primary residence since then and has voted in the Texas elections for the past eight years, excluding the Nov. 7 presidential election.

Cheney spokeswoman Juleanna Glover Weiss said the lawsuit was frivolous.

"We think that the cases that have been filed in Texas will meet the same swift and sure end as the cases that have been filed in Florida," Weiss said.

A similar lawsuit filed in Florida was dismissed last week.

Bush spokeswoman Karen Hughes said the Bush team reviewed Cheney's status as a Wyoming resident before Cheney was selected as Bush's running mate.

Cheney lived in Dallas while he was chairman of Halliburton Co. until he changed his voting registration to Teton County, Wyo. on July 21 — four days before becoming Bush's running mate. Last week, Cheney put his Dallas house up for sale for $3.1 million.

"Cheney flew to Wyoming to register to vote because they were aware they had a constitutional problem. Voter registration does not solve the problem," said Berg, a registered Democrat who finished last in a six-way race this year for the Democratic nomination for U.S. Senate.

Cheney, who was defense secretary under President George Bush, also owns a home in Jackson, Wyo., and McLean, Va. Weiss said the Cheneys have owned the Wyoming house for 25 years and currently live there.

At a news conference in Austin, attorney Jim Harrington, who filed the lawsuit, said that if the lawsuit stood, he hoped it would set a precedent that electors from other states could not vote for the Bush/Cheney ticket.

Berg said many of the plaintiffs joined the lawsuit through an Internet petition circulated at Websites, including www.trustthepeople.com.

A similar lawsuit, filed by three Texans in Dallas on Nov. 20, is pending before a federal judge.

In that case, attorneys for the three residents filed a set of 19 questions for Cheney to answer in order to determine where the vice presidential candidate lives.

On the Net:
www.trustthepeople.com
www.GeorgeWBush.com

Investigators cite houseboat exhaust as killer

PHOENIX (AP) — Carbon monoxide poisonings have caused nine deaths and 102 injuries at a lake straddling Arizona and Utah, leading investigators to fear houseboat exhaust may be sickening people across America.

Seven of the deaths and two-thirds of the poisonings on Lake Powell were associated with the exhaust from electric generators on privately owned houseboats, The Arizona Republic reported Wednesday.

Investigators found improbably high levels of the colorless, odorless and potentially deadly gas often gathering beneath the swimming deck of houseboats. Researchers call it the "death zone."

"The carbon monoxide concentrations are so high where you have your children playing, where you are watching them play," said Jane McCammon, a carbon monoxide expert with the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

Lake Powell is the first area to be extensively studied, but investigators are finding similar situations across the nation. They will next examine Lake Cumberland, Ky., where 15 people on two houseboats were hospitalized in August after they were overcome by carbon monoxide fumes.

The U.S. Coast Guard is studying the issue but doesn't know what to do about it, the Republic said. "The builders of these boats are technically not in violation of any rules," said Randolph Jay Doubt, a Coast Guard engineer.

A Phoenix emergency-room doctor spotted the trend after an autopsy showed that two Colorado boys who supposedly drowned in Lake Powell this summer actually died from asphyxiation due to carbon monoxide exposure.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Nerves take a while to heal

DEAR DR. GOTT: In May 1998, I had a carpal tunnel release, during which the surgeon accidentally cut the nerve to my hand. Despite intensive rehab, the mistake was not discovered for six months, at which time another surgeon re-operated to repair the severed nerve. Nonetheless, I am still having difficulty with the hand, including weakness and extreme sensitivity to heat and cold. Should I get a third opinion?

DEAR READER: This complication of carpal tunnel surgery is fortunately rare. To a large extent, my answer depends on how expertly the second surgeon repaired the damaged nerve. If he did his job well, healing should be completed in a few months, but the nerve itself may take three to five years to regain its normal level of function. It is also possible that it may not ever function normally. By all means get a third opinion from a neurologist, who will probably ask you to undergo a nerve conduction study to see if the nerve is recovering. And continue your program of rehabilitation.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My wonderful, 55-year-old husband enjoys excellent health and is astute in technological areas. However, for the past six months, he has forgotten people's names, cannot spell as well as before and actually got lost driving home from work. Are these episodes just "senior moments," or am I justified to be concerned?

DEAR READER: Concern is too bland a word. I would be alarmed. Your middle-aged spouse is showing unmistakable signs of a significant cognitive decline that could well represent early dementia. He needs a thorough medical examination and testing now — not in two months, but now. Please inform your primary care physician of your husband's changes in mental function so that the necessary evaluation can begin before the damage, if treatable, becomes irreparable.

Your question raises a related issue. Every day I receive letters from readers asking my opinion about illnesses that have not been brought to the attention of the readers' physicians. This is not appropriate because the family doctor, not an obscure columnist, should be the first resource in such instances. Furthermore, because of the significant delay between the writer's question and my printed response, patients may be inordinately deprived of rapid and necessary medical attention. Thus, while I welcome readers' inquiries, my standard advice is "check first with your own doctor." In your husband's case, his condition has progressed over a six-month period. I believe that this issue should have been addressed far sooner. So, to reiterate, any sustained change in physical or mental function is a bona fide reason to enlist the help of the primary care physician.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Alzheimer's Disease." 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.

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AT&T Corp	19.19	18.50	19.00	+ .25
Albertsons	25.63	25.31	25.63	+ .25
Alltel	61.00	60.19	60.94	+ .56
AmerOnline	42.70	40.10	41.85	+ .85
AmEl Pw	45.19	44.00	45.06	+ 1.13
AndarkPtr	67.55	64.45	64.46	—3.09
ATMOS Egy	25.00	24.88	25.00	+ .13
Aviall	5.75	5.75	5.75	+ .13
BP Amoco	49.81	48.88	49.13	—.81
BakerHughes	36.19	34.75	34.75	—1.13
Bank of Amer	41.06	40.00	40.88	+ .94
BellSouth	43.44	42.69	42.81	+ .31
Beth Steel	2.69	2.50	2.56	—.19
BurlNoSFe	26.50	25.88	26.38	+ .69
Caterpillar	39.69	39.00	39.63	+ .63
Chevron	85.94	83.81	84.06	—1.72
Citigroup s	49.13	47.63	49.13	+ 1.38
Coastal	83.63	81.06	81.63	—1.88
CocaCola	61.00	59.75	60.88	+ .56
ColgatePal	58.68	58.19	58.67	+ .23
ComclMetals	25.50	25.13	25.50	
CooperIn	41.56	40.50	41.38	+ 1.13
DaimlrChry	39.88	39.15	39.39	+ .38
DallSemicn s	32.06	31.19	31.69	+ .31
DeltaAirl	48.56	47.25	48.13	+ .06
Dillards Inc	11.50	11.38	11.50	+ .06
DowChem s	30.69	29.81	30.50	+ .75
DuPont	40.88	39.94	40.75	+ .38
EastmanChem	42.25	41.31	42.25	+ .75
EstKodak	42.81	41.75	42.75	+ 1.44
EDS Corp	52.06	50.56	51.94	+ 1.31
Entergy	42.19	41.56	42.06	+ .31
ExxonMobil	92.19	89.81	90.25	—2.81
Flowers	16.50	16.44	16.50	+ .13
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GenElec s	50.63	49.00	50.50	+ .69
GenMills	41.06	40.63	40.88	+ .06
GenMotors	50.94	49.94	50.31	+ 1.38
GaPacGP	25.56	25.19	25.19	+ .13
GlobalMar	26.44	24.63	24.63	—1.88
Goodrich	37.06	35.31	37.06	+ 3.13
Goodyear s	17.28	17.00	17.15	+ .13
GtAtlPac	8.38	8.19	8.31	+ .19
Halliburtn	35.88	34.13	34.69	—1.13
Hanson ADS	26.06	26.00	26.00	+ .13
HarteHanks	23.44	22.88	23.38	+ .38
HomeDepot s	40.31	39.63	39.94	+ .19
HoneywellIntl	49.88	48.50	49.88	+ .75
IBM	98.75	96.69	98.38	+ .50
IntlPaper	34.94	34.31	34.56	—.13
JohnsonJn	100.50	99.63	99.88	—.13
K mart	6.06	5.94	5.94	—.19
Kroger Co	26.81	26.06	26.69	+ .63
Litton	60.00	59.25	60.00	+ .31
LockheedM	34.35	33.38	34.21	+ .54
Lowes Cos	41.06	40.25	40.31	—.56
Lubys	5.00	4.94	4.94	+ .06
LucentTech	16.19	15.50	15.88	—.13
MayDeptStr	29.25	28.81	29.19	+ .38
Medtronic	54.38	53.81	54.00	—.06
MorganJP	140.81	136.75	140.81	+ .31
Motorola s	21.25	20.44	20.63	—.25
NCR Corp	49.44	48.75	49.44	
Navistar	32.63	31.88	31.88	
Penney JC	10.75	10.19	10.31	+ .25
PepBoys	4.31	4.13	4.19	
PepsiCo	45.63	44.94	45.31	+ .05
Pharmacia	60.19	59.63	60.00	+ .75
PhelpDodge	46.69	46.44	46.50	+ .25
PhilipPet	61.44	59.31	59.56	—1.81
PilgrmPrd B	7.81	7.75	7.75	—.13
Polaroid	8.06	7.81	7.94	+ .13
Praxair	36.19	35.38	36.00	+ .88
ProctGamb	75.25	73.50	74.94	+ 1.25
PubS NwMx	25.31	24.88	25.19	+ .33
RadioShack	52.25	49.13	49.13	—3.25
ReliantEngy	40.63	40.06	40.38	+ .37
RoyalDut	61.88	61.06	61.38	—.30
SBC Comm	55.75	54.69	55.13	—.89
SaraLee	23.94	23.50	23.94	+ .50
Scripps EW	57.88	57.31	57.38	—.50
SearsRoeb	33.08	32.50	32.60	+ .10
SherwinW	22.06	21.94	21.94	
SmithkBchm	66.13	65.25	65.56	+ .94
SouthernCo	30.81	30.19	30.63	+ .44
SwstAirl	31.81	30.56	31.75	+ 1.00
SprintFON	24.44	23.81	23.88	—.13
SprintPCS s	25.56	24.50	25.25	+ .44
Sunoco Inc	29.25	28.38	28.44	—.75
TXU Corp	39.63	39.25	39.50	+ .06
TempleInland	46.88	45.75	46.56	+ 1.00
Texaco	60.69	59.63	59.88	—1.54
TexInd	22.75	22.38	22.69	—.06
TexasInst s	40.56	38.69	39.94	—.56
Textron	50.94	50.38	50.94	+ .38
TriconGlbR	37.56	36.56	37.25	+ .56
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USX-Marathn	28.44	27.44	27.63	—.81
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LUNCHEON — A luncheon was held at Colonial Hill Baptist Church recently for retired teachers of the Snyder ISD. The Retired Teachers Association sponsored the meal. (SDN Staff Photo)

Herbal products being recalled

WASHINGTON (AP) — An Oregon company is recalling two brands of Chinese herbs because they may pose a serious health hazard: They were contaminated with a chemical that can destroy the kidneys.

East Earth Herb Inc. of Eugene, Ore., said it has detected the chemical, called aristolochic acid, in certain batches of the following products: Jade Pharmacy brand Meridian Circulation tablets and liquid extract, and Jade Pharmacy brand Quell Fire tablets.

Do not consume the recalled products, which may be returned to the place of purchase for a refund, East Earth said. Consumers with questions may call the company at 1-800-827-4372.

The Food and Drug Administration had ordered dietary supplement manufacturers to test botanical products for aristolochic acid, a highly toxic chemical that can be found in some Chinese herbs.

The FDA last summer stopped imports of the herb family, called Aristolochia, after reports of kidney failure from Britain and Belgium. No American has been reported injured yet, but the FDA worried that the chemical might have contaminated other products still on the market.

East Earth said it detected aristolochic acid in some products last August and reformulated the brands to use ingredients that don't bear a contamination risk. A company spokeswoman wouldn't say why a recall wasn't immediately announced. The FDA's own testing turned up the chemical and the agency this month requested a recall.

To tell the difference between the recalled and new reformulated products, consumers must check lot numbers and expiration dates on the bottles. Recalled are:

—Meridian Circulation tablets, lot 2404, expiration 9/01; lot 2952, expiration 5/03; lot 3506, expiration 12/04.

—Meridian Circulation liquid, lot 9609097, 11/01; lot 9707062, expiration 9/02; lot 9804021, expiration 6/03; lot 9907026, expiration 9/04.

—Quell Fire tablets, lot 2079, expiration 4/01; lot 2623, expiration 4/02; lot 2832, expiration 11/02; lot 3012, expiration 8/03; lot 3140, expiration 11/03; lot 3553, expiration 4/04; lot 3830, expiration 7/05.

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Popular bowel drug banned after links to women's deaths

WASHINGTON (AP) — The maker of a popular new treatment for women's irritable bowel syndrome pulled the drug Lotronex off the market Tuesday after it was linked to a growing number of deaths and hospitalizations.

The withdrawal comes just nine months after Lotronex began selling with great fanfare — and it becomes the seventh banned drug the increasingly embattled Food and Drug Administration has had to deal with in 21/2 years.

The problem: Lotronex can cause severe side effects, including a life-threatening intestinal inflammation called ischemic colitis, and constipation so severe that some patients needed parts of their intestines surgically removed.

A review of FDA's records by The Associated Press indicates the agency knows of at least eight women who died with intestinal side effects while taking Lotronex, a prescription drug. The agency also has 124 reports of Lotronex patients experiencing hospitalizations, disabilities or urgent medical treatments, and so far has classified 70 of those 124 cases as probably caused by the drug. Two-thirds of those women were sick enough to be hospitalized, the FDA says.

Manufacturer Glaxo Wellcome Inc. contends Lotronex is safe when used by the right patient, and calls it no more risky than some other big-selling medicines. But, saying it was under orders from FDA, the company announced Tuesday that it would cease distribution of Lotronex immediately and recall the drug from pharmacies. About 150,000 people use Lotronex, and those who have supplies remaining can contact Glaxo about a refund at 1-888-825-5249.

The FDA says it offered Glaxo an alternative to yanking the drug from the market, but the company rejected that proposal.

Lotronex initially was welcomed as the first new therapy in decades for irritable bowel syndrome, a mysterious disorder that affects up to 15 percent of Americans, mostly women. IBS is not life threatening but can cause misery. It involves chronic or recurrent abdominal pain, the sudden and urgent need to go to the bathroom and either frequent diarrhea, constipation or both.

In studies, Lotronex offered only modest relief to women whose main IBS symptom was diarrhea. It did not work for men, and was declared downright dangerous for anyone with constipation.

The FDA warned the day it approved Lotronex last February that it might cause serious side effects because four women in clinical trials suffered ischemic colitis. But the agency approved the drug anyway, saying the mild cases healed once the women stopped taking Lotronex and that IBS sufferers needed a new option.

But within months, the FDA was receiving numerous reports of increasingly serious reactions. By August, it ordered Glaxo to attach special safety warnings to every bottle of Lotronex sold, urging doctors not to prescribe it to patients with constipation or other risk factors and telling women to stop using it at the first sign of trouble.

But just weeks later, FDA learned of the first death.

Still, however, FDA was reluctant to ban Lotronex because some doctors and patients insisted the drug greatly helped them. And Glaxo argued Lotronex could be used safely by the right patient: Among the first five deaths, for instance, four were women over age 65, suggesting that it should not be prescribed to older women, said Dr. Richard Kent, Glaxo's chief medical officer.

Critics counter, however, that many women hospitalized were in their 30s and 40s.

Tuesday morning, FDA told Glaxo the agency wanted to keep Lotronex on the market but restrict sales to just a few women with severe IBS who are treated by specialists, said FDA's Dr. Victor Raczkowski. Such restricted sales are used with the drugs thalidomide and Accutane, notorious for causing birth defects.

Kent called the option unworkable and said FDA's response was then to order Lotronex banned. Raczkowski denies that, calling the withdrawal of the drug Glaxo's own decision.

Texas farmers hear remarks from Sen. Hutchison, Perry

ARLINGTON (AP) — The United States needs a new interior secretary who has "good common horse sense," U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison said Tuesday.

Farmers and ranchers at the 67th annual convention of the Texas Farm Bureau liked what they heard.

The Republican senator said the person who replaces Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt should be someone who understands farmers and ranchers and shouldn't treat them as someone trying to destroy land.

"Farmers have been treated like children," she said in a question-and-answer session later. "We need to protect farmers' private property rights."

Hutchison is pinning her hope on Gov. George W. Bush appointing the right person if he becomes president.

Hutchison was one of several guest speakers who addressed bureau members during the third day of convention. Lt. Gov. Rick Perry and Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs also spoke Tuesday before the group held its annual business session.

Perry talked to members about the state's effort to promote easier access to higher education in rural areas.

"One out of five Texans have a college degree and that's not good enough," Perry said.

He said technology can help ensure access. Higher education institutions, for example, are offering more distance education opportunities that allow rural residents to take classes through the Internet.

Combs told members that water preservation will be the most important issue for the organization during the 2001 state legislative session. Texas farmers and ranchers have been hit hard by drought over the past four years, she said.

Combs also praised the Farm Bureau, the largest farm organization in the state, for its work during the last legislative session, which she referred to as the "ag session."

ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER'S COURT OF SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS APPROVING THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE THIRD CALENDAR QUARTER, 2000

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, BE IT KNOWN THAT:

THE COMMISSIONER'S COURT OF SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS, did duly convene in REGULAR Session at its meeting place in the Courthouse in the City of Snyder At 10:00 o'clock A.M. on Monday, November 6, 2000 and, the entire membership of said court, viz., Ricky Fritz, Ralph Trevey, Roy L. Idom, Jr., Howard Limmer, and Chloanne Lindsey, Commissioner's for Precincts, 1, 2, 3 and 4, respectively, being present, the matter of the comparison and examination of the Quarterly Report of CHARLIE BELL, Treasurer for Scurry County, for the period July 1, 2000 through September 30, 2000, came to the attention of said Court and the said Court compared and examined the same and inspected and counted all the actual cash, certificates of time and demand deposits, and other assets on the hands of the Treasurer belonging to the County at and as the time of such report: **NOW, THEREFORE,** the Commissioners Court finds that the Treasurer at and as of the time of his report did not have actually in his hands any money or other assets of Scurry County but the same were all on deposit in the Snyder National Bank of Snyder, Texas, the official County Depository, except the following, viz., Texpool; and that from the commencement of business at 8:00 o'clock A.M. on July 1, 2000 through September 30, 2000, the beginning and ending balance for each fund of the Treasurer of Scurry County, Texas for such quarterly period are fully and accurately reflected by the following tabulation attached hereto, incorporated herein by reference, and made a part hereof for all purposes;

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF we, the aforesaid and undersigned County Treasurer, County Judge, and each Commissioner, swear that the above and foregoing averments are complete and correct and that the requirements of Article 1636, Vernon's Annotated Civil Statues of Texas 1925, as amended, have been in all things duly complied with by the County Judge and each Commissioner aforementioned in the REGULAR Session of said Court of Scurry County.

Charlie Bell,
County Treasurer
Ricky Fritz,
County Judge
Ralph W. Tevey,
Commissioner Precinct No 1
Roy L. Idom, Jr,
Commissioner Precinct No. 2
Howard L. Limmer,
Commissioner Precinct No 3
Chloanne Lindsey,
Commissioner Precinct No 4

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to by the said Charlie Bell, Ricky Fritz, Ralph Trevey, Roy L. Idom, Jr, Howard Limmer, and Chloanne Lindsey before me, the undersigned Scurry County Clerk for Scurry County, Texas:

ATTEST:
(s) Joan Bunch
County Clerk of Scurry County, Texas
(SEAL)

FUNDS	CASH & INVESTMENT BALANCES DATE: 06-30-00	RECEIPTS	TRANSFERS IN	DISBURSEMENTS	TRANSFERS OUT	CASH & INVESTMENT BALANCES DATE: 09-30-00
GENERAL						
Departmental				$758,196.58		
Jury				678.00		
Permanent Improvement				0.00		
Airport				37,538.56		
Health Unit				27,366.98		
Park & Coliseum				94,188.33		
Library				49,713.63		
TOTALS						
GENERAL FUND	$41,349.34	$956,322.08	$1,012,889.30	967,682.08	$989,278.00	$53,600.64
PAYROLL CLEARING FUND	325.93	998.36	814,278.00	814,278.00	954.38	369.91
TEXPOOL FUND	6,438,644.99	101,322.74	350,290.00	0.00	1,116,174.00	5,775,083.73
ABANDONED VEHICLE FUND	3,157.04	118.35	0.00	35.00	0.00	3,240.39
D.A.R.E. PROGRAM FUND	403.74	5.05	0.00	247.65	0.00	161.14
HEALTH UNIT FUND	1,425.42	3,814.91	0.00	1,406.08	3,091.38	743.87
JUVENILE PROBATION FEES FUND	4,991.74	483.13	0.00	124.46	0.00	5,350.41
LIBRARY DONATIONS FUND	3,349.87	807.88	0.00	632.99	0.00	3,524.76
COGDELL DEPRECIATION FUND	62,553.63	1,304.08	312,000.00	295,732.10	0.00	80,125.61
COGDELL REFUND FUND	780.50	163.38	34,439.74	40,610.73	0.00	(5,227.11)
COGDELL PAYROLL FUND	3,170.37	6,447.71	917,169.36	922,148.24	0.00	4,639.20
COGDELL OPERATING FUND	495,284.91	3,392,254.39	35,058.00	1,977,855.56	1,708,818.46	236,923.28
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	$7,056,637.68	$4,464,042.06	$3,476,124.40	$6,020,751.89	$3,817,316.22	$6,157,536.83

Airport Revenue 3rd Quarter	$10,188.27
Interest 3rd Quarter	$115,693.82
Interest Earned to Date	$362,977.66

Charlie Bell
Charlie Bell, Scurry County Treasurer

Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

• Place orders for seeds this month so you will have them available when you are ready to plant. By ordering early, you will be more certain of getting the varieties you want.

• Don't get in a hurry to prune woody plants. Late December through February is usually the best time to prune them.

• Reduce the fertilization of indoor plants from late October to mid-March. An exception would be plants in an atrium or a well-lighted window.

• Drain gasoline from power tools and run the engine until fuel in the carburetor is used up.

• Drain and store garden hoses and water equipment to a readily accessible location. The lawn and plants may need water during a prolonged dry spell.

• November through February is a good time to plant trees and shrubs.

• Continue to set out cool-season bedding plants, such as pansies, violas, stock, snapdragon and Dianthus.

• Prepare beds and individual holes for rose planting in January and February. Use composted manure, pine bark and similar materials mixed with existing soil.

• Use good pruning practices when selecting Christmas greenery from landscape plants. Don't destroy the natural form and beauty of the plant.

• Protect your lawn from excessive winter damage by providing irrigation during dry periods.

• Plant spring-flowering bulbs if you haven't already done so. Be sure to refrigerate tulips and hyacinths for 6-8 weeks prior to planting.

• Prolong the life of holiday-season gift plants by providing proper care. Check to see if the pot wrap has plugged up the bottom drainage. Don't over water. Keep out of drafts from heating vents and opening doorways. Fertilizer is seldom needed the first few months.

• Take advantage of good weather to prepare garden beds for spring planting. Work in any needed organic matter and have beds ready to plant when needed.

• Don't forget tulip and hyacinth bulbs in the refrigerator. They can be planted any time in December if they have received 60 or more days of chilling.

• Want to start cutting your favorite Christmas cactus? As soon as it has finished blooming, select a cutting with 4 or 5 joints, break or cut it off, and insert the basal ends into a pot of moderate moist soil. Place it on a windowsill or other brightly lit area. The cuttings should be rooted within 3 to 4 weeks.

• Don't spare the pruning shears when transplanting bare-rooted woody plants. Cut the tops back at least one-third to one-half, to compensate for the roots lost when digging the plant.

• Take advantage of bad weather and holiday time to study seed and nursery catalogues as well as gardening books.

Berrying plants, such as holly and yaupon, may be pruned now while they can be enjoyed as cut material inside the house.

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Archaeologists unearth bones at site

VICTORIA (AP) — Archaeologists have unearthed bones that may be those of settlers in Fort St. Louis, the short-lived French colony founded three centuries ago by famed explorer La Salle.

The find could help advance knowledge of Fort St. Louis, the first European colony in Texas and a focal point of the struggle between France and Spain to dominate the New World, archaeologists said Tuesday.

"It's almost like a dream come true," said Kathleen Gilmore, a retired University of North Texas professor who has examined the site for three decades. Finding human remains "is to fill in the tragic story."

The location of Fort St. Louis was confirmed in 1996, when eight cannons were found on the swath of coastal prairie four miles upstream from Lavaca Bay on the Gulf Coast. The search has yielded French and Spanish ceramics, a French coin, buttons, jewelry, musket balls and arrow points.

Texas Historical Commission archaeologists believe the bones belonged to two of the settlers and will try to locate possible descendants and use DNA testing to confirm the identities.

Most of the yellowish-brown bones — a skull, arm, leg and pelvis — were discovered Nov. 10 by archaeologists who have been excavating the site since October 1999. A second skull was found this week in the same grave.

Project directors say they've narrowed the possible identity of the second set of remains based on records kept by the French and Spanish: She was either Isabelle Talon or a Madame Barbier, whose first name or her husband's first name is unknown.

"I'm excited about the discovery," said Paul C. Newfield III, a descendant of Talon from Metairie, La. "I hope they are able to ascertain who these people were."

Most of the bones belonged to a man in his late teens or early 20s who might have been among 22 men left behind to protect women and children when La Salle set off for Canada, project director Mike Davis said.

The two people were likely among 180 French colonists who arrived at Matagorda Bay in February 1685 with explorer Rene Robert Cavelier, sieur de la Salle.

The settlers quickly died from disease, starvation or fighting with Karankawa Indians. La Salle left for Canada, and only three settlers remained by Christmas Eve 1688.

Experts claim peanuts and pecans promote good health

ALBANY, Ga. (AP) — The turkeys, cakes and pies served during the holidays can bring guilt and larger waistlines. That often leads to New Year's vows to diet and exercise.

But all holiday foods needn't evoke images of clogged arteries, heart attacks and unbridled adiposity.

Recent scientific studies show that at least two holiday foods, peanuts and pecans, can make people healthier when eaten in moderation.

"They can feel less guilty when they're eating peanuts and pecans because they're getting many good nutrients ... but they still have to watch their total calorie intake," said Ron Eitenmiller, a University of Georgia food scientist in Athens.

Eitenmiller and Phillip Koehler, another Athens food scientist, recently completed a study on Vitamin E and foliates in Georgia peanuts and pecans. They did the work for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agriculture Nutrient Composition Laboratory near Washington, which publishes the nutrient values of various foods.

Nutritionists have known for years that peanuts and pecans were high in Vitamin E and folic acid. Now, the researchers have discovered that they also are high in plant sterols — fat-like substances that cause the body to absorb less harmful cholesterol. They also contain monounsaturated fatty acids, which can reduce the risk of heart disease.

"Plant sterols are now considered by the medical community and the Food and Drug Administration as another approach to lowering serum cholesterol," he said. "The sterols inhibit the absorption of cholesterol."

When Penn State researchers compared diets, people who got their monounsaturated fatty acids from peanut butter attained nearly the same health benefits as those who got fatty acids from olive oil. The peanut butter diet gave a 21 percent reduction in cardiovascular risk, compared with 26 percent for olive oil and 12 percent for a lowfat diet.

The Athens researchers have developed a more accurate method for analyzing folic acid in foods. Their method has been adopted by the FDA and it is being accepted worldwide, Eitenmiller said.

They discovered that peanuts have even higher levels of Vitamin E and folic acid than previously thought. Almost all nuts are high in Vitamin E, an antioxidant that neutralizes compounds that damage living cells. Folic acid is well-known for preventing birth defects when taken in proper doses by pregnant women. The FDA has mandated since 1998 that cereals be enriched with folic acid to reduce the risk of birth defects.

Peanut consumption declined during the late 1980s and the early 1990s when nutritionists were recommending lowfat diets. Now they acknowledge that a moderate amount of fat from such foods as olive oil and nuts can be beneficial.

The key is moderation. An ounce of peanuts packs 166 calories and 14.1 grams of fat, while an ounce of pecans has 187 calories and 18.3 grams of fat.

Fat concerns caused peanut consumption to drop from a high of 1.65 billion pounds in 1989-90 to a low of 1.4 billion pounds in 1994-95.

Pollution ratings loom for East Texas

LONGVIEW (AP) — Several East Texas counties polluted by factory and vehicle emissions could face a federal designation, possibly even joining Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston and other areas which fall short of environmental standards.

But if the Longview-Marshall-Tyler area is deemed to be in non-attainment with Environmental Protection Agency air quality standards, it would probably be three years before EPA stipulations for reducing ozone-causing emissions would be required.

"I do believe EPA will go forward with some type of designation for this area next year," Gregg Cooke, EPA regional administrator from the Dallas office, told the Longview News-Journal in Wednesday's editions.

The warning followed past violations of federal ozone pollution standards.

If that designation includes the EPA label of non-attainment for air quality standards, it could result in economic sanctions including loss of federal highway funds.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, Nov. 30, 2000

That lucky break you've been hoping would happen could be coming your way in the year ahead. When it occurs, make the most of it and utilize all the good aspects that come with it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Don't be afraid to commit yourself today to an agreement, be it written or verbal. If it looks like you can make a deal, go for it. The aspects favor you at this time. Sagittarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper. P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Focus on developments today that can add to your material growth, because you'll be much luckier in this area than you normally are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Someone you meet today on a social level could prove to be exceptionally fortunate for you as time goes on. Cultivate any new contacts you make at this time.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) This is an excellent time to finalize important matters that have been hanging. You'll have no trouble taking care of things in a manner that'll end happily.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You won't be spinning your wheels when it comes to the idea department today. You're bright, imaginative and clever. Don't be afraid to express your thoughts to potential supporters.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Follow your dreams today, because there's a strong chance you could realize what you desire, especially if it involves something material.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Anyone who turns to you today for leadership or guidance won't be disappointed. You're an adept thinker who knows how to translate your thoughts into workable solutions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't summarily dismiss any hunches or feelings you get today regarding factors that pertain to your material interests. Lady Luck is trying to tell you something that could help.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Something might be presented to you today that at first may sound too good to be true, but upon questioning, you'll discover it came about through the assistance of a close friend.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Tackle any project or weighty issues today that you may have thought too challenging for you to handle. Conditions have now changed, and you'll complete it with ease.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Although you'll still get all your duties and responsibilities out of the way today, the day could turn out to be more social than work-oriented.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) An unexpected lucky break could develop for you today that will be precipitated by influences you do not control. It could have something to do with your family.

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Player's father, uncle receive 45 days

TORRANCE, Calif. (AP) — The father and uncle of a high school football player have each been sentenced to 45 days in jail for attacking the boy's coach after a losing game.

John Martinez, 34, and his brother, Anthony Martinez, 23, allegedly knocked Torrance South High School coach Brett Peabody to the ground last month and beat him when he refused to give their relative enough playing time.

The two pleaded no contest to misdemeanor assault charges.

Superior Court Judge Thomas P. Allen Jr. also Tuesday imposed the maximum one-year county jail sentence, to be suspended after serving 45 days. He also imposed fines and three years' probation and ordered the two men to complete a year of anger management classes.

Kiwanis/Goodfellows

Scurry County families may apply for Kiwanis/Goodfellow food donations by filling out this form. The deadline to apply is November 30th. Applications should be mailed to Kiwanis/Goodfellows, P.O. Drawer 112, Snyder, Texas, 79550

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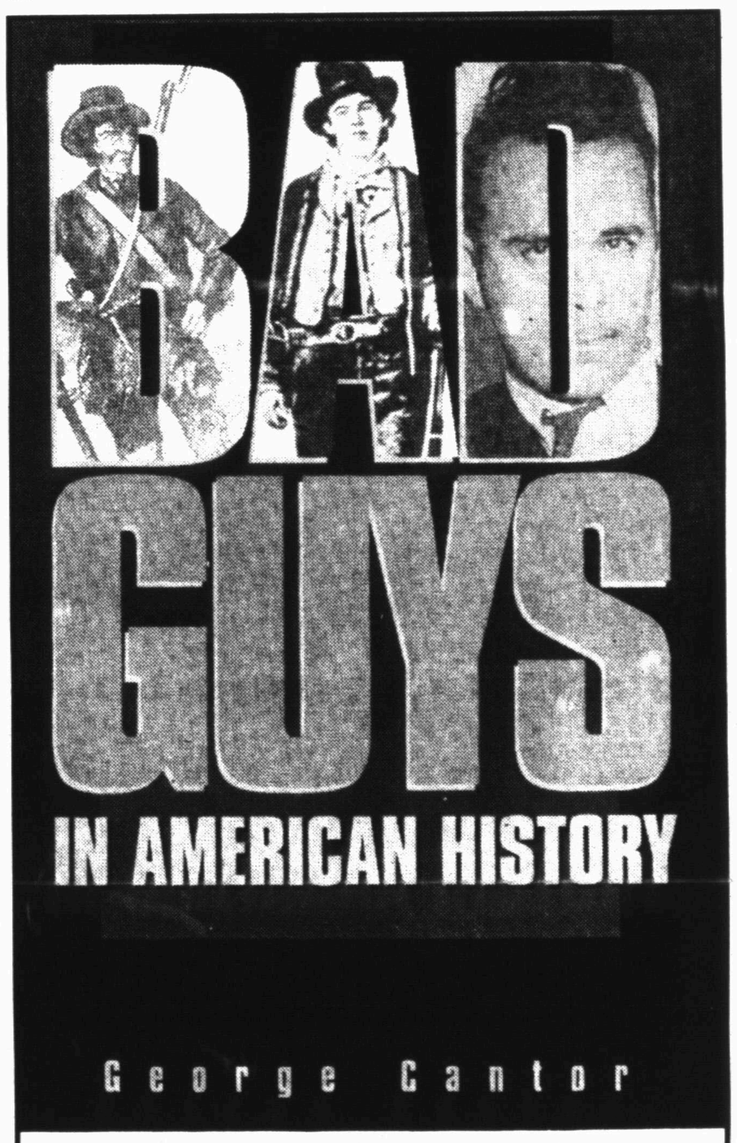

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Task force wants to ease embargo

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States should ease the Cuban embargo to help the island's transition to a post-Castro era and reduce chances of U.S. military intervention, a Council on Foreign Relations panel recommended Wednesday.

The task force urged that the United States eliminate travel restrictions to Cuba, allow regular commercial flights between the two nations and permit U.S. companies whose businesses were nationalized by Cuba to resolve their claims by entering into joint ventures in Cuba.

It also recommended increased U.S.-Cuban cooperation in fighting drugs, helping resolve the Colombian civil war and developing military-to-military contacts.

"Our recommendations seek to build and strengthen bridges between the Cuban and American people, promote family reunification, address current and future matters of U.S. national security, promote labor rights and facilitate resolution of property claims and further expose Cuba to international norms and practices," the task force said in a report.

The report made no recommendation whether the United States should lift its 38-year-old embargo, which is aimed at pressuring democratic reforms on the communist-ruled island.

The 23-member task force, which includes liberals and conservatives, was co-chaired by Bernard W. Aronson and William D. Rogers, Democrats who held high-level State Department jobs under Republican administrations.

The group's first report, issued two years ago, recommended expanded contacts between Americans and Cubans. A month later, President Clinton adopted many of its recommendations in announcing his "people-to-people" policy, which relaxed travel restrictions.

Israel plunged into political turmoil

JERUSALEM (AP) — In the midst of a bloody conflict with the Palestinians, Israel has been plunged into political turmoil by an overwhelming parliament vote to hold new elections, two years ahead of schedule.

With his political future and Mideast peacemaking on the line, Prime Minister Ehud Barak agreed Tuesday to hold an early vote in a surprise move to take the initiative from the hard-line opposition.

Amid the political maneuvers, Israeli-Palestinian violence persisted. An Israeli motorist was critically wounded in a West Bank shooting ambush. In the Gaza Strip, Israeli soldiers fired on Palestinians trying to cut through a border fence. The army said there were fatalities, but that it did not know how many.

In recent days, there had been a lull in Israeli-Palestinian violence. The ebb was attributed to the holy month of Ramadan, when Muslims fast from dawn to dusk, and to cool, rainy weather.

Representatives of Barak's One Israel alignment and the opposition Likud party met briefly Wednesday to try to agree on a date for elections. Opposition leader Ariel Sharon said elections should be held quickly, "even before Passover," the Jewish holiday that begins April 7.

Serbians retake strategic ethnic Albanian village

LUCANE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Without firing a shot, Serbian police Wednesday retook a strategic village on the edge of a contested zone in Serbia from ethnic Albanian rebels who launched a recent offensive in the area.

There were no clashes with the rebels when the police, backed up by two armored vehicles and armed with automatic weapons, cautiously entered Lucane, zigzagging house to house. Most of Lucane's 1,000 ethnic Albanians fled the village earlier, leaving behind only elderly residents.

The capture of the strategic village — the first regained by Serbian forces since last week's rebel offensive, which left five dead — brought security troops and the ethnic Albanian militants into positions some 500 yards from each other.

After the operation, rebels could be seen entrenched on the hills near Lucane. The rebels said they had had no advance word of the Serb move.

Spokesman Tahir Dalipi warned the Serbs "not to start any action that would be rebuffed and thus break the fragile peace," adding: "Otherwise we cannot predict what will happen." He did not say why the rebels withdrew from Lucane without resistance.

There was no immediate comment from NATO-led troops based in nearby Kosovo, who have been trying to diffuse tensions in talks with Yugoslav officials and the rebels.

The ethnic Albanian militants launched attacks last week into a a three-mile buffer zone between Kosovo's border and southern Serbia, capturing several strategic sites. The escalation in violence triggered Serb threats of a strong counter-attack — though they backed off under NATO pressure.

Patrolman reports graffiti early today

• *Graffiti*

An officer patrolling the Snyder Shopping Center early this morning reported finding graffiti on a pole and a dumpster in the area.

• *Arrests*

A 29-year-old man was taken into custody at 12:39 p.m. Tuesday on a Lubbock County warrant for possession of marijuana.

At 1:13 p.m., a Department of Public Safety trooper arrested a 25-year-old man at the U.S. 84 weigh station east of town for driving while license suspended.

A charge of assault/family violence landed a 23-year-old man in custody at 2:46 a.m. today.

• *Accidents*

A two-vehicle accident occurred at 2:45 p.m. Tuesday in the 4500 block of College. Involved were a 2000 Buick Park Avenue driven by Frances Thompson of 2601 47th Street and a 1982 Plymouth Reliant driven by Ray Bert Williams of 3110 Avenue C.

A hit and run accident report was taken at 6:50 p.m. Tuesday in the First Baptist Church parking lot in the 1600 block of 26th Street. Involved were a 1990 Mercury Topaz owned by Guadalupe Morales of 3887 Shady Oaks Lane and an unknown vehicle which left the scene.

Obituaries

Clara Tate

1918-2000

Clara Tate, longtime Hermleigh resident, died at 2:55 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Tate, 82, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Hermleigh Church of Christ with Wayne Horton officiating. Burial will follow in the Hermleigh Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Clara Tate

Born Sept. 12, 1918 in Hot Springs, Ark., she married Glenn Tate on Jan. 29, 1937 in Snyder. She had lived in Hermleigh since 1933 and was a longtime member of the Hermleigh Church of Christ.

Mrs. Tate was a charter member of the Martha Ann Woman's Club and was a 30-year volunteer for Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

She owned and operated Clara's Drug in Hermleigh for six years then worked as a bookkeeper at J.C. Penney for 20 years. In 1992, she co-founded Countryplace, along with her daughter, and continued to work there.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Donald and Dorothy Tate of Hermleigh; one daughter and son-in-law, Glenda and Robbie Glasscock of Hermleigh; one brother, Robert Chambers of Ruidoso, N.M.; six grandchildren, Bill Glasscock of Snyder, Randy Glasscock of Reno, Nev., Curtis Tate and Anthony Tate of Abilene, Lori Tate of Fort Worth and Mark Glasscock of Hermleigh; and five great-grandchildren.

Family visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Children's Home of Lubbock, P.O. Box 2824, Lubbock, 79408.

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Joel Hamlett

1910-2000

Joel H. Hamlett Jr., a lifetime resident of Snyder, died at 10 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Services for Mr. Hamlett, 90, are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born July 29, 1910 in Snyder, he married Mary Jane Beall on Dec. 27, 1937 in Ladonia, Tex. Mr. Hamlett served as a staff sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corp during World War II, from November, 1943 to November, 1945.

A Methodist, Mr. Hamlett was a rural mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service for 36 years.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Jane Hamlett of Snyder; a son, Joel H. Hamlett III of Houston; a sister, Charles Ella Bullard of Temple; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Willie Smith

1955-2000

Willie Wayne Smith of Snyder died Tuesday, Nov. 28, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Service for Mr. Smith, 45, is set for 10 a.m. Saturday at Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in Snyder Cemetery.

Born on Sept. 30, 1955 in Snyder, Mr. Smith was a contract pumper/gauger for Penrose Oil Co. He was a 1974 graduate of Snyder High School and a graduate of the University of Texas at El Paso.

Family visitation will be 7-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Survivors include his mother, Easter Smith of Snyder; two sisters, Darlene Harrison and Linda Lott, both of Snyder; several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Lottie Clemmer

1910-2000

SILVERTON – Lottie Lucille Clemmer, a former resident of Scurry County, died Monday, Nov. 27, in Lockney.

Funeral service for Mrs. Clemmer, 90, is set for 2:30 p.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church in Silverton. The Rev. Randy Mullin will officiate. Burial will follow in the Silverton Cemetery.

Born May 29, 1910 in Young County, she married James R. Clemmer on Oct. 10, 1926 in Scurry County. He died in 1983.

The Clemmers moved to Briscoe County in 1935 and to Silverton in 1936. She had worked as a nurse, kindergarten teacher and school lunchroom worker, retiring in 1985. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Roma Swindel of Plainview; three sons, Milton Clemmer of Napa, Calif., Buford Clemmer of Upland, Calif., and James Clemmer of Silverton; a brother, Don Jones of May; two sisters, Katherine Moore of Hamlin and Betty Galaway of Abilene; nine grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Births

Judith Espinoza of Snyder announces the birth of her daughter at 8:30 p.m. on Nov. 28 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed eight pounds, eight ounces.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Nov. 28 – Helen Grinslade, Vanice Lovett, Joshua Martinez, Florine Merritt, Oleita Mitchell, Reaghan Ruiz and Judith Espinoza.

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ONGOINGS

Senior citizen swimnastics

Snyder Senior Citizen Center swimnastics is held from 10-11 a.m. on Monday, and 1-2 p.m. on Thursdays. For additional information, call 573-4035.

FBC worship service

The First Baptist Church worship service airs at 3 p.m. each Thursday on TV Channel 2.

West Family Reading Night

West Elementary's Family Reading Night is held each Thursday from 6-7:30 p.m. Refreshment, prizes and childcare are provided.

Heart walk

Sponsors and walkers are needed for the Heart Walk scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday. The event raises funds to combat heart disease and strokes. For more information call Dee Chasteen at 573-2913.

Senior dedications

Snyder High School senior dedications for the The Tiger's Lair are due Friday. For more information, call Katie Henson at 573-6301.

Troop 27 to turn 50

Boy Scout Troop 27 will celebrate its 50th anniversary at First United Methodist Church Sunday from 2:30-5 p.m. The troop is seeking past information and memorabilia to share at this celebration. If anyone has anything to share or would like to attend, contact Joe or Terry Hefner at 863-2446 after 7 p.m. Max Snider at 574-2784 or Chris Smauley at 573-5183.

Holiday dinner

Church of the Nazarene will host a holiday Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinner following the 10:45 a.m. worship service Sunday. Everyone is invited.

AARP Christmas dinner

The AARP Chapter 2063 Christmas dinner will be held at 5:30 p.m. Monday at Martha Ann Womans' Club.. Val Cervantes, area community coordinator, will be present to install chapter officers for 2001.

Northeast reading night

Northeast Elementary's Family Reading Night will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday. Pizza and soft drinks will be served. Child care will be available. All Northeast Elementary families are invited to attend.

Vocational nurse program testing

Testing for the March vocational nursing class at WTC is set for 1:30 p.m. next Wednesday and 9 a.m. on Jan. 5. Testing in the extended application process is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Jan. 31 and 9 a.m. Feb. 5. To schedule an appointment, call 573-8511, ext. 313.

Service time changed

Avenue D Baptist Church, 324 30th, has changed the time of evening services. Beginning Dec. 3, evening services will start at 5 p.m.

Country and gospel music

A country and gospel music program will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Scurry County Senior Citizens Center. Everyone is invited and there is no charge. Call 573-3996 for more information.

VFW arts, crafts show

Vendors are needed for the VFW Arts and Crafts show set for Sunday, Dec. 10, at the Scurry County VFW Post. Contact Jim Bailey after 3 p.m. at 573-5338.

Social Security reps

Representatives of Social Security will be at the Senior Citizens Center Tuesday, Dec. 12, from 10 a.m. until noon and from 1-2 p.m.

Windbreak trees

The Upper Colorado SWCD will take orders for windbreak trees until Jan. 31. Evergreens are $2 and hardwoods are $1 for 12 to 18 inches tall. Come by 5309 Big Spring Hwy or call 573-6317.

Glory Room open

The Glory Room, a Christian library located at Trinity United Methodist Church, is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Everyone is asked to return materials so that others may check them out. If other hours are needed, contact the church at 573-3988.

GED testing date

Friday will be the only date in December for GED (high school equivalency) testing. For more information, call Molly Kattes, 573-2919, or Emily Hataway, 574-2112 at home or 573-8511, ext. 297 at WTC 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at WTC are held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. until noon, and from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Classes include E.S.L., GED and refresher courses. Certified teachers and Spanish speaking aides teach these classes. Call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Police seek escapees

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A statewide search is under way for two felons who escaped from Comal County Jail while buffing floors in a secure area early Monday morning.

Johnnie Lee Cooper Jr., 27, was convicted in June of aggravated kidnapping, and Wayne Edward Weirich, 37, was convicted in September of driving while intoxicated for a third time.

Jailers said they discovered the men were missing about 2 a.m. from the New Braunfels jail.

Cooper and Weirich, trusties who perform routine janitorial duties at the jail, are the first to escape from the facility since 1993, when a trusty bolted out an exit door but was caught within minutes, Comal Chief Deputy Bill Collins said in Wednesday's editions of the San Antonio Express-News.

The two men scaled a 20-foot-tall concrete wall in the exercise area and then bent back the chain-link fencing that tops the exercise yard, authorities said.

A bloodhound brought to the scene picked up no scent trail, so a car was probably waiting for them, Collins said. Investigators believe the two are no longer near the jail.