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Last major Taliban stronghold to give up

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — The Taliban agreed today to surrender their last major bastion Kandahar to tribal forces under a deal guaranteeing the safety of their supreme leader Mullah Mohammed Omar, officials of both sides said.

The fate of Omar remained a major question, with the newly appointed Afghan leader saying the Taliban supreme leader would have to distance himself from terrorism but leaving unclear if he would be arrested, as the United States has demanded.

"Those are the details that we still have to work out. I'm not saying anything right now," Hamid Karzai, head of the U.S.-backed interim government that is expected to take over later this month, told The Associated Press.

In Washington, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said the United States would not stand for any deal that allowed Omar to remain free and "live in dignity" in the region.

"Our cooperation and assistance with those people would clearly take a turn south if something were to be done in respect to the senior people in that situation that is inconsistent with what I have said," Rumsfeld said.

Abdul Salam Zaeef, the Taliban's former ambassador to Pakistan, said Taliban fighters would begin handing over their weapons to a local Pashtun leader, Mullah Naqib Ullah, starting Friday. Omar would be allowed to live in Kandahar under Naqib Ullah's protection, Zaeef said.

"Mullah Omar has taken the decision for the welfare of the people, to avoid casualties and to save the life and dignity of Afghans," Zaeef said.

Elsewhere, American B-52s pounded targets in the White Mountains of eastern Afghanistan, where local officials believe Osama bin Laden and his al-Qaida lieutenants are hiding.

Anti-Taliban Afghans launched a ground attack Wednesday against al-Qaida strongholds, including the caves and tunnels of the Tora Bora complex.

In Islamabad, Zaeef said the Taliban would not surrender to Karzai.

However, Karzai told AP that the Taliban would surrender to him and he had designed Naqib Ullah and another Pashtun leader, Gul Agha, to collect the weapons. Naqib Ullah maintained good relations with the Taliban during their five years in power.

Karzai said ordinary Taliban fighters would be free to return to their homes but the fate of Omar remained to be decided. The United States has opposed any deal that would allow Omar or bin Laden to go free.

"I have said that he must distance himself completely from the Taliban," Karzai said of Omar. However, he said the foreign fighters loyal to bin Laden must leave the country or face arrest if his new administration is able to do so.

"They have to leave Afghanistan," Karzai said of the Arabs, Pakistanis, Chechens, Uzbeks and others. "They have to face justice. They (must) just stop what they are doing, leave my country and face international justice."

Earlier, Karzai told AP that he would offer ordinary Taliban fighters amnesty but not Omar.

Zaeef said the handover would take three or four days and after that, it would be up to Naqib Ullah to decide who can enter the city. Zaeef also said further talks would be held to determine the fate of Arab and other foreign fighters loyal to bin Laden.

It was also unclear whether the surrender would apply to Taliban units in the town of Spinboldak or in mountain hide-outs scattered throughout southern Afghanistan.

However, Zaeef said the Taliban was finished as a political movement. "I think we should go home," he said.

Until the agreement, Omar had been calling on the Taliban to fight to the death. "The fight has now begun. It is the best opportunity to achieve martyrdom," Omar told his commanders by radio last week, according to a Taliban official.

Zaeef said Karzai agreed to Naqib Ullah's becoming governor of Kandahar. Naqib Ullah, a member of the Jamiat-e-Islami party of the former president Burhanuddin Rabbani, led guerrilla forces against the Soviets in the 1980s and now leads one of several groups fighting the Taliban.

At Tora Bora, in the rugged White Mountains near the eastern city of Jalalabad, American B-52s dropped 250- and 500-pound bombs onto an elaborate tunnel and cavern complex, setting off orange flashes and plumes of smoke in the forested mountains.

DEAR SANTA — Two-year-old Weldon Fitzgerald quickly hugged Santa Claus after telling him his Christmas wishes. Santa visited children at the courthouse gazebo Saturday prior to the lighted Christmas parade. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Final parks meeting today at Towle Park

The last of three public meetings to gauge the sentiment of area citizens concerning Scurry County's parks is set in the Towle Park Barn at 6:30 this evening.

The public is invited to attend and organizers are asking citizens to bring their completed parks surveys to the meeting with them if they have not yet turned them in.

The first two meetings in Ira and Hermleigh drew minimal response, but those in attendance were in favor of improving the parks.

Perry picks secretary of state

AUSTIN (AP) — Former state Rep. Gwyn Clarkston Shea of Irving is Gov. Rick Perry's choice for secretary of state, the state's top elections officer.

Shea, who most recently has been a Dallas County constable, and Perry served together as Republican members of the Texas House in the 1980s.

Shea was elected to five terms beginning in 1983, but was unseated in 1992 after a redistricting that paired her in a district with Republican Rep. Will Hartnett of Dallas, who defeated her in a GOP runoff.

Dallas County commissioners appointed Shea to fill a vacant constable post after she lost her House seat.

Perry said Shea will help ensure fair and open elections and will help carry out his commitment to the Texas-Mexico border region.

"Gwyn is a public servant of impeccable character, extraordinary energy," Perry said.

Shea said she has had a fascination with elections since she was a child and her parents were election judges. "I've always been real passionate about participation in elections," she said, adding that she hoped to heighten awareness in schools across Texas.

Shea replaces Henry Cuellar, who resigned unexpectedly in October. The former Laredo lawmaker who served in the House with Perry said he quit to consider several career options, including elected office.

"I think a lot of her personal character and her savvy in a lot of areas," Dallas County Judge Lee Jackson told the Austin American-Statesman. "She was a sharp legislator with knowledge in some pretty specialized areas like insurance, which takes a certain aptitude for detail, just like the election laws."

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A woman likes a man with a will of his own, especially if it's made out to her."

This one is hard to believe, unless you know the very creative nature of deer hunters who sit out in freezing weather and then call it "fun."

We were told the story about two pessimistic hunters who left home for their annual expedition to the hunting lease.

In addition to the usual supplies and staples, the pair had prepared for the very real possibility that they would not be able to bag a deer. So they included supplies of a rather odd nature, should the unthinkable happen.

After spending a fruitless week in the bush, the hunters broke camp and began loading their truck for the long trip home.

They unpacked an inflatable, man-size doll that they blew up and dressed in traditional hunter's garb. The two then strapped the "hunter" to the hood of their truck and then each hunter donned a pull-over head mask that looked exactly like the head of a deer.

They reportedly caused a commotion as they sped down the highway. Finally, they were pulled over by a state trooper who asked that they stop the antics.

Even though they could not be charged with any wrong doing, they had almost caused some traffic mishaps.

Even 'Ask Us' couldn't get a handle on this question.

"If a tin whistle is made out of tin (and it is), then what exactly is a fog horn made out of?"

A local employer called and told us that a six-member terrorist cell has infiltrated his operation.

After an extensive investigation by the FBI, five of the six terrorists were identified.

There names were bin Sleepin', bin Hidin', bil Loafin', bin Whinin', and bin Gripin'.

The sixth worker had yet to be apprehended, but the search for him is still underway.

His name: bin Workin'.

District keeps SNB as depository bank

The Scurry County Appraisal board of directors voted this morning during a brief meeting to keep Snyder National Bank as its depository bank.

Chief Appraiser Larry Crooks said three bids were received, but SNB offered better rates and has provided good service in the past.

Crooks also noted that the district has a safety deposit box at SNB, which holds backup files and important software in case of emergency.

The board also approved bills payable for August through October, and heard collection reports for Hermleigh and Ira school districts.

Through the month of October, $47,292.74 or 10.1 percent of taxes owed had been collected in Hermleigh.

For the same time period, $187,174.24 or 9.6 percent of taxes owed were collected from Ira taxpayers.

Crooks said those figures would probably rise dramatically during the month of December as people try to list the expense on income tax reports.

Board chairman Harold Lacik presided and board members present were Joe Flowers, Walter Stirl and Diana Williamson. Board members Ross Carroll and Fred Cross were absent.

POPULAR FUELING SPOT — Winston Field is a popular fueling spot for pilots because of the service and the price. Airport manager Rodger Sullenger is shown with one of the airplanes that will be on display from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday during the airport's 50th anniversary celebration. (Contributed Photo)

ASK US

Q—Why did the city council decide against the 20-year retirement for city employees?

A—The additional cost to the city of over $3,000 per year.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 68 degrees; low, 40; 7 a.m. Thursday, 41; no precipitation; total for 2001, 19.70 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy, low 35-40; W winds 10 mph or less. Friday, partly cloudy, high near 60; NW winds 5-15 mph.

Audriana Rascon
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 5:42 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:30 a.m.
Of 339 days in 2001, the sun has shone 326 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Folks who never do any more than they get paid for never get paid for any more than they do.

—Elbert Hubbard

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A Fairy Merry Christmas by Brooke McEldowney

Pat Robertson resigns from Christian Coalition's top job

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — Pat Robertson stepped down as leader of the Christian Coalition after more than a decade in charge of the conservative organization, saying he wants to spend more time on his ministry.

"People come and people go. It's a good thing for leaders to step down and others, younger, to come and take their place. I don't see this as anything but positive for the Coalition," Robertson, 71, said Wednesday in a telephone interview from his Christian Broadcasting Network headquarters in Virginia Beach.

Robertson founded the Christian Coalition in Chesapeake, Va., in 1989, a year after his failed bid for the Republican nomination for president. The coalition became a major force in GOP politics in the 1990s by mobilizing conservative voters through grass roots activities.

In his resignation letter to the coalition's board of directors, Robertson wrote that the organization had fulfilled all of its 10-year goals established in 1990.

He said the coalition was pivotal in the election of Christian conservatives nationwide and "without us, I do not believe George Bush would be sitting in the White House or that Republicans would be in control of the United States House of Representatives."

But Stephen Medvic, a political analyst at Old Dominion University, said the group lacked a high profile in last year's presidential race and in the governor's race this year in Virginia, which Republicans lost.

Robertson's resignation as coalition president is "symbolic of the decline of the Christian Coalition," Medvic said. "The person who founded it is leaving it, and not even leaving it in a position where they clearly have a larger voice than, say, five years ago or even 10 years ago."

The coalition's board elected Roberta Combs, who had been executive vice president since late 1999, to succeed Robertson as president.

Combs pledged to train and mobilize grass roots activists nationwide, and to continue the coalition's distribution of voter guides and congressional scorecards prior to the 2002 elections.

"Two years ago, people were writing our obituary, saying we were no longer a force," Combs said. "I think the 2000 election proved differently. You can't be as active and as involved as we were and not be a force."

Robertson said he's happy to provide advice to Combs, and that he will continue to be concerned about public affairs and to comment on them on his "700 Club" television program. He founded the Christian Broadcasting Network in 1960.

On the Net:
Christian Coalition: http://www.christiancoalition.com/
Christian Broadcasting Network: http://www.cbn.org/

Major mobilization key to labor's blueprint for 2002

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Building on successful voter mobilization efforts in 2000 and a new political action committee are part of organized labor's blueprint for next year's elections.

But the wartime popularity of President Bush could present obstacles to electing more Democrats.

"It remains to be seen," acknowledged Gerald McEntee, president of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

He said he is encouraged by Bush's Orlando, Fla., visit this week. The crowd reacted warmly and clearly liked Bush, but they peppered him with questions about the economy and the recession. A war on terrorism only gets a president so far, he said.

"He answered every question talking about the al-Qaida, bin Laden and terrorism," McEntee said.

Labor has returned as a political force. The AFL-CIO, citing exit polls, says union households accounted for 26 percent of the vote in last year's elections, up from 19 percent in 1992. About two-thirds voted Democratic.

"The secret to what we've been doing is organizing union members," said Steve Rosenthal, the AFL-CIO's political director. "There's a strong relationship between unions and their members that employers don't enjoy."

Labor leaders say they will ratchet up union turnout using a model tested in New Jersey last month when union members helped send Jim McGreevey to the governor's mansion as the first Democrat since 1989. Democrats also won a majority in the state assembly for the first time in a decade and gained five seats in the Senate for a 20-20 split.

The political program includes:

—Linking politics to organizing. Unions will urge politicians to side with workers during organizing campaigns and labor disputes by attending rallies and walking picket lines.

—Assigning coordinators for each local union and each work site.

—Distributing leaflets at least once a month at work sites.

—Increasing union member registration by at least 10 percent.

—Building "rapid-response" network at work sites to generate letters, calls and e-mails to elected officials.

The AFL-CIO is paying particular attention to the 36 governor's races next year and have identified about 21 races that they think are competitive, Rosenthal said. A dozen Senate seats and about 50 House races also will get a lot of union attention.

But funding these lofty goals is another matter.

Three soldiers rememberd as heroes

By The Associated Press

One seemed destined to become a military hero. One "was born" to fight in the Army. Another was "a good guy" with a wife and two kids.

The three Green Berets who died in Afghanistan after a U.S. bomb missed its target are being hailed as heroes — dedicated servicemen who lost their lives doing the jobs they loved.

To friends who knew Staff Sgt. Brian Cody Prosser when he starred on the high school football team and worked at the local lumberyard, it seemed all but inevitable that he would go on to good things in the military.

"When he went into the Army that was his dream, to become an Army Ranger," Glenn Wilson, a former football buddy, recalled.

Prosser, 28, of Frazier Park, Calif., Master Sgt. Jefferson Donald Davis, 39, of Watauga, Tenn., and Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Petithory, 32, of Cheshire, Mass., died Wednesday after a U.S. bomb missed its Taliban target north of Kandahar. All were members of the Army's 3rd Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group, stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

Twenty other U.S. soldiers were wounded in the accident. Five Afghan fighters also were killed.

The death of Prosser left his small town in the mountains of Los Padres National Forest devastated but at the same time bursting with pride to have known a man considered a hero.

"He was a leader, a warrior and proud to be a soldier," Prosser's 22-year-old brother, Jarudd Prosser, said. "He's my role model."

Prosser lived in nearby Bakersfield with his wife, Shawna. But the family home for years has been located in Frazier Park, a bucolic mountain town with an old-fashioned Main Street that appears still anchored in 1950s America. It's a popular day-trip destination with Los Angeles residents 50 miles away

"This whole community is affected. The Prosser name is pretty renowned here," said Carla Johnston, who said she has known Prosser all his life and whose husband, Joshua, attended Maricopa High School with him.

Petithory grew up in western Massachusetts and "always wanted to be an Army man," said his brother, Michael. "He was born to do it."

The communications specialist, who had also served in the Gulf War, proudly wore his Green Beret uniform when he made trips home to Cheshire, a town of 3,600 in the Berkshire Mountains near the Vermont border.

He was single and had no children, his brother said.

"He died doing a job he loved, for the country he loved," said his sister Nicole, 20.

Davis, 39, made a career in the military. He had a wife and two children, who live in Clarksville, Tenn., just outside Fort Campbell.

At the Davis home, less than two miles from the Army installation, dozens of people dropped by to pay their condolences — including members of the family's church who arrived in a van. They declined to speak to reporters.

His family was proud of his service, cousin Penny McCracken told the Johnson City (Tenn.) Press.

"He was always a good guy," she said.

As friends dropped by to offer condolences to the Prosser's mother and father in California, Ventura County sheriff's deputies quickly blocked off access to outsiders to the family's rambling, ranch-style home, which is situated a half mile off the nearest road. Outside is a large sign — put up in happier times — that welcomes visitors to "Prosser Country."

Jarudd Prosser said the family knew the risks involved, adding that as soon as he learned his brother was shipping out he made it a point to tell him how he felt about him.

"In a war, people die," he said Wednesday. "It puts a lot of things in perspective. It really makes me think when you care about someone, you have to tell them that. When I heard he was going overseas, I left nothing unsaid."

events

LOTTO TEXAS

TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated $10 million.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 54 were: 13-32-42-45-47-53

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $14 million.

Pick 3

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

2-5-5

Berry's World

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HIGH-WIRE ACT

Date Book

Thursday, Dec. 6, 2001

Today is the 340th day of 2001 and the 76th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1787, Delaware became the first state to ratify the Constitution.

On this day in 1941, President Franklin Roosevelt made a personal appeal for peace to Emperor Hirohito of Japan.

On this day in 1973, House Minority Leader Gerald Ford was sworn in as Richard Nixon's vice president. He succeeded Spiro Agnew.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: William S. Hart (1870-1946), actor; Joyce Kilmer (1886-1918), poet; Ira Gershwin (1896-1983), lyricist; Agnes Moorehead (1900-1974), actress; Dave Brubeck (1920-), jazz musician, is 81; Wally Cox (1924-1973), actor; Peter Buck (1956-), guitarist, is 45.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1969, in college football, an unbeaten Arkansas defeated Texas 15-14.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Reason lies between the bridle and the spur." — Italian proverb

TODAY'S MOON: Day before last quarter (Dec. 7).

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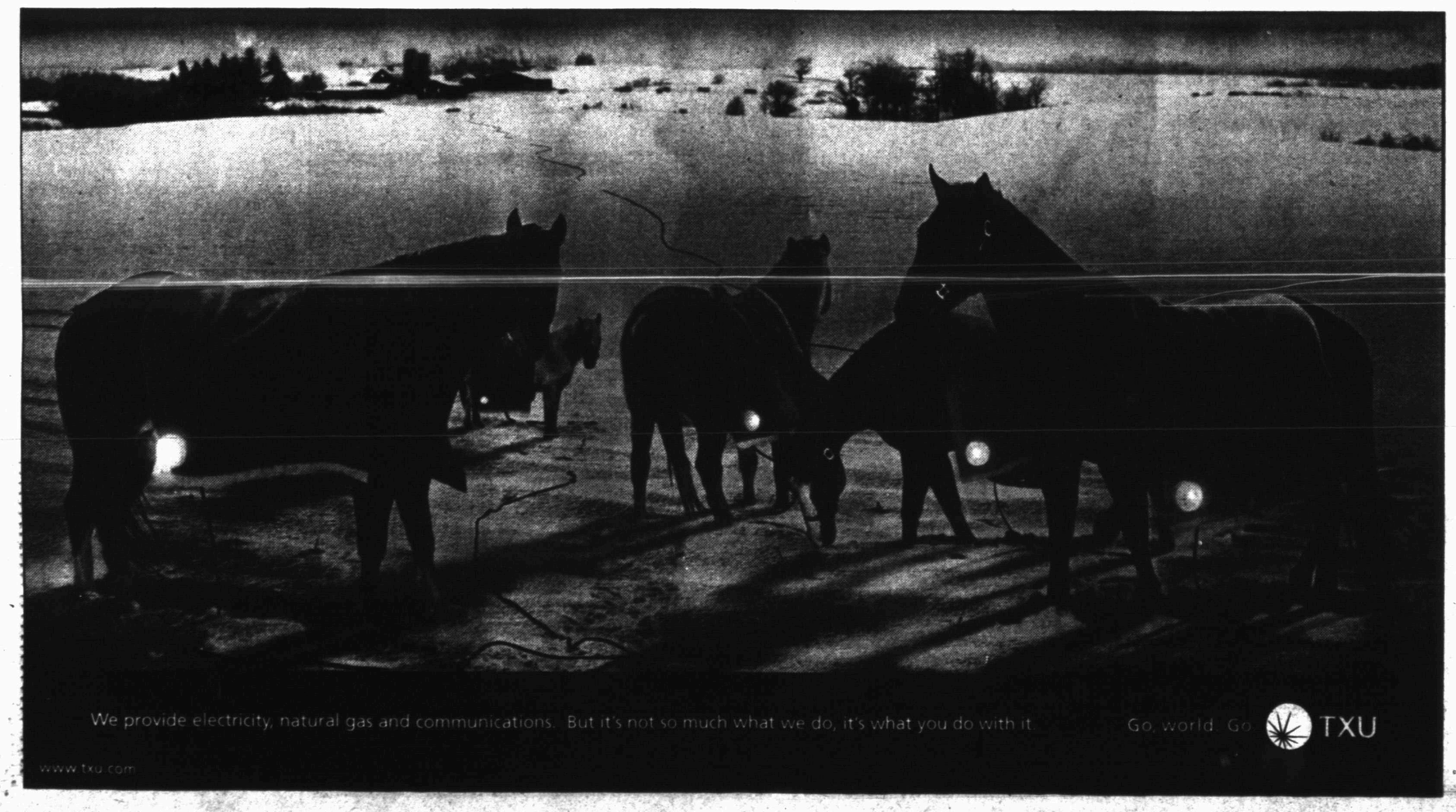

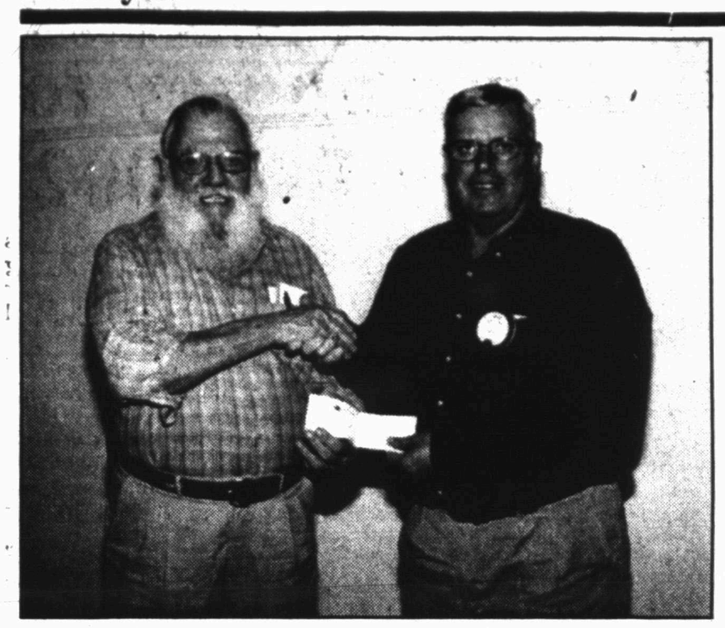

LIONS HELP CHILDREN — Jack McGlaun, Boys and Girls Club director, top left, accepts a check for $300 from the Snyder Lions Club presented by David Holt, president. In the bottom photo, Bob Moore, vice presideent, gives a $100 check to Judi Martin, Snyder's Girl Scout co-service unit chairman, for Toys for Kids. Members also brought toys for the Girl Scout project. Guest speaker for Tuesday's meeting at the Martha Ann Woman's Club will be Gordon Wood, high school coach of the century. Reservations for Kiwanis and Rotary club guests are due by noon Monday by calling 573-3427. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Baking fun for kids means making magical munchies

Cookie lovers may find they have the makings of some memorably magical snacks already in their kitchen cupboards.

Kitchen basics such as creamy peanut butter and delicious baking chocolate bits can help create a scrumptious after-school snack or a sensational, edible party gift, such as M&M's Miracle Cookies. These easy-to-make tasty treats are called Miracle Cookies because they are made with only five ingredients.

When stocking up on the basics, say the experts, it's a good idea to focus on quality. The best baking bits, for example, can help you create the most memorable cookies.

Candy-coated chocolate such as M&M's Chocolate Mini Baking Bits can add excitement and color to any recipe, so it's really no "miracle" that these quick and easy cookies are so wonderful.

MIRACLE COOKIES

1 egg
1 cup creamy peanut butter
1 cup granulated sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
½ cup M&M's Chocolate Mini Baking Bits

Directions:

Place egg, sugar, peanut butter and vanilla in a mixing bowl, and mix together well. Mixture will be stiff. Add the M&M's Chocolate Mini Baking Bits. Drop well-rounded teaspoonfuls onto ungreased cookie sheet. Bake in a 350 F (177 C) oven for 8 to 10 minutes or until edges are brown. Remove from oven, cool.

Makes about two dozen small cookies or 18 larger ones.

Births

Tamara Maresch and Juan Dominguez announce the birth of their daughter, Kathryn Alexandria Jo Dominguez at 5:40 a.m. on Dec. 4 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed six pounds.

Juan Sr. and Christina Dominguez are the paternal grandparents and Myron and Pamela Maresch are the maternal grandparents. All reside in Snyder.

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The most popular Christmas carol, which has been translated into every language on earth, is "Silent Night."

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Charlie Chaplin once won third prize in a Charlie Chaplin lookalike contest.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

Rock and Roll Quilting Club evening meeting; Hermleigh Community Center; for more information call 863-2426; 6:30 p.m.

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

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8268, 573-4048 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8494 or 573-1141; 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 appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 573-3733, 573-2101 or 5731141; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

NA-Just For Today open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-1438; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 10 a.m.

DKG held Monday meeting at WTC

Delta Kappa Gamma Society, Zeta Lambda Chapter, met Monday at Western Texas College for a program at the planetarium by Dr. Rollin Swanson.

Carmen Carpenter directed the business meeting when members discussed their projects, the Food Cupboard and World Fellowship. Committee reports included the need for member donations for Gateway Family Services. Gateway's staff suggests regular size shampoo, conditioner, deodorant and other toiletries.

Carol Miller and Jamie Hall were in charge of the program and hostesses included Leslie Murphy, Nancy Schaap, Kellye Starnes, Janeen Patterson, Carla Allen, Sonja Hanks and Vestal Maner. The meditation was by Helen Mock.

The next meeting will be Jan. 28 at 7 p.m. with Jo Ashley giving a book review on "Women of Vision."

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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	South ♠ A Q J 9 5 3 ♥ K Q ♦ A J 4 ♣ A 8	

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	1 NT	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ 4

Thursday, Dec. 6, 2001

A different approach to quiz deals

By Phillip Alder

Englishman Julian Pottage has written "Bridge Problems for a New Millennium" (Master Point Press, 2001). It contains 52 declarer-play and 48 defensive challenges, but although many are in the normal what-do-you-do-next style, some are not. For example, look at the North-South hands in the diagram. Pottage tells you that South, after receiving a club lead to East's king and his ace, attacks hearts in three different ways:

1. The heart king is immediately overtaken with dummy's ace.

2. The heart king wins, then the queen is overtaken by dummy's ace.

3. Both the heart king and queen are allowed to hold.

In each case, what is the contract?

My auction is a guess. It is not easy to predict a sequence, though one spade passed out isn't impossible.

In 1, the contract is four spades. With three probable minor-suit losers, declarer wants to pick up the trump suit. He needs to get into the dummy as quickly as possible to take the spade finesse.

In 2, declarer is in three notrump. This makes if either major suit comes in. So, South overtakes the second heart honor, succeeding if either the heart jack drops or the spade finesse works (and East doesn't have four or more spades).

In 3, declarer is in four hearts. After taking his two heart tricks, South, hoping no opponent has a singleton spade, continues with a low spade. This both forces a dummy entry to allow declarer to draw the last trump and establishes the suit.

The book is $14.95 postpaid from Baron Barclay Bridge Supplies. Call (800) 274-2221 to order.

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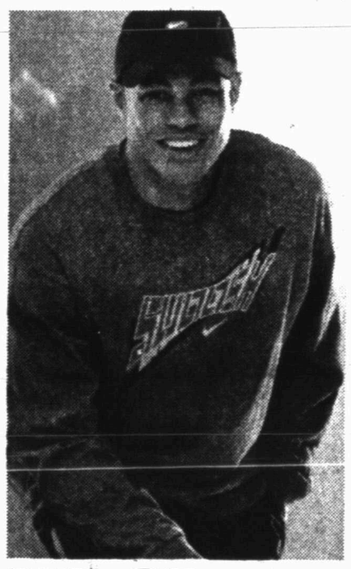

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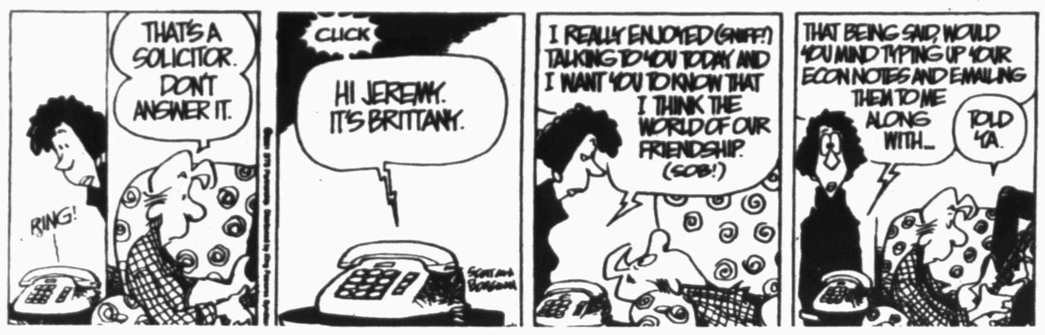

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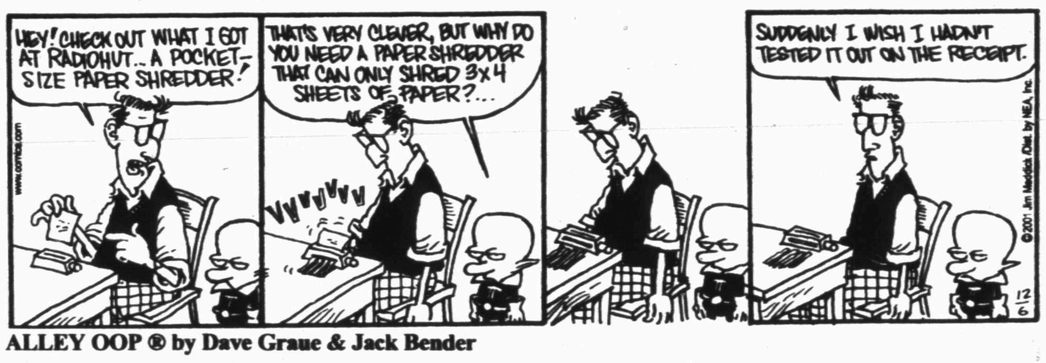

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4 Clammy
8 Long hair
12 Mont. neighbor
13 As far as
14 Mil. offense
15 Tiny spasm
16 Jay of TV
17 Token
18 Backless seat
20 Careless
22 Chow mein additive
24 After-hours
25 Kismet
28 Exemplary
31 Pretty soon
32 Actress Stapleton
33 In the know
36 Veer
37 Rise abruptly
38 Mixer for rum
39 Paid homage
40 Like some crowds
41 TV's Warrior Princess
43 Popular movie
45 Mexican wrap
47 Barely make it (2 wds.)
51 Que. or Ont.
52 Director Ferrara
55 Bullring cheer
56 Secret writing
57 Average
58 Noi of Cambodia
59 Wood choppers
60 Hunt-and-peck error
61 Many oz.

DOWN

1 Tries on for size
2 Fix a manuscript
3 Baylor University site
4 Blunts
5 Chimpanzee
6 Part of MST
7 Inferior
8 Whale or elephant
9 Hold off for
10 From Oslo
11 Large deers
19 Portent
21 Vivacity
23 Toy soldier (2 wds.)
25 Actress Wray
26 Collection
27 Drag
29 Give out
30 Venus' neighbor
33 Monopolize
34 Not well
35 Settle up
37 Be grouchy
38 Pretty
39 Rascals
41 Ricoh rival
42 Form a gully
44 Snow house
45 Pet lovers' org.
46 Orient
48 Fling
49 Splotch
50 Urges
53 Man, once
54 Mind-reading

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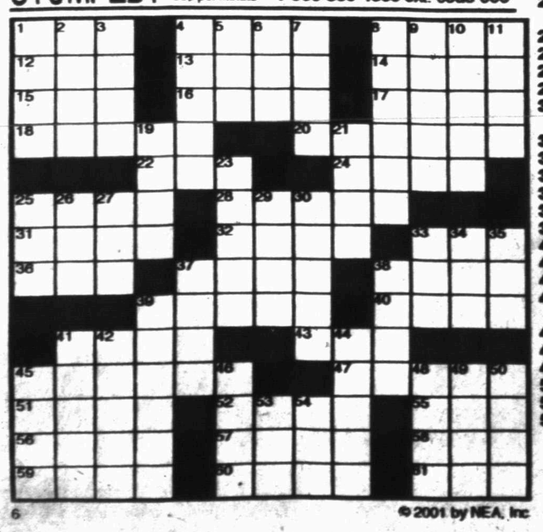

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SPORTS

Tourneys highlight local cage schedule

With the start of district play just around the corner, all six local basketball teams continue their league preparation today at four tournament sites.

The Snyder Tigers (0-8) squared off this morning against Ballinger at the Wylie Catclaw Tournament, while the Lady Tigers (3-5) are in action at 8:55 tonight against either Taylor or Austin Lanier at the Lake Travis Hill Country Classic.

At the Stanton tourney, the Ira boys take on Midland Greenwood at 4:40 this afternoon, and the Ira girls face the host Lady Buffaloes at 6 o'clock.

The Hermleigh Lady Cardinals hit the floor at 6:30 for a match-up with the host team at the Patton Springs tournament. Hermleigh's boys squad takes on Patton Springs at 8 o'clock.

Cowboys ready for Giants' blitz

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys know exactly what to expect from the New York Giants.

"Blitz!" fullback Troy Hambrick said. "They've got all the blitzes in the world."

New York surely will come after Dallas rookie quarterback Quincy Carter early and often Sunday, hoping to knock out of him the confidence he gained in winning his first game last weekend.

Carter is preparing himself the best he can, watching film after film of the Giants' schemes to try learning their tendencies.

But even knowing what's coming might not be enough to avoid NFL sack leader Michael Strahan and crew.

Strahan has a career-best 15.5 sacks, including four against St. Louis for the most by any player in one game this season. Only five teams have more sacks than the Giants' 33 and only two teams have turned those sacks into more negative yards than New York's 241.

Dallas quarterbacks Clint Stoerner and Ryan Leaf went down four times for minus-24 yards in a 27-24 overtime loss to the Giants five weeks ago. Those were season-worst numbers for the Cowboys until Leaf lost 28 yards on four sacks against Denver on Thanksgiving.

Things should be different this time because Carter is much more mobile.

Then again, Carter will be making only his fourth NFL start. And even though he held his own against Tampa Bay's Warren Sapp in the opener, he'll have to prove that his fleet feet can keep him out of trouble.

"This is going to be his test," Dallas coach Dave Campo said.

To beat the blitz, Carter will first have to recognize it, then react to it. Part of the recognition is knowing how many players are coming and which ones. The reaction means getting the ball to the spots on the field that are left vacant by the mad-dash pursuit.

If Carter can figure it out in time, he has the chance to break a big play, either throwing to an open man or tucking it away and running it himself.

"If you blitz me and miss, then I've got a whole lot of running room," Carter said. "And if you blitz me and I know where my receivers are, then it's a big play."

Carter's reputation as a better runner than thrower could work in his favor.

The Giants might decide to give him as much time in the pocket as he wants, figuring he'll miss his targets anyway. Why try rushing him into a mistake if he might mess up on his own?

New York also could decide to keep a lineman or linebacker a few yards behind the line of scrimmage as a "spy," someone whose job is to shadow Carter in case he runs. Washington did that at times in Dallas' 20-14 victory Sunday.

Even if the Giants play it somewhat safe, there certainly will be times they load up and charge after Carter, especially early in the game when they're trying to set a tone.

New York coach Jim Fassel wouldn't even hint how his team will play it.

"I can't fax you the game plan," he said, laughing. "The best thing I can tell you is that with any quarterback, you've got to give them some different looks. If you give anybody that constant, same look, they're going to beat you."

Ira JH rolls over Westbrook, 50-20

Ira used the first two quarters to build a considerable lead, then coasted home to a 50-20 victory over Westbrook in junior high boys basketball action.

The Bulldogs jumped out front, 20-2, in the first quarter and held a 33-9 advantage at the break.

Wes Kellner poured in 27 points to pace Ira. Jordan Lollar added nine, and Corbin Clements tallied eight. Joel Lollar posted four, and Chad Nickerson drained two.

World champs lost $32.2 million...

MLB releases financial info

WASHINGTON (AP) — Baseball's operating loss was $232 million this year, including a major league-leading $52.9 million by the Toronto Blue Jays.

Commissioner Bud Selig, summoned to testify Thursday before the House Judiciary Committee, released an unprecedented amount of financial information on the 30 major league teams.

While the Arizona Diamondbacks were a success on the field, winning the World Series in just their fourth season, they were a bottom-line bust, with an operating loss of $32.2 million, according to the report, obtained Wednesday night by The Associated Press.

That was the third-highest operating loss in baseball, trailing only Toronto and the Los Angeles Dodgers ($45.3 million).

Eleven of the 30 teams had operating profits before revenue sharing, led by the New York Yankees at $40.9 million. Seattle was second at $34.3 million, followed by San Francisco at $19 million and Milwaukee at $14.4 million.

After revenue sharing, which redistributed money from baseball's high-revenue teams to low-revenue clubs, nine teams had an operating profit. That was cut to five teams after interest was factored in.

Baseball's operating loss came on record revenue of $3.5 billion. The report showed an additional loss of $112 million in interest costs, which includes borrowing to fund teams' payments for new ballparks.

An additional $174 million was added in amortization — essentially depreciation of a portion of teams' asset value — resulting in an overall loss of $519 million, the report said.

Legislation to eliminate baseball's 79-year-old antitrust exemption was introduced in the House and Senate following the vote by major league owners last month to eliminate two teams before next season.

While no teams were selected, the Montreal Expos and Minnesota Twins are the likely candidates, and Minnesota's congressional delegation pushed for the hearing.

Montreal had an operating loss of $38.5 million, which was cut to $10 million after revenue sharing. Minnesota had an $18.5 million operating loss, which became a $536,000 operating profit after the revenue sharing money was redistributed.

The Yankees paid $26.5 million in revenue sharing, the most of the 30 teams, cutting their operating profit to $14.3 million on revenue of $242 million. They had the highest regular-season gate receipts, $98 million, followed by Boston at $89.7 million.

Montreal was last with just $6.4 million in gate receipts. Florida was 29th at $16.8 million and Minnesota was 28th at $17.6 million

The Yankees led in local broadcasting money at $56.75 million, followed by the Mets at $46.25 million and Seattle at $37.9 million. Montreal was last at just $536,000, Milwaukee was 29th at $5.9 million, Kansas City 28th at $6.5 million and Minnesota 27th at $7.2 million.

O'Neal, Lakers edge Mavericks

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Before the game, Los Angeles Lakers coach Phil Jackson said he would never work for a boss like Mark Cuban.

After the game, Shaquille O'Neal thanked the Dallas Mavericks' owner.

It was obvious the Lakers, O'Neal in particular, wanted to beat the Mavericks, and they did. O'Neal led the way with a season-high 46 points as Los Angeles pulled out a 98-94 victory in the closing seconds Wednesday night.

"My teammates were looking for me. I told them to bring it to me, no matter what type of defense they threw at me. I've been waiting for this game," O'Neal said after the two-time defending NBA champions ran their record to 16-1.

Earlier this season, Cuban suggested that referees should watch O'Neal closely when he shoots free throws because, Cuban claimed, O'Neal steps over the line too soon.

O'Neal didn't like that, of course.

"Just keep talking and just keep making me a better player. Thank you, Mark Cuban, I appreciate it. You motivated me," said O'Neal, who went 18-of-23 from the floor and grabbed 15 rebounds.

"When certain people talk, it's like a challenge to me. I've been in this league for 10 years and I've stepped up to every challenge. So it's kind of stupid to me when you'd want to say something directly toward me and act like I'm not going to respond."

O'Neal shot 22 free throws, most by any player in the league this season, and made 10. He did not step over the line once, but he did get two retries of missed free throws — and made both — after Dallas players were called for jumping into the lane too early.

Several hours earlier, Jackson said, "I wouldn't work for somebody like Cuban. The owners are important with me, as far as being the coach. I think you've got to have complete, kind of hands-off approach with owners."

Rick Fox, who went 1-for-8 from the floor and tossed up an airball moments earlier, made four free throws in the final 20 seconds as the Lakers broke away from a 92-92 tie.

The Lakers, 39-2 dating to the final eight games of the 2000-01 regular season (including the playoffs), trailed much of the way, but outscored Dallas 13-4 in the final 6:10.

After Adrian Griffin scored on a layup to cut it to 96-94 — Dallas' only basket in the final 6:49 — Kobe Bryant took a long pass and made a reverse slam to punctuate the victory.

Dirk Nowitzki had 33 points and 14 rebounds for Dallas, which shot just 4-of-19 in the fourth quarter. Steve Nash added 13 points and 13 assists for the Mavericks, who have not won on the Lakers' court since 1990, a span of 22 games.

"We could not make shots at the end of the game," Nash said. "They went into the zone and it threw us off our rhythm a little, but for the most part we got good looks."

Bryant, who had flulike symptoms, added 19 points, nine rebounds and five assists.

Griffin scored 10 of his 23 points in the third quarter.

Spurs top Hawks in shootout

ATLANTA (AP) — The Atlanta Hawks have been playing well offensively. Too bad they can't stop anyone.

The San Antonio Spurs were the latest team to have its way with the leaky Hawks, racing to a 20-point lead in the first quarter and holding on for a 120-112 victory Wednesday night.

Steve Smith scored 29 points and defensive specialist Bruce Bowen added a career-high 21 for the Spurs, who went 14-of-20 on 3-pointers.

"They shot 70 percent from the 3-point line," Atlanta's Jason Terry said, shaking his head. "We were trading 2s for 3s all night. That's not going to get it."

The Hawks equaled a season for points, scoring at least 100 for the fourth straight game. They are 1-3 during that stretch, dropping to 6-13 for the season.

"The defense is killing us," Terry said. "We're scoring enough points to win. We're scoring 100 every night."

San Antonio, coming off a home game the previous night, hardly looked tired in the opening period. The Spurs dominated the Hawks with superb ball movement, setting up open shots all over the court.

They lived up to their billing as the best 3-point shooting team in the league, actually improving on an already impressive 43.2 season percentage.

"San Antonio set the pace and did anything they wanted to in the first half," Atlanta coach Lon Kruger said. "Defensively, we didn't have much of an answer."

Tim Duncan scored 21 points, about average for the 7-footer. But the Hawks couldn't even stop Bowen, who had not scored more than 10 points all season.

He beat that in the first quarter and went on to make all eight of his shots, including four 3-pointers. His previous career high of 20 points was set last season when he played for Miami.

"If Bruce continues to play like that," Duncan said, "we will be tough."

The Hawks, who should have been the fresher team after a four-day break, were sloppy in the beginning, throwing away four passes in a 21/2-minute stretch. Not surprisingly, they found themselves down 30-10 when Smith dunked with 2:39 remaining.

Fortunately for the Hawks, not many people saw their performance. The game was attended by just 8,253, the smallest crowd for an NBA game since Philips Arena opened in 1999.

Smith, who played for the Hawks for five seasons, burned his old team by hitting 12 of 20 shots, four of them 3-pointers.

The Hawks, who trailed by as many as 25, made a fourth-quarter surge to get the margin into single digits. Little-used Mark Strickland sparked Atlanta, finishing with nine points and 10 rebounds.

Antonio Daniels stymied the comeback when he sank a desperation 3-pointer from just inside halfcourt with 1:33 remaining.

Sports Briefs

NFL penalizes Broncos

DENVER (AP) — Although disappointed and confused by the ruling, Denver coach Mike Shanahan said the Broncos will abide by an NFL decision that will cost the team a third-round draft choice and a fine of nearly $1 million.

NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue found the Broncos guilty of violating guidelines under the league's deferred compensation fund.

The team was fined $305,000 and ordered to pay $663,000 in interest on money the team failed to submit in a timely fashion to the league's deferred compensation fund during a two-year period from 1998-99.

1980 U.S. squad reunites

NEW YORK (AP) — America's 1980 gold-medal hockey team will play together for the first time since Lake Placid when it meets a team of NHL old-timers in Los Angeles on Feb. 1, the day before the NHL All-Star game.

The game will cap a series of clinics given by the Olympic team members, beginning this week in Philadelphia.

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
East						
Miami	8	3	0	.727	235	222
N.Y. Jets	7	4	0	.636	224	199
New England	7	5	0	.583	274	228
Indianapolis	4	7	0	.364	292	337
Buffalo	1	10	0	.091	180	308
Central						
Pittsburgh	9	2	0	.818	210	137
Baltimore	8	4	0	.667	237	214
Cleveland	6	5	0	.545	204	181
Tennessee	5	6	0	.454	214	252
Cincinnati	4	7	0	.364	153	220
Jacksonville	3	8	0	.273	193	200
West						
Oakland	8	3	0	.727	309	235
Seattle	6	5	0	.545	195	234
Denver	6	6	0	.500	284	260
San Diego	5	7	0	.417	273	239
Kansas City	3	8	0	.273	200	229
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
Philadelphia	7	4	0	.636	255	141
Arizona	5	6	0	.454	208	269
N.Y. Giants	5	6	0	.454	191	206
Washington	5	6	0	.454	155	226
Dallas	3	8	0	.273	176	243
Central						
Chicago	9	2	0	.818	227	155
Green Bay	8	3	0	.727	265	188
Tampa Bay	6	5	0	.545	223	193
Minnesota	4	7	0	.364	205	263
Detroit	0	11	0	.000	202	304
West						
St. Louis	9	2	0	.818	331	176
San Francisco	9	2	0	.818	302	225
Atlanta	6	5	0	.545	194	226
New Orleans	6	5	0	.545	253	239
Carolina	1	11	0	.083	184	279

Sunday's Games

N.Y. Giants at Dallas, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at New England, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Washington at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Pittsburgh, 4:15 p.m.
Kansas City at Oakland, 4:15 p.m.
Seattle at Denver, 8:30 p.m.
Open: Baltimore

Monday's Game

Indianapolis at Miami, 9 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 15

Arizona at New York Giants, 1:30 p.m.
Oakland at San Diego, 5 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 16

Atlanta at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at New York Jets, 1 p.m.
Denver at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 1 p.m.
New England at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Miami at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Green Bay at Tennessee, 4:15 p.m.
Philadelphia at Washington, 4:15 p.m.
Dallas at Seattle, 4:15 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 8:30 p.m.
Open Date: Carolina

Monday, Dec. 17

St. Louis at New Orleans, 9 p.m.

National Basketball Association

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EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
New Jersey	11	6	.647	—
Boston	10	6	.625	½
New York	10	9	.526	2
Orlando	10	9	.526	2
Philadelphia	8	10	.444	3½
Washington	5	12	.294	6
Miami	2	14	.125	8½
Central Division				
Detroit	12	6	.667	—
Toronto	11	7	.611	1
Milwaukee	9	6	.600	1½
Indiana	11	10	.524	2½
Charlotte	7	10	.412	4½
Cleveland	7	11	.389	5
Atlanta	6	13	.316	6½
Chicago	3	14	.176	8½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
San Antonio	13	4	.765	—
Minnesota	11	5	.688	1½
Dallas	12	7	.632	2
Denver	7	11	.389	6½
Utah	7	11	.389	6½
Houston	7	12	.368	7
Memphis	4	13	.235	9
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	16	1	.941	—
Sacramento	14	5	.737	3
Phoenix	12	8	.600	5½
Portland	9	8	.529	7
L.A. Clippers	9	9	.500	7½
Seattle	9	12	.429	9
Golden State	8	11	.421	9

Wednesday's Games

Boston 95, Denver 80
San Antonio 120, Atlanta 112
Orlando 102, Chicago 74
Detroit 95, Seattle 91
New Jersey 106, Phoenix 87
L.A. Lakers 98, Dallas 94
Golden State 93, Philadelphia 87

Thursday's Games

Minnesota at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Washington at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Toronto at Milwaukee, 9 p.m.
Charlotte at Portland, 10 p.m.

Friday's Games

Denver at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Miami at Seattle, 10 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Utah at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
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Congress pressed to OK broadest tax relief for relatives of Sept. 11 victims

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ginny Bauer had a tough task. "I want to put a human face on a tax bill," said Bauer, whose husband died at the World Trade Center.

Bauer and 14 other relatives of Sept. 11 terrorist victims tested their newfound influence Wednesday by lobbying leaders of both parties to approve broad tax breaks to victims' families.

"We are all in financial limbo right now," said Bauer, of Rumson, N.J.

The relatives say many of the nearly 3,500 people killed in the attacks were the primary providers for families that now face uncertain financial futures despite the nation's huge charitable outpouring.

Both houses of Congress have passed tax-relief measures for victims. The relatives — 12 wives, a mother, a son and a brother-in-law of Sept. 11 victims — traveled to Washington in hopes of forcing passage of the Senate's broader version before Congress leaves for Christmas recess.

As the relatives were wrapping up their visits, House Republican leaders said they will take up a modified version of the tax-relief bill on Tuesday, one that is closer to the Senate's broad approach.

"We come here today with one thing in mind: We want some assurance, we want some ease, we want some pressure taken away from us," said Nikki Stern of Princeton, N.J. Her husband, James E. Potorti, was killed at the World Trade Center.

"I want to put a human face on a tax bill," said Ginny Bauer of Rumson, N.J., whose husband, David, also died at the World Trade Center. "We are all in financial limbo right now."

Another member of the relatives' group was Lisa Beamer of Cranbury, N.J. Her husband, Todd, was on the hijacked plane that crashed in Pennsylvania. He uttered the now-famous words "Let's roll," which authorities believe was the signal for passengers to attack the hijackers.

The House voted Wednesday to name Cranbury's post office after him.

"I think from a human perspective, everyone identifies with our stories," Lisa Beamer said. "From a political perspective, you don't know what will get in the way."

Differences remain between the Senate bill favored by the relatives and the new House bill that will be taken up next week.

Sen. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J., sponsor of the Senate's broad approach, said House Republican leaders are reluctant to expand tax relief to payroll taxes.

Another point of dispute: whether disaster benefits from the Red Cross and other charities will be taxed. Republicans say under current law, they won't. But Torricelli says unless the law is changed, families will have to prove they need the money to avoid paying taxes.

The measure's final form could set a significant precedent. Until now, such tax breaks have applied only when military personnel and civilian government employees are killed in foreign combat zones.

Both versions would exempt income of Sept. 11 victims from federal taxes for this year and one previous year. Also, up to $8.5 million in assets would be exempt from the federal estate tax, and any federal disaster benefits would be tax-free.

But the Senate bill expands a payroll tax exemption and adds tax breaks for money obtained from state government, charities and insurance policies, as well as for disability payments to those injured in a terrorist attack.

Also eligible for tax breaks under the Senate bill would be victims of the April 1995 Oklahoma City bombing and those killed in the anthrax attacks.

House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Thomas, R-Calif., said this week that the Senate-passed legislation "went way beyond the scope" of the original bill.

The revised bill released by the committee for consideration next week broadens some benefits and, like the Senate bill, makes them available to Oklahoma City and anthrax victims.

The relatives met with Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D.; Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss.; House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill.; and House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo.

The original House bill is H.R. 2884. Information on the bill can be found at http://thomas.loc.gov

Weather is warm for holiday shoppers

By The Associated Press

They're golfing in Nebraska, Christmas shopping in shorts in Kentucky and dining at sidewalk cafes in New York.

Americans are taking advantage of what is shaping up so far to be a balmy December, with several cities breaking temperature records as the mercury soars into the 60s and 70s.

More than 80 golfers showed up to play rounds at Miracle Hills Golf and Tennis Center in Omaha on Tuesday and Wednesday. Highs in the mid-60s were recorded there, breaking the Dec. 5 record of 64 set in 1939 and 1975.

Even though the higher temperatures mean longer-than-usual hours in the fall for employee Ryan Bloomberg, the extra business is helping make up for last spring's slump.

"Come October we're supposed to slow down," Bloomberg said. "That's my vacation time and I haven't had that yet."

New York City basked in a record high of 70 on Wednesday and a sidewalk cafe remained open across the street from the Rockefeller Center Christmas tree.

Much of the same region already had enjoyed an unusually warm November, with temperatures routinely exceeding normal highs from Georgia to chilly New England.

"It's gorgeous," said Lew Weinstein, a telecommunications manager in Philadelphia. "I'm going outside in short-sleeved shirts and I haven't had to pay a hefty fuel bill."

High temperature records have fallen by the wayside this week from Minnesota to Virginia and from Kansas to Maine as readings reached the upper 60s and low 70s.

In Portland, Maine, the mercury climbed to 60 degrees at the airport, breaking an old record of 55 set in 1951 and tied in 1953 and 1999. More of the same was expected today.

While some celebrated, birds in New England were being tricked into springtime courtship displays and ski operators were complaining.

For Tricia Unseth, a lodging manager at Whitecap Mountain Ski Resort in Hurley, Wis., the resort's planned opening Friday will have to be delayed by at least a week unless 6 feet of snow falls in a big hurry, she said.

The official high of 68 degrees at Milwaukee's Mitchell International Airport Wednesday set an all-time record for December, topping the mark of 64 set Dec. 3, 1998, the weather service said. It was the warmest November ever recorded in parts of Wisconsin.

The extended warm spell is due to weather patterns that have kept air flowing up from the Gulf of Mexico and has trapped colder air up north, said Bill Grady of the weather service at Burlington, Vt.

A record high 73 degrees was recorded Wednesday in Louisville, Ky., beating the previous record of 69 in 1975, said meteorologist Pat Waidley. The temperature in Lexington reached 72 degrees. The previous high for the city on Dec. 5 was 68 degrees in 1972.

Charles Melton rolled up his shirt sleeves for bell-ringing duty and collected donations into his Salvation Army kettle as holiday shoppers wearing light shirts and sunglasses strolled past.

"This weather is unreal," Melton said outside a mall in downtown Louisville.

Rain was expected to move into Kentucky on today, with snow showers possible in some parts Friday night, the weather service said.

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Parents Name
Street Address
Phone#
Total Monthly Family Income $

Child Name
Age Sex
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Child Name
Age Sex
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Child Name
Age Sex
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Child Name
Age Sex
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PARENTS: List toys that each child wants. Please, do not list clothes or shoe sizes. When picking up toys, parents need to bring a picture ID, proof of address, income, and child's Social Security Card. Applications accepted only through Wednesday, December 12th. Send applications to Christmas for Kids c/o Judi Martin P.O. Box 1255, Snyder, Texas 79550-1255. For more information, call Judi at 573-7556.

One dead in small aircraft accident in Denton County

DENTON (AP) — The pilot killed when the ultralight aircraft he was flying crashed in Denton County has been identified, a sheriff's official said.

Lance Rowland, 38, of Justin was killed when the aircraft he was flying plunged 400 feet into a pasture on the western edge of Justin, deputies said.

Witnesses said Rowland tried to deploy his parachute, but he was too low for it to open.

The cause of the 5:11 p.m. Wednesday crash has not been determined.

Justin is about 20 miles north of Fort Worth.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	23.03	22.25	22.99	+ .79
AOL TimeWrn	35.77	35.21	35.42	—.41
AT&T Corp s	17.98	17.69	17.83	+ .26
Albertsons	35.59	34.99	35.13	—.31
Alltel	64.15	63.82	63.99	—.01
AmEl Pw	42.33	41.60	41.72	—.77
AndarkPtr	55.12	54.15	54.46	—.77
ATMOS Egy	20.00	19.78	19.93	—.07
Aviall	5.90	5.55	5.80	+ .13
BP PLC	45.38	44.75	45.21	—.08
BakerHughes	36.51	35.61	36.00	—.75
Bank of Amer	62.74	61.99	62.62	+ .52
BellSouth	38.53	38.25	38.34	—.60
vjBeth Steel	.78	.72	.76	+ .01
BurlNoSFe	29.09	28.81	29.03	+ .04
Caterpillar	51.60	50.47	51.42	+ .87
ChevronTex	88.00	86.20	86.39	—1.11
Citigroup	49.95	48.85	49.68	+ .68
CocaCola	46.89	46.29	46.33	—.79
ColgatePal	57.59	57.00	57.03	—.91
ComclMetals	33.08	32.91	32.92	—.06
CooperIn	42.45	41.65	41.94	—.27
DaimlrChry	43.75	42.83	43.48	+ .65
DeltaAirl	29.99	29.36	29.75	+ .25
Dillards Inc	15.85	15.25	15.58	+ .26
DowChem	38.46	37.82	38.27	—.02
DuPont	45.51	44.95	45.43	+ .17
EastmanChem	38.50	37.83	38.17	—.31
EstKodak	32.25	31.20	32.19	+ .42
EDS Corp	72.35	71.00	71.10	—.65
Entergy	38.28	38.10	38.19	—.10
ExxonMobil s	38.75	37.75	37.89	—.99
FootLocker	16.50	15.86	16.45	+ .45
GenDynam	83.45	81.95	83.45	+ 1.60
GenElec	38.39	37.65	38.14	+ .59
GenMills	49.85	49.43	49.62	—.40
GenMotors	53.02	51.34	52.81	+ 1.68
GaPacGP	34.55	33.75	34.49	+ .74
Goodrich	25.69	25.20	25.67	+ .26
Goodyear s	23.14	22.60	23.02	+ .11
GtAtlPac	25.20	24.95	25.10	+ .05
Halliburtn	22.04	21.21	21.33	—.67
Hanson ADS	35.41	35.14	35.40	+ 1.22
HarteHanks	26.19	25.75	26.17	+ .32
HomeDepot	49.66	48.66	49.40	—.50
Honeywellintl	34.38	33.60	34.09	—.41
IBM	121.50	120.36	120.92	—.48
IntlPaper	41.33	40.75	41.21	—.14
JohnsonJn s	56.90	56.10	56.16	—.44
K mart	6.16	5.90	6.02	—.24
KinderMorg	51.70	50.80	50.80	—.90
Kroger Co	25.73	25.50	25.61	—.24
LockheedM	46.50	46.04	46.45	+ .46
Lowes Cos s	46.70	46.02	46.35	—.45
Lubys	7.30	7.16	7.25	+ .05
LucentTech	8.50	8.17	8.48	+ .22
MayDeptStr	35.58	34.75	34.97	—.86
Medtronic	48.16	47.82	48.04	—.16
Motorola	17.89	17.00	17.30	—.59
NCR Corp	38.97	38.79	38.97	
Navistar	39.87	38.90	39.45	+ .25
Penney JC	25.61	24.34	24.49	—1.26
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SprintFON	21.04	20.78	20.87	+ .06
SprintPCS	26.20	25.50	25.69	—.51
Sunoco Inc	38.29	37.60	37.72	—.51
TXU Corp	45.34	44.39	44.57	—.70
TempleInland	58.85	58.10	58.72	—.22
Textrnd	36.40	35.80	36.10	+ .30
TexasInst	33.40	32.75	32.94	—.56
Textron	40.63	40.01	40.57	+ .61
TriconGlbR	49.85	49.21	49.26	—.33
TrinityInds	28.00	27.87	27.90	—.10
TylerTech	3.67	3.49	3.65	+ .13
USX-Marathn	28.44	27.95	27.99	—.44
USX-USS	18.32	17.80	18.17	—.09
UnionPacif	55.95	55.25	55.61	—.26
UnitedTech	61.90	61.20	61.65	
Unocal	34.85	34.15	34.31	—.52
VerizonComm	48.24	47.94	48.05	—.10
WalMart	55.96	55.55	55.72	—.85
WellsFargo	43.85	43.40	43.79	+ .41
WstnGasRs	30.55	30.21	30.53	—.20
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How hard should groups like Hamas be hit?

WASHINGTON (AP) — The suicide attacks in Israel present President Bush with a dilemma in the war on terrorism: How hard to go after militant Palestinian groups like Hamas, especially if Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat does not.

Showing solidarity with Israel by acting to cut off money to Hamas — as Bush did Tuesday — is one thing. Going any further risks making an enemy of Hamas, which has never targeted Americans directly and says its fight is solely with Israel.

A tougher crackdown also would risk alienating key Arab and Muslim allies in the anti-terrorism coalition, whom the United States needs to gain intelligence to root out Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida cells worldwide.

"Obviously, when you engage in counterterrorism activity, when you take measures against a group, you're going to increase the risk that they will retaliate," said Matt Levitt, an expert on terrorism at the Washington Institute.

But the risk remains low because Hamas so far remains focused on its struggle against Israel, Levitt said. The main risk is that a "rogue cell or a loner associated with Hamas" would try to target Americans, either here or abroad.

Bush on Tuesday, calling Hamas one of the world's deadliest terror groups dedicated to the destruction of Israel, froze the financial assets and closed the offices of a Richardson, Texas-based foundation that allegedly helped finance Hamas. The president also ordered a crackdown on two Palestinian groups accused of financing Hamas.

Bush and Secretary of State Colin Powell also are pushing Arafat hard to crack down on Hamas, which claimed responsibility for suicide attacks that killed 26 Israelis last weekend.

"Nations around the world that are interested in peace must encourage Mr. Arafat, must insist that Mr. Arafat use everything in his power to prevent further terrorist attacks in Israel," Bush said Wednesday.

But many Arab countries, while expressing horror at the suicide bombings, contend that the Israeli military's presence in the West Bank and Gaza and its killings of Palestinians, including children, are responsible for creating the incendiary situation.

Arab countries want the United States to force Israel to withdraw from the West Bank and Gaza. Jordan's foreign minister called on the United States and Europe "to end the aggression of the Israeli occupation forces, and to contain the explosive situation."

In the Bush administration, meanwhile, many officials believe the United States should focus on the war in Afghanistan, and then search out other al-Qaida cells worldwide, before expanding the war on terrorism to Hamas or other groups that don't target Americans.

Hamas officials, while reiterating their war is against Israeli occupation and not against the United States, warned over the weekend that they will fight whoever gets in their way.

Hamas' victims have included two Americans, killed in Israel, in the past year, Bush administration officials noted.

Bush had moved against Hamas before.

It already was on the State Department terrorist list. And in 1996, court documents indicate the State Department began investigating the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development, the group targeted in Tuesday's raid.

Six days before the Sept. 11 attacks, the FBI raided an Internet company with links to Holy Land, Attorney General John Ashcroft said. The Bush administration had planned to issue the asset-freezing orders later this month, but moved that forward after the Israeli attacks.

Holy Land President Shukri Abu-Baker denied his group finances Hamas terrorist activities, saying it provides money for Palestinian refugees, widows and orphans. He called the seizure a political move to appease the pro-Israel lobby in Washington.

A Hamas leader in the West Bank town of Nablus, Teissir Imran, also denied Hamas received outside funding.

Bush has promised to lead a global coalition that uses military, financial, diplomatic and intelligence tools against terrorist cells with global reach. Bin Laden is suspected of being behind the Sept. 11 attacks that killed nearly 3,500.

The Bush administration probably will go after more groups.

State lawmakers endorse Jan. 1 deregulation plans

AUSTIN (AP) — State lawmakers endorsed a Jan. 1 start date for electric deregulation Wednesday, acknowledging that the benchmark rates that the Public Utility Commission must set for longtime utilities still are an issue.

"It seems to me from everything I've heard, all systems are go," Rep. Steve Wolens, D-Dallas, said at a joint meeting between the PUC and an electric deregulation legislative oversight committee that Wolens co-chairs.

Electric deregulation will allow consumers in most of the state to choose an electric provider much like they chose a long-distance telephone company.

Wolens said the financial downturn of energy trader Enron Corp. would not hinder the state's electric restructuring plans because Enron was "never going to be a player in terms of competition."

But, he expressed concern that Enron spinoff, The New Power Co., which is one of only a few new companies trying to lure residential customers to their services, has had financial problems. Those problems began before Enron's problems started, he noted.

In the first nine months of this year, New Power, a unit of Purchase, N.Y.-based New Power Holdings Inc., lost $173 million on revenue of $245 million.

Kathleen Magruder, vice president of government affairs at New Power, said the company has a better handle on its finances and will try to recruit customers under deregulation in Texas.

The company's marketing effort, however, will be scaled back because of the lingering issue over the benchmark rates, she said.

Those are the rates that longtime utilities such as Reliant or TXU will charge customers in their service area for the next three years or until they lose 40 percent of their customer base. The rates are supposed to be low enough to give customers a break on their bills but high enough to provide room so competing companies can offer better rates, PUC spokesman Terry Hadley said.

New Power, Green Mountain Energy Co. and others have charged that the proposed rates are too low for them to be able to cover their costs. One proposal calls for Reliant to cut rates by 17 percent. PUC estimates show TXU's Dallas-area customers will see rate cuts of about 14.5 percent.

Because of the proposed rates, New Power is ready to operate but it "is not going to come in as big of fashion as we originally planned," Magruder said.

Green Mountain Energy President Paul Thomas said his company would watch to see what kind of competition would move into the market before it would begin actively recruiting new customers.

"We are very worried about what January is going to look like," said Thomas. "What we need to be successful in Texas is a vibrant, competitive market where there's multiple companies out competing for residential business."

Competition will bring advertising, which helps raise people's awareness that they are able to switch electric providers, Thomas said. If the benchmark is too low, companies may decide not to come to Texas, he said.

Janee Briesemeister, a policy analyst with Consumers Union in Austin, said no one expected there would be dozens of companies vying for residential business as soon as deregulation took effect Jan. 1.

"The anticipation has always been that it would take some time for the market to develop," she told the panel.

The PUC is expected to finalize those rates at its meeting Friday.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, Dec. 7, 2001

The values are in the details in the year ahead. Pay attention to the small things that could draw considerable opportunities for attaining financial growth and collectibles.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Don't dilute an assignment today in order to tilt the odds in your favor concerning an intimidating challenge. Actually watering down the task will work against you. 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) — Anything of critical importance that needs to be done today should be put at the top of your agenda. Finish it first, because other events could rob you of time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — What looks good at first reading today may not hold up under close scrutiny, so it is best not to make any impulsive commitments, especially where an investment is involved.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — It would prove better today if you do what needs to be done independent of others. Even a well-intentioned associate could unknowingly hinder your progress.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Everyone has to ask for help once in awhile and that includes you. Don't let your ego get in the way today if trying to do something in which you lack the know-how.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Although you might not mean to today, you could inadvertently pry too deep into an intimate friend's affairs and learn something you wished you hadn't. Stop while you're ahead.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — In order to keep peace in the household, try to skirt issues today that tend to divide family members into warring factions. Divert their attention onto pleasant matters.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Any unreasonable demands upon persons who are performing a special task for you today could cause them to walk out on you. Be extremely considerate in your dealings with them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — When it comes to taking risks or gambles that could directly affect your finances and security, your judgment might not be the best again today. Tread warily.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Don't do anything for someone who asks a favor of you today if you're going to attach contingencies on your good deed. It'll only produce negative effects.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — You, better than most, should know that both sides and all issues must be considered before evaluating things. Get back in character and don't prejudge people or situations.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Try not to borrow items or money today from a close friend. Even sharing clothes or tools could cause regrets later if any damage to them should occur.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Memory book keeps deceased parent alive for years ahead

DEAR ABBY: I would like to utilize your column to reach adult relatives of the children who lost a parent in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11.

I lost my father when I was 9. He was killed in a fire as he repaired his semi. He was a young 32 years old, with five children. My mother was 27.

What my mother did 30 years ago was to keep the memory of my dad alive for us by saving his cologne, so we could remember his smell; his favorite jacket and winter coat, so we could wear them to keep us warm; his favorite albums and 8-track tapes, so we could hear his favorite songs that he loved to sing to us. I was also given a diary and photo album to put down my memories and mount my favorite photos. However, I was foolish. I didn't write down my memories because I thought I would always remember them. Those memories have faded, and now I search for those precious moments.

The surviving parent should have the children keep those precious memories fresh by writing a journal, or filling a scrapbook with things like a wrapper from the deceased parent's favorite candy bar, his or her favorite color, favorite food, way of comforting the children, where he or she liked to take them — vacations as well as the park — and articles from the local paper. When a friend or relative sends a condolence card, that person should include a memory of the child's parent, and any photos that could be included in the memory album. If there is more than one child, make separate albums for each, and ask them to draw or write those memories before they fade (all too quickly).

I did this for my siblings when I was 36 years old, so we each have a way to share with our families what their grandfather was like, and how their mother or father resembled him.

Thank you for helping me to help the children. — **KIM DUETSCH, DAUGHTER OF GEORGE H. DUETSCH**

DEAR KIM: Your letter is filled with excellent suggestions. However, it's possible that the surviving parents of the Sept. 11 tragedy may be too overwhelmed with their own grief and loss to be as organized and involved as your mother was. If that's the case, assembling a memory book such as you describe would be a priceless gift of love from a close friend or relative — and a timely one, with Christmas approaching.

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DEAR ABBY: For more than 20 years, my husband and I have been giving gifts to his nephew, "Barry." Barry and his family live 1,300 miles away from us. We haven't seen any of them since Barry was 11. We rarely hear from him or his parents except on occasions when we're asked to send a gift. We have never received a thank-you from Barry, other than his endorsement on our check. Now Barry is being married.

My husband and I made a large contribution in the names of the bridal couple to a national charity we care about. We also sent a lovely card congratulating them and telling them about our gift. We hope this will honor the occasion, do some good for people in need, and stem the tide of gift requests. What do you think? — **NOT BUYING IT IN COLORADO**

DEAR NOT BUYING IT: Don't count on it. If the pattern holds true, you'll be hearing from Barry or his parents every time a new child arrives and on their birthdays and graduations as well. However, revenge is sweet. By giving them the gift you did, you have guaranteed they'll be solicited by that charity and others till the end of time.

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Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

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For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $5 (U.S. funds only) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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DNA evidence clears three men convicted of murder

NAPERVILLE, Ill. (AP) — Calvin Ollins couldn't stop looking out the window.

After DNA evidence set him free following a 14-year prison term, Ollins gazed out his lawyer's window and admired the view — even if it was only a crowded suburban Chicago parking lot.

"I was so used to waking up with no window. This is beautiful," the 29-year-old Ollins said.

Ollins was released from Joliet Correctional Center on Wednesday, less than an hour after his cousin Larry Ollins, 31, and Omar Saunders, 32, were released from nearby Stateville Correctional Center. All were serving life without parole.

Circuit Court Judge Dennis J. Porter ordered the men's release after prosecutors said they had no evidence the men had anything to do with the death of Lori Roscetti, who was killed in October 1986 on her way home from a studying session on Chicago's West Side. Porter also expunged the conviction of a fourth defendant, Marcellius Bradford, who served 61/2 years.

Their release marks the latest in an embarrassing string of cases in which men have been sent to prison and even death row from Chicago-area courts only to be found years later to have been wrongfully convicted.

Thirteen men have been freed from death row in Illinois since 1987 because of wrongful convictions, prompting Gov. George Ryan to impose a moratorium on capital punishment in the state.

Ollins' enjoyment of the view from the second-story office in Naperville was just one reminder of all he and the others have missed during their nearly 15 years behind bars.

There was, for example, the laughter when they were handed metal knives and forks instead of the plastic utensils prison inmates eat with. There was the pointing at bunches of grapes, something they said they hadn't seen since their freedom was taken. And there were shaking heads when Calvin Ollins seemed to suddenly realize that he'd been locked up for almost the entirety of Michael Jordan's NBA career.

But there were also bad memories. Saunders has a long scar on his head — evidence of more than a dozen times he was stabbed while in prison. And more painful than those wounds, he said, is the understanding that so many people he knows came to suspect he was capable of rape and murder. "That was the hardest," he said.

Saunders thinks the reason he never heard from his two daughters, who are now 15 and 14, is because their mothers thought he was guilty.

"I don't know where they are," he said of his daughters, as he stood outside Joliet Correctional Center. "Hopefully this will bring them out of the darkness."

As for their plans, the men said they don't really have any beyond staying in a hotel the next night or two, and reuniting with friends and family.

"We learned by being incarcerated you want to take it one day at a time," said Saunders.

Their attorney, Kathleen Zellner, told reporters there would be a lawsuit filed within days against the police, prosecutors and the crime lab that helped convict the four men.

"I think they know what's coming," said Saunders of the authorities who put him and the others in prison. "They know a storm is coming."

Assistant State's Attorney Celeste Stack told the judge that the initial investigation was "done in good faith, based on the best evidence we had at the time."

Big bonuses preceeded Enron bankruptcy

HOUSTON (AP) — Days before a crushing debt load forced Enron Corp. to seek protection from creditors in federal bankruptcy court, the energy trader reportedly paid $55.7 million in incentives to about 500 employees.

Sources close to the company told the Houston Chronicle in today's editions that the payments went to employees at many levels, from chief operating officers of certain divisions to lower-level employees, and ranged from several thousand dollars up to $1 million.

Payments were deposited electronically into employee bank accounts on Nov. 30, two days before the company filed for bankruptcy. Meanwhile, the company was laying off more than 5,000 workers in London and its Houston headquarters.

An Enron spokesman confirmed that a number of employees received retention incentives before the bankruptcy filing and that company attorneys reviewed the transactions carefully.

"In order to protect and maintain the value of the estate, we wanted to retain key employees in critical businesses," said spokesman Mark Palmer.

Known as "stay-on" payments, the money came in exchange for employees' guarantees they agreed to remain at Enron for 90 days.

Although it's unlikely the payments would be considered illegal, they could get the attention of bankruptcy judges, said Nancy Rapoport, dean of law at the University of Houston.

"It comes down to whether or not it's a true bonus or a preferential payment," said Rapoport. "If it's clear the company is in a spiral before a bankruptcy and certain debtors are paid because they scream louder than others, those payments can be unwound by a judge if they're made within 90 days prior."

Courts tend to approve retention payments in the early days of a bankruptcy filing, particularly if the goal is reorganizing the company.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Could nicotine patch help Parkinson's patients?

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is there any treatment for osteoporosis in males? Because of chronic back pain, my doctor ordered X-rays and, subsequently, a bone density test that showed advanced osteoporosis. Please help. I don't relish becoming a dependent oldster of 82.

DEAR READER: And you shouldn't have to be. With all the (justified) publicity about osteoporosis in post-menopausal women, it's often easy to ignore men who also have the affliction — and it is more common than we realize. Fortunately, treatment is available. Fosamax or Actonel, when used by either women or men, will not only retard the progression of osteoporosis but may also reverse it. Ask your doctor about these prescription medications.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Osteoporosis." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband, 87, has severe Parkinson's disease and lives in a special nursing home. Three months ago, his conversation was non-existent, despite the use of L-dopa.

Then I read an article in "The Economist" telling of the enhancement of life for patients with Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease and Tourette's syndrome given the nicotine patch. My husband's neurologist was skeptical, but his doctor permitted me to use it.

It's been wonderful. A month ago, my husband grasped my hand and kissed it. He speaks clearly, can feed himself and shows more interest in life. It is not a cure, but I know that the patch as made a difference.

I use the lowest dosage (Nicoderm 7) and apply the patch for 3 days. Last week, he looked up, smiled and said: "I think I'm catching cold." And he was.

Why is this information not being released to the public? It could make an enormous difference in quality of life among many old people.

DEAR READER: Indeed it could. I am publishing your letter while I research the issue because I believe that your perceptions are crucial. I welcome feedback from physicians, neurologists and family members about this revolutionary therapy, which is new to me. Share your insights with me and I'll follow up in a future column.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My family contains two wonderful adopted children. Why do you classify adoption as a win/win situation?

Abortion is a safe and legal option. Counseling should be part of it. There are many reasons why a woman might choose this path. It is always emotionally painful. The pregnancy could be the result of rape, incest or a one-night stand. The health of the mother may be in jeopardy. A large number of parents who give their children up for adoption are substance abusers or have serious mental illness. The birth mothers may feel a lifetime of loss. Please, Dr. Gott, have more compassion.

DEAR READER: I cannot think of a more compassionate act than adoption. My previous comments were intended to support the young, pregnant women who have the courage and sensitivity to do what is best for their children. Yes, there are issues of drug dependence and mental health. The purpose of legitimate adoption agencies is to identify potential problems, such as these, and give honest and forthright information to adoptive parents, who can then make appropriate decisions. Just because some infants have "health risks" is no reason to condemn or question the practice of adoption. I prefer to accentuate the positive aspects of adoption, and I hope that you, too, will understand my rationale.

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Bone fragments gathered

SEATTLE (AP) — Authorities have seized several items, including bone fragments, from homes of a truck company worker charged with murder in the deaths of four women blamed on the Green River serial killer.

Gary Leon Ridgway, 52, who was arrested last week, was charged Wednesday with four counts of aggravated murder after authorities said they had linked him to three of the victims with DNA evidence.

Detectives took envelopes containing bone fragments, boxes of latex gloves and a copy of the book "The Search for the Green River Killer" from four homes where Gary Ridgway has lived, court documents made public Wednesday show. Authorities wouldn't provide details about the bones, including whether they were from humans.

The documents offer graphic details of Ridgway's sex life, as described by two ex-wives, girlfriends and prostitutes. They also recount alleged incidents of past violence toward women.

The Green River case has baffled investigators since 1982, when authorities began finding [illegible] near the [illegible] Seattle. [illegible] most of them [illegible] runaways — were believed to be victims of the killer in Washington and Oregon. They were slain in the early 1980s.

King County Prosecutor Norm Maleng said "justice is a concept that never gets old."

"For the victim, the loss is ultimate. For the family, the grief is permanent and for the community the harm and danger do not diminish for the passage of time," he said.

Let Internet freedom ring for Texas

Randy Teakell

Let's face it: it's a high-speed world out there. Distance learning, telemedicine, videoconferencing, telecommuting, home networking — sooner than you think, these will be daily activities for Texas residents and businesses.

Which is why every day, more and more people are turning to high-speed Internet access as an essential resource for modern life.

Unfortunately, too few consumers can get the service they really want. In fact, only 7 percent of Americans have a high-speed connection today, while the populations of our global competitors are much more likely to have high-speed connections; for example, 36 percent of South Koreans have high-speed Internet access.

Fortunately, there is federal legislation under consideration to close the digital divide by guaranteeing high-speed access to millions more Americans: **H.R. 1542, the Internet Freedom and Broadband Deployment Act of 2001.** Authored by Congressmen Billy Tauzin and John Dingell, H.R. 1542 requires local telephone companies to upgrade 100 percent of their central office facilities to provide high-speed service — so inner-city and small-town residents aren't left behind as we race into the Information Age.

Equally as important, the measure creates fair competition among all high-speed service providers — cable, Digital Subscriber Line, satellite and wireless alike — by establishing one consistent set of rules for them to follow. And fair competition means greater choice, better service and lower prices for consumers.

The Internet Freedom and Broadband Deployment Act of 2001 is moving quickly through the U.S. House of Representatives; a vote is expected soon. Congress should do the right thing, giving us all the speed we need and the access we deserve.

Randy Teakell

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SHS band students do well at contest

Following Tuesday's Texas Music Education Association all region contest at Frenship High School in Wolfforth, several Snyder High School band students received recognition and four advanced to area competition set for Jan. 12.

Two students were named to the all-region honor band. They include Lynn Fogleman, trombone, sixth chair; and Sterling Millhollon, tenor saxophone, first chair. Both advanced to area competition.

Two students were named to the all-region band and advanced to area. These include Ryan McAnally, bass clarinet, first chair; and Kristina Mayer, oboe, second chair. Mayer will be first alternate to area.

ALL-REGION — Seven Snyder High School band students earned recognition Tuesday at Frenship. From left are Lynn Fogleman, Ryan McAnally, Kristina Mayer, Carcie Posey and Hope Cole. Not pictured are Sterling Millhollon and Kerissa Shipp. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Three students placed in the all-region band including, Carcie Posey, French horn, third chair; Kerissa Shipp, clarinet, 11th chair; Hope Cole, clarinet, ninth chair.

Bombing accident to be investigated

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld has ordered an investigation into the mistaken bombing in Afghanistan that killed three U.S. soldiers.

Three Army Green Berets were killed and 20 other Americans were wounded Wednesday when an Air Force B-52 dropped a one-ton bomb near them. The soldiers had called in the airstrike to hit Taliban forces they were fighting near the militia's southern stronghold of Kandahar.

Six anti-Taliban Afghan fighters also were killed and another 18 were wounded.

A sixth anti-Taliban fighter died after being evacuated for medical treatment to the USS Bataan, located in the Arabian Sea, Pentagon spokeswoman Victoria Clarke said today.

"It's a terrible tragedy and our heart goes out to the families and the friends of those fine people," Rumsfeld said Wednesday on CNN's "Larry King Live."

Clarke, asked about reports from Afghanistan that Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar was about to surrender in Kandahar, said she couldn't comment.

"We don't have anything we can confirm at this time," she said.

However, senior Pentagon officials have repeatedly stated that Omar should not be allowed to go free.

Clarke said U.S. warplanes were concentrating today on Taliban cave and tunnel complexes and had flown some 148 sorties inside Afghanistan.

U.S. warplanes also hammered Taliban positions south of where Wednesday's friendly fire accident occurred.

Parsons to head 'AOL Time'

NEW YORK (AP) — Richard Parsons, the man set to become chief executive of AOL Time Warner Inc., is known as a diplomat with a long history of political involvement.

The 53-year-old lawyer was named CEO of the media giant Wednesday when current chief Gerald Levin announced his retirement.

Parsons joins a small list of black U.S. chief executives, a role he once said he sees as "an additional reason to keep my eye on the ball."

Named president of Time Warner in 1995, Parsons became co-chief operating officer in the $106 billion merger with America Online, announced in January 2000.

He expertly negotiated big deals for the media conglomerate and oversaw the company's content businesses, including movie studios, Warner Music Group and Time Warner Trade Publishing.

"Dick has exactly the right style of leadership, understanding of people, ability to build alliances and commitment to serve the public interest that is critical for the company," AOL Time Warner chairman Steve Case said in a statement.

A Republican, Parsons once served as counsel for Nelson Rockefeller and as a staff aide to President Gerald Ford. He is currently co-chair of President Bush's Commission to Strengthen Social Security, exploring the politically charged proposal of privatization.

A product of New York City schools, Parsons also serves as chairman of the Upper Manhattan Empowerment Zone, an organization dedicated to revitalizing neighborhoods such as Harlem and Washington Heights.

He will become CEO in May; Case will remain as chairman. The company's other co-chief operating officer, Robert Pittman, will become the sole chief operating officer.

Obituaries

Geraldine Sims

1917-2001

Funeral service for Geraldine Riley Sims was set for 2 p.m. today in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Iola Allender, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Tucumcari, N.M., was to officiate. Burial was to follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Mrs. Sims, 84, died Monday, Dec. 3, in Trigg Memorial Hospital in Tucumcari after a lengthy illness. She had been a resident of Autumn Days Assisted Living in Tucumcari.

Born April 1, 1917 on the Riley Ranch in Scurry County, she was the daughter of Ira and Anna Lanham Riley, pioneer ranchers.

She graduated from Snyder High School and became a Western Union operator, living in Dallas, Chicago, Los Angeles and Portland.

She then homestead in Homer, Alaska. After retiring from Western Union, she became a typesetter for All Church Press in Fort Worth, retiring in 1978.

She was preceded in death by a son, Bob Riley.

Survivors include a sister, Dorothy Randals of Tucumcari; two brothers, Lanham Riley of Aledo and James Riley of Lincoln, Neb.; three grandchildren, Sean Riley, Whitney Riley and Berin Riley; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Serving as pallbearers were Tommy Riley, Doug McGlaun, Riley Miller, Ben F. Brooks, Richard Randals and Jerry Vick.

Billy Smith

1949-2001

ABILENE – Billy Allen Smith, a native of Snyder, died Tuesday, Dec. 4.

Funeral service for Mr. Smith, 52, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home Chapel with Mike Bradford officiating. Burial will follow in the McBee Cemetery.

Born in Snyder, Mr. Smith worked as a custodian at Abilene Christian University and was a member of the Highland Park Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his father, Weldon Allen Smith; and a brother, Raymond Smith.

Survivors include his mother, Flora Smith of Abilene; a daughter, Rebecca Greggs of Abilene; two brothers, Noah Smith of Abilene and Charlie Smith of Merkel; and a sister, Nancy Bilbrey of Merkel.

Robert Beckett

1945-2001

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Robert Gene Beckett, son-in-law of LaRue Williamson of Snyder, died Wednesday, Nov. 28, at his home in Colorado Springs after a 10-month battle with a brain tumor.

Funeral service for Mr. Beckett, 56, was held Saturday in the Vista Grande Baptist Church in Colorado Springs. Burial followed in the Memorial Gardens.

Born April 3, 1945 in Robinson, Ill., he was a 1963 graduate of Iraan High School in Iraan. He served in the U.S. Army from 1966-1969.

He married Jan Williamson, a Snyder native, on July 26, 1975 in the Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Jan Beckett of Colorado Springs; two daughters, Tiffany and Bethany, both of Colorado Springs; his father, Robert H. Beckett of Albuquerque, N.M.; a brother, Randy Beckett of Albuquerque; and three sisters, Barbara Blakesley of Ocala, Fla., Carlene Hunter of Denton and Linda Mardock of Spring.

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Activity light for local law officers

•Quiet period

Local law enforcement personnel had a relatively quiet 24-hour period Wednesday and early today.

•Burglary

At 10:30 a.m., Jerry Hatfield, owner of the Sweet's Shop on 25th Street reported a burglary. An offense report was taken.

•Officers requested

A woman requested an officer in the 2900 block of West Ridge Wednesday evening about three subjects walking around a vacant house. Officers responded and inspected the home with a realtor who advised everything appeared in order.

At 9 p.m. Wednesday, a woman requested an officer at her residence on Ash Ave. in reference to problems with her ex-husband. An officer was dispatched and told the woman it was a civil matter and advised her of the proper steps to take.

•Prowler

Joey Rodriguez requested an officer check the back area of his residence just after midnight today in reference to his dog barking and chasing someone in the back yard. Units were dispatched, but no one was seen in the area.

•Gas drive off

A clerk at Snyder One Stop requested an officer at the station concerning a gas drive off.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

GED testing dates

GED testing for the first time or re-testing will from 5-9 p.m. today; and Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For further information, call Molly Kattes at 573-2919 or Emily Hataway at 573-8511, ext. 297 or 574-2112.

FBC support groups

Support groups dealing with divorce, death, cancer or caring for elderly parents meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church educational building. A special group for students facing these problems is held at the same time.

Auxiliary jewelry sale

Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary will have a sterling silver jewelry sale from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. Friday in the hospital's front lobby to benefit the auxiliary.

Benefit concert

Everyone is invited to a benefit concert at 4 p.m. Saturday at Towle Park Barn by Heart-N-Soul, a local Christian band. Proceeds will be used to help defray expenses incurred by Richard Bross following his heart attack and surgery.

Country gospel music

Country gospel music will begin at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Senior Citizens Center. Call 573-3996 for more information.

Noah's Ark Church guest evangelist

Evangelist Heriberto Hernandez of San Paula, Calif., will be ministering in word and music at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Noah's Ark Church at 18th and Ave. R.

Snyder FFA booster club party

The Snyder FFA booster club party will be at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Union Community Center. It will be a Mexican food potluck supper.

United Way board meet

The Scurry County United Way board will meet at noon Monday at the United Way office, 2311 Ave. T.

Hermleigh booster club

The Hermleigh Booster Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday.

AARP banquet

The AARP installation banquet will be held at 5:30 p.m. Monday at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Reservations must be made by Thursday by calling 573-9080.

Special Hermleigh postal cancellation

The U.S. Postal Service in Hermleigh will honor Hermleigh High School's boys and girls basketball teams with a special postal cancellation Tuesday beginning with the varsity girls game.

Weigh Down workshop

Registration for a Weigh Down workshop will be held at 7 p.m. next Thursday at His Joy Ministries, 904 26th. Classes begin Jan. 3. For information call 573-9615 or 573-8401.

Nurse testing dates

Testing for the next class of the Vocational Nursing program at Western Texas College will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, Jan. 22, and Jan. 29, with the last day to interview set for Feb. 2. Classes are scheduled to begin March 4. Potential students must bring a photo ID. To schedule an appointment, call the Counseling Center at 573-8511 ext. 313.

Home for the Holidays

Home for the Holidays has been rescheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20, at the First United Methodist Church. Anyone attending is asked to bring a pair of scissors for a take home craft. If you have already reserved a spot, you do not have to call again, For more information call the Scurry County Cooperative Extension office at 573-5423.

Seniors helping seniors

Snyder High School's senior class would like to help senior citizens decorate for Christmas. Students will provide the labor by putting up lights or decorating Christmas trees, etc. Call 573-6301 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday to make arrangements.

VFW membership drive

The VFW is conducting its annual membership drive. Membership is restricted to veterans who served overseas in times of conflict or war. For more information, contact the post commander Jim Bailey at 573-5338.

Mesquite Country Writers Guild

The Mesquite Country Writers Guild is now accepting submissions for the winter issue of *Bards of a Feather*. The deadline is Dec. 15. The theme is open. Mail submissions to Pam Mauldin, Box 237, Ira, 79527 or e-mail to upside@nwol.net.

Military support group

Family members, volunteers, friends, and active or inactive soldiers of Scurry County interested in forming a local Military Support Group are asked to contact Dale or Elaine Byrd at 573-8088 after 4 p.m., or e-mail dbyrd@nwol.net. The purpose of this group is to provide an avenue of mutual support, assistance, community resources, and a network of communication.

WTC adult basic education

Adult basic education classes at WTC will be held on 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.

WTC pool open

The WTC swimming pool is open for the fall semester. The public schedule for lap swimming is from 6:30-8 a.m. and noon to 1 p.m. M-F. Open swimming is 7 to 9 p.m. M-Th. Cost is $2 per person or $50 for a semester pass. Thursday night is family night at a cost of $5 per family. The pool also is available for parties on Friday and Saturday. For information, call Lisa Christensen at 573-8511, ext. 290.