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FOOTBALL SWEETHEART CANDIDATES — Candidates for football sweetheart for Hermleigh High School's homecoming set Friday and Saturday are (from left) Sabrina Terry, Misty McClure, Angie Glover and Jessica Hernandez. The winner will be announced during halftime Friday night when the Cardinals and Highland Hornets do battle in Cardinal Stadium. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Coliseum is site of stock show

The Best of Texas fall preview stock show, sponsored by the Scurry County Junior Livestock Association, will be held at the Scurry County Coliseum annex Saturday and Sunday.

Lambs and goats will be weighed in beginning at 7 a.m. Saturday, and the show begins at 9.

Swine will be weighed in at 3 p.m., and the show will begin at 5 o'clock.

Steers will be weighed in Saturday evening from 5 until 7, and the show will be Sunday beginning at 9 a.m.

While the entry deadline was last week, a $10 late entry fee will be added to the entry fees for those still wishing to register.

Contact Greg Gruben at the county extension office to register or for more information.

Judging the steers will be Michael Schertz and Shane Meier, while Marty Gibbs and Kyle Smithwick are the lamb and goat judges. John Senter will judge the swine.

Vote set today on ways to improve air safety

WASHINGTON (AP) — House members agree they must restore confidence in U.S. air travel. They are split down the middle over which of two approaches is better to improve safety in the air.

They have a clear choice: A Republican-backed bill puts the government in charge of airport baggage screeners; a mostly Democratic bill goes a step further and creates a new 28,000-member work force of federally trained and employed screeners.

House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt predicted today the Democrats had the votes. "I think it's going to be close and you never know when it's a close vote, but I think members of both parties really think the time has come to get this done," Gephardt said on CBS' "The Early Show."

"We think upwards of 10 or 15" Republicans will join Democrats, he said. "As they see that we're going to win this, I really think there's more like 50 or 60 Republicans. ... People want to get this bill down to the president tonight."

The vote comes late today at the end of a day of debate to feature a classic Democratic-Republican argument over government versus private enterprise.

The Democratic bill is identical to legislation the Senate passed 100-0 on Oct. 11, and if that prevails the measure goes directly to President Bush. Bush has lobbied hard for the Republican version, but the White House has indicated that he would reluctantly sign the Senate bill.

Bush was meeting with wavering Republican lawmakers shortly before the vote, hoping to win their support.

Bush and Congress are in agreement that they must act quickly, seven weeks after the Sept. 11 attacks, to tighten aviation security and restore public confidence in flying.

"The biggest thing that is interrupting our economy is fear, especially fear of getting into airplanes," said Gephardt, of Missouri.

The two bills are similar in numerous respects, including taking steps to reinforce cockpit doors, putting more air marshals on commercial flights and moving toward inspection of all carry-on and checked baggage. But there have been fundamental differences on how to revamp the current screening system, under which airlines contract out to private security companies which in turn hire employees who tend to be poorly paid and poorly trained. These positions suffer from high turnover.

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—Dick Gephardt

"Some believe that the answer to our airport security concerns is a full government takeover of the entire process, but that has been tried and has failed elsewhere," said House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill. Republicans say the model should be those European countries that have adopted the public supervision-private execution formula they advocate.

Democrats contend that airport security should be a public function no different from guarding the borders, fighting fires or inspecting food.

Bush has called undecided lawmakers from both parties to the White House to seek their support and Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta, a former Democratic lawmaker, has been on Capitol Hill pushing the Republican alternative.

U.S. air attacks continue

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — U.S. jets returned to the skies over Afghanistan today, raiding front line positions near Kabul and trying to help the opposition advance on key cities in the strategic north.

A spokesman for the opposition northern alliance, meanwhile, predicted his forces would be able to break through Taliban lines on the Kabul front within a few days if the U.S. keeps up the pace of air attacks.

The opposition received another boost today when Turkey announced it would send a 90-strong special forces unit to train northern alliance troops. Turkey is the only Muslim member of NATO and the only Islamic country to agree to send troops to the anti-terrorism campaign.

Despite stepped-up bombing in recent days, the Taliban showed little sign of buckling. Taliban officials said their forces repulsed a three-pronged opposition assault Wednesday after air attacks against Taliban positions defending another northern city, Mazar-e-Sharif.

Attacks around the Kala Kata garrison in northern Takhar province followed a day of intensified bombing near Bagram, 30 miles north of Kabul, where B-52s joined the battle to dislodge the Taliban from positions blocking the way to the Afghan capital.

Wednesday's attacks near Kabul were the most intense against front line positions there since the air campaign began Oct. 7.

Air strikes around Kala Kata began before dawn today and continued well into the day, said opposition spokesman Saeed Sadar, in a telephone interview.

Overnight, U.S. jets struck a Taliban fuel and ammunition dump near the opposition-controlled Bagram air base on the Kabul front, according to opposition spokesman Waisuddin Salik. Three fuel tanks and two trucks were destroyed, he said.

Despite the bombing, there was no sign today that the opposition northern alliance was moving forward — either around Kabul or on the other major front near Mazar-e-Sharif.

The Taliban said the opposition's attack in the Dar-e-Suf district southeast of Mazar-e-Sharif failed despite American bombing. Taliban diplomats in Islamabad, Pakistan, said opposition fighters left bodies of their dead on the battlefield.

The claim could not be independently confirmed. Capturing Mazar-e-Sharif would enable the northern alliance to cut Taliban supply lines to western Afghanistan and open routes to Tajikistan and Uzbekistan to the north.

Despite the lack of movement, the opposition's foreign minister, Abdullah, said today in Jabal Saraj that his troops would reach their "highest level of preparation" and be ready to break the Taliban front lines near Kabul "within a few days."

The United States and its allies in the coalition against terrorism are hoping the outgunned and outmanned alliance can make gains on the ground before the harsh Afghan winter takes hold.

In Ankara, the Turkish government said its special forces unit would also provide humanitarian assistance in addition to training. The Turks have long experience fighting Turkish guerrillas in terrain similar to Afghanistan.



HALLOWEEN "OZ" CHARACTERS — Covenant Family Healthcare Center employees dressed as characters of "The Wizard of Oz." Some of the characters, shown from left, are Shelley Mobley, D'Ann Beck, Rachel Massingill, Karie House, Nancy Lewis, Dr. Paul Thompson, Sheila Kemp, Omega Vargas, Jackie Jackson and Stacy Hinson; in front are Sharon Chandler and Laura Baze. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A wagging tail shows only man's importance to the one wagging the tail."

Neither man nor beast consistently get a fair shake in life.

People are able to complain loud and long about it, even though it doesn't always produce the desired results.

Dogs, on the other hand, get plenty of attention if they make enough noise. Dogs will forever be a subject for deep and sometimes happy memories. They are discussed almost as often as grandkids.

Here's a long line of "dog quotes" that can bring a smile to your face – some by famous and not-so-famous folks.

—Some days you're the dog; some days you're the hydrant. – Unknown.

—Whoever said you can't buy happiness forgot about puppies. – Gene Hill.

—In dog years, I'm dead. – Unknown.

—Dogs feel very strongly that they should always go with you in the car, in case the need should arise for them to bark violently at nothing right in your ear. – Dave Barry.

—Outside of a dog, a book is probably man's best friend; inside of a dog, it's too dark to read. – Groucho Marx.

—A dog teaches a boy fidelity, perseverance, and to turn around three times before lying down. – Robert Benchley.

—Did you ever walk into a room and forget why you walked in? I think that's how dogs spend their lives. – Sue Murphy.

—I loathe people who keep dogs. They are cowards who haven't got the guts to bite people themselves. – August Stringberg (perhaps a postman).

—Ever consider what they must think of us? I mean, here we come back from a grocery store with the most amazing haul – chicken, pork, half a cow. They must think we're the greatest hunters on earth. – Anne Tyler.

—I wonder if other dogs think poodles are members of a weird religious cult. – Rita Rudner.

—My dog is worried about the economy because Alpo is up to 99 cents a can. That's almost $7 in dog money. – Joe Weinstein.

—Don't accept your dog's admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful. – Ann Landers.

—Women and cats will do as they please. Men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea. – Robert Heinlein.

—In order to keep a true perspective of one's importance, everyone should have a dog that will worship him and a cat that will ignore him. – Dereke Brace.

—There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face. – Ben Williams.

—Man is a dog's idea of what God should be -- Holbrook Jackson.

—An average dog is a nicer person than the average person. – Andrew Rooney.

ASK US

Q—How many people have voted early for the Nov. 6 election and when is the deadline to vote early?

A—County Clerk Joan Bunch reported 113 early votes and noted that Friday is the last day for early voting.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 79 degrees; low, 55; 7 a.m. Thursday, 58; no precipitation; total for 2001, 15.97 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear, low mid 50s; S winds 5-15 mph. Friday, partly cloudy, high upper 70s; SE winds 5-15 mph. Friday night, mostly cloudy, high upper 70s; SE winds 5-15 mph.



Lindzey Larrea
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 5:56 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:01 a.m.

Of 304 days in 2001, the sun has shone 292 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

When people are serving, life is no longer meaningless.

—John Gardner

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Amid anthrax scares and terrorism, parents opt for fright-less Halloween

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP, N.J. (AP) — The booty was carefully spread out on Robin Rapport's dinner table, ready for inspection.

This year, Rapport was extra vigilant about looking through the candy haul her two little pirates had dragged home Wednesday night after a more subdued year of trick-or-treating.

"There's a lot of mixed feelings this Halloween," she said, adding a thought that would make her children turn as white as ghosts: "I'm really tempted to throw it all out."

Halloween 2001 was a night of frayed nerves and lingering sadness across the nation, where the treats had to be combed for tricks and parents clutched their little goblins somewhat tighter.

The Rapports were especially on edge. The Sept. 11 attacks toppled the World Trade Center tower where Robin and her husband, Greg, were married and anthrax shut down post offices near their central New Jersey home.

But Greg Rapport was determined not to let terrorism threaten his kids — or steal part of their childhood. For days, he looked for a way to give them a normal, happy-go-lucky Halloween, and keep them safe.

"You make it go on for the kids," he said. "But at the adult level, I think we all feel pretty vulnerable because we have an enemy that we can't see who seems to have a remarkable capacity to get to us."

Many parents made sure their little ones went out with friends. Some chose to chaperone. And some, like Sharon Kane, refused to let them go out at all.

"I'm not comfortable with this either," said Kane, the mother of a 9-year-old girl in Rapport's neighborhood. "In fact, she's in tears right now."

Halloween has always worried some parents, with urban legends about razor blade-filled apples and poison candy. The terrorist attacks just added to the anxiety.

"You have the old fears, and you have the new fears added on top," said Laura Fitzmaurice, 40, of Cambridge, Mass., a mother of two. "As a mother, you worry all the time anyway."

In New York, a street fair was held in the lower Manhattan neighborhood that witnessed the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. One couple and their 4-year-old daughter, Tova, dressed as a trio of firefighters.

"It was her idea," said the girl's mother, Jennifer Purdy. "We started making wishes at nighttime. One of her wishes was to be a firegirl. And she wishes that the World Trade Center would be built again."

A 2-year-old boy wearing a firefighter's hat and a coat marked "Ladder 8" — the local firehouse, which lost a father of five young children — offered his candy to the firefighters.

"It's very hard to live here, with all the sadness," said his mother, Kate Moira Ryan, who had heard the first jet hitting the trade center. "But today, it's really joyous."

Patriotism was a popular theme at the legendary Halloween bash in the Castro District of San Francisco. One couple came as the Statue of Liberty and Uncle Sam.

In Arkansas, Gov. Mike Huckabee, who had discouraged trick-or-treating this year, found himself defending his name against parents who accused him of canceling Halloween.

"What we said is that because law enforcement is being so incredibly taxed working every time somebody spills a Pixy Stix and thinks they've got anthrax, that we simply didn't have the law enforcement personnel to go and look at every sack of candy in Arkansas," the governor said.

In a tragic note, a haunted mine tour in Bisbee, Ariz., turned deadly when a beam fell from the ceiling, knocking a 26-year-old volunteer into the path of a tour train. Amy Armstrong died at University Medical Center in Tucson.

Cynthia Kamishlian considered skipping the haunted City Hall celebrations in Boston because she feared it could be a terrorist target.

Then she thought better of it — much to the delight of her children. "I decided I just needed to face my fear and just do it," she said.

Elsewhere, malls asked customers not to wear masks, and some banned toy weapons. Off-duty officers and firefighters from metro Minneapolis gave out candy at the Mall of America.

Some places, mindful of growing fear over anthrax, even ditched candy. A Maryland mall passed out trinkets and offered pumpkin painting and storytelling.

Texan to lead terrorist tracking task force

EL PASO (AP) — A former West Texan appointed chief of the newly created Foreign Terrorist Tracking Task Force says its ultimate goal is prevention of attacks against this country.

Steve McCraw will head the task force, which President Bush announced this week. He is the deputy assistant director of the intelligence branch of the FBI's Investigative Services Division.

McCraw, who was a Texas Department of Public Safety trooper and investigator, said his first order of business will be assimilating his staff.

"We already have been working in terms of defining some of the issues that need to be addressed immediately," McCraw, 47, told the El Paso Times for its today editions. He said it was too early to report actions by the task force.

"Clearly this is an important function ... prevention is the cornerstone of terrorism strategy," he said.

He said it will take time to see exactly how the new task force will affect federal law enforcement agencies and border communities.

McCraw was appointed Wednesday by U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft to lead the task force.

"Everyone wants to, no matter what position you have, do everything they can to prevent another foreign terrorist act," McCraw told reporters Wednesday.

The task force is charged with keeping track of terrorists already in the United States and those trying to enter the country.

McCraw was born at Fort Sill, Okla., but graduated from high school in El Paso. He earned a bachelor's degree from West Texas State University in Canyon, where he also taught political science and public administration.

McCraw worked with the DPS from 1977 to 1983, serving as a highway trooper in Canyon. He became a narcotics investigator in 1980, working in Amarillo.

"His personal experience attests to the important experience that our state and local law enforcement partners play in the war against terror," Ashcroft said.

Ashcroft said McCraw's job will be to ensure that federal agencies coordinate efforts to keep out suspected foreign terrorists and their supporters. He also said McCraw will coordinate intelligence among agencies about potential terrorists.

McCraw said information sharing will be a key part of the task force.

Agencies such as the State Department and Immigration and Naturalization Service have complained that the government's intelligence agencies do not share critical information about suspected terrorists.

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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 $4 million.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 54 were: 5-11-37-43-48-52.

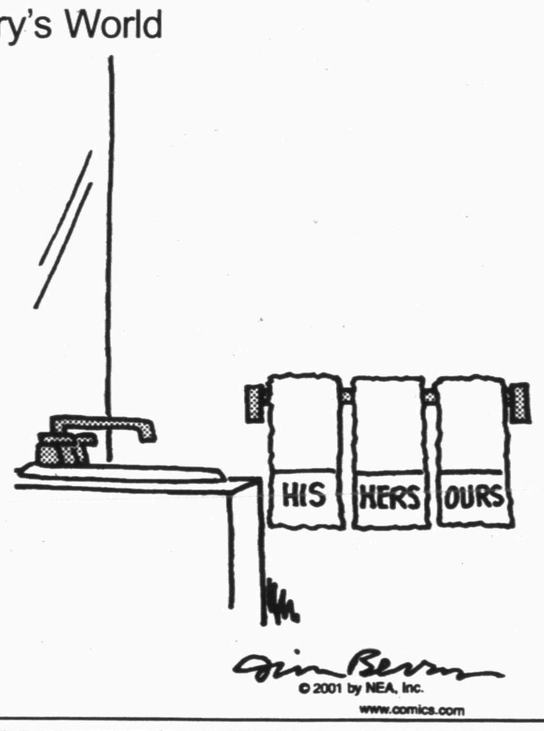
Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $6 million.

Pick 3

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

6-0-3

Berry's World



Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Friday, Nov. 2, 2001

There's a good chance you'll take on an endeavor in the year ahead that you were never bold enough to attempt previously. The ways and means will be there for you to achieve your goal.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — By making it your top priority, matters that have been left dangling can realize a successful conclusion today. You'll happily apply the extra effort called for to make this happen.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — It will be up to you to initiate contact with someone you've recently met who you'd like to know better. Do so today, this person is equally interested in you and will be responsive.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Extra dividends for a job well done today is possible, so it behooves you to apply your very best service to anything you've been contracted to do.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — The moment you're exposed to a challenging development, your natural leadership qualities will come to the fore and bring the project down to size.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — You could be more effective today where your career is concerned by being the power behind the throne instead of taking the spotlight role. It's what you do best.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — What a difference a day makes. You'll go from downtrodden yesterday to one of hope and expectation. Something exciting could happen for you today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — When you see an opportunity for personal gain you'll move effectively and swiftly today. Your aggressive response is what gives you the success you'll achieve.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Whereas yesterday people were poised to oppose you, today those with whom you'll be involved will behave just the opposite. They will care about your interests and cooperate with your plans.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — In the process of stimulating developments for others today, you'll find a niche for yourself. Others will discover they have a real need for your presence.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — It will behoove you to associate with active friends today rather than those who feel no excitement in life. You will be inclined to mirror and go along with those you're with.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Even difficult assignments can be achieved today with the proper motivation. If the rewards are worthwhile, there's no question you'll give the endeavor your maximum effort.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Perhaps your greatest asset today is having the ability to reorganize situations that are beginning to fray at the edges and infuse them with new vitality.

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Shooting victims families file suits

HONOLULU (AP) — The families of seven Xerox Corp. workers shot to death in 1999 have sued Xerox, the convicted gunman and doctors who examined him before the shootings.

Byran Uyesugi, 42, is serving a life prison term without parole for the killings at a Xerox warehouse. It was the worst mass shooting in Hawaii history.

Uyesugi's attorneys contended in last year's trial that the copier repairman could not control his actions because he suffered from possibly schizophrenic delusions that the men were conspiring against him.

Three separate lawsuits filed Wednesday by relatives of the victims accuse Xerox of failing to take sufficient steps to protect the employees even though company officials knew Uyesugi had anger problems, kept an extensive firearms collection and had told supervisors he was afraid to bring any of the weapons to work for fear he might be tempted to use them.

A phone call Wednesday to a Xerox public relations office in Rochester, N.Y., was not immediately returned.

The lawsuits also allege various Oahu hospitals, clinics and doctors who treated Uyesugi for mental health problems did not do enough to prevent the shootings.

The lawsuits seek damages for emotional distress and in some cases seek punitive damages. The amounts are to be determined at trial.

Date Book

Thursday, Nov. 1, 2001

Today is the 305th day of 2001 and the 41st day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1781, the Bank of North America was founded in Philadelphia, Pa.

On this day in 1927, in New York City, the Amalgamated Houses opened. The houses were a cooperative sponsored by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America.

On this day in 1964, the Dave Clark Five appeared on "The Ed Sullivan Show."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Benvenuto Cellini (1500-1571), sculptor; Stephen Crane (1871-1900), writer; Grantland Rice (1880-1954), sportswriter; Gary Player (1935-), golfer, is 66; Lyle Lovett (1956-), singer-songwriter-actor, is 45; Fernando Valenzuela (1960-), baseball player, is 41.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1913, Notre Dame defeated the Army 35-13.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "We as often repent the good we have done as the ill." — William Hazlitt

TODAY'S MOON: Full moon.

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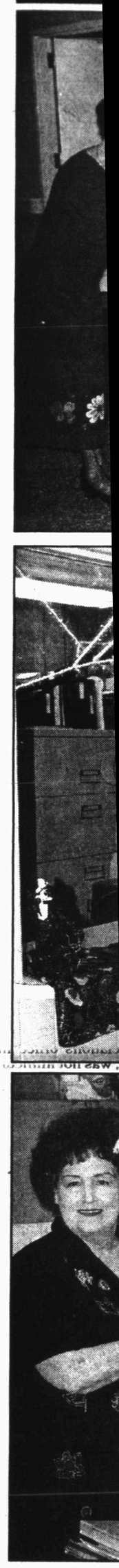
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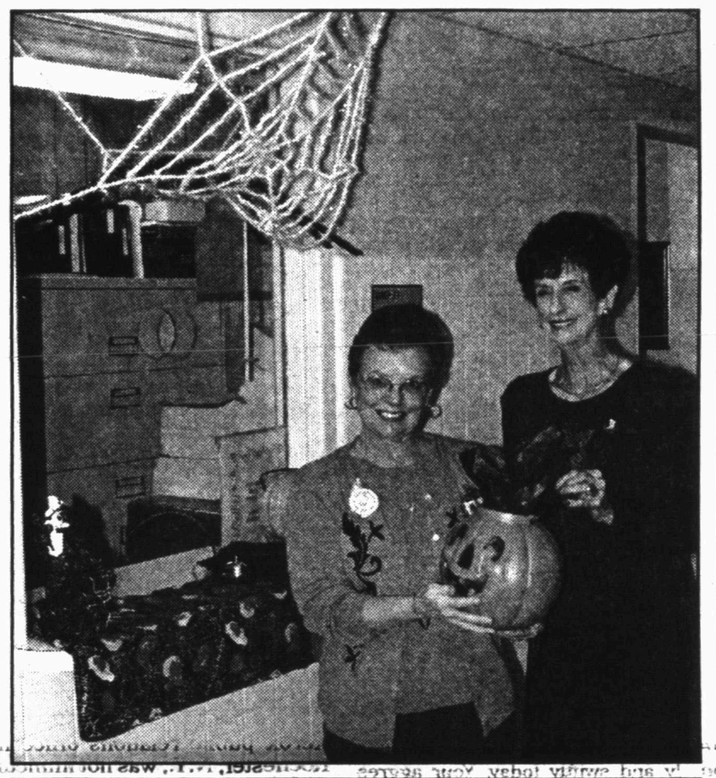
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DRESSED FOR HALLOWEEN — Personnel at the Scurry County Library dressed in costume on Halloween. On the first row (from left) are Sharon Sumruld, Michelle Brasher, Elizabeth Gray; standing, Janie Romine, Nona Bunch, Barbara Allen and Linda Jones. (Contributed Photo)





CONTEST WINNERS — Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary sponsored a Halloween decorating contest between the floors or departments. Judges Carol Miller and Sue Travis picked the fourth floor for Best Over-all in the top photo. Miller presents the prize to (from left) seated, Ann Dodson, Jennifer Williams, Della McKinney, Regina Ward; standing, Roy Braziel, Florence Collins, Katy Bailey and Margie Davila. Most Unique went the accounting department. Miller presents the prize to Jean Hataway, left. The Most Scary prize went to the admissions department. Travis presents the prize to Lorenda Kennly, seated, and Rikki Webb. (SDN Staff Photo)

Couple marry in haunted house on Halloween

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — A couple with a penchant for the ghoulish exchanged vows in a haunted house on Halloween.

Butch Ray and Kathi Bass got hitched at the Durham Jaycees haunted house, where the groom came dressed as Frankenstein and his betrothed as the bride of Frankenstein, complete with spray-painted hair and chains.

After their nuptials, the couple gathered underneath a doorway decorated with claws and skulls and invited friends and family to go through the haunted house.

"I joke around that getting married, no matter how you do it, is a scary thing, so why not do it on Halloween?" Ray said. "And it's (my wife's) favorite holiday."

About 40 people attended the haunted wedding. Ray, a 46-year-old employee of Durham Public Schools, said a magistrate presided.



Happy 1st Birthday Kelton

We love you so much.
Love,
Dad, Mom,
Lane & Dakota

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 11-01-01
♠ K 5 3
♥ A Q 9
♦ 7 4 2
♣ A 6 5 2

West
♠ Q J 10 8 4
♥ 8 5 4
♦ Q 9 8
♣ 9 4

East
♠ A 9 7 2
♥ 6 3
♦ A 10 6 5
♣ 10 8 3

South
♠ 6
♥ K J 10 7 2
♦ K J 3
♣ K Q J 7

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Neither

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

Opening lead: ♠ Q

Counting tricks, watching time

"Teddy Roosevelt said, "Nine-tenths of wisdom consists in being wise in time."

It is important to be wise in time in this deal. You are in four hearts. The defense begins with two rounds of spades. What would be your plan?

North's two-no-trump response showed a balanced 13-15 points with no five-card suit and fewer than four cards in either major.

When you are in a trump contract, it is usually best to check losers. You look at your 13 cards and take dummy's honors into account. Here, you have one spade, no hearts, one, two or three diamonds, and no clubs. So, you can afford two diamond losers, but not three. Alternatively, count winners. (Ideally, do both — if it doesn't take you a week!) You have nine: five hearts and four clubs. So, you need one diamond trick to get home.

This is apparently no problem if East has at least one high diamond honor, but if you draw all the trumps ending in the dummy, then lead a low diamond toward hand, you must put up the king to succeed. If you finesse the jack, West will win with the queen and play another spade to force out your last trump. Then, when East wins with the diamond ace, the defenders will cash two spade tricks.

Better is to cross to dummy with a trump and immediately play a diamond. Let's assume you misguess, your jack losing to West's queen. You ruff the next spade, play a trump to dummy, and call for another diamond. If East wins with the ace and leads a fourth spade, you ruff in the dummy, return to hand with a club, draw the last trump, and claim.

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Community Calendar

THURSDAY

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; horseshoe courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762.

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

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

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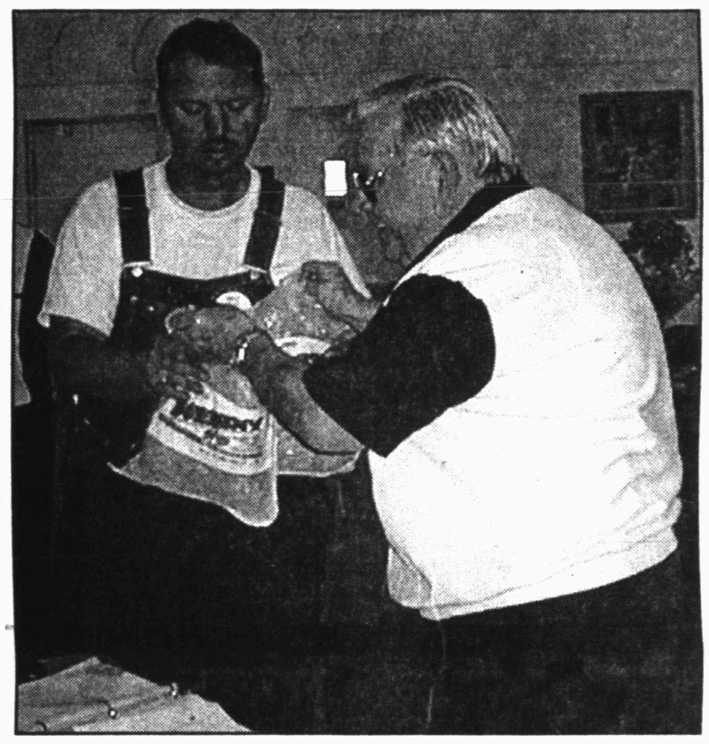
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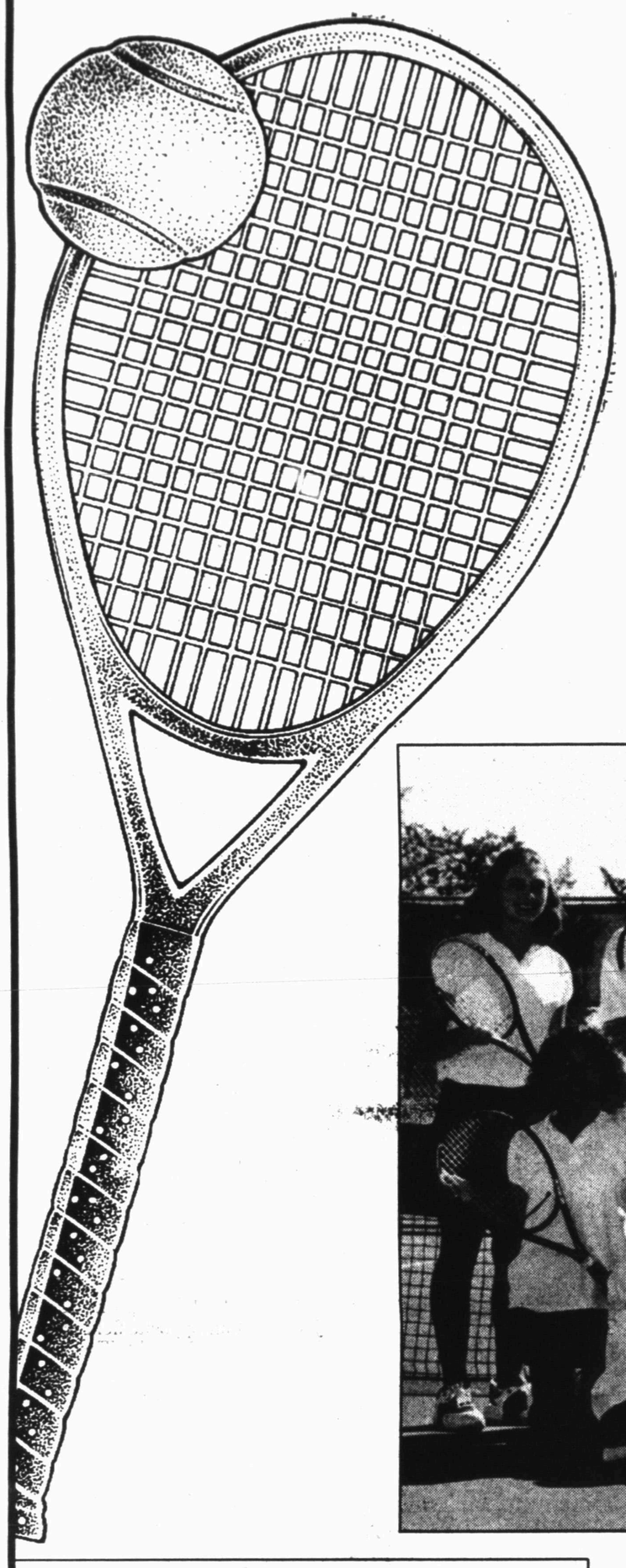
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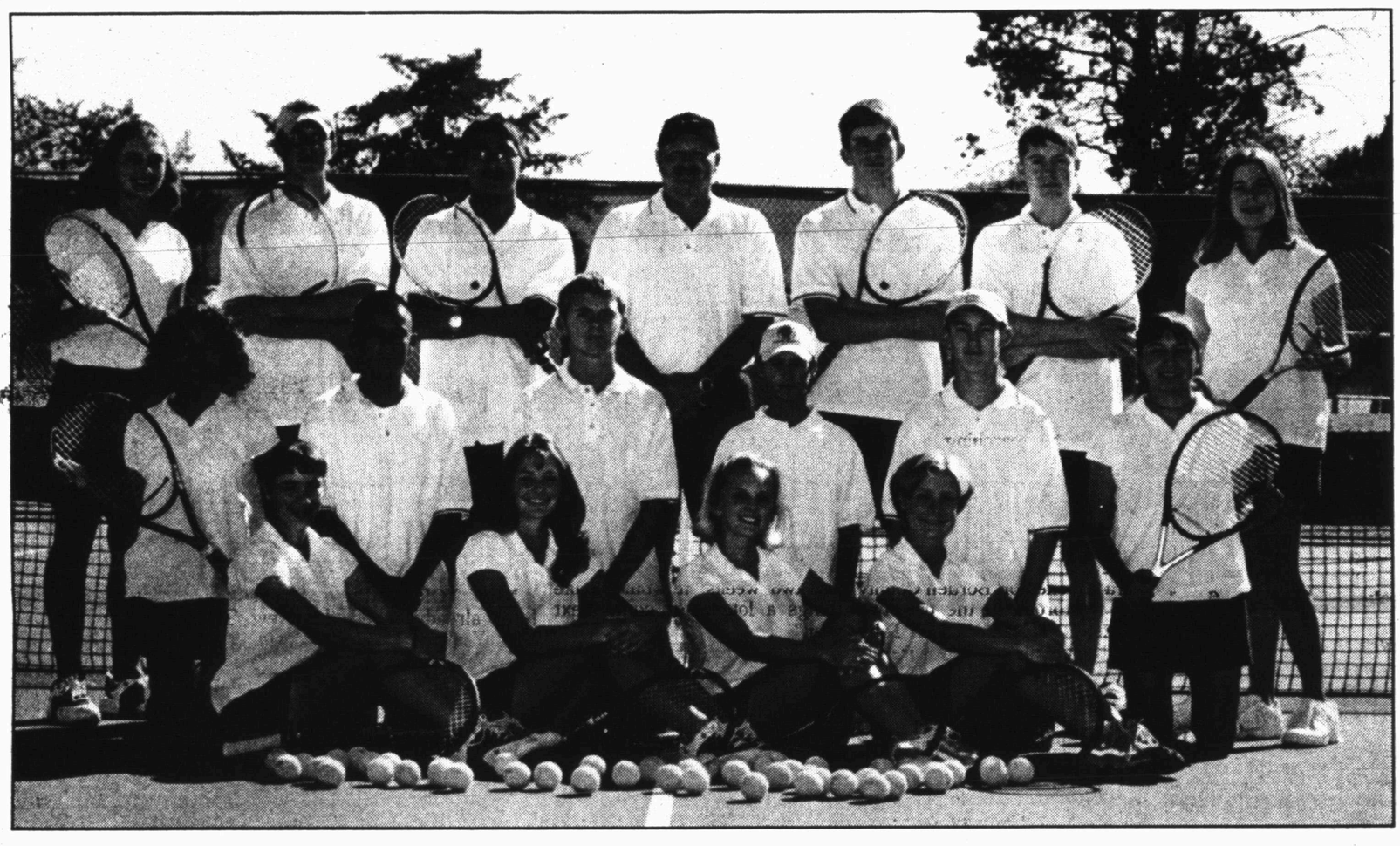
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SPORTS

Running Tigers hope to outlast pass-happy Steers in 4-4A tilt

Only two obstacles remain between the Snyder Tigers and the playoffs, and Friday's game might be the biggest hurdle of the two.

Snyder hopes to limit the production of Big Spring's big-play offense, and stay on track for a postseason berth when they visit the Steers for a District 4-4A tilt at 7:30 Friday night.

The Tigers must finish the regular season with a pair of victories to clinch a playoff spot, but notching a win against the Steers is never an easy task.

"For the past few years, it's been a great game when these two teams have met. I expect it to be the same way on Friday," said first-year Snyder head coach Chad Rogers. "Both teams play hard until the final whistle. Whoever is more focused and better prepared will win the game."

Much of Snyder's preparation this week has dealt with Big Spring's high-octane passing attack.

Junior quarterback Tye Butler, son of Big Spring head coach Dwight Butler, has completed 60 percent of his passes this season for 1,553 yards and 17 touchdowns against only two interceptions.

Last week against Estacado, the Steer signal-caller lit up the Matadors for 311 yards and six touchdowns. By comparison, the Tigers have thrown for 289 yards the entire season.

"It seems like they'd rather pass than run, and when you have a quarterback like that, you can't blame them," Rogers stated. "Our first objective has to be stopping the big play. We can't let him throw deep over the top, and we can't let them break screen passes for big gains.

"We have to play intelligent football. If you don't play smart against these guys, you'll end up getting beat."

Snyder will rely on its ground game more than ever to wear down the Steers, and keep Butler on the sideline.

The Tigers rushed for 312 yards last week against Levelland, with quarterback T.J. Jones accounting for 125 of them.

"Certainly long, sustained drives would be to our benefit," said Rogers. "But we're going to do whatever we have to in order to be successful."

With the playoffs looming, one thing the Tigers aren't doing is looking ahead. Rogers wants to make sure his squad stays focused on the Steers.

"We haven't talked to the kids about Estacado, or who we would face in the playoffs," the coach remarked. "Our team's focus is 100 percent on Big Spring. That's the way it has to be."

In other district match-ups, Plainview visits Estacado tonight. On Friday, Lake View hosts Andrews, and Frenship travels to Levelland.

District 4-4A Football

	District		Season	
Team	W	L	W	L
Plainview	4	1	5	3
Frenship	4	1	6	2
Snyder	3	2	5	3
Lake View	3	2	3	5
Andrews	2	3	3	5
Estacado	2	3	3	5
Big Spring	2	3	2	6
Levelland	0	5	0	8

Tonight's game: Plainview at Estacado.

Friday's games: Snyder at Big Spring; Andrews at Lake View; Frenship at Levelland.

Next week's games: Estacado at Snyder; Big Spring at Frenship; Levelland at Andrews; Lake View at Plainview.

End of regular season

Snyder Tigers vs. Big Spring Steers

When: 7:30 p.m. Friday
Where: Steer Stadium, Big Spring
Tickets: $4 at the SISD Administration Building until 2 p.m. Friday; $5 at the gate
Forecast: cloudy, temperatures hovering in the 50s
Records: Snyder (3-2, 5-3); Big Spring (2-3, 2-6)
Notable: Snyder features one of District 4-4A's top rushing attacks, while the Steers lead the league in passing. The Tigers own a three-game winning streak against the Steers. Four of the last five meetings have been decided by a touchdown or less.

PROJECTED STARTERS

DEFENSE

ENDS
Shay Franks, 6-1, 180, sr.
Jammall Pruitt, 6-2, 190, sr.
James Helms, 6-3, 180, sr.
Keith Newton, 6-1, 220, sr.

TACKLES
Craig Bowen, 6-1, 195, sr.
Monty Smith, 6-0, 220, sr.
Jarod Boyd, 5-11, 210, jr.
Kyle Newton, 6-3, 250, jr.

LINEBACKERS
T.J. Cagle, 6-0, 185, sr.
Justin Pechacek, 6-2, 185, sr.
Wade Pinson, 5-10, 175, sr.
Mike Smith, 6-2, 200, sr.
Dustyn Beauchamp, 5-10, 212, jr.
Jared Phillips, 5-11, 170, jr.

CORNERBACKS
Riki Dorsett, 5-10, 165, sr.
Clay Williams, 5-10, 160, jr.
Clarence Wilkins, 6-2, 180, sr.
Ronnie Johnson, 6-0, 165, jr.

STRONG SAFETY
Corey Clay, 5-11, 185, sr.
Larry Thompson, 5-11, 170, sr.

FREE SAFETY
Colby Driggers, 5-11, 160, jr.
Wesley Smith, 6-1, 165, soph.

OFFENSE

QUARTERBACK
T.J. Jones, 5-10, 160, jr.
Tye Butler, 6-1, 175, jr.

RUNNING BACKS
Billy Pena, 5-6, 165, jr.
Jammall Pruitt, 6-2, 190, sr.
Josh Montoya, 5-9, 205, jr.
Ramone Ford, 5-10, 170, jr.
Kyland Wegner, 5-10, 172, sr.

SPLIT END/FLANKER
Riki Dorsett, 5-10, 165, sr.
Brandon Mendoza, 6-1, 175, jr.
Clarence Wilkins, 6-2, 180, sr.

TIGHT END
Josh Mendoza, 6-2, 210, jr.
Mike Smith, 6-2, 200, sr.

CENTER
Josh Knox, 5-11, 245, jr.
Kaniel Miramontes, 5-8, 170, so.

GUARDS
Diego Hernandez, 6-0, 230, sr.
Adam Owen, 6-0, 185, sr.
Jeff DeLosSantos, 5-11, 236, so.
George Quintero, 5-11, 225, sr.

TACKLES
Stephen Ortegon, 6-1, 230, sr.
Sid Gutierrez, 5-10, 215, soph.
Mike Manzanarez, 6-0, 265, sr.
Adam Partee, 6-4, 225, sr.

*Snyder in bold

Area six-man grid squads hit home stretch of district race

Ira looks to remain unbeaten, while the Hermleigh Cardinals hope homecoming brings a change of luck in this week's six-man football action.

District 6 Six-man Football

	District		Season	
Team	W	L	W	L
Ira	3	0	8	0
Borden County	2	1	4	4
Westbrook	2	1	6	1
Loraine	2	1	2	6
Hermleigh	0	3	0	7
Highland	0	3	3	5

Friday's games: Highland at Hermleigh; Ira at Loraine; Westbrook at Borden County.

Next week's games: Hermleigh at Ira; Borden County at Highland; Loraine at Westbrook.

End of regular season

The Ira Bulldogs can officially clinch the District 6 title with a victory at Loraine. The Bulldogs sport an unblemished record of 8-0, and have already locked up a playoff berth.

On the other hand, the Cardinals will be searching for their first victory when they host the Highland Hornets for homecoming. Borden County hosts Westbrook in the other league match-up. All three games kick off at 7:30 p.m.

Ira knocked off Borden County and Westbrook in the past two weeks, so Head Coach Toby Goodwin wants to make sure his team doesn't suffer a let down.

"Sometimes you'll see a team win a couple of big games, and then all of the sudden lose to somebody else," said Goodwin. "We want to make sure that we stay focused, and I don't think it will be a problem for our kids. They know what they want to accomplish, and they're set on achieving it."

At Hermleigh, the Cardinals hope to turn things around against the Hornets.

Hermleigh is 0-7 on the season, but Head Coach Harley Ethridge believes a strong finish would go a long way toward building for next year.

"We just want to play solid football," Ethridge said. "There are only so many things we can do, but we want to do those things right. If we could do that in these last two weeks, it would make things a lot easier come next year."

The Borden County-Westbrook match-up will likely decide the other postseason qualifier out of District 6. Both squads are 2-1.

Westbrook's setback to Ira last week is the only blemish on the Wildcats' record, while the Coyotes sport a record of 4-4.

District play wraps up next week, followed by the first round of the playoffs Nov. 16.

Yankees even series with 4-3 win

NEW YORK (AP) — Derek Jeter already saved the New York Yankees' season in October. He might have saved the World Series for them in November.

Jeter homered with two outs in the bottom of 10th inning, celebrating with a two-footed jump onto the plate and giving New York a thrilling 4-3 win over the Arizona Diamondbacks.

The first game-ending home run of Jeter's career tied the Series at 2-2.

A game that belonged to Curt Schilling most of Wednesday night slipped away when Tino Martinez hit a two-run homer to tie it with two outs in the ninth.

Shortly after the Yankee Stadium scoreboard flashed, "Welcome to November Baseball," Jeter connected at 12:04 a.m.

"We always feel as though we have a chance to win a game," Jeter said. "When you get to the postseason, you can throw everything out that you've done in the regular season."

Martinez and Jeter both homered off Byung-Hyun Kim. The Diamondbacks' closer came on in the eighth to relieve Schilling, pitching on only three days' rest.

Sitting in the dugout, Schilling watched it all unravel with a look of utter disbelief as the Yankees won their record ninth straight home game in the Series.

The defending three-time champions will send Mike Mussina against Miguel Batista in Game 5 Thursday night. No matter who wins, the Series will go back to Bank One Ballpark.

Jeter usually shines in October, and it was his incredible, backhanded flip that helped the Yankees avoid elimination by Oakland in the first round.

Facing the homer-prone Kim, Jeter sent an opposite-field drive into the seats in right. The Yankees spilled out of the dugout to greet him at the plate, and Jeter hopped home as baseball's first Mr. November.

"Yeah, I think I broke my foot," he said.

The crowd, already crazed on Halloween night, went wild while Jeter's parents were hugged by everybody sitting near them in the stands.

"Surprising things happen," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "Yet, when you think about it, it doesn't surprise you, because this ballclub never quits."

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Saturday, Oct. 27
Arizona 9, New York 1
Sunday, Oct. 28
Arizona 4, New York 0
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New York 2, Arizona 1
Wednesday, Oct. 31
New York 4, Arizona 3, 10 innings, series tied 2-2
Thursday, Nov. 1
Arizona (Batista 11-8) at New York (Mussina 17-11), 8:23 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 3
New York (Pettitte 15-10) at Arizona (Johnson 21-6), 7:53 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 4
New York at Arizona, if necessary, 7:55 p.m.

Snyder's Pigskin Prognosticators

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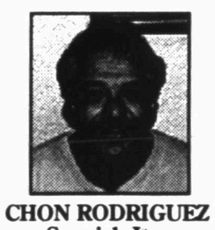
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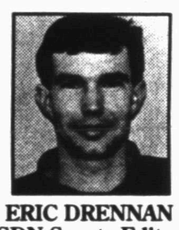
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Emmitt wants to test knee in practice

IRVING (AP) — Emmitt Smith says he won't be comfortable trying to play Sunday unless he gets some practice time to test his sprained right knee.

"Obviously I want to know where my leg is at. I want to know if I can make a certain cut," Smith said. "I need a little bit of practice. How much practice, I don't know."

The Dallas Cowboys have listed Smith as questionable for Sunday's game at the New York Giants. The decision on if he plays may not be made until just before kickoff.

Coach Dave Campo said he was hopeful that Smith could return to practice by Friday, after spending Thursday with team trainers. But the coach said practice wasn't required for Smith to play if he's ready on game day.

"The urgency is not there from a mental standpoint for him to be out there because obviously he knows what we're doing," Campo said.

Tests this week showed Smith has a "relatively mild" ligament sprain in his right knee. He was hurt during the Cowboys' 17-3 win over Arizona on Sunday when he was tackled after a 1-yard gain.

Smith has played in 176 games in his 12-year NFL career, and missed only two games because of injury. His 15,564 career rushing yards are 1,162 behind Walter Payton's NFL record.

Smith said swelling in his knee had gone down drastically and that he was able to walk without any significant pain. The knee was covered with a thin wrap as he walked around the team's practice facility Wednesday.

"It feels a whole lot better than it did on Monday," he said. "The past few days I've been able to increase my walk and walk almost close to normal and my pace in my walk has picked up."

He said he won't make any decision about playing until he has a chance to go through some running and agility drills.

If he doesn't feel right, he plans to sit out the game. But if he plays, he expects to start.

"If I have any doubts or feeling something that's not truly comfortable for me, I probably will" sit out, Smith said. "If I'm in a position where I can play, then I'm going to play. I haven't thought about taking a backup role because I'm still faced with the same situation regardless if I start or play the backup."

Smith has started 30 straight games since sitting out Nov. 14, 1999, against Green Bay because of a broken bone in his right hand.

The only other game he missed because of injury was the 1994 regular season finale against the Giants because of a strained left hamstring. But the Cowboys had already clinched a playoff spot, and Smith played in both postseason games that season.

Troy Hambrick would start at tailback and Johnny Huggins, primarily a tight end, would fill in at fullback if Smith doesn't play.

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U.S., Russia may cut nuclear warheads

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States and Russia would cut the number of nuclear warheads by about two-thirds, a U.S. official said today, under an agreement being discussed before President Bush and President Vladimir Putin meet in two weeks.

The reductions are intended to ease Russia's concerns about U.S. missile defense tests now barred by a 1972 arms control treaty.

National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice is mediating a dispute over what to do with the ABM treaty in exchange for the nuclear cutbacks. Rice argues that the treaty can be amended to allow the administration to test and develop the missile defense system — at least in the short term. Others, including Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, are more inclined to scuttle the pact that Bush calls a Cold War-era relic.

Secretary of State Colin Powell and Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov were holding arms control talks today at the State Department.

A senior White House official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said a consensus is emerging to slowly reduce the number of strategic warheads to between 1,750 and 2,250 from the current level of 6,000 if that would entice Putin to allow for missile shield tests.

That is the range being suggested by State Department and Defense Department analysts, but the official stressed that Bush has not signed off on numbers, which could change during pre-summit negotiations.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said Bush "has not made a decision about what the appropriate numbers should be."

Both sides have decided they need fewer long-range warheads than piled up in a process that continued even after the Cold War ended. Russia has suggested a lower ceiling of 1,500 to 2,000 warheads.

Ivanov's one-day visit to Washington could improve chances for concluding an agreement during talks Bush and Putin are to hold Nov. 13-15 in Washington and on Bush's ranch in Crawford, Texas.

Late Wednesday, Ivanov said the two nations need to find a way to maintain stability as they move toward a new status quo.

"We will also discuss issues in the fight against terrorism and how we can bolster our partnership," Ivanov said.

The two sides are closer to agreement on weapons cutbacks than on missile defense.

Bush plans to erect a shield against attack by smaller states with fledgling missile capabilities and by terrorist groups. Putin is leery of scrapping the 1972 U.S.-Soviet treaty that prohibits a nationwide defense system for either the United States or Russia.

Critics say an anti-missile shield will only encourage potential aggressors to develop more dangerous nuclear weapons with unorthodox delivery systems to get through the U.S. defense.

Unprecedented cooperation from Russia in the U.S. campaign against terrorism could help the two leaders come to terms.

Otherwise, Bush has says he's ready to exercise his right to pull out of the treaty if he doesn't get his way with Putin.

Traditional diplomatic caution keeps American officials from predicting success in Bush's quest for leeway to proceed with a limited defense against missile attack and Putin's hope for substantial reductions in long-range nuclear arsenals.

"We will reach agreements with the Russians on what we can reach agreements on," John Bolton, the undersecretary of state in charge of arms control questions, said Wednesday ahead of Ivanov's arrival. Bolton has made four trips to Moscow during the administration's first 10 months for talks on U.S. and Russian nuclear weapons.

"It would be premature to be optimistic or pessimistic," he said.

Still, Bolton and other administration officials are having trouble containing sunny expectations for the Bush-Putin talks.

Leaders are supposed to be driven by national interests, not personal relations. But there was noticeable improvement in the Bush-Putin personal chemistry in their two meetings before the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Then the curve shot upward as Putin called Bush to pledge his support — the first foreign leader to get in touch — and followed by helping in the U.S.-led coalition's campaign to uproot the al-Qaida terror network's Afghanistan headquarters.

Their meeting in Shanghai 10 days ago accelerated the momentum. According to the U.S. ambassador to Moscow, Alexander Vershbow, it "opened the way for a possible agreement, perhaps even as early as Putin's visit to the United States, on ... issues relating to strategic offensive and defensive arms."

Russian Defense Minister Sergei Ivanov said Wednesday, after a meeting in Moscow with British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw, that Russia has no plans to widen its participation in the anti-terror coalition.

"Russia has long ago determined its position and its level of participation," he said. That will not change "irrespective of how the operation proceeds," he said.

Last week, Defense Secretary Rumsfeld ordered a halt to elements of U.S. tests that might violate the 1972 pact.

Besides the Powell-Ivan Ivanov meeting in Washington, Rumsfeld is going to Moscow to confer with his counterpart, Sergei Ivanov, this weekend . And Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage conferred with Russian officials in Moscow on today on the war in Afghanistan.

Perhaps the touchiest item on the agenda will be Bush's attempt to try again to persuade Putin to cut off the spread of sophisticated technology and conventional weapons to Iran.

On the Net: State Department's arms control desk: http://www.state.gov/t/

SEC opens formal Enron investigation

HOUSTON (AP) — The financial roller coaster ride for Enron Corp. is gaining speed.

After dropping to a nine-year low a day before, shares of the nation's largest natural gas and power marketer rose 25 percent on Wednesday to close at $13.90 amid speculation the Houston-based company was a strong takeover candidate.

But shares then fell 5 percent in extended trading after the company's announcement that the Securities and Exchange Commission has opened a formal investigation into apparent conflicts of interest in dealings the company had with partnerships led by its former chief financial officer, Andrew Fastow.

The company, in a news release late Wednesday, said it created a special committee headed by University of Texas law school dean William Powers to respond to the investigation. Powers also was elected to Enron's board of directors.

"I have asked the board to take this action to address fully and forthrightly investors' questions and concerns," said Enron chairman and chief executive Kenneth L. Lay. "We will also make every appropriate public disclosure during the course of the SEC's investigation."

However, Duane Grubert, an analyst with Sanford C. Bernstein and Co. in New York, said Enron still has much to do to restore investor confidence.

"With (stock) values this low, you've got two camps of investors: guys that hate Enron and guys that want to be cautiously attracted to Enron," Grubert said. "It's led to the trading range being irrationally low and shares being oversold. It's not something the company wants."

Enron's stock is off 60 percent since the company reported a $638 million third quarter loss just over two weeks ago, dragged down by a one-time charge of $1.01 billion attributed to various losses.

Some of these losses have been tied to partnerships managed by Fastow, who was ousted last week.

Earlier this week, Moody's Investors Service downgraded the company's long-term debt and warned of possible further downgrades.

Since reporting its disappointing third quarter losses, Enron has been negotiating with banks to establish new credit lines.

Carol Coale, an analyst with Prudential Securities Inc. in Houston, said Wednesday's stock price surge, after two weeks of selling, was likely a reaction to a The Wall Street Journal report on rumors of a possible takeover of Enron.

Others may be buying figuring the stock has hit bottom, she said.

On Tuesday, Enron's stock closed at $11.16, its lowest level since 1992.

Potential buyers include General Electric's GE Capital unit, Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway and Royal Dutch Shell, the Journal said.

Grubert said Shell, which has a small presence in energy marketing, would be a good fit.

"To buy into an established franchise must be attractive to Shell," he said.

The special committee Enron formed has retained William R. McLucas, a partner in the law firm of Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering, as its counsel. McLucas is a former head of the Division of Enforcement of the SEC.

While Enron's stock price has made it attractive, Coale said the energy marketer's problems present a substantial drawback.

"I would fault a company for acquiring Enron with all of this hanging over it," she said. "There are too many uncertainties."

On the Net: http://www.enron.com

Deal allows show to rerun immediately from TV-cable

LOS ANGELES (AP) — In a deal likely to be copied in the television industry, ABC Entertainment will be allowed to immediately rebroadcast the new Sally Field drama, "The Court," on one of its cable networks.

The deal struck Wednesday with Warner Bros., which produces the show, will provide royalty payments to writers and actors if ABC decides to rebroadcast episodes on any of its cable networks.

Networks have been looking for ways to generate more revenue from shows, especially dramas, which can cost millions per episode to buy. Some networks have been replaying episodes on cable networks, in most cases, networks they either own or have a financial stake in. That arrangement has angered writers and actors, who feel they should receive a larger share of the advertising revenue generated by such a practice.

The so-called practice of "repurposing" was an issue in the recent negotiations between the Writer's Guild of America and studios, with screenwriters seeking an extra fee when shows air twice, first on broadcast and then on cable.

The deal between ABC and Warner Bros. is believed to be the first between unrelated companies and certainly the first that provides formulas to compensate both the producer and the network as well as artists.

"This precedent-setting agreement is a win for all parties involved — the network, the studio and the creative community," said Mark Pedowitz, executive vice president, ABC Entertainment Television Group.

Under the deal, ABC will pay an extra fee to Warner Bros. for the right to rebroadcast "The Court" within eight days of its initial telecast on ABC.

If the show is a hit and runs long enough to be sold into syndication, ABC will share in some of the revenue on the assumption that exposing the show to more viewers the first time increased the value of the show in reruns.

If the value of the show is reduced because of overexposure, ABC has agreed to compensate Warner Bros. for the lost value.

The companies did not disclose the value of the agreement or the structure of the formulas used to determine compensation.

"The Court" stars Field as a U.S. Supreme Court justice and is set to debut sometime next year.

Doctor made stronger by cancer

DENVER (AP) — Dr. Jerri Nielsen, who treated her own breast cancer for months while stationed at the South Pole two years ago, said the disease has made her stronger.

"I would rather not have it. But the cancer is part of me. It's given my life color and texture. Everyone has to get something. Some people are ugly, some people are stupid. I get cancer," she said at the launch of the 2001-2002 Denver Distinguished Lecture Series on Tuesday night.

Nielsen was working at the Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station in Antarctica when she found a lump in her breast. She treated herself until temperatures increased enough for a plane to safely retrieve her and bring her back to the United States.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	18.56	18.02	18.45	+ .25
AOL TimeWm	32.45	31.26	32.45	+ 1.35
AT&T Corp s	15.39	15.01	15.21	—.04
Albertsons	32.40	32.02	32.17	+ .26
Alltel	59.70	56.90	59.64	+ 2.50
AmEl Pw	42.24	41.60	42.10	+ .20
AndarkPtr	58.24	56.17	58.24	+ 1.19
ATMOS Egy	21.68	21.55	21.68	+ .13
Aviall	4.90	4.87	4.87	+ .05
BP PLC	48.60	47.90	48.56	+ .22
BakerHughes	36.69	35.00	36.69	+ .97
Bank of Amer	59.30	58.35	59.30	+ .31
BellSouth	37.55	36.65	37.54	+ .54
vjBeth Steel	.32	.29	.29	—.02
BurlNoSFe	27.35	26.30	27.05	+ .18
Caterpillar	45.30	43.70	44.50	—.22
ChevronTex	89.74	88.07	89.74	+ 1.19
Citigroup	45.70	44.70	45.45	+ .09
CocaCola	48.07	47.36	48.00	+ .12
ColgatePal	57.65	56.83	57.46	—.06
ComclMetals	30.45	30.26	30.38	+ .13
CooperIn	38.61	37.70	38.00	—.70
DaimlrChry	35.67	35.02	35.49	+ .89
DeltaAirl	23.85	22.77	23.20	+ .34
Dillards Inc	13.14	12.65	13.02	+ .07
DowChem	33.89	33.34	33.74	+ .49
DuPont	40.72	39.80	40.72	+ .73
EastmanChem	34.75	34.15	34.48	+ .17
EstKodak	26.25	24.40	25.80	+ .23
EDS Corp	64.99	64.20	64.50	+ .13
Entergy	38.80	38.13	38.40	—.45
ExxonMobil s	40.10	39.05	40.05	+ .60
FstBksAm	30.35	30.05	30.05	—.40
GenDynam	82.29	80.80	82.28	+ .68
GenElec	37.00	36.05	36.99	+ .58
GenMills	47.44	45.92	47.30	+ 1.38
GenMotors	41.50	40.69	41.01	—.31
GaPacGP	27.78	27.30	27.77	+ .01
GlobalMar	16.31	15.45	16.30	+ .20
Goodrich	21.46	21.10	21.41	+ .06
Goodyear s	18.68	18.18	18.47	—.16
GtAtlPac	18.74	18.50	18.70	+ .12
Halliburtn	24.90	23.60	24.31	—.38
Hanson ADS	32.74	32.14	32.14	—2.09
HarteHanks	23.29	22.95	23.08	—.22
HomeDepot	38.75	37.47	38.70	+ .47
Honeywellntl	30.40	29.02	30.40	+ .85
IBM	108.97	106.90	108.94	+ .87
IntlPaper	35.89	35.50	35.89	+ .09
JohnsonJn s	58.38	57.53	58.24	+ .33
K mart	6.18	6.02	6.10	—.03
KinderMorg	49.65	48.90	49.65	+ .02
Kroger Co	24.85	24.37	24.58	+ .12
LockheedM	49.00	48.26	48.50	—.27
Lowes Cos s	34.69	33.70	34.31	+ .21
Lubys	6.30	6.05	6.30	+ .25
LucentTech	6.77	6.65	6.74	+ .04
MayDeptStr	31.70	30.92	31.65	+ .20
Medtronic	40.85	40.21	40.85	+ .55
Motorola	16.90	16.35	16.87	+ .50
NCR Corp	36.16	35.45	36.15	+ .70
Navistar	30.45	29.96	30.45	+ .45
Penney JC	22.02	21.48	21.95	+ .23
PepBoys	12.04	11.76	11.94	+ .19
PepsiCo	48.62	47.75	48.05	—.66
Pharmacia	41.10	40.34	40.70	+ .18
PhelpDodge	28.50	27.85	28.03	—.97
PhillipPet	55.16	53.90	55.16	+ .75
PilgrmPrd B	12.37	12.25	12.37	+ .02
Praxair	47.25	46.45	47.10	—.08
ProctGamb	74.70	73.65	74.70	+ .92
PubS NwMx	24.50	24.35	24.50	
RadioShack	25.00	24.05	24.18	—.81
ReliantEngy	27.99	27.58	27.85	—.10
RoyalDut	51.39	50.40	51.39	+ .88
SBC Comm	38.99	37.91	38.91	+ .80
SaraLee	22.50	22.19	22.49	+ .20
Scripps EW	62.40	61.87	62.27	+ .60
SearsRoeb	39.25	38.50	39.20	+ .43
SherwinW	24.60	24.23	24.55	+ .34
SouthernCo s	23.91	23.56	23.88	+ .32
SwstAirl s	16.14	15.76	16.06	+ .16
SprintFON	20.04	19.62	19.95	—.05
SprintPCS	22.90	22.25	22.90	+ .60
Sunoco Inc	37.49	36.76	37.49	+ .06
TXU Corp	46.15	45.42	46.15	+ .31
TempleInland	50.34	49.00	49.78	—.21
TexInd	30.55	30.13	30.33	+ .23
TexasInst	29.25	27.99	29.25	+ 1.26
Textron	32.40	31.29	32.37	+ .72
TriconGlbR	50.60	49.70	50.30	—.29
TrinityInds	24.89	24.42	24.75	—.13
TylerTech	3.49	3.45	3.45	
USX-Marathn	28.03	27.02	28.02	+ .43
USX-USS	14.55	14.11	14.19	—.20
UnionPacif	51.98	51.21	51.75	—.26
UnitedTech	53.98	52.70	53.40	—.49
Unocal	32.52	31.79	32.50	+ .30
Venator Grp	14.48	14.17	14.35	—.15
VerizonComm	50.75	49.76	50.74	+ .93
WalMart	52.10	50.86	52.05	+ .65
WellsFargo	39.85	39.25	39.85	+ .35
WstnGasRs	32.15	31.50	32.15	—.07
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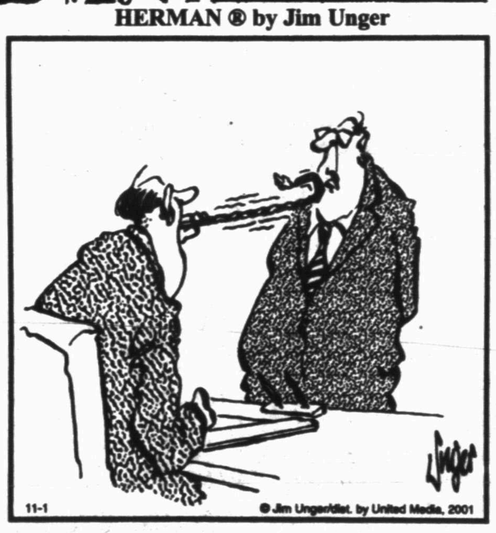
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16 Fiji discoverer Tasman
17 Indicates agreement
18 Highway cone
20 Chicken Marengo, e.g.
22 Comedian Costello
24 Urges
25 Killer whale
28 Gave a title to
31 Restaurant hotshot
32 Mini-play
33 Pantry item
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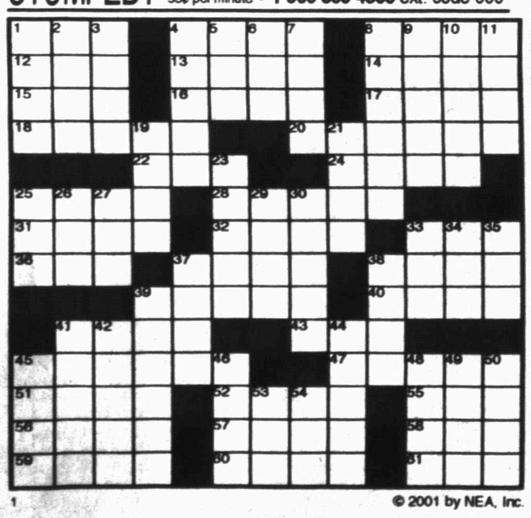
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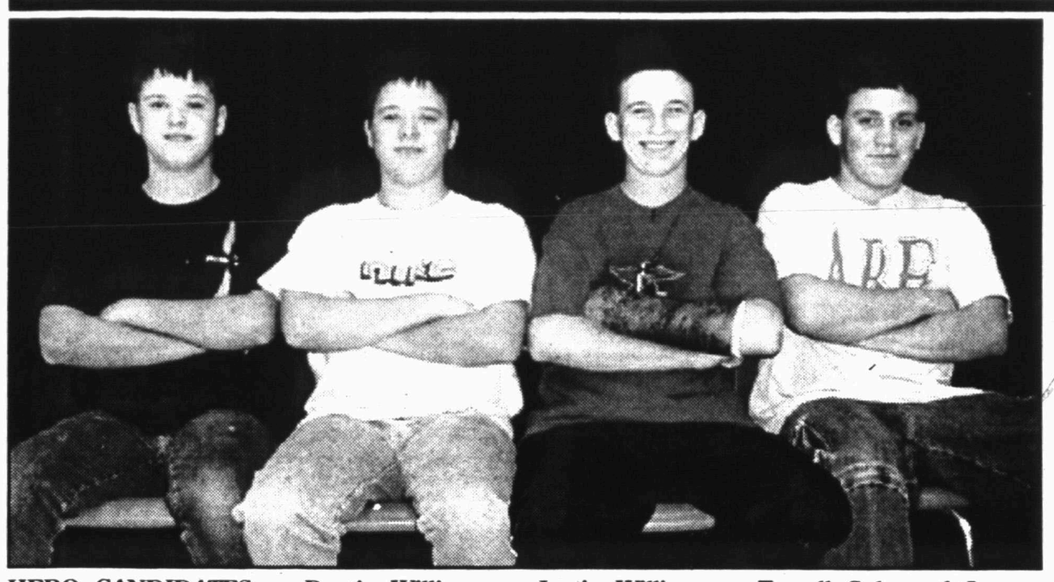
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HERO CANDIDATES — Dustin Williamson, Justin Williamson, Terrell Culp and Jeremy Roemisch (from left) are the football hero candidates for Hermleigh High School's homecoming set Friday and Saturday. The winner will be announced during halftime Friday night when the Cardinals take on the Highland Hornets in Cardinal Stadium. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Microsoft, Justice Dept. eye tentative settlement to case

WASHINGTON (AP) — Microsoft Corp. and the Justice Department, urged on by a judge concerned with the national psyche, tentatively agreed to settle the historic antitrust case already won by the government. Attorneys general from 18 states are weighing whether to sign onto the deal.

They are deciding whether they can be satisfied with proposed penalties Microsoft would face for at least the next five years, according to people familiar with the negotiations, and are seriously considering whether to ask a federal judge for more time to talk.

An agreement could offer the economy and technology industry a glimpse of national optimism when both have been battered amid concerns about terrorism and the dramatic downturn in financial markets.

U.S. District Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly, the new trial judge, had set a deadline of Friday for any settlement, citing "the recent tragic events affecting our nation." Absent a settlement, the next stage of the trial begins to decide how to punish Microsoft.

Assistant U.S. Attorney General Charles James revealed the prospective agreement to state officials Wednesday and told them Microsoft had already largely accepted it, sources said, speaking only on condition of anonymity.

Secret talks in downtown Washington continued today morning among the state attorneys general and top lawyers from Iowa, New York, Connecticut and Wisconsin. If they reject the settlement, they can pursue several options, including continuing the suit on their own.

Terms of the settlement were closely guarded, and people close to the talks cautioned that precise language on important provisions was still being written. The Justice Department filed the case in 1998 under the Clinton administration.

President Bush has been relatively cold toward the lawsuit since his campaign, though the White House has said he hasn't interfered in the case.

The settlement would impose some restrictions on Microsoft during the next five years and could be extended two more years — until 2008 — if the company violates terms of the deal, according to one person familiar with the agreement. A three-person panel would monitor Microsoft's compliance. The current antitrust case is rooted in allegations that Microsoft violated a related 1995 agreement with the Justice Department.

Microsoft shares surged on news of a deal, rising $2.39 to $60.54 per share in late today morning trading.

The prospective settlement would not require complete disclosures by Microsoft of the "source code" blueprints for its monopoly Windows operating system, the underpinnings of its multi-billion-dollar business, according to business analyst David Readerman of Thomas Weisel Partners in San Francisco. But portions of the Internet Explorer Web browser would be disclosed.

Anthrax spores found in K-City

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two hundred mail workers in Kansas City, Mo., are being urged to take antibiotics after traces of anthrax were found at a specialized postal facility there, extending the anthrax threat to the Midwest. Spores were found in yet more government buildings, with preliminary tests showing anthrax in four Food and Drug Administration mail rooms.

In New York, investigators traced a woman's final steps in an attempt to find out how she was infected with inhalation anthrax.

Postal authorities began picking through piles of decontaminated mail in Washington, searching for a possible unopened tainted letter that might help explain why anthrax spores have been found in more than a dozen spots around the capital.

Britain's Blair in Middle East

JERUSALEM (AP) — British Prime Minister Tony Blair, on a visit here today, urged Israelis and Palestinians to stop violence and return to the peace table.

Arriving in Israel from Jordan, Blair met Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon in Jerusalem before a session with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat in Gaza.

"This cycle of bloodshed has to stop," Blair said at a news conference after a working lunch with Sharon. He denounced recent Palestinian attacks that killed dozens of Israelis and wounded hundreds but scolded Israel for measures such as sending tanks into Palestinian territories and targeted killings of militants.

"I believe it is important that any measures that are taken in relation to security are measured and proper in accordance with international law," he said.

Sharon defended the practice of targeted killings. "What will bring peace earlier, that they kill another 30, 40, 50 Israeli citizens, or that they be stopped on their way there?" he said.

Today, Israeli helicopters shot missiles at a Palestinian vehicle traveling in the West Bank on today, killing two suspected militants.

Blair also denounced international terrorism and the Sept. 11 attacks in New York and Washington and called on moderate Muslims "not to allow their faith to be hijacked by extremists with a political agenda."

Palestinians were hoping for a strong statement of support from Blair during his visit.

Three departments respond to accident on Highway 350

•Accident

At 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, 9-1-1 dispatchers were alerted to a major accident nine miles south of Snyder on Hwy 350. The caller reported an 18-wheeler had struck a pickup pulling a trailer.

Several deputies, Snyder EMS and two fire trucks responded to the scene, but only minor injuries were reported.

The 18-wheeler driven by Tommy Baker of Rotan struck the pickup and trailer while it was parked on the side of the highway. Jim Fisher of Ross' Hot Shot Service in Odessa was the driver of the pickup. No one was transported from the scene.

•Arrests

Snyder police officers arrested a 19-year-old man in a parking lot at Western Texas College at 11:40 p.m. Wednesday for driving under the influence as a minor. The man was transported to the county jail and his vehicle was secured and left at the college.

A 17-year-old male was taken into custody at 3 a.m. today in the 2300 block of 26th Street on charges of public intoxication.

•Thefts

Robert Warren requested an officer at 3774 Sunset in reference to his wallet being stolen from his vehicle while parked at his residence. An officer was dispatched to the location and advised an offense report for burglary of a vehicle would be filed.

At 12:15 a.m. today an officer located a wallet that was stolen from a vehicle, belonging to Kristy Pittman of 3750 Sunset. The wallet was taken to the police station and a report was filed for burglary of a vehicle.

Ricky Miller requested an officer at 2 p.m. Wednesday in reference to someone prying open the back door of his residence at 2812 Round Top Acres. A sheriff's deputy responded.

•Criminal mischief

Jeremy Wright requested an officer at the Field Crest Apartments at 1:15 p.m. Wednesday in reference to criminal mischief done to his apartment. A report for Class B criminal mischief was filed.

Krista Maddox called 9-1-1 at 2:35 this morning in reference to a window being broken at her residence.

Two officers responded and observed two Hispanic men running from the area, but officers were unable to apprehend them. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted.

•Panic alarm

Dispatchers were alerted to a panic alarm at Allsup's in Snyder at 12:40 a.m. today. Officers responded to the station and contacted the clerk, who advised a fight was in progress in the parking lot when she pressed the alarm button, but the subjects were gone before officers arrived. The clerk did not have a description of the subjects, but advised she would call back if they returned to the store.

•Harassment

A postal clerk at the Dunn post office requested a deputy contact a man in reference to his harassing her for an overcharge on postage. She advised she refunded the amount, but he continued to harass her. A deputy responded and informed the man of the complaint.

•Gas drive off

A clerk at Town and Country East reported a gas drive off in the amount of $10 at 1 a.m. today. The clerk described the vehicle as a black Maxima, but did not wish to file a report.

Obituaries

Ovid Lawlis

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BOVINA – Ovid Connor Lawlis, a former resident of Snyder, died Saturday, Oct. 27.

Funeral service for Mr. Lawlis, 85, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Bovina First Baptist Church with the Rev. Richard Laverty officiating. Burial will follow in the Bovina Cemetery under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Born March 17, 1916 in Sylvester, he married Doris Steed on Dec. 31, 1938 in Hamlin. She died in 1998.

Mr. Lawlis moved from Snyder to Bovina where he lived for 50 years before moving to Lubbock and then to Euless last March. In Bovina, he was owner of Lawlis Gin, retiring in 1997.

A member of the First Baptist Church, he served on the Bovina school board and as a director of the chamber of commerce.

Survivors include two sons, David Lawlis of Euless and James Lawlis of Amarillo; a brother, Virgil Lawlis of Austin; and a sister, Francis Raymond of Levelland.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Hypnotist at WTC

Western Texas College Student Activities will present hypnotist Rich Aimes at 7 this evening in the Fine Arts Theatre. The public is invited.

Golden K garage sale

The Golden K garage sale will be from 1-5 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. until sold Saturday at the Senior Citizens Center. To donate items, call 573-4035 or 573-3822.

Hermleigh homecoming

The bi-annual homecoming at Hermleigh will begin at 6 p.m. Friday with a pep rally in the Hermleigh gym featuring 29 mini cheerleaders prior to the game with Highland. Activities continue at 9 a.m. Saturday. A meal will be served at 11:30 a.m. followed by a business meeting and patriotic program at 2 p.m.

Lions Club peanut sales

Snyder Lions Club will be selling peanuts from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday at Wal-Mart. Proceeds support local activities.

Children's carnival

Calvary Baptist Church will host a children's carnival from 6-8 p.m. Saturday at Towle Park barn. There will be many carnival-type game booths with prizes and a concession stand. For additional information, call the church office at 573-2191.

Hermleigh booster club

The Hermleigh booster club meets at 7:30 p.m. each Monday in the school cafeteria.

Snyder FFA booster club

The Snyder FFA booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the ag building. The officers will meet at 6:30.

Ira booster club

Ira's booster club will meet at 8:15 p.m. Wednesday in the cafeteria.

Parenting discussion group

A parenting discussion group is scheduled to meet at 1:30 p.m. on Thursdays beginning next Thursday at Gateway Family Services. Call 573-1822 to sign up or for more information.

FBC support groups

Support groups dealing with divorce, death, cancer or caring for elderly parents meets at 6:30 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.

GED testing

GED testing will be held Nov. 9, Nov. 16 and Nov. 30 at Western Texas College. For more information, call Emily Hataway at 574-2112 or Molly Kattes at 573-2919.

Canyon Gun Club turkey shoot

The Canyon Gun Club turkey shoot will be from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 10, at the range northeast of Snyder. Call 573-5786, 573-8747 or 573-2366 for more information.

Lord's Acre

First United Methodist Church will have it annual Lord's Acre on Sunday, Nov. 11, at Scurry County Coliseum. Booths open at 11 a.m. and the barbecue meal will be served from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Tickets are $7 for adults and $3 for children 6-12. The live auction will be at 12:30 p.m. For more information call 573-5416.

Veterans Day

Veterans Day will be observed at 10:45 a.m. on Nov. 11 at First Baptist Church. The public is invited to a special worship service honoring those who served our country.

Ira playoff T-shirt

Ira football playoff t-shirt orders are being taken by any booster club member or by calling the school at 573-2628. Short-sleeve shirts are $12, long-sleeve are $15.50 and sweatshirts are $17.50.

Noon prayer service

The First Presbyterian Church hosts a prayer service from noon until 12:30 p.m. each weekday. Everyone is invited.

SHS yearbooks on sale

Orders are still being taken for the 2002 Tiger's Lair at SHS. Cost is $45 for which a deposit of $20 is required. Balance is due Feb. 1. If additional options are purchased, the deposit is $30. For information call 573-6301, ext. 35.

Korean War display

The Scurry County Museum is compiling a list of Scurry County men and women who served in the armed forces during the Korean War, 1950-1953. The museum is also asking local residents to loan Korean memorabilia for a display in the museum from Nov. 13-21. Call 573-6107 or 573-8511, ext. 210 or 339 for more information.

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. Call Lisa Christensen at 573-8511, ext. 290.

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Study suggests benefits of lower blood pressure

By The Associated Press

How high is too high when it comes to blood pressure? New research suggests a reading a few points below the official benchmark for high blood pressure significantly increases the risk of heart attacks and strokes.

"The lower your blood pressure, the better off you are," said one of the researchers, Dr. Ramachandran S. Vasan of Boston University School of Medicine. "Our finding emphasize the need for people to maintain optimal levels of blood pressure."

The study of 6,859 men and women in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine concluded that those with so-called high-normal blood pressure are two to three times more likely to suffer a heart attack, stroke or heart failure in 10 years than those with what is considered optimal or ideal blood pressure.

About 19 percent of adults in the United States have hypertension, or high blood pressure, and 13 percent have high-normal blood pressure, Vasan said.

"Individuals with high-normal blood pressure are a large chunk of the population and physicians need to share this information with them — that there is now data to suggest they could be at increased risk," he said.

Blood pressure is the force of blood in the arteries and is measured in two numbers. The high number, systolic, is the pressure when the heart contracts. The lower number, diastolic, is the pressure between beats when the heart relaxes.

High blood pressure is above 140 over 90; high-normal is 130-139 over 85-89; normal is 120-129 over 80-84 and optimal is less than 120 over 80.

Those with high-normal blood pressure are often older, overweight, have high cholesterol or diabetes — all possible contributors to heart disease, Vasan said.

Current guidelines suggest diet and exercise to lower high-normal blood pressure. Vasan said research is needed to determine whether more aggressive treatment, including medications, is warranted.

If studies show treatment is beneficial, the threshold for treating blood pressure with medications could be lowered, said Dr. Julio A. Panza of Washington Hospital Center, who wrote an accompanying editorial

"Depending on what other studies in the future show, it may have a significant implication," Panza said.

The study funded by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute reviewed data from the Framingham Heart Study, which has followed participants from the Boston suburb for more than half a century.

Vasan and his colleagues looked at groups of patients, and excluded those with high blood pressure or heart disease. They followed the rest for 12 years to find the rate of heart attack, stroke or heart failure.

Of those with high-normal blood pressure, 4 percent of the women and 8 percent of the men under 65 had an incident. In older participants, 65 to 90, the rate was 18 percent for women and 25 percent for men.

The researchers calculated that the women were about three times more likely and the men were about two times more likely to have a cardiovascular event than those with optimal blood pressure.

On the Net:
New England Journal: http://www.nejm.org
National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute: http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov

Former SLA fugitive pleads guilty to 1975 bombing case

LOS ANGELES (AP) — In an odd final act of a notorious criminal case from the 1970s radical era, a former Symbionese Liberation Army fugitive told a judge she was guilty of possessing bombs with intent to murder police officers, then left court and declared she was innocent.

Sara Jane Olson, a former member of the Symbionese Liberation Army who was arrested in 1999, said she only admitted her guilt Wednesday because the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks made it impossible for her to get a fair trial.

"I pleaded to something of which I'm not guilty," Olson, 54, said outside court. "Given that law enforcement has risen in credibility, it was inevitably going to play on the minds of jurors."

Deputy District Attorney Eleanor Hunter said that during plea negotiations Olson did not deny her culpability in the effort to bomb two Los Angeles police cars in 1975.

"She's either lying in court or lying to the press to try to save face," Hunter said.

The prosecutor acknowledged that the trial would have depicted the SLA as a terrorist organization and exhumed its violent history, including crimes with which Olson was not charged. Defense lawyers lost a bid to delay the trial in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks.

"Justice weeps for Sara Jane Olson," said defense attorney J. Tony Serra. "Sara Jane Olson is truly a victim of Sept. 11. We didn't have a level playing field. They have brandished about the term of domestic terrorism."

Olson, 54, made no reference to the attacks during the hearing in which she admitted to possessing bombs and attempting to explode them in two incidents — one at the Hollenbeck Police Station in Los Angeles and another near a House of Pancakes restaurant in Hollywood on Aug. 21, 1975.

Neither bomb went off. Prosecutor Eleanor Hunter said one of them was one of the largest pipe bombs ever built in the United States and would have injured many people.

Olson, whose given name was Kathleen Soliah, was accused of targeting the officers in retaliation for the deaths of six SLA members in a 1974 shootout and fire at a Los Angeles house. The SLA gained national notoriety after the 1974 kidnapping of media heiress Patty Hearst.

Soliah vanished a short time after the attempted bombings. She was indicted in 1976 but remained a fugitive until her June 1999 capture in St. Paul, Minn., where she was living under the assumed name, Sara Jane Olson.

Minnesota friends who helped raise Olson's $1 million bail were shocked by the plea, but remained supportive. "She is a very good person," friend Kathy Cima said. "I think it's a bad time to be on trial."

The trial, which had lurched to a start last week, then stopped during motions, was to have provided a post-mortem on the SLA's violent history and perhaps a finale to a story which once riveted America.

Hearst, who was 19 when the group kidnapped her, was to return as a witness against Olson a quarter century after she herself was convicted of armed bank robbery in an SLA heist.

Prosecutors dismissed three other charges Wednesday against Olson, but did not guarantee her a specific sentence. Her lawyers said they expected her to get about five years in prison, but she could be sentenced to life behind bars Dec. 7.

Before Olson's arrest, the former radical had built a life as a wife, mother of three children, sometime actress and gourmet cook. She was known for her volunteer and community service.

She said her lawyers advised her that her chances of a lesser sentence would be better if she pleaded guilty.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Reduction in medicine is often appropriate

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am age 80 and for seven years have taken Atentolol for an irregular heartbeat and occasional palpitations. When I joined an HMO last year, I had a cardiogram that revealed a pulse rate of 36. My doctor subsequently reduced my dosage of medication and told me not to worry as long as I have no symptoms of faintness and unsteadiness. After a brisk 45-minute walk, my pulse rate is only 44, but I feel great. Am I getting the best advice?

DEAR READER: I tend to take a "hands off" approach in treating elderly patients. They often do not tolerate medicine well, and I believe that "less is more" when it comes to older people who have no symptoms.

Without knowing the details of your heart condition, I cannot offer an opinion about the appropriateness of your therapy. Conceivably, you could have a serious form of cardiac irregularity, called "sick sinus syndrome" (alternating rapid and slow pulse rates), but, in the absence of symptoms, this is probably unlikely.

Therefore, I conclude that your doctor is probably on the money by reducing your medicine and cautioning you about symptoms of an abnormal cardiac output. Make sure that you schedule periodic visits with him and, if there is any change in your health status, notify him immediately.

Your situation reminds me of an 85-year-old woman I first examined 10 years ago for a slow pulse. She was taking several medications (prescribed by her previous physician) and I had trouble figuring out what was going on. With her enthusiastic endorsement, I began slowly eliminating her drugs. The whole process took about four months. Since then, her pulse has stabilized at about 70, she is off all medications, tells me that she never felt better in her life and is looking forward to her 100th birthday. This approach isn't right for everybody, but if your doctor is willing to work with you, I say go for it.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: My doctor has diagnosed me with GERD and given me antacids. What is this?

DEAR READER: This is a question that you should ask your physician. If the doc is going to diagnose an ailment, the least he can do is explain it to you and offer treatment. Frankly, I'm amazed at how often physicians provide an unintelligible diagnosis, without explanation — or, at least, translation.

My favorite example of this occurred during my residency, when the chief doctor "explained" to a non-English speaking patient that he had Idiopathic Hypertrophic Subaortic Stenosis (an unusual heart condition). There was no explanation. Zip. The guy was sent home in a state of total confusion. I followed him out of the clinic and attempted, through an interpreter, to resolve the situation. Fortunately, I was successful. Could this be the reason that I have gravitated to writing a medical column? Perhaps. But enough.

Gastro-esophageal reflux disease (GERD) is a common and annoying ailment caused by inappropriate backwash of stomach acid (called reflux) up into the esophagus. It is often seen in the presence of hiatal hernia, a weakness of the muscular ring that acts as a valve between the stomach and the esophagus. Symptoms include heartburn, indigestion, bloating, gas, chest pressure and cough. The condition is more prevalent in older patients.

Antacids, by neutralizing the caustic gastric secretions, often help symptoms, but may not completely solve the problem. Other therapy includes medication to reduce the production of stomach acid (Pepcid, Prilosec, Prevacid and others), changing eating patterns (remaining upright for at least 30 minutes after eating), and - in severest cases - surgery to repair the hernia.

Follow your doctor's advice — and make absolutely sure that he provides it in understandable terms.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Parents finally pay attention after teen's suicide attempt

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "A Teen Needing to Talk in Ohio," asking parents to listen to their children, motivates me to share my experience.

When I was in high school, I suffered severe depression and insomnia. I knew I needed help, so every once in a while I'd ask my parents if I could get counseling. When I would tell them how suicidal I was feeling, they'd say, "Oh, it's just a teen-age problem." Or, "Give it some time. You'll get over it." Those were the only responses I got.

The strange behavior that resulted from my depression finally made my parents suspect that I was using drugs. They searched my room and read my diaries, which only furthered my paranoia and depression, because I was clean. In my warped state of mind, I was convinced that suicide was the only way out. I am sad to admit it, but that's what finally caught my parents' attention.

We could have saved thousands of dollars in hospital bills, unbelievable amounts of pain and years off my recovery if they had only listened to me in the first place!

My parents are not horrible people. They love me dearly. They explain now that they didn't know what to do with a depressed child and were in denial from the beginning about my problems.

I hope parents who see themselves in this letter will be motivated to help their children. And for kids in my situation: If your parents won't listen, talk to your teachers, your family doctor, or the parents of one of your friends. Just make sure you get help. You are worth it. — **BETTER, NOT BITTER**

DEAR BETTER: If there is one complaint that tops the list of those I receive from teen-agers, it's that their parents don't take the time to listen, or take their problems seriously.

Your letter carries an important message. We are living in particularly stressful times, and parents should be especially concerned about the effect that recent events are having on their children. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: A teen-ager wrote to plead with parents to listen to their children.

Two or three years ago, there was a sermon at my church on the subject of parents listening. During this sermon, our priest read a poem that touched me. After the service I asked if I could get a copy. I'm pleased to share it with you and your readers. The author is unknown:

"Take a moment to listen today
"To what your children are trying to say.
"Listen today, whatever you do,
"Or they won't be there to listen to you.
"Listen to their problems, listen to their needs;
"Praise their smallest triumphs, praise their smallest deeds.
"Tolerate their chatter, amplify their laughter,
"Find out what's the matter, find out what they're after —
"But tell them that you love them, every single night,
"And though you scold them, be sure you hold them tight;
"Tell them, 'Everything's all right —
"'Tomorrow's looking bright!'
"Take a moment to listen today
"To what your children are trying to say.
"Listen today, whatever you do,
"And they will come back to listen to you."

Thanks, Abby. I read your column every day. — **A.J. IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR A.J.: Thank YOU.

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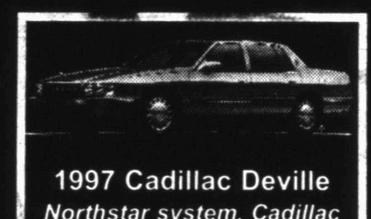
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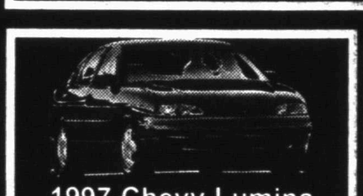
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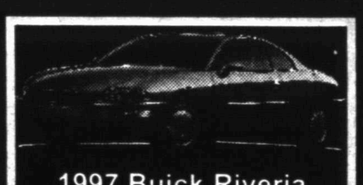
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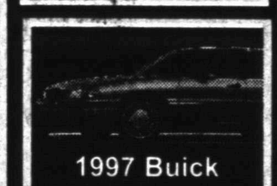
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