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Home of Alec Drennan

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A real Texan is a guy who listens to the William Tell overture and automatically thinks of the Lone Ranger."

Stanley L. Pavlas of Belle Chasse, La., sent us the following clipping from the Dec. 21, 1922 edition of the Smithville Times.

His grandfather, Frank Meduna Sr., was the focus of the article after being impressed with his visit to Scurry and Mitchell counties. Mr. Pavlas was six months old at the time.

"On Tuesday last, Frank Meduna returned from a visit with his daughter, Mrs. Edward Pavlas and family at Hermleigh, Scurry county, and reports a most delightful and interesting trip.

"While out West he also visited the oil wells and oil territory in Mitchell County some 25 miles distance. Mr. Meduna was particularly interested in the wonders of one of the wells that had been drilled for oil.

"The well is said to be 1,200 feet deep and blew in with such force due to a terrific gas pressure that the water was sent 559 feet high.

"Instead of them finding any oil however, it proved to be salt water, but so heavily laden with salt that the 14 inch stream flowed sluggishly and left a heavy deposit of salt.

"The well came in some eight weeks ago and up until a week ago was on such a rampage that the vibrations were felt at Hermleigh, and were similar to those caused by a passing locomotive.

"Since Thursday, the water would spurt from the ground to a great height much as a geyser and then subside entirely. The mesquite trees on the surrounding 20 acres are what attracted Mr. Meduna's attention.

"Their branches are bowed and twisted under the heavy coating of salt that accumulated. Even the small twigs are encased in a shell from an inch to three inches thick. While at the crotch, the salt deposit measures from six inches to a foot in thickness.

"The visitor describes it as a grand sight and one that might well be expected in Fairyland, though hardly out in a large pasture where everything else seemed perfectly natural.

"The owner of the land stated for several weeks after the first well came in about 40 acres of the mesquite was covered with the salt, but as the stream gradually fell to a lower level the salt at the outer edges seemed to melt and settle in the 20 acres where it has a depth of from six to eight feet.

"The owner of the land has refused an offer of $100 per acre, as it is his intention to have drilling for oil resumed at a greater depth once the present gas and water pressure is brought under control.

"Mr. Meduna brought with him a number of mesquite branches with the salt deposits on them so that his friends may have a better idea of what he is attempting to describe, and very kindly left the Times a souvenir of his trip to what he termed Nature's Wonderland."

Local bank deposits total $219.5 million

Combined bank deposits in Snyder were $219.5 million at the close of the third quarter on Sept. 30.

The third-quarter totals were down $4.9 million from mid-year, and were down $65.5 million compared to the same time last year.

However, the comparison to last year is tilted by one large commercial deposit temporarily held at Snyder National Bank last year.

Third quarter deposits at Snyder National were $84.6 million compared to $87.8 million on June 30, a decline of $3.2 million. When compared to the third quarter of last year when SNB deposits were $141.4 million, the difference is $56.8 million.

Deposits at West Texas State Bank were $77.8 million, down $2.4 million from the $80.2 million reported at the close of the second quarter. The third-quarter deposit figure at WTSB is up $900,000 when evaluated against the third quarter of 2000.

Deposits at Texas Savings Bank were $33 million, an increase of $100,000 since mid-year and an increase of $400,000 when compared to the third quarter of last year.

American State Bank reported deposits of $24.1 million, an increase of $600,000 since June 30, and an increase of $1 million compared to the third quarter of last year.

Combined loans were $103.7 million on Sept. 30 compared to $98.9 at the same time last year, an increase of $4.8 million.

Loans at Snyder National were $27 million, a reduction of $2.3 million since mid-year and an increase of $1.7 million compared to last year's third quarter.

WTSB revealed total loans of $43.8 million, a drop of $200,000 since the close of this year's second quarter and an increase of $700,000 compared to the same period in 2001.

Texas Savings Bank loans totaled $32.9 million, an increase of $400,000 since mid-year and an increase of $2.4 million compared to the close of the third quarter last year.

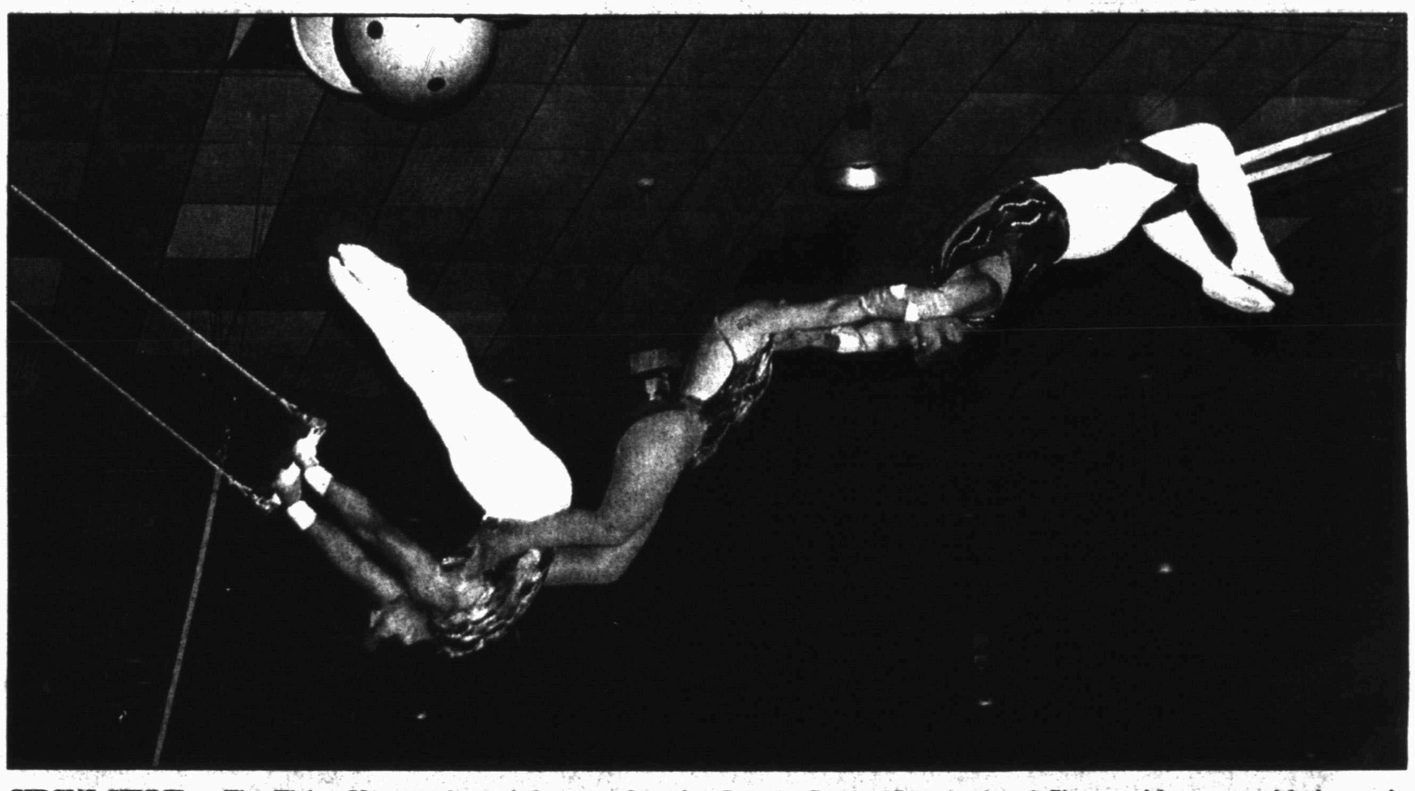
First American Bank, with a branch in Snyder, does not report individual branch data.

Ribbons to be given out

The Scurry County Unit of the American Cancer Society is handing out pink ribbons at United, Davidson's Supermarket and Wal-Mart today to remind women to do breast self-exams and have mammograms as recommended by physicians.

This is part of the program of Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Snyder.

"Breast cancer is a concern not only for all Texas women, but men, too," said Wendy Barnett, local ACS volunteer. "Although the rate is much lower, men can also have breast cancer."



CIRCUS STUNT — The Flying Vargas pleased the crowd at the George Carden International Circus with some mid-air magic Wednesday at Scurry County Coliseum. Most of the aerial work was right at the ceiling of the coliseum. (SDN Staff Photo)

Missile accidentally brings down Russian passenger jet

WASHINGTON (AP) — A missile fired during a military training exercise in Ukraine appears to have accidentally brought down a Russian airliner flying from Israel to Siberia, U.S. officials said today.

The plane crashed into the Black Sea with at least 77 aboard.

A defense official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the surface-to-air missile was fired from the Crimean region of Ukraine. Ukraine is the only country known to be conducting military exercises in the Black Sea area, the official said.

The defense official said the Ukrainian military was conducting an air defense exercise off the Crimean coast that involved both warships and aircraft. Those warships have the ability to fire surface-to-air missiles, the official said.

The downing of the airliner appeared to be accidental, officials said.

A second U.S. military official said the Pentagon is attempting to clarify exactly what has happened. The officer said the incident did not appear to be a collision of two aircraft.

Rear Adm. Craig Quigley, asked if the Pentagon had any explanation, declined to comment.

Earlier, Russian President Vladimir Putin said terrorism could be the cause.

"A civilian aircraft crashed today and it is possible that it is the result of a terrorist act," Putin told a meeting of visiting European justice ministers in Moscow.

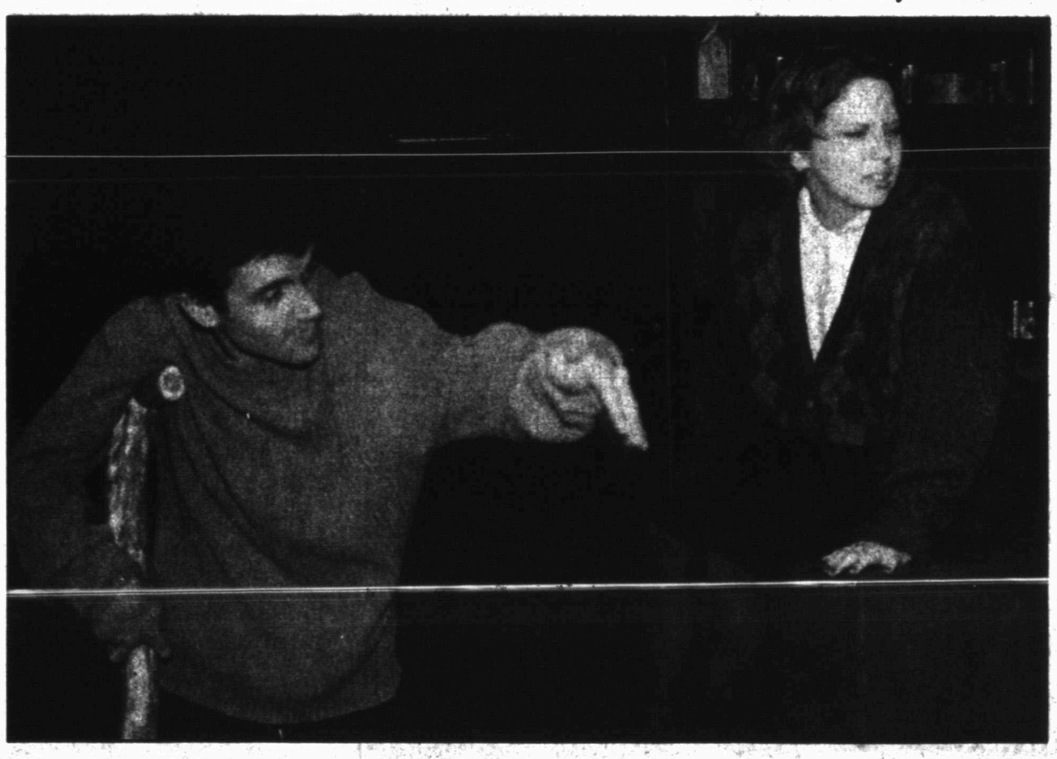
Bush administration officials were in almost immediate contact with their counterparts in Moscow in an attempt to determine whether there was a connection between the explosion and the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in the United States or U.S. plans to retaliate.

Ukraine's U.N. ambassador, Valery Kuchinsky, said he knew nothing of the missile report and was going to check with his government. "I don't think so," he said. "We're very careful with our missiles, and we in fact transferred most of them, the biggest, to Russia, and what we have, we're very careful."

He said he didn't know of any military exercises or activities taking place today.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said U.S. officials called the Russian government to ascertain the facts.

In Moscow, Deputy Transport Minister Karl Ruppel told The Associated Press that a crew of an Armenian airliner in the area had informed Russian air traffic controllers that they saw an explosion aboard a plane flying nearby in the Black Sea area. Ruppel said he didn't know what caused the explosion.



PLAY OPENS TONIGHT — The *Cripple of Inishmaan* will open at 7:30 tonight at Western Texas College's Fine Arts Theatre. H.R. Bradford, as Billy, slaps Helen, portrayed by Emily Greiner. Additional performances will be at 7:30 Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are $5 for adults and $4 for seniors and students. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Columbus Day...

Monday will be holiday for some

The Columbus Day holiday on Monday prompts the closing of all local financial institutions and some offices.

Hermleigh and Ira students will have the day off. Snyder schools and Western Texas College will remain in session.

The Scurry County Museum and Texas Workforce Commission also will be open.

County and city employees will have the day off Monday. An exception is the city landfill, which will be closed Saturday and open Monday.

The post office will be closed Monday and there will be no home delivery. However, mail will be placed in boxes at the post office.

The Scurry County Library will be closed Saturday and Monday.

ASK US

Q—When is work expected to start on the renovation of College Avenue?

A—According to information received by the city, the bids are to be let in March, 2002, and work to start in May for one year.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 85 degrees; low, 57; 7 a.m. Thursday, 63; no precipitation; total for 2001, 14.95 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy; 20% rain chance; lows mid 50s; S winds 10-20 mph. Friday cloudy, unseasonably cool; 30% rain chance; highs 60-65.



Colten Clark
Cool

Sunset:
7:25 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:41 a.m.
Of 276 days in 2001, the sun has shone 264 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

All is perspective. To a worm, digging in the ground is more relaxing than going fishing.
—Clyde Abel

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Bin Laden uses luck, guile to stay free

WASHINGTON (AP) — Through luck, guile, timing, accommodating foreign governments — and perhaps a dose of American incompetence — Osama bin Laden survives.

A U.S. attempt in 1996 to have him arrested in Sudan and placed in Saudi Arabian custody failed, as did an American cruise missile attack on his camps in Afghanistan in 1998. A CIA-sponsored plan to have Pakistani commandoes hunt him down a year later also fell short.

The United States has done no better in sniffing out the deadly plots for which bin Laden is believed responsible: the bombings of U.S. embassies in East Africa in 1998, the bombing of the USS Cole in Yemen in 2000 and the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, with a death toll of more than 6,000.

Should American intelligence agencies have been more alert?

Secretary of State Colin Powell says there were a lot of signs that "there was something going on" prior to Sept. 11 but concrete information was lacking.

The assessment of former CIA official Herbert Meyer is less kind. He sees "a cascading series of intelligence failures" that began years earlier when, he says, U.S. officials failed to take the threat of bin Laden seriously enough.

Powell epitomizes a "we shall overcome" mood in Washington in the wake of America's deadliest terrorist disaster. Flanked by members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Wednesday, he said, "We will be patient. We will be persistent. We will prevail."

Bin Laden appears to disagree. A propaganda tape shows him saying, "With small means and great faith, we can defeat the mightiest military power of modern times. America is much weaker than it seems."

At 6 feet 5, bin Laden would seem to be an imposing target, but he's been a master at evading American sleuths. Even his enemies concede he's on a roll.

—In hopes of neutralizing bin Laden in 1996, the Clinton administration, according to two former government officials, sought to have him transferred from Sudan to police custody in his native Saudi Arabia. The Saudis rejected the plan because they believed his presence would be destabilizing, citing the many Saudis who embrace his extremist views.

—He was expelled from Sudan in May 1996 and settled in Afghanistan. Fortuitously for him, the Taliban militia, a radical Islamic movement, assumed power four months later. Afghanistan has given support and shelter to him and his movement since then, refusing to take him into custody despite evidence of his involvement in mass murder. Bin Laden was indicted for the embassy bombings.

—Bin Laden survived an assault by 66 U.S. cruise missiles on his Afghan camps on Aug. 20, 1998. The attack was aimed at avenging the bombing of U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania two weeks earlier.

—In 1999, the Clinton administration tried a new approach, training 60 Pakistani commandos to hunt down bin Laden. But as the unit was ready to do battle, the democratic government in Pakistan was deposed in a military coup. The new leader, Gen. Pervez Musharraf, called off the operation, and once again bin Laden was spared.

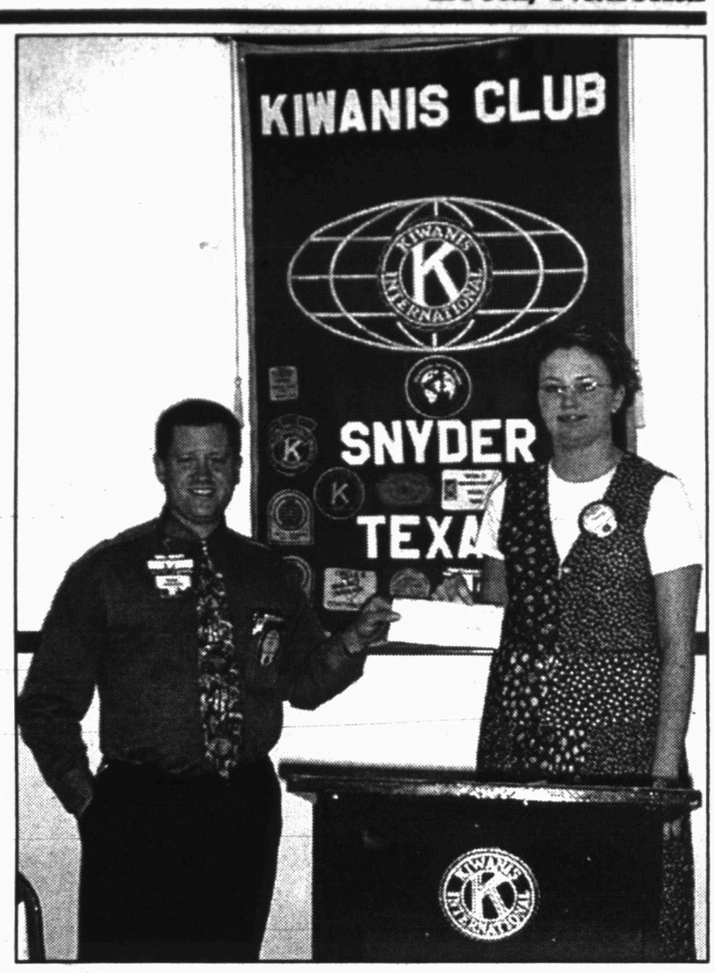
President Clinton said recently, "I authorized the arrest and if necessary the killing of Osama bin Laden, and we actually made contact with a group in Afghanistan to do it. And they were unsuccessful.

"So we did everything we could and everything I thought was appropriate. We did not have the necessary intelligence to do it in the way we would have had to do it then."

President Bush has defended U.S. intelligence agencies, declaring last week during a morale-boosting visit to the CIA that the nation has "the best intelligence we can possibly have." He reaffirmed his confidence in Director George Tenet.

But Republican Sen. Richard Shelby of Alabama, vice chairman of the Senate intelligence panel, takes a harder stance, saying the Sept. 11 attacks represented a "colossal intelligence failure."

"Basically, we missed the boat," he said. "We did not have any inkling that such an attack with such precision and such destructive force was going to occur on our soil."



KIWANIS SCHOLARSHIP FUND — R.J. Youngclaus, manager of Wal-Mart and member of the Noon Kiwanis, presented Nicole Lomax, president, a $1,000 check to the Cargile Memorial Scholarship Fund at Western Texas College. The Noon Kiwanis and the Golden K club are planning a banquet for 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Willow Park Inn. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

events

TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — One ticket matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated $40 million.

The ticket was sold in: Round Rock.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 54 were: 9-12-32-36-38-46.

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

Pick 3

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

6-6-0

Caffeine may be used for frog problem

HONOLULU (AP) — The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has approved using caffeine to kill the tiny Caribbean tree frog, an invasive species known for its piercing mating calls.

The state Department of Agriculture requested an exemption from federal law to allow the use of a pure caffeine spray to control the population of the amphibians.

The EPA exemption allows the use of caffeine only by pesticide applicators certified by the state. Permits from the department will be required.

Individual homeowners will not be allowed to use caffeine to control the noisy frogs, according to a statement Monday from the state agency. The caffeine spray causes cardiac failure.

The frogs, beloved in their native Puerto Rico, are about the size of a dime but each male chirps up to 90 decibels — comparable to a lawn mower. The frogs now infest 226 Big Island sites, compared with just 11 in 1998.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Controlling wife bosses her husband right out the door

DEAR ABBY: Although I have read your column for years and have seen letters from women who have lived with controlling men, I can't remember reading letters about controlling women.

My ex-daughter-in-law, "Rita," could be the queen of mean. When she met my son, "Lee," he was a happy, popular and well-respected man with a good job. She made it plain after the wedding that her career came first and money was very important. She criticized his friends and made it uncomfortable when he would see them. Rita bought all his clothes. If he bought a shirt himself, she would complain. He would put it away just to keep peace.

Rita got an opportunity to move about 1,000 miles away. Since she made more money, Lee transferred and moved. I found out later she had solicited the job and insisted on the move to get him away from "bad influences" — his friends and family. Rita and my son have a 5-year-old daughter, "Lily."

Visiting them was a nightmare. We had to watch whatever we said. We went to dinner one night at a medium-priced restaurant. When Lee picked up the check, Rita had a temper tantrum, saying they couldn't afford to treat people to meals. (They make more than $100,000 a year between them.)

Our son turned into a silent young man who was starting to drink too much. They had no friends, as Rita didn't like anyone Lee met. Lee liked basketball. Needless to say, she criticized the people he played with. You get the picture.

Last year, Lee walked out. He had had enough. He is staying in the same town because he wants to remain involved in his daughter's life. He is happier now than he has been in years. He has stopped drinking and has made friends who like to do what he does. Lee takes Lily every other weekend and does a lot of baby-sitting when Rita has to work overtime. Rita is a bitter lady who still has no friends.

Abby, please advise your readers that men aren't the only ones who can be controlling. I have seen first-hand what damage a woman can do. — **SEEN IT ALL IN ATLANTA**

DEAR SEEN IT ALL: While I have never failed to acknowledge that women can be controlling or abusive, you are correct that more letters appear in my column about abusive men. That may be because men are conditioned not to complain when their feelings are hurt. Or that the abuse women suffer is more physical — and verbal abuse is easier to hide.

Whichever type of abuse your son suffered, I'm pleased that he is free at last.

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DEAR ABBY: Thank you for publishing the letter from David S. Boyer, M.D., warning that early detection and treatment of diabetes can prevent eye disease and blindness.

In your response, you advised anyone with a family history of diabetes to have annual physical and eye examinations. While this is a good idea, it does not go far enough.

Half of the 10 million diabetics in the United States are unaware that they have this disease. Many diabetics have no family history. At this time, screening for diabetes is recommended every three years for everyone over the age of 45, regardless of family history — and earlier and more often for people with specific risk factors such as obesity. — **PATRICK A. MAUER, M.D., LOS ANGELES**

DEAR DR. MAUER: Considering the fact that many people are battling weight problems, I hope your letter will remind them that a talk with their physician about diet and exercise may be in order. Both can reduce a person's risk of developing diabetes.

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

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What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $5 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby — Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in the price.)

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Dam collapses

BEIJING (AP) — Heavy rains caused a dam to collapse in southwest China, unleashing waters from a reservoir that killed 12 people and left 13 others missing, the state-run Xinhua News Agency said today.

Xinhua said 12 other people were injured by the collapse Wednesday morning of the Dalugou dam in Sichuan province's Huili county.

Date Book

Thursday, Oct. 4, 2001

Today is the 277th day of 2001 and the 13th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1821, Lt. Robert F. Stockton of the U.S. Navy sailed from Boston for Africa to help end the international slave trade.

On this day in 1909, the first airship race in the United States began at St. Louis, Mo.

On this day in 1968, President Lyndon Johnson withdrew his nomination of Associate Justice Abe Fortas to be Chief Justice of the United States.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Jean Francois Millet (1814-1875), artist; Rutherford B. Hayes (1822-1893), U.S. president; Frederic Remington (1861-1909), artist; Damon Runyon (1884-1946), writer; Buster Keaton (1895-1966), comedian-actor; Charlton Heston (1924-), actor, is 77; Patti LaBelle (1944-), singer, is 57; Tony LaRussa (1944-), baseball manager, is 57; Susan Sarandon (1946-), actress, is 55; A.C. Green (1963-), basketball player, is 38.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1948, in a playoff game, the Cleveland Indians beat the Boston Red Sox 8-3, winning the American League pennant.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "What a day may bring, a day may take away." — Thomas Fuller

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Oct. 2) and last quarter (Oct. 10).

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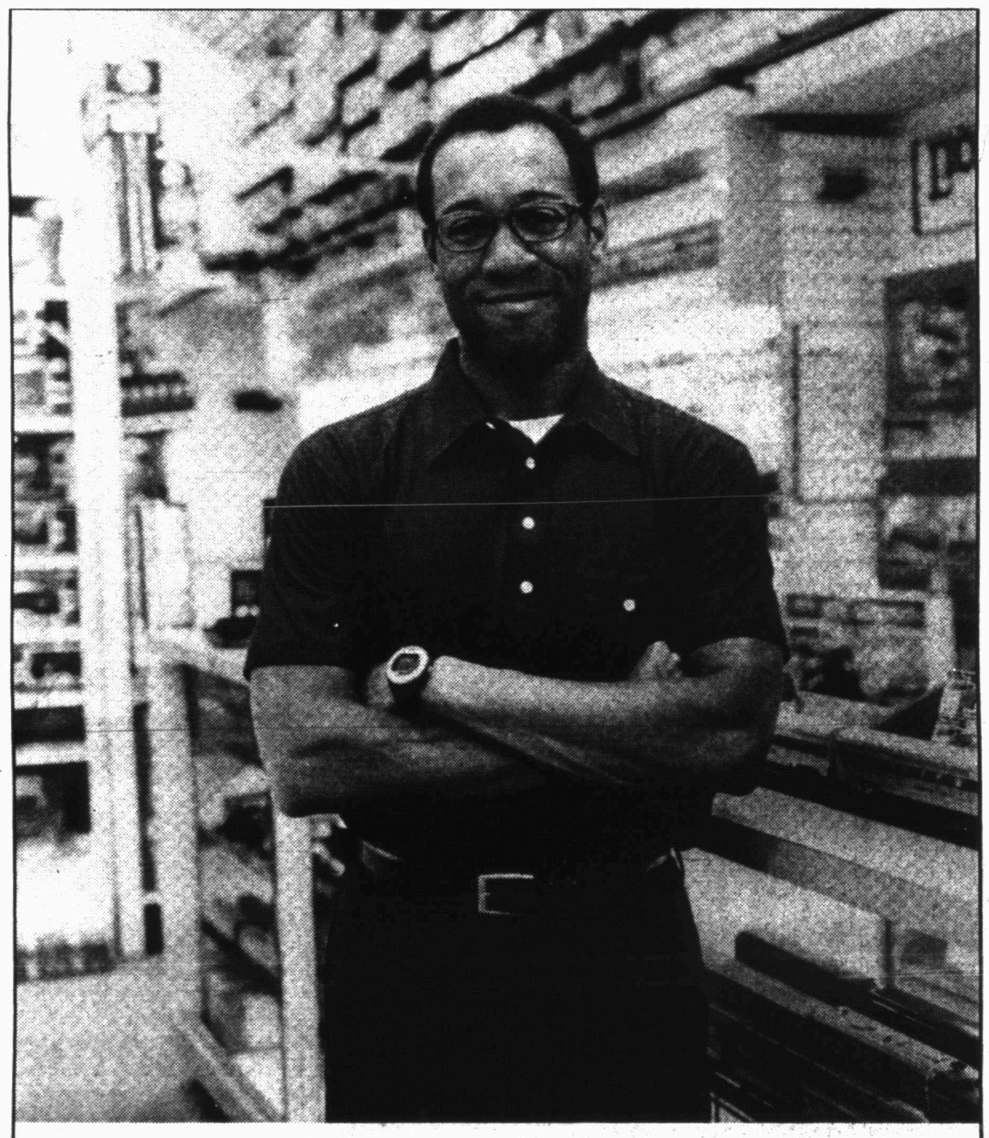
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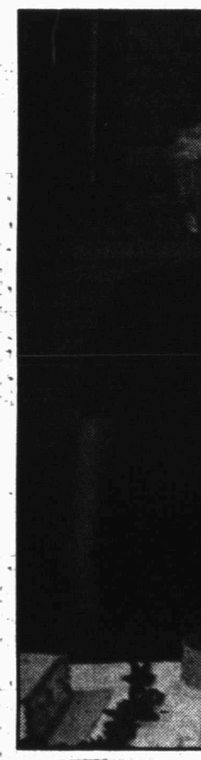
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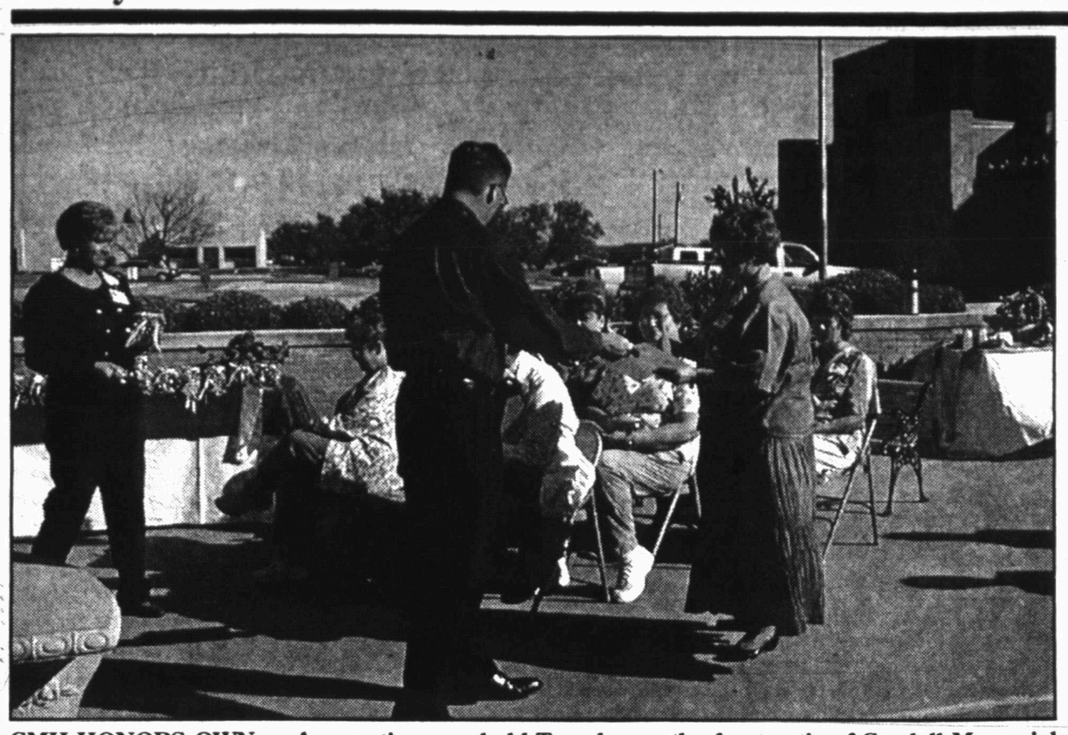


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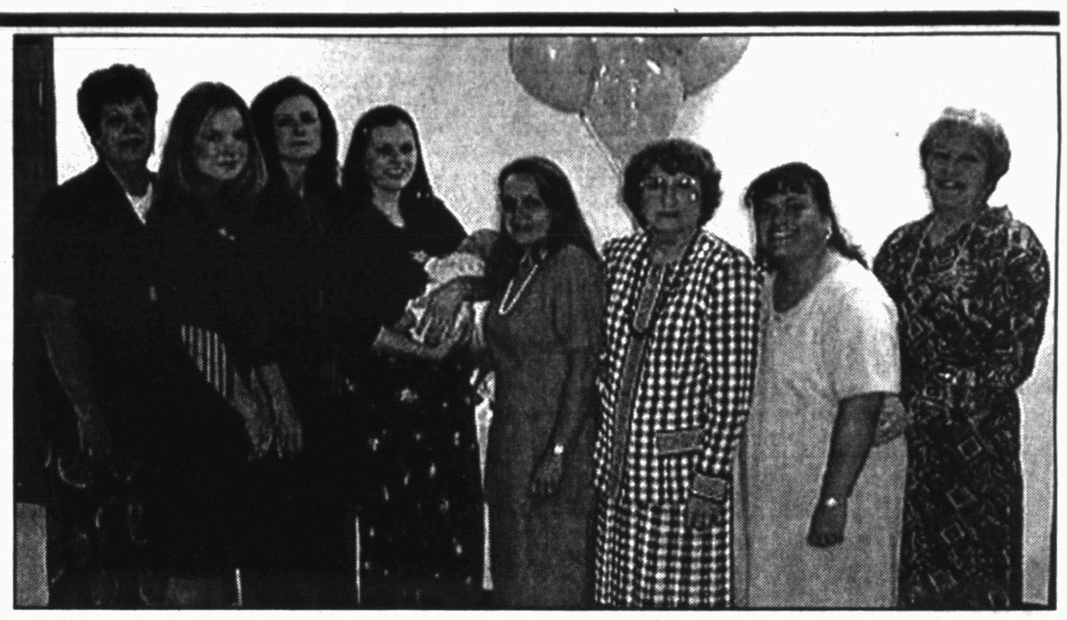


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CMH HONORS OWN — A reception was held Tuesday on the front patio of Cogdell Memorial Hospital to honor those connected to the military. CMH staff and their family members that have, or are currently serving in the military were given a token of appreciation by CEO George Parsley. Shown standing from left are Christy Brown, administrative assistant; Parsley; and Betty Woodard, health information management manager. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



BABY SHOWER — A baby shower was held Sunday in the Eastside Church of Christ Multipurpose Building for Triston Bowden, son of Alisha and Jeremy Bowden. The baby's family, pictured from left, include Nell Finney, great grandmother; Tiffany Blevins, aunt; LaQuita Allen, grandmother; Alisha Bowden, mother; Paula Bowden, grandmother; Betty Andress, great-grandmother; Allison Bowden, aunt; and Fran Bowden, great-grandmother. (Contributed Photo)



SHOWER FOR NEWBORN — Ryleigh Ann Stewart, daughter of Jennifer and John Stewart, was honoree at a shower in the home of Janie McCormick. Other hostesses included Billie McCormick, Sally Miller, Krista Maddox and Theresa Stephens. From left are Tara Trevey, her aunt; Virginia Trevey, her grandmother; Jennifer and John Trevey, parents; and Pearlene Nolan, grandmother. (Contributed Photo)



BABY SHOWER HELD — A baby shower was held Saturday at 37th Street Church of Christ honoring Jackie Roberson and son, Carter Beck Roberson. From left are Charlcie Roberson, great-grandmother; Shirley Pate, great-grandmother; the honorees; Denise Beck of Midland, maternal grandmother, and Penny Roberson of Snyder, paternal grandmother. Carter was born Sept. 17 in Lubbock and weighed five pounds, 15 ounces. (Contributed Photo)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 10-04-01
♠ K J 8 3
♥ A 4
♦ J 5 4
♣ A J 10 5

West
♠ A 4
♥ K J 8 5 2
♦ 7 6 3
♣ 9 7 2

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

South
♠ Q 5 2
♥ 10 9 6 3
♦ A K 8
♣ K Q 4

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ 5

Thursday, Oct. 4, 2001

Check out those losers, too

When you are the declarer in a no-trump contract, you always start by counting your top tricks. Of course you do! But do you also take a canvass of the number of tricks the opponents are threatening to collect? Sometimes that is beneficial.

In this deal, how many top tricks do you have? Which tricks are the opponents hoping to take to defeat you? How do you stop them? Assume West's heart five is his fourth-highest.

North was right not to show his club support. With a balanced hand, go for the nine-trick, not 11-trick, game.

South could see seven top tricks: one heart, two diamonds and four clubs. Two more tricks were clearly available from the spades. Yet when in with the spade ace, the opponents might take an embarrassing number of heart tricks. However, for the contract to fail, the defenders would have to cash four hearts. So, if hearts were 4-3, there was no danger. But what if they were 5-2? (If West's lead was an honest fourth-highest, they couldn't be 6-1, because declarer could see two of the three lower hearts.) Then the opponents might score one spade and four hearts. Still, what would West's five hearts be? Not king-queen-jack-fifth, because then he would have led the king, not the five. So, East must have honor-doubleton.

The solution is at hand: Win trick one with dummy's heart ace. Do not duck. If East keeps the queen, they cannot untangle the blocked suit. And if East jettisons the queen, your 10-nine-six become a second stopper.

Lead spades twice toward the dummy and you collect an overtrick.

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Deliveryman receives settlement

OAK BROOK, Ill. (AP) — A deliveryman has received a workers' compensation payment of $17,000 for a broken wrist he suffered while trying to flee some geese.

Nolan Lett, 57, says he was trying to report for his job in 1998 when two Canada geese blocked his way. He said he went to another door, only to be confronted by another goose.

"It started acting crazy," Lett said. "I tried to hurry into the building, but it flew at my face. I tried to fan it off. It was very ferocious."

Lett said he turned to run, but tripped and fell, breaking his wrist.

Lett's attorney, Steven Dyki, said it was the only workers' compensation case he knows of that involved wildlife.

Robert Hughes, a veteran birder, said Canada geese can be quite aggressive during the spring nesting season when they are protecting their young.

Hughes noted that Lett's experience occurred during February, when the geese are not nesting. "That's really strange," he said.

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THURSDAY

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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.

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.

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SATURDAY

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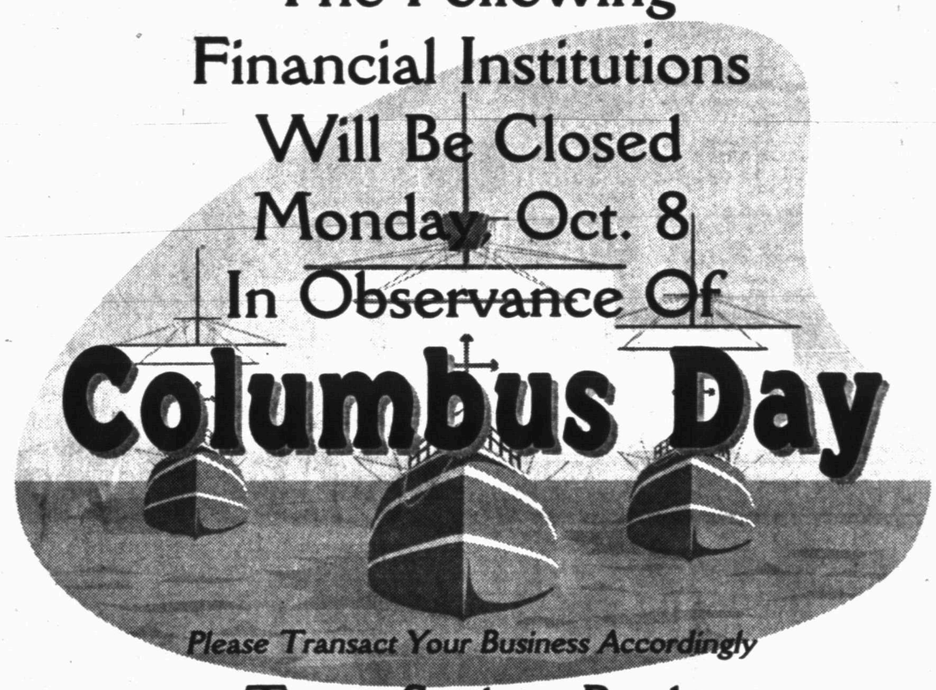
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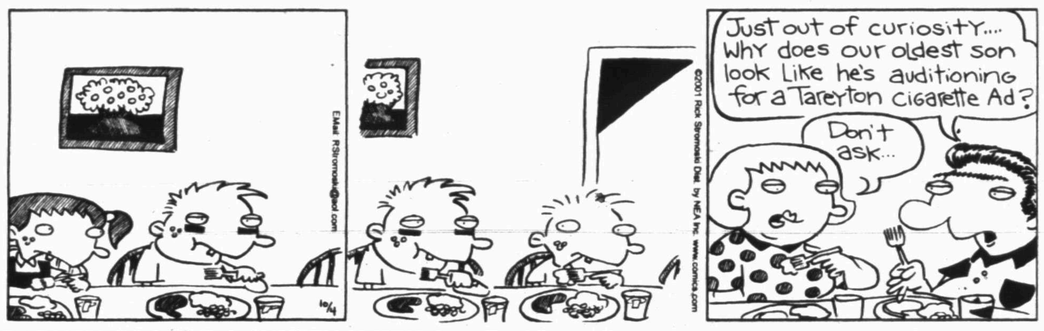
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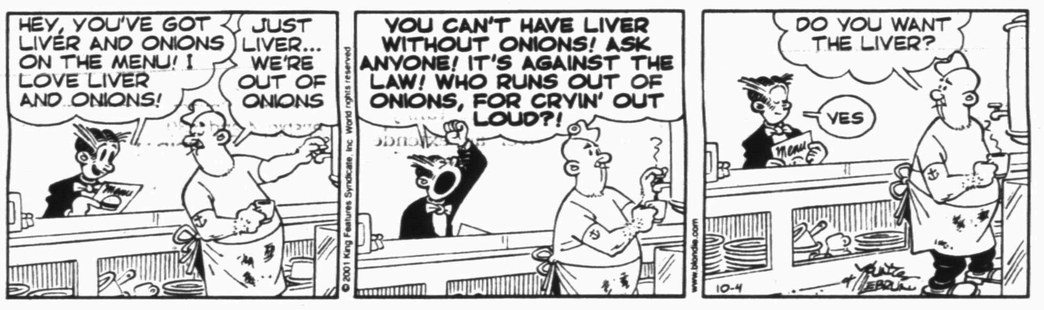
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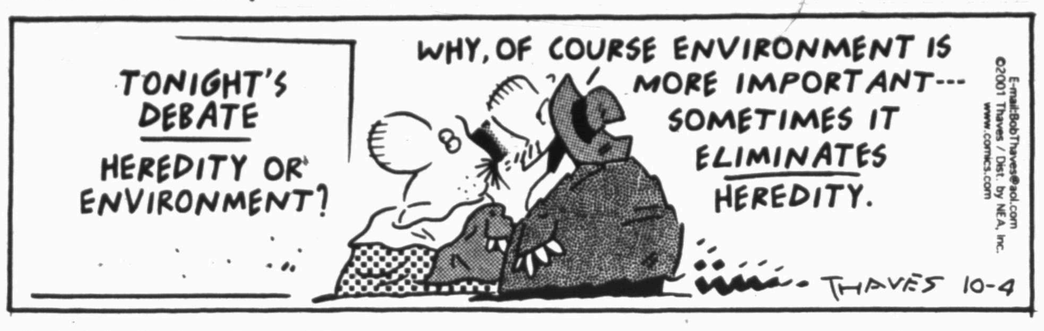
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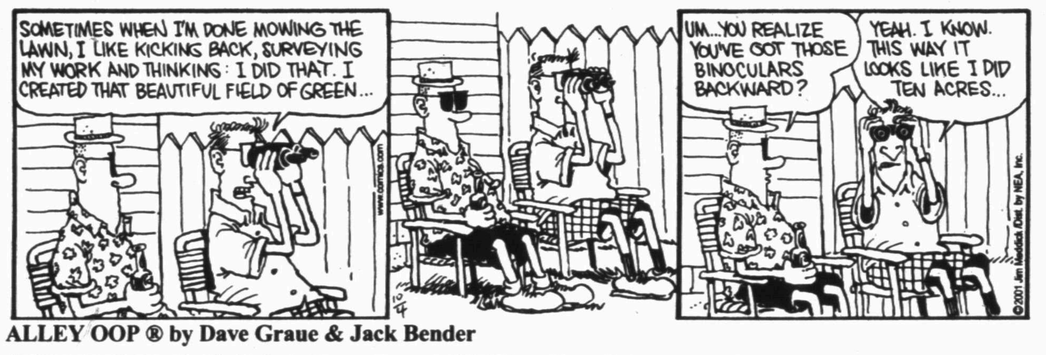
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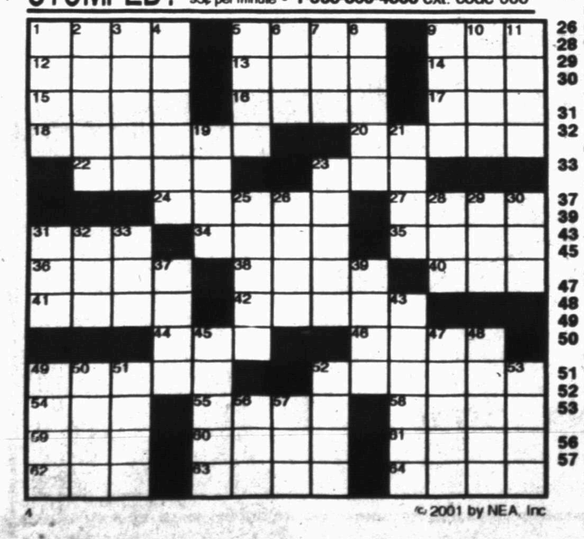
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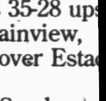
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SPORTS

Snyder, Frenship meet for District 4-4A lead

Back in August, not many people would have penciled in Friday's contest as a key District 4-4A match-up. But here it is — Snyder vs. Frenship for the district lead.

Snyder hopes to break a nine-year drought and keep its share of the district lead when it visits Frenship at 7:30 Friday night.

The squads sport identical records (1-0, 3-1), but only the winner will remain atop the standings.

"Every district ballgame is a big one," said Snyder coach Chad Rogers. "This one may be a little bigger because we're tied for the lead, but we're approaching it like every other ballgame."

Snyder is coming off last week's 35-28 upset of highly-touted Plainview, while Frenship rolled over Estacado in the opener.

For Snyder to keep its district record unblemished, it must limit the production of Frenship receiver David Thomas.

The 6-4, 215-pound senior averages more than 100 yards receiving per game, and will line up in a number of different positions.

"They'll put Thomas at tight end, split end or even in the backfield," said Rogers. "He's a good player that you always have to be accounted for. You have to know where he is on the field at all times."

Frenship's offense has tallied 859 yards on the ground and 711 through the air, but its defense has given up some yards as well.

Teams have gained 870 yards rushing against Frenship, and that's something Snyder hopes to take advantage of. SHS averages almost 300 yards rushing per game.

"The beauty of our offense is that if we execute it like we're supposed to, then their offense spends most of the night on the sideline," Rogers remarked. "Their defense has shown a kind of bend but don't break mentality at times this season. We're going to keep doing what we do best to attack it."

In Friday's other district match-ups, Big Spring takes on Lake View. Plainview squares off with Levelland, and Andrews faces Estacado.

Snyder continues league play Oct. 12 when it hosts Andrews.

District 4-4A Football

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

Last week's results: Snyder 35, Plainview 28; Andrews 35, Big Spring 21; Lake View 14, Levelland 7; Frenship 37, Estacado 16.

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

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

Snyder Tigers (1-0, 3-1) vs. Frenship Tigers (1-0, 3-1)

When: 7:30 p.m. Friday
Where: Frenship's Tiger Stadium in Wolfforth
Tickets: $4 at the SISD Administration Building until 2 p.m. Friday; $5 at the gate
Forecast: windy and colder with a chance for rain
Notable: Frenship has won the last eight meetings, with Snyder's last victory coming in 1992. Friday's tilt features the district's first (Frenship) and second (Snyder) ranked offenses. It is homecoming week for Frenship.

PROJECTED STARTERS

DEFENSE
ENDS
Wade Pinson, 5-10, 175, sr.
Craig Bowen, 6-1, 195, sr.
Jeff Harris, 5-11, 180, sr.
Ty White, 6-5, 200, sr.
TACKLES
Brooks Nunley, 5-11, 175, sr.
Diego Hernandez, 6-0, 230, sr.
Shay Franks, 6-1, 180, sr.
Brady Campbell, 6-0, 220, jr.
Orlando Reyna, 5-11, 215, jr.
Macario Llanas, 6-1, 220, jr.
LINEBACKERS
Justin Pechacek, 6-2, 185, sr.
Isaac Ramon, 5-6, 165, soph.
Josh Britton, 5-10, 195, jr.
Brody Wright, 5-11, 190, jr.
CORNERBACKS
Riki Dorsett, 5-10, 165, sr.
Clay Williams, 5-10, 160, jr.
Jackie Wheeler, 5-6, 170, sr.
Jason Maloney, 5-10, 160, sr.
STRONG SAFETY
Corey Clay, 5-11, 185, sr.
David Thomas, 6-4, 215, sr.
FREE SAFETY
Colby Driggers, 5-11, 160, jr.
Chris Richburg, 6-2, 165, soph.

OFFENSE
QUARTERBACK
T.J. Jones, 5-10, 160, jr.
Kris Kelley, 5-11, 170, jr.
RUNNING BACKS
Billy Pena, 5-6, 165, jr.
Jammall Pruitt, 6-2, 190, sr.
Josh Montoya, 5-9, 205, jr.
Jeff Harris, 5-11, 180, sr.
Eric Robins, 5-11, 175, sr.
SPLIT END/FLANKER
Riki Dorsett, 5-10, 165, sr.
Chris Richburg, 6-2, 160, soph.
Perry McDaniel, 5-8, 160, jr.
TIGHT END
Josh Mendoza, 6-2, 210, jr.
David Thomas, 6-4, 210, sr.
CENTER
Josh Knox, 5-11, 245, jr.
Mark Asmussen, 5-8, 205, sr.
GUARDS
Diego Hernandez, 6-0, 230, sr.
Adam Owen, 6-0, 185, sr.
Chance Vineyard, 6-5, 275, sr.
Robert Cavazos, 5-10, 224, sr.
TACKLES
Stephen Ortegon, 6-1, 230, sr.
Michael Murphrey, 6-4, 190, jr.
Joe Patrick Ramon, 6-2, 210, jr.
Arthur Garza, 5-9, 227, jr.

Area teams ready for last tune-up

With only one tune-up remaining before next week's district opener, the Ira Bulldogs don't want to change a thing.

Ira hopes to improve to 5-0 Friday night when it visits Jayton, while Borden County hosts Whitharral in area six-man football action. Both games get underway at 7:30.

The Hermleigh Cardinals hit the field at 7 tonight at Ackerly against the Sands JV.

Ira has knocked off Veribest, Klondike, Ropes and Blackwell to begin the season, and have only the Jaybirds left before league play begins.

"Our kids are plying with a lot of confidence right now, and they're working hard," said Ira coach Toby Goodwin. "This week's ballgame is always a key one, because you don't want to go into district on a down note."

Ira begins District 6 action Oct. 12 at Highland.

Borden County is 2-2 heading into Friday's match-up with Whitharral. The Coyotes open league competition at Loraine.

Hermleigh looks for its first win of the season tonight, before next week's district opener at Westbrook.

TODAY

Rodeo: Western Texas at Sul Ross State rodeo in Alpine
Football: Hermleigh at Sands JV, 7 p.m.
Football: Hermleigh Junior High at Sands, 5 p.m.
Football: Frenship at Snyder JV, 6 p.m.
Football: Snyder freshmen at Frenship, 6 p.m.
Football: Frenship at Snyder eighth grade, 4 and 5:30
Football: Snyder seventh grade at Frenship, 4 and 5:30

FRIDAY

Rodeo: Western Texas at Sul Ross State rodeo in Alpine
Football: Snyder at Frenship, 7:30
Football: Ira at Jayton, 7:30
Football: Whitharral at Borden County

NFL sets Super Bowl Sunday for Feb. 3 in New Orleans

NEW YORK (AP) — The Super Bowl is one of the world's biggest extravaganzas. Now it's running into another one — Mardi Gras, and the combination could mean that New Orleans will have its biggest party ever.

The NFL finally got its postseason in order Wednesday when it agreed to pay the National Automobile Dealers Association $7.5 million to switch dates. That means the Super Bowl will be played Feb. 3, while the car dealers, who were supposed to meet in New Orleans that week, will take the week before Jan. 27, the original date for the Super Bowl.

All this stems from the NFL's decision to call off the second weekend of the regular season — Sept. 15-16 — because of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11. Those games will be played Jan. 5-6, and the playoffs will be pushed back a week, forcing the first February Super Bowl ever.

That's where the Mardi Gras comes in — the later date puts the Super Bowl into the first week of that event. Sixteen parades are scheduled to roll through New Orleans streets on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the two days before the game and the day of the contest.

For now, the NFL has its full regular-season schedule intact as well as a full playoff schedule. And the $7.5 million is piddling compared to the sums the NFL would have had to pay back to the networks had it canceled one week of playoffs.

Jones waives McGarity, sends message

IRVING (AP) — Wane McGarity became the example of what Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones has been warning about: no job is really safe with this team.

McGarity, a third-year receiver and punt return specialist, was waived Wednesday. And Jones indicated that it might be only the first such move in an effort to improve the struggling Cowboys.

"Some of this year is all about the process of determining who has the long-range ability to make an impact for our team," Jones said. "Simply stated, there are probably only a few positions on our roster that have a tremendous amount of security."

One of the players whose job appears safe is rookie quarterback Quincy Carter, who returned to practice Wednesday, three weeks after injuring his right thumb.

Coach Dave Campo expects Carter to start Sunday's game at Oakland, his first since completing 9 of 19 passes for 34 yards and two touchdowns in the season-opening 10-6 loss to Tampa Bay on Sept. 9.

The Cowboys, 3-11 a year ago, are 0-3 for the first time since 1989 — the year Jones bought the team. The Cowboys have lost five straight games and 8 of 9.

McGarity was informed of his departure after practice. He declined comment.

Cowboys officials said they knew all they needed to know about the 5-foot-8 McGarity, who has been plagued by injuries. They also wanted to give more opportunities to Reggie Swinton, Darrin Chiaverini and rookie Ken-Yon Rambo — all first-year Cowboys.

"We've had an opportunity to look at Wane over an extended period. He's been inconsistent in the injury area, been inconsistent in catching the football," said coach Dave Campo.

Major League Baseball

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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	85	73	.538	—
Philadelphia	83	75	.525	2
New York	81	78	.509	4½
Florida	74	84	.468	11
Montreal	66	92	.418	19

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	91	67	.576	—
St. Louis	91	67	.576	—
Chicago	86	72	.544	5
Cincinnati	66	92	.418	25
Milwaukee	66	92	.418	25
Pittsburgh	60	99	.377	31½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	90	68	.570	—
San Francisco	88	70	.557	2
Los Angeles	84	74	.532	6
San Diego	77	81	.487	13
Colorado	71	87	.449	19

Wednesday's Games
N.Y. Mets 3, Pittsburgh 0
Chicago Cubs 13, Cincinnati 7
Montreal 2, Florida 0
Atlanta 8, Philadelphia 3
San Francisco 11, Houston 8
Milwaukee 9, St. Louis 7
Arizona 4, Colorado 3
Los Angeles 12, San Diego 5

Thursday's Games
Montreal (Yoshii 4-6) at Florida (Penny 9-10), 1:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Morris 21-8) at Milwaukee (Haynes 8-16), 2:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Acevedo 5-6) at Chicago Cubs (Wood 12-6), 2:20 p.m.
Colorado (Neagle 9-7) at Arizona (Witt 4-1), 4:35 p.m.
Los Angeles (Prokopec 8-6) at San Diego (Middlebrook 1-1), 5:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Ortiz 16-9) at Houston (Mlicki 7-2), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Duckworth 3-1) at Atlanta (Burkett 11-12), 7:35 p.m.

Friday's Games
Pittsburgh at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
Philadelphia at Cincinnati, 7:05 p.m.
Montreal at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
Florida at Atlanta, 7:35 p.m.
Arizona at Milwaukee, 8:05 p.m.
Houston at St. Louis, 8:10 p.m.
Colorado at San Diego, 10:05 p.m.
Los Angeles at San Francisco, 10:35 p.m.

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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-New York	94	62	.603	—
Boston	78	79	.497	16½
Toronto	77	81	.487	18
Baltimore	63	94	.401	31½
Tampa Bay	59	99	.373	36

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Cleveland	90	67	.573	—
Minnesota	82	76	.519	8½
Chicago	82	77	.516	9
Detroit	65	93	.411	25½
Kansas City	62	96	.392	28½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Seattle	112	45	.713	—
y-Oakland	98	60	.620	14½
Anaheim	75	82	.478	37
Texas	72	86	.456	40½

x-clinched division
y-clinched wild card

Wednesday's Games
Oakland 5, Texas 4
Toronto 7, Baltimore 6
Detroit 9, Minnesota 5
N.Y. Yankees 2, Chicago White Sox 1
Boston 10, Tampa Bay 3
Cleveland 4, Kansas City 1
Seattle at Anaheim, 10:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Minnesota (Mays 17-13) at Detroit (Pettyjohn 1-6), 1:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Colon 14-11) at Kansas City (Durbin 8-16), 2:05 p.m.
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Texas (Myette 4-4) at Seattle (Tomko 2-1), 10:05 p.m.
Oakland (Mulder 20-8) at Anaheim (Ortiz 13-10), 10:05 p.m.

Friday's Games
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Cleveland at Toronto, 5:05 p.m., 1st game
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Boston at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m., 2nd game
Kansas City at Detroit, 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Bay, 7:15 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Minnesota, 8:05 p.m.
Texas at Seattle, 10:05 p.m.
Oakland at Anaheim, 10:05 p.m.

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Sports Briefs

Couples golf tournament

A couples golf tournament will be held Saturday and Sunday at Snyder Country Club. Format is scramble, with shotgun starts at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. both days.

Cost is $120 per team, including Friday's practice round. Winning teams will receive cash prizes. To register, call Xalyn at 574-3343 or 573-2148 after 7 p.m.

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GOP, Demos disagree with judge's plan for congressional redistricting

AUSTIN (AP) — Republicans and Democrats alike found reasons to disagree with a state court judge's congressional redistricting plan.

Most were restrained, though, and said Judge Paul Davis' ruling Wednesday was only one step in a long court fight.

"Everyone understands that Texas redistricting will ultimately be resolved by the federal court in Tyler," said U.S. Rep. Martin Frost of Dallas, head of the Democrats' congressional redistricting arm.

The judge's plan contains "serious legal and voting rights problems," said Frost, who contends it would dilute the voting strength of blacks and Hispanics.

Davis, a Democrat who is not seeking re-election, unveiled a plan similar to the one offered by acting Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff, a Republican who said he considered partisan breakdown last when drawing his map.

His chief concern, Ratliff testified, was preserving the state's nine predominantly minority districts that must be protected under the federal Voting Rights Act.

But Ratliff has said his proposal could give the GOP the majority of the state's congressional seats. Currently, Democrats control the delegation 17-13. The state is gaining two congressional seats because of population growth.

The Republican Party of Texas said the judge's plan doesn't go far enough in the GOP direction.

"At best it takes one small step for Texas, when a giant leap is needed," said party chairman Susan Weddington.

The Republican Party is confident that in federal court "steps will be taken to provide Texans with fair congressional districts that accurately represent their voting behavior," Weddington said.

But the attorney for the Associated Republicans of Texas, which presented its own redistricting map to the court, said if the judge adopts a plan similar to Ratliff's he would be satisfied.

"I'm cautiously optimistic," said attorney Irv Terrell, noting that lawyers are still studying the intricacies of the plan.

Davis set Tuesday as the deadline for lawyers to propose any changes before his plan is formally adopted. A trial in federal court in Tyler is scheduled later this month.

Courts are handling the redrawing of Texas congressional districts — a once-a-decade job based on new census figures — because the state Legislature failed to do the job this year.

The non-profit Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund sought seven Latino majority districts in South Texas, one more than the six that existed under the 1990s plan. But Davis did not grant the request.

"We're disappointed. We put on a very strong case under the Voting Rights Act for the additional district, and we are looking toward the next step, which is federal court," said Nina Perales, a MALDEF staff attorney.

MALDEF also wanted a Hispanic majority district in Dallas but didn't get it. An existing Hispanic majority district in Houston was kept in the plan.

"He maintained the status quo," Perales said.

The two new congressional districts, where there are no incumbents, are located in southwest Texas and in a region west of Houston.

The judge's order, like Ratliff's plan, would pit two incumbents against each other — Democratic U.S. Reps. Ken Bentsen and Sheila Jackson Lee of Houston — should they seek re-election in the district where they both now live.

Bentsen wasn't pleased with the judge's configuration and said it disenfranchises thousands of minority voters.

"As I move toward the next stage of my public service I find it troubling a single state judge would seek to split up communities with a long-standing shared interest," Bentsen said.

Bentsen has been considering a run for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Republican Phil Gramm.

The judge's plan substantially redraws the district of U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla, a Republican from San Antonio, whose new district would stretch north into the Hill Country and no longer cover territory along the Texas-Mexico border. Bonilla decided earlier this week against running for Gramm's seat.

"It is important to remember this is one step in an evolving process," Bonilla said. "I am hopeful that at the end of the day I will continue to represent the people I have worked with over the last nine years."

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Women to have new option in birth control

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new type of contraceptive has been approved for women: a hormone-emitting, flexible plastic ring that can be used monthly to prevent pregnancy.

The Food and Drug Administration on Wednesday approved Organon Inc.'s NuvaRing. The device, which should be generally available next spring, releases estrogen and progestin in amounts similar to those found in birth control pills. But women use a new ring vaginally once a month instead of having to take a pill each day.

"Many women are pill-weary," said Dr. Nancy Alexander, Organon's contraceptive director.

For those women, the prescription-only NuvaRing may provide an easy alternative, said Alexander, who says she has tried the device and found it simple to use.

For every 100 women who use NuvaRing properly, one or two would become pregnant each year, a rate similar to other leading contraceptives, the FDA said.

But using it properly is crucial, and Organon will provide a special patient brochure with instructions, the FDA said.

How does it work?

The 2-inch ring has a type of estrogen and progestin mixed into the plastic, and a thin outer coating regulates release of the hormones into the vagina over time. The medications penetrate the vaginal tissue into the bloodstream, providing blood hormone levels comparable to birth control pills, said FDA medical reviewer Dr. Dena Hixon.

The woman inserts the ring anytime during the first five days of her menstrual period, Hixon said. It stays in place for three weeks, and the woman then removes it for a week and replaces it with a new one.

Hixon said women must use a backup contraceptive for the first seven days of the first ring use while the hormones rise to protective levels. After that, as long as the woman properly inserts a new ring each month, contraception should be continuous.

If the ring slips out for more than three hours, the woman must use additional birth control until the ring has been reinserted for seven days, Hixon said.

Some women and their partners report they can feel the ring during intercourse but do not find it bothersome, Alexander said.

Even though the ring is inserted into the vagina, it is not a barrier contraceptive and thus, unlike condoms, it does not protect against the AIDS virus or other sexually transmitted diseases, FDA warned.

Side effects may include vaginal discharge, irritation or infection, the FDA said. In clinical trials of 2,300 people, about 14 percent of users had vaginitis, for instance.

As with all other hormonal contraceptives, there also is a small risk of blood clots or heart attack, which are increased in smokers.

Organon said NuvaRing should be comparable to name-brand birth control pills.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Diabetic needs more personal care

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm an overweight woman of 54 with treated hypertension. Last year, I saw a new HMO doctor for the first time. After a cursory exam, he ordered blood tests. A week later, his nurse called to tell me that my sugar level was "slightly below 200" and that the doctor had ordered some pills for me to take: Glucophage 1000 milligrams twice a day. There was no discussion about diet, exercise, diabetes in general or re-checking the sugar level.

The medication didn't agree with me. I felt weak, lightheaded and "foggy" most of the time. When I telephoned the doctor for an appointment to sort matters out, his secretary said he was too busy and told me to reduce the dosage by half.

I still felt awful, so stopped the drug on my own. Within 48 hours, I was my same old self. Is this standard medical practice?

DEAR READER: Not on your life — or, at least, it shouldn't be.

If you were fasting for the blood test, a sugar level of almost 200 milligrams per deciliter is too high and could reflect mild diabetes. (A level of 200 would not be abnormal if you had eaten breakfast that day.)

In any case, you are overweight, so a strict no-sugar diet would, in my opinion, be the safest and most direct first step. After you had dieted for three to four weeks (and, I suspect, lost weight), the prudent doctor would have ordered a repeat fasting blood sugar test. If the level were again high (above 120 mg), he would probably choose to prescribe low doses of a sugar-lowering drug. Again, your fasting glucose level should be periodically tested — or you could be instructed about methods to check your own levels at home. In this manner, you and the physician, working together, would be able to decide on a reasonable approach to therapy. In addition, the doctor should give you an overview of diabetes, its risks, what danger signs to look for (such as infections and numb feet), and how you can best handle the situation with his help.

In contrast, if your repeat sugar level (on the diet) is normal, the problem is solved — at least temporarily. You will still need to be monitored. Remember, too, that obesity — with or without diabetes — is often associated with elevated cholesterol and triglyceride levels in the blood, an abnormality that must be addressed (with diet and/or medication) in order to prevent cardiovascular diseases.

In my view, you were given short shrift by the HMO doctor; he did not exhibit an appropriate standard of care. I suggest that you change physicians and try to find a practitioner who will give you more personalized and suitable medical attention

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Choosing a Physician." 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: During my annual exam by a nurse practitioner at a well-known medical center, I requested a bone density test. She said that I don't need one because I'm taking Premarin and calcium supplements. I shouldn't worry about osteoporosis even though I'm 67 years old. Should I still have the test?

DEAR READER: In my opinion, yes.

While it's true that hormone/calcium supplements do protect women from osteoporosis, I think you deserve a bone density test for three reasons.

One, your supplements do not guarantee that you won't develop brittle bones. Over the past few years, I have had several patients who were found to have early osteoporosis despite such therapy. Or, in many instances, their bones were deficient in calcium, although they did not meet criteria for frank osteoporosis. Therefore, the bone density can often provide unexpected information that is important for health maintenance.

Two, having the test now — even if it is normal — will provide a baseline against which future bone density exams can be compared. Thus, early bone changes can be treated before a dangerous degree of osteoporosis appears.

Three, the bone density is painless, safe and relatively inexpensive.

While I don't advise you to rush into having the test as a medical emergency, I think you should consider doing it in the next year or so. If the nurse practitioner is correct, you will suffer some inconvenience. If, on the other hand, she is wrong, you'll be the winner, as well as a factor in her ongoing clinical education.

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Bank of Amer	60.23	58.80	59.25	—.74
BellSouth	40.97	39.36	39.40	—1.75
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DaimlrChry	34.74	34.05	34.55	+ 1.23
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TrinityInds	21.99	21.66	21.92	+ .20
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WalMart	52.95	51.82	52.49	—.24
WellsFargo	45.00	44.35	44.93	+ .18
WstnGasRs	28.48	27.36	28.40	+ 1.27
WinnDixie	11.80	11.45	11.79	+ .55
Xerox Cp	8.49	8.15	8.48	+ .34

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Reported hijacking turns out to be joke

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — A reported jetliner hijacking Wednesday night that sent commandos storming onto the plane turned out to be a false alarm. The government blamed the mistake on a hoax phone call and confusion aboard the aircraft.

Earlier, civil aviation officials said hijackers seized a Boeing 737 jetliner shortly after its departure from Bombay late Wednesday night, with 54 people on board.

National security force commandos surrounded the plane early Thursday at Indira Gandhi International Airport in New Delhi. Fire vehicles and ambulances ringed the runway, and a fuel tanker was parked in front to prevent the jet from taking off.

Civil Aviation Minister Shahnawaz Hussain later called it a false alarm triggered by a call reporting a hijacking to an air traffic control station.

Passengers gave conflicting accounts of what occurred, with some saying the pilot informed them it was a security drill.

That prompted criticism from parliament.

"If this was an exercise, it should not have lasted more than an hour. This has put the whole nation in a state of anxiety and concern," said Chandrakant Kharge, a member of parliament from the ruling coalition.

"This was not a drill. Until 10 minutes ago we thought it was a hijack," Hussain said. "It was only when the commandos entered the cockpit that even the pilots realized that it was a false alarm."

The Alliance Air jet had departed Bombay and was headed for New Delhi when the caller reported the plane hijacked, Hussain said.

After learning of the call, the pilot, Capt. Ashwini Behl, locked the cockpit door, thinking the hijackers were hidden among the passengers, Hussain said.

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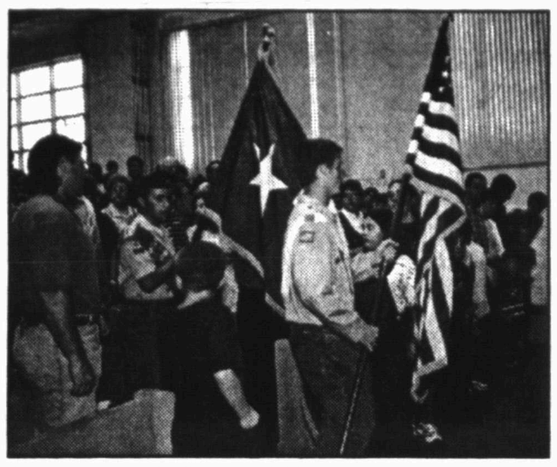
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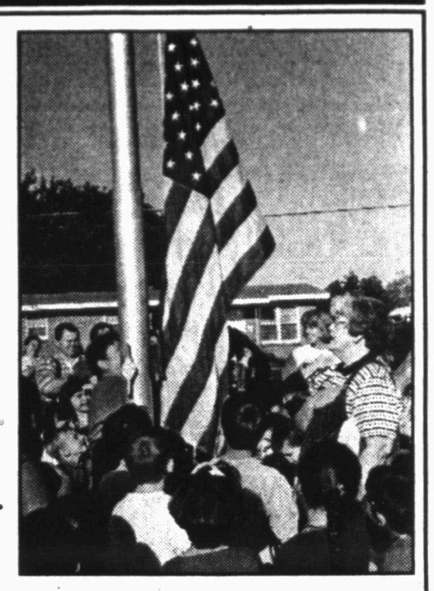
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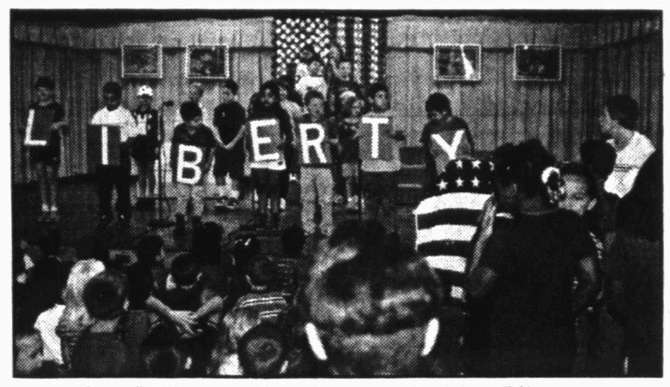
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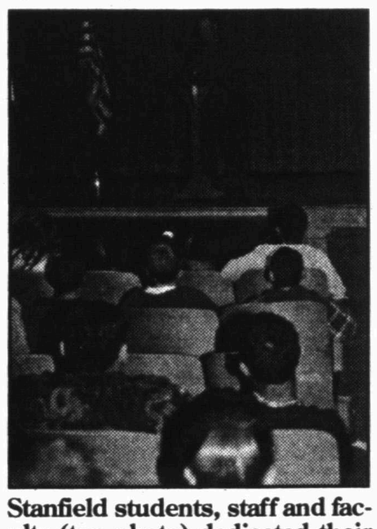




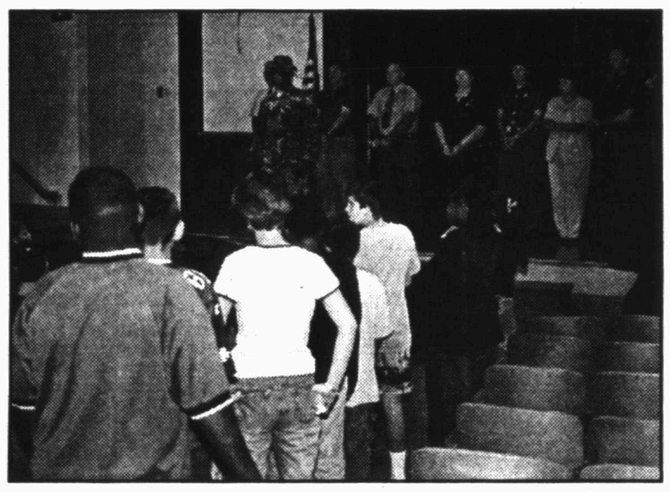
Boys Scouts in Troops 27 and 2 posted the colors at Central Elementary. Skye Moffett led the pledge of alllegiance.



Stanfield second graders spelled out Liberty.



Stanfield students, staff and faculty (top photo) dedicated their new U.S. flag last week. Sgt. Steve Warren, police chief, middle photo, spoke to junior high history students about early U.S. history and what life is like in Afghanistan.



STAR personnel presented a special program at the junior high.

SDN Photos By Shirley A. Gorman

Schools in Snyder, Ira and Hermleigh celebrated Freedom Week last week with a variety of activities and special programs.
In addition to flags, students also created a variety of patriotic artwork.
The Texas Legislature set the last full week in September as Celebrate Freedom Week.
Following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the special week brought out the patriotic best of students, staff and faculty in Scurry County.

Muslims, Arab-Americans use escorts

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Sonya Kaleel watches 15-year-old Hiba Al-Gizawi each morning as she melts into the river of students flowing to the doors of Balboa High School.

Just a few weeks ago, the two had never met. But now, Kaleel drives Al-Gizawi to school each day, then waits to make sure she is safely behind the school gates.

Kaleel is one of hundreds who have volunteered in cities across America to accompany Middle Eastern and Muslim women and children on daily errands after a wave of backlash incidents — prompted by the terrorist attacks — made many people afraid to venture outside.

Since Sept. 13, when someone spit on her mother, Al-Gizawi has been reluctant to take the bus to school. She fears the head scarf she wears as a symbol of her Islamic faith and modesty will make her a target, too.

"We used to go out, me and my parents, go out shopping, have fun, but not anymore," she says. "You never know what they're going to do to me."

Now, she stays indoors with her parents and two brothers, watching Arabic television and calling friends.

Al-Gizawi, an Iraqi native who came here six years ago, and Kaleel, a 36-year-old marketing consultant who was raised a Christian in rural Illinois, are one of many diverse pairings springing up since the Sept. 11 attacks. Kaleel heard about Al-Gizawi's plight through a hot line set up to report hate crimes against Muslims and Arab-Americans.

City by city, many others have also volunteered to become escorts. The programs are separate efforts in each area, and many groups are just starting to pair volunteers with those who want escorts.

In New York, the Arab American Family Support Center said more than 500 mostly non-Arab volunteers will be screened and trained to accompany people. A few, like a Japanese-American woman who walks Arab-American children to school, have already started.

In Tulsa, Okla., a group formed in memory of those who died in the terror attacks has attracted farmers, doctors and lawyers who are ready to accompany people. Two volunteers watched over a 3-year-old Asian Indian boy's birthday party at a video arcade.

Kaleel, who has been driving Al-Gizawi and her friend Douha Aliakbar, 13, to school for more than a week, doesn't own a car. So she borrows cars from her roommate, boyfriend and other buddies.

"No one else was going to do it and they (the teen-agers) were sitting at home," said Kaleel, a third-generation Arab-American. "These kids have to go to school."

San Francisco-based human rights group Global Exchange said it is training 150 other volunteer escorts.

In Pomona, Calif., retired elementary school teacher Shirley Boyer and members of the La Verne Church of the Brethren station themselves at the gates of the Islamic City of Knowledge School each morning.

"I felt a responsibility to let them know that not all Americans were going to be mean to them," Boyer said.

In conversations about such everyday things as doughnuts and a boy's struggle to master spelling words, Boyer's also found that people who once seemed alien are really just neighbors like anyone else.

"It seems to really be a double blessing to learn to know each other," she said.

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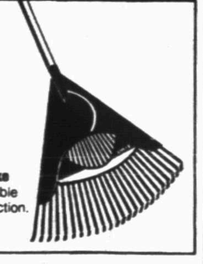
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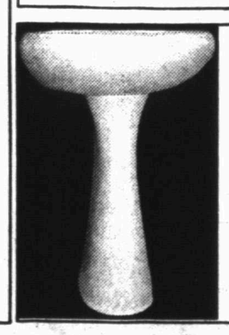


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Lawsuit accuses Cathay of wrongly firing some pilots

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Nine pilots are suing Cathay Pacific Airways, accusing the company of firing them and other pilots who expressed concerns about safety.

The $100 million lawsuit, filed Wednesday in California Superior Court, also claimed the airline's management libeled the pilots by telling news organizations they were dismissed for performance problems.

Cathay Pacific spokeswoman Mary Jersin said the lawsuit's claims are false and the airline was within its rights to dismiss the pilots.

"They were lawfully terminated based on past performance," she said.

The lawsuit alleges that Cathay Pacific, which operates Hong Kong's principal airline, reduced minimum qualification levels and training for pilots in an effort to cut costs beginning in 1994. It also alleges the airline reduced the amount of time off for pilots to recover from fatigue and jet lag.

Forty-nine pilots, including the nine California-based pilots who sued, were fired in July, six days after they submitted a formal statement expressing their concerns, according to the lawsuit. The company is based in Hong Kong.

The Marine Corps was created in 1798 by an act of Congress.

Commission: High school senior year needs a more demanding curriculum

WASHINGTON (AP) — Delea Mowatt was bored.

The Windham, N.H., high school junior, who had aspirations of majoring in neuroscience in college, couldn't find a decent science class at her rural high school.

"It was basically a school where work wasn't really valued — it was just attendance and being there," she said.

So she passed up her high school diploma and left New Hampshire last year for Simon's Rock College in Great Barrington, Mass. There, she and 390 young classmates take college-level courses in what ordinarily would have been their junior and senior years of high school. By the time they're 18, students earn associate's degrees or decide to continue for two more years and get bachelor's degrees.

A panel commissioned by the U.S. Education Department said more high schools and colleges should think like Simon's Rock.

In its final report, issued today, the National Commission on the High School Senior Year urged states to develop challenging alternatives to the traditional high school senior year, including programs that allow advanced students to enroll in college, either part- or full-time.

The report said U.S. high schools are not preparing enough students for college and careers. It proposed that college-preparatory courses be the "default learning track for all" rather than the privilege of a few.

Many students never finish college because they are not prepared in high school for higher academic demands. As a remedy, the report said, states should align their curriculum goals in subjects such as English and math to those of state colleges.

Amy Wilkins of the Education Trust, a Washington group that represents urban and minority students, found the recommendations sensible.

"If you aligned what we expect high school seniors to know at the end of their high school career and what we expect college freshmen to be able to do at the beginning of their college career, we could really cut down a lot on the cost of remedial education, both to the larger society and to individuals," Wilkins said.

The commission was chaired by Kentucky Gov. Paul Patton, who said he hopes the report gets people considering that high school diplomas simply aren't adequate anymore.

"Our view is that every child in today's world needs some post-secondary education," he said. "It might just be a one or two-year program, but you need a specialized skill."

Wilkins and others said even vocational jobs these days require knowledge of advanced math such as calculus.

Bernard Rodgers Jr., dean of Simon's Rock, said the school's program is designed for students who "really feel like they've exhausted their high school: they're not challenged."

The private school is affiliated with Bard College in New York's Hudson Valley. But Rodgers said the program has been replicated in public schools and colleges nationwide as school districts realize that many of their best students are dropping out.

"It's not one-size-fits-all," he said. "We need to create different options so that students can have their own individual needs met."

Three dead, one wounded in shooting

HIGHLAND PARK (AP) — A 14-year-old boy running for his life stepped into traffic and held up his shirt to show his gunshot wounds and plea for help. A few yards away, police say, the boy's father had killed his ex-wife and their 8-year-old son before fatally wounding himself.

The teen-ager was the only one to survive Wednesday night's murder-suicide in Highland Park. Detective L.R. Millican said the teen was shot twice in the back. Family members requested Baylor University Medical Center release no information on his condition until other relatives had been notified.

The other three victims all were shot in the head. The names of those involved were being withheld pending notification of relatives.

Millican said police were investigating leads from friends and family about what might have led up to the shooting. Friends told police that the woman had recently hired an attorney to try to collect late child support payments from her ex-husband.

He said the man, who was from St. Louis, had arranged to have dinner with his sons Wednesday. The detective detailed a scenario where the man arrived at the home, rang the doorbell and was greeted by the boys.

The Dallas Morning News reported in its online edition that the man and boys had dinner together Tuesday night. Neighbors told the newspaper that the 8-year-old, a student at Armstrong Elementary, had only just returned from a birthday party at a skating rink when the shooting occurred.

The man shot the woman in the head and chased their 14-year-old son out toward the street, shooting at him three times, Millican said. The teen-ager was shot twice in the back as he tried to escape.

The man then returned to the house and shot his 8-year-old son in the head and then himself in the head, Millican said.

A 9 mm semiautomatic handgun was found in the house and seven shell casings were found at the scene. The man's car was found about three blocks away, the detective said.

Police received a call about the shooting about 6:40 p.m.

Mike Rogers, a radio station reporter, said he slammed on his brakes and swerved around the teen-ager as the boy ran into the street. He saw the boy lift his shirt to let passing motorists know he was hurt before falling on a car.

Kyle Casper, the driver of the car, said the boy fell on his window. He could see a wound on his chest. Casper said he at first thought it was a Halloween prank, but quickly realized it was real.

"I could hear he was saying he was shot," Casper said.

Casper said the boy told him his father shot him and gave a description of his father. Casper used his cell phone to call 911 and then held the boy's hand until paramedics arrived.

The body of the 43-year-old woman was on the floor of the foyer of the brick Tudor home in the fashionable Dallas suburb as police worked the crime scene. Neighbors gathered nearby.

Rochelle Horadam, who described herself as the woman's best friend, cried out in grief at the scene. Horadam said she attended Purdue University with the woman and her ex-husband. She said the man had never been violent toward the woman or their children.

"I never thought of him as violent, just strange," she said.

She said the woman and her new husband had married two years ago and had just built their house, which they moved into about six months ago. She said the woman had e-mailed her the other day and said her unemployed ex-husband was coming to Dallas for job interviews.

Horadam said the woman worked as an executive at a local insurance company and that her new husband owned a business.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Friday, Oct. 5, 2001

Education might be your best tool in the year ahead for advancing your personal aims and ambitions. Empowering yourself with the latest input and data gives you the edge over competitors.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Rather than leaving anything up to chance today on a personal matter, check out sources who might help you clear up a questionable area.

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SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Keep a potential financial investment you might be considering under wraps today. Discussing it with someone who doesn't have all the facts could mislead your thinking about it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Have fun and enjoy yourself today, but know what, when, and with whom to do so. Any wrong choices could throw a monkey wrench into what should have been a pleasant event.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — So long as you don't respond negatively to an unexpected episode, you should have the edge over competition today. Stay positive.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Although you may be eager to advise friends today, they might not be too receptive to any unsolicited input. Your good suggestions will be accepted only if invited.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Provided you don't plug the leaks up with one hand while pulling the corks out with the other, conditions in general today are financially favorable for you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — A serious, unexpected situation can be handled today by treating it optimistically without disregarding the gravity of the development.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You're not only an effective worker today, but a problem solver as well. The results will reflect this. However, do not take on more than you can comfortably manage.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — There might be a very thin line today between being constructively assertive or merely reckless. Toe the mark by not doing anything on the spur-of-the-moment.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — So long as you can adhere to a sensible agenda and pace yourself wisely, you should be able to accomplish your goals easily today. When attempting to rush a job, however, mistakes can occur.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Should a social situation hit a snag today from an unexpected disruption, you're the one who will know how to resolve things to everyone's satisfaction.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Financial aspects are particularly good for you today and you might be the reason why. Your handling of a heavy obligation could be ingenious.

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Confession a hoax

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — An American Online user who confessed on a Web site to having witnessed and participated in JonBenet Ramsey's slaying was a teen-ager perpetrating a hoax, officials said Wednesday.

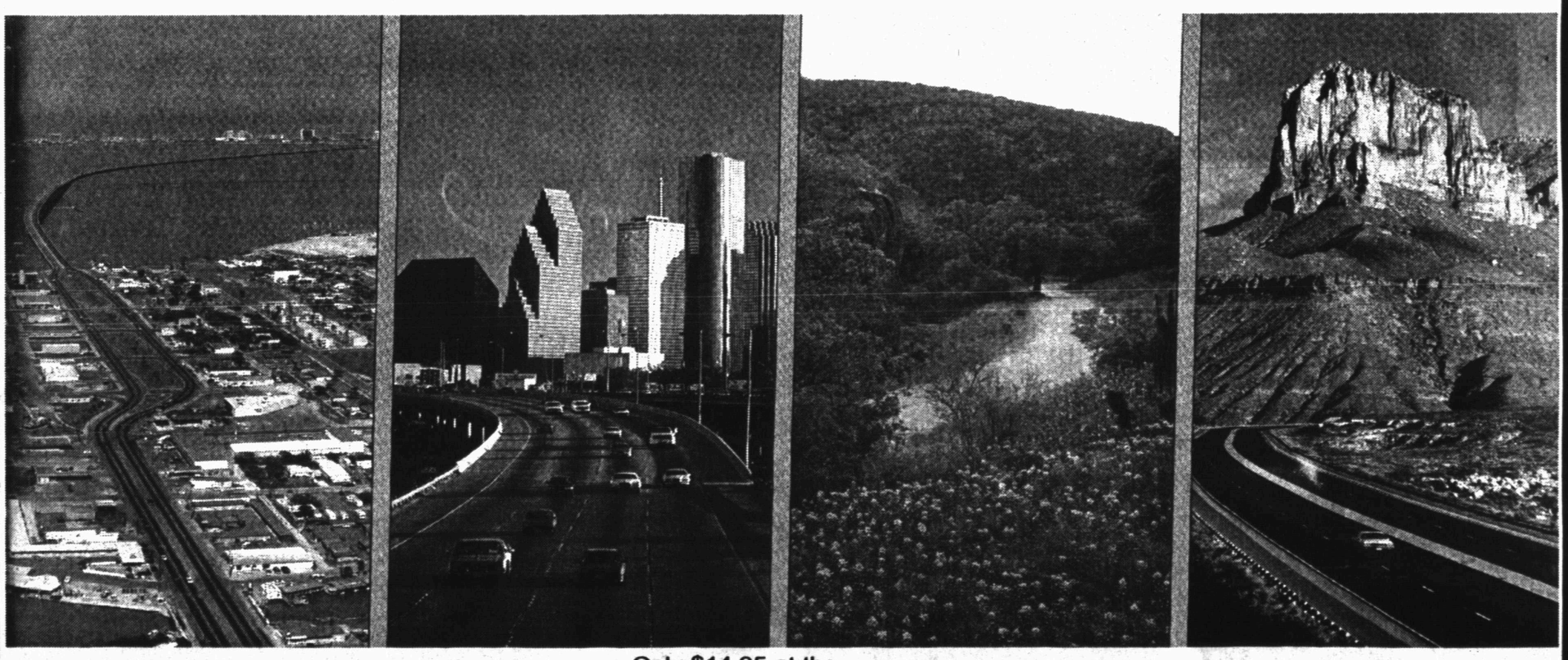
Police went to the 14-year-old subscriber's home in September and determined the person had no connection with the case, police spokeswoman Jennifer Bray said.

Police said it was unlikely charges would be filed because the statements were made in a chat room, not to authorities.

According to an affidavit, police received an e-mail from an AOL user saying that a "confession" had been posted on a Web site devoted to the Ramsey case. Detectives found a message saying whoever killed the 6-year-old beauty queen was a handyman in the Ramsey home.

Ramsey was found beaten and strangled on Dec. 26, 1996, in her family's home. A grand jury investigated for 13 months without indicting anyone.

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FBI links hijackers to Bin Laden

WASHINGTON (AP) — The month before the Sept. 11 hijacking attacks, the CIA received information suggesting Osama bin Laden was increasingly determined to strike on U.S. soil. In the days since, the FBI has linked the hijackers to bin Laden's network through phone intercepts, money transfers and training camps.

U.S. officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, described to The Associated Press a trail of evidence they believe points to bin Laden's involvement in the attacks by 19 terrorists who crashed four airliners.

In Britain, Prime Minister Tony Blair divulged today that intelligence has learned since the attacks that bin Laden asserted shortly before the hijackings that he was "preparing a major attack on America" and asked his close associates to return to Afghanistan.

Among the key pieces of evidence, the officials said, is a series of money transfers between hijacking ring leader Mohamed Atta and a Middle Eastern man named Mustafa Ahmed. The last occurred a few days before the hijackings when Atta wired money back to Ahmed in the United Arab Emirates, the officials said.

The FBI believes the transfers may provide a clear link to bin Laden. Agents are investigating whether Ahmed was an alias for a man named Shayk Saiid that U.S. authorities long have believed helped run bin Laden's finances, the officials said.

Without mentioning a name, Blair said today that one of bin Laden's closest asociates was reponsible for planning the attack.

In documents sent to banks seeking to freeze terrorist assets, the government has used Saiid's and Ahmed's names interchangeably, records show.

Ahmed is believed to have left the United Arab Emirates on Sept. 11 for Pakistan and is a major focus of the FBI's global manhunt.

Tthe government is planning to freeze the assets of many more people and organizations.

Injured bus driver searched for help

MANCHESTER, Tenn. (AP) — The Greyhound driver whose neck was slashed by a passenger just before the bus crashed managed to crawl from the wreckage and search for help, his surgeon said.

Dr. Ralph Bard said Garfield Sands told him what happened after the Wednesday crash that killed the blade-wielding attacker and five other passengers. According to Bard, Sands said he climbed out of the overturned bus in a field, stumbling in the night toward a nearby light.

"Everybody who could be saved from that accident was saved," Bard said. "He gets out and goes for help. This is a good guy."

Sands, 53, of Marietta, Ga., was in stable condition after Bard stitched up two 5-inch long, 2-inch deep slashes on the side of his neck. The 34 passengers who survived the crash were all injured, including a pregnant woman who underwent a successful Caesarean section hours later. She and the baby were in stable condition.

The FBI identified the assailant as Damir Igric, 29, a Croatian who entered the United States in Miami in 1999 with one month left on his visa. He boarded the bus in Chicago.

In Croatia, the state-run news agency HINA quoted Igric's stepfather, Ante Spaic, as saying the whole family was "deeply shocked," adding that the family hadn't been in contact with Igric for some time.

The attacker struggled with Sands for control of the wheel before it crashed on Interstate 24, 60 miles southeast of Nashville. Sands said he was attacked with a box cutter or razor, according to Bard, who said Sands' "thick neck" saved his life.

After the crash, Greyhound shut down service as a precaution, pulling 2,000 to 2,500 buses off the nation's highways. After consulting with federal and state officials, it resumed service about seven hours later.

"The officials have assured me that they believe this tragic accident was the result of an isolated act by a single deranged individual," Greyhound president Craig Lentzsch said.

A law enforcement official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the name on the man's passport is not on government lists of known terrorists and those sought in the Sept. 11 attacks.

The FBI said Igric was apparently trying to take over the bus when he attacked the driver.

"We believe he was acting alone," said R. Joe Clark, the special agent in charge of the FBI's office in Knoxville, Tenn.

Igric's stepfather told HINA the family was not yet certain whether it was "our Damir," or somebody who had stolen his passport. Croatian police spokesman Nino Jaklin said the FBI had asked the agency to check the validity of the passport.

France says chemical plant blast may have been a terrorist attack

TOULOUSE, France (AP) — France's environment minister said today that a chemical plant blast last month that killed 29 people may have been a terrorist attack.

Yves Cochet's comments came after revelations that a man found dead at the site in Toulouse was known to police for possible Islamic fundamentalist sympathies and was involved in altercations before the blast with workers displaying the American flag in sympathy with victims of the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

"A new piece of information reached us today which shows that there might have been a terrorist origin" to the blast, Cochet said on LCI television. "We are not ruling out any hypothesis, including that of an accident." Cochet did not say what the new piece of information was, and his ministry did not immediately return a call for comment.

Last week, Toulouse's prosecutor, who is leading the investigation, said he was "99 percent" certain that the Sept. 21 explosion at the AZF chemical fertilizer plant was accidental.

Investigating magistrates visited the explosion site Tuesday, and police are still questioning plant employees.

News reports today quoted police officials as saying that Hassan Jandoubi, 35, a French national born in Tunisia and working at the plant, was found dead at the scene.

The reports said Jandoubi was hired to work at the AZF plant by a subcontractor shortly before the explosion, as little as five days before, according to Le Figaro. It said he was believed to have been involved in altercations on the eve and morning of the blast with workers displaying the U.S. flag.

Police officials refused to comment on reports concerning Jandoubi, with some saying they were disturbed by a rash of imprecise media reports on the investigation, which is not yet complete.

Deputies jail four after county court

Arrests

Four people were taken into custody on previous charges from county court just after 2 p.m. Wednesday. Reporting to jail were a 26-year-old man, a 41-year-old woman, a 27-year-old man and a 26-year-old man.

A woman reported a fight in progress in the 3000 block of 39th Street early this morning. Two officers responded to the call and arrested both men.

A 19-year-old man was taken into custody on outstanding warrants for driving without a safety belt, failure to display a driver's license and failure to appear before a judge. Also arrested at that location was a 20-year-old man for public intoxication.

Dispatchers were informed of an intoxicated pedestrian in the 1000 block of 27th Street at 3 a.m. today. Officers were dispatched and arrested a 33-year-old man for Class C public intoxication.

Burglary

Hatley Lewis requested an officer at 411 26th Street Wednesday morning in reference to several items being stolen from his garage. Items stolen included a three-wheeler and a drum set. Officers submitted an offense report for burglary of a building.

Theft

Hortencia Mendoza requested an officer at 605 29th Street in reference to a boy taking a video game from her residence. An officer responded and advised a report for Class C theft would be submitted.

Disturbance

A woman requested an officer at her residence just before 5 p.m. Wednesday in reference to a disturbance between herself and her boyfriend. The man had left for work when police arrived, but an offense report for family violence was filed.

Harassment

A woman requested that an officer contact subjects at the Travel Inn early this morning in reference to receiving harassing phone calls from that location. Two officers responded and spoke with both parties and advised the callers of the complaint.

Accident

Officers were dispatched to a minor accident at 37th Street and Ave. E Wednesday morning. Involved in the accident were a 1997 Chevrolet pickup driven by Kinnith May, 50, of 415 29th Street and a 1990 Buick driven by Mary Hernandez, 29, of 306 34th Street. A report for a two-vehicle minor accident was submitted.

Obituaries

Glena Roggenstein

1913-2001

Glena Belle Roggenstein, longtime Scurry County resident, died Monday, Oct. 1, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.



Roggenstein

Funeral service for Mrs. Roggenstein, 87, is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in the 37th Street Church of Christ. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery with arrangements under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Dec. 28, 1913 in Barstow, she married Mozell Roggenstein on Feb. 25, 1936 in Scurry County. He died April 21, 1999.

A homemaker, Mrs. Roggenstein had lived in Scurry County since 1925 and was a member of 37th Street Church of Christ.

Survivors include three sisters, Gladys Zenzen of Eugene, Ore., Marjorie Zimmerman of Casa Grande, Ariz., and Christine Miller of Eureka, Calif.; two brothers, Max Witten of Roseville, Calif., and L.C. Witten of Phoenix, Ariz.; and several nieces and nephews, including nieces, Mavadine Morgan and Linda Hite, both of Snyder.

The family of Mrs. Roggenstein will greet friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Friday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

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Pat Smith

1913-2001

GAINESVILLE – Marjorie Pat Smith, a former resident of Snyder, died Tuesday, Oct. 2, in Pecan Tree Manor in Gainesville.

Funeral service for Mrs. Smith, 88, is set for 3 p.m. Friday in the First Presbyterian Church in Sweetwater with the Rev. Allan Guthrie officiating. Burial will follow in the Sweetwater Cemetery.

Born March 17, 1913 in Algiers, La., she married Clyde R. Smith on June 12, 1935 in Dallas. He died in 1996.

A noted artist, Mrs. Smith lived in Dallas, Longview, Midland, Snyder, Wichita Falls and Oklahoma City before retiring in Sweetwater in 1962. She moved to Gainesville in 1999.

Survivors include two daughters, Marjorie Hirsch of Navasota and Janis Skupin of Gainesville; two sons, Clyde Relyea of Big Spring and Sam Marshall of Odessa; two sisters, Dorothy Lyga of Duncanville and Jeanette Turquette of McKinney; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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ONGOINGS

SHS military project

Snyder High School is asking parents or friends with current military people to bring a current photo with ID to be scanned and placed on a wall at the school in honor of all former graduates serving in the military. There are approximately 90 serving at this time. Bring photos to Larry Scott, principal. For more information, call 573-6301.

Noon prayer service

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

Missions conference

Calvary Baptist Church will host a missions conference through Sunday. Guests will include Tom and Regina Franklin, missionaries to Cuba; Bill Richards, missionary to Germany; and Bryan Miller, home missionary to Pflugerville. Service times are 7 p.m. today; 7 p.m. banquet Saturday in fellowship hall; 9:45 a.m. Sunday School Sunday and worship at 10:50 a.m.

Girl Scout open house

The Girl Scout Hut on 35th Street will be open from 6-9 p.m. today for persons to view the recent vandalism at the facility. For safety's sake, only those 15 and older will be admitted.

Central pictures

Individual pictures will be taken at Central Elementary from 8:45 to 11 a.m. Friday.

GED testing

GED testing will be held Friday and again Friday, Oct. 26, at Western Texas College. For more information, call Emily Hataway at 574-2112 or Molly Kattes at 573-2919.

Tony Brothers concert

The Tony Brothers concert will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Northside Baptist Church, 1909 16th St. There is no admission charge.

Garage sale

The First Church of the Nazarene will hold a garage sale at the church on Highway 208 (across from Big Country Autoland) Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Funds will be used to purchase a van for transporting children to church. Donations are being accepted. Call Johnnie Molinaire at 573-4226 to have items picked up.

MAWC garage, bake sale

Martha Ann Woman's Club will hold a garage and bake sale Saturday from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. Items need to be brought to the Towle Park Barn between 1-5 p.m. Friday.

Ira junior class garage sale

The Ira junior class will hold a garage sale from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Ira community center. All proceeds will help finance the senior trip.

CROP Walk against hunger

The CROP walk will begin at 2 p.m. Sunday, at the gazebo on the courthouse square. The walk will go to Towle Park and one-fourth of the proceeds will go to the local food cupboard. For more information, call 573-6915.

American Legion meeting

Eyes of Texas representatives will be special guests at the American Legion meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the American Legion Hall.

SHS choir fall concert

Snyder High School choirs will present their fall concert at 7 p.m. Monday in Worsham Auditorium. Admission is free and the public is invited. The concert will offer a variety of music including the music that students auditioned on for the all-state choir competition.

Hermleigh booster club

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

Applins at Gentle Dove

Marvin and Joan Applin will lead a service at Gentle Dove Ministries, 1411 25th Street, at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Alzheimers support group

A video, "Creative Intervention for the Alzheimers Patient," will be shown at the meeting of the Alzheimers Support Group at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Snyder Oaks Care Center.

SJHS trip meeting

A parent meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the SJHS library to discuss a patriotic trip scheduled next summer.

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.

Astronomy club

Anyone interested in forming an astronomy club is asked to call Mitch Brumbelow at 573-8574 or Ed Vinson at 573-8607. The only requirement for membership would be an interest in the night sky. No equipment is required.

Boys basketball chili supper

The annual boys basketball chili supper will begin at 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 12. Tickets are now available from all boys basketball players.

Heart walk

The American Heart Association's annual Heart Walk, to be held in memory of Dr. David Hensley, will be held Saturday, Oct. 13, starting at American State Bank. Walkers, sponsors and survivors are needed. Contact Dee Chasteen at 573-2913 for walker packets and information.

Tiger Times yearbook

The 2001-2002 yearbook for Snyder Junior High is on sale through Nov. 20. You may pay the total of $15 now, or $8 now and the balance of $7 when the books arrive. Orders are taken in Room 101 and checks should be made payable to Snyder Junior High School. No extra copies will be ordered.