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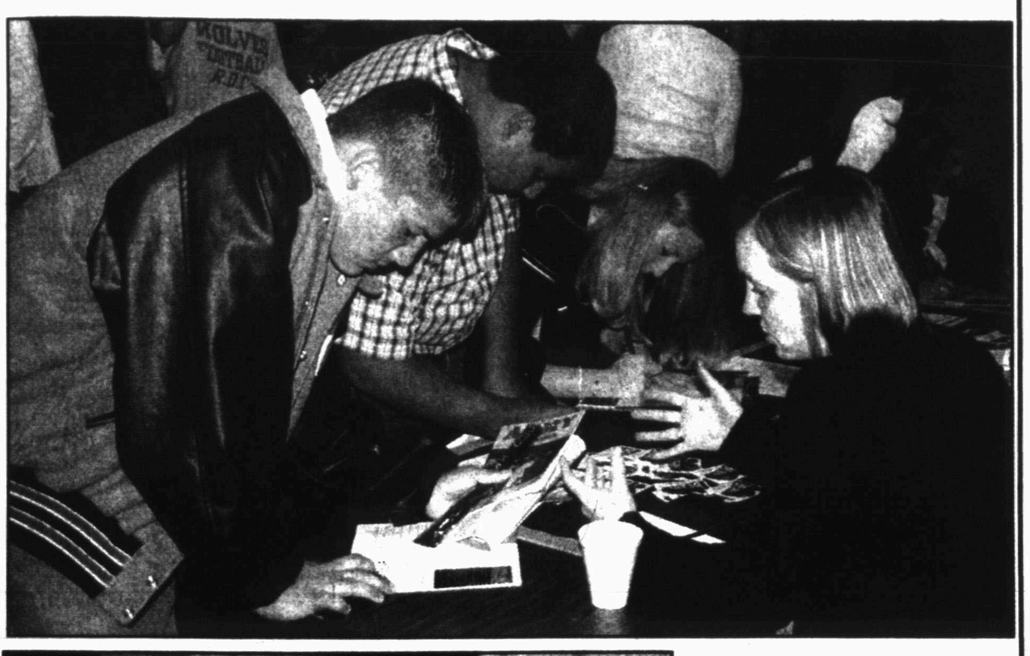
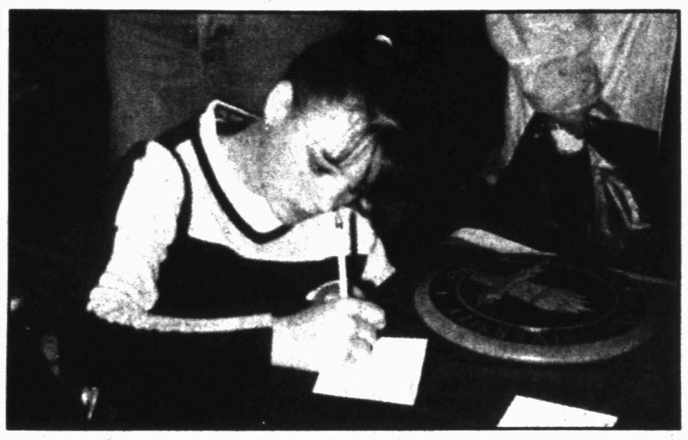




WTC COLLEGE DAY — Hundreds of area high school students filled Western Texas College's gym Thursday morning to visit with university and college reps from throughout Texas. Joshua Gutierrez, a junior at Ira High School, visited with recruiters from Baylor University. Drew Baker, a junior from Spur, filled out an application for West Texas A&M University. (SDN Staff Photo)

Lorber laying off half its work force locally

"It is hoped that a joint venture project being considered now will come through and laid off employees will be back on the payroll."
—Jack Whitworth
Lorber's plant manager

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

The lone occupant of Snyder's industrial park – Lorber Industries of Texas – was expected to lay off almost half its 42-person workforce today in the light of decreased demand for its product.

Jack Whitworth, plant manager and vice president of operations for the California-based company, said the sales of material being produced are off dramatically.

"Because our business has slowed down so much, we are having to lay off some people," said Whitworth. "Hopefully, we will have some deals come through in the next week or two where things can get back to normal."

Whitworth did say the long-range forecast for the local operation is "up in the air right now."

"We just don't have the business," said Whitworth.

The plant is an open-end cotton spinning mill that began production in 1998 and at one time, employed as many as 75.

When it was built, it incorporated the most modern spinning equipment and has attracted many worldwide visitors to view the operation.

However, the plant has been saddled with a long-term cotton contract at prices much higher than the current market, and escalating utility costs.

"This is not a good time in the textile industry," Whitworth said. "We are just hoping one of the deals we are working on goes through. There are no guarantees, however."

Since the plant was built here, it has tried to diversify as the textile market went on a roller coaster ride.

It added a knitting operation, but that was abandoned in May 2000. That action cost 13 jobs at the plant.

Tom Lorber, president of the local plant's parent company, Lorber Industries of California, was in Snyder when the knitting operation was closed and said, "There is no reason for alarm about the condition of the plant, or the company. This is strictly a business decision that makes sense."

Since that time, however, the textile industry nationwide has faced tumultuous times that have seen many of Lorber's competitors shut their doors.

The company has explored a number of joint-venture projects, but none have panned out.

It is hoped that a joint venture project being considered now will come through and the laid off employees will be back on the payroll again, Whitworth said.

The announcement of the spinning mill locating in Snyder was made with much fanfare in September 1995.

The founder of the company, Arnold Lorber and his family were in Snyder, as was U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison and various state dignitaries.

Lorber died on January 13, 2000 and his sons, Tom and Greg Lorber, eventually took over operations of the company.

Among the many players involved in locating the plant in Scurry County was Midwest Electric Cooperative, now Big County Electric Cooperative headquartered in Roby.

The co-op built an electrical sub-station at the industrial park, and provided the heating and cooling systems for Lorber's 165,000 square-foot building.

The plant has dropped behind on its monthly utility payments to Big Country, but an agreement has reportedly been worked out by the utility company and Lorber to catch up on past due bills.

In Thursday's Development Corporation of Snyder board meeting, executive director John DeLille told the board that rumors were out that Lorber is closing.

"Basically, they're trying to restructure their costs," said DeLille. "And that's all I'm at liberty to say about Lorber right now."

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "It's okay to be content with what you have, but not with what you are."

With layoffs occurring nationwide in some of the top corporations, it's not surprising that the downturn of the national economy is having an impact locally.

Lorber of Texas is looking for a joint-venture partner to help keep the local spinning mill operational.

The textile industry nationwide is suffering, and the higher fuel prices passed on for generation of electricity is a major factor. Locally, the electrical rates have more than doubled since the plant opened. In addition, the firm also reportedly is hampered by a cotton contract at higher than current market prices.

While there is admitted uncertainty, we're optimistic that this, too, shall pass.

Snyder's Roy Baze told us of a long-removed connection relating to the events unfolding following the terrorists attacks on the World Trade Center in New York.

The anthrax letter sent to NBC anchor Tom Brokaw was mailed to NBC headquarters at 30 Rockefeller Plaza.

That's the same address where Baze, then a senior vice president for Exxon, worked for some five years.

In those days, Baze said he saw the NBC newsmen frequently. It wasn't Brokaw then, but rather David Brinkley and Chet Huntley.

If you hear an explosion out west this evening, it's not a terrorists attack.

Rather, it's the hard-hitting Ira Bulldogs doing battle with the Borden County Coyotes in Gail. The two teams that are undefeated in district play are trying to get in the driver's seat for the district championship.

Six-man grid fans say tonight's contest should be a dandy.

Meanwhile, the Snyder Tigers try to get back on the winning track, traveling to San Angelo for a conference battle with the Lake View Chiefs.

Next week is homecoming for Snyder High, and there will be a variety of events, starting with the homecoming parade on Thursday.

The homecoming queen will be crowned at halftime of the Snyder-Levelland game.

Also next weekend, plan to enjoy the White Buffalo Festival at the Scurry County Coliseum. The chamber has lots of activities planned, including a hot air balloon liftoff.

Enjoy the weekend!

DCOS hears some positive news

While the news of Lorber Industries laying off employees was bad at Thursday's Development Corporation of Snyder meeting, the good news was that Western Texas College has plans to provide training for future AHNTECH employees who will be working at the Air Force's remote electronic scoring site at Winston Field.

"Actually, WTC is looking not only to train employees for the local site, but nationwide and internationally, as well," said executive director John DeLille.

"AHNTECH has 13 other sites, and there are similar installations around the world by other companies," said DeLille.

DeLille said Mike Thornton, WTC's dean of continuing education, is working on a training program to present to AHNTECH and the Air Force.

"This will be good for the college and for the community," said DeLille.

In his monthly report, DeLille told the board that at least three called meetings could be held within the next 30 days.

"We expect to discuss a request by Farmsource Foods, and to re-look at our job creation incentive package with Snyder Brick & Tile," said DeLille.

Farmsouce Foods is being headed by Snyder resident Jerry Baird to package spice products in the former Walls Industries building.

DeLille said the board needs to look at the brick company's incentive package in relation to the number of full-time employees on its payroll during the year.

"Because of a high-rate of turnover, the number of full-time employees are almost constantly changing," said DeLille. "We may need to look at their total payroll, or to full-time equivalents for their incentive package."

The board elected new officers for the coming year and named attorney David Cotton as its chairman. Mike McWilliams was elected vice president and James Brown will serve as secretary.

In Thursday's meeting, Cotton presided and board members present were McWilliams, Brown and Dayton Robertson.

IN SUNDAY'S SNYDER DAILY NEWS — Read about a rural postal carrier and what he learns each day in the *American Profile*.

Alton Barfoot...

Man found dead at accident scene

An 88-year-old Hermleigh man was found dead at the scene of a one-car accident Thursday evening after his wife phoned the Snyder Police concerned about his whereabouts.

Alton Barfoot, a retired electrician, was reported missing at 7:26 p.m. by his wife, Lorraine, who told dispatchers that he left their residence at 2 p.m. and had not returned.

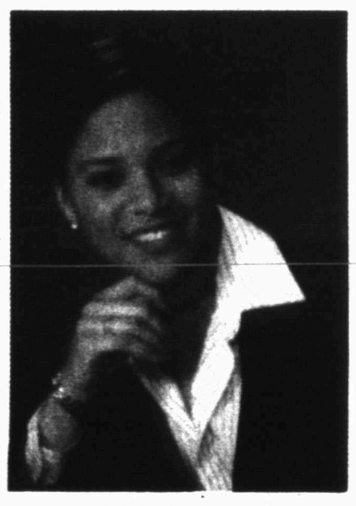
At 8:16 p.m., a woman contacted police and told them Barfoot was parked in front of her residence on county road 4105.

DPS trooper James Arnwine responded and found Barfoot was deceased. Justice of the Peace Deborah Boyd pronounced Barfoot dead at 9:17 p.m.

Trooper Arwine said Barfoot was traveling north on CR 4105 at a low rate of speed when he veered off the road and struck a utility pole, causing minor damage to his 1985 Pontiac. The mishap is believed to have occurred between 2 and 7 p.m.

The report also said Barfoot was not wearing a seat belt and it was unclear what caused the vehicle to leave the roadway.

Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.



Alicia Peoples

QUEEN HOPEFUL — Alicia Peoples, 1999 SHS grad, is a homecoming queen nominee Saturday at Trinity University in San Antonio. The third year student is a double major in political science (law) and psychology. The homecoming queen will be announced Saturday during the halftime of the TU game with Centre College of Danville, Ky. Peoples is the daughter of Thomas and Cathy Peoples of Snyder. (Contributed Photo)

ASK US

Q—Is Western Texas College changing its school colors and mascot?

A—Students have expressed an interest in changing both the school colors and mascot and a poll is being taken on campus to judge student response.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Thursday, 89 degrees; low, 51; 7 a.m. Friday, 51; no precipitation; total for 2001, 15.97 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, low around 50; SE winds 5-10 mph. Saturday, sunny, high 80-85; S winds 10-15 mph. Saturday night, mostly clear, low 55-60. Sunday, mostly sunny, high near 85.

Alex Torrez
Sunny

Sunset: 7:08 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:51 a.m.
Of 291 days in 2001, the sun has shone 279 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The measure of life is not its duration, but its donation.

—Peter Marshall

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Groom deployed; Air Force couple ties knot via LD

MOODY AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. (AP) — It was not the wedding Senior Airman Sandra Beckman had imagined.

Standing before a speaker phone in a full-length floral dress, with tears streaming down her cheeks, she said "I do" on Tuesday to Staff Sgt. Max Parris, who was thousands of miles away.

The couple intended to be married Dec. 22, after Parris returned from deployment to Saudi Arabia. However, last month, he received orders for an assignment to England. By getting married right away, the couple could be eligible for a joint assignment.

Master Sgt. David Hipp, 347th Rescue Wing career adviser, remembered seeing a proxy marriage on an old episode of the television series, "M.A.S.H."

With some calls to the Air Force Personnel Center, legal office, and Lowndes County Probate Office, Hipp helped coordinate the wedding.

"It probably took us about a week to pull this together," Hipp said. "That's amazing, but time was an issue."

Since the couple were not in the same room, witnesses on both ends of the line were necessary.

"There are certain things required by law, but the law is silent as to whether they have to be in the same geographic location," said Capt. John Hicks, 374th Rescue Wing Assistant Judge Staff Advocate.

Simpson's lawyers request mistrial

MIAMI (AP) — O.J. Simpson's defense team called for a mistrial in a road-rage case against him, saying the jury had violated the judge's instructions. One attorney said the football great "wants to finish with this jury."

After Thursday's opening statements and testimony, Circuit Judge Dennis Murphy told jurors he noticed them talking in the jury box and asked them, with only one juror in the courtroom at a time, what they were talking about.

Jurors admitted talking among themselves about the testimony.

"We had questions about some of the things that were said that may have been understood differently," said juror Jose Prado. Juror Ernesto Diaz said, "We didn't come to a verdict or anything like that."

Defense attorney Yale Galanter said the issue would be decided when the trial resumes Monday. The bulk of the prosecution's case was completed Thursday.

"O.J. has a lot of faith in this jury, and he wants to finish with this jury," Galanter said.

Simpson allegedly yanked the eyeglasses off a motorist and scratched him on Dec. 4. He could face 16 years in state prison if convicted of felony auto burglary and misdemeanor battery.

In opening statements, the two sides offered starkly different versions of the nighttime encounter after Simpson rolled through a stop sign in a suburban Miami neighborhood.

Jeffrey Pattinson, the driver Simpson allegedly hit, said he stayed inside his vehicle, but Galanter said both men got out of their SUVs.

Pattinson acknowledged honking his horn and flashing his lights while driving behind Simpson. He testified that after they stopped, Simpson reached in his vehicle and grabbed his glasses off his face. He said Simpson backed off after he heard a girl in Simpson's vehicle shout, "No Daddy, no Daddy, no!"

Simpson's teen-age son and daughter were in his SUV at the time. They have been questioned on videotape but are not expected to be called as witnesses.

Simpson was cleared of criminal charges in the 1994 slayings of his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman. A civil jury later ordered him to pay $33.5 million for their deaths.

Woman convicted of torturing maid

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Sandra Bearden wailed often during testimony this week, but she was silent as a judge read a verdict convicting her of torturing her 12-year-old maid.

A Laredo jury deliberated more than four hours Thursday before convicting Bearden of beating and shackling the Mexican girl, whose name officials have declined to release.

The sentencing phase in the trial of Bearden, 27, was scheduled to begin today. She faces a maximum sentence of life imprisonment.

Bearden remains in Webb County Jail in lieu of $600,000 bond.

Her face appeared emotionless as she shuffled to the sheriff's deputy waiting to return her to the jail cell that has been her home since her arrest May 12, the San Antonio Express-News reported in a story for today's editions.

A gag order restricted attorneys and witnesses from speaking about the case.

Bearden, a Mexican citizen, was charged with six counts of injury to a child, one count of child abandonment and one count of aggravated kidnapping. A jury found her guilty of all counts except one of the injury to a child charges in which she was accused of hitting the girl in the right eye with a piece of glass.

Bearden had testified on Wednesday that the abusive treatment was prompted by the girl's sexual abuse of the woman's 4-year-old son. She said she shackled the girl for a few hours over two days to prevent the girl from hurting herself and running away.

On May 12, police responded to a 911 call from a neighbor who heard cries for help behind the 8-foot-high concrete block fence around Bearden's Laredo backyard.

Police found the girl, her hands and feet bound with chains, severely dehydrated and malnourished.

Bearden said she met the girl's parents while vacationing in Veracruz last fall and they suggested that Bearden take their only daughter to Laredo to live with her.

Images entered as evidence show the girl emaciated in a dirty red cotton dress leaning against a tire, with a steel chain wrapped around her waist, arms locked behind her with a padlock. Her bare feet were held together with a similar length of chain with two padlocks.

The white of one eye was bloodied and appeared infected. Scars and cuts covered her face. Other photos showed thick welts and cuts on the girl's arms and legs where the steel chains had cut into her flesh.

Assistant District Attorney Rolando Garza jangled the steel chains that had been entered as evidence in front of Bearden and ordered her to "show me how you put the chains on her. Do it!"

Bearden stood inches from the jury box, fumbling to wind a length of steel chain around the prosecutor's wrists, held behind his back.

"How long were you going to leave her chained up in your backyard? Until she died?" Garza asked.

Sobbing loudly, Bearden said, "I know I did wrong. I don't know what happened. I was desperate."

E. coli cases linked to party

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Four more cases of E. coli linked to a pancake tailgate party at the University of Wisconsin-Madison have been reported, taking the total to 26, university officials said.

The party was held at the campus stock pavilion on Oct. 6 before a football game.

Two of the infected are children and the rest are students, university officials said Thursday. They said one student remained hospitalized but was in good condition.

At least 1,000 people attended the university-sponsored party. Health officials said the source of the E. coli was probably not the food, since only a small percentage of those who attended became sick.

University Health Services epidemiologist Craig Roberts said Thursday that the source was still under investigation.

A Halloween haunted house planned at the pavilion was canceled as a precaution.

E. coli begins with abdominal cramps, fever, severe and bloody diarrhea and can progress to kidney failure, pancreatitis and a variety of other potentially life-threatening problems. People can be infected through tainted food, water or animals.

Ranch Day slated Saturday

LUBBOCK — The National Ranching Heritage Center is planning its 31st annual Ranch Day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Activities will include livestock exhibits, historic demonstrations, Wells Fargo coach rides, traditional music and dancing, the 4th Cavalry camp, West Texas Native American Association and a stick horse rodeo. Children entered in the rodeo can take home a stick horse, provided by Wrangler.

The center is located at 3121 4th Street. Call 806-742-0498 for more information. Ranch Day is made possible through a grant from Lubbock City Council, as recommended by the Lubbock Arts Alliance.

Two rescued, three missing following helicopter accident

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Two people were rescued from the chilly waters of Cook Inlet, but three others remained missing after a helicopter carrying Federal Aviation Administration workers crashed during a snow storm.

An Alaska Air National Guard helicopter plucked two people from the water about three miles from the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport, but heavy snow and poor visibility forced searchers to return to base after about an hour.

"They stayed out there as long as they could, but conditions were getting pretty nasty," said Maj. Mike Haller, spokesman for the guard.

The helicopter was traveling from Fire Island, about five miles west of the Anchorage airport, when it went down Thursday afternoon.

The FAA employees had been conducting maintenance on navigation aids on the uninhabited island, said Marcia Davis, spokeswoman for Era Aviation, which operated the helicopter.

Pilot Bob Larson, 60, of Anchorage, and FAA employees Joyce Tucker, 46, of Anchorage and Ronald Frizzell, 53, of Wasilla, were still missing Thursday night. The water temperature at the time of the crash was in the 40s.

Steven Durand, 47, and William Dick, 34, both of Anchorage, were being treated for hypothermia, said fire department spokeswoman Cleo Hill. She said the search would resume today as soon as weather permitted.

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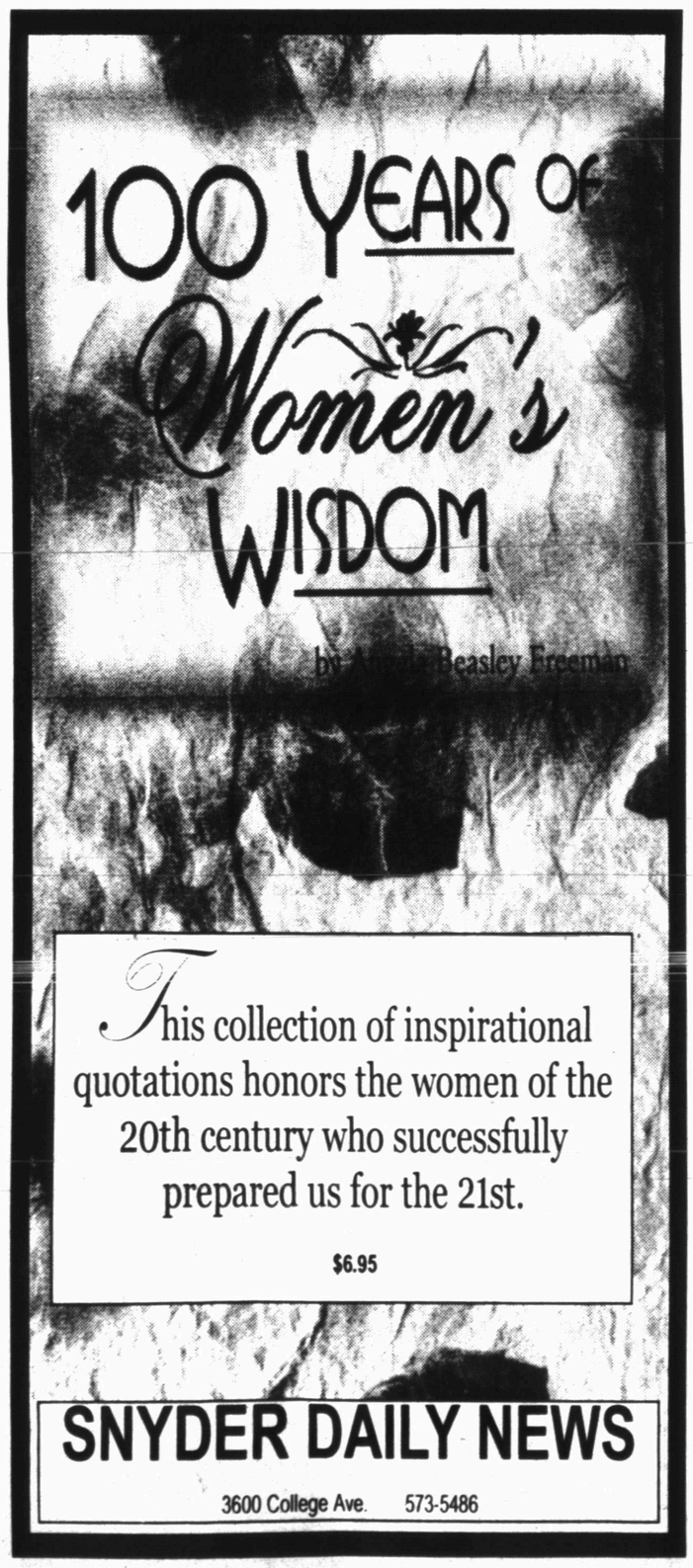

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Date Book

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Today is the 292nd day of 2001 and the 28th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1915, a submarine base was established at New London, Conn.

On this day in 1943, Sen. Hattie Caraway, D-Ark., became the first woman to preside over the U.S. Senate.

On this day in 1951, President Harry Truman signed legislation ending war with Germany.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Martha Jefferson (1748-1782), first lady; Annie Peck (1850-1935), mountain climber; William Burns (1861-1932), detective; Lewis Mumford (1895-1990), social critic; Jack Anderson (1922-), journalist, is 79; John Le Carre (1931-), spy novelist, is 70; Robert Reed (1932-1992), actor; Peter Max (1937-), artist, is 64; John Lithgow (1945-), actor, is 56; Patricia Ireland (1945-), feminist, is 56.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1968, Bill Toomey won the decathlon at the Olympic Games in Mexico City.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "'Tis the men, not the houses, that make the city." — Thomas Fuller

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Oct. 16) and first quarter (Oct. 23).

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CHEER SQUADS — Hermleigh High School drill team members (right photo) are back row from left, Jessica Hernandez, Valerie West, mascot; Amber Yruegas; front row, Angie Glover, Julie Mireles and Misty McClure. Joyce Lionberger is the sponsor. Ernie and Teresa Kariainen and B.F. Well Service purchased the new mascot uniform. Hermleigh Junior High cheerleaders and drill team members (bottom photo) are from left, Danni Webb, drill team; Courtney Etheridge, cheerleader; Brittany Kelley, alternate cheerleader; Alana Culp, Alicia Culp, and Meagan Kariainen, all cheerleaders; and Samantha Berry, drill team. Beth McDaniel is the sponsor. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

Congress does not extend its ban on Internet taxes

WASHINGTON (AP) — A 3-year-old ban on taxes that target the Internet expires Sunday, but officials say it's unlikely governments will rush to impose them.

"I don't think Western civilization is going to end" because the moratorium was not immediately renewed, Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., said Thursday.

But Wyden and other lawmakers said that if the ban lapses for a long time and state and local governments face increasing need for more revenue, the tax policy could change.

"Starting Monday, there's an opportunity for considerable economic mischief," Wyden said.

Unlike brick and mortar competitors, businesses engaged in e-commerce have benefited from not having to pay state and federal taxes on money earned from online transactions. The moratorium also has prevented online consumers from possibly paying taxes on their Internet access accounts.

There is concern that tax officials around the country could begin interpreting a variety of their existing tax laws as applying to the Internet. Some lawmakers say that would drag down a key economic engine, adding to the nation's economic woes.

"This is no time for Congress to permit a new onslaught of taxes on the consumer, or on the tech sector," said Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Calif.

The moratorium imposed in 1998 prohibits taxes on Internet access and bans any tax that singles out the Internet. It does not, however, address a more complex issue involving uncollected state sales taxes on electronic commerce estimated at nearly $26 billion in 2000.

Fearing huge future revenue losses, state and local government officials say Congress must use a renewal of the ban to also give them authority to require that out-of-state Internet, catalogue and telephone sellers collect and remit their sales taxes.

The government officials are backed by most traditional retailers, including many of the nation's largest chains, who say Internet competitors have an unfair advantage.

A state is barred under a Supreme Court decision from forcing an out-of-state business to collect its sales tax unless the business has a physical presence, or "nexus," in that state.

Earlier this week, the House passed a straight two-year extension of the current moratorium that did not address the sales tax question. That was blocked in the Senate.

"We ought to deal with both sets of problems at the same time," said Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D. "I would object to a two-year moratorium that doesn't address the second problem."

But Dorgan failed Thursday to win Senate approval of an extension until June 30 that included nonbinding language encouraging states to continue working on a simplified system to collect taxes on remote sales.

That sealed the moratorium's fate for the time being. Both houses of Congress are in recess until Tuesday while the Capitol complex is checked for anthrax contamination.

Sales taxes are levied by 45 states and the District of Columbia. Buyers are generally supposed to pay the tax when they purchase something from an out-of-state retailer under current law, but the laws are rarely enforced.

"A lot of mayors and governors don't want the political heat of collecting those taxes," Wyden said.

Internet sellers have resisted a new sales tax system unless the current patchwork of tax rates and rules in some 7,500 jurisdictions is replaced.

Anthrax once common in labs said difficult to trace

WASHINGTON (AP) — Finding the source of the anthrax-contaminated letters delivered in Washington, New York and Florida may be difficult, say experts, because growing the bacterium is relatively easy and the microbe was commonly studied in research labs before the 1990s.

Some researchers say they believe the strain used in the Florida attack is a close relative to a culture that was widely used by anthrax scientists.

Dr. Martin Hugh Jones, an anthrax researcher at Louisiana State University, said the Florida bacterium has been identified as "very like Ames," a strain that was selected by the military for weapons research.

Jones said Ames acquired its name when it was supplied to the military by a laboratory in Iowa in the 1980s, but he believes the same or closely related strain was used in research as early as the 1930s. It could still be in many different labs, he said.

Robert C. Liddington, a biologist at the Burnham Institute in La Jolla, Calif., has been studying anthrax for 10 years and says the microbe "will grow quite happily on a culture medium."

"You could grow these bugs at home in your bathtub," he said. "And making these things form spores is not difficult."

For this reason, Liddington said, it would not be surprising for a terrorist to acquire anthrax spores that were available in labs years ago.

"The spores are stable for decades, at least," he said. If the anthrax comes from an old batch, said Liddington, it might be impossible to trace its origin since the microbe was so widely distributed to research labs.

But even though anthrax spores may be easy to grow, Liddington and others said, turning them into an effective weapon is very difficult and would require special training or information.

"It would take a sophisticated lab and special skills to weaponize" the anthrax strain, said Steve Edward Kornguth, director of the biological and chemical defense program at the University of Texas in Austin. "Weaponization is not a trivial thing."

Kornguth said the skills to do the job, however, are not rare and that it could be done at any modern pharmaceutical or food technology lab.

"To make this weaponized type of material takes the kind of knowledge that is fairly sophisticated," said Dr. Philip Hanna, a professor of microbiology at the University of Michigan Medical School in Ann Arbor. "It takes much more than microbiological training. I don't know how to do it an I've been working with bacteria for 20 years."

The technique, he said, "is not in the literature. It is secret, basically."

Laboratories now authorized to do research with anthrax recently came under FBI oversight, a fact that was not true before Sept. 11, said Hanna. So he said it is unlikely that specimens of anthrax could now be easily obtained.

But Liddington said there is the possibility that someone obtained an old batch of spores and learned, somehow, how to weaponize it.

"Anyone with a reasonable amount of experience and a handbook from another government that describes how to make these spores could have done this," he said.

Since 1996, the distribution of anthrax cultures to research labs has been closely controlled by federal regulation.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Wife outbursts of temper escalate to physical assault

DEAR ABBY: My wife, "Delia," is normally a very caring person, but she has a volatile temper. When she loses it, she shouts, curses, slams doors, etc. Even as a child, Delia had a reputation for being a hothead. But she's no longer a little girl. We're both over 50. Recently her temper has escalated to hitting in addition to verbal outbursts.

While I was driving during our vacation, I made the mistake of laughing at something Delia considered serious. In full view of our children in the backseat, she hauled off and hit me across the face. This was no love tap; my jaw was stiff the entire next day. Even more troubling, now that the vacation is over and she has cooled down, she sees no need to apologize. She claims I deserved it.

I have my faults, but violent behavior is not one of them. I've suggested anger management to Delia — she even went for a few sessions — but now this. How can we help her to change? — **NEVER BEEN HIT BEFORE IN TINSELTOWN**

DEAR NEVER BEEN HIT BEFORE: Violence, whether verbal or physical, cannot be tolerated. Your wife's out-of-control anger must be harnessed before she inflicts serious injury on someone.

Everyone feels angry at some point. It can be triggered by many things, including feeling fearful and helpless. Many people have never learned to express that anger in acceptable ways.

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There are more proven methods for coping with anger without lashing out or hurting those around us. I have incorporated some of them in my booklet, "The Anger in All of Us, and How to Deal With It." To order a copy of this booklet, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $5 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby — Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in the price.)

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DEAR ABBY: After reading a recent column of yours, I feel compelled to write. One of your letter-writers included "massage parlors" with vices such as lap dancing and strip clubs.

I realize there are some businesses that call themselves massage parlors and are no more than fronts for prostitution. However, therapeutic massage is a growing field that is doing well at getting past certain unsavory stereotypes.

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DEAR JOY: You're absolutely right, and you'll get no argument from me. I enjoy massages myself from time to time. I consider them to be the ultimate luxury.

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

Be careful of your thoughts, for your thoughts become your words.

Be careful of your words, for your words become your actions.

Be careful of your actions, for your actions become your habits.

Be careful of your habits, for your habits become your character.

Be careful of your character, for your character becomes your destiny. — **AUTHOR UNKNOWN**

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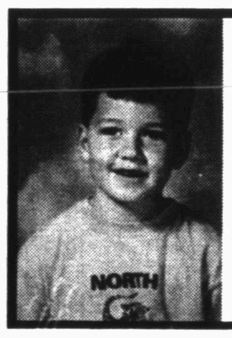

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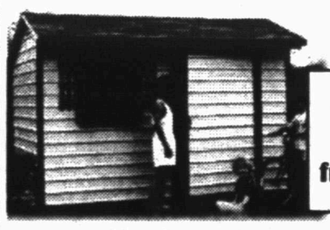

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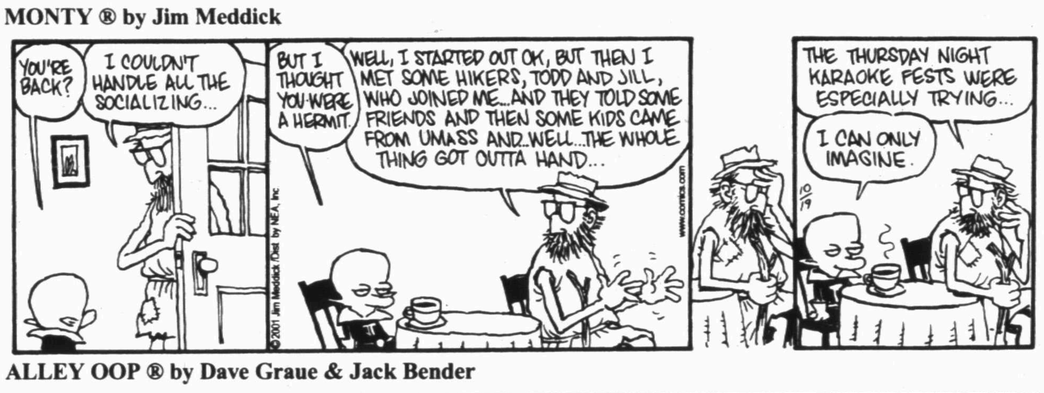

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1 Elbow
4 Sound in body
8 Rx givers
11 Golfer's shout
12 Actress Moran
13 Lamprey
14 India's place
15 Surrounded by
16 "Classical" start
17 Acutely
19 Spew
21 Pub. prosecutors
22 Motorist's org.
23 Slightest
26 Verdict givers
29 Hirt and Gore
30 — out (made ends meet)
32 Plumbing problem
34 Type of ray
36 Ice pellets
38 Map abbr.
39 High-kicking dance
41 Bond, for one
43 Pierre's refusal
44 Wildebeest
45 Became fainter
48 Caressed
52 Mouths, in biology
53 High spirits
55 Stadium feature
56 Part of mph
57 Needle holes
58 Harmful
59 — Jose
60 Take it easy
61 Volleyball need

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1 Banter
2 "Aida" song
3 Whiskers
4 Gets better
5 Military force
6 IV times XIII
7 Make cherished
8 Order from it
9 Profound
10 — machine (one-armed bandit)
11 Scale notes
18 Canape topper
20 Plunder
22 BMW rival
23 Science room
24 Util. bill
25 Movie canine
26 Actress Stapleton
27 Goofs
28 Location
31 Mongol ruler
33 Hamster, maybe
35 Henry VIII's Boleyn
37 Property
40 Odd fellow
42 Hasty
44 Visitor
45 Dandies
46 Domain
47 Repair a sock
48 Average grades
49 Strong emotion
50 Give forth
51 Tierra — Fuego
54 Caustic stuff

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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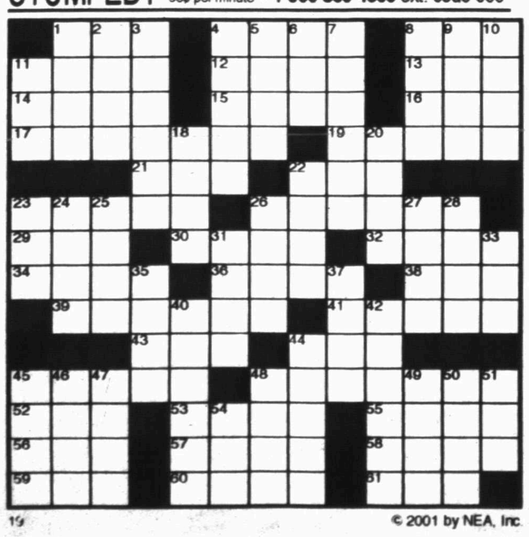

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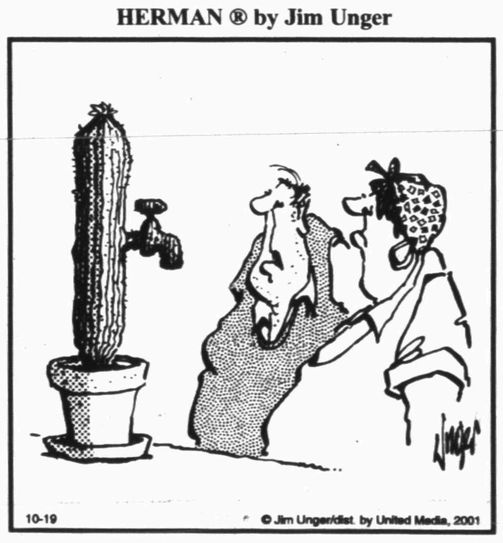

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SPORTS

After another early exit...

Astros' Dierker resigns

HOUSTON (AP) — Larry Dierker led the Houston Astros to four division titles in five years. What Dierker's teams did after the regular season caused his downfall.

The Astros never got past the first round under Dierker, who resigned as manager Thursday after the Astros were swept out of the playoffs by the Atlanta Braves last week.

"In our business, it's a fact of life that change is part of the game," general manager Gerry Hunsicker. "Success doesn't necessarily equate with longevity of a manager. "There are so many expectations. We all are looking to get to and win the World Series."

While praising Dierker, the Astros decided it was time for a new leader.

"What he's done puts him up there with the elite, and yet even the elite change jobs," Hunsicker said. "It's just part of what you have to do to keep an organization fresh and keep the manager from losing his mind and sanity."

Dierker became the second-winningest Astros manager behind Bill Virdon in five seasons, but Houston went 2-12 in the postseason under Dierker's leadership.

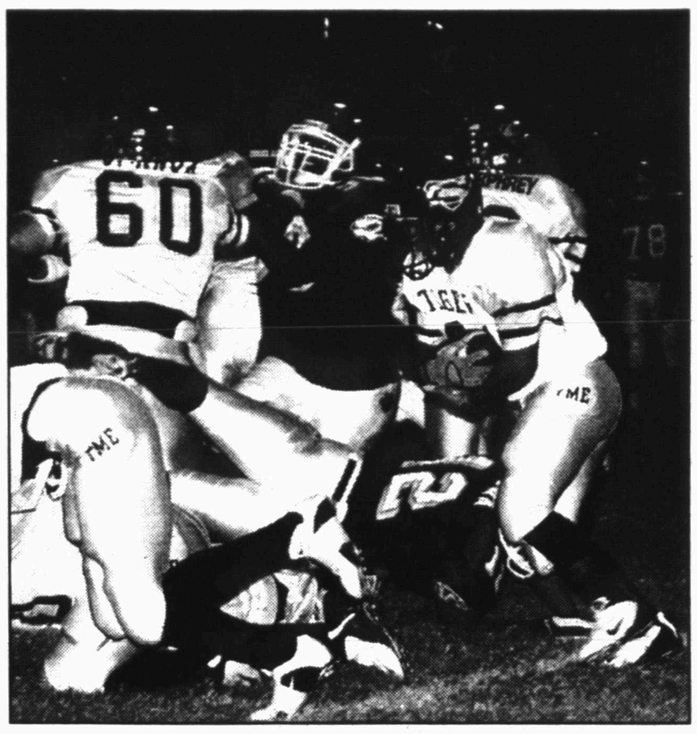
Dierker has one year left on his contract and will be offered a position in the team's front office. Hunsicker said he doesn't have a list of candidates to replace Dierker.

"I can't think of any other player or person who is as synonymous with the Houston Astros as Larry Dierker," Hunsicker said. "He's served this organization literally over decades in various capacities. He's always accepted the challenge, and his latest venture is no exception."

Dierker's 448-362 record puts him second in franchise history for victories. Virdon managed the team to a 544-522 record in the late 1970s and early '80s.

Dierker started his Houston career as an 18-year-old pitcher with the Colt 45s. In his major league debut, on Sept. 22, 1964, Dierker struck out Willie Mays and Jim Hart in his first inning.

He became Houston's first 20-game winner in 1969, a season in which he threw 20 complete games, and was an All-Star twice.



UP THE MIDDLE — Snyder halfback Billy Pena uses the blocking of Josh Knox (60) and Michael Murphrey to gain yardage earlier this season against Frenship. The Tigers travel to San Angelo for a district tilt at 7:30 tonight against the Lake View Chiefs. (SDN Staff Photo)

WTC off to flying start at Lubbock

LUBBOCK — After one night at the Texas Tech University rodeo, Western Texas College held the lead in four events.

WTC got off to a flying start at the final rodeo of the fall semester. The Westerners have won the last two rodeos, while the Lady Westerners are looking for their first title of the season.

Ashley Ryan and Kassie Mowry set the tone for the WTC women Thursday night. Ryan grabbed the early lead in the breakaway roping with a time of 3.2 seconds, while Mowry galloped into first place in the barrel racing with a time of 15.28.

In the men's competition, Lane Morrow and Cimmaron Boardman combined for the initial lead in the team roping with a run of 7.4 seconds.

Justin Foltyn registered 72 points to put him in first place in the bareback riding. His score of 68 in the bull riding was fifth best.

In the steer wrestling, Jonathan Cogar was second with a time of 5.2

The second performance is scheduled for tonight at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

Eighth grade routs 'Stangs

MIDLAND — Snyder Gold produced several big plays to overwhelm the Midland Christian Mustangs, 40-6, in Thursday night's eighth grade football action.

The Tigers scored on the ground, through the air and posted two mores score on a kickoff return and an interception.

Snyder raced to a 32-0 halftime advantage and never looked back, racking up 334 yards of total offense.

Chris Smith found the endzone three times, twice on the ground and another when he sprinted 65 yards on a kickoff.

The Tigers longest scoring play of the game came on a 94-yard scamper by Eric Martinez. The speedy Snyder runner finished with 130 yards on only six carries.

Snyder struck through the air on an 80-yard scoring toss from Matt Reigh and Barrett Bowlin. Reigh accounted for 116 yards passing, and ran in a two-point conversion.

The Tigers' suffocating defensive effort limited the Mustangs to only six points, and posted one touchdown of its own on a 55-yard interception by Garrett Pinson.

Snyder kept constant pressure on the Midland offense, with Salvador Perez and Joel Tarin registering sacks. Steven Martinez killed one Mustang drive with an interception, and Samuel Ramirez halted another when he pounced on a fumble.

The Tigers, now 2-3 on the year, are in action again Thursday when they visit the Levelland Lobos.

In the seventh grade tilt, Snyder Gold ran up against a tough Midland Christian defense in a 32-0 setback. The Mustangs held Snyder to 73 yards of offense.

The seventh grade Tigers host Levelland at 4:30 Tuesday at Travis Field.

Local Schedule

TODAY

Rodeo: Western Texas College at Lubbock

Football: Snyder at Lake View, 7:30

Football: Hermleigh at Loraine, 7:30

Football: Ira at Borden County, 7:30

SATURDAY

Rodeo: Western Texas College at Lubbock

Volleyball: Andrews at Snyder freshmen, JV and varsity, noon and 1 p.m.

Tennis: Estacado at Snyder

With Sooners on the horizon...

'Huskers try to focus on Tech

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — After weeks of denial, the Nebraska Cornhuskers finally admit it: They've thought about Oklahoma.

Even with Saturday night's game against Texas Tech pending, a showdown with the No. 2 Sooners has been creeping into the No. 3 Huskers' thoughts.

"I'd be lying if I said you didn't hear it that much," tight end Tracey Wistrom said. "I think for everybody's sake, we just need to concentrate on this game and worry about that one when it gets here."

Texas Tech (3-2 overall, 1-2 Big 12) has never beaten the Huskers in six tries. Add the fact that Nebraska has won 55 of its last 56 games at home, and Husker fans call it a gimme. They are talking more about the defending national champion and No. 2 Sooners, not the Red Raiders.

The Huskers (7-0, 3-0) can't escape it.

"People in general will come up to you and bring up the Oklahoma game like it's the only one on the schedule," quarterback Eric Crouch said. "They're a great team, and we'll focus on them when it gets here."

In the meantime, there are the Red Raiders, who upset then No. 24 Kansas State 38-14 last week behind Kliff Kingsbury's 409 passing yards.

Tech's offense is even more pass-happy than the one coach Mike Leach installed at Oklahoma before taking over the Red Raiders last season.

But Nebraska defensive coordinator Craig Bohl, who has repeatedly denied looking ahead, said he wouldn't know.

"Not going to do it," Bohl said with a shake of his head. "I can look you straight in the eye and say I have not looked at one snap of Oklahoma."

Tech runs the ball about as often as Nebraska passes it — rarely. The Raiders lead the Big 12 in passing with an average of 315.2 yards per game, which is fifth nationally. Kingsbury has completed 160 of 236 passes for 1,561 yards.

The Husker defensive backs expect to be a little more tired than usual at the end of Saturday's game.

"It's going to be a game where we're going to have to be on our P's and Q's," cornerback Keyuo Craver said. "It keeps us on our toes and lets us be more aware and not to fall asleep."

Actually, the Nebraska defense is anxious for a shot at Kingsbury, who they expect to pass 40 to 50 times. The resurgent Blackshirts already have 25 sacks this season, tying the number of sacks they finished with all of last year.

"I think our quickness up front and our ability to get to the quarterback will pay off," end Chris Kelsay said. "Their quarterback is obviously a good thrower. We're going to have to get pressure on him or else he can pick our defense apart."

Nebraska's last home loss was in 1998 when Texas came in and won 20-16. Saturday is also Nebraska's homecoming game.

Hermleigh JH rips Bulldogs

The Hermleigh Cardinals got 190 yards rushing from David Duck, and another 136 yards passing from Tyler Ethridge to fly past Loraine, 43-12, in Thursday night's junior high six-man action.

Duck scored three times on the ground on runs of 36, 74 and 10 yards, and also hauled in a pair of touchdown passes from Ethridge of 45 and 35 yards.

Robby Anderson added six more points on a 2-yard plunge, and Scotty Arellano raced in from 38 yards out.

Duck and Ethridge anchored the Cardinals' defensive effort with 11 tackles apiece. Joseph Yruegas tallied nine tackles.

Ira JV holds off Coyotes

IRA — After numerous lead changes, the Ira Bulldogs outlasted Borden County, 40-24, in Thursday night's junior varsity six-man action.

Jess Wall got Ira on the board when he scored on a 22-yard scamper to knot the tally at 6-6 in the first quarter.

A 24-yard toss from Timothy Huddleston to Wall tied the game at 12-12, and a 22-yard sprint from Justin Taylor gave the Bulldogs an 18-12 lead at halftime.

Ira built its biggest lead of the night on back-to-back touchdown runs of 22 and 14 yards by Steven Herrera. Brandon Graves' kick put Ira on top, 32-19.

Taylor registered the Bulldogs' final points when he raced in from 26 yards out, and Wall sealed the game with an interception.

Taylor paced the Ira attack with 135 yards on 18 carries. Josh Wilson added 56 yards, and Wall finished with 45.

Huddleston threw for 62 yards, and led the defensive effort with seven tackles.

Sports Briefs

WTC SGA Golf Tournament

The Western Texas College Student Government Association will host its first annual WTC SGA Golf Tournament on Saturday, Oct. 27, at the WTC golf course.

The tournament will be a four-person scramble with an entry of $120 per team (tax-deductible).

Cash prizes are $360 for 1st place, $240 for 2nd, and $120 for 3rd, based on a full field. Carts are not included in the entry fee. There will be a shotgun start at 9 am and 1:30 pm.

Contact the WTC Pro Shop to register at 573-9291.

Registration deadline is Friday, Oct. 26, at 5 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the Student Government Association.

Women's golf tourney

The Tournament of Champions women's golf event will be held Saturday and Sunday at Snyder Country Club. Format is individual low net and low gross, and players will be pre-flighted by handicap.

Tee times are 9:30 a.m. Saturday and 1:30 p.m. Sunday. To register, call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101 or Jo Sterling at 573-0604.

Basketball calendar sponsors

Calendar Girl Sports Productions, the official SHS booster calendar, is looking for sponsors for this year's basketball calendar.

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Sausage supper

SHS Volleyball Booster Club will have its annual sausage supper from 5 to 7 p.m. Nov. 9.

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Golf booster club drawing

The Snyder Golf Booster Club is holding a drawing for a cord of mesquite wood. Tickets are $1 and proceeds benefit the SISD golf program.

The drawing will be held Nov. 9 during halftime of the Snyder-Estacado football game. For more information, call 573-0931 or 573-5437.

Drawing for Red Raider hoops tickets

The Lady Tigers Basketball Booster Club is holding a drawing for Texas Tech basketball tickets. Tickets are $25, and can be purchased from any booster club member. The drawing will be held Nov. 9 at halftime of Snyder's football game with Estacado.

Two winners will be drawn. The first winner will choose between two tickets to either the Tech men's game against Oklahoma on Jan. 26, 2002, or the Tech women's contest against Colorado on Feb. 3, 2002. The second winner gets tickets to the other game, and both receive dinner for two at Abuelo's.

For more information, call Melanie at 573-8511 ext. 200 during the day, or 573-3395 after 5 p.m.

Major League Baseball Playoffs

By The Associated Press
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American League

Wednesday, Oct. 17
New York 4, Seattle 2

Thursday, Oct. 18
New York 3 at Seattle 2, New York leads series 2-0

Saturday, Oct. 20
Seattle (Moyer 20-6) at New York (Hernandez 4-7), 4:20 p.m. (Fox)

Sunday, Oct. 21
Seattle (Abbott 17-4) at New York (Clemens 20-3), 7:50 p.m. (Fox or Fox Sports Net)

Monday, Oct. 22
Seattle at New York, 8:20 p.m., if necessary (Fox)

Wednesday, Oct. 24
New York at Seattle, 4:20 p.m., if necessary (Fox)

Thursday, Oct. 25
New York at Seattle, 8:20 p.m., if necessary (Fox)

National League

Tuesday, Oct. 16
Arizona 2, Atlanta 0

Wednesday, Oct. 17
Atlanta 8, Arizona 1, series tied 1-1

Friday, Oct. 19
Arizona (Schilling 22-6) at Atlanta (Burkett 12-12), 8:20 p.m. (Fox)

Saturday, Oct. 20
Arizona at Atlanta, 7:50 p.m. (Fox)

Sunday, Oct. 21
Arizona at Atlanta, 7:50 p.m. (Fox or Fox Sports Net)

Tuesday, Oct. 23
Atlanta at Arizona, 8:20 p.m., if necessary (Fox)

Wednesday, Oct. 24
Atlanta at Arizona, 8:20 p.m., if necessary (Fox)

Ira jr. high blanks Coyotes

IRA — The Ira Bulldogs used their running game and a stout defensive effort to blank Borden County, 42-0, in Thursday night's junior high six-man action.

Joel Lollar ran for 166 yards and four touchdowns to fuel the Bulldogs' attack. Lollar scored on runs of 13, 28, 14 and 52 yards.

Wes Kellner raced 57 yards to paydirt, and booted a pair of extra points. Chad Nickerson posted Ira's final TD on a 1-yard plunge.

Ira also notched a safety on a botched punt snap by the Coyotes.

Kellner anchored the Bulldogs' defensive effort with 10 tackles.

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Furniture, Glassware, Dishes, Clothes, Books, Antiques & much more!

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3607 Houston
Saturday Only, 8a.m. – Noon
Glassware, Furniture, Pictures, Small appliances & lots more!!

Garage Sales

FLEA MARKET
Hwy. 84 & Inadale
(old Community Center)
Fri., Sat. & Sun. 9a.m. – ??
11+ vendors Inside
Bake Sale
Come & Browse!

GARAGE SALE
101 Birch
Saturday 8a.m. – ??
Everything Must Go!
Bikes, Tools, Clothes,
Some knick-knacks.

GARAGE SALE
1609 8th St.
Saturday 8a.m. – 3p.m.
Toys, Clothes, Books, Dishes, etc.

GARAGE SALE
204 34th St.
Friday 8:30a.m. – 5p.m.
Saturday 8:30a.m. – ??
All Kinds of Things!!
Come See!!

GARAGE SALE
2103 43rd St.
Saturday 7a.m. – Noon
Exercise machine, Lots of young boy's clothes & Lots of misc.

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2106 42nd St.
Saturday 9a.m. – 3p.m.
Furniture, Clothing, Lots of misc., Tupperware inventory clearance. Come See!!

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2608 42nd St.
Saturday 8a.m. – Noon
No Early Sales

GARAGE SALE
2705 48th St.
Saturday 9a.m. – 2p.m.

GARAGE SALE
3201 Hill Ave.
Saturday 8a.m. – Noon
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Saturday 8a.m. - 11a.m.
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910 N. Ave. L
Saturday 8a.m. – 4p.m.
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37th & Ave E. #L68
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2609 36th 4-3-1-1cp.....$107T
5505 Cedar Creek 3-2½-2 .....$104.5T
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2705 35th 4-3-2 + Office $87.5T
3302 Irving 3-2-2, Immaculate.....$85T
2510 Towle Park 3-2-2cp ..Reduced $85T
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4008 Irving 3-2-2.....$58T
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Jay Leno's Harley draws top bid of $360,000 on eBay

BURBANK, Calif. (AP) — Jay Leno's celebrity-autographed Harley-Davidson motorcycle and a matching truck drew a top bid of $360,200 on eBay, with proceeds going to the Twin Towers Fund for victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The talk-show host will announce the name of the winning bidder on NBC's "The Tonight Show" Friday night, after funds have been verified. The online auction began Oct. 7 and ended Wednesday.

Leno asked celebrities from movies, television, music and sports who visited his show to sign the limited edition Harley-Davidson FXDL Dyna Low Rider, which he bought in July. The motorcycle, which has only 200 miles on it, features a custom black-leather seat and custom paint.

A list of stars signed it, including Arnold Schwarzenegger, Nicole Kidman, Nicolas Cage, Denzel Washington, Tom Cruise and Heather Locklear, to name a few.

Also included in the deal is a 2001 Ford Harley-Davidson F-150 SuperCrew, one of a series of trucks the two companies created together.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	19.00	18.43	18.49	—.38
AOL TimeWrn	30.20	29.64	30.13	+.23
AT&T Corp s	17.90	17.60	17.72	—.18
Albertsons	32.90	32.30	32.35	—.26
Alltel	59.40	58.65	58.75	—.54
AmEl Pw	43.75	43.00	43.52	+.27
AnderkPtr	54.01	52.85	53.29	—.80
ATMOS Egy	21.50	21.35	21.36	—.19
Aviall	5.85	5.75	5.85	+.05
BP PLC	47.10	46.65	47.10	—1.80
BakerHughes	31.37	30.36	30.49	—.80
Bank of Amer	57.07	55.43	55.76	—1.24
BellSouth	38.50	38.05	38.14	+.02
vjBeth Steel	.56	.42	.46	—.02
BurlNoSFe	27.11	26.54	26.65	—.60
Caterpillar	46.80	45.65	45.75	—.64
ChevronTex	85.80	84.80	85.80	—.23
Citigroup	46.49	44.78	45.04	—1.46
CocaCola	48.12	47.01	48.06	+1.94
ColgatePal	58.29	57.50	58.06	+.46
ComelMetals	31.00	30.30	30.96	+.66
Cooperin	37.24	35.70	35.90	—1.18
DaimlrChry	33.73	33.05	33.73	—1.27
DeltaAirl	23.48	22.64	22.72	—.46
Dillards Inc	13.36	13.15	13.18	—.23
DowChem	34.40	33.85	33.85	—.33
DuPont	40.88	39.90	40.09	—.52
EastmanChem	36.47	35.45	35.59	—.66
EstKodak	34.50	34.00	34.01	—.20
EDS Corp	60.91	59.92	60.57	+.07
Entergy	37.05	36.11	36.18	—.97
ExxonMobil s	40.30	39.61	39.87	—.53
GenDynam	83.12	80.88	82.79	+2.43
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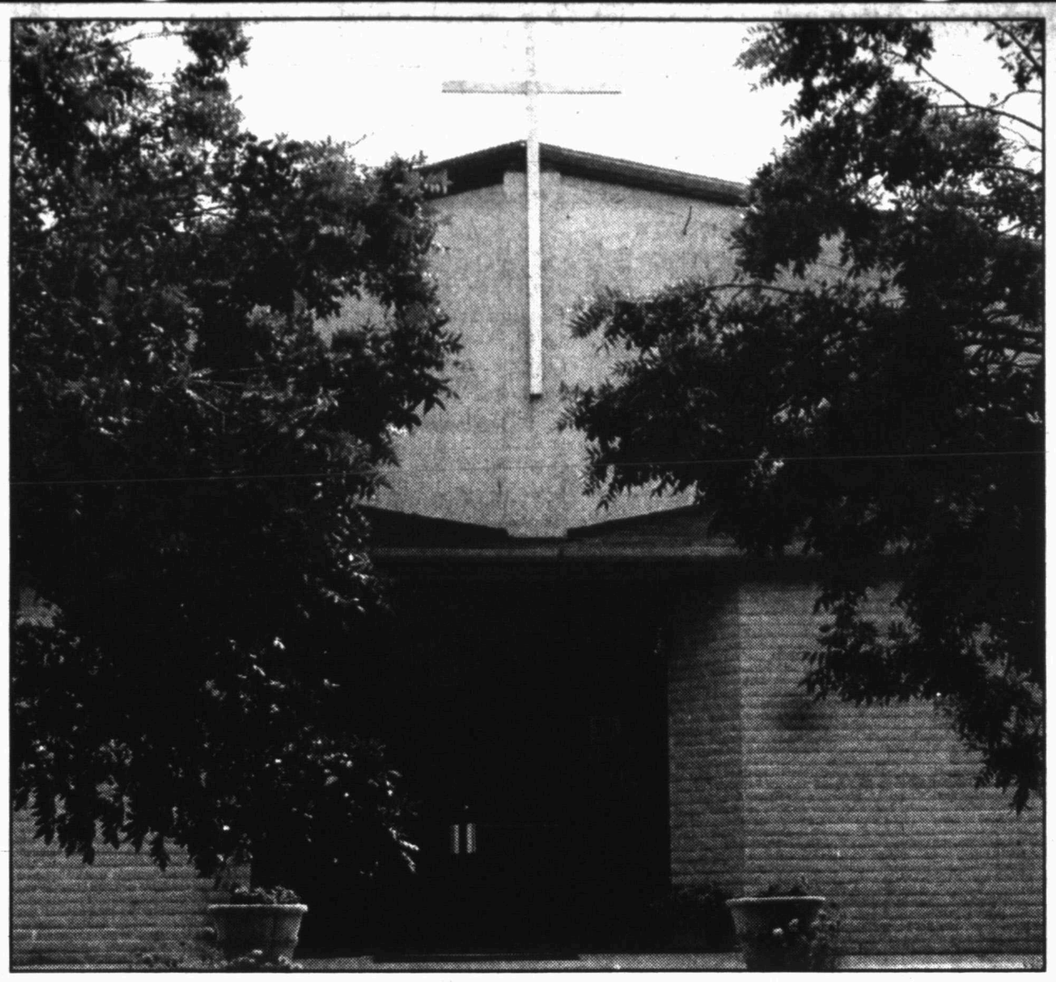

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U.S. special forces begin operations

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. special forces have begun operations on the ground in Afghanistan, officials said today, opening a significant and dangerous new phase of the assault against the Taliban and terrorists.

Members of the secretive forces were supporting efforts by the intelligence community to undermine the Taliban regime in southern Afghanistan, said a U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity. The official said military action could increase markedly in coming days.

A Pakistani official, also not wanting to be identified, said Pakistan was told by the Americans that special forces were dropped into Taliban territory on Thursday.

"Their basic purpose will not be to seize anything, but to conduct hit-and-run operations, pinpoint installations, smoke out terrorists," said the Pakistani military source.

The source said U.S. forces have also been in anti-Taliban northern alliance territory of Afghanistan for more than one week.

U.S. warplanes eased their bombardment after dawn today, Islam's holy day. In Pakistan, a Taliban official said his side had nothing to fear from U.S. commandos.

"Fifteen or 20 troops will be able to do nothing," embassy spokesman Sohail Shaheen said. "If they want to send in soldiers, they should send in 100,000. Then it can be a fight between our soldiers and theirs."

President Bush's national security adviser declined to discuss the special forces' activities in Afghanistan. "I cannot talk about what special operations are doing," Condoleezza Rice said on CNN from China, where Bush is attending an Asia-Pacific economic meeting.

On ABC's "Good Morning America," she said: "We have (been) and are paving the way for friendly forces."

Signs that special forces were ready to go or might already be inside Afghanistan have been building all week. The Navy's USS Kitty Hawk, an aircraft carrier in the Indian Ocean, was loaded with special forces last weekend.

And an Air Force special operations AC-130 gunship on Monday began attacking in southern Afghanistan. The high-firepower AC-130s typically give close air cover to forces already on the ground or going in for small-unit operations.

Bush refused to confirm the presence of U.S. ground forces in Afghanistan but said, "We will use whatever means are necessary to achieve our objective."

Vice President Dick Cheney said Thursday night that airstrikes since Oct. 7 against terrorist camps and military targets have made possible a new phase of the war.

"The success of our air campaign has cleared the way for further action which the Taliban and terrorists can neither predict nor escape," he said in a speech in New York.

Officers arrest man on unlawful weapon charge

Arrests

A Snyder police officer arrested two men in the 1900 block of 16th Street just after midnight Thursday on alcohol-related charges.

A 42-year-old man was taken into custody in the traffic stop for driving while intoxicated and unlawfully carrying a weapon.

A 26-year-old man was also arrested in the stop on charges of public intoxication. Both subjects were transferred to the county jail and their vehicle was towed.

Officers arrested two people on warrants Thursday.

A 19-year-old man was taken into custody at 11:40 a.m. on two local warrants. A woman was arrested in the 100 block of Peach on warrants for failure to stop at a stop sign and for failure to appear before a judge.

Theft

Loyd Nichols requested an officer at 1704 17th Street at 8 a.m. Thursday in reference to some aluminum being stolen from his property. An officer responded and advised a report for Class A theft would be filed.

Gas drive off

A clerk at L&L reported a gas drive off at 10:35 a.m. Thursday. The clerk told officers she contacted the subject's roommates and advised him to return and pay for the gas.

Another gas drive off was reported from Rip Griffin's Truck Stop at 1 p.m. Thursday. The clerk described the vehicle as a gray pickup traveling east U.S. 180.

A clerk at Snyder One Stop reported a gas drive off worth $17.20 at 5 p.m. Thursday. The clerk told police the subject was an elderly male in a red pickup.

Another gas drive off was reported at Allsup's at 4 this morning.

Births

Jenna Faith Patterson was welcomed home by her brothers, Chandler and Logan Patterson. Jenna was born at 9:23 a.m. on Oct. 8 in Lubbock. Parents are Robert and Angie Patterson of Lubbock.

Paternal grandparents are Glenn and Janeen Patterson of Snyder. Great-grandparents are the late Monroe and Eudell Patterson and N.R. and Jeanette Clements.

Maternal grandparents are Tommy and Janet Lay of San Angelo. Great-grandparents are James and Orlena Lay of Snyder, and Nellie Womack of San Angelo and the late Bob Womack.

Obituaries

Billy Joe Poe

1923-2001

Billy Joe Poe, a former resident of Snyder, died Wednesday, Oct. 17, in The Oaks Care Center in Burnet after a lengthy illness.

Graveside service for Mr. Poe, 77, is set for 2 p.m. Monday in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Billy Joe Poe

Born Oct. 29, 1923, in Hennepin, Okla., Mr. Poe was a retired plant operator for Monsanto Oil Co. and was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Poe of Granite Shoals; four children, Mike Poe of Lynden, Wash., Gary Poe of Snyder, Kathy Beasley of Marble Falls and David Poe of Corpus Christi; and two stepsons, Brad Harmon of Granite Shoals and Dennis Harmon of Oceanside, Calif.; 16 grandchidren and14 great-grandchildren.

Alton Barfoot

1913-2001

Alton Lafayette Barfoot, a lifelong resident of Hermleigh, died Thursday, Oct. 18, from injuries sustained in a one-vehicle accident near Hermleigh.

Services for Mr. Barfoot, 88, are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born May 14, 1913 in Hermleigh, he married Lorraine Wellington on Sept. 12, 1942 in New York City.

A U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, Mr. Barfoot was a member of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion.

An electrician, Mr. Barfoot was retired from Southern Electric and was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Hermleigh.

Survivors include his wife, Loraine Barfoot of Hermleigh; a daughter, Sharon Applin of Dallas; a son, Larry Barfoot of San Antonio; and two grandchildren.

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Lester Hopper

1930-2001

Lester Lee Hopper, a native of Scurry County, died this morning at his home in Snyder after a lengthy illness.

Services for Mr. Hopper, 71, are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Lester Hopper

Born July 22, 1930 in Union, he married Alyne Williamson on Sept. 30, 1949 in Dickens.

A longtime Scurry County resident, Mr. Hopper formerly operated Lee's Mechanic and Welding Shop in Hermleigh. He later worked and retired from Key Brothers Implement and was a member of Snyder's First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Alyne Hopper of Snyder; a son and daughter-in-law, Ricky and Kay Hopper of Snyder; a daughter and son-in-law, Rosanna and Ronnie Wade of Dallas; three grandchildren; Shane Wade and his wife Angie, Shanna Wright and her husband Robbie, and Logan Hopper; two nieces, Tina Calley and Theleca Wilson; and one great-grandchild.

Kathryn Riddle

1972-2001

Kathryn Nichole "Nikki" Riddle, former Snyder resident, died Thursday, Oct. 18, in Abilene after a lengthy illness.

Service for Ms. Riddle, 29, is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Lance Voorhees of Abilene will officiate. Burial will follow in the Fluvanna Cemetery.

Ms. Riddle attended school in Snyder and Abilene and was a member of the Church of Christ.

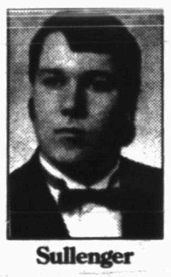
Survivors include one son, Nicholas Riddle of Abilene; one daughter, Stormie Riddle of Abilene; her mother, Linda Riddle of Abilene; her father and stepmother, J.C. and Carolyn Riddle of Midland; her stepfather, Andy Hays of Abilene; three sisters, Melissa Adams of Abilene, Angela Clayton of San Angelo and Darla Pierson of Aspermont; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Ken Hays of Aspermont and Jay and Jamie Riddle of Abilene; two aunts and an uncle, Carol Dowden of Abilene and Susie and Tommy Rogers of Cross Plains; five nieces; two nephews; numerous cousins; and a special friend, Rebecca Balderas.

Stephen Sullenger

1973-2001

Stephen Christopher Sullenger, a lifelong resident of Snyder, died Thursday, Oct. 18, at his home in Snyder.

A rosary for Mr. Sullenger, 28, is set for 7 this evening at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel.



Sullenger

A funeral mass is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the St. Elizabeth Catholic Church with Fr. Gerald Leatham officiating. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Born Jan. 14, 1973 in Snyder, he was a 1991 graduate of Snyder High School. A member of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Mr. Sullenger attended correctional officers school and worked for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Price Daniel Unit and Smith Unit in Lamesa for eight years.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Roland and Tish Sullenger; and his maternal grandfather, Aubrey Williams.

Survivors include a daughter, Kyra Lynne Sullenger of Snyder; his parents, Rodger and Janie Sullenger of Snyder; his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Aubrey Williams of Hermleigh; his aunts and uncles, Aubrey Gene Williams, David Williams and Virginia Williams, all of Hermleigh, Betty and Derwin Thompson of Snyder, Ruby and Ned Gates of San Antonio; Lee and Rhonda Sullenger of Houston and Danny and Brenda Pitzer of Duncanville; and 11 cousins.

Pallbearers will be James Sturdivant, Shaun Barnes, Jason Smith, Travis Goswick, Jeffrey Gates, Sam Gates and Michael Alarcon.

Memorials may be made to Scurry County Mental Health Unit, 909 25th, Snyder.

Patricia Corkran

1914-2001

ARTESIA, N.M. – Patricia Shelton Corkran, the mother of Gerald Corkran of Snyder, died Thursday, Oct. 18, in Ann Arbor, Mich., following a lengthy illness.

A memorial service for Mrs. Corkran, 87, is tentatively set for Wednesday in the First Presbyterian Church in Artesia.

Born March 17, 1914 in Roaring Springs, she married Crusy M. Corkran on Oct. 2, 1932. He died June 2, 1983.

Survivors include another son, Charles Wesley Corkran of Austin; a daughter, Judith Hommel of Ann Arbor; a sister, Bettie Russell of Katy; and six grandchildren, including Jeff Corkran of Snyder and Andrea Corkran of San Angelo.

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ONGOINGS

Mission conference

Rev. Monty Hilliard of Lubbock will preach at 7 p.m. today and Saturday and at 11 a.m. Sunday at Northside Baptist Church. Hilliard's wife, Terry, will speak to the women of the church at a 10 a.m. brunch Saturday in the fellowship hall. Theme of the conference will be emphasizing worldwide missions.

JV drama sets first show

Snyder High School's JV drama students will present *The Importance of Being Earnest* and *Behind the Scenes*, a original play by Tanner Beard, at 2 p.m. Sunday and again at 7:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. Tickets are $4 for students and $5 for adults.

Abundant Life Church revival

Abundant Life Church of Snyder, 318 31st St., will have three nights of preaching beginning at 7 this evening and continuing Saturday and Sunday. Special speaker is Rick Gibson.

Wal-Mart safety day

Wal-Mart will sponsor finger printing for kids, plus tours of a fire truck and ambulance from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday. Cokes and hot dogs will be available and all money raised will be sent to the American Red Cross New York Relief Fund.

SHS Class of 1967 reunion

There will be a meeting at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Spanish Inn to plan the 1967 class reunion. All classmates are urged to attend. To share addresses, contact Patsy Rainwater Maddux at 2017 American Legion Rd., San Angelo, 76904, or Pmadduz@gte.net.

Tiger band sendoff

As the Tiger band leaves Saturday afternoon for marching contest, wish the band luck with a big send off. Line up on El Paso Ave. between West Elementary and the junior high at 2:35 and make some noise as the band buses go by.

Note burning ceremony

College Baptist Church is having a note burning ceremony from 2-4 p.m. Saturday. A reception will follow, and all members and former members are invited.

Hermleigh booster club

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

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "The Threat of Apostasy," followed by "Dynamics of Christian Faith."

Cancer board meeting

The Scurry Unit board of the American Cancer Society will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the Cogdell Hospital board room.

Hospice caregivers dinner

Community Care Hospice staff and volunteers will host a caregivers dinner at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

SHS homecoming parade

Snyder High School's student council is accepting entries for the homecoming parade Thursday. Entry fee is $10. Entries can be turned in at the high school office or by calling 573-6301.

Park 'n eat fajita dinner

First Christian Church's fifth annual homecoming park 'n eat fajita dinner will be next Friday from 5-7 p.m. at the church at 2701 37th St. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

SJHS hamburger supper

Snyder Junior High's choir department will have a hamburger supper from 5-7 p.m. on next Friday in the high school cafeteria. Tickets are $5 and may be purchased from choir members or at the door, or by calling Marci Dennis at 573-6356.

GED testing

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

Lions selling peanuts

The Snyder Lions Club will sell peanuts from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at Wal-Mart.

White Buffalo Festival

The annual White Buffalo Festival will be next Friday and Saturday with a balloon flight set for 6 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, There will be arts and crafts, games, food, talent show and many other events. For more information on an 88 tournament, call Rhonda Anderson at 573-7107. Rules may be picked up at the senior center.

To honor veterans

Snyder High School's Student Council will honor current and retired veterans in Scurry County at the last football home game Nov. 9. To submit names, call 573-6301 and leave message for Roc Ann Rogers, sponsor.

The social studies classes are also seeking the names of all veterans in Scurry County, living or dead, for a Veterans Day project. Call 573-6301 to submit names.

NE Elementary fundraiser

Northeast Elementary is selling lapel and hat flag pins for $2 each. Call 573-2643 or stop by the school.

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 ae purchased, the deposit is $30. For information call 573-6301, ext 35.

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Approval rating gives Bush political clout

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thrust into the role of wartime leader, President Bush has soared in the polls to a 90 percent approval rating.

The political muscle that comes with such a number gives him a strong hand to lead the campaign against terrorism and try to strengthen the economy.

Democrats caution the clout doesn't automatically transfer to partisan political positions on unrelated domestic issues. Leaders from both parties say they expect the administration to try to keep a bipartisan tone on most issues while carrying out the anti-terror battle in coming months.

"He's getting a lot of credit for not passing partisan stuff through the Congress," said Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, a Democrat. "He's done a fine job of knowing he should try to get along with Democrats. His approval would be 50 percent really fast if he were to use this for partisan political purposes — any of the extreme tax proposals, the agenda of the religious right."

Utah Gov. Mike Leavitt, a Republican, said: "The most profound thing that's happened is that he's become America's president instead of the American president. When it comes to matters related to war, the political clout is unending. There's no question on matters of domestic policy he's been strengthened, especially to the degree by which they are related to the anti-terror campaign."

After the terrorist attacks Sept. 11, Congress quickly passed a $15 billion relief package for the airline industry, a $40 billion package to repair the terrorism damage and bolster security and are wrapping up details on an anti-terror bill that would give law enforcement new powers to search out terrorists.

Other measures have stalled, including an aviation security bill with a proposal to make airport screeners federal employees and a foreign aid bill held up in the Senate in a dispute over judicial appointments. Administration priorities causing spirited debates are an economic stimulus package with a heavy emphasis on tax cuts, energy legislation and a trade promotion bill.

The president's father had equally high poll ratings a decade ago after the Persian Gulf War, but those numbers evaporated within a year as the economy slumped and he was maneuvered into a tax increase that eroded his Republican base.

"The president's current approval rating gives him a great deal of clout in his dealings with Congress as it relates to our war against terrorism," said Kentucky Gov. Paul Patton, a Democrat. "However, as a public officeholder, I understand the ups and downs of public opinion polls and would not expect this same approval rating to transfer into all areas of governance — such as an unrelated social agenda."

Rep. Mark Foley, R-Fla., said Bush "appears to have learned from his father's mistakes. I always felt that if George Bush One had used that groundswell of support from the Persian Gulf War, he could have done some phenomenal things for the country. He seemed to rest on the laurels of Desert Storm, and the public was expecting so much more."

Leaders from both parties said the president's high approval ratings are closely linked to the bipartisan approach he's governed with in the weeks after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"He's doing now what he did in Texas," said Arizona Gov. Jane Hull, a Republican. "He's reaching the ability to sit down with Republicans and Democrats. It's a shame that it takes a tragedy to create that spirit, but I think he'll be able to continue doing that in the future. The American people have shown they like that bipartisanship."

Inevitably, lawmakers from both sides will promote legislation that had bogged down a sharply divided Congress before the attacks. Some Republicans suggest Democrats are in a weaker position now.

"The president has the overwhelming support and confidence of the American people right now," said Rep. J.C. Watts of Oklahoma, chairman of the House Republican Conference. "I think Democrats will realize it is not the time to obstruct."

Sen. Phil Gramm, a fellow Texas Republican, said the high approval rating "certainly strengthens the president's ability to deal with Congress on a myriad of issues."

Commercial satellite launched from California

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP) — A satellite designed to collect the highest resolution Earth images for commercial use was launched into orbit aboard a Boeing Delta 2 rocket.

The QuickBird satellite, owned by DigitalGlobe of Longmont, Colo., lifted off accurately Thursday and the satellite's separation was perfect, said Chuck Herring, a company spokesman. DigitalGlobe has lost two previous satellites.

The costs of the satellite and launch were not disclosed.

The satellite will begin using its telescope in 30 to 40 days and will then undergo three to four months of calibration and verification before its images are sold.

QuickBird's images will have a resolution of up to 2 feet, but standard products will have resolution lower than that, Herring said. Two-foot resolution may allow, for example, distinguishing between a sedan and a pickup, but would not show a person, he said.

The launch was the latest in sometimes troubled efforts by companies seeking to grab chunks of a developing market for images of Earth's surface made by satellites with detail approaching that of spy spacecraft.

Such images have uses ranging from urban planning to agricultural and environmental monitoring and disaster assessment.

On the Net: http://www.digitalglobe.com
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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Saturday, Oct. 20, 2001

Chances are you might be invited to participate in promoting or launching a very unique project in the year ahead. Your input will help make it the success it's destined to be.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — If you're toying with a new idea or concept, get your head together with a couple of innovative friends you know. Together all the pieces could fall into place. Trying to patch up a broken romance?

The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — The marketplace could be filled with a number of unique or unusual products today that'll be just what you've been looking for, even if you didn't know it. It's a good day to shop.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Someone you've been dying to get to know could unexpectedly cross your path today. You'll jump at the chance to make your wish come true.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Take some time to put your budget in order today, because you could be rather ingenious at devising ways to make or save money. All you have to do is put your mind to it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Not that you're looking for it, but you'll be the one associates turn to today for guidance should anything unexpected develop. Your quick responses keep everything running smoothly.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Those who are willing to take chances could be the best equipped at helping you achieve your goals today. Turn to people you know are successful speculators.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You appreciate the value of information that is so unique, others ignore it. What you learn today could turn out to be of considerable worth.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Something you've been attempting to promote to no avail might suddenly be accepted today. It now favors the interests of the powers that be.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Stick to situations today that require teamwork, because that's where you're likely to achieve impressive results. Independent endeavors aren't apt to realize the same rewards.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — While associates may be still trying to define a complicated financial situation, you'll already have the solution. This puts you heads and shoulders above the fray today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Attend any social functions today where you can get a chance to mingle with and meet new people. A fresh face could usher in some exciting situations.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — This is an excellent day to divest yourself of routine procedures and experiment with new techniques you've wanted to try. You're exceptionally creative and sharp today.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Reflux may respond to antacids

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 87 and suffer from a bad case of GERD, despite all the prescription medicine used for treating it. The only way I can control the pain is to take up to five maximum doses of Extra Strength Maalox every day. Because of a heart condition, I am not a candidate for surgery. Will the antacid harm me?

DEAR READER: Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) is caused by a backwash of gastric acid up into the esophagus, where it leads to heartburn, gas, indigestion and cough. Treatment consists of reducing the production of excess stomach acid and/or neutralizing the acid that is produced. Evidently, you have not responded to the first form of therapy but, fortunately, the second form has been successful. I see no harm in you continuing your present strategy. Use the antacids for relief, and follow your physician's recommendations. Avoid alcohol and foods that aggravate your symptoms; don't overeat, lie down after a meal or eat at bedtime.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: My teacher has told me to drink about eight glasses of water a day, but I don't like the taste of water. Therefore, I drink Kool-Aid instead. I know that this product contains a lot of sugar that is probably not good for me. Should I change?

DEAR READER: In my opinion, yes.

However, you don't need eight glasses of water a day to maintain good health. As I have written before, let your thirst center dictate your fluid intake. If you're thirsty, enjoy a glass of water; if you're not, forget it.

Kool-Aid is not an appropriate substitute because of the very reason you mention: "empty" calories that you don't need.

If the taste of tap water is not to your liking, experiment with other sources, such as bottled water or spring water. Save the Kool-Aid for a treat.

DEAR DR. GOTT: A while ago, I had a wart in my vagina, and my doctor burned it off. Since then, I've had pain in my butt and rectum. This has led to anxiety and trouble breathing, followed by constipation. Another doctor said that this was a complication of the wart. What do you think?

DEAR READER: Vaginal warts are caused by virus infections. The treatment you first received is an unlikely reason for your present symptoms. To shed light on this issue, I recommend that a gynecologist examine you. Perhaps an abnormality in your reproductive tract is the cause of your pain and constipation. Or an unrelated affliction, such as pelvic inflammation or pressure on the sciatic nerve, may be to blame. In any case, start with the gynecologist, who will call on other specialists as necessary.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I recently suffered a spinal cord stroke that left me unable to walk. What is this?

DEAR READER: Strokes are caused by blood clots that become wedged in arteries supplying nerve tissue, leading to varying degrees of neurological damage. While we ordinarily think of a stroke affecting the brain, in rare instances clots can also damage the spinal cord, with resulting weakness and disability, primarily in the lower extremities.

In my opinion, you could be helped — but not necessarily cured — by an intensive rehabilitation program under the auspices of a physical therapist and an occupational therapist. Ask your doctor to arrange such a program.

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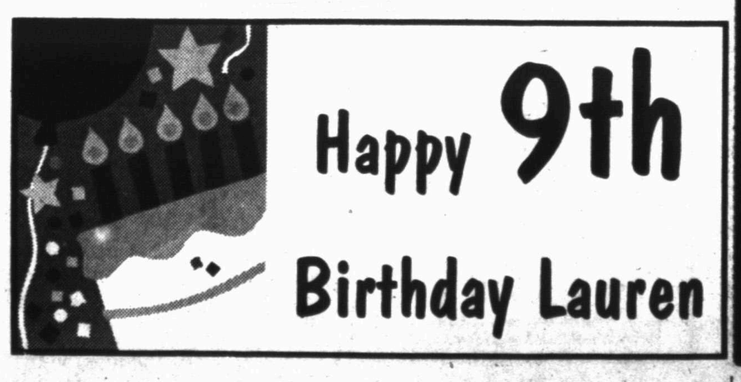

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