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Cotton crop not up to par this year

By Brian Brisendine
Staff Writer

The cotton gins are running in Scurry County, but the overall crop outlook isn't good, according to Extension Agent Greg Gruben.

"With the price of cotton right now and the condition of the crop, it's looking pretty dismal out there," Gruben said. "There's going to be a wide spectrum of quality, but none of the cotton in Scurry County is what you would call good."

The extension agent said most fields in the county are producing less than a half-bale per acre, far less than hoped for.

"Some of these crops looked really good until the farmers started defoliating, then there just wasn't much left," he said. "There is definitely no question that a lot of the crops in our area are not going to be as good as we had thought."

The vast majority of cotton raised in the county is dry-land crops and the lack of rainfall in July and August was a detriment to its growth, Gruben said.

"We can't seem to get Mother Nature to help us out. Our summer was just too dry for dry-land cotton."

The high temperatures and lack of moisture during the summer months also caused some local crops to mature more quickly than in the past.

The Inadale Gin began operations Oct. 1, two weeks earlier than in an average year.

Manager David Server said the bale count is lower than usual, but reported a "fair crop" so far this year.

"We're getting some of the best cotton in the county here at our gin," Server said. "The crops around Hermleigh received the best rainfalls and turned out better than in other areas and we're getting that cotton."

Server said the Inadale Gin had produced 1,709 bales as of 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Robby Robinson, manager of Farmer's Co-op Gin, said their gin had been running for a week.

Seven hundred bales have been produced there and Robinson said that total is lower than hoped for.

"We're forecasting about 6,000 bales this year," he said. "In a good year, we would produce almost 20,000."

Robinson said farmers in the area aren't upbeat these days. "We're all pretty worried about what's going to be in the new farm bill. We'll just have to wait and see."

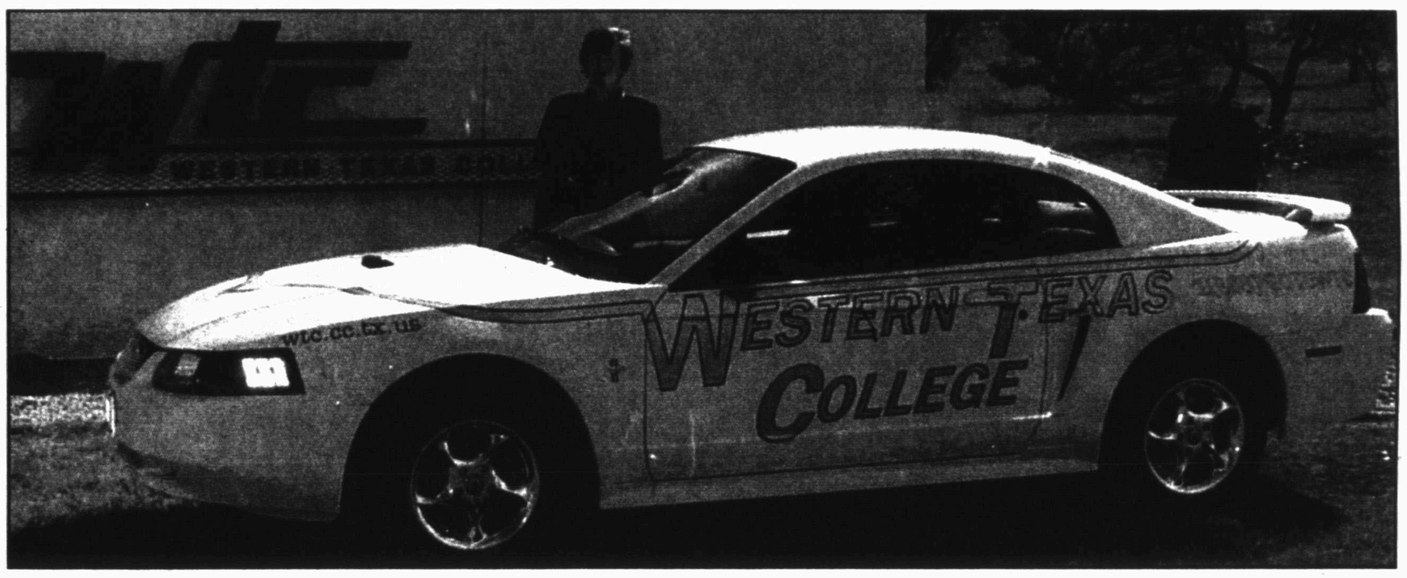
Scurry County Gin manager Jim Edmonds said 151 bales of cotton have been produced there since opening Oct. 3. "That's about average for our gin," he said. "We usually don't get much business until the first freeze."

Other crops in the county are doing well, but are also in need of more rainfall, Gruben said. "The wheat crop is doing all right. We've had some spotty rains and it got off to a nice start, but it could definitely use a drink now."

Gruben said up to 75 percent of the county's wheat crop is used for grazing rather than harvested for grain.

"We're all hurting right now," he said. "We have got to start getting more rain when it counts."

"Our rains are showing up in September instead of July or August. That's just too late to help our crops."



SPEEDY RECRUITER — Western Texas College recently outfitted this new sports car for the college's recruiting efforts. Pictured with the 2001 Ford Mustang is WTC recruiter Debra Baremore. The college's recruiters hope to feature the car in area parades and other events. (Contributed Photo)

Western Texas College enlists Mustang to help recruitment

Western Texas College's newest recruiter is a standout that may be a little faster and shinier than the other two recruiters, but they don't seem to mind.

The college recently purchased a 2001 Mustang designed to heighten the profile of the college in its recruiting efforts. And thanks to the help of a professional graphic design company, the new car is a highly visible attention-getter.

The Mustang will be on the road an average of 3 days per week as college recruiters, Debra Baremore and Katye Draughon, visit numerous high schools throughout the college's service area. It will also be on display in area parades and other events.

Dean of Student Services, Jim Clifton, helped design the graphics for the car, which includes the college name wrapping around both sides and across the hood in silver metallic lettering alongside the college web address and toll-free phone number.

"Our goal was to come up with a car and a design with a high appeal for recruiting purposes," he said, "to allow our recruiters to 'fly the flag,' so to speak, so the car is really what you might call a rolling billboard for the college."

Katye Draughon was named as the college's second recruiter earlier this semester.

She is a Snyder native who attended WTC and is currently working on her bachelor's degree in human development and family studies at Texas Tech University.

Her husband, Brad, is in the Air Force, stationed in Elmendorf, Alaska, and they have one daughter, Jasmine, who is 5-months-old.

PATRIOTIC PUPPY — Dale and Elaine Byrd have joined in the patriotic fervor sweeping the nation since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks by dressing their Labrador pup, Libby, in the stars and stripes recently. (Conributed Photo)

WTC, state aiding laid off workers

Some 30 former employees of Lorber Industries are exploring other job and educational opportunities following a job lay-off Friday from the cotton spinning mill.

Jack Whitworth, plant manager and vice president of operations for Lorber Industries of Texas, said the Texas Workforce Commission and Western Texas College were contacted once the layoff was scheduled.

"They're doing the same thing for these employees that they did for those that lost their jobs at Walls Industries," said Whitworth.

Whitworth said more layoffs and a temporary closure of the plant is a possibility.

"We're working hard to get some other work going and hopefully it will pan out," said Whitworth.

Whitworth emphasized that if the plant is shut down, it would be a temporary closure.

Rumors of the company filing for bankruptcy are just that – rumors, said Whitworth.

"I don't know of any plans for the company filing for bankruptcy," said Whitworth.

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

It is the sole occupant of Snyder's industrial park.

Vendors ready for festival

Over 30 vendors have signed up for the White Buffalo Festival to be held Friday and Saturday at Scurry County Coliseum.

"We're excited about the number of vendors that are coming to our festival," said Donna Fowler, executive director of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce, the sponsor of this year's event.

"We still need people to register for the talent show and the other events, including the domino tournaments," said Fowler.

A highlight of this year's festival will be some dozen hot-air balloons at Winston Field.

"We will have school buses take citizens to the balloon festivities Saturday evening," said Fowler. "There will be seating available at the airport for everyone that rides the buses."

Persons wishing to ride the school buses to the airport should park their vehicles at one of four parking lots around town, said Fowler.

"We'll have buses leaving beginning at 6:30 p.m. from 42nd and College Ave., Colonial Hill Baptist Church parking lot, the coliseum parking lot, and the Varsity Square Shopping Center lot near Eckerd's," said Fowler.

THE SDN COLUMN
By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A cheap critic is someone quick on the flaw."

Some 210 years ago, when the first Old Farmer's Almanac began, we bet credit was almost a four-letter word among its readers.

Now credit and credit cards seem to be as popular as a cell phone and bottled water.

The Farmer's Almanac has long prided itself on tips on how to and not to do stuff. Again it has some suggestions for frugality and how to resist the temptation of using credit cards to one's demise.

Put 'em on ice...for a cooling off period.

Really, literally the tip is to put those plastic cards in ice. That's right, put 'em in an ice tray and freeze them.

Before you can use those cards again, you'd have to wait for the ice to melt. And while waiting, perhaps the passion to spend would cool.

Apparently, the extra thrifty folks in New England actually do this.

Here's some other good stuff from the dependable yellow paperback that came out last week.

—On fashion, the now popular Capri pants are on the way out and bell bottoms and other retro disco attire are making a comeback.

—On collectibles, vintage denim is drawing attention. A pair of 1927 Levi's recently sold for $41,000.

—Stress-related illnesses have tripled since 1995. And the old standby home remedies can help beat the common cold. For example, hot and spicy foods contain active ingredients that act as expectorants to unclog air passages.

—Most people know that chicken soup can reduce the effects of a cold, but the Almanac reveals that yogurt can increase immunity and reduce the chance of getting the sniffles.

—In food trends, baby boomers taste for nostalgia has renewed an interested in favorite foods such as Kentucky Fried Chicken and Hostess cup cakes.

—Traditionally, the bride's parents paid for the wedding ceremony and reception. Today, couples are more likely to pick up the tab themselves.

—Parents are told to stop spending money to send kids to expensive sports camps. Have your kids chase chickens. Yep, chickens. Seems that was a youthful pastime of all-star outfielder and base-stealer Rickey Henderson.

—And weather: expect above-normal rainfall from now through March. Look for a wet spring and cooler than normal temperatures.

We're feeling better already. Better go thaw out one of those pieces of plastic.

Homecoming parade set for 4:30 Thursday

Snyder High School's homecoming parade will start at the Varsity Square Shopping Center at 4:30 p.m. Thursday.

Tickets for the Tiger's homecoming match-up with the Levelland Lobos are on sale at the Snyder ISD administration building until 2 p.m. Friday.

The presentation of this year's homecoming queen will be made at halftime.

Queen candidates are Loryn Brown, Stormy Clark, Kasey Crill, Vanessa Freeman and Ashley Owen. All are seniors.

ASK US

Q—How many early votes have been cast for the Nov. 6 election?

A—County Clerk Joan Bunch said today only 26 people have voted early.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 88 degrees; low, 56; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 62; no precipitation; total for 2001, 15.97 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear, low 35-40; NE winds 5-15 mph. Thursday, sunny, high mid 60s; SE wind 5-15 mph.

Chance Young
Sunny

Sunset:
7:03 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:54 a.m.

Of 296 days in 2001, the sun has shone 284 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

When I don't have anything to worry about, I begin to worry about that.
—Walter Kelly

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Drug companies slated to answer call for millions of smallpox vaccine doses

WASHINGTON (AP) — Drug companies plan to answer the government's call to make about 250 million doses of smallpox vaccine by the end of next year, but may need regulatory concessions to meet the deadline.

Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson said Tuesday that the government's goal was to produce enough smallpox vaccine "so every American will be assured there is a dose with their name on it if it is needed."

Thompson asked Congress for $509 million to pay for a crash program to produce the vaccine. He said HHS sent a letter on Oct. 19 to vaccine makers asking about their ability to bring the nation's smallpox vaccine stocks up to 300 million doses by the end of 2002.

"Seven companies have indicated they would like to get involved," Thompson told Congress.

The companies had until today to respond to the request, but some said they would not meet the deadline. Others said that to achieve such rapid production of smallpox vaccine — currently not made in the United States — would be possible only if some federal regulations are waived or modified.

The government has about 15.4 million doses of smallpox vaccine stockpiled. A British company, Acambis, is making 54 million doses for delivery next year under a previous contract. The government will need about 250 million more doses to meet its goal, Thompson said.

Dr. Tony Fauci, head of the National Institute of Allergies and Infectious Diseases, said the number of stockpiled doses may be expanded if a dilution experiment is successful.

Researchers are now inoculating volunteers with diluted doses to see if a weaker vaccine will still provide protection. Fauci said the results should be known by February. If the experiment is successful, it could expand the stockpiled doses to at least 75 million, he said.

No American company has made smallpox vaccine since the 1980s, when smallpox was considered eradicated from the world. Most said they would have to start from scratch — installing equipment and developing the expertise — to begin production. The vaccine would have to meet standards set by the Food and Drug Administration.

Doing all that by the end of 2002 could be difficult without some close cooperation with government health agencies, including "breaking down some barriers" in regulation, said Nancy Pekarek, a spokeswoman for GlaxoSmithKline.

"Under ordinary circumstances, we're not able to gear up that quickly," she said. But Pekarek said GlaxoSmithKline has "made a commitment to do whatever we can to meet the needs."

A spokesman for Aventis Pasteur said it was uncertain if his company would even participate. "We are one of the companies that got a letter, but we have not decided if we will respond," said Len Lavenda.

He said Aventis last made smallpox vaccine in the 1970s. "We don't even have the technique to quickly produce smallpox vaccine by today's standards, (and) we don't know what standards would apply."

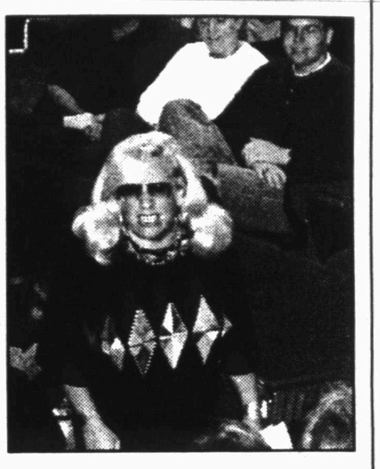
FDA spokesman Larry Bachorik the agency would not cut corners in safety or quality.

"The FDA is committed to work long and hard if that is what is required," he said. "But the FDA will still uphold its same high standards."

Baxter International spokeswoman Tanya Tyska said Baxter — which has a commercial alliance with Acambis — would commit only to offer "assistance to accelerate" vaccine production. "Baxter's role has not really been determined," she said.

Eilene Underkoffer of Merck & Co. would say only that her firm "was in discussion" with HHS.

Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories spokesman Doug Petkus said the letter was still being evaluated. "We are in discussions with the government about how we can be helpful," he said.



GUEST SPEAKER — Relations expert Ellen Gootblatt spoke to a crowd of around 200 high school and college students recently on the campus of Western Texas College. Gootblatt is an educator, author, lecturer and former WABC talk radio show host. She spoke on the topics: "Sex, Passion and Intimacy" and "Meeting, Dating and Mating" and focused on the 14 crucial questions to answer in regard to personal Relationships involving romance, family, and friends.In addition, Gootblatt will be the keynote speaker for the Texas Junior College Student Government Association (TJCSGA) state convention to be held next April in Arlington, which will be attended by the WTC chapter of SGA. (Contributed Photos)

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Fungus attacks patches of pumpkins

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — A fungus that rises from the ground is attacking fields of pumpkins in the eastern third of the country, covering acres of Halloween gourds with white spots.

Some pumpkin farmers in Ohio have lost as much as half their crop.

"Why it would show up here all of a sudden I haven't a clue," said Mac Riedel, a vegetable pathologist at Ohio State University.

The fungus, known as Michrodocium blight, has long been found in Europe but didn't appear in the United States until 13 years ago, when it was found in Tennessee. It has since spread into big pumpkin-growing states in the Midwest and along the East Coast.

The fungus seems to attack and spread when the weather is cool and wet. It first targets the pumpkin's stems and leaves, making the stems brittle, and then covers the gourd with a scabby surface of white and tan spots.

"Once the cosmetic value is destroyed, it's a total loss," Riedel said.

Illinois lost half of its crop a year ago, but the impact has been much less dramatic this season. While the fungus was first found in the South, it has crept into isolated fields as far away as Massachusetts in the past year.

It hasn't been a good year for pumpkins in general. Dry weather in New York and Michigan shrunk the size of pumpkins in those states and has led to higher prices.

While losses have mounted for some farmers, pumpkin prices at supermarkets have been steady.

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RESULTS

Texas Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:
15-30-33-34
Bonus number 31
Estimated jackpot: $1.3 million.

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:
2-16-18-19-22

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AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
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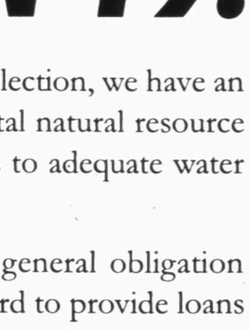
-- Rep. David Counts
Chairman, House Natural Resources Committee



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Odyssey orbiting Mars

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — A relieved NASA team celebrated as the 2001 Mars Odyssey successfully slipped into orbit around the Red Planet, two years after back-to-back failures by Mars missions.

The Odyssey spacecraft, operating on programmed commands, fired its engine Tuesday night to slow its speed, then arced over Mars' north pole into orbit.

"This embodies the American sprit. We showed we could win after being slammed a few times," said retiring NASA Administrator Daniel Goldin.

Odyssey's mission to study the makeup of Mars and to search for frozen reservoirs of water faced a critical step with the first and only firing of its engine. Failure could have sent the spacecraft hurtling past the planet.

Tension mounted at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory when the expected indication — a change in a signal transmitting from the spacecraft — was not detected as expected at 7:26 p.m. A long 41/2 minutes passed before the firing was confirmed.

"I was getting really worried then," project manager Matt Landano said.

Contact with Odyssey was lost as expected during a 20-minute pass behind the planet. Mission control erupted in cheers and high-fives when the signal reappeared from across 93 million miles.

Early indications showed Odyssey was in an orbit circling Mars every 19 hours, Landano said. The spacecraft, which flew a six-month, 286 million-mile course to rendezvous with the Red Planet, had been targeted for an orbit of 20 hours or less.

"These guys really redeemed themselves," said Ed Weiler, NASA's associate administrator for space science. "America needs some good news, especially now. Not many countries can do this and we showed that we could, right on the money."

Odyssey's orbit will be adjusted to a circular route 250 miles above the surface through aerobraking — dipping into the atmosphere in an around-the-clock process set to begin Friday. The spacecraft should settle into a two-hour orbit in late January.

Arrival at Mars has been perilous for previous NASA missions.

Mars Observer disappeared as it neared the planet in 1993, probably due to a fuel system explosion. In 1999, a mix-up between English and metric units put the Climate Orbiter too close to Mars, causing it to burn up in the atmosphere. NASA's Polar Lander vanished three months later, probably due to a software error sending it crashing to the planet's surface.

Overall, fewer than one-third of the 30 missions launched to the planet by the United States and other countries since 1960 have succeeded.

The 1999 failures forced NASA to re-examine its processes and overhaul its ambitious plans for robotic missions to Mars.

"We were successful only because we had a failure last time," Goldin said. "They checked and rechecked and the failure caused them to pay attention to things they had ignored before."

Odyssey has instruments to map the distribution of minerals and search for water.

Dodson, Dermott activities set for White Buffalo Festival Friday and Saturday

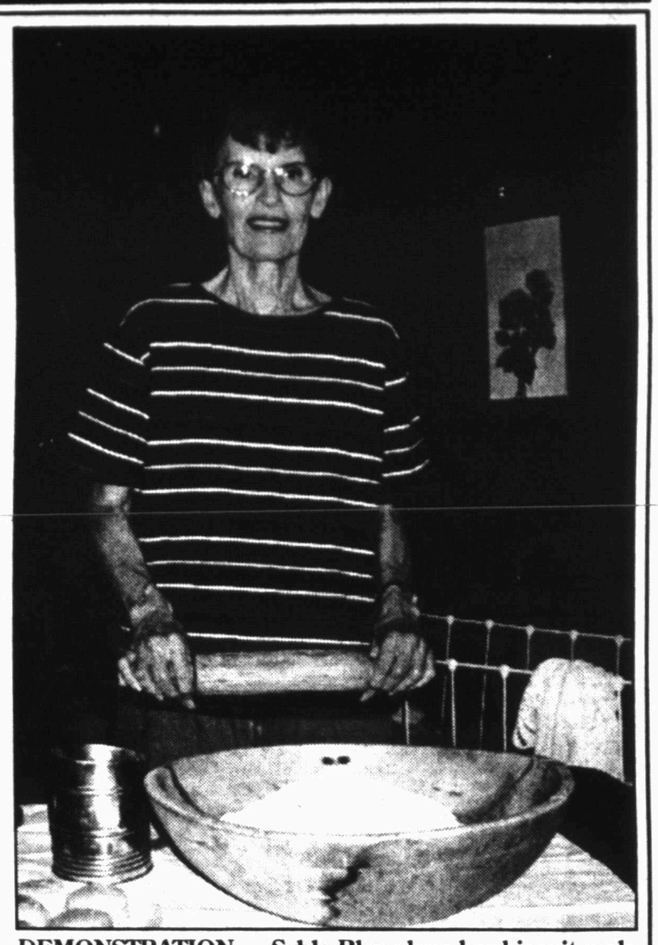
Members of Historic Scurry County Inc. are busy preparing for activities to be held in the Dodson House and Dermott School during the White Buffalo Festival Friday and Saturday.

The Dermott School will host the Fenton Gallery Art Show, which will be open from 4-6 p.m. on Friday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday. The Dodson House will be open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday for self-guided tours and various on going old-fashioned activities.

The activities will include making cookies and biscuits using a wooden bowl donated by the Henry Camp family. Syble Bley, Dot Stokes and Elwanda Nall will give baking demonstrations in the kitchen.

Angie Carey will be in the parlor demonstrating how to crochet. Peggy Vernon and Girl Scouts will be outdoors during the afternoon and will demonstrate how to make lye soap. Copies of Pioneer Profiles by Jean Everett will be available for sale with proceeds going to Historic Scurry County, Inc.

PREPARATIONS — James and Joann Littlepage have been working on the flowerbeds at the Dodson House in preparation for the White Buffalo Festival. (Contributed Photo)



DEMONSTRATION — Syble Bley plans her biscuit making demonstration, which will be scheduled at the Dodson House in conjunction with the White Buffalo Festival activities. (Contributed Photo)

Texas prepared; but attacks unlikely

DALLAS (AP) — Texas is prepared to deal with a bioterrorism attack, although it's much less likely to happen here than in states with more densely populated areas, several experts say.

Biological attacks are much more successful in cities where large masses of people are constantly exposed to others in cramped subways and close living quarters. Texas' urban areas are much more sprawling.

Dallas has about 2,500 people per square mile, compared with New York City's 66,800, said Kathleen Delaney, said medical director of the emergency department at Dallas' Parkland Memorial Hospital.

Delaney and other health experts gave presentations on bioterrorism Tuesday night at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Foundation's public forum, intended to calm hysteria generated by anthrax mailings on the East Coast.

About 300 people attended to ask questions ranging from whether Osama bin Laden can be rehabilitated to how to tell coffee creamer from white powder containing anthrax. Others worried about the state's supply of antibiotics to treat biological attacks.

"Antibiotics are not the problem," said Robert Haley, chief of epidemiology and professor of internal medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. "For any conceivable scenario, we have plenty."

He said the Centers for Disease Control has stores of antibiotics and vaccines called "push-packs" that can be shipped to exposure sites within 12 to 24 hours. Parkland Hospital alone has enough antibiotics to treat 10,000 people for the first three days, he said.

Experts also talked about the history and psychology of bioterrorism, as well as technology being developed to fight it. In the future, there may be pills readily available that can protect against several forms of biological weapons and another device that can help people test themselves for exposure.

Germ warfare has been used rarely in history, Haley said. The Germans first employed plague, cholera, glanders and anthrax during World War I. By 1944, the United States had 50,000 anthrax bombs ready to use while the Soviet Union developed its own array of biological weapons.

The United States stopped developing germ warfare in 1969, but other nations continued. The new age of biological warfare began in 1991 when Iraq's full arsenal of biological weaponry was discovered.

Today every country has western-trained molecular biologists capable of making any biological weapon, Haley said. Anthrax is the most effective of these. Smallpox, the plague and botulism rank close behind. Anthrax is also widely available since it occurs naturally in some animals.

"It's available everywhere," Haley said. "You just have to go find a dead cow or a dead sheep."

Cutaneous anthrax shows up as a sore on the skin. Inhaled anthrax, the more dangerous form, begins with flu-like symptoms that can show up two months after exposure.

The tabloid photo editor in Florida earlier this month had the country's first case of inhaled anthrax in more than 25 years.

People who fear they've been exposed to powder containing anthrax should seal the substance in a bag, wash their hands and call 911, Delaney said. They should not go to the emergency room or doctor's office.

Stocking up on antibiotics before exposure is pointless, she said, and users risk toxicity and contracting an antibiotic-resistant bacterial infection.

Hate and impotence are the forces that fuel terrorism, said forensic psychotherapist Jaye Douglas Crowder, an assistant professor of psychiatry at the medical center. Terrorist acts are designed to hurt or scare a larger audience than the immediate victims, he said, urging Texans not to fall victim.

"Live your life," Crowder said. "Don't be paralyzed with the fear."

One person asked if contaminated mail can contaminate other letters. The experts said yes, citing sorting machines that appear to have passed on spores.

Another asked if mad cow disease is considered a weapon for bioterrorism. Experts said yes, adding that it has been added to the list of weapons to monitor.

How do you tell anthrax from the flu, someone asked. Answer: If there's no known case of anthrax in the area, assume it's the flu. No anthrax cases have been confirmed in Texas from the terrorist attacks.

About rehabilitating suspected Saudi terrorist bin Laden, Crowder said there's little chance of changing a man who's devoted his life to hating Americans, and his capture might harden those beliefs. But, capturing him may weaken his influence over his followers, Crowder said.

"The humiliation makes recruitment less likely, less possible," he said.

Katy Freidberger, 74, said the forum gave her a fuller picture of bioterrorism.

"People need to know correct information instead of all this stuff that gets spewed over television," she said.

Travolta thanks Lewisville Fire Dept.

LEWISVILLE (AP) — The Lewisville Fire Department got a personal "thank you" from John Travolta for its fund-raising campaign to help victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York.

"What happened in New York represented what every single fireman goes through every day. They're willing to put their lives before everybody else, and they're the bravest individuals in the world. To raise the money these guys have raised for the wives and children of the rescue workers in New York is just an unbelievable thing," Travolta said Tuesday.

He donned a red firefighter's hat and held both thumbs up, to cheers from the firefighters and dozens of others who gathered at the main fire station in Lewisville.

Lewisville is a suburb in far northwest Dallas. Travolta was in the Dallas area to promote his new film, "Domestic Disturbance."

Receives doctorate

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Dr. Terminator, if you please.

Bestowing an honorary doctorate in business administration on Austrian-born Arnold Schwarzenegger, Imadec University in Vienna lauded his "life achievements" and the work he's done to promote Austria's economy.

Schwarzenegger was thankful but unable to accept the degree in person.

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ACROSS

1 Wonderland girl
6 Dashboard item
11 Hose
13 On — of (for)
14 Computer key
15 49th state
16 Can. region
17 Triangular sail
18 Bandleader Calloway
21 Violinist Stern
23 "Wanted" poster inits.
26 Period of time
27 Bird beak
28 Novelist Murdoch
29 Moistens
31 Qtys.
32 "Dancing Queen" group
33 Flow out
36 Brawl
37 Votes against
38 Cozy room
39 — Paulo
40 Pause
42 Adam of rock
43 Lynx or panther
44 Zero
46 Rainier's realm
49 Air currents
53 Ascended
54 Belgrade's country
55 Managed
56 "Driving Miss —"

DOWN

1 Plus
2 Caustic stuff
3 Sick
4 "Raising Arizona" director
5 Coil
6 Heirloom
7 Melville captain
8 Pub. prosecutors
9 Sort
10 Two — — kind
12 Inserts, as a sleeve (2 wds.)
13 — California
18 Evergreens
19 Saudi —
20 Panda food
22 Not present
23 Fleet
24 Baby feline
25 Concur
28 Singer Janis
30 Serving of butter
34 Stacks
35 Had ambitions
40 Added brandy
41 British school
43 Perry Mason's job
45 Zhivago's beloved
46 Apple product
47 Coronado's quest
48 Touch of frost
50 G-man's org.
51 "— the season . . ."
52 Talk

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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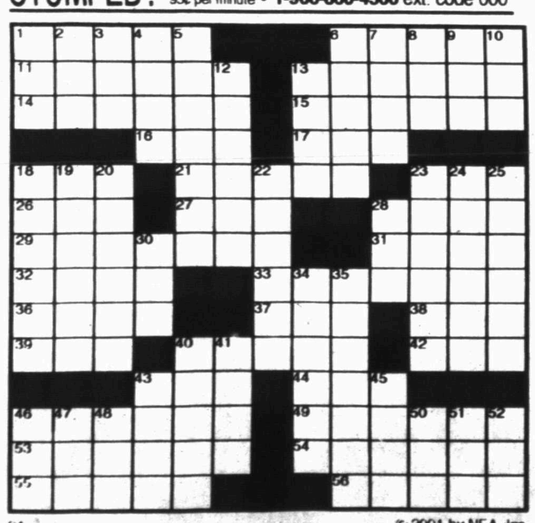

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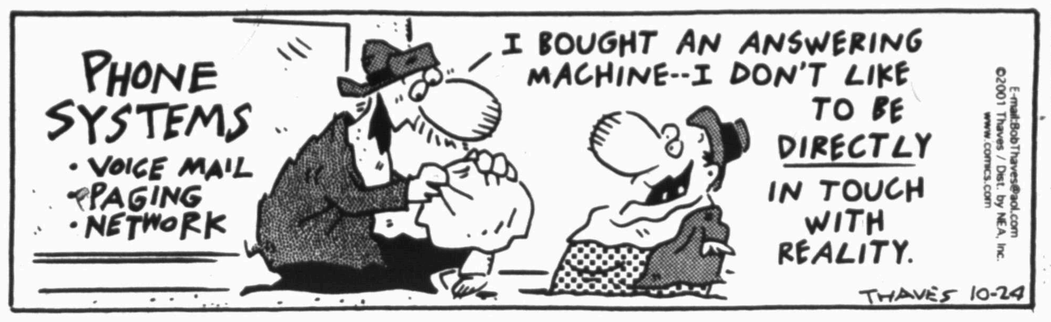

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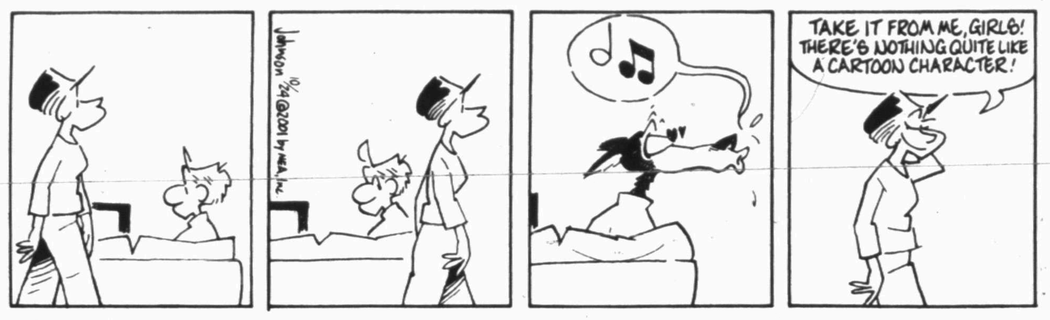

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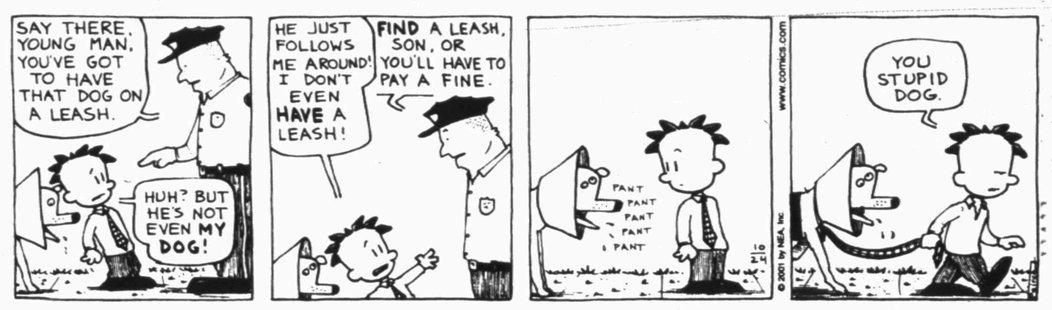

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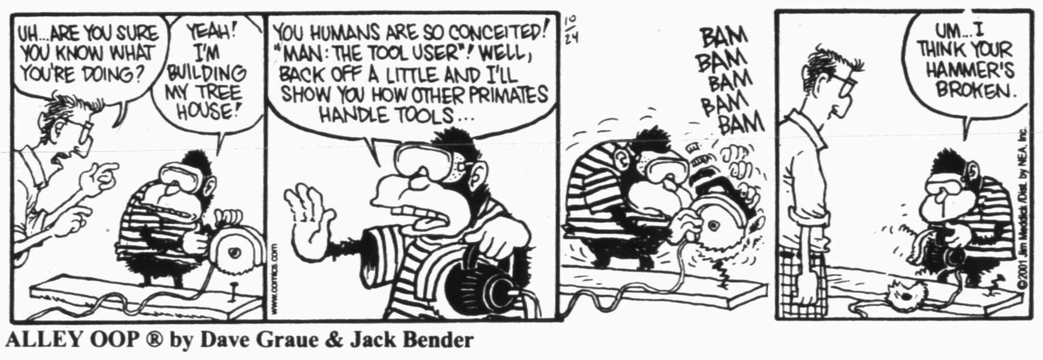

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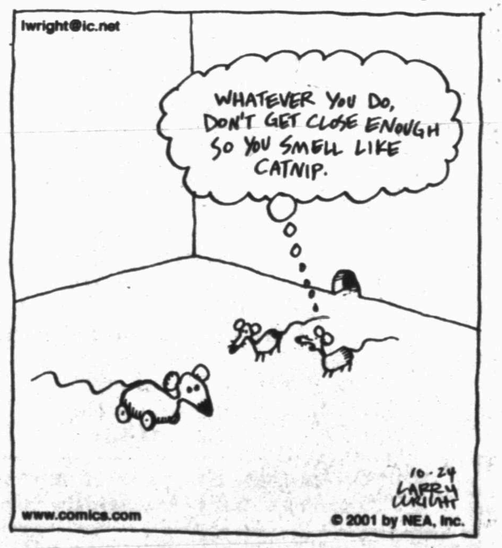

SPORTS

Talbott nabs top spot at tournament

Consistent play netted Anita Talbott the Tournament of Champions title over the weekend at Snyder Country Club.

Talbott fired rounds of 85 and 87 for a two-day total of 172. Suzy Reed, competing in the first flight, posted the low-net total of 137.

Low net honors in the championship flight went to Joan Hood with a 156.

In the first flight, Peggy Hardin turned in a 96-92—188 to earn the low-gross title. Esther Guelker's 163 was the low net.

Barbara Leatherwood registered the low-gross score in the second flight with a 116-105—221, while Norma Thompson fired the low net of 168.

TOP GOLFERS — Anita Talbott, left, won the Tournament of Champions at Snyder Country Club, and Suzy Reed earned low-net honors. (Contributed Photo)

Snyder netters set for Region I-4A tourney

The Snyder High School tennis team makes its bid for a state tournament appearance this weekend, but to earn a trip to Austin it will have to get past a pair of Wichita Falls teams playing on their home courts.

Snyder will be one of 16 squads in competition when the Region I-4A team tennis tournament gets underway at 8 a.m. Friday at Hamilton Park in Wichita Falls.

Two teams from each district advance to the regional event, with this weekend's winner earning a spot in the state tournament. Snyder, along with Big Spring, advanced out of District 4-4A.

Wichita Falls High and Wichita Falls Rider, two perennial state title contenders, are considered favorites with Southlake Carroll also figured in the mix.

"Most people figure that those are the teams to beat," said Snyder coach Ted Phillips. "Wichita Falls has a strong tradition in tennis, and they'll be playing in front of their hometown fans."

The tournament is single-elimination format. Each round consists of 12 singles, six doubles and one mixed doubles match.

SHS suffered only one setback during district play, dropping a hard-fought 10-9 decision to Big Spring.

Snyder has been strong in the girls' matches of late, winning seven of nine points in its final district competition against Big Spring.

On the girls' side, Snyder is led by top-seeded Pat Vargas, followed by Andra Dunham, Cozy Jones, Afton Sutter, Stephanie Williams and Jackie Beccue. Kara Brumley joins the mix for doubles action.

On the boys' half of the SHS squad, Horacio DePaz holds the top seed, followed by Alex Best, Adam Rodgers, Curt Phillips, Joseph Ynguanzo and Tyson Kubena. Tanner Reed competes in doubles.

Snyder's mixed doubles tandem features Jones and Kubena.

"The kids have really worked hard this year, and responded well in competition," Phillips said. "Your first goal is always to make it to the second round, then you hope to still be playing on Saturday. Once you get that far, anything can happen.

"Hopefully, we'll get a good draw. But if we have to face one of the top seeds right off the bat, these kids will still go out and play the best that they can."

All 16 coaches meet Thursday night to determine the top four seeds and the tournament draw.

First-round matches begin at 8 a.m. Friday, with the second round getting underway Friday afternoon. The semifinals and finals are slated for Saturday.

Diamondbacks add starter to rotation

PHOENIX (AP) — Arizona manager Bob Brenly wasted little time pulling off his first surprise of the World Series.

Brian Anderson, who lost his spot in the rotation on Aug. 24, will get the nod in the Diamondbacks' first appearance in Yankee Stadium — Game 3 next Tuesday.

Brenly told the left-hander of his decision Tuesday night after the team's workout — which was open to the public.

"It's strange how things work," said Anderson, who has pitched well out of the bullpen in the postseason.

Brenly said right-hander Miguel Batista, the starter in Game 3 in both the division series and the NL championship series, will start Game 4 in New York.

Brenly toyed with the idea of having Randy Johnson start Game 1 instead of Curt Schilling, so the Big Unit would be able to go in Game 5 in Yankee Stadium, where the ballpark dimensions are conducive to left-handed pitching.

But Brenly decided not to change the order that worked so well in the first two rounds of the playoffs, but opted to go with Anderson to put a lefty in the rotation in New York.

"The way the ballpark is configured, obviously it behooves you to have a left-hander on the mound if at all possible," Brenly said.

Anderson recalled the ups and downs of his season.

"I'm in the rotation and a lot of things were expected, then I didn't perform up to my abilities and get taken out of the rotation," he said. "For awhile, I wondered if I'm even going to be a part of the postseason roster. Then all of a sudden the manager pulls you aside and says you're starting the first game in the Bronx in the World Series."

Anderson was 4-9 in the regular season with a 5.20 earned run average. He was moved to the bullpen on Aug. 24 after going 0-3 in six starts. He got two more starts in September because none of the regular starters were available.

Between the end of the regular season and his first postseason appearance, Anderson worked on shortening his delivery. In two postseason games, he has allowed two runs on seven hits in 7 1-3 innings. He got the victory by working 3 1-3 innings of relief against Atlanta in Game 3 of the NLCS.

Anderson pitched in Yankee Stadium when he was with Cleveland in 1997.

"Loud, hostile, there are a lot of words to describe the New York scene," Anderson said. "I started a playoff game in Shea, but I don't think that even compares to Yankee Stadium. "It's like a European soccer match. They're chanting throughout the game and they've got their little catcalls. You can't even call it a constant buzz because it's more than a buzz. It's a constant rumble."

Several Yankees had big numbers against Anderson back in '97, including Paul O'Neill (9-for-19 with four home runs) and Tino Martinez (5-for-13 with four homers).

The Diamondbacks said they are pleased that the Yankees will be their foe.

"Nationally, it certainly makes for a great story with everything the city of New York and the people of New York have gone through over the past six weeks. Of course, the storybook ending is that they win the World Series," Brenly said, "but hopefully, we can do something to prevent that from happening."

Diamondbacks owner Jerry Colangelo repeated his belief that the World Series, which begins Saturday night at Bank One Ballpark, will be "the biggest sports event in Arizona history, without a doubt."

"It's the aura, it's the history," Colangelo said, "as you're building your own tradition and your own foundation. They're the defending champions, too."

Hambrick, Larrimore are latest Cowboys casualties

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys don't want to waste any more time on players that won't be part of their uncertain future.

Linebacker Darren Hambrick and cornerback Kareem Larrimore, starters known as much for off-the-field problems as their play, were released Tuesday.

"There is a lot involved and I'm not going to go into detail," said Cowboys coach Dave Campo. "We made some decisions to keep them earlier in the year and we felt comfortable with that. And now we feel comfortable with this."

Hambrick was vocally upset after the Cowboys offered him only a fourth-year minimum contract of $512,000 during the offseason. The player reluctantly signed the one-year deal after he got no offers from other teams.

Larrimore, a second-year cornerback who was signed through 2002, missed the start of training camp. He was later suspended for the final preseason game and the regular season opener because of a curfew violation during the team's trip to Mexico City.

The Dallas Morning News reported Wednesday that two sources said Larrimore had also recently violated the NFL's substance-abuse program. The newspaper didn't name the sources.

Local Schedule

THURSDAY

Football: Snyder JV at Levelland, 6 p.m.

Football: Levelland at Snyder freshmen, 6 p.m.

Football: Snyder eighth grade at Levelland, 4 and 5:30

FRIDAY

Tennis: Snyder at Region I-4A tourney at Wichita Falls

Football: Levelland at Snyder, 7:30

Football: Borden County at Hermleigh, 7:30

Football: Westbrook at Ira, 7:30

SATURDAY

Tennis: Snyder at Region I-4A tourney at Wichita Falls

Sports Briefs

WTC SGA Golf Tournament

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

Format is four-person scramble with an entry of $120 per team (tax-deductible), plus carts. Shotgun starts are at 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Cash prizes are $360 for 1st place, $240 for 2nd, and $120 for 3rd, based on a full field. Contact the WTC Pro Shop to register at 573-9291. Deadline is 5 p.m. Friday. Proceeds benefit the Student Government Association.

Team roping event

Spinnin' and Grinnin' Productions will host a White Buffalo Days team roping at 7 p.m. Friday at the Rudy Minor arena on Hwy. 180.

The event is a No. 8 roping, capped at No. 5. USTRC numbers only, and a barrier will be used.

A saddle will go to the top money roper, if at least 100 teams enter. Cost is $30 for three head, and books open at 6 p.m. Friday. For more information, call Toby Trammell at 573-0722 or 338-6775.

Basketball calendar sponsors

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

Each year, Calendar Girl Sports donates money to SHS booster clubs, and provides two scholarships for SHS graduates. Interested sponsors should call the SHS athletic office at 574-6035.

Sausage supper

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

Cost is $5 and includes sausage, tortillas, beans, rice, drink and dessert. Tickets can be purchased from members of the booster club.

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.

WGA play day

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club holds its weekly play day at 10 a.m. each Tuesday. Format is blind nine.

National Football League

By The Associated Press
All Times Eastern

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	3	2	0	.600	106	111
New England	3	3	0	.500	141	119
N.Y. Jets	3	3	0	.500	128	154
Indianapolis	2	3	0	.400	135	155
Buffalo	1	4	0	.200	84	138
Central						
Pittsburgh	4	1	0	.800	76	58
Cleveland	4	2	0	.667	111	91
Baltimore	3	3	0	.500	110	102
Cincinnati	3	3	0	.500	89	109
Jacksonville	2	3	0	.400	73	69
Tennessee	2	3	0	.400	94	122
West						
Oakland	4	1	0	.800	131	95
San Diego	4	2	0	.667	159	97
Seattle	3	2	0	.600	84	107
Denver	3	3	0	.500	133	124
Kansas City	1	5	0	.167	111	117

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East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
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Arizona	2	3	0	.400	89	128
Dallas	1	4	0	.200	75	117
Washington	1	5	0	.167	49	158
Central						
Chicago	4	1	0	.800	98	43
Green Bay	4	2	0	.667	147	85
Minnesota	3	3	0	.500	124	124
Tampa Bay	2	3	0	.400	78	84
Detroit	0	5	0	.000	70	145
West						
St. Louis	6	0	0	1.000	176	81
San Francisco	4	1	0	.800	122	105
New Orleans	3	2	0	.600	105	87
Atlanta	3	3	0	.500	125	127
Carolina	1	5	0	.167	100	133

Thursday, Oct. 25
Indianapolis at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 28
N.Y. Jets at Carolina, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
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Monday, Oct. 29
Tennessee at Pittsburgh, 9 p.m.

Major League Baseball Playoffs

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American League

Seattle 3, Cleveland 2
Cleveland 5, Seattle 0
Seattle 5, Cleveland 1
Cleveland 17, Seattle 2
Seattle 6, Cleveland 2
Seattle 3, Cleveland 1

New York 3, Oakland 2
Oakland 5, New York 3
Oakland 2, New York 0
New York 1, Oakland 0
New York 9, Oakland 2
New York 5, Oakland 3

National League

Arizona 3, St. Louis 2
Arizona 1, St. Louis 0
St. Louis 4, Arizona 1
Arizona 5, St. Louis 3
St. Louis 4, Arizona 1
Arizona 2, St. Louis 1

Atlanta 3, Houston 0
Atlanta 7, Houston 4
Atlanta 1, Houston 0
Atlanta 6, Houston 2

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

American League

New York 4, Seattle 1
New York 4, Seattle 2
New York 3, Seattle 2
Seattle 14, New York 3
New York 3, Seattle 1
New York 12, Seattle 3

National League

Arizona 4, Atlanta 1
Arizona 2, Atlanta 0
Atlanta 8, Arizona 1
Arizona 5, Atlanta 1
Arizona 11, Atlanta 4
Arizona 3, Atlanta 2

WORLD SERIES

Saturday, Oct. 27
New York (Mussina 17-11 or Pettitte 15-10) at Arizona (Schilling 22-6), 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 28
New York (Pettitte 15-10 or Mussina 17-11) at Arizona (Johnson 21-6), 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 30
Arizona (Anderson 4-9) at New York (O.Hernandez 4-7 or Clemens 20-3), 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 31
Arizona at New York, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 1
Arizona at New York, if necessary, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 3
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Sunday, Nov. 4
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White House mail handlers test negative

WASHINGTON (AP) — Preliminary anthrax tests on some 120 White House mail sorters turned up no sign of exposure to the bacteria on Wednesday. President Bush said he's confident that the people inside the gates at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. are not in danger.

"There have been no results that have come back with a positive measure of anthrax," White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said, reporting on the screens done so far on about 120 of the 200 workers who have had contact with potentially contaminated White House mail.

Those being tested work at a remote, Secret Service-controlled facility across the Potomac River on property shared by the Anacostia Naval Station and Bolling Air Force Base. Although officials say they are confident no tainted mail actually reached the White House complex, workers at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building adjacent to the White House were also tested.

"We're making sure that the West Wing, the White House is safe," the president said Tuesday after a trace of anthrax was found on a machine that opens White House mail at the screening facility several miles away.

That offsite facility at Bolling was shut down Tuesday morning.

Between three and eight workers on loan from the U.S. Postal Service had access to that contaminated machine where a trace amount of anthrax was found, a senior law enforcement official said.

At least 8,000 spores must be inhaled into the lungs to get the most deadly form of anthrax. Substantially fewer spores can cause the highly treatable cutaneous form of anthrax if they enter a cut in the skin.

Asked if he was tested for the germ that has killed three people already this month, or if he was taking precautionary antibiotics, Bush replied simply: "I don't have anthrax."

At least some White House personnel were given Cipro six weeks ago. White House officials won't discuss that, or who might be receiving the anthrax-treating antibiotic now.

"If the White House were to start to reveal the security measures including health protections that are in place for the president ... people who would want to do harm to the president would know what protections are in place and therefore they could shift their tactics," Fleischer said.

On the night of the Sept. 11 attacks, the White House Medical Office dispensed Cipro to staff accompanying Vice President Dick Cheney as he was secreted off to the safety of Camp David, and told them it was a precaution, according to one person directly involved.

At that time, nobody could guess the dimensions of the terrorists' plot.

Now, Bush said on Tuesday, "There's no question that the evildoers are continuing to try to harm America and Americans."

Regular biohazard testing inside the White House had been stepped up after last month's attacks and, as of Tuesday afternoon, found no traces of anthrax, presidential spokesman Ari Fleischer said.

Security officials were apparently spooked even before Tuesday's discovery at Bolling, which handles mail processed through Washington's Brentwood postal facility, and halted mail delivery to the White House complex several days earlier.

"We have not seen mail in a while," said a West Wing aide. A staffer on campus at Bolling, in southeast Washington, said the same was true there.

Two postal workers at Brentwood died of pulmonary anthrax — one on Sunday, the other on Monday.

Brentwood is where the anthrax-tainted letter to Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle was processed before delivery.

In a statement, the Secret Service said no one connected with the mail facility at Bolling has reported anthraxlike symptoms.

Postal and health officials have said it's possible for one anthrax-tainted letter to contaminate another, meaning the anthrax found on the Bolling machinery could have come from a letter that mixed with other mail at Brentwood.

Experts believe it unlikely that a cross-contaminated letter would have contained enough anthrax to make someone sick.

General Mills and Pillsbury merger moving ahead

WASHINGTON (AP) — General Mills' purchase of Pillsbury Co. brings together two 19th century Minneapolis milling companies that will complement each other nicely in the 21st century, business analysts say.

The merger won governmental approval Tuesday when the Federal Trade Commission deadlocked 2-2 on the deal. Without a majority vote against the merger, the deal goes through.

"This brings together some really historic brands — General Mills' expertise is in dry foods, while Pillsbury's expertise is in refrigerated goods," said John M. McMillin, a food analyst for Prudential Securities in New York. "This allows them to build a more complete packaged-food company."

Pillsbury is the No. 1 producer of refrigerated doughs in the United States. It also makes Green Giant vegetables, Haagen-Dazs ice cream, Old El Paso Mexican foods and Progresso soups.

General Mills is the nation's No. 1 cereal maker, including Cheerios, Lucky Charms, Trix and Wheaties. It also makes Yoplait and Columbo yogurt, Betty Crocker dessert mixes, Hamburger Helper, Bisquik and snacks such as Chex Mix and Pop Secret popcorn.

The new company, with combined annual sales of around $13 billion, will be able to compete more effectively, McMillin said.

"There's an attempt to get bigger, but there's a greater attempt to get better," he said.

Leonard Teitlebaum, a food analyst with Merrill Lynch & Co. in New York, agreed.

"The Pillsbury brands really take General Mills into other areas of the grocery store," he said. "General Mills is a renowned marketing company, arguably the best in the food business."

The FTC had only four members voting on the $6.1 billion purchase. The commission's chairman, Republican Timothy Muris, recused himself because he recently worked for a law firm that represented General Mills.

The FTC split on party lines, with Democrats Sheila Anthony and Mozelle Thompson voting against the merger, and Republicans Orson Swindle and Thomas Leary voting for it.

The purchase of Pillsbury from Diageo PLC, a London-based food and drinks conglomerate, creates the world's fifth-largest packaged food company. Under the deal, General Mills will assume $5.3 billion in debt.

To alleviate antitrust issues, General Mills announced in February that it would sell Pillsbury dessert mixes, Hungry Jack potato mixes and General Mills' U.S. Robin Hood flour business to International Multifoods Corp. for $305 million once it purchased Pillsbury.

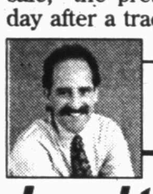
The deal had been hung up on General Mills' plan to retain the trademark on the cuddly, ticklish Pillsbury Doughboy — and license the trademark rights to International Multifoods.

Anthony and Thompson, the two Democrats who voted against the merger, said this split trademark would lead to confusion for consumers. The Republicans on the commission, Swindle and Leary, said the arrangement was workable.

Under the deal, General Mills would nearly double its annual sales to about $13 billion, but still would be dwarfed by Nestle SA, which at $50 billion is the packaged food industry's largest company.

Shares of General Mills closed Tuesday up 5 cents to $43.20 in trading on the New York Stock Exchange. U.S. shares of Diageo fell $1 to $39.20 in trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

The two companies issued a joint statement Thursday saying they were pleased with the FTC decision.



On Nutrition by Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

Is it all about the money?

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I have arthritis, and medical science has been unable to help me. I am concerned that what I take (list enclosed) is rejected by my medical doctor. I have read glowing articles in magazines, but when I bring these products to my medical doctor, I get a blank stare and rejection. Aside from my particular health concerns, why is it that there are no research studies being done on cutting-edge theories and compounds? They seem to have such promise but are cut adrift in terms of substantiation. We have learned so much about how the body works, but science seems to move way too slowly. — **F.P., San Diego, Calif.**

Dear F.P.: Rather than dealing with the specifics of your list of products, I think your question brings up a larger, more important issue. Namely, the idea of what gets studied and why. The key here, whether we like it or not, is money.

Most scientists depend on research grants from federal and private funding institutions to keep their laboratories operating. When a research scientist/professor joins a university, he or she is usually expected to apply for and receive research funds. This money, from which the university takes a cut for operating expenses, has to cover salaries, equipment and other costs connected with the research program. Applications for such grants are a collection of the theories, findings and publications connected with the project, all put together in a specific format dictated by the funding agency. Once applications are submitted, the agency reviews and prioritizes the requests.

There are limited funds, and there are always more requests than money. If a grant application receives a low funding priority, the researcher will have to look elsewhere for their research dollars. "Elsewhere," unfortunately, often doesn't exist.

This is a sobering reality that contributes to the conservative nature of mainstream science. When new frontiers are approached, results are not often clear in the initial experiments. One might be reluctant to investigate new ideas, because with trailblazing comes the risk that the granting agencies will consider the project a low funding priority.

Think of the implications. If scientists cannot secure research funds, their research program's progress is limited. This delays experimental results and the completion of scholarly publications, effecting future abilities to attract funding. Even more important, though, is the need to show progress at their research institution. In essence, new professors can find themselves jobless if they don't produce. Aware of this reality, some scientists focus their research on areas where the money is.

In some cases, there might be funds from private sources. This money is usually earmarked for particular types of research, and oftentimes, the funding source will actually approach a scientist who specializes in its area of interest. These companies aren't going to fund research that makes them look bad, so it's not surprising that research that finds beneficial effects from a food or product is funded by the companies that make that food or product.

I want to point out that the funding source does not necessarily compromise the science's integrity, especially at major universities, as these institutions usually have policies that prohibit funding agencies from exerting overt pressure on research. There's additional assurance if the results appear in a peer-reviewed journal, which signifies that other experts in the field have examined the findings critically. It is always best, though, when independent researchers at other institutions reconfirm critical findings.

This information should help provide a better perspective on why research is slow to follow new trends and products. Whether claims are scientifically weird or based on a new take of established principles, those involved with radical theories are definitely caught in a catch-22. In order for a product or theory to be proved, it must be tested, and those tests require location, equipment, and personnel — and that, of course, means money and researchers willing to devote their time and possibly their reputations to seeing the project through.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

	North	10-24-01
	♠ 3	
	♥ 4 2	
	♦ A J 8 5 3	
	♣ A K 6 5 2	
West		East
♠ Q J 10 8 7		♠ 9 6 5 4 2
♥ 8 5 3		♥ 7 6
♦ 10		♦ K Q 9
♣ J 9 8 4		♣ Q 10 7
	South	
	♠ A K	
	♥ A K Q J 10 9	
	♦ 7 6 4 2	
	♣ 3	

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
		1 ♦	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
5 NT	Pass	6 ♦	Pass
6 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ Q

Count those entries, find those entries

By Phillip Alder

Occasionally a quotation, for me at least, stands out from the crowd. In an 1874 speech, Thomas Henry Huxley, a great English biologist, said, "Books are the money of Literature, but only the counters of Science."

Most top bridge players lean toward the sciences. And in this deal, from a high-stakes Chicago chukker, physicist South made a decent sum by counting carefully. Would you have matched him? Against six hearts, West led the spade queen. Did West have a more effective lead?

Despite knowing of at least a nine-card diamond fit, South wisely went with his solid suit.

South had 11 top tricks: two spades, six hearts, one diamond and two clubs. One possibility was to play diamonds for one loser. But that could wait. First South tried to establish a long club. This required both a 4-3 split and three dummy entries: two for club ruffs and one to get back to cash the club six. South could see one diamond and one club entry. Where was number three?

After winning with the spade ace, South played a club to dummy's king, cashed the club ace (discarding a diamond from hand), and ruffed a club in hand. When everyone followed, declarer trumped the spade king in the dummy — the key entry! Another club ruff and three rounds of trumps were followed by a diamond to the ace. On the club six, South discarded another diamond, then graciously conceded one diamond trick. North-South scored 1580 points, including 150 for honors.

A diamond lead — hard to find — would have removed dummy's third entry prematurely.

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Dillards Inc			13.51	13.15 13.46 + .27
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Many obstacles to U.S. victory on ground

By Tom Raum
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The road to Kabul is lined with obstacles, both political and military ones.

Ragtag northern alliance rebels may be unable to seize and hold the Afghan capital even with U.S. help, Pakistani allies want the city declared a neutral zone and anti-American sentiment is building across the Muslim world.

Time and weather could be problems, too: A long religious holiday and winter snows are approaching.

The United States has entered a new stage of the fighting in Afghanistan, bombing Taliban forces to help rebels capture the northern crossroads city of Mazar-e-Sharif and then push on toward Kabul.

More nighttime commando raids on Taliban sites like the one staged over the weekend are expected.

The new strategy may be designed to produce a military victory — but it is fraught with danger.

Slow-flying American helicopters that carry special forces are easy targets for shoulder-launched missiles. The commandos, lightly armed to increase their mobility, are vulnerable to ambushes on the ground.

A helicopter during the weekend commando raid had its wheels torn off. And two other U.S. helicopters came under fire in Pakistan.

Taliban leaders give no sign they're ready to yield to U.S. demands that they turn over suspected terror mastermind Osama bin Laden and his al-Qaida lieutenants.

Taliban soldiers are known for fading into Afghanistan's mountains and villages. And Pentagon officials say up to 15,000 of them appear to be entrenched in a labyrinth-like complex of caves, trenches and bunkers just north of Kabul.

Even if the Taliban is driven from the capital, occupying Kabul will still be hazardous, with snipers and booby-trapped explosives likely to be left behind.

"There are a lot of risks here," said military analyst Anthony Cordesman of the Center for Strategic and International Studies. "You really have no way of knowing whether the northern alliance can be made into an effective military force. It's weak, divided, and mostly poorly equipped and supplied."

Earlier, the United States did not want the northern alliance to enter the capital before a broader-based government could be established. But feeling pressure for a military victory of some sorts before the onset of winter and the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, it is not waiting for diplomats to decide on the makeup of a post-Taliban government.

"Our efforts from the air clearly are to assist those forces on the ground in being able to occupy more ground," Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said.

Muslim allies want the United States to score a major victory before the Islamic holy month of Ramadan begins around Nov. 17 — or agree to a lengthy delay in the Afghan operation.

Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf, a key supporter of the U.S. attacks, warned of a Muslim backlash if intense fighting continues during Ramadan. He also has proposed that Kabul be declared a "neutral zone" rather than be allowed to fall under the control of the northern alliance.

Pakistan is suspicious of the alliance's ties to India and Iran.

Musharraf has been struggling to contain Muslim anger in his own country over the U.S. campaign as well as his decision to allow the United States to use three military bases in Pakistan.

Beyond having a common enemy in the Taliban, the northern alliance is a loose coalition with little organization, made up of rival factions with a long record of violence, human-rights abuses and mutual mistrust. It represents only a few of Afghanistan's ethnic minorities.

Pakistani Foreign Minister Abdul Sattar warned that a proxy or puppet regime would not be tolerated in Kabul. "Those who tried to do so in the past had to pay a heavy price for such blunders," Sattar said recently.

"One of the challenges right now is for the military operation not to get ahead of the diplomatic operation," said former Defense Department strategist Michele Flournoy.

The Bush administration has called upon the United Nations to form a new government from representatives of a half-dozen armed factions and ethnic groups. Secretary of State Colin Powell has suggested it even include some members of the Taliban.

But international response has been slow.

Many in the international community are promoting Afghanistan's former king, Mohammed Zaher Shah, who was deposed in 1973, as a possible unifying figure for Afghanistan.

"The point I think at this point is to organize these various efforts," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said Tuesday.

Underscoring the urgency to organize a new government to take over in Afghanistan soon should the Taliban be routed from Kabul, Boucher emphasized that talks were ongoing even as he spoke.

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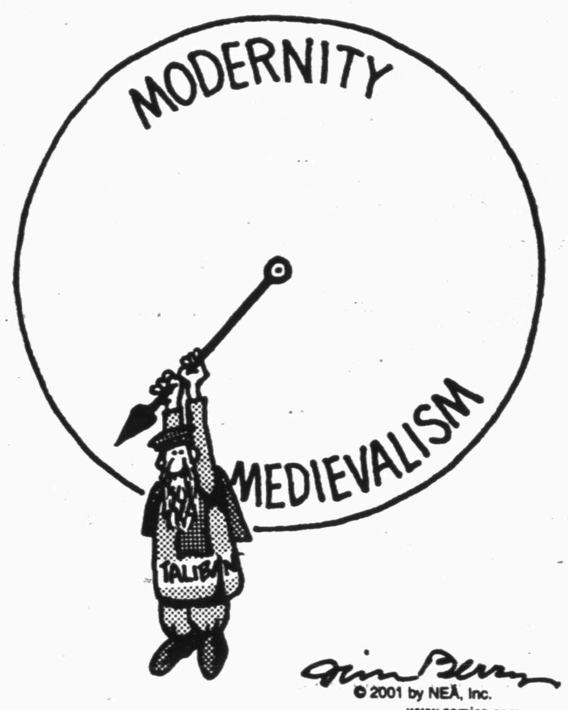

Anderson re-elected to UC SWCD Board

An extension program was held Wednesday, Oct. 10, in conjunction with the election of a soil and water district director for Zone 5 of the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District.

John Anderson, who ranches in southern Borden County, was elected director of Zone 5. The election was held at noon in the Ag Annex Building in Borden County. Dennis Poole CEA-Ag, Borden County, served as election chairman and lunch was provided by the Upper Colorado SWCD.

Zone 5 includes all of Borden County south of U.S. Highway 180. Other members of the Board are Jimmy McMillan, chairman, representing Zone1, Ted Crenwelge, vice chairman, representing Zone 3, Myron Calley of Zone 2 and Max Jones, Secretary, of Zone 4.

The purpose of the Upper Colorado SWCD is to promote sound soil and water conservation programs on agricultural lands within the district and to serve as a voice for farmers, ranchers, and local community entities on conservation matters.

The district's board of directors coordinates the conservation efforts of various local, state and federal agencies and other organizations. All conservation programs managed by the district are of a voluntary nature to the landowner or operator, or other potential users of the SWCD's programs.

A program interpretation of the Borden and Scurry Extension Service was presented following the election. Highlights revealed the vast number of services and accomplishments that were made through Extension Programs in Borden and Scurry County. Extension Service Personnel included Dennis Poole, CEA-Ag, Borden County; Julie Mumme, CEA-FCS, Borden County, and Greg Gruben, CEA-Ag, Scurry County.

Border arrests down sharply since attacks

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — The number of illegal entrants arrested in the nation's hottest point for border crossers has dropped sharply.

The numbers already were declining prior to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks that led to extremely heightened security along the southern border as well as throughout the nation.

Since then, arrests have dropped back even more sharply, the Border Patrol said this week.

Illegal entrant arrests are down 63 percent this month in southeastern Arizona.

Between Oct. 1 and Oct. 22, there were 7,995 illegal entrant apprehensions across the Border Patrol's Tucson sector, down from 21,797 in the same period a year ago. The sector includes all of southern Arizona except Yuma County.

At Douglas, the busiest illegal crossing point into the United States, there were 2,619 arrests, down 67 percent from the same period the year before.

Along all of the Southwest border, arrests of illegal entrants since Oct. 1 have dropped 54 percent in comparison with a year ago.

Confidence in Mexican President Vicente Fox, the U.S. Border Patrol's tightening of the border and the downturn in the U.S. economy were already slowing the immigrant flow prior to Sept. 11. Apprehensions had dropped 25 percent in the fiscal year which ended Sept. 30.

The INS moved 100 agents on Sunday from the U.S. southern border, including some from New Mexico and west Texas, to ports of entry on the Canadian border.

Nicole Chulick, an INS spokeswoman in Washington, D.C., said there were 334 Border Patrol agents stationed along the Canadian border and more than 9,000 along the Mexican border.

Date Book

Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2001

Today is the 297th day of 2001 and the 33rd day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1861, the first telegraph line across North America was completed.

On this day in 1939, in Wilmington, Del., nylon stockings were sold to consumers for the first time.

On this day in 1956, in Syracuse, N.Y., the Rev. Margaret Towner became the first woman to be ordained a Presbyterian minister.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Anton van Leeuwenhoek (1632-1723), scientist; Moss Hart (1904-1961), playwright-director; Y.A. Tittle (1926-), football star, is 75; Bill Wyman (1936-), Rolling Stone, is 65; F. Murray Abraham (1939-), actor, is 62; Kweisi Mfume (1948-), congressman, is 53.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1965, the Green Bay Packers defeated the Dallas Cowboys 13-3.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Peace does not rest in charters and covenants alone. It lies in the hearts and minds of the people." — John F. Kennedy

TODAY'S MOON: Day after first quarter (Oct. 23).

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Tag-along daughter needs to find friends of her own

DEAR ABBY: Our daughter, "Adrienne," is 20 and not very sociable. She doesn't have many friends.

Almost every time my wife and I go out to eat or go away for the weekend, my wife insists on taking Adrienne along because she doesn't want to leave her home.

Abby, our daughter should be out with friends — not her parents. I would like to spend some time alone with my wife. How do you feel about this situation? — **FRUSTRATED IN LONG ISLAND**

DEAR FRUSTRATED: Your daughter is no longer a child; she's a young woman now. There is no reason why a 20-year-old cannot spend weekends at home without parental supervision. By insisting that Adrienne be consistently present when you go out to dinner or away on trips, your wife is discouraging intimacy with you and preventing her daughter from developing independence. As long as Adrienne is encouraged to lean on you for entertainment, she'll be less likely to forge friendships with contemporaries. Perhaps counseling will help to give her more confidence socially.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Jamie," died earlier this year. My teen-age son, "Jamie Jr.," wants his father's military records. When I found them, I was shocked. Jamie got an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army, but he also appeared before a board of inquiry for striking an officer.

Jamie never disclosed this to me or any of his family. It would have been a disgrace. Jamie and our son had a very close relationship, and I don't want Jamie Jr. to be disillusioned and ashamed of his father now.

I am tempted to "lose" these records. What do you think? — **SURPRISED WIFE IN OKLAHOMA CITY**

DEAR SURPRISED WIFE: Give your son his father's military records. If you do, I can't help feeling your son will gain even more respect for his father. This is an excellent example of how people can change and grow, even though they may have made mistakes when they were younger.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been dating the sweetest man for about three months. "Danny" leaves me loving notes, draws me pictures, massages my back, and even makes my bed when I'm in the shower. He is without a doubt the most thoughtful man I've ever been with, and I have fallen for him hard.

There is one problem: Danny doesn't make much money. He works hard in his field, but it's either feast or famine.

I, on the other hand, earn a very substantial salary. I have been afraid to share this fact with Danny for several reasons. One, my career intimidated my previous boyfriend, and I don't want that to happen again. And, two, I'm very private about my assets anyway.

Abby, should I keep my income a secret from Danny, or is that considered "lying"? Can a relationship work between a man and woman who are miles apart on the income scale — especially when the woman is the richer of the two? — **CONFUSED YOUNG WOMAN IN LOVE**

DEAR CONFUSED: If Danny hasn't asked, I see no reason to discuss your finances prematurely. Yes, a relationship like yours can work. But only if the qualities each person brings to the relationship are considered equally important.

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

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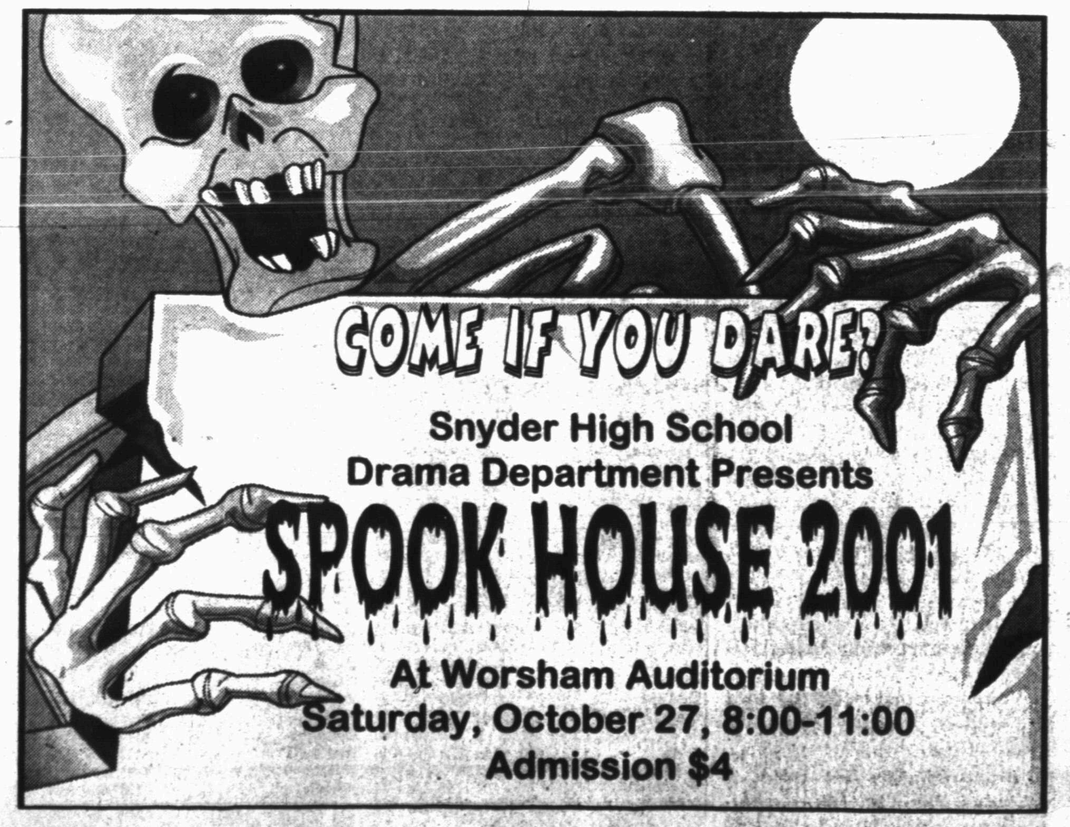

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Law officers increase oversight of hazardous cargo shippers in Texas

DALLAS (AP) — Shippers of hazardous cargo, identified as a possible terrorist target since attacks on the East Coast, are getting increased supervision by law officers in Texas who want to derail any criminal plans and reinforce trucking safety.

The intensified supervision involves agencies at the local, state and federal level.

Dallas Police Department supervisors have talked with all officers about regulations covering hazardous cargo routes. Officers on the department's 12-person team of truck inspectors also are watching for unusual activity, Lt. John Branton said.

Texas has a vast number of state highways and a high volume of hazardous cargo shipments, making attention to security important.

In one year, for example, one gasoline company runs 165,000 loads of fuel through Texas.

North Texas has specified routes that keep hazardous cargo from the urban centers of Dallas and Fort Worth.

"Any officer can stop a truck if it has a hazardous material placard and is in those areas," Lt. Branton said.

Across Texas, state and federal officials several weeks ago started visiting about 1,900 hazardous materials shippers. The Texas Department of Public Safety and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration began the effort on the advice of U.S. Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta.

No specific threats have been identified, law enforcement officials have said.

Trucking companies also have responded with changes.

Some have increased electronic observation of trucks and hazardous shipments and can monitor them at all times, Bill Webb, president and chief executive officer of the Texas Motor Transportation Association told The Dallas Morning News in today's editions.

If those shipments disappear from monitors, they attract more attention much sooner than they would have before the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, he said.

More companies are also running teams of drivers. "Some of that is for security, but it also allows them to continue to move that load," Webb said.

Two drivers per hazardous cargo shipment helps companies comply with federal regulations that require that a truck be attended at all times.

In the days after the terrorist attacks, federal officials warned of possible strikes using large trucks carrying hazardous materials.

As a precaution, truck shipments of hazardous nuclear waste that would have gone through North Texas on Interstate 20 have been halted, said Gregory Sahd, a spokesman for the U.S. Department of Energy at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in Carlsbad, N.M.

Coyote bounties in Guadalupe criticized

SEGUIN (AP) — Environmentalists and animal rights activists are criticizing a continued Guadalupe County policy of paying a $15 bounty for dead coyotes.

Despite the criticism, officials stand by the bounty that has resulted in the deaths of more than 2,000 coyotes since it was adopted in April 1995.

Local ranchers and officials believe the program has shown benefits.

"The rabbits are coming back," said County Commissioner Butch Kunde, a rancher. "I don't have any calls from constituents anymore asking us to address the problems caused by coyotes. And the coyotes we have now are a lot healthier looking. They were all scraggly and diseased-looking before."

David Gaillard, a program associate for the Montana-based Predator Conservation Alliance, said coyotes have historically increased their numbers and range in the face of bounties.

He said nonlethal means, including coyote-proof fencing, night penning and guard dogs and guard donkeys are more humane and effective strategies.

"This is an important issue to us," said John Hadidian, director of the Urban Wildlife Program for the Humane Society of the United States. "This kind of indiscriminate and blanket killing of predators is an anachronism that goes against all logic of the principles of wildlife management."

Commissioners initially justified the bounty by saying the coyote population needed to be thinned out because a South Texas coyote rabies outbreak was heading toward the county. However, a state program of dropping baits that contained rabies vaccine halted the outbreak before it reached the county.

Even though the rabies threat diminished, the program has been renewed each year. It was funded at $8,000 a year until this year, when it was reduced to $4,000.

Overhunting just leaves more room and food for the coyotes that are left, so they have bigger litters and more pups survive, Gaillard said. The result, he said, is a population of younger coyotes, likely to be less wary and more prone to attacking livestock than the original population.

Predators such as coyotes play an important role in the balance of nature and have value, he said, making a bounty program like Guadalupe County's unethical as well as ineffective.

But Guadalupe County has had more coyotes than the land can support, claims rancher Chris Hildebrand, who said he has shot more than 20 coyotes from his back porch since the bounty was instituted.

He said he has lost sheep, swans, geese and even a pet dog to coyotes.

Kunde said he thinks the coyote population has been drastically reduced.

However, in the first three years of the bounty, an average of 299 coyotes per year were brought into the five check-in stations around Guadalupe County. But in the first 91/2 months of this year alone, 360 coyotes have been killed.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Is men's toughness a cultural heritage?

DEAR DR. GOTT: Are men or women more likely to seek medical attention? Why?

DEAR READER: Traditionally, women tend to request medical attention more often than do men. However, the data are somewhat misleading because normal pregnancies and routine gynecological visits are usually included in studies of gender-related medical visits. Thus, women have been unfairly represented in the statistics.

Even taking this into account, however, men have been less likely to visit medical facilities. This is probably the result of cultural, sex-role stereotyping. Being "masculine" is not consistent with requiring medical help. In my experience, this trend is being reversed.

If you eliminate routine female examinations, Pap tests and pregnancy, the male-female ratio appears to be more equal. So, although women have customarily been more inclined to get help for health issues, more men are now doing so.

DEAR DR. GOTT: After falling off a broken stool in a restaurant, I had a routine sigmoidoscopy that showed two rectal polyps. Could the accident have caused the polyps?

DEAR READER: The accident was in no way related to your polyps.

The term "polyp" refers to a growth of tissue arising from the surface of a mucous membrane, such as the intestinal tract. (Polyps are also common in many other areas in the body.) They can be large or tiny, simple or multiple, malignant or benign. Rectal polyps are often seen during routine colon examinations; most polyps — unless they bleed — are usually discovered by chance during sigmoidoscopy or colonoscopy.

Polyps must be biopsied. If they are benign, the patient should have regular follow-up. If malignant (or pre-malignant), based on the sigmoid exam, the patient must have a full colon study, which is more involved and expensive than is sigmoidoscopy.

At present, there is renewed interest in the advisability of routine flexible sigmoidoscopy exams. This technique allows the practitioner — in an office environment, with minimal preparation — to examine a third of the (lower) colon. Unfortunately, this leaves two thirds of the colon unexamined, which could be a source of unidentified bowel malignancies or pre-malignant polyps.

Consequently, most specialists are now re-evaluating their approaches to routine, preventive colon examinations. Many doctors believe that sigmoidoscopy ought to be a thing of the past; routine colonoscopy — despite its drawbacks — may become the screening test of the future.

In your case, I am more concerned about whether you might have polyps elsewhere. In my view, you need colonoscopy. Ask your doctor about this.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 12-year-old grandson is tall and well-muscled. He has autism. He hits and kicks and is dangerous. His parents need to find an institution for him. What's the best way to do this?

DEAR READER: Your grandson's physician would be the best resource. The doctor would know what facilities are available in your state to assist autistic children who exhibit behavioral problems.

Because uncooperation and violent acts can usually be controlled with medication, the doctor might first call other health care professionals — such as mental health workers, counselors and psychiatrists — to help. Thus, in my opinion, the primary care physician is the place to start.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, Oct. 25, 2001

Some very interesting lessons learned you've been through in the past will keep you from repeating old mistakes in the year ahead. Success in several venues will now be possible.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Keep your focus on the objectives you hope to achieve today and surprisingly, better results than you thought possible might be achieved. You won't have to toy with alternatives. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — You're up to analyzing situations from all perspectives today. Although you'll be looking at the facts logically, you have the ability to view them emotionally without clouding things.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Financial and material dealings could turn out remarkably well for you today, so take the time to look for ways to expand upon and develop situations that are meaningful to you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — If necessary, go it alone today. Although others might not see things from the same perspective, your instincts are good. Don't let anyone talk you out of things.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Your intuitive perceptions and hunches have X-ray vision today and can be utilized to your advantage. The way things should be done will become crystal clear to you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You could run into someone you know today whom you never thought too much of one way or the other. Much to your delight, you'll discover the value of this alliance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Don't let your industriousness be appeased today by nominal effort. You're in a good achievement cycle right now, which may even surprise you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — An associate might accidentally discover today that you possess a special talent or knowledge of which he or she wasn't aware. You could find yourself in demand.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — A critical condition could be subjected to unexpected changes or reversals today. But what occurs could take an unusual, positive turn, so be ready to take advantage of it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — This is a good day to look at an agreement that appeared to be going nowhere and thoroughly examine the details. You're the one who can help make it fair for all parties concerned.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Because your mind is free flowing and experimental today, you might discover a better way of doing a repetitious task that has slowed you down considerably in the past.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Even though you're one who likes everybody, it might be best not to let someone you recently met tag along with you today. He or she might not fit in with your other pals.

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Pakistani militants killed in bombing

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon is vowing to flush out any Afghan fighters who hide in residential areas to escape aerial attacks even as it acknowledges a few of its bombs accidentally struck civilian sites.

And a Pakistani militant group confirmed today that 22 of its fighters, including several senior commanders, were killed in Tuesday in the bombing of a house, the deadliest strike known so far against a group linked to Osama bin Laden.

U.S. jets kept up heavy night-and-day bombardments around the Afghan capital, Kabul, with huge explosions today in the direction of Taliban military sites on the outskirts.

Pakistani officials said they think Taliban infiltrators were responsible for the weekend shooting attack on U.S. helicopters in Pakistan.

Rear Adm. John Stufflebeem said Tuesday that forces will go after Afghan fighters who hide in residential areas.

"There is not an intention to open or widen (air) attacks in the cities," Stufflebeem said.

"We will find other ways ... to get at those who might cowardly decide to hide in residential neighborhoods," he said in a reference to possible use of commandos or other ground forces.

Six burglaries reported in Snyder on Tuesday

Burglaries

Snyder Police officers submitted six reports Tuesday for burglaries around the city.

At 6:40 a.m. Nova Dea requested an officer in reference to the theft of some wallets from her vehicle. Two officers were dispatched to her residence in the 2200 block of 32nd Street and advised an offense report for burglary of a vehicle would be submitted.

Linda Sharrock requested officers at Patterson Drilling in reference to her purse being stolen from her vehicle while parked at her residence in the 3100 block of El Paso. A report for burglary was filed.

Laura Green reported the theft of music CDs from her vehicle. Officers responded to the 3000 block of Ave. V and advised 25 CDs were stolen, but the complaintant did not wish to file a report.

At 1:45 p.m. Paul Johnson requested a deputy in reference to the theft of a control panel from Southwest Royalties in Ira. A deputy was dispatched and advised a report for theft would be submitted.

Ross Cornett phoned police at 6:35 p.m. Tuesday to report a burglary of his vehicle that occurred Monday night. An officer contacted Cornett in the 2300 block of 32nd Street and filed an offense report for burglary of a vehicle.

Joanne Crill requested an officer in the 2700 block of 34th Street at 8:30 Tuesday night in reference to the burglary of her daughter's vehicle. An officer was dispatched to the residence and submitted a report for burglary of a motor vehicle.

Arrest

A 31-year-old man was taken into custody on Hwy 180 by a sheriff's deputy at 9 p.m. Tuesday for driving while intoxicated.

Disturbances

A woman reported having problems with her son-in-law just before noon Tuesday. An officer made contact with the family members and advised a verbal disagreement, but no assault had occurred and a report for family violence was submitted.

A woman requested an officer at 6:15 p.m. Tuesday in reference to a dispute with her common-law husband. An officer responded and advised an altercation had occurred.

The woman left the residence for the remainder of the evening and a report for assault and family violence was submitted.

Suspicious substance

Sheila Benitez requested an officer at 1109 Ave. R Tuesday night in reference to finding two Dr. Pepper bottles on her front porch with a suspicious substance inside.

Officers made contact with Ms. Benitez at the police department and submitted a report for suspicious substance. The bottles were placed in evidence.

Criminal trespass

A man contacted deputies in reference to his being harassed by another man Tuesday. Deputies attempted to locate the other man to issue a criminal trespass warning.

Gas drive offs

A clerk at Town and Country East reported a gas drive off in the amount of $5.53 Tuesday morning.

Another drive off was reported from Rip Griffin's Truck Stop Tuesday morning. The driver of a vehicle with Arizona license plates left the station without paying for $21.45 worth of gas.

Obituaries

Doyle Hildebrand

1932-2001

Doyle Guy Hildebrand of Big Spring, formerly of Snyder, died Wednesday, Oct. 24, in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock after a sudden illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Hildebrand, 69, is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Graveside service will follow at 11:30 a.m. in Colorado City Cemetery.

Officiating will be the Rev. Wayne Hardin, pastor of Grace Baptist Church in Graham.

Born March 21, 1932 in Loraine, he married Teddie Ruth Graham. She died in June, 1993. Mr. Hildebrand was in oil field sales and had worked for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Program in Big Spring. He was active in the Senior Citizens Center.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Sheila and Freddie Claxton of Graham; one son and daughter-in-law, Max and Carol Hildebrand of Snyder; two sisters, Marie Brown of San Angelo and Doris Richerson of Winters; one brother, Charles Hildebrand of Odessa; five grandchildren, Shelby Hildebrand, Kevin Hildebrand, Tessa Patterson, Jason Claxton and Nikki Claxton; and one great-grandchild.

Freddie Lowrey

1973-2001

A memorial service for Freddie Eugene Lowrey of Snyder will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Faith Baptist Church. The Rev. Larry White, minister, will officiate. Mr. Lowery was buried Tuesday in Snyder Cemetery.

Mr. Lowrey

Mr. Lowery, 28, died Sunday, Oct. 21, at his residence after a brief illness.

He was born Aug. 2, 1973 in Fort Hood.

Survivors include his mother, Nelta Stevens of Snyder; his father, Freddie L. Lowrey of Pageland, S.C.; one sister, Sharon Howard of Alaska; and his grandparents, Mary and E.C. Nobles of Snyder and W.E. Graham of Snyder.

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Ray Fulford

1911-2001

Ray Henry Fulford, a longtime Scurry County resident, died Sunday, Oct. 21, at his home in Lubbock.

Funeral service for Mr. Fulford, 90, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Fluvanna Baptist Church with the Rev. Thomas Hall, retired Baptist minister, officiating. Burial will follow in Fluvanna Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Aug. 6, 1911 in Pervis, Tex., he married Cleone Kinsey on Jan. 7, 1939 in Clariot, Tex. She died Sept. 26, 2000.

Mr. Fulford, a member of the Fluvanna Baptist Church, was a retired oilfield pumper and also worked as a trucker. He also was a retired farmer-stockman and windmill man. A longtime resident of Fluvanna, he had moved to Lubbock in 1998.

He also was preceded in death by two sisters, Velma Bley and Juanita Landman; and three brothers, Sid Fulford, Ezra Fulford and Nolan Fulford.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Victor and Frances Fulford of Lubbock; two sisters, Ovela Lamb of Sweet Home, Ore., and L.Z. Walton of Fort Worth; three grandsons, Lance Fulford, Xan Fulford and Jai Fulford; and three great-grandchildren, Hagen Fulford, Braxton Fulford and Candra Fulford.

Marvin Jackson

1951-2001

Marvin Lee "Junior" Jackson, former Snyder resident, died Sunday, Oct. 21, in Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene after a sudden illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Jackson, 50, is set for 10 a.m. Friday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Raymond Dunkins, pastor of the New Hope Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Born Sept. 8, 1951 in Taylor to L.T. and Edna Jackson, he was a car detailer for Hillard Auto Sales in Abilene and a lifelong Snyder resident. He was in the process of moving to Abilene. Mr. Jackson was a graduate of Union High School in Terry County and attended Western Texas College where he played basketball. He was a member of Galilee Baptist Church in Abilene.

Survivors include four daughters, Marvina Jackson and Marva McCarson of Abilene, Rozlyne Johnson of Arlington and Zna Selmon of Dallas; one stepdaughter, Marta Thompson of Abilene; two sons, Tyrone Jackson of Snyder and Michael Jackson of Abilene; one stepson, Robert Durst III of Abilene; five sisters, Kay Tippens of Snyder, Linda Jackson, Lettie Ogbonna, Terri Ollison and Virginia Anderson, all of Arlington; two brothers, William Jackson of Snyder and David Jackson of Victoria; seven grandchildren; a special friend, Rose Durst of Abilene; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Michael Bryant, Darral Bryant, Bo Jennings, Ronnie Hickson, Eddie Hickson and Troy Hebert.

Nita Houston

1943-2001

LEVELLAND – Nita Houston, the mother of Angela Batchelor of Snyder, died Tuesday, Oct. 23, at her home in Littlefield after being under hospice care.

Funeral service for Mrs. Houston, 58, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the First Assembly of God Church in Levelland. The Rev. Alan Wallace, pastor of the Monterey Church of the Nazarene in Lubbock, will officiate. Burial will follow in the City of Levelland Cemetery under the direction of Geo. C. Price Funeral Directors.

Born June 9, 1943 in Brownfield, she married John C. Houston Jr. on Nov. 20, 1958. She moved to Littlefield from Big Spring in 1995 and had lived in Levelland from 1968-78. She was a homemaker and a member of First Assembly of God in Littlefield.

Survivors include her husband, John Houston of Littlefield; a son, Johnny Houston of West Columbia, Tex; her mother, Ann Culbert of Littlefield; a sister, Juanell Bryant of Littlefield; and four grandchildren, Trevor, Kailee, Aeric and Cassie.

J.E. Waller

1938-2001

FLOYDADA – J.E. Waller, the father of Jay Earl Waller of Ira, died Monday, Oct. 22, at his home in Floydada.

A memorial service for Mr. Waller, 63, was set for 10 a.m. today in the First United Methodist Church with the Revs. Hugh Daniel and Wesley Daniel officiating. Cremation was under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home.

Born Feb. 21, 1938 in Crosby County, he attended school in Cone and graduated from Floydada High School. He graduated from West Texas State University and attended Wayland University, Texas Tech and Baylor University.

He married Gayle Clark on June 10, 1956 in Floydada. Mr. Waller was a U.S. Army veteran and served in the Korean Conflict.

A lifelong resident of Crosby County, Mr. Waller was a farmer, rancher, school teacher and assistant principal. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his father, Henry Sedric Waller; and a sister.

Survivors include his wife, Gayle Waller of Floydada; his mother, Lois Waller of Floydada; another brother and two daughters-in-law, Jim Edd and Nina Waller of Petersburg and Karen Waller of Ira; and three grandchildren, Kaci J'Anna Waller, Jordan Eric Waller and Jayc Ehrin Waller.

The family suggests memorials to the J.E. Waller Memorial Scholarship Fund at Floydada High School, 618 S. Tree Street in Floydada, 79235.

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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 from 5-7 p.m. Friday 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. 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 Friday at Western Texas College. For more information, call Emily Hataway at 574-2112 or Molly Kattes at 573-2919.

White Buffalo Festival

The annual White Buffalo Festival will be Friday and Saturday with a balloon flight set for 6 a.m. Sunday. 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.

Girl Scout mobile shop

The Girl Scout mobile shop will be at the Girl Scout Hut from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday. There will be a uniform style show and other scouting items on display.

Ira chili supper

Ira's junior class will have a chili supper from 5:30-8 p.m. Saturday during the Fall Festival.

PTK to meet

The Psi Zeta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa will hold an officers' meeting Monday at noon and a general meeting next Wednesday at noon in the faculty dining room at Western Texas College.

Hermleigh booster club

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

Red Ribbon trick or treat

Snyder's Red Ribbon Week celebration will come to a close with Trick or Treat the Square next Wednesday from 3:30-5:30 p.m. All merchants on the square have an opportunity to "tie one on" by attaching a red ribbon to their front door to let local trick or treaters know they are participating. Local law enforcement and groups from area junior highs and high schools will assist the goblins around the square safely.

Company G reunion

The 27th annual reunion of Company G of the 142nd Infantry will be held Nov. 1-3 at Willow Park Inn. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call Wernette Smith at 573-1415.

SGA Golf Tournament

The Western Texas College Student Government Association will host its first annual WTC SGA Golf Tournament on Saturday 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 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Contact the WTC Pro Shop to register at 573-9291. Registration deadline is Friday at 5 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the Student Government Association.

American Red Cross

The American Red Cross is looking for volunteers and a co-captain to help Sherry Faulkenberry with plans to open a local office. Questions can be answered and applications given by calling her at 573-1974 in the eveing hours.

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

Korean War display

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

Ira ISD discusses long range goals

Ira's school board of trustees and the school's administration discussed the district's long range goals in a meeting Monday night.

Supt. Jim Rumage said the discussion focused on keeping the school as an exemplary district based on Texas Education Agency standards.

Plans to discuss the campus improvement plan were shelved until the Nov. 19 meeting, added Rumage.

Rumage said the only action item the board voted on was the payment of bills.