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Home of Pete Greene

SEE YOU AT THE POLE — A student-led prayer meeting was held before classes this morning at Snyder high and junior high schools. Students sang and prayed around the flag poles with flags at half-staff. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Rapid action promised for airline help

WASHINGTON (AP) — House lawmakers today urged rapid action to provide financial aid to the nation's airline industry, stricken by layoffs, reduced schedules and the prospects of bankruptcy in the wake of last week's terrorist attacks.

"We have to get this done as soon as possible or we will not have an air transportation system," the House Transportation Committee chairman, Rep. Don Young, R-Alaska, said at the opening of a hearing on the economic viability of the industry.

The ranking Democrat on the committee, Rep. James Oberstar of Minnesota, said the airline industry, a $600 billion sector of the economy, "is teetering on the edge of an economic abyss." He said a major portion of the industry may not survive without federal help.

Testifying before the hearing were airline executives and labor representatives of airline workers, who face up to 100,000 layoffs in the coming months because of reduced commercial air traffic.

The effort to provide up to $24 billion in aid to the industry came just days after Congress came together on a multibillion-dollar plan to help victims of last week's terrorism.

"Clearly this is a vital part of restoring our economic health and strength," Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said of the rescue package Tuesday after a briefing by airline executives on the losses they have suffered since the Sept. 11 attack.

Boeing announced late Tuesday it is planning to lay off as many as 30,000 workers by the end of next year as a result of an expected slowdown in orders caused by the terrorist attacks.

Major carriers have announced more than 26,000 layoffs and say that figure could reach 100,000 in the coming weeks as a result of the grounding of flights following the Sept. 11 attacks and prospects for seriously reduced business in the coming months. American, Continental, Delta, Northwest and United have scaled back schedules by 20 percent in an effort to remain solvent.

On Friday, moving with rare speed and bipartisanship, Congress approved a $40 billion plan to assist the victims of the attacks on New York's World Trade Center and the Pentagon, improve airport security and track down the perpetrators of the attack.

That spirit of cooperation and urgency was evident again with Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta, after meeting with airline representatives, saying the administration hoped to have a package ready to go by early next week. Rep. Roy Blunt of Missouri, a member of the House GOP leadership, said the House could move on legislation as early as this week.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The best thing about hypocrisy is you know it's genuine."

Don and Jackie Buckland, now living in the cool mountains of Ruidoso, N.M., stay in touch with friends in Snyder by use of the Internet.

Before retirement, Don was head of the golf grounds and landscape program at Western Texas College and Jackie was a realtor.

Don was on edge last week following the terrorists' attacks. He was particularly concerned about his best friend's son. Don wrote:

"My dearest friend, Nick LaFlamboy, was my pilot for a year and a half while stationed in Indiana back in 1971. He has a son, Wayne, whom I have known since he was 10 years old. Wayne now lives in New York City.

"We were concerned about him when the World Trade Center was hit. Jackie tried to reach him by e-mail without success. We called Nick and were unable to reach them.

"Then Wayne answered Jackie's note and we were relieved to find that he was safe and sound.

"We had no idea that he worked in Tower 1 of the Trade Center. It so happened that he took the day off and went to the beach with his girlfriend. The first note is from Wayne and the second is from his boss who was at the office on the 83rd floor."

Wayne's note: Nice to hear from you. Thank you for your concern. I am fine. I was out of the office. I don't know what happened to my friends at the office. I fear the worst. Our office was on the 83rd floor of tower 1. I feel like the man who showed up late to board the Titanic. Please say a prayer for my office mates and all the others.

Bosses' note: I was helping Wes around 8:45 when we felt a terrible impact. One of the guys from Andover, Manu, was in the bathroom and came back yelling that somebody had planted a bomb. He was burned.

The plane hit the building in the opposite side. That was so lucky for us, otherwise we were going to be history.

I found the emergency exit and pushed everybody out of the office, then we walked down 83 floors. Luckily, we didn't know the magnitude of the tragedy, so everybody was calm.

"We were reborn yesterday (without any religious connotations). I'm so happy because we could escape but I'm very sad because I saw the faces of the firefighters that were going up the same time we were coming down. And those guys never made it out.

God Bless America and its leaders!

Also reflects on Pentagon attack...

Stenholm working on new farm bill

By Brian Brisendine
SDN Staff Writer

U.S. Congressman Charles Stenholm said Monday he is working hard to bring a new farm bill to the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Speaking to a group of area farmers in Stamford, the ranking Democrat on the House agriculture committee, said the bill has some problems, "all of which pale in comparison to what happened in the United States last Tuesday."

Rep. Stenholm told ag producers the current farm bill is still effective for another year, but admitted that it is liked by few.

"If we get it to the floor, we'll do our best to get it out of the House," he said. "The Senate will be a different picture. I think it's safe to say that our economy will be much worse in the third and fourth quarters of this year than we thought they would be before last Tuesday."

Responding to a query from the audience as to the possibility of a disaster relief bill, Stenholm was only willing to say, "there's always a chance."

"It's going to be tough because $15 billion is going to go to the airline industry," he said. "Tourism is our nation's largest industry and they are hurting badly now. They will be taken care of. But, I'll point out that agriculture is also a very important national issue."

The congressman also pointed out problems in the infrastructure of agriculture insurance. "I would be remiss if I didn't say that we've had a kind of 'use of abuse' of insurance programs throughout the years," he said. "A handful of folks are going to ruin it for everybody."

This will be addressed in the farm bill, he said. "Of course none of this will work unless we start getting some rain and make a crop.

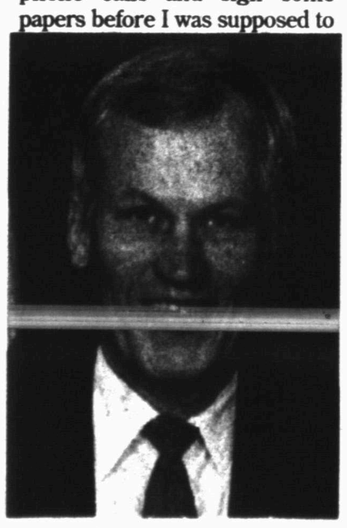
Stenholm said last week's terrorist attacks' effect on the economy could be beneficial to ag producers.

"As a result of that tragedy, it looks as though the U.S. dollar might weaken," he said. "A weakened dollar helps farmers. Our prices are so bad because other countries' currencies allow them to undercut what we can do.

"We can't compete with Australia when their dollar is worth half what ours is. If our cotton is 60 cents, there's will be 40 cents. We can't compete with that."

After the meeting, Stenholm spoke with the SDN about the scene in Washington amid last Tuesday's attacks.

"I had just made it to my office and turned the TV on and put it on mute so I could make some phone calls and sign some papers before I was supposed to meet with someone in the capitol," he said.



Cong. Charles Stenholm

"I looked up and saw one of the towers of the World Trade Center smoking, so I went out into the office and told them to turn on their television. It looked like a terrible accident, but then as we were watching, another plane slammed into the second tower and we knew immediately that this was no accident.

"I went on to my appointment (also in the capitol) and was talking with them when I heard a policeman running down the hall shouting. 'Evacuate this building now! Everybody out!'"

"Bomb threats are not rare in the capitol so we just walked outside and continued our discussion. And then I saw something I never thought I would see. People were running, not walking or even trotting, but running as fast as they could away from our nation's capitol.

"Then the rumors started. Someone said a car bomb went off at the State Department and then someone told us there had been some sort of accident at the helicopter pad at the Pentagon. We looked over there and saw thick black smoke coming from that area. It was hard to believe it was all happening."

The congressman said he believes the bipartisan attitude in Washington since the attacks has been genuine.

"Later that evening we got together on the steps of the capitol and spoke to the nation," he said. "That was a good thing. That showed the world you cannot stop the American government from doing what it needs to do. Congress will respond, we will back President Bush and we will back the military and continue to work.

Stenholm also said the $40 million allocated to the President for rebuilding New York and Washington and fighting a war against terrorism is "probably a low shot. It will take much more than that."

The explosion of patriotic spirit that has swept the country since the attacks is a sign of America's resolve, according to Stenholm.

"Terrorists attempt to create terror and we will not allow that to happen," he said. "Even in this dark time in America – there is hope."

Internet worm hits computers

WASHINGTON (AP) — As American companies recovered from the latest Internet worm, the complex "Nimda" program struck companies around the world.

The virus-like program spreads rapidly through many ways to infect computers running Microsoft's Windows operating system.

Nimda seemed to be abating in the United States early today. The worm is still active, but many system administrators are seeing it less.

Experts implored computer users to update their antivirus software and visit Microsoft's Web site to download protective software before reading their e-mail or visiting other Web sites.

ASK US

Q—Will the DCOS ever recover the money loaned to General Medical Products?

A—An attempt to recover the $28,322.84 owed on the bank loan guaranteed by DCOS was made, but unsuccessful. It has no further legal recourse.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 92 degrees; low, 68; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 68; no precipitation; total for 2001, 14.14 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, 20% rain chance, lows mid 60s, SE winds 5-15 mph. Thursday, partly cloudy, less than 20% rain chance, highs near 90, S winds 10-20 mph.

Adrian Benavidez
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 7:45 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:32 a.m.
Of 261 days in 2001, the sun has shone 249 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Nothing cures like time and love.

—Laura Nyro

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First Lady Laura Bush comforts Americans

WASHINGTON (AP) — First Lady Laura Bush has made it her job to help Americans gain peace of mind amid terror, death and talk of war.

In the week since the most devastating terrorist attack of modern times, Mrs. Bush has comforted blood donors, grief-stricken families and fresh-faced White House staffers away from home for the first time. Hers was the hand that steadied President Bush as he visited Pentagon victims at a local burn unit.

But her attention goes mainly to helping America's children. She wrote an open letter for school children the day after the attacks. On Tuesday morning, she traveled to Chicago to appear on Oprah Winfrey's talk show encouraging parents to both talk and listen to their young ones.

"It's very reassuring for children to hear their parents' voice," Mrs. Bush said.

She spoke from experience. Spirited to a safe place at the height of the attacks, Mrs. Bush got to a telephone and soothed her also-evacuated, scared twin daughters. Then she called her mother, Jenna Welch, at home in Texas.

"She thinks I called to reassure her that I was OK. But the fact is, I called to hear her voice," Mrs. Bush said. "My mother and her generation lived through something very similar, the attack on Pearl Harbor. So I knew she could be reassuring to me."

Mrs. Bush shifted into action the day after the attacks. She convened her staff, making a point of comforting those in their early 20s who are living away from their families. "The first thing she wanted to do was make sure we're OK," said spokeswoman Ashleigh Adams.

Mrs. Bush said her concern stemmed from the fact that those young people were told to run for their lives when the White House was evacuated. "Some of the youngest women on my staff just fell apart and wept all day," Mrs. Bush said. "And then, two days later, older people were the ones who were falling apart and weeping, and the younger ones were consoling them."

She went to Walter Reed Army Medical Center to visit soldiers injured as they fled the burning Pentagon. She contacted psychologists for advice on explaining the tragedy to children and wrote two letters for elementary and high school students. She appeared on morning talk shows that day, spreading the message for parents to let children know they are loved.

On Winfrey's show, Mrs. Bush suggested that parents read to their children at night, share meals with them and keep a calm atmosphere at home. Parents should "put their arms around their children and reassure them," she said, and be patient when they ask repeated questions about the attacks.

"Of course we can't explain terrorism," Mrs. Bush said. "It's just a horrible, evil thing, but one good thing out of this is we've seen so much good."

"I think America has seen her courage and compassion," said Bush adviser Karen Hughes.

But the first lady has also displayed a steely resolve. The president said so himself, telling a World Trade Center rescuer who asked about his family: "Freaked out, the girls are. Wife's OK. She understands we're at war — got a war mentality."

Expressing love and keeping up hope are points Mrs. Bush makes repeatedly. She uses simple, heartfelt phrases and maintains a calm bearing that puts those around her at ease.

She stood in her husband's stead at a memorial service Monday for victims of United Flight 93, which crashed in southwestern Pennsylvania after passengers apparently confronted hijackers. Citing the words of poet Khalil Gibran — "Love knows not its own depths until the hour of parting" — Mrs. Bush urged mourners to remember the last goodbye of one passenger who told his family that he would see them again.

Replica of Vietnam memorial to be on display in Midland

MIDLAND — The Vietnam Wall Experience, a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., will be on display Oct. 5-7 at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Midland International Airport.

The Vietnam Wall Experience is 240 feet long and eight feet high, slightly smaller than the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. The wall's smooth surface of simulated black granite is inscribed with the names of more than 58,000 Americans who died in Vietnam or who are missing in action. Inscriptions are in chronological order and identical to those on the Washington memorial.

The traveling exhibit is sponsored by the Dignity Memorial Providers of Midland and Odessa. Ellis Funeral Home and Resthaven Memorial Park of Midland and Sunset Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home of Odessa in conjunction with the Permian Basin Vietnam Veterans Memorial Committee.

Following opening ceremonies Friday, Oct. 5, the Vietnam Wall Experience will be open to the public at no charge around the clock until closing ceremonies late Saturday afternoon, Oct. 7. A candlelight service and a concert are scheduled for the evening of Oct. 5.

Volunteers will be available at all times to help those wishing to find specific names on the wall and to provide parchment on which to trace the names. A recording of the reading of all of the names will be continuously played while the Vietnam Wall Experience is open to the public. The names were recorded by volunteers for the Recording Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped organization of Midland.

Foir more information call 915-685-6013 or log on to ellisfhm.com.

Scurry County servicemen listed on the wall include Deere, Donald T. (SP5, Army), Hartness, Aaron (SSGT, Army), Odstrell, William, J. (SP4, Army), Rodgers, Jerry P. (AMS3, Navy), Rodriguez, Reynoldo S. (PFC, Marine), Rollins, William P. (WO, Army)and Russell, Richard L. (1LT, Air Force).

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AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:
4, 11, 16, 32, 39

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9, 18, 19, 25
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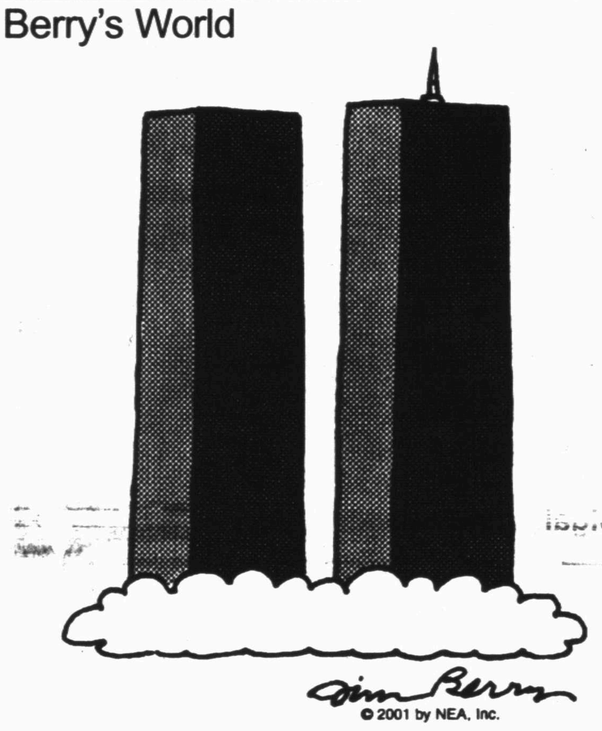

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Date Book

Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2001

Today is the 262nd day of 2001 and the 91st day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1814, in Washington, D.C., the U.S. Senate convened in the Patent Office building.

On this day in 1898, in Ithaca, N.Y., the New York State College of Forestry was founded.

On this day in 1957, the Trieste, a bathyscaph constructed by Auguste Piccard, dove to a record depth of two miles.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Lewis F. Powell Jr. (1907-1998), Supreme Court justice; William Golding (1911-1993), writer; Mike Royko (1932-1997), columnist; Al Oerter (1936-), discus great, is 65; Paul Williams (1940-), songwriter, is 61; Cass Elliot (1941-1974), singer; Joe Morgan (1943-), baseball player-announcer, is 58; Jeremy Irons (1948-), actor, is 53; Joan Lunden (1951-), TV host, is 50.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1973, the California Angels defeated the Texas Rangers 9-4.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The very aim and end of our institutions is just this: that we may think what we like and say what we think." — Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Sept. 17) and first quarter (Sept. 24)

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In oak finish
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With 4 sturdy chairs
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Many Americans are rethinking vacation plans

BOSTON (AP) — For Rich Tomaino, the Colosseum and Sistine Chapel will have to wait.

The retired Danbury, Conn., firefighter canceled a long-planned trip to Rome this week because his heart isn't in it after the terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center.

"I cannot go when I know they're still pulling these guys out," said Tomaino, who had worked with one of the firefighters killed Sept. 11.

Around the country, Americans are curtailing vacation and leisure travel plans. Some say they're afraid to fly; others that a big vacation simply isn't appropriate.

Grace Hawk canceled plans to fly from Chicago to a friend's wedding in New York this weekend. "With what happened last week, I would have to be doped up or unconscious to get on a plane again," she said.

The attacks have walloped the entire leisure travel industry, from theme parks to resorts and cruises. The industry's best hope now is that there are more postponements than cancellations.

Along with the airlines, the stocks of Walt Disney Co., Carnival Corp. and Starwood Hotel and Resorts, which owns Sheraton, Westin and other hotel brands, took hard hits Monday and again Tuesday.

The effects of the attacks are trickling throughout the industry. They're being felt even in Moncks Corner, S.C., a town of 5,600 about 30 miles north of Charleston. At Russell Travel, president Imogene Russell said many customers are canceling air reservations, though cruise business is holding steady.

"So many of the local agencies have had to let some of their employees go," said Russell, who is also president of a Carolinas travel agent industry group. "It hit us really hard, almost overnight."

Many travelers said this just isn't the time for a major vacation.

Mary Claire O'Donnell of Chicago, who canceled a trip with her husband to California's wine country, said they didn't feel like taking a "big long vacation and spending a bunch of money."

"We'd rather retrench and relax closer to home," she said.

There's a noticeable slowdown, but many people are sticking with vacation plans, said P.J. Jesse, manager of the Vacation Outlet store in downtown Boston.

"I would say the majority are planning to go ahead," he said. "There are a lot of people who we haven't heard from and can be assumed to be ready to travel."

Many vacation planners say they'll replace trips to faraway destinations with car trips closer to home.

In Scottsdale, Ariz., retiree Ken Wepprecht was supposed to be cruising in Hawaii this week but opted instead for a road trip to Payson, a mountain community northeast of Phoenix.

Seattle mayor loses election

SEATTLE (AP) — Mayor Paul Schell, whose four years in office were tarnished by riots and the departure of Boeing's headquarters for Chicago, fell short in his bid for a second term with a third-place finish in the mayoral primary.

Schell is the first Seattle mayor to lose a re-election bid in 45 years.

With 97 percent of precincts reporting late Tuesday, King County Council member Greg Nickels had 21,715 votes, or 34 percent. City Attorney Mark Sidran had 20,647 votes, or 33 percent, and Schell had 13,803 votes, or 22 percent. Nine other candidates trailed the top three finishers.

By getting the two highest vote totals, Sidran and Nickels advanced to the general election Nov. 6. Schell, Nickels and Sidran are all Democrats in this liberal city of 563,000.

"We've got a lot done these last four years," Schell said as he conceded the race. "I'm thankful for having the chance to serve and look forward to planning another way to have an interesting life."

Schell, 63, a former developer, knew he faced an uphill re-election battle. He slept as Mardi Gras rioting left one dead and more than 70 injured this year. And Boeing executives didn't warn him before announcing they were was moving the corporate headquarters out of town.

But his administration suffered most acutely from the city's handling of the 1999 World Trade Organization protests. About 50,000 demonstrators overwhelmed the 400-plus police officers assigned to control them, and the downtown area was shut down in clouds of tear gas.

"Paul Schell has had his chance and I think we need new leadership in the city," said apartment manager Gary Kirch, 56, who voted for Nickels.

Sidran said he was delighted with the primary results. But he noted that the next mayor would face a difficult task in dealing with Boeing layoffs announced Tuesday.

"We've been through Boeing downturns before, and we'll weather this one," he said.

Sidran and Nickels agreed that transportation would be the defining issue in the runoff.

Nickels wants to continue work on a light rail project that is $1.1 billion over budget and three years behind schedule. Sidran would scrap it in favor of improved bus service. Both also support further study of an expanded monorail system.

"We're in a transportation crisis in the city," Nickels said. "If I'm elected, I'll build light rail because it's the only solution we have."

The last Seattle mayor to lose a general election was Allan Pomeroy in 1956. The last time a mayor failed to survive a primary election was 1936, when voters ousted Mayor Charles Smith, local historian Walt Crowley said.

During this year's campaign, Schell stressed his record outside downtown. He boosted spending on neighborhood streets and helped raise millions of dollars for new or improved parks and libraries.

Greyhound ridership jumps as travelers choose buses

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — The trip from Pueblo, Colo., to Murfreesboro, Tenn., is a little more than 1,000 miles as the crow flies. But Larry Johnson won't be flying it.

The 18-year-old student will spend the better part of two days and nights aboard a Greyhound bus. After four planes were hijacked last week, he gave up an airline seat for a bus seat.

For Johnson, the decision to take a slower and longer route home after visiting friends was simple, given that he woke up Sept. 11 to news of the attacks on the East Coast.

"I got ahold of my mom, and there's no way she wanted me to get on a plane," he said as he took a short break in Topeka from his ride on bus No. 3083. "She was scared something was going to happen."

Johnson is among the thousands of Americans who decided to ride buses rather than fly in the wake of the terrorist hijackings. Greyhound reported that ridership was at levels it normally sees only at holidays.

Greyhound, the largest U.S. bus line, said it pressed nearly all of its 2,300 buses and 5,000 drivers into service last week, a big jump from the fleet of 1,800 buses that roll out across America on an average day.

By Sunday, however, passenger counts returned to the daily average of about 70,000 passengers, Greyhound officials said.

The company didn't provide specific numbers, but said on Thursday — the first day of limited air service after the attacks — passenger counts ranged from 10 percent above normal in New York to 478 percent above average in Las Vegas.

Passengers have packed the Greyhound station in Lincoln, Neb.

Penny Holmquist, who was waiting for a bus to Chicago, said she briefly considered flying but changed her mind after hearing of lingering security concerns at the nation's airports.

"I don't think they can promise that flying is safe yet," she said.

Fifty miles east on Interstate 80 in Omaha, scores of passengers seemed relieved when they stepped off a packed bus that had arrived from Dallas. Many of the passengers had dropped plane tickets to take the bus.

"I wanted to feel safe," said Jackie Means, a 26-year-old Dallas resident who was returning to computer classes at a community college in Norfolk, Neb. "It will take me a very long time to fly again."

In Topeka, Judy Moore, the Greyhound agent, said her station saw a small increase in traffic, but the biggest increases probably were in cities with major airports.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Man confused by ex-wife's anger at his dating a 'kid'

DEAR ABBY: I am 53 and happily divorced. The reason: My wife cheated on me for years.

My question concerns a much younger woman with whom I've become involved. She is 20 years my junior, and lo and behold — my ex-wife is hopping mad. She's accusing me of being out of my mind to be involved with a "kid" who's not that much older than our 20-something daughter.

Abby, this younger woman and I are getting serious. We have even discussed marriage. Is my ex-wife right? Am I being foolish? You know what they say — there's no fool like an old fool. — **CONFUSED IN WEST SACRAMENTO**

DEAR CONFUSED: What I say is this: Happiness is where you find it; age is a state of mind.

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DEAR ABBY: I have once again consulted your wonderful "How to Write Letters for All Occasions" booklet in order to write a letter of sympathy. In it you wrote, "When a baby is stillborn, it is a traumatic experience for the parents. When friends and relatives ignore this tragedy (as many do, because 'we didn't want to bring it up for fear of making them sad'), the grieving parents feel hurt and abandoned."

Abby, this is also true when a child is placed for adoption. The decision is agonizing and the loss is profound. The mother experiences the pregnancy and birth and often bonds with her child in the limited time after birth that she has with him or her. Virtually every birth mother wants her child.

It takes courage for a woman to go through the often humiliating experience of placing her child for adoption. We mothers are not copping out or neglecting our children. We are trying to do what we think is best for our children.

I could name five families in our neighborhood who did not have the courage to do right by their children and let them go. Their children are berated and ignored and left alone to raise themselves. In the case of the more fortunate of these children, the neighbors guide the young people and show them the respect, encouragement and affection they so desperately need, and more important, deserve.

So, please, Abby, tell your readers that if they know someone who has been through the horrendous experience of losing a child, whether it be through death or adoption, they should offer their sympathy. It is a loss like no other. — **MARYLOU IN HOUSTON**

DEAR MARYLOU: Please accept my deepest sympathy for the pain and loss you feel because of the sacrifice you made for the benefit of your child's future. Allowing your child to be raised by others took not only courage, but also a brutally realistic appraisal of your ability to provide for it. I salute you.

Thank you for pointing out that women who choose to allow a family to adopt their children need special support; however, for some women, the decision is a private one, and not all of them may welcome such a letter.

Readers, to purchase the booklet Marylou found helpful in writing a letter of sympathy, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $5 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby — Letters Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in the price.)

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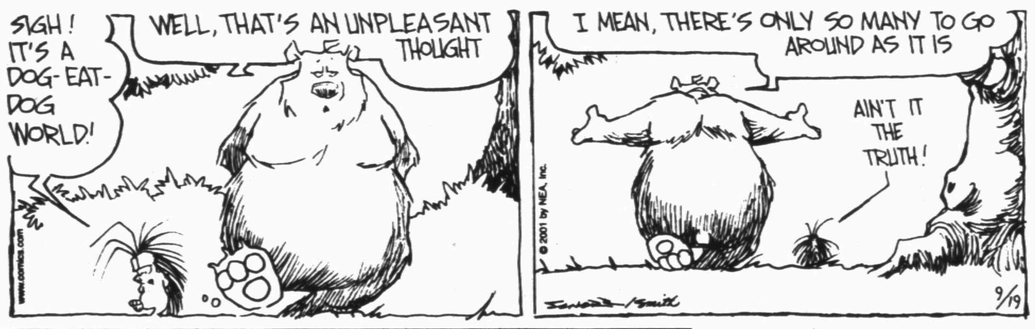

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16 Elm or maple
17 Glance over
18 Average grade
19 Eat a lollipop
23 Horse's gait
25 Time long past
26 Cook in oil
29 Nevada resort area
32 Casual top
33 — de Janeiro
34 Put forth effort
35 Cobbler's tool
36 Great work
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40 "Pretty Woman" star
41 Buddhist practice
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52 Take turns
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55 Shepard and Arkin
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8 "Do — — say"
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12 "Present!"
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22 Ship's bottom
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27 Mellow
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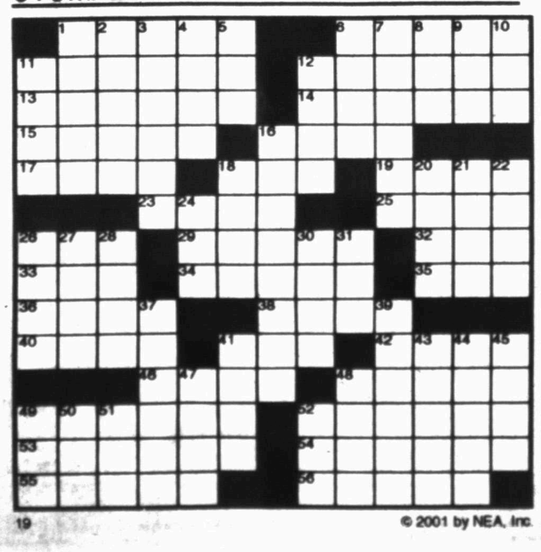

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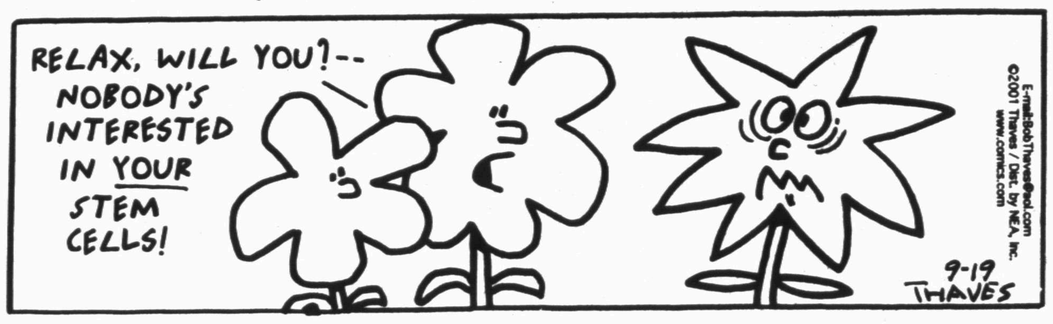

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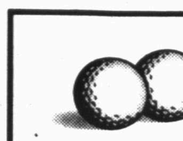

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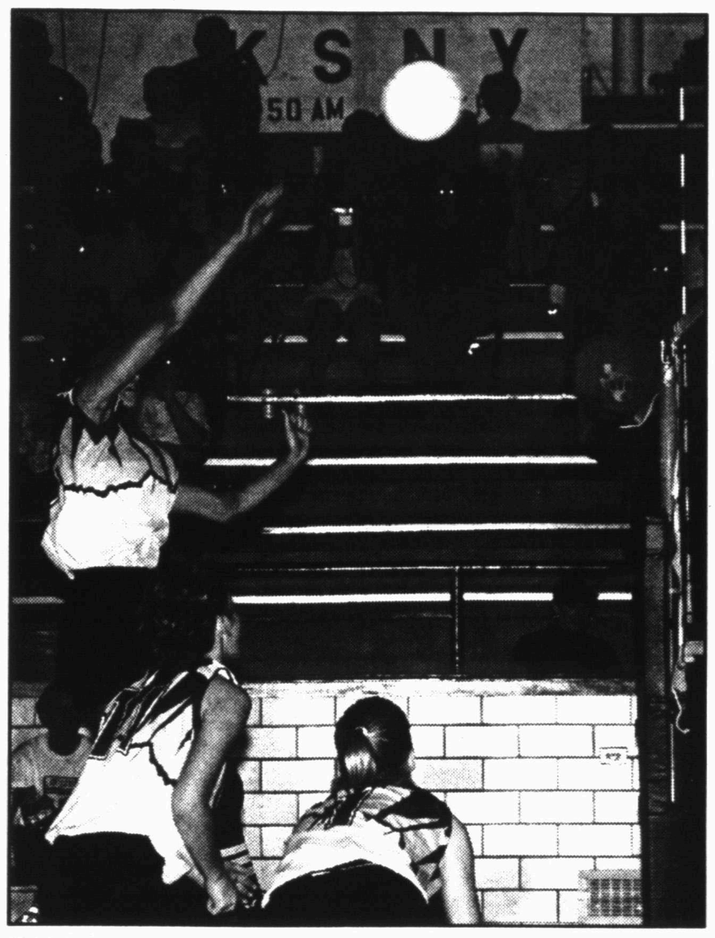


PEOPLES POWER — Snyder junior Zipporah Peoples adds to the lead Tuesday night, while Kallie Billingsley (11) and Shelly Fisk (1) look on during the Lady Tigers' victory over Plainview. Peoples registered a team-high nine kills and seven blocks. (SDN Staff Photo)

With victory over Plainview...

Lady Tigers share league lead

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

In a matter of one night, the Snyder Lady Tigers grabbed a share of the district lead, and created a logjam atop the standings.

Snyder knocked off previously unbeaten Plainview, 15-8, 15-10, Tuesday night to earn a share of the District 4-4A lead.

The victory, combined with wins from Lake View and Andrews, creates a four-way tie for first place between Snyder, Plainview, Andrews and Lake View.

It also stretches the Lady Tigers' winning streak to four matches, and that's the key according to Head Coach Patty Grimmett.

"We try to stay focused on playing the best that we can, and let everybody else worry about the standings," said Grimmett. "As long as we play to the best of our abilities, then we think everything will work out in the end."

Everything certainly worked out for the Lady Tigers on Tuesday. Snyder committed only seven hitting errors and registered a .930 attack percentage.

The offensive pressure was too much for Plainview to handle.

"Our play along the back row kept us in the match at times, and then our hitters got the job done up front," Grimmett said. "We want to keep attacking at all times, and make the other team stay on the defensive. We did that tonight."

With Snyder attacking from all points on the court, the Lady Bulldogs' defense was forced to scramble most of the match.

Six Lady Tigers posted kills, led by Zipporah Peoples. The junior tallied nine kills and seven blocks.

Plainview led only once early in the first game, before Snyder took control.

Trailing 3-2, the Lady Tigers put together an 11-1 run to all but seal Game 1. Senior Kallie Billingsley then capped the opening frame with a block and a kill.

Snyder never trailed in the second game. After the Lady Bulldogs knotted the tally at 3-3, the Lady Tigers scored six unanswered points to take command.

The play of Peoples, Amber Alexander and Chaelyn Robinson wore down Plainview, which gave Snyder four of its last six points on errors.

"I'm proud of our girls, because no matter who we had in there they got the job done," Grimmett remarked. "We had a great crowd on hand, and the girls fed off that."

Snyder is in action again Saturday when it hosts Estacado.

In Tuesday's other district matches, Lake View topped Big Spring, 15-5, 15-5. Andrews took care of Estacado, 15-3, 15-4, and Frenship held off Levelland.

GAME 1
Snyder 15, Plainview 8

Plainview service points: Alesha Robertson, Sarah Hank and Tojjinay Thompson, 2; Amber Lees and Elyse Newland, 1. **Kills:** Lees, 5; Kenisha Munroe, 3; Robertson and Thompson, 2. **Blocks:** Robertson and Lees, 1.

Snyder service points: Kallie Billingsley, 8; Kate Wright, Amber Alexander and Laura Billingsley, 2; Leticia Martinez, 1. **Kills:** K. Billingsley, Afton Schwertner, Chaelyn Robinson and Zipporah Peoples, 3; Alexander and Ashley Tuttle, 2. **Blocks:** Alexander, 4; Peoples, 3; Schwertner, 2; Tuttle and K. Billingsley, 1.

GAME 2
Snyder 15, Plainview 10

Plainview service points: Thompson, 4; Lees, 2; Hank, Newland, Robertson and Dana Reinart, 1. **Kills:** Lees, 5; Munroe, 4; Robertson, 3; Thompson, 2. **Blocks:** Robertson, 1.

Snyder service points: K. Billingsley, 7; Wright, 3; Robinson, 2; Martinez, L. Billingsley and Aaryn Stewart, 1. **Kills:** Peoples, 6; Robinson, 3; Alexander 2; Schwertner and Cindy Sanchez, 1. **Blocks:** Peoples, 4; Alexander, 3; Schwertner and Shelly Fisk, 2.

District 4-4A Volleyball

	District		Season	
Team	W	L	W	L
Snyder	4	1	11	14
Andrews	4	1	19	9
Lake View	4	1	20	5
Plainview	4	1	18	8
Big Spring	2	3	12	14
Frenship	2	3	8	15
Levelland	0	5	8	16
Estacado	0	5	4	17

Tuesday's results: Plainview def. Snyder, 15-8, 15-10; Andrews def. Estacado, 15-3, 15-4; Frenship def. Levelland, 1-15, 15-4, 15-6; Lake View def. Big Spring, 15-5, 15-5.

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

Rangers bow to A's, 6-5

ARLINGTON (AP) — Mark Mulder knows he can't take full credit for his 19 victories, the most by an Oakland left-hander in 25 years.

"Good offensive support. They are scoring runs," Mulder said. "I haven't been pitching that great. But you have to be lucky to win some of these games."

Mulder (19-7) gave up two first-inning runs, but the Athletics came from behind twice to beat Texas 6-5 Tuesday night for their ninth straight victory.

Texas had three straight singles to start the first, then Mulder hit Rafael Palmeiro with a pitch to force home a run before a double-play grounder scored another.

After that, Mulder allowed just two more runs and three more hits before leaving after a leadoff single in the seventh.

"He deserved to win," Howe said. "After that first inning, he buckled down and pitched great baseball."

It was the first game for both teams since they played in Oakland on Sept. 10, the night before the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington.

The A's picked up right where they left off.

Oakland hasn't lost since Sept. 1. The A's, who beat Texas 7-1 in that game eight days earlier, are 43-14 since the All-Star break and have an 11-game lead over Minnesota in the AL wild card race.

A's starters are 13-0 the last 16 games.

NFL mulling options to maintain 16-game season

NEW YORK (AP) — Imagine a doubleheader at the New Orleans Superdome on what was supposed to be Super Bowl Sunday — both conference championships in one stadium in one day.

Or imagine the regular season ending Jan. 6 and playoffs beginning Jan. 9, with some teams potentially playing three games in eight days.

Those are two scenarios put forth by the NFL when it announced Tuesday that it will play a full 16-game schedule while still trying to cram the usual 12 teams into the playoffs instead of reducing the field to eight teams.

"Hopefully, they can find a way to get all the games in," said New Orleans general manager Randy Mueller, whose team is one of many contenders that could miss an eight-team playoff.

"It would not come without some hardships. It might require playing the games in 14 days or 10 days. It's hard, but the Canadian league does it. I don't know if the players would support that, but I know our players want to go to the playoffs."

"I'll be curious to see what follows after this," added Andy Reid of Philadelphia, another team that might be affected. "I'd hate to disrupt the playoffs in that situation. ... I'm sure they'll come up with an answer for it. They understand the importance of the playoffs."

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue said the league's competition committee voted unanimously to keep the 16-game format, switching the games called off last weekend to the weekend of Jan. 5-7, when wild card games had been scheduled.

But he said the committee is still looking at ways to keep three division winners and three wild card teams in each conference rather than the three winners and just one wild card.

When the teams return, they are likely to have the regular officials back.

NFL sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the executive committee of the NFL Referees Association was taking an e-mail ballot on a proposal by the league that would end the lockout. The work stoppage lasted through the final game of preseason and the first game of the regular season.

If the proposal is approved by noon EDT Wednesday, the regular officials will be back for Sunday's games.

As for the playoffs, Tagliabue said:

"We continue to work on keeping six division winners, six wild cards and our entire postseason format intact. Several options have been presented to us in recent days that would help us accomplish that. If we cannot resolve our entire postseason lineup in a satisfactory fashion, we then will go to a system of six division winners and two wild card teams for this one season only."

One option would be to move the Super Bowl, to be played in New Orleans, from Jan. 27 to Feb. 3. There is only a one-week break this year after the championship games.

One way to do that would be to switch the Super Bowl and the National Auto Dealers Convention, scheduled for the next week. The Pro Bowl, scheduled for Feb. 4, would either be moved back a week or played without players from Super Bowl teams.

Junior varsity tops Plainview

Snyder's junior varsity volleyball squad disposed of Plainview in only two games Tuesday night, 15-8, 15-7.

Ashley Martinez and Kelsi Johnson led the Lady Tigers from the service line with nine points apiece.

Kelby Drum added seven points. Beth Clements and Erin Burleson tallied two each, and Dominique Braziel chipped in one.

Snyder is in action again a t 2 p.m. Saturday when it hosts Estacado.

Frosh hold off Lady Bulldogs

It went the distance, but Snyder finally outlasted Plainview, 15-6, 7-15, 15-10, in Tuesday's freshman volleyball action at the SJHS gym.

Courtney Cox served up 10 points to pace the Lady Tigers, while Heather Holmes added seven more.

Stacey Williamson and J.J. Farmer registered five points apiece, with Kayla Guerrero posting four. Heather Zajicek tallied three points, and Jacy Beccue, Erin Hackfield and Rebecca Aguirre chipped in one each.

Snyder's next match is at 2 p.m. Saturday at home against Big Spring.

Major League Baseball

National League
All Times EDT
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	78	66	.542	—
Philadelphia	77	68	.531	1½
New York	73	73	.500	6
Florida	68	77	.469	10½
Montreal	61	84	.421	17½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	85	59	.590	—
St. Louis	81	64	.559	4½
Chicago	78	66	.542	7
Milwaukee	63	83	.431	23
Cincinnati	59	86	.407	26½
Pittsburgh	55	90	.379	30½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	82	63	.566	—
San Francisco	80	65	.552	2
Los Angeles	78	67	.538	4
San Diego	72	73	.497	10
Colorado	63	81	.438	18½

Tuesday's Games

Florida 3, Montreal 1
N.Y. Mets 7, Pittsburgh 5
Cincinnati 6, Chicago Cubs 5
Philadelphia 4, Atlanta 3
St. Louis 9, Milwaukee 4
Colorado 10, Arizona 9
San Diego 3, Los Angeles 2
Houston 3, San Francisco 2

Wednesday's Games

N.Y. Mets (Rusch 7-10) at Pittsburgh (McKnight 2-3), 1:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (D'Amico 1-2) at St. Louis (Morris 19-7), 1:40 p.m.
Florida (Beckett 1-0) at Montreal (Pavano 0-4), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (Lopez 3-5) at Colorado (Hampton 13-11), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Wood 10-6) at Cincinnati (Hamilton 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Burkett 11-10) at Philadelphia (Coggin 4-5), 7:05 p.m.
San Diego (Tollberg 7-4) at Los Angeles (Baldwin 2-4), 10:10 p.m.
Houston (Micki 5-1) at San Francisco (L.Hernandez 12-13), 10:15 p.m.

American League
All Times EDT
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	87	57	.604	—
Boston	73	69	.514	13
Toronto	71	73	.493	16
Baltimore	55	88	.385	31½
Tampa Bay	50	94	.347	37

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	83	62	.572	—
Minnesota	77	68	.531	6
Chicago	74	71	.510	9
Detroit	57	87	.396	25½
Kansas City	57	87	.396	25½

West Division

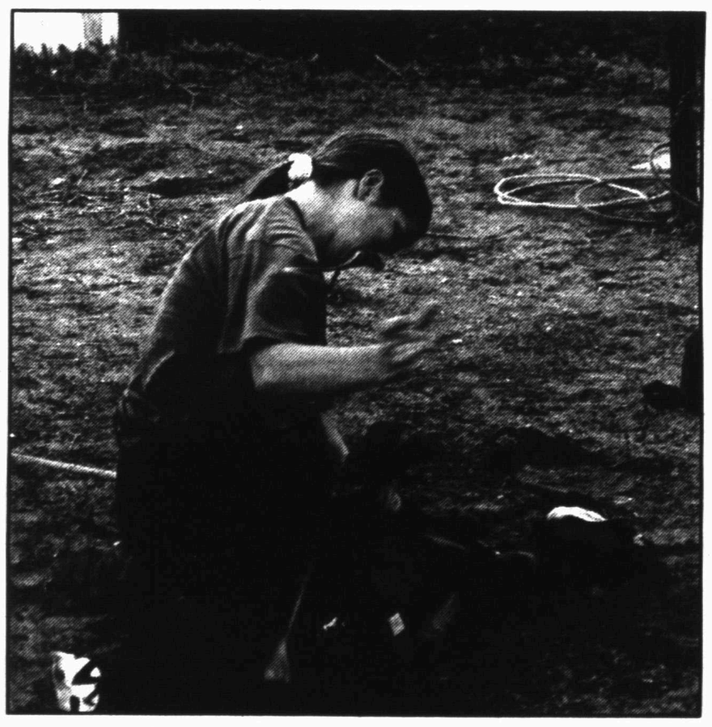
	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	105	40	.724	—
Oakland	88	57	.607	17
Anaheim	73	72	.503	32
Texas	66	79	.455	39

Tuesday's Games

Toronto 8, Baltimore 5
Boston 7, Tampa Bay 2
Cleveland 11, Kansas City 2
Minnesota 8, Detroit 3
Oakland 6, Texas 5
N.Y. Yankees 11, Chicago White Sox 3
Seattle 4, Anaheim 0

Wednesday's Games

Baltimore (Maduro 3-5) at Toronto (Halladay 3-2), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (P.Wilson 6-8) at Boston (Cone 8-5), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Suppan 9-11) at Cleveland (Colon 12-11), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Sparks 10-9) at Minnesota (Milton 14-5), 8:05 p.m.
Oakland (Hudson 16-7) at Texas (Davis 9-8), 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 19-1) at Chicago White Sox (Glover 4-2), 8:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Schoeneweis 10-9) at Seattle (Moyer 17-5), 10:05 p.m.



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Sports Briefs

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Shea will host Mets, Braves

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Mets will play this weekend's series against Atlanta in Shea Stadium as scheduled.

Shea Stadium was being used as a staging area for rescue workers and the collection of relief supplies, but those efforts were moved to the Javits Center.

Gwynn gets college coaching job

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Tony Gwynn's alma mater, San Diego State, is expected to announce Thursday that he will replace baseball coach Jim Dietz after the 2002 season.

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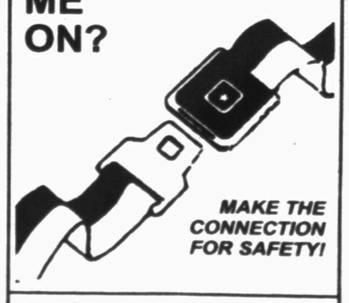
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Cave explorer rushed to New York to help make other rescuers safe

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — By the time a second airliner slammed into the World Trade Center, Russell Keat knew his mind was urgently needed.

There would be rubble and wreckage. There would be bodies as twisted and broken as the debris that buried them.

Somebody would need to crawl through it, finding and mapping safe paths for other rescuers to follow. And that is Keat's specialty.

Keat, 40, is a rarity when it comes to search and rescue missions, of which he has participated in hundreds, from airliner crashes to collapsed buildings to people trapped in caves.

He is trained to work underground, to map the crevices, tunnels and holes in the debris that could fall several stories. He makes the search for survivors possible.

"In some ways my whole life was leading up to this," he said in a telephone interview from his Grantham home Tuesday.

After the attacks, Keat didn't wait for a call. He grabbed his gear, stopped by the elementary school to say goodbye to his 5- and 6-year-old daughters, then headed for New York.

Though his mission was mapping, Keat went in with 350 pounds of gear, including enough food and water for him to stay with a trapped survivor for up to a week, if necessary.

"We're looking for human life, we're looking to support and evacuate. Or if they're trapped, to stay there with them. Once we can make a life sign that's trapped, we never leave."

Keat didn't find anyone alive, though he found plenty of remnants of lives.

"You'll pick up a picture that somebody obviously had in their office of their kids or a loved one," he said. "In some ways one of the hugest feelings is a sense of reverence. You are walking in the personal spaces of people and even as you're wriggling through stuff that is awful, this is still their space."

It was his love of exploring caves that got Keat interested in underground rescue missions. He often works with Shenandoah Mountain Rescue and says his training began even earlier.

"My father was actually an architect with experience in steel in large buildings, so a lot of what I was using was learned as a kid crawling through the guts of buildings as they were being built."

As part of Keat's mapping task, he watches for signs of trouble, including possible hazardous chemicals that could leak from businesses, such as medical offices.

That information is recorded, at the scene in spray-painted messages on the rubble, and on maps sent back to those organizing the rescue attempts.

By the time Keat and his team finished mapping the pile Thursday, he had endured some close calls, from dangerous precipices to clouds of noxious asbestos dust. He was treated four times for smoke inhalation.

"The worst moment was when we were probing the voids," he said. "I was going pretty much near vertical. I got to the bottom of it and there's this buckled over piece of concrete. I was looking straight down into eight stories of empty."

But there also were bright moments, as when a member of his team found an American flag. When the team came out of the rubble, Keat's teammate hung the flag on the tower's now fallen antenna.

"For five seconds there while he planted the flag, he was leading the world," Keat said of the moment, captured in a photograph that has become an enduring symbol of the attacks.

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Couple knew dogs were hard to control, testimony reveals

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Nearly 1,000 pages of grand jury testimony released Tuesday suggest the owners of two dogs that mauled a woman to death had trouble controlling the animals even before the attack.

Marjorie Knoller faces a second-degree murder charge in the January mauling of neighbor Diane Whipple. She and Robert Noel also face charges of involuntary manslaughter and keeping a mischievous dog.

Knoller and Noel were caring for the dogs — a 120-pound male named Bane and a 113-pound female named Hera — when they attacked Whipple, who was 33 and weighed 110 pounds. Knoller and Noel were allegedly keeping the Presa Canario-mastiffs for Paul John Schneider and Dale Bretches, two Pelican Bay State Prison inmates.

During testimony before a grand jury in March, prosecutor James Hammer suggested that Knoller and Noel, a lawyer couple, enjoyed scaring and mocking people who feared the dogs.

About two weeks before the attack, Noel wrote Schneider about an encounter with Whipple.

"This morning's was an interesting walk," he wrote, according to grand jury records. "Getting used to the jailbreak approach the kids (dogs) have, break from the door like horses out of the starting gate ... Elevator comes, hopefully with no one in otherwise they will knock them down rushing in. As soon as the door opens at six (the sixth floor) one of our newer neighbors, a timorous little mousy blonde who weighs less than Hera, is met by the dynamic duo exiting and almost has a coronary."

During Noel's testimony, Hammer asked him to identify the woman he was referring to in the letter.

"That's Miss Whipple," Noel answered.

"Are you concerned that she almost had a coronary at the time?" Hammer continued.

"Not particularly, no," Noel replied.

"Did you apologize to her?" Hammer asked.

"No, not at all. I asked her to step back and we walked to the side."

Noel said repeatedly that people weren't afraid of the dogs, but also testified that he lost control of one or both dogs on several occasions. He also had several run-ins with people on the street who thought his dogs should be better restrained.

Whipple, 33, was attacked Jan. 26 in the doorway of her apartment after returning from grocery shopping.

Knoller, who said she had advanced first aid training, said she plugged Whipple's neck wounds with her finger, but left Whipple to put the dogs in her apartment. She said she wanted to give Whipple CPR, but had to find her keys first.

One of the dogs, Bane, was put down soon after the attack. Hours later, Noel wrote Schneider and Bretches a three-page letter.

"There's no way to ease into this," he said. "Bane is dead as is one of our neighbors."

Son of slain couple arrested in Texas

HENDERSON, Nev. (AP) — The son of a Henderson couple who were found bludgeoned and stabbed to death last week has been arrested in Texas, Henderson police said Monday.

Matthew Scott Freen, 29, was arrested Sunday and was being held in San Antonio awaiting extradition to Nevada to face two murder charges in the slayings of 69-year-old Lee Jackson, 69, and Dorothy Jackson, 60.

The two had been dead several weeks before they were found early Friday in their home.

Sixth graders in Arkansas harvest rice crop this year

BALD KNOB, Ark. (AP) — With a combine whirring in the background, sixth-grader Paige Keeney grabbed two handfuls of freshly picked rice and ran to show her science teacher.

"Ms. Strayhorn, look what I got," she said, dumping the rice in the teacher's hands, some spilling on the gravel road next to the field.

Virginia Strayhorn's class planted the rice in March, made all the decisions about how it was grown, and then returned to see what months of planning and budgeting have yielded.

David Freppon, a wheat and soybean farmer, donated one of his 2,000 acres so the students could learn what it's like to be a farmer.

"It's something to show the kids where things really come from," Freppon said. "It's a learning experience."

Strayhorn hopes the 38 Judsonia Middle School students will learn to appreciate the farms that surround their town, located about 60 miles northeast of Little Rock.

"Most of them live in town, some of them live in a farming area," Strayhorn said. "But they don't have any idea what a farmer actually does."

Extension agent Kevin Lawson, whose work includes assessing crops and advising farmers, started visiting Strayhorn's classroom in late March. He showed students how to check soil samples and stay within a budget, and he brought plants to illustrate each stage of the process.

"I hope it will pique their interest in farming big-time," Lawson said. "I tried to teach them about production from start to finish and about the uses of Arkansas rice."

Lawson smiles when the students crowd around him to see how the rice grain is separated from the straw. They crane their necks to see him and pick at the pile of straw he carried from their field.

"They needed to use an expensive herbicide, but luckily there was no disease," Lawson said. "But boy, that's gonna be some good rice."

Lawson climbs into the hopper with a shovel, rice sticking to his jeans and boots, trying to fit a massive amount of rice in the bin. He spills a shovel full over the side and the students rush to grab it.

The acre yielded 185 bushels, 45 more bushels than expected. At $3 per bushel, the students will earn $555 at market. After covering their costs, they have decided to donate their $294 in profits to the Arkansas Children's Hospital in Little Rock.

Freppon writes the check out to the school on the hood of a red pickup truck and the students cheer when he hands it to Strayhorn.

"We had a sheet to itemize out what it costs for fertilizers, pesticides and water," she said. "Mr. Lawson told them they'd need a certain herbicide or pesticide and they would say, 'Oh no, we're not going to make very much money if we spend that.'"

Next year, Lawson plans to work with the school to plant corn.

Chance Duncan, 12, said the project helped him realize the time and work that goes into farming.

"I respect farmers because they go through so much work getting everybody's food and watering the fields," he said.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 09-19-01
♠ J 8 3
♥ A Q J 7 4
♦ A K 7
♣ 9 6

West
♠ Q 10 7 2
♥ 2
♦ 8 5
♣ A Q 10 8 4 2

East
♠ 9 6 5
♥ K 10 9 6
♦ J 10 9 3
♣ 5 3

South
♠ A K 4
♥ 8 5 3
♦ Q 6 4 2
♣ K J 7

Dealer: East
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
			Pass
1 ♦	2 ♣	2 ♥	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ 2

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One expert 'clever,' another more clever

By Phillip Alder

We've all heard about leading fourth-highest from one's longest and strongest against no-trump. But if your lead against a suit contract is from a side suit headed by one or two nontouching honors, you should still select fourth-highest. Yet occasionally an expert thinks he knows better.

This deal occurred during the 1980 Sunday Times Invitational Pair Championship, played in London. Sitting South was Billy Eisenberg, a five-time bridge and one-time backgammon world champion.

Eisenberg did well to rebid in no-trump instead of supporting hearts. Four hearts can be defeated by any opening lead except the heart king!

If West had just led the club eight, fourth-highest from his longest and strongest, Eisenberg would have had no chance. But worried that this might give declarer his ninth trick, West decided to start with the spade two: jack, five, four.

If declarer had crossed to his spade ace and taken the heart finesse, East would have won with the king and switched to the club five. West would have won cheaply and exited with a spade (or diamond) to defeat the contract.

Eisenberg did much better. Placing West with either 4-2-1-6 or 4-1-2-6 distribution, declarer cashed dummy's diamond ace, played a diamond to his queen, and took the ace-king of spades. Now came a heart to dummy's jack and East's king. He returned a club to the jack and queen, but after West cashed the spade queen and club ace, Eisenberg claimed nine tricks: three spades, two hearts, three diamonds and one club.

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Medtronic	39.53	37.30	37.44	—2.46
Motorola	15.80	15.25	15.57	+.12
NCR Corp	34.40	33.50	33.54	—.63
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Pharmacia	39.85	39.42	39.65	+.05
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SaraLee	21.86	21.35	21.44	—.51
Scripps EW	60.90	60.00	60.59	+.49
SearsRoeb	34.11	33.25	33.35	—.75
SherwinW	22.61	22.25	22.52	+.27
SouthernCo s	24.84	24.41	24.70	+.46
SwstAirl s	14.00	13.35	13.42	+.43
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TXU Corp	49.03	48.19	48.50	+.27
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Texaco	67.30	66.15	66.40	—.64
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VerizonComm	53.80	52.35	53.54	+1.84
WalMart	46.08	45.06	45.35	+.07
WellsFargo	44.58	43.74	43.98	+.22
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WinnDixie	20.40	19.78	20.06	—.15
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Scurry County Country

Rainy month hurts Texas cotton crop

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Wet weather has been detrimental to the Central Texas cotton crop, which will cause a major financial setback, the Texas Cooperative Extension reports.

Dr. Carl Anderson, extension economist in College Station, said this season's cotton crop has open bolls, which exposes lint and seed to all weather conditions.

"When weather is rainy, wet and moist long enough for the seed to germinate," he said, "It makes it impossible to gin, or to separate the seed from the lint."

Anderson said this crop is an early crop, and most of it is not harvested.

"It is a rare situation that we get rain every day and do not get a point where the seed can dry out so it doesn't sprout," he said.

Cotton producers want dry weather for at least a month starting in the middle of August, in order to properly harvest the crop, Anderson said.

"Once cotton is mature, there is nothing that rain can do to it that helps," he said. "When the boll is mature and open, it is a white, fluffy, ideal fiber. Rain stains it, reduces the quality, and knocks some of it off the plant, so we have a series of events that can happen even if the seed didn't germinate."

Anderson said since the quality is reduced and a lot of the yield is lost, this will cause major losses to producers.

He said all there is to do is sit and wait to let the ground, seed and lint dry to see if any of the crop is salvageable, and to have insurance appraisers figure out losses for the rest.

"The cotton market is extremely low anyway," he said. "Good cotton is 35-40 cents per pound right now, about half the production cost. A good market would be at least in the 65-75 cent per pound range, so this is obviously a major financial setback for this part of the state."

Jett Major, district extension director in Lubbock, said the South Plain cotton crops have had very light boll weevil numbers this year.

"Thanks to a colder winter and a drier summer, their survival has been limited," he said.

Major commented on a weekly report from Dr. Jim Leser, extension entomologist of Lubbock, which said there is an increase in boll weevil movement with the arrival of fall.

"They are searching for the rapidly disappearing young, tender bolls in the top of cotton plants to feed on in an effort to take on enough fat stores in their bodies to survive the winter," he said.

Lin Wilson, district extension director in Corpus Christi, reported cotton seedlings sprouting after large amounts of rain.

Wilson said it will now take some effort to get them destroyed before they reach the point that they can be infested by boll weevils.

Breeder has bull on list

Joe Canon of Gail owns one bull listed in the 2001 Fall Sire Evaluation Report published by the American Angus Association headquartered in St. Joseph, Mo.

Issued in both the spring and fall, the new report features the latest performance information available on 5,999 sires. The report is accessible at www.angus.org. has the most complete and comprehensive beef cattle database in the world," says John Crouch, American Angus Association director of performance programs.

"Of the sires listed in the main report, 76 percent have expected progeny differences (EPD) for carcass traits, which should assist cattlemen in choosing genetics that will produce a more consistent, higher quality beef product." EPDs are generated from performance data submitted by breeders through the Angus Herd improvement Records (AHIR) program.

Traits in which EPDs are available include birth weight, weaning weight, milk, yearling weight and height, mature daughter weight and height, and scrotal circumference, as well as carcass traits including carcass weight, marbling, rib eye area, external fat thickness and percent retail product.

Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

Plan Now For Spring Flowers

If you want to have an abundance of winter and spring flowers in your garden, now is the time to begin work. Most of Texas enjoys mild enough winters to develop a long lasting and good quality crop of such favorites as pansies, snapdragons, calendulas, candytufts, larkspurs, petunias and sweet peas to name a few.

Annuals planted in the fall will usually bloom three to six weeks earlier than those planted in the spring depending upon the variety and species. Occasionally, plants may be damaged by extreme temperature changes, prolonged low temperatures, or high wind, but many gardeners consider it worth the risk.

Primary attention must be given to bed preparation and watering. Beds should be prepared several weeks prior to planting and raised enough to ensure good drainage during prolonged wet periods. When starting plants from seed, it is especially important to keep the soil moist. Any drying during the germination period is hazardous. Water should be allowed to flow slowly through shallow irrigation furrows or a fine sprinkler every time surface drying is observed.

Seeds should be planted closer together than for spring planting. A close stand of seedlings seems to have less chance of damage from winter cold. This ensures a sufficient number of plants even if part of them are winter killed. A light mulch of straw, hay, pine needles or similar material can help in retaining moisture, preventing packing of the soil, and maintaining even moisture levels.

Well-rotted manure is an excellent soil conditioner and fertilizer. Chemical fertilizers containing nitrogen, phosphorus, and potash are more convenient to use but offer no soil conditioning qualities. Peat moss, pine bark, compost and other organic matter are essential to the success of gardening. This organic matter should compose at least 20 percent of the garden soil by volume.

For best results, prepare the soil several weeks prior to actual planting. This allows the soil to settle, reducing air pockets and allowing chemical fertilizers to become diluted and unlikely to burn the tender seedlings.

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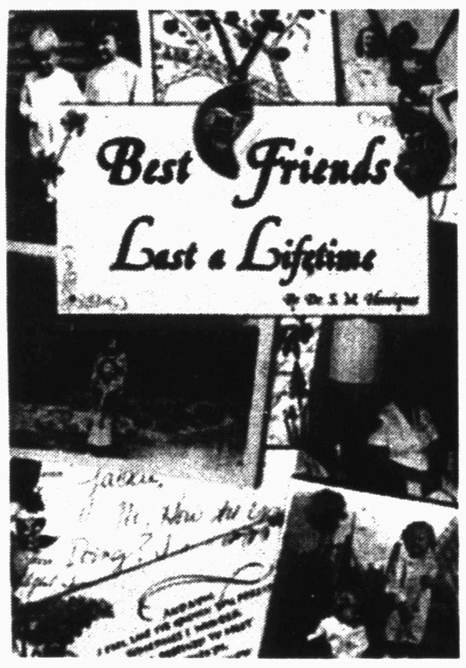

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Markets

Colorado City

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 726 head of cattle for the Saturday, Sept. 15, sale. Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers mostly $1 to $4 lower, with 200-300 lb. calves steady. Slaughter cows were steady to $1 lower, bulls were steady. Bred cows and pairs were steady. Trade was active and demand good.

Feeder steers:
200-300: 131-145
300-400: 118-126
400-500: 98-103
500-600: 87.50-90
600-700: 83-86.50
Feeder heifers:
200-300: 121-135
300-400: 106-113
400-500: 96.50-97.50
500-600: 86.25-87
600-700: 81.25-82.50
Replacement cows
Older cows: 540-680
Aged cows: 450-580
Pairs: 775-915
Aged pairs: 650-750
Slaughter cows:
Breakers: 1000-1250 Lbs. 40-46.50
Boners: 1000-1200 Lbs. 41-47
Lean: 900-1200: 39-45.50
800-1000 Lbs.: 36.50-42.50
Under 750 Lbs.: 33
Slaughter Bulls
Yields grade 1-2 1300-2100 Lbs.: 50-59
Low dressing: 100-1300 Lbs. 45-52

Lubbock

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc. had a run of 962 head of cattle for the Thursday, Sept. 13, sale. Cows were $1 to $2 cheaper. Calves and yearlings were steady. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows
(High dressing — cutters — utilities: 40-46.50
Canner and low cutters: 33-40
Slaughter bulls: 50-61
Feeder steers — choice:
300-400: 105-125
400-500: 92-115
500-600: 88-105
600-700: 85-92.50
700-800: 80-88
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 100-115
400-500: 90-105
500-600: 85-94
600-700: 82-88
700-800: 75-85
Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 85-100
700-800: 75-85
Cow and calf pairs:
Good: 625-775
Grade: 550-680
Springers: 400-725
Baby calves: 150-210
Doodlers: 175-240

Stricter labeling of fat content sought

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration is asking health regulators to quickly finalize proposed rules that it says could save thousands from heart disease through better labeling of fatty foods.

Tuesday's urging for action on stricter labeling of fat content by the Food and Drug Administration is highly unusual. It's the first time the office that oversees federal regulations decided to publicly nudge the people writing such regulations to hurry up.

"This rulemaking appears to be a tremendous opportunity for the FDA to address the nation's leading cause of death — coronary heart disease — and save thousands of lives," wrote John D. Graham, the new regulatory chief at the Office of Management and Budget.

The FDA proposed in 1999 that producers of foods containing artery-clogging trans fat disclose how much is in the foods on their labels. Today, consumers have no way to know how much of this fat — which many doctors consider more dangerous to the heart than saturated fat — is in their food.

But the proposal has never been finalized. FDA officials on Tuesday wouldn't explain the holdup. A federal health spokesman said officials would consider Graham's letter.

Also Tuesday, Graham wrote another agency — the Occupational Safety and Health Administration — urging that it make placing defibrillators in workplaces a priority. Defibrillators can jumpstart a person's heart during cardiac arrest, an emergency where every minute counts if the person is to survive. They're already common in airports and government buildings.

Graham's first target — trans fat — excited consumer advocates who have argued that Americans need to know how much of this artery-clogger they're eating.

Until now, the only way to determine if a food contains trans fat is to look for "hydrogenated" on the ingredient list. The most common source of trans fat is partially hydrogenated vegetable oil, in which liquid oil is turned into a solid. Typically, the harder a margarine or cooking fat, the more trans fat it includes.

The FDA estimates that revealing the trans fat on labels would save between 2,000 and 5,600 lives a year, as people either chose healthier foods or manufacturers improved their recipes to leave out this fat. It estimates manufacturers would have to spend $400 million to relabel or reformulate food, but said the nation would probably save billions in health care costs.

"Cholesterol levels would go down pretty quickly" as soon as people lower trans fat consumption, said Margo Wootan of the Center for Science in the Public Interest, who met Friday with Graham to encourage his action.

Manufacturers, some of whom have lobbied FDA for changes in the proposal, believe labeling trans fat is inevitable but are split on how best to do it, said Lisa Katic of the Grocery Manufacturers Association.

Scurry, Kent residents lead in 2001 Round-Up for Rehab

Seven Scurry and Kent County residents are putting their brand of leadership on the 42nd Annual Round-Up for Rehab — a program through which friends in the agriculture industry raise funds for West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Leading the Scurry County effort are Charles Church, DVM, Kinney Hart, Tommy Riley and Dave Smith. Heading up Ken County is Buddy Baldridge, Roy Chisum and Howard Goswick. Approximately 150 other community chairmen through Texas join them, along with general chairman Mike Alexander and Randy Carson, both of Abilene and Carter Behrens of San Angelo. The message these volunteers are delivering to ranchers is simple: Let's help Rehab meet the outpatient rehabilitation needs of all who turn to the center for assistance in overcoming the disabling effects of an illness or injury. How ranchers can help include:

• Donating livestock — cattle, sheep, goats or horses — to be sold at one of the special auctions this fall or sending a cash gift to Rehab if this is the wrong time of year to cut out livestock.

• Joining the bidding on livestock or novelty items at one of the special sales.

• Notifying Rehab or a local chairman now of intent to have an auction house cut a check to Rehab for one or more animals sold later in the year.

With the first sale only days away, five businesses have already made a commitment to Round-Up for Rehab by putting a total of $25,000 into the program. These corporate underwriters include Federal Land Bank, Leonard Water Services, Lone Star Beef Processors, Wrangler and First Ag Credit, and Farm Credit Services.

"To be able to launch Round-Up with such great underwriting is very valuable to Rehab," said WTRC President Woody Gilliland. "Not only is the dollar amount deeply appreciated; the confidence these business leaders are demonstrating they have in both our programs and our stewardship is a source of great pride to all of us at Rehab."

The fall schedule for Round-Up sales includes cattle sales on Sept. 20 at Producers Livestock Auction in San Angelo and Sept. 25 at Abilene Auction. Specialty sales are set for Oct. 3 in Coleman, Oct. 10 in Stephenville, Oct. 15 in Junction, Oct. 19 in Dublin and Nov. 1 in Ranger. For more information call a local chairman or Rehab Centers in Abilene, San Angelo or Ozona.

Mistrial declared in trial of Fred Zain, crime lab chemist

BECKLEY, W.Va. (AP) — The case of a chemist accused of misrepresenting test results used in trials has ended in a mistrial, after jurors were unable to reach a verdict.

After deliberating for about seven hours, the jury deadlocked Tuesday in Fred Zain's felony fraud case and told the judge they could not decide if the state crime lab chemist is guilty of committing fraud.

Prosecutor Jim Lees said he will seek a new trial as soon as possible. Zain and his attorneys refused to comment.

The former state police officer was tried on four counts of obtaining money from West Virginia — including his salary — under false pretenses. If he had been convicted on all four counts, he would have faced up to 13 years in prison.

The problems with the tests led to dozens of challenged convictions. His work also came under fire in Texas, where he worked after leaving West Virginia.

Although West Virginia State Police records indicate there were internal investigations of Zain's work as early as 1985, the concerns did not become public until the release of a damning report by the state Supreme Court in 1993.

"As a matter of law, any testimonial or documentary evidence offered by Zain at any time should be deemed invalid, unreliable and inadmissible," the court said.

In closing arguments Monday, following two weeks of testimony, prosecutors said Zain "did not adhere to the rule of law."

"This has been a case about the perversion of the system of justice by one man," prosecutor Steve Jory said. He said other state police officers testified that Zain "falsified (and) altered data ... and enhanced results."

Zain's lawyers argued that the state police crime lab was a mess and its practices were ripe for errors.

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By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, Sept. 20, 2001
Persons you link up with in the year ahead will tend to be quite lucky for you. Your will have good fortune whether these people are involved in your business or social affairs.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — It's to your advantage to play to an audience today. In fact, the larger the group, the more effective you're likely to be, and the better things will work out. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it.

The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Make accomplishments a serious priority today, and rewards and compensations will automatically follow. If you do everything you need to do well, you'll be amply provided for.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Even if others are capable of handling some things for you that directly affect your self-interests, there is no way they will do as well as you would. For outstanding results, go it alone.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — The same people who may have been reluctant to share with you in the past will now do an about-face and give you both tangible and intangible things today. Go figure.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Good news is on the way concerning your expectations. Something you've been hoping for is now developing along positive lines and could become a reality very shortly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Especially in career-related matters today, you'll have a gift for taking small opportunities and expanding them into something far larger and impressive than anybody thought would be possible.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Owing to your positive, philosophical attitude that tends to inspire anybody in your path today, your popularity could soar beyond belief. Enjoy.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — If there is any kind of major adjustment you've been anxious to make, this might be the day to do so. Any change you make today should prove to be very lucky for you in the long run.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You'll operate best today when you deal individually with people. Thus, get that key person alone — without his or her sidekicks — and go head-to-head on the issues.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Whether you're an entrepreneur or an employee, compensation for work well done will yield larger than usual rewards today. Do your very best regardless of your position. It will pay off.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Because you're not likely to think of things as being too difficult to manage, nor are you apt to be intimated by anyone, everything you tackle today will be done with unusual ease.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Lady Luck is sitting squarely in your corner today, so don't try to push things. Let matters run their course, and things will work out quite successfully for you.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Diseased heart valves can be infected

DEAR DR. GOTT: My brother recently died of mitral valve insufficiency. Would dental work done in the military, without benefit of antibiotics, have aggravated his condition?

DEAR READER: Yes, it might have.

The mitral valve is one of four valves in the heart. When diseased, it can stick either in a closed position (mitral stenosis) or in an open position (mitral insufficiency). This latter abnormality causes a backwash of blood through the valve, resulting in an extra heart sound known as a murmur. Mild forms do not require repair. More severe degrees of insufficiency, however, can lead to chronic heart strain, cardiac enlargement and heart failure. In such circumstances, surgical correction or replacement of the valve is necessary.

In either case — mild or severe — the diseased mitral valve is susceptible to bacterial infection, an extremely serious complication with a high mortality rate.

Dental procedures — including scaling, professional cleaning and tooth extractions — release bacteria into the bloodstream. In people with normal heart valves, the body's defenses destroy the bacteria before they cause infection. In contrast, these bacteria readily adhere to damaged heart valves, where they grow and eventually destroy the valves. This is the reason that doctors and dentists routinely administer prophylactic oral antibiotics to such patients before dental procedures. The antibiotics kill the bacteria before they've had a chance to thrive.

If the military dentists failed to give your brother antibiotics in conjunction with the dental work and if he were known to have a defective valve, the dental manipulation could certainly have set the stage for a life-threatening complication.

Although there are other causes for heart-valve infection (such as pneumonia), from the information you supply, there appears to be a cause-and-effect relation between the dental work and your brother's untimely death. I recommend that you request his medical records. The information contained therein could enable you to determine if a liability exists. At the very least, you would discover if your brother received appropriate treatment.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've been told that Wegener's disease is genetic. What can you tell me about the disorder?

DEAR READER: Wegener's granulomatosis is not genetic. It is an uncommon, potentially fatal affliction of the respiratory tract and kidneys, marked by extensive areas of inflammation. The cause is unknown, but the disease is believed to be an autoimmune disorder, similar to lupus and polyarteritis.

The disease leads to ulcerations of the nose, sinuses, upper airway and lungs. Cough, fever, blood spitting, weight loss, pleurisy, joint pains, rash and kidney failure are common. The diagnosis is confirmed by biopsy of the ulcerated areas.

Cortisone and immunosuppressive drugs are used in treatment, which is usually effective if started before serious renal damage appears. On occasion, kidney transplants are necessary. Patients with Wegener's granulomatosis should, in my opinion, be under the combined care of rheumatologists and kidney specialists.

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

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England's Charles I suffered his final defeat at the hands of Oliver Cromwell's army at the 1645 Battle of Naseby.

Pilots' Association wants to improve cockpit security following hijackings

By The Associated Press

The cockpit of America's not-so-distant future may be barricaded behind a bulletproof and grenade-proof door. No one would open it, not even the armed pilots, until the plane lands.

"For us, it's obvious right up front that the cockpit now has to become a last-ditch line of defense to be held at all costs," said John Mazor, an Air Line Pilots Association representative.

"Nothing is off the table," he said, "not even guns."

The pilots' association is leading the charge to improve cockpit security after last week's terrorist hijackings that ended in attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. The group's No. 1 priority is to replace the airliners' flimsy cockpit doors.

Al Prest, vice president of operations for the Air Transport Association, is a member of a cockpit security panel that is part of a larger airliner task force created this week by Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta. The cockpit panel hopes to submit preliminary recommendations to the Federal Aviation Administration this week.

Prest said that before last week's carnage, airline officials believed society would not tolerate allowing a hijacker to kill "a hostage a minute if an airplane weren't put down at a particular airport or if the door was not opened. Now, post-Sept. 11, we'll have to re-evaluate that."

During a teleconference Monday, airline employees and representatives of the airlines and air industries discussed possible short-term solutions to the security issue. Suggestions ranged from putting webbing behind the cockpit door to entangle an intruder, giving pilots time to use a stun gun or other weapon, to leaving hot coffee on the burner during takeoff for use against hijackers. A flight attendant proposed the latter idea.

Prest said some options come down to deciding which risk is worse — having passengers slipping on coffee during an evacuation, or having coffee ready to fling at a hijacker; allowing a cockpit door to open automatically when an air pressure differential occurs or installing deadbolts that would keep the door closed in a decompression with damaging results.

Most experts agree stronger cockpit doors and armed pilots could have made a difference Sept. 11.

"I've heard from a lot of pilots who would strongly say they would like to be able to have arms in there, guns, so if someone does break through, they're not defenseless," said David Stempler, president of the Air Travelers Association.

The bullets could be similar to those used by federal sky marshals, breakable and capable of piercing a body but not the hull of a plane, Stempler said.

Current U.S. cockpit doors were designed for privacy, not security. The FAA requires the doors to be closed and locked from takeoff until landing, unless a crew member needs to exit, and to be breakable from inside the cockpit in an emergency. Cockpits are equipped with a crash ax, just in case.

Boeing has been working on a secure cockpit door for the past few years. TTF Aerospace in Tukwila, Wash., also is designing an armored door, originally meant to protect against air rage, and hopes to have it approved and in production within six months.

The preliminary price tag is $9,000, about three times the current door cost, said TTF President Tim Morgan. Besides being bulletproof and resistant to hand grenades, TTF's multilayered door could withstand axes or other ramming devices but weighs about 35 pounds more than current doors, Morgan said.

El Al, the Israeli airline, has reinforced cockpit doors, as well as armed guards.

Boeing plans to cut jobs by end of 2002

SEATTLE (AP) — Reacting to commercial airlines that are cutting workers and eliminating routes, Boeing Co. announced plans to lay off up to 30,000 commercial airplane employees by the end of next year.

The decision, announced late Tuesday by the aerospace giant, comes amid expectations that orders for commercial aircraft will drop in the aftermath of last week's terrorist attacks.

"We profoundly regret that these actions will impact the lives of so many of our highly valued employees," Alan Mulally, president and chief executive officer of Boeing Commercial Airplanes, said in a statement. "It is critical that we take these necessary steps now ... to support the difficult and uncertain environment faced by our airline customers."

The company will likely start handing out pink slips within three weeks, with layoffs to begin about two months later, he said. The layoffs, expected to be between 20,000 and 30,000, will be made across the board, he said.

Roughly 93,000 people work for Boeing's commercial airline sector, much of which is centered on the company's former headquarters in Seattle. Boeing's corporate headquarters is now in Chicago.

"We're going to do everything we can to help the workers get back on their feet," Washington Gov. Gary Locke said.

Major airlines have announced more than 26,000 layoffs and say that figure could reach 100,000 in the coming weeks as a result of the grounding of flights following the Sept. 11 attacks and prospects for seriously reduced business in the coming months. American, Continental, Delta, Northwest and United have scaled back schedules by 20 percent in an effort to remain solvent.

The White House and Congress are considering a federal aid package for the airline industry to help them recover from last week's attacks.

With such declines, analysts have said layoffs at Boeing may be an inevitable side effect as orders for commercial aircraft are certainly expected to drop.

"It looks like there are more innocent victims of the terrorist bombing," said Charles Bofferding, executive director of SPEEA, Boeing's white collar engineering union.

But Bofferding said he was still holding out hope the industry would recover somewhat and the actual layoffs would not be as drastic.

"I believe this has got to be a worst-case scenario," he said.

The layoffs would be among the worst in Boeing's history.

About 30,000 Boeing workers lost their jobs when World War II ended in 1945. In 1971, a recession, high costs on the new 747 jumbo jet and cancellation of the planned supersonic transport caused the "Boeing Depression": the company cut its employment in the Puget Sound area from 80,400 to 37,200 in two years, prompting the famous billboard that read, "Will the last person leaving Seattle turn out the lights."

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World support sought

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush urged world leaders today to aid the United States openly or even secretly in a campaign against terrorism and those responsible for last week's attacks in New York and Washington.

"Help us round up these people," he said, eight days after hijackers flew airlines into the World Trade Center twin towers and the Pentagon, killing thousands.

Bush spoke with Indonesian President Megawati Sukarnoputri, leader of the world's most-populous Muslim nation, at his side in the Oval Office, and one of several foreign leaders he has spoken with since the attacks.

Bush mounted his diplomatic campaign while Pentagon officials worked on plans for military retaliation and his administration and Congress worked on legislation to help the economy, including the battered airlines industry.

The stock market fell sharply for the second time in three days, as new job cuts sent shudders through the airlines and aircraft industry.

Bush said that some nations may "take a more active role than others" in battling terrorism. At the same time, he said, "Some nations will be comfortable supporting covert activities, some nations will only be comfortable with providing information. Others will be helpful and will only be comfortable supporting financial matters. I understand that."

As he has repeatedly in recent days, the president urged the Taliban rulers of Afghanistan to turn over Osama bin Laden, the suspected chief culprit behind last week's attacks.

The administration prevailed on Pakistan last week to pressure the Taliban to comply.

NOISES OFF! TO DEBUT — Snyder High School's drama department's *Noises Off!* will debut Thursday at 7 p.m. at Worsham Auditorium. Tickets are $4 for students and $5 for adults. Other performances are set for 7 p.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Sunday. In this scene, Joanna Burk, third from left, plays the stage manager who tells actors she can't find Selsdon, who is standing behind her. The other actors are from left, Bobby Sands as Freddie; Sara Cantu as Belinda; and RJ Sanders as Lloyd. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

SHS play to open Thursday

Snyder High School's Drama Department will debut its first production of the new school year Thursday night. The Broadway comedy, *Noises Off!* will run through Sunday.

Performance times are Thursday and Friday at 7 p.m. and 2 p.m. Sunday at Worsham Auditorium. Tickets are $4 per students and $5 for adults.

Noises Off! follows a theatre company through its final rehearsal before opening night, illustrating the comedic ups and downs of the show's last minute problems. It's a farce about the farce that the London Times Literary supplements says, "Makes you think as well as laugh."

The cast includes Hayli Henderson, Malorye Miller, Bailey Stoker, Nicole Sloboda, Sara Cantu, Joanna Burk, Kendall Brewster, RJ Sanders, Caleb Durham, Bobby Sands, Clark Reed, Jeff Scott, and Sterling Millhollon.

The production staff includes Haley Elkins, Justin Cox, Amber Alexander, Brandy Birkenfeld, Mycah Hilburn, Bret McLendon, and Eric Courtney.

First criminal charges filed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General John Ashcroft said today the terrorists behind the attacks on the United States likely received support from foreign governments and that it is too early to tell if surprise arrests in Michigan are a major break in the case.

Emerging from a visit at the Pentagon that was badly damaged by last week's attacks, the attorney general raised the possible involvement of foreign states.

"It is pretty clear that the networks that conduct these kind of events are harbored, supported, sustained and protected by a variety of foreign governments," he said.

"It is time for those governments to understand with crystal clarity that the United States of America will not tolerate that kind of support for networks that would inflict this kind of damage on the American people."

Ashcroft said authorities are still reviewing the first arrests in the investigation involving three men near Detroit who had false documents and airport diagrams. He said it is too early to tell if the arrests are a break in the 8-day-old investigation.

The arrests occurred after FBI agents raided a residence looking for one of the nearly 200 witnesses being sought in the investigation. Instead, they found the three men and a cache of documents. The trio was charged Tuesday in Detroit with fraud and misuse of visas, passports and other immigration documents.

On Tuesday Ashcroft expanded the terrorism investigation to include U.S. attorneys in every city, vowing to wage a "concerted national assault."

Aided by a federal grand jury in White Plains, N.Y., the investigation has detained 75 people for questioning and has four people under arrest as material witnesses.

The government also announced a new policy giving investigators wide latitude in detaining the non-U.S. citizens whom it takes into custody on possible immigration violations in the terrorist probe, including allowing authorities 48 hours, or longer in emergencies, to decide whether to charge an alien with status violations, up from 24 hours. The Justice Department also has drafted legislation that would allow the attorney general to arrest and deport suspected terrorists without presenting evidence in a court, The Washington Post reported in today's editions.

In the criminal case against the three men in Detroit, an affidavit filed in court provided a glimpse of the FBI's massive probe.

Obituaries

Don Bradley

1923-2001

MIDLAND — Don "Brad" Bradley was born November 10, 1923 in Mineola, Texas to Delta and Birdie Bradley. He was reared in Mineola, Texas.

Don served in World War II in the Asiatic Pacific, Philippine Liberation, and the American Theatre. He married Wanda Eva Minnick in Portales, N.M. on December 8, 1951.

Brad Bradley

Mr. Bradley began his career with Western Electric in Ft. Worth then transferred to Snyder. While in Snyder, he became a supervisor with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company and then transferred to Midland in 1965 retaining that position with the company until he retired in 1981.

He was appointed Deacon at Westside Church of Christ March 7, 1968 and was appointed Elder February 20, 1971. He resigned due to health August 29, 1979.

Mr. Bradley died at a local hospital Monday, September 18, 2001.

He is survived by his wife, Wanda Eva Bradley of Midland; his son, Larry Bradley and his wife, Cindy, of Midland; his grandchildren, Justin Bradley and Jana Bradley both of Midland; his brothers, Ernest Bradley and his wife, Leda, of Austin, Robert Bradley and his wife, Fay, of Mineola; his sister, Ruby Gray of Grand Prairie; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 19, 2001, 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. to be held at Ellis Funeral Home.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 11:00 A.M., Thursday, September 20, 2001 at Fairmont Park Church of Christ with ministers Ralph Gates and Steve Bailey officiating. Graveside service will follow at 4 p.m. Thursday in the Fluvanna Cemetery in Fluvanna, Tex.

Pallbearers will be Tommy Rogers, Justin Bradley, Sam McClung, Steve Deaver, Paul Smith and Bobby Love. Honorary pallbearers will be the Elders of Fairmont Park Church of Christ. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

The family request that memorials be directed to Midland Christian School, Fairmont Park Church of Christ Church Library or the charity of your choice.

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Accidents

Snyder police officers responded to several accidents Tuesday.

Just before noon Tuesday, officers investigated a two-vehicle accident at Ave. E and 20th Place. Involved were a 1999 Ford Mustang driven by Christy Ellis, 21, of 214 35th Street and a 2001 Chevrolet pickup driven by Lawrence Odom, 21, of 100 E. 37th Street.

Dispatchers received word of another accident at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday in the 3700 block of Ave. V. Involved were a 1996 Ford Taurus driven by Alan Thomas, 49, of 501 Homer in Ranger and a 2000 Ford driven by Ronald Ward, 42, of 2304 40th Street.

At 5 p.m. Tuesday, a 1998 Peterbilt tractor-trailer damaged a street light at College Ave. and 25th Street. Officers responded and filed a report for a one-vehicle, fixed object accident.

Arrest

Deputies responded to a report of family violence just after 9 p.m. Tuesday. A woman requested a deputy in reference to her 13-year-old son assaulting her.

Deputies arrested the 13-year-old for Class A assault, family violence and transported him to the Garza County Juvenile Detention Center.

Assault

A man requested an officer at 4:50 p.m. Tuesday in reference to being assaulted by two men 30 minutes earlier in North Park. Officers filed a Class A assault report.

Criminal mischief

A woman requested an officer in the 3100 block of Ave. B Tuesday morning in reference to her tires being deflated. A Class B offense report was filed.

Noise disturbance

A woman reported a noise disturbance at the pool of Windridge Apartments early today. Officers responded and advised several subjects of the complaint and closed the pool.

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Disaster relief fund

An American Red Cross disaster relief fund, exclusively for the victims and families of last week's national tragedy, has been established at American State Bank. Checks can be made out to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund.

Noon prayer service

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

Central book fair

Central Elementary's Scholastic Book Fair is underway and will run through Monday. The times are 8-8:30 a.m., 3:45-4:15 p.m. The book fair will also be open during Tuesday's open house, 7-8:30 p.m.

Technology booster club

The SHS Technology Student Association parents' booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the SHS shop classroom. The drawing for a barbecue pit for a $2 donation will be discussed. To buy tickets, call 573-7446 or they may purchased at the meeting. Representatives of business and industry are invited to attend.

WTC student government fundraiser

The WTC student government will pump gas and clean windows for donations at Town and Country on East Coliseum Dive from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. Friday.

Gold Coat luncheon

The Gold Coat luncheon will be at noon Friday in the WTC cafeteria.

Class of 1941 reunion

The SHS class of 1941 will have a reunion Friday and Saturday at the Willow Park Inn. Contact Thadene Harless at 573-0035 for more information.

New Hope Baptist Church fundraiser

The New Hope Baptist Church will have a fundraiser beginning at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at 3305 Ave. L. The meal will be fish, cole slaw, corn bread, potato salad, pinto beans and drink. Cost is $6.50 for adults and $3.25 for children under 12. Take out orders will be available by calling 573-7423. The meal will continue as long as the food lasts.

Car wash

The Price Daniel Unit State Employee Charitable Campaign committee will hold a car wash beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday on United Supermarket's parking lot. All funds received will benefit local charities and the Red Cross New York fund.

Cowboy camp meeting

The Bull Creek Cowboy camp meeting is set for Saturday and Sunday at the Doyle and Shirley Newton ranch - 573-0968. The chuckwagon supper is at 5 p.m. on Saturday with the worship service following. Breakfast will be at 8 a.m. Sunday followed by the service at 10 a.m. Lunch will follow the service. Ronnie Trice will be the minister and leading the worship with be Mary Styer and family.

Ira cheerleaders fundraisers

IHS cheerleaders are selling $1 tickets for a 19-inch color TV to raise money for new uniforms and a mascot suit. They are also selling monogrammed caps, shirts and handbags. Donations for the kiss the pig contest are also being accepted. The winner — Mike Duke, Toby Goodwin, Vicki Flowers, Gale Northcott, Ron Baker or Kim Allen — will kiss the pig during the 3:05 p.m. pep rally Friday, Sept. 28, at the Roy Sallee Gym.

Library story time

Story time for four and five-year-old children is at 10 a.m. on Mondays at the Scurry County Library.

Hermleigh booster club

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

Financial planning class

WTC will offer a financial planning and investing course from 6-8 p.m. starting Monday in Building 76, 116. The class will meet each Monday through Oct. 29. Tim Riggan and Trent Driggers will be the instructors. To register call 573-8511, ext. 390 by noon Friday. Cost is $40.

Avenue D Baptist Church revival

The Avenue D Baptist Church will have an "old fashion tent revival" Sunday through next Thursday. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m., worship at 10:45 a.m. and the evening service will be at 6 o'clock. Weekday services are at noon with a covered dish meal, and at 7 p.m. Evangelist will be Herman Cramer from Seguin, and Don Thornton of Fairfield will lead the music.

Lord's Acre fish fry

The annual Lord's Acre fish fry hosted by the First United Methodist Church will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday in the church fellowship hall, 2700 College Ave. Adult tickets are $7 and tickets for children 10 and under are $3.50. Carryouts will be available. For information call 573-5416.

Ira school pictures

School pictures will be taken at Ira on Tuesday for grades K-11. High school and junior high football teams, cheerleaders and mascots, as well as class officers for grades 6-12. will also be taken. Pictures must be pre-paid so students must have the money in their envelopes if they are buying a package of pictures.

FFA, Jr. FFA meeting

A meeting of parents and students of lamb and goat exhibitors will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the SHS ag shop. Topics will include validation, feeding, vaccinating, shearing and maintenance. For information, call Warren Beard at 574-6046.

GED testing

GED testing will be held at Western Texas College Friday, Sept. 28. For more information call Emily Hataway at 574-2112 or Molly Kattes at 573-2919.