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FOUNDER'S AWARD— Carolyn Osborn, second from right, received the Founder's Day Award at Western Texas College Tuesday. Also pictured are Psi Zeta Chapter officers, Vicky Rowland, Felsha Biggers, Corey Knipe and Christopher Metsgar. (WTC Photo)

Founder's Day Award...

Osborn receives Phi Theta Kappa honor

Carolyn Osborn is the latest recipient of the Phi Theta Kappa Founder's Day Award at Western Texas College, an honor announced on campus Tuesday during a reception.

"I feel so honored by this award," said Mrs. Osborn. "The years I spent as an advisor for PTK were some of the most difficult, but also the most rewarding years that I have had at the college."

Following tradition, the winner was not revealed until the ceremony. The Founder's Day Award has been given at WTC since 1983 in recognition of a member of the WTC faculty, staff or administration who represents to an outstanding degree one or more of the PTK ideals of scholarship, leadership, service and fellowship. Last year's recipient was Dr. Jim Durham.

Mrs. Osborn began working at WTC in 1992 as the Carl Perkins coordinator and counselor. In 2000, she became the adjunct division chair.

She received her bachelor of arts degree from Angelo State University and her masters in educational psychology from the University of Texas.

She is a licensed professional counselor and also teaches psychology. Her husband, Dan is a counselor at WTC, and she has one daughter, Jamie, who lives in California.

This year, Phi Theta Kappa observed its 83rd birthday on Founder's Day, Monday. Phi Theta Kappa was founded in 1918 by presidents of two-year colleges in Missouri. The founders were seeking to recognize scholastic achievement by their students, and to establish a common purpose and standard for honors organizations on their different campuses.

Eleven years later, Phi Theta Kappa was officially recognized by the American Association of Junior Colleges on Monday, the date now traditionally observed as the Society's Founders Day.

Discovery of meth lab results in two arrests

By Brian Brisendine
Staff Writer

The discovery earlier this month of the first methamphetamine laboratory ever uncovered in Snyder has resulted in the arrest of two individuals.

Those arrested were a man and wife who operated the lab in their home, according to Snyder Police Sgt. Keith Ward.

The lab was located just a block from one of Snyder's busiest thoroughfares, 37th Street.

Freddy Douglas Maxwell, 45, and Rhonda Maxwell, 29, both of 3800 Muriel, were arrested Nov. 1 on charges of possession and manufacturing a controlled substance.

Freddy Maxwell remains in the Scurry County Jail and Rhonda Maxwell was transported to Hale County on outstanding warrants there.

Ward said officers learned of the lab after questioning a juvenile female found to be in possession of the drug at Snyder Junior High School.

Further investigation led officers to the home on Muriel Dr. where Ward said the couple had been cooking the drug.

"We went over to the residence and found the woman to also have outstanding warrants from Potter County, so we took her into custody and proceeded to search the home," Ward said. "We found roughly four grams of methamphetamine and the components for at least two labs set ups."

Manufacturing methamphetamine is a particularly volatile process, Ward said, which often results in explosions that can seriously burn or even kill whomever is working with the chemicals.

Rhonda Maxwell was involved in such an explosion in Tulia where she suffered third-degree burns over 50 percent of her body, Ward said, "But that didn't stop her from trying again here."

When Snyder officers arrived at the home the lab was dismantled, but all the components were present. A storage shed in the residence's backyard also held chemicals and more components needed to manufacture the drug.

Ward said that one clue to the presence of a lab is the strong smell of anhydrous ammonia, a key ingredient in the process.

"When I walked into that storage shed, the smell of ammonia was so strong I had to leave," he said. "The odor is very unique and very strong."

Ward said finding such labs is a difficult task because every ingredient in the process is legal and almost all are readily available at most stores. The only ingredient that can't be bought at most stores is the ammonia, he said.

"The ammonia in this case was stolen from a local farmer," Ward said. "Farmers use it in fertilizers so they keep it handy. They need to be careful with it and be aware of where they keep it, because there are people out there who are looking for it and won't hesitate to steal it."

After locating the lab and clearing the residence, Snyder officers terminated their search and called in the West-Central Texas Drug Task Force to search the property.

Ward said meth labs are prolific in the Panhandle and it is possible that more will begin turning up in this area. He assessed the street value of the drug at $100 to $125 per gram.

"It's very possible that we'll start seeing more of these things here," he said. "And, for that matter, it's very possible that we have more here and we just don't know about them yet. But, now that we know what to look for, we will be looking."

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "To make a dream reality, you have to wake up and make it happen."

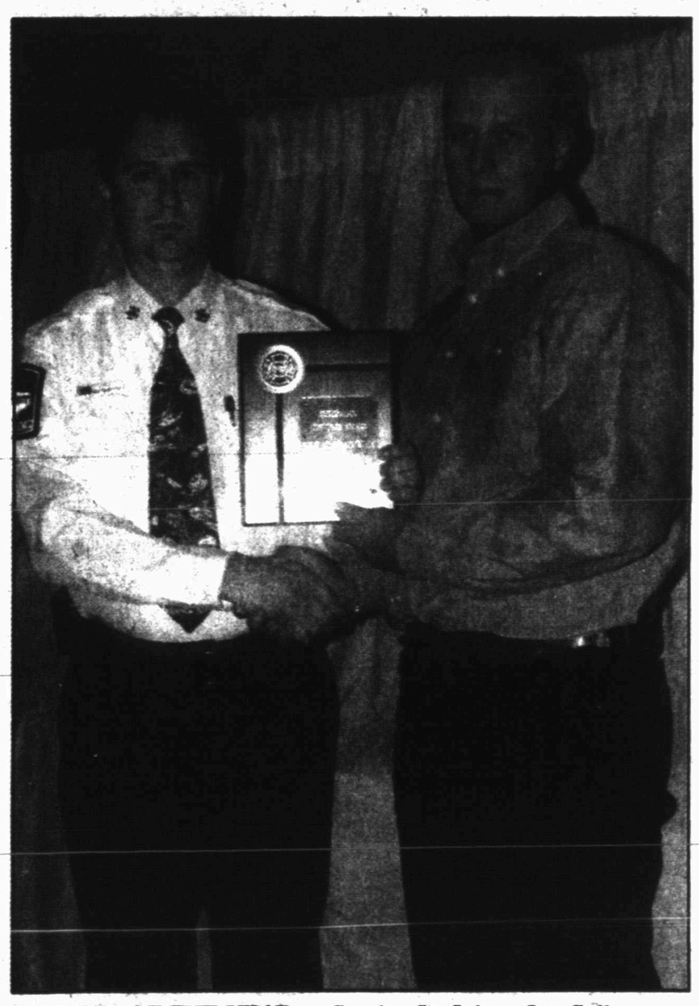
A friend of ours said all those animals were put on this planet for more reasons than to feed humans on holidays. He suggested that without them, the art of communication would be severely hindered.

Without 'em, Americans would have to find other ways to express themselves.

If you want to impress somebody, you "really put on the dog." Here's some others:

—It's a dog-eat-dog world.
—That's the cat's meow.
—It's a bear (or bull)stock market.
—You're full of bull. And after you say that, you may have a tiger by the tail.
—March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb.
—He sure knows how to get my goat.
—Your goose is cooked.
—He's as stubborn as a mule.
—That stuff really bugs me.
—Never look a gift horse in the mouth.
—If you're not the lead dog, the view never changes.
—They fight like cats and dogs.
—She runs like a deer.
—There's a fly in the ointment.
—What's the matter, cat got your tongue?
—He deserves the lions share of the credit.
—Had a whale of a good time on vacation.
—He's just a wolf in sheep's clothing.
—The brother-in-law is a snake in the grass.
—He's gone hog wild and snake crazy.
—The speaker got a bad case of butterflies.
—The kid went ape over his new girlfriend.
—Wise as an owl.
—That's like a fox guarding the hen house.
—It's hard to soar with eagles when you work with a bunch of turkeys.
—A little birdie told me.
—The ole gray mare ain't what she used to be.
—When the cat's away, the mice will play.
—Stop horsing around.
—At the end of the week, I'm dog tired. (Similar to rode hard and put up wet).
—He can be a real horse's patoot.
—Sometimes you have to eat crow.

Even if you have the appetite of a sparrow, on Thanksgiving it's okay to pig out.



FIREMAN OF THE YEAR — Snyder firefighter Jay Callaway, a three-year veteran of the department, was honored as the fireman of the year at the department's annual awards banquet at Snyder Country Club Tuesday night. Callaway is only the second firefighter in the history of the department to receive the coveted award with less than five years experience. (SDN Staff Photo)

Named at annual banquet...

Callaway top fireman

Jay Callaway was honored as Fireman of the Year at the 72nd annual Snyder Fire Department dinner held at Snyder County Club.

More than 150 attended Tuesday night and were treated to traditional Thanksgiving fare, an event that honors both paid and volunteer firefighters in Snyder.

Callaway, a volunteer fireman for three years, was presented the coveted award by Fire Chief Perry Westmoreland for Callaway's "dedication and hard work."

Callaway is only the second firefighter in the history of the department to receive the award with less than five years of experience.

Westmoreland himself was presented with the Melvin Newton Award. Fire Marshal Cy Posey said Newton is a deceased firefighter who was known for his dedication to the department and the award is presented to someone of the same caliber each year.

Rookie of the Year honors and the Workhorse award both went to first-year fireman Shane Jones.

Fire Department Chaplain Albert "Snuffy" Canon received the only 25-year service honor. Sterling Williams and Billy Evans were presented 15-year service awards, while Tommy Early and Doug Scott accepted pins for 10 years of service.

Brenda Clark, wife of fireman Chester Clark, who died earlier this year, accepted a 10-year service pin in honor of her late husband.

Five-year service pins went to Penny Roberson and Lori Kincheloe, the first women to stay with the department that long.

Posey and Canon also were recognized for 100 percent fire drill attendance this year.

Posey also presented a special award to the Snyder Daily News for continued coverage of the department.

SDN will be out early Thursday

The Thanksgiving Day edition of the Snyder Daily News will be delivered to subscribers early Thursday morning.

This edition will contain the Two-Day Sale Christmas shopping ads for local merchants. Regular publication schedule will rersume Friday.

ASK US

Q—When is the state six-man football championship game scheduled?
A—Saturday, Dec. 15.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 56 degrees; low, 32; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 36; no precipitation; total for 2001, 18.70 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear, low near 40; SE winds 5-15 mph. Thursday, mostly sunny, high upper 60s; W winds 10-20 mph. Thursday night, partly cloudy, low 40-45.



Dylan Early
Sunny

Sunset:
5:44 p.m.
Sunset:
7:18 a.m.
Of 324 days in 2001, the sun has shone 312 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

There is no substitute for knowledge.
—W. Edwards Deming

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Enron's stock falls nearly 23 percent

HOUSTON (AP) — Enron Corp.'s stock plummeted to its lowest level in almost a decade amid concerns about the energy company's growing financial problems — heightening worries that its planned acquisition by Dynegy Inc. might fall through.

Enron's shares tumbled $2.07, or 23 percent, to $6.99 on the New York Stock Exchange on Tuesday — its lowest close since early 1992. Earlier this month, energy marketer Dynegy announced that it would buy Enron — its larger rival — in a stock deal that was valued at $8 billion.

Andre Meade, head of the U.S. Utility Research for Commerzbank Securities, said he doesn't know if Dynegy is willing to take on Enron's headaches if the value of its core business — energy trading — is reduced or collapses.

"The bid by Dynegy gave (Enron) breathing space but it did not solve all their problems," Meade said.

But Duane Grubert, an analyst with Sanford C. Bernstein and Co., said, "Dynegy will do what it needs to make sure the deal will prevail."

Officials with Enron and Dynegy, both Houston-based, said reports of trading problems were incorrect and the merger was not in trouble.

"We continue to do business with Enron. We are one of their largest customers and they are one of our largest customers," Dynegy spokesman John Sousa said.

Late Monday, Enron filed restated third-quarter earnings that increased its loss for the period by 3 cents a share to 87 cents. The company also disclosed it is trying to restructure a $690 million obligation that could come due Nov. 27.

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RESULTS

Texas Two Step

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:
11-21-33-34
Bonus number 35
Estimated jackpot: $200,000

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
12-16-26-33-37

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
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SCURRY COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION SURVEY

This survey is being distributed to the citizens of Scurry County for the purpose of gathering information on public opinion about our Parks and Recreation Facilities. The information will be used to make recommendations for improvements and additional facilities.

The facilities that come under the Parks and Recreation Department include, but are not limited to the following:
Boys and Girls Club, Coliseum, Community Centers, Towle Park, North Park, Winston Park, Sports Fields (Soccer, Baseball, Softball), Swimming Pool, Kiddie Park, Senior Center, Park Pond
Suggested additional facilities:
Walking Paths, Skate Park, Sand Volleyball, Pool Enclosure/Water Slides, Additional Pond, Golf Courses

1) Which facilities do you use the most?
A)_____ B)_____ C)_____

2) How often do you use them?
____Daily ____Weekly ____Monthly ____Yearly ____Do not use

3) Rate the condition of the Parks and Recreation areas.
____Excellent ____Good ____Fair ____Poor

4) How interested are you in seeing improvements/additions to the Parks Department?
____Very ____Some ____No Opinion

5) Which new facility would you like to see added? List your suggestion here that may not be listed above.
_____

6) Are you a resident of Scurry County? ____Yes ____No If yes, how long?_____yrs.

7) Age Group ____18 or under ____19-25 ____26-45 ____46-60 ____60+

8) Would you attend a town meeting and support the decisions made? ____Yes ____No

9) Name (Optional)_____

Thank you for your participation, please drop off the completed form at any of the following locations by November 30th.

Lone Star Cleaners
Jack's Used Cars
Patterson/Uti
Sonic Drive-In
American State Bank
First American Bank
West Texas State Bank
Snyder National Bank

Please add your comments and suggestions in the space below:

Eight FFA teams advance to area

Snyder Future Farmers of America (FFA) has advanced eight teams to the area competition in Big Spring by placing first or second in the Lone Wolf District Contest this past week.

Competing against 10 schools, Snyder FFA finished with five district champion teams and three runner-up finishes.

The district champion teams include the senior chapter conducting team of Morgan Miller, Shana Blackard, Casey Kellner, Kasey Wemken, Jennifer Williamson, Corey Longorio and Zach Billingsley.

The second district winner was the junior chapter conducting team composed of Hadley Hirt, Sarah Carpenter, Meggan Minor, Michael Parsley, Tyler Thompson, Tanner Bloom, Brandon Bragg and Darrell Cook.

The junior quiz team of Paige Anderson, Logan West, Soslan Jusoyev and Kelly Moore was a first place finisher. In individual rankings, Jusoyev was first high individual, West was third high and Anderson was third high.

The senior quiz team of Emily Long, Cindy Nachlinger, Amanda Greenwood and Marci Krueger was also a district champion.

In the individual rankings at the senior level, Greenwood was high point individual, Nachlinger was second, Long was third and Kruger was fourth.

In the job interview contest, Shannon Chambers walked away with the district title.

Also advancing was Logan West who placed second in the junior creed speaking contest.

The agriculture issues team of Cliff Beights, Emily Long, Amanda Greenwood, Morgan Miller, Beth Parsley, Jacinda Judah and Laci Hackfeld also advanced by placing second.

The public relations team of Jacinda Judah, Jackie Thompson, Kasey Wemken and Marci Kruger placed runner-up will advance to area.

Other teams competing in the district contest but just missing the area cut include senior creed speakers, Ashley Jenkins, fifth place; Shannon Chambers, sixth; Amanda Whisenhunt, eighth.

Others include junior creed speakers Bethany Burleson, third; and Ricky Early, eighth.

The radio team of Stacey Williamson, Codi Nichols and Candace Shoemaker finished their season in fourth place.

Advisors for the Snyder FFA chapter are David Frazier and Warren Beard.

Man gets death sentence for killing 2 people at bar

GENEVA, Ill. (AP) — An ex-con who killed two people and injured 16 others in a shooting rampage at a crowded bar has been sentenced to death.

A jury deliberated for 2 1/2 hours Tuesday before returning the sentence against Luther Casteel, 43.

Casteel was thrown out of JB's Pub in Elgin, about 35 miles west of Chicago, on April 13 after drinking heavily, harassing women and fighting with bar employees. He returned about an hour later wearing a gas mask and carrying four guns.

Witnesses said he yelled profanities and asked for the man who threw him out. He killed Elgin residents Richard Bartlett, 48, and Jeffrey Weides, 38, a bartender in the tavern.

Casteel testified during the sentencing phase Monday saying, "The only feeling I will express is that I have no fear."

Public Defender David Kliment said Casteel's testimony sealed his fate.

"The way it went is not a surprise," Kliment said. "The jury told us that that testimony made their job easier."

Berry's World



KABUL - The times they are a-changin'.

Academy applications should be mailed to Stamford, Tex. office

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Charlie Stenholm has announced that due to the lack of mail delivery to House Office Buildings since the discovery of anthrax in some letters addressed to Congress, all academy applicants should mail their application packets to the Stamford office at P. O. Box 1237 in Stamford, 79553.

"One of the most important activities of a U.S. Representative is service as a liaison between the federal government and his or her constituents back home. In that liaison capacity, I have the honor of nominating outstanding young folks to our nation's military service academies," noted Stenholm.

"I want you to know that even though our national circumstances have required adjustments by everyone including academy applicants, our representative form of democracy remains strong and, perhaps, more precious than ever."

The deadline to apply to any U.S. service academy through Congressman Stenholm's office is Dec. 1. The congressman will be making nominations for appointments to the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, the Military Academy at West Point, the Naval Academy at Annapolis, and the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, N.Y.

Applicants who have previously sent a portion or all of their application packet should contact Jayne Schoonmaker in the congressman's Washington office at 202-225-8119.

Nominees will be announced in late December.

Date Book

Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2001

Today is the 325th day of 2001 and the 61st day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1800, the U.S. Senate met in the District of Columbia for the first time.

On this day in 1824, the Reform Society of Israelites was founded in Charleston, S.C. It was the first Jewish society for religious reform in the United States.

On this day in 1995, Walt Disney released "Toy Story." It was the first entirely computer-animated motion picture.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Voltaire (1694-1778), philosopher-writer; Rene Magritte (1898-1967), artist; Stan Musial (1920-), baseball great, is 81; Marlo Thomas (1943-), actress, is 58; Goldie Hawn (1945-), actress, is 56; Mariel Hemingway (1961-), actress, is 40; Ken Griffey Jr. (1969-), baseball player, is 32.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1973, in a game between the Los Angeles Rams and the Green Bay Packers, Fred Dryer of the Rams scored two safeties.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The best is the enemy of the good." — Voltaire

TODAY'S MOON: Day before first quarter (Nov. 22).

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Elephant rings bell

LISBON, Portugal (AP) — Jonas, an African elephant at Lisbon Zoo, will be among those having to adapt to the new euro currency.

Jonas is the latest in a long line of elephants at the zoo that ring a bell when a coin is placed in their trunk by visitors. As a reward, Jonas gets a tasty snack from a keeper.

The keepers have taught him to accept only coins of 20 escudos or higher, which are silver in color. Anything smaller he tosses away.

But on Jan. 1, Portugal and 11 other European Union countries switch to a common currency, the euro, and the escudo coins will be phased out.

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Critics skeptical of proposed private lawsuits settlement

SEATTLE (AP) — In a deal one critic derided as "pathetic," Microsoft Corp. will give more than 12,500 of the nation's poorest schools $1 billion in computer services and cash to settle private antitrust lawsuits against the software giant.

The proposed settlement announced Tuesday would bring an end to dozens of class-action lawsuits filed by individuals who allege Microsoft abused its monopoly power in the software market and overcharged millions of computer buyers. The lawsuits are separate from antitrust suits brought by states and the federal government.

The proposed settlement would pay for teacher training, technical support, refurbished computers and copies of Microsoft's most popular software, such as Windows and Office. The money would be disbursed over five years to the schools, which serve about 7 million children, company spokesman Matt Pilla said.

But critics said the plan did nothing to punish Microsoft while giving it an edge over competitors in the education arena such as Apple Computer and Dell Computer Corp.

"It's pathetic and a sweetheart deal for Microsoft," said Daniel Furniss, lead counsel for plaintiffs in California.

Roger Kay, an analyst with the Massachusetts-based technology information company IDC, called the settlement proposal "a huge victory" for Microsoft.

"It derails other companies like Apple and Dell," said Roger Kay, "It's amazing to me how favorable this is to Microsoft."

Tom Burt, Microsoft's deputy general counsel, said the settlement would not harm competition since funds could be used for Apple or other rival products. But he conceded that those using Microsoft-compatible computers would receive more free software than the others.

Microsoft would admit no wrongdoing under the settlement, which must be approved by U.S. District Judge J. Frederick Motz in Baltimore. A hearing was scheduled for Nov. 27.

Microsoft already has settled with the federal government and nine of the 18 states that sued the company over alleged antitrust violations.

Many of the private suits were dismissed because new computer buyers did not buy the Windows operating system directly. The remaining cases were consolidated under Motz.

Furniss said some lawyers from California and at least three other states were not involved in the settlement negotiations after Microsoft spurned their proposals.

He said the proposed deal does not provide enough money to sustain the school programs and therefore would have no real long-term benefits.

Motz has scheduled a preliminary hearing Tuesday to discuss the settlement. Because he has the power to overrule the California objections, it was not clear whether opposition by those lawyers would stall the private settlement.

Six receive degrees at Texas Tech

LUBBOCK — At the summer 2001 graduation, Texas Tech University presented 1,014 students with degrees – six of them from Scurry County.

Kristi Sorrells of Ira received a bachelor of science in human development.

Snyder students earning degrees included Kara Griffith who graduated cum laude with a bachelor of science degree in Spanish.

David Kerr graduated summa cum with a bachelor of science degree in cell and molecular biology.

Mark McAden also graduated summa cum with a bachelor of science degree in occupational therapy.

James Russell received a bachelor of science degree in petroleum engineering.

Rodney White was awarded a bachelor of science degree in agriculture and applied economics.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Turnabout is fair play for neglectful grandma

DEAR ABBY: My mother-in-law, "Vera," is a difficult person. She declares her opinion on anything and everything, and doesn't care whether it's hurtful, if it's asked for, or even if it's her place to speak up at all.

She also plays favorites with her children and grandchildren. Vera has always felt it is her right to discipline her grandkids, even if their parents are present.

My husband says with a chuckle that she's too old to change, that she's got a good heart and means well. I chalk it up to her being meddling and overbearing.

Vera has treated me with disrespect during most of our marriage, many times in front of our children. In spite of this, I have never said a bad word about her in front of the children and have tried to cover for her when it was obvious she was playing favorites.

All this has not been easy, because my mother-in-law has not had a lot of time for our family. As a result, she doesn't really know our children individually. My husband is blind to how his mother's behavior has affected our kids.

Our oldest son is now a freshman at a university about half an hour from Vera's home. She remarked to me several times before he left that she is looking forward to seeing him on weekends, and that she has many chores for him to do.

When we were packing our son off to school, I mentioned this to him. He looked me straight in the eye and said: "No, Mom. Grandma treats you like dirt. She hasn't had time for me in the last 18 years. Now I don't have time for HER."

My son asked that I not give Vera his phone number. We agreed that, to be fair, I would not give anyone in the family his number, and that he would take a list of family addresses and phone numbers so he could contact relatives himself.

Abby, what do I say to my mother-in-law? I understand where our son is coming from, but I feel he should show some respect to his grandmother. He left last weekend, and Vera will be calling soon to get his number. There are going to be repercussions if I withhold it from her. Please help. — **DESPERATE DAUGHTER-IN-LAW**

DEAR DESPERATE: Your mother-in-law is reaping the harvest of what she has sown. Tell her that college is a big adjustment for your son — it's the truth — and that he has her number with him. In the meantime, she'll have to find someone else to do her chores.

Don't make your son feel guilty for not loving someone who hasn't loved him. His silence will deliver his message loud and clear.

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DEAR ABBY: I am 20 years old. My parents have been married 31 years. My parents and I have a great relationship. Dad and I work in the same office.

I looked in my father's desk for something, and much to my surprise, I discovered two boxes of condoms. I wasn't snooping. In our office, we are always in and out of one another's desks, getting business cards or other office needs.

Abby, I can't see why my father would need condoms, especially at work. The first thing that crossed my mind is that my father may be cheating. Should I confront him? — **PERPLEXED DAUGHTER IN ALBERTA**

DEAR PERPLEXED DAUGHTER: If you're smart, you'll M.Y.O.B. and assume someone gave the condoms to your father as a joke. Say nothing to him about them. Possession doesn't necessarily mean he is guilty of anything.

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

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $5 (U.S. funds only) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Teen imposter is convicted of perjury

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP) — A 32-year-old woman was convicted of felony theft and perjury for posing as a high school student and obtaining foster care and a college tuition waiver.

A jury found Treva Throneberry guilty Monday after a five-day trial in wnich she represented herself. She faces up to four years in prison when she is sentenced next week.

As Brianna Stewart, Throneberry earned a 2.83 grade-point average at Evergreen High School, brought down somewhat by a D in drama. She graduated in June 2000.



Isn't she the cutest girl
You've ever seen?
It's our Misha
And she's sixteen.

Love,
Dad, Mom and Kiki



CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS 2001 TOY APPLICATION

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PARENTS: List toys that each child wants. Please, do not list clothes or shoe sizes. When picking up toys, parents need to bring a picture ID, proof of address, income, and child's Social Security Card. Applications accepted only through Wednesday, December 12th. Send applications to Christmas for Kids c/o Judi Martin P.O. Box 1255, Snyder, Texas 79550-1255. For more information, call Judi at 573-7556.

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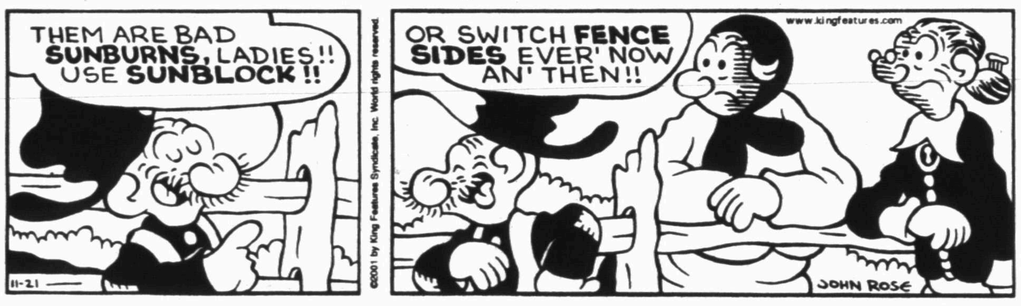
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6 Tough fabric
11 Long cape
12 Brought about
13 Arkansas mountains
14 Decks out
15 Vatican figures
16 Like most hoopsters
17 Tijuana Ms.
18 Son of Prince Valiant
19 Drops the ball
23 Fruit or bird
25 Smell terrible
26 Regulator
29 — Fe Trail
32 Jurist Fortas
33 Step on the gas
34 Little kids
35 Scientific principle
36 Surrounded by
38 Tennyson heroine
40 Luke Skywalker's guru
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56 Close-mouthed

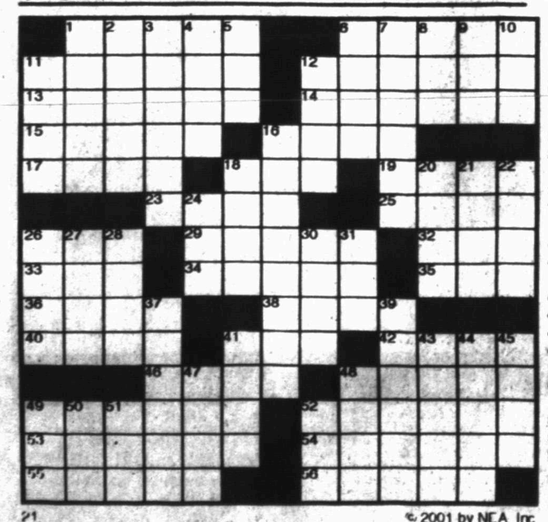
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5 Legal matter
6 Maiden of "Patton"
7 Pitcher
8 Cool — — cucumber
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11 Janitors' tools
12 "Rollerball" star
16 Baubles
18 Not at home
20 Authentic
21 Singer McEntire
22 Bias
24 Devotee
26 Skirmish
27 Sample tape
28 Very eager
30 Take care of
31 "Just — — suspected!"
37 Linger
39 Telemarketing device
41 Wildcat
43 Parts in a drama
44 Dazzle
45 Pup's pop
47 Beneficiary
48 Number of Muses
49 Whirlpool locale
50 "Woof!"
51 Polka —.
52 Seattle hrs.

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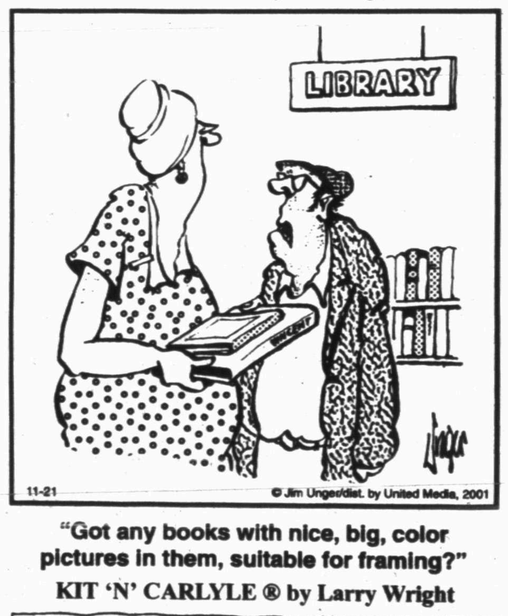
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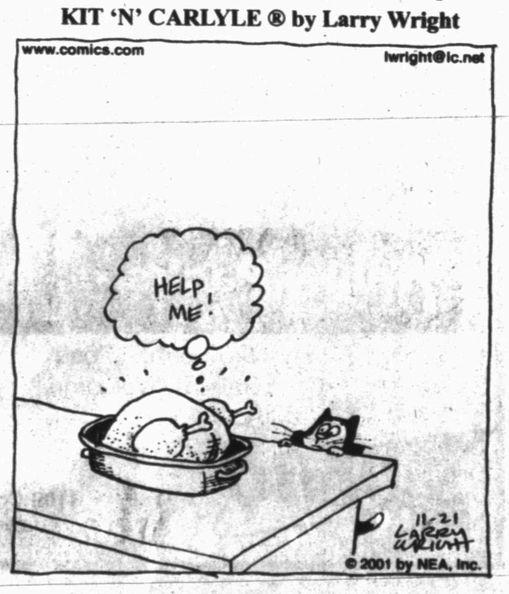


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SPORTS

Tigers suffer 45-39 setback to Monterey

LUBBOCK — The Snyder Tigers stumbled out of the blocks Tuesday night en route to a 45-39 setback to Lubbock Monterey in a non-district boys' basketball tilt.

Two free throws from Josh Mendoza were Snyder's only points of the first quarter as the Tigers were held without a field goal for the first eight minutes of the game.

Snyder's defensive effort kept the game close until the Tigers could get on track offensively. Monterey held an 8-2 advantage after one period, but led by only a bucket at halftime.

The Plainsmen preserved the victory in the second half with five three-pointers, three of them by Chris Hornaday.

Mendoza poured in a game-high 18 points, and Corey Clay added eight for the Tigers.

Landon Willes posted 13 points, and Micah McNutt tallied 10 to pace Monterey.

Snyder, which fell to 0-4, has a week off before returning to action Tuesday at Seminole.

Snyder	**02**	**12**	**09**	**16—39**
Monterey	**08**	**08**	**15**	**14—45**

Snyder
McLeod 1 0-0 2, Driggers 1 0-0 3, Thompson 1 0-0 2, Bedell 1 0-0 2, Jones 1 0-0 3, Landes 0 1-2 1, Mendoza 6 6-6 18, Clay 4 0-0 8. **Totals 15 7-8 39.**
Monterey
McNutt 2 5-6 10, Mojica 1 0-3 2, Hornaday 3 0-0 9, Cooper 1 0-0 2, Key 1 2-2 4, Willess 6 0-0 13, Lynch 2 1-2 5. **Totals 16 8-13 45.**
Three-point goals: Snyder 2 (Driggers and Jones), Monterey 5 (Hornaday 3, McNutt and Willess). Total fouls: Snyder 17, Monterey 11. Fouled out — McLeod.

Lady Tigers earn first victory

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

LAMESA — After graduating all five of last year's starters, the Snyder girls' basketball program is in the midst of a rebuilding year. On Tuesday night, the Lady Tigers gave a glimpse of things to come.

Snyder played stellar basketball for the first 12 minutes, then held on down the stretch to knock off the Lamesa Lady Tors, 38-32.

The victory was the first under new head coach Mike Martin who saw his squad play with confidence, albeit for a short stretch, for the first time all season.

"We came out relaxed and played within the flow of the game," said Martin, who helped build programs at Sudan, Amarillo High and Austin Westlake. "For the first 12 minutes we showed confidence, and did a lot of things well. I think the first quarter and a half gave us a glimpse of what we're capable of doing."

Snyder's hustling defensive effort limited Lamesa to only one point in the first quarter, while the Lady Tigers' sharpshooters took care of business at the other end.

Taylor Daniell drained two three-pointers and posted all 10 of her points in the opening frame to fuel a 15-1 Snyder run.

The Lady Tors trimmed four points off the deficit in the second quarter, and four more in the third to cut the margin to 27-21 heading into the final period.

Lamesa's Ashley Hunter hit her third three-pointer early in the fourth before Amber Russell got the Lady Tigers back on track with back-to-back buckets in the paint.

Six fourth-quarter turnovers by the Lady Tigers kept Lamesa in the game.

Unable to work the ball inside with consistency, Snyder turned to its defense to seal the victory.

After Lamesa climbed to within a point at 31-30 with 2:52 remaining, the Lady Tigers surrendered only two points the rest of the way.

Two free throws from Afton Schwertner and a bucket by Ziporah Peoples gave Snyder a three-point cushion with under a minute left on the clock.

Erin Burleson preserved the win by going three-of-five from the line over the final 30 seconds.

"I think in the second half we started trying not to lose, rather than playing to win," Martin stated. "We had chances to get the ball inside, but got really tentative on the perimeter and weren't throwing it in there.

"Defensively, we played well like we have all year long. The important thing is we got the win, and I told the girls the first win is usually the toughest one."

Snyder shot just 29 percent from the floor, but held Lamesa to a 22 percent shooting effort. Hunter led all scorers with 13 points. Schwertner's 12 points paced Snyder.

The Lady Tigers have a week off before returning to action Tuesday against Lubbock High.

Snyder	**15**	**06**	**06**	**11**	**— 38**
Lamesa	**01**	**10**	**10**	**11**	**— 32**

Snyder
Burleson 0-6 5-7 5, Russell 3-4 0-0 6, Peoples 1-4 0-0 2, Daniell 4-7 0-0 10, Robinson 1-5 0-1 3, Drum 0-1 0-0 0, Putnam 0-4 0-0 0, Lollar 0-4 0-0 0, Schwertner 4-10 4-4 12. **Totals 13-45 9-12 38.**
Lamesa
Roberts 3-7 0-2 6, Castro 1-7 0-0 2, Moreno 1-6 0-0 2, Hunter 3-11 4-6 13, Morales 0-3 2-4 2, Gonzales 0-2 0-0 0, Hightower 1-4 1-2 3, Reeves 0-1 0-0 0, Cockrell 1-4 2-2 4, Wells 0-1 0-0 0. **Totals 10-46 9-16 32.**
Three-point goals: Snyder 3 (Daniell 2 and Robinson), Lamesa 3 (Hunter 3). Rebounds: Snyder 30 (Peoples 7, Robinson 7), Lamesa 27 (Moreno 7). Total fouls: Snyder 17, Lamesa 14. Fouled out — None.

Seventh grade whips Slaton

Snyder had no problems with Lubbock O.L. Slaton in Monday night's seventh grade girls' basketball contests.

Snyder Gold rolled to a 45-6 victory, and Snyder Black toppled Slaton, 25-11. Both SJHS teams improved to 2-0.

Terann Ragland poured in 15 points, and Kaitlyn Greenlee added 10 to fuel the Gold squad.

Katie Crenwelge and Jordan Stansell drained six points apiece. Teisha McGlouthin posted four, and Brianna Bernal and LaCree Tippens finished with two each.

In the other match-up, Snyder Black got eight points from Kendra Burns and seven more from Courtney Tyrrell.

Cheyenne Roemisch tallied four points, and Jessica Yanez, Jaedi Baze and Ashley Luecke finished with two apiece.

Knight, Red Raiders overcome rambunctious crowd at SMU

DALLAS (AP) — Bob Knight and Texas Tech successfully faced two difficult firsts Tuesday night: A rambunctious road crowd and an 11-point deficit.

Andre Emmett scored a career-high 30 points and Andy Ellis added 20 as the Red Raiders turned a big first-half deficit into an even bigger second-half lead in beating Southern Methodist 78-75 Tuesday night.

"Even better than winning was the way we came back," said Knight, who won his 767th career game, tying Henry Iba for seventh on the all-time list. "That was really big for us to do something like that."

Knight's first game away from Lubbock drew the first sellout at Moody Coliseum since March 2000 and the rare sight of scalpers outside the arena. The environment wasn't totally hostile, though, as Dallas is home to Tech's largest alumni base.

"It was great," Knight said. "How could it be any better? People saw a heck of a game. We made a great contribution to the Methodists."

The Mustangs (2-1) fed off the crowd better than the Red Raiders (3-0), racing to a 26-15 lead with 10:11 left in the first half. In Tech's first two games, its largest deficits were 9-8 against William & Mary and 6-4 to San Diego State.

Emmett, who made 12-of-18 shots, scored eight points during a 17-4 run that put the Red Raiders ahead. They led by five at halftime and were up 67-54 when the Mustangs rallied.

Quinton Ross, who had 19 points, sparked an 8-0 run that got SMU — and the crowd — back into the game. The Mustangs got as close as 69-66, but a 3-point play by Ellis put the Red Raiders back up by four.

They stretched it to six on a baseline scoop shot by Emmett after Mikey Marshall forced away from an SMU player the rebound of a horribly missed 3-pointer by Kasib Powell. Knight called that the play of the game.

The Mustangs trailed 77-70 and never really threatened in the closing minute. Damon Ross, who led SMU with 23 points, hit a jumper at the buzzer to make the final score look close.

"We had some chances," Mustangs coach Mike Dement said. "We missed a couple of late free throws and had a couple of good looks from 3-point range that just didn't go down."

Although many of the 8,998 fans were pro-Tech — including one holding a sign that read "This Hoosier Still Loves You Bobby," with a heart representing the word love — Knight and the Red Raiders got a taste of the scene they'll face away from Lubbock this season.

The student section, located behind both benches, chanted "Throw a chair!" soon after Knight reached the sideline. They serenaded him with "Bob-by" before and after the national anthem, then again before tipoff.

One fan wrote "Choke Me Bobby" on a white T-shirt, another scribbled "Throw Me A Chair." Above the tunnel Knight walked out of was a banner that read, "Hey Knight, What's Up?!" with a flying chair and, in small letters, "Choke Tech!"

Tech president David Schmidly and athletic director Gerald Myers sat at the end of the Red Raiders bench to get a first-hand look at the atmosphere they can expect on the road.

Eighth grade earns two wins

Both SJHS eighth grade girls' squads upped their marks to 2-0 with a pair of victories Monday night over Lubbock O.L. Slaton.

Snyder Gold got 12 points from Sequoya Powell and 10 more from Sirena Medrano in its 53-14 victory.

Glyn Wright added six points, and Emily Jones and Erica Little tallied five apiece. Jessica Taylor, Teddi Crenwelge and Sarah Henson scored four points each. Aeryal Peoples and Shaela Thompson chipped in two.

Kendra James poured in 10 points to lead Snyder Black past Slaton, 27-14.

Morgan Bilderback registered four points. Ashley Pruitt, Gena Dooley, Ciara Latta, Lindsey Morin, Ashley Pavlovsky and Bianca Gonzales accounted for two points apiece, and Kristian Torres finished with one.

Freshman girls split games

LUBBOCK — Snyder chalked up one victory and barely missed out on another in Monday's freshman girls' basketball action against Lubbock O.L. Slaton.

Snyder Gold earned a 33-26 victory, while Snyder Black was edged, 31-30.

The Gold squad got balanced scoring with Rebecca Aguirre and J.J. Farmer dropping in nine points each.

Briana Burk and Kayla Guerrero drained five points each. Stacey Williamson and Heather Holmes tallied two apiece, and Courtney Cox chipped in one.

In the other match-up, Moshekа Williams poured in 14 points to pace Snyder Black.

Bethany Burleson added six points, and Marissa Munoz scored four. Taren Knipe, Ashley Villegas and Rachel Clanton finished with two points each.

Sports Briefs

Baseball meeting

The Snyder Tiger Baseball Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the SHS athletic film room. Parents of varsity, JV and freshmen players are urged to attend.

Akins assessed maximum fine

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — The sideline outburst by Green Bay Packers safety Chris Akins cost him a paycheck but not his job.

Coach Mike Sherman thought about cutting him on Monday and sent him home before practice. Sherman later decided to keep him on the team and fine him the most allowed by the NFL in such cases, one game's pay, $21,611.

Sherman threw his helmet and yelled at Sherman after he was pulled from the game following a personal foul in the fourth quarter.

Woods leads Grand Slam

POIPU BEACH, Hawaii (AP) — Masters champion Tiger Woods didn't shoot his best golf, but still managed to play himself into contention for his fourth consecutive PGA Grand Slam of Golf title.

U.S. Open champion Retief Goosen shot a 6-under-par 66 to take a one-stroke lead over Woods in the 36-hole tournament that features the winners of all four major championships.

PGA champion David Toms shot a 68, and British Open winner David Duval was out of contention with a pair of double-bogeys on the front nine to finish at 76.

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East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Jets	7	3	0	.700	208	182
Miami	6	3	0	.667	180	185
New England	5	5	0	.500	223	195
Indianapolis	4	5	0	.444	244	258
Buffalo	1	8	0	.111	153	239

Central

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	7	2	0	.778	155	97
Baltimore	6	4	0	.600	174	166
Cleveland	5	4	0	.556	171	150
Cincinnati	4	5	0	.444	140	186
Tennessee	4	5	0	.444	159	203
Jacksonville	3	6	0	.333	151	148

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Oakland	7	2	0	.778	250	191
Seattle	5	4	0	.556	175	205
Denver	5	5	0	.500	228	215
San Diego	5	5	0	.500	246	206
Kansas City	2	7	0	.222	171	199

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	6	3	0	.667	229	118
N.Y. Giants	5	5	0	.500	181	178
Washington	4	5	0	.444	128	203
Arizona	3	6	0	.333	154	221
Dallas	2	7	0	.222	132	203

Central

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	7	2	0	.778	201	139
Green Bay	6	3	0	.667	208	140
Minnesota	4	5	0	.444	183	229
Tampa Bay	4	5	0	.444	183	163
Detroit	0	9	0	.000	165	262

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
St. Louis	8	1	0	.889	279	146
San Francisco	7	2	0	.778	227	204
Atlanta	5	4	0	.556	178	184
New Orleans	5	4	0	.556	209	182
Carolina	1	9	0	.100	154	242

Thursday's Games
Green Bay at Detroit, 12:30 p.m.
Denver at Dallas, 4:05 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 25
Miami at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Arizona at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
New Orleans at New England, 4:05 p.m.
Oakland at N.Y. Giants, 4:15 p.m.
Baltimore at Jacksonville, 4:15 p.m.
Chicago at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.
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Monday, Nov. 26
Tampa Bay at St. Louis, 9 p.m.

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New Jersey	7	3	.700	—
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Philadelphia	5	5	.500	2
Orlando	5	6	.454	2½
New York	5	7	.417	3
Miami	2	8	.200	5
Washington	2	8	.200	5

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	6	1	.857	—
Detroit	7	2	.778	—
Toronto	7	5	.583	1½
Indiana	7	6	.539	2
Charlotte	5	5	.500	2½
Atlanta	3	8	.273	5
Cleveland	2	9	.182	6
Chicago	1	9	.100	6½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	9	1	.900	—
San Antonio	7	2	.778	1½
Houston	7	5	.583	3
Dallas	6	5	.545	3½
Denver	6	5	.545	3½
Utah	4	7	.364	5½
Memphis	1	8	.111	7½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	9	1	.900	—
Sacramento	8	3	.727	1½
Golden State	6	6	.500	4
Portland	6	6	.500	4
L.A. Clippers	5	6	.454	4½
Phoenix	5	6	.454	4½
Seattle	5	7	.417	5

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The undersigned, having been duly appointed Independent Executrix of the Estate of MURVIN SWINNEY, deceased, late of Scurry County, Texas, by RICKY FRITZ, Judge of the County Court of said County, on the 19th day of November, 2001, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said Estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said Estate to present them to LOLA MAY SWINNEY, 4364 CR 230, Snyder, Texas 79549, within the time prescribed by law.

EXECUTED this 19th day of November, 2001.

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Scientists received the image from NASA's Mars Global Surveyor on Nov. 5, nearly five years to the day after the robotic satellite was launched.

No other spacecraft has taken as many pictures of Mars. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration's twin Viking orbiters have come the closest, returning a total of about 55,000 images of the planet between 1975 and 1980.

The new black-and-white digital image shows a mile-wide portion of a valley north of Olympus Mons, the largest known volcano in the solar system. The valley floor is covered by wind-blown dunes, a common sight on Mars. Its slopes show dark streaks where debris has slid downward.

The image is fairly hazy, due to the aftereffects of a dust storm that engulfed the entire planet between July and October.

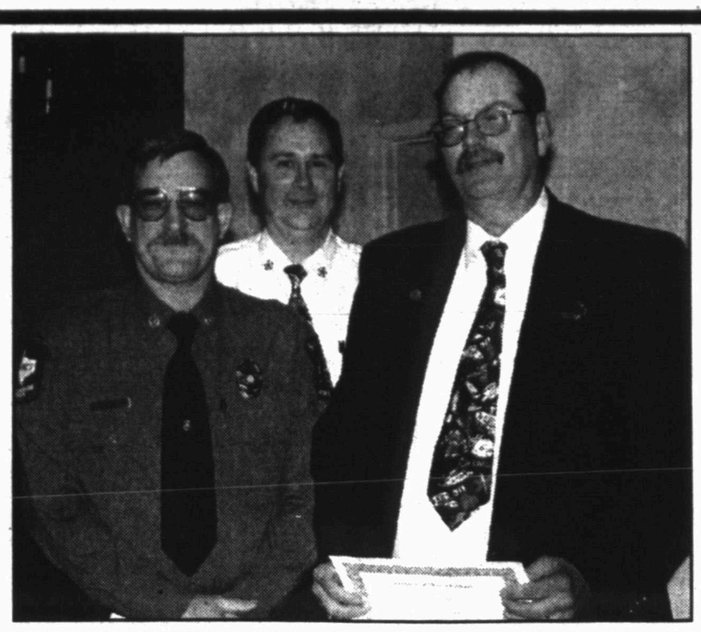
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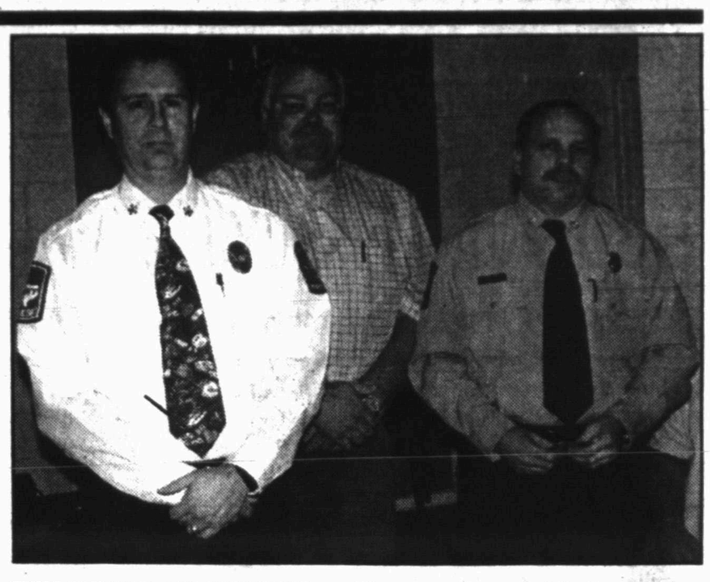
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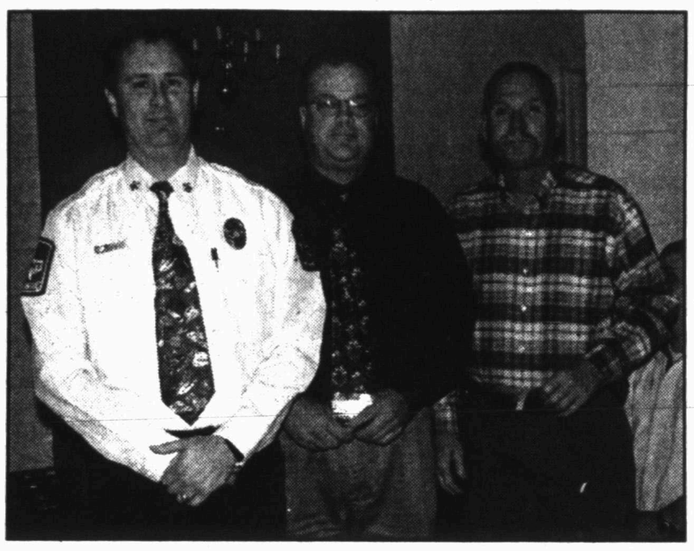
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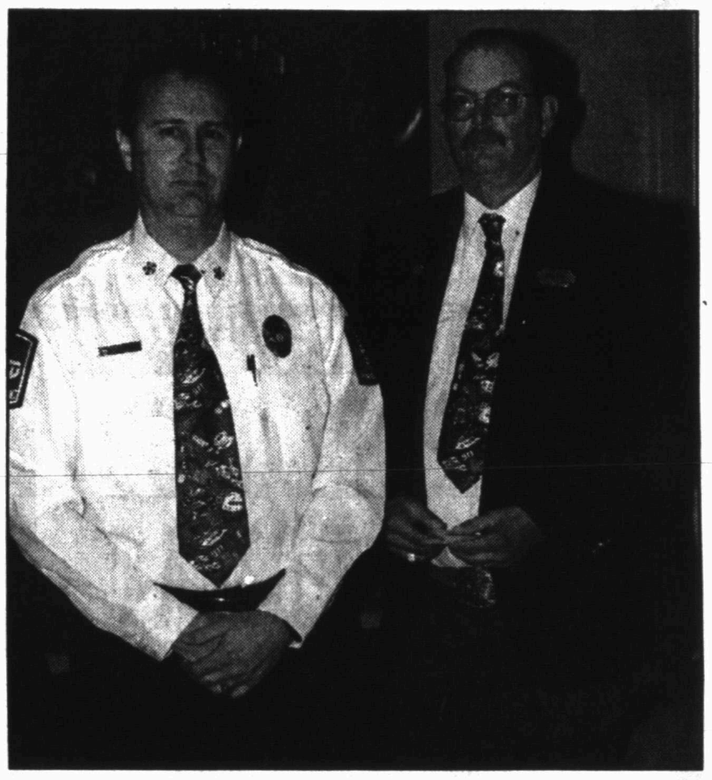
PERFECT ATTENDANCE — Fire Marshal Cy Posey, left, and Chaplain Albert "Snuffy" Canon, right, were acknowledged by Chief Perry Westmoreland Tuesday night for perfect attendance at all fire drills.



TEN YEARS OF SERVICE — Firemen Tommy Early, center, and Doug Scott, right, received 10-year service pins from Chief Perry Westmoreland.



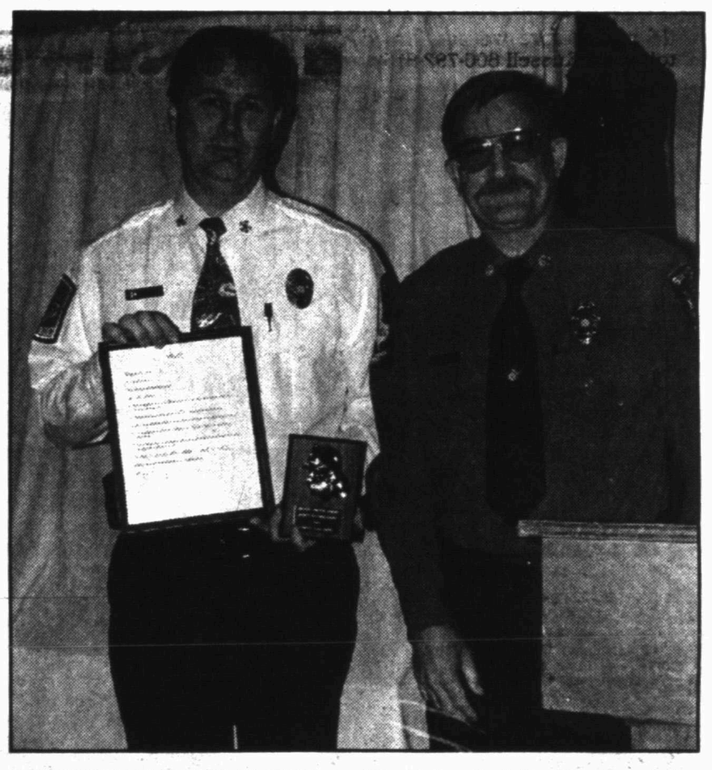
FIFTEEN YEARS WITH DEPARTMENT — Two firemen, Sterling Williams, center, and Billy Evans, right, received 15-year service pins from Chief Perry Westmoreland.



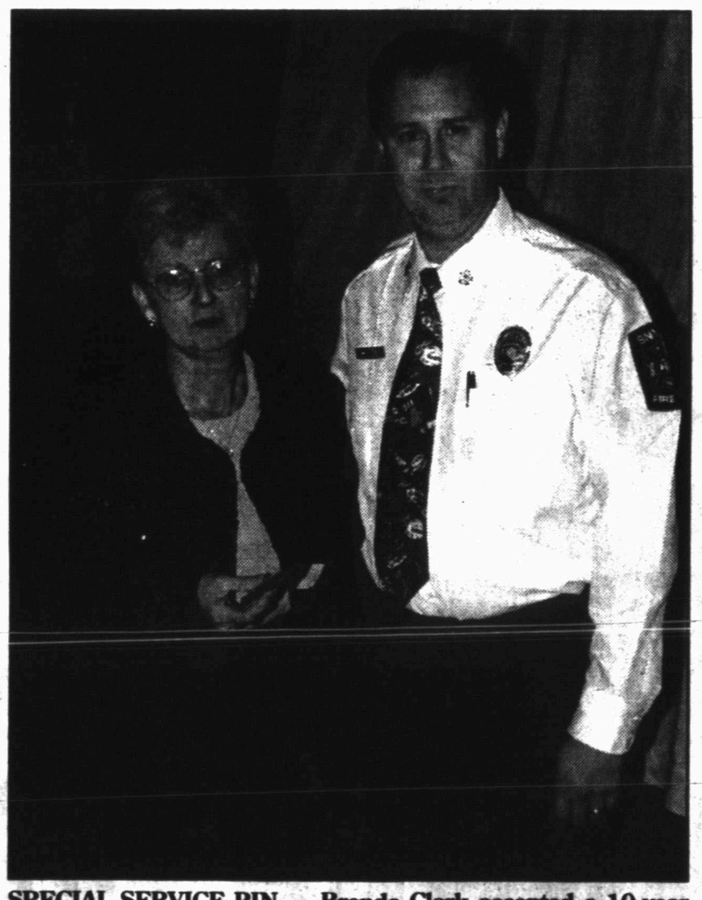
QUARTER CENTURY OF SERVICE — Chief Perry Westmoreland presented Chaplain Albert "Snuffy" Canon with a pin Tuesday night for 25 years of service in Snyder.



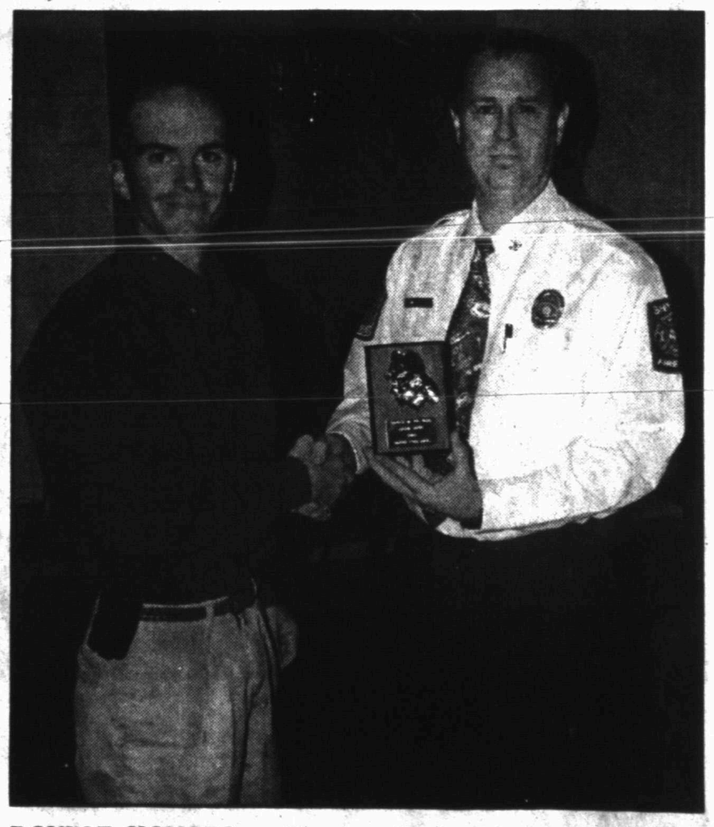
FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE — Penny Roberson, left, and Lori Kincheloe, center, were presented five-year service pins Tuesday by Chief Perry Westmoreland. They are the first women to receive the award.



MELVIN NEWTON AWARD — Fire Marshal Cy Posey, right, presented Chief Perry Westmoreland a plaque for the Melvin Newton Award Tuesday.



SPECIAL SERVICE PIN — Brenda Clark accepted a 10-year service pin from Chief Perry Westmoreland for her late husband Chester Clark, a fireman who died earlier this year.



DOUBLE HONORS — Fireman Shane Jones was honored twice Tuesday night with the Rookie of the Year award and the Workhorse award, presented by Chief Perry Westmoreland.

San Antonio rep will not run again

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — State Rep. John Longoria, affectionately called "Judge" by his House colleagues, has announced he won't seek re-election next year.

After nearly a decade in the Texas House, the Democrat from San Antonio said Tuesday that he's leaving public life to attend to his ailing father and his own health.

He had been facing a formidable primary election challenge in March from former City Councilman Raul Prado. But Longoria said the competition had nothing to do with his decision.

Longoria did not endorse Prado and said he was resigning before the end of the year.

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Scurry County Country

Scurrying Around Scurry County

By Beth Danheim, County Extension Agent

Since the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, family and friends seem more important than ever. Celebrate those relationships with National Family Week that began Sunday.

This annual event, organized by Alliance for Children and Families and supported by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, is marked each year during Thanksgiving week.

"National Family Week is an wonderful time to honor the connections that support and strengthen families year round," said Peter Goldberg, president and CEO of the Alliance for Children and Families. "Families traditionally connect and celebrate during Thanksgiving week, so it's a perfect time to thank one another, as well as the other individuals and organizations who help the family thrice."

This year's theme is "Connections Count." You need to connect with people outside the family too.

Relationships with friends and community are good for everyone's mental health, adding that studies have shown how older adults especially benefit from relationships outside the immediate family.

The connections can be made in many ways. For instance, church groups business or professional organization, recreation or hobby clubs — anywhere people get together — are ideal places to connect with others.

Some suggestions for marking this National Family Week by making Connections Count:

•Get together with family, friends and neighbors and provide items for a food pantry or clothes closet for the needy.

•Provide Thanksgiving dinner for those less fortunate or work with an organization that does.

•Adults can mentor children in schools, providing one-on-one help for these young students who might be struggling with their reading, math or science skills.

•Join an organization such as Big Brother/Big sisters and become an adult role model for a child who might need one.

•Experienced parents can help young parents learn how to connect with their children through such organizations as Master Parent Volunteers, an Extension project.

•Children can offer to help with chores around the house, over and above their usual responsibilities.

•Groups such as the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and Boys and Girls Clubs can sponsor canned food drives or offer their services as baby sitters.

•Older adults can volunteer to be surrogate grandparents for children who might live far away from their own grandparents.

•Making Connections Count isn't difficult. Anybody can do it. All it takes is the thought and the idea.

Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

WHAT IS ANTHRAX?

Anthrax is a disease that most commonly appears as blood poisoning. It strikes suddenly and kills cattle quickly. Cattle contract the disease in pastures contaminated by anthrax spores. It does not spread from cow to cow by contact.

WHO GETS ANTHRAX?

All animals are susceptible to anthrax to some degree, but cattle, horses, sheep and goats are most commonly affected. Humans and swine possess a greater natural resistance to the disease.

WHAT CAUSES ANTHRAX?

It is caused by the anthrax germ, Bacillus anthracis. The germ multiplies in the bloodstream of a susceptible animal — or in man. When the bacillus escapes from the animals' body, it forms a spore when exposed to air. This spore — a protective capsule — is highly resistant to heat, cold, chemical disinfectants, and long dry periods. The spores can survive many years on hides or on any contaminated object held in storage.

HOW DO HUMANS GET ANTHRAX?

Humans usually get anthrax by skinning, butchering or making post mortem examinations of infected carcasses, or by handling contaminated hides, wool, hair animals by-products, or other contaminated material.

Anthrax of the skin is the most common form, resulting in sores or carbuncles. Inhalation anthrax may occur when a person inhales spores during the processing of wool, hair or hides. The disease is a danger to those people who are in contact with anthrax carcasses. Infection may resemble a carbuncle, but is readily treated with antibiotics. From a human health standpoint, anthrax is very low risk disease and does not pose a health hazard to consumers of meat because animals are inspected for disease by federal or state meat inspectors before, during and after slaughter.

IS THERE A VACCINATION FOR ANTHRAX?

Yes, vaccination protects animals against anthrax. The disease does not occur every year, therefore, herd owners tend to vaccinate only when there is a threat of the disease. Also, animals in the early stages of infection can be treated with antibiotics. Animals are not fully protected until 8 days after vaccination. When there are losses it is possible to give the whole herd antibiotic treatment until immunity has been established. This often saves animals that are in the incubation period. The antibiotics do not seem to interfere with the vaccine.

WHEN DOES ANTHRAX OCCUR?

Anthrax outbreaks are closely tied to weather conditions. Outbreaks usually occur when minimum temperatures are above 60 degrees F., and there is a prolonged period of 2 weeks or more without rain.

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?

Often a seemingly healthy animal dies without showing any sign of the disease. In the most acute form, an animal will suddenly stagger, have convulsions, and die. There may be blood-stained discharges from the natural opening of the body. Other symptoms are excitement, spasms, respiratory or cardiac distress, trembling staggering and convulsions. Death may occur suddenly or the disease may last from 3 to 5 days or longer.

WHERE DO OUTBREAKS OCCUR?

Anthrax occurs where the environment is suitable to perpetuate the organism. Areas of intensive soil cultivation, where rain is steady the year around, cold areas and very dry areas to not have anthrax.

In the United States, most anthrax outbreaks occur in areas where:

•The Bacillus anthracis has become established in the soil by old or new outbreaks.

•The soil is alkaline. Examples are limestone soils, alluvial flats, bottomland, meadow-marshes, dried-up ponds, and slick spots where water has been trapped on high ground.

•A wet spring that leads to grass kill, followed by a hot, dry period in summer or early fall, is characteristic "anthrax weather." Minimum temperatures of 60 degrees F. and above are high enough for spores to grow.

•Grass or vegetation is damaged by a flood-drought sequence. Also, pasture grass or limestone rock that has been slick with vegetation and then dries up will expose anthrax spores.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO TREAT THE DISEASE ONCE THERE IS AN OUTBREAK?

Consult your veterinarian. Check all livestock frequently. Isolate affected animals. Vaccinate healthy animals and move them off contaminated pasture.

To prevent spreading the disease after an outbreak, burn infected carcasses, bedding and any material found around the carcass, disinfect contaminated quarters with a 5 percent lye solution.

Markets

Colorado City

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 473 head of cattle for the Saturday, Nov. 17, sale. Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers were steady to $3 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls were steady in a light test. Bred cows and pairs were steady. Trade was active and demand good.

Feeder steers:
300-400: 104-110
400-500: 96-100
500-600: 86-90
600-700: 75-80

Feeder heifers:
200-300: 95-105
300-400: 88-95
400-500: 83-89
500-600: 73-76
600-700: 65-70

Replacement cows:
Bred cows (5-7 months): 460-585
Bred cows (3-7 months): 400-500

Cow/Calf Pairs
Bred cows: 730-865

Slaughter cows:
Breakers: 1000-1250 Lbs. 34
Boners: 1000-1200 Lbs. 36-38.50

AG Talk

By Charlie Stenholm, Congressman 17th District

FY 2002 Agriculture Appropriations Includes Funds for Texas

Last week, the House and Senate completed action on the agriculture appropriations bill for fiscal year 2002, legislation that provides spending for a number of the nation's agricultural programs for the coming year.

As a result of this legislation, Texas will receive funding for the following: boll weevil eradication; the Texas Oral Rabies Vaccination Program; animal fiber research, Texas A&M University, San Angelo; $1 million for the National Sheep Industry Improvement Center; and funding for food safety and product development at Angelo State University.

There is also now an opportunity for local small watershed projects to apply for rehabilitation funding.

Senate Agriculture Committee Completes Farm Bill

Last Thursday the Senate Agriculture Committee completed action on the Senate version of a farm bill, preparing the way for further action by the full Senate.

The House of Representatives passed a farm bill last month and has been urging the Senate to move forward so that legislation could be sent to President Bush before the end of the year.

Unlike the House farm bill, the Senate bill included a provision that would require country-of-origin labeling on beef, lamb, pork, including ground meat, and fresh fruit and vegetables.

Conservation

In terms of conservation, the Senate bill would establish a new incentive payment program, the Conservation Security Program (CSP), to increase agricultural conservation.

Under the CSP, farmers and ranchers who voluntarily maintain and adopt conservation practices on working lands would receive incentive payments.

The Senate bill would raise the amount of acreage in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) from the current level of 36.4 million acres to 40 million acres. The House bill would cap the CRP acreage at 39.2 million acres.

The CRP is a voluntary program that offers annual rental payments to producers in order to establish long-term conservation measures to protect environ-

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New anthrax case puzzles authorities

WASHINGTON (AP) — A letter to Sen. Patrick Leahy was laced with billions of anthrax spores, authorities said, and a mysterious new case of the disease was confirmed in Connecticut.

The most deadly form of the disease appeared in a 94-year-old woman in a rural area southwest of Hartford.

Connecticut Gov. John Rowland said early today the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has confirmed the Connecticut case after five sophisticated tests at the hospital and state health laboratory had indicated anthrax.

"It's difficult to explain how the person contracted anthrax," Rowland said Tuesday. "There is no evidence (she) contracted the disease as a result of a criminal act."

The governor said the woman lives in Oxford, a rural community of 9,800 people. Kathy Johnson, the first selectman of Oxford, identified her as Ottillie Lundgren, 94.

"We're continuing to put the pieces of the puzzle together," Rowland told CBS' "The Early Show." He said the woman had no apparent connection to Washington lawmakers or the national media, whose members have been the primary anthrax targets so far.

Rowland said 1,500 Connecticut postal workers are being treated with antibiotics.

In Washington, an FBI microbiologist, speaking only on condition of anonymity, said there were easily billions of anthrax spores in the letter addressed to Leahy. Scientists have said they believe 8,000 to 10,000 spores are enough to infect a person with inhalation anthrax, the most serious form.

An investigator who found the Leahy letter in a trash bag of unopened congressional mail last Friday night could feel powder inside the envelope and 23,000 anthrax spores were detected in a two-minute scientific test of the plastic garbage bag being used to hold the Leahy letter, the FBI microbiologist said.

That letter was postmarked Oct. 9, the same date as a similar anthrax-tainted letter sent to Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle.

Number of missing, dead in New York falls below 3,900

NEW YORK (AP) — The number of people missing or dead in the Sept. 11 terrorist assault on the World Trade Center has dropped below 3,900, according to the city's official tally.

The number, which once neared 7,000, has dropped steadily as police eliminate duplicate names and winnow out people who were initially reported missing but turned out to be safe and sound.

Police Chief Charles Campisi, who heads the missing-persons effort, said last month that the number "is in a state of flux and it will continue to be" as detectives pore over the missing person list.

The city's official count stood at 3,899 on today. Of that total, the city reported that 624 bodies have been identified; an additional 3,275 names are on its missing person list. The city has not released a list of names for those still missing.

Other, persistent indicators show the death toll will continue to fall.

Independent tallies maintained by news organizations have stayed well below the city's official toll. An ongoing Associated Press tally of people confirmed dead and those reported dead or missing at the World Trade Center stood at 2,772 on today. The deaths in the crashes at the Pentagon and in Pennsylvania bring the day's toll to 2,996.

AP's figure is derived from information provided by the medical examiner, those declared dead by a court, funeral homes, places of worship, death notices, employers, public agencies, families and AP's foreign bureaus. Both the city's and the AP's total for the trade center include the people on the two planes that hit it.

Lubbock police officer fired by interim chief

LUBBOCK (AP) — A Lubbock police officer who authorities say accidentally shot a SWAT officer during a July operation was fired Tuesday.

Police Cpl. Wade Lee was cited by interim Police Chief Claude Jones for violating departmental policy regarding firearms safety and falsifying a written report about the shooting of Sgt. Kevin Cox by a fellow officer.

"Today I have taken actions to assure Lubbock's citizens and members of the Lubbock Police Department that this administration will be proactive in providing professional police protection of the highest quality and maximum support and leadership to our police officers," Jones said in Wednesday's editions of the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.

Lee can appeal his termination to the City Civil Service Commission or an independent arbitrator. His attorney could not be reached for comment.

Jones issued letters of reprimand to 12 other officers involved in the SWAT raid. The officers were cited for violating department use-of-force guidelines and lapses in judgment, Jones said.

"Be assured these personnel actions are serious, and in my view, commensurate with the violations," Jones said. The department said it could not legally release the names of the 12 officers.

Officer Tracy Taylor, who investigators initially considered the most likely source of the fatal gunshot, will return from paid leave to work in the department's accident investigation division.

Taylor and Lee had been on paid leave since the shooting.

Jones removed three officers, including Taylor, from the SWAT team. Four others, including team commander Lt. Randy Franklin, resigned from the team. Six of those officers received letters of reprimand, Jones said.

Assistant Police Chief Randy McGuire stepped down and will assume his previous rank of lieutenant. McGuire was the senior officer commanding the SWAT operation.

Former Police Chief Ken Walker was placed on administrative leave during the shooting investigation, as city officials accused him of mismanaging the Police Department. He resigned Nov. 8 in exchange for a $130,000 settlement.

Births

Victor and Amy Isham of Snyder announce the birth of their son, Thomas Jay Allen Isham, at 6:16 a.m. on Nov. 20 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed nine pounds, four ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Jack and Kimy Isham of Azle and Frances Isham of Pampa. Great-grandmother is Irma Towe of Comanche. Maternal grandparents are Dennis and Tommie Reynolds of Snyder. Great-grandparents are Thomas "Nate" and Johnnie Pyburn of Snyder.

Residence burglarized on Avenue I Tuesday

•Burglaries

Calvin Guynes requested an officer at his residence in the 2800 block of Ave. I Tuesday afternoon in reference to a burglary. An officer was dispatched to the location and advised an offense report for burglary of a residence would be submitted.

Melanie Gray contacted officers in reference to finding money reported stolen Monday at Dairy Queen on Coliseum Dr. An officer spoke with Gray and advised a supplement would be added to the offense report filed Monday.

•Suicide threat

An administrator from Snyder High School came to the police department Tuesday with a student in reference to finding a suicide note the student had written. A sheriff's deputy transported the student to the Big Spring State Hospital and an offense report for threatening suicide was submitted.

•Close patrol

A woman in the 3800 block of Highland Dr. requested a close patrol Tuesday night in reference to her ex-husband driving around that area. Officers responded and initiated a close patrol for the remainder of the night.

•Suspicious mail

Malcolm Small contacted deputies at the sheriff's department Tuesday with suspicious mail he received at his residence. The mail was turned over to the fire department.

Obituaries

Gilbert Richter

1906-2001

Gilbert O. Richter, longtime Scurry County resident, died Tuesday, Nov. 20, in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Richter, 95, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in the Ira Cemetery.



Gilbert Richter

Born Nov. 17, 1906 in Lockhart, he married Sue Ricketts on Dec. 1, 1962 in Mexico.

Mr. Richter, a resident of Snyder, had lived and farmed in the Knapp community.

He was preceded in death by his parents Henry and Ella Richter, a brother, Rudy Richter; and a sister, Melba Ohlendorf.

Survivors include his wife, Sue Richter of Snyder; four daughters, Gloria Wood of Lubbock, Pat Vineyard of Snyder, Connie Glasscock of Midland and Kathy Beall of San Angelo; two nephews, Curtis Ohlendorf of Austin and Norbert Ohlendorf of Dickens; 10 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

D.C. Worley

1915-2001

WICHITA FALLS – D.C. Worley, a native of Snyder and former owner of the bowling alley in Snyder, died Friday, Nov. 16, in Waycross, Ga.

Funeral service for Mr. Worley, 86, is set for 3 p.m. Saturday in the Mitchell Chapel at Baptist Village in Waycross. Burial will follow in Crestview Memorial Park in Wichita Falls. Arrangements are under the direction of Music Funeral Home in Waycross and Lunns Colonial Funeral Home in Wichita Falls.

Born April 26, 1915 in Snyder, he was reared in Snyder and graduated from Snyder High School in 1933. He married Melba Clark of Snyder while attending Texas Tech.

Mr. Worley, a resident of Wichita Falls, was a business owner in Brunswick, Ga., and in Wichita Falls. He was a Rotarian and a deacon in the Baptist Church. He was also active in Boys Scouts of America, serving in council leadership positions in both Texas and Georgia.

Survivors include his wife, Melba Worley of Waycross; three sons, Gary Worley of Brunswick, Ken Worley of Wichita Falls and Randy Worley of Asheville, N.C.; a sister, Evelyn Duff of Dallas; two brothers, Cecil Worley of Beaumont and L.B. Worley of Carlsbad, N.M.; and four grandchildren, Chris Worley of Wichita Falls, Mikael and Samuel Worley of Asheville and Belinda Brown of San Antonio; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Irene Reed

1921-2001

BIG SPRING – Irene Reed, a native of Scurry County, died Monday, Nov. 19.

Funeral service for Mrs. Reed, 80, was set for 1 p.m. today in the Nalley-Pickel & Welch Chapel with Ralph Anderson officiating. Burial was to follow in Trinity Memorial Park.

Born March 17, 1921 in Scurry County, she moved to Big Spring in 1929 and married A.E. "Skeeter" Reed on Nov. 4, 1937. He died in 1979.

A member of the Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, Mrs. Reed cared for children and sat with sick people.

Survivors include a brother, J.C. Whitefield of Houston; one grandchild; and one great-grandchild.

Daughter-in-law of local woman killed

Collene Phillips, daughter-in-law of Willa Mae Booth of Snyder, was killed in an auto accident west of Denver, Colo., Tuesday.

She is survived by her husband, Alan Phillips, a former Snyder resident; two sons, Michael Johnson of Denver and Tim Johnson and his wife, Karin, all of Denver; and her mother, Rowena Evans of Denver.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Girl Scout bowling

The Snyder Girl Scout bowling night will be from 4-5:30 this evening at Snyder Lanes. Cost is $1.99 per game and shoes are $1.99. Call your scout leader or JoAnn at 573-3926 if planning to attend.

Ira Bulldogs send-off

There will be a send-off for the Ira football team at 2:15 p.m. Friday in front of the gym. The Bulldogs face Sanderson at 7:30 p.m. in Rankin.

Head Start registration

Registration for Scurry County Head Start continues from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. weekdays during November. Children must be three years old and meet income guidelines or have a disability. Bring a certified birth certificate, immunization record, child's social security card and proof of income.

Holy Ghost Revival

The Lord's Supper Organization will hold a Holy Ghost Revival at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday at the Union community center on the Lamesa Highway. Speakers will be Manuel Granado and Randy Asebedo. For more information, call 574-2672.

American Cancer Society

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

Genealogical Society meeting

The Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Scurry County Library. Robert Adams, WTC professor, will present a program on the French Indian War as a root cause of the American Revolution. The public is invited.

SHS Madrigal Dinners

SHS' annual Madrigal Dinners are set at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 3-4 at the high school student center. Tickets are $15 per person per performance and are available at the high school office. No refunds will be given for unused tickets. Reserve tickets will be held until the day of the performance. Next Wednesday is the deadline to purchase tickets.

Home for the holidays

Scurry County Home for the Holidays, sponsored by the Scurry County extension service, will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, at the First United Methodist Church. Theme is Tex-Mex, featuring food, decorations, entertainment and door prizes. Admission is $5.

His Joy Ministries

His Joy Ministries, 904 26th, will host the 8th annual conference Nov. 30 and Dec. 1. Speakers will be Keith Miller from Amarillo and Moses Akitwine from Uganda. Music will be provided by Mercy and Truth from Dallas. Call 573-8401 for registration.

Korean War display

The Scurry County Museum is honoring veterans of the Korean War with displays of memorabilia through Dec. 4.

"Married for Life" information night

"Marriage for Life" information night will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 4 at The Word of Life Church, 312 Coliseum Dr. Home Bible study groups will be starting soon. For more information, call Doug or Donna Nehring at 573-7471.

Head Start fundraiser

Early Head Start and Head Start programs are selling raffle tickets for a drawing to be held Dec. 13. There will be a drawing for $100 worth of groceries from Davidson's Supermarket and another drawing for a $50 gift certificate from Wal-Mart. Proceeds will be used to buy Christmas gifts for students. Come by 2800 2nd St. or call 573-7403. Last ticket sales day is Monday, Dec. 3.

VFW membership drive

The VFW is currently conducting its annual membership drive. Membership is restricted to veterans who served overseas in times of conflict or war. For more information, contact the post commander Jim Bailey at 573-5338.

GED testing dates

GED testing for the first time or retesting will be held on:Nov. 27, 5-9 p.m.; Nov. 30, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Dec. 4, 5-9 p.m.; Dec. 6, 5-9 p.m.; Dec. 7, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For further information, call Molly Kattes at 573-2919 or Emily Hataway at 573-8511, ext. 297 or 574-2112.

Red Cross volunteers needed

Red Cross volunteers are needed for Snyder and Scurry County. Please contact Sherry Faulkenbery at 573-1974 after 5 p.m.

Noon prayer service

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

Senior yearbook dedications

Senior dedications for the Tiger's Lair yearbook are due Dec. 1. Cost is $45 for message and color photo. Orders are still being taken for the yearbook. Cost is $45 for which a deposit of $20 is required. Balance is due Feb. 1. If additional options are purchased, the deposit is $30. For information call 573-6301, ext. 35.

Mesquite Country Writers Guild

The Mesquite Country Writers Guild is now accepting submissions for the winter issue of *Bards of a Feather.* The deadline is Dec. 15. The theme is open. Mail submissions to Pam Mauldin, Box 237, Ira, 79527 or e-mail to upside@nwol.net.

Military support group

Family members, volunteers, friends, and active or inactive soldiers of Scurry County interested in forming a local Military Support Group are asked to contact Dale or Elaine Byrd at 573-8088 after 4 p.m., or e-mail dbyrd@nwol.net. The purpose of this group is to provide an avenue of mutual support, assistance, community resources, and a network of communication.

WTC adult basic education

Adult basic education classes at WTC will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. until noon, and from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Classes include E.S.L., GED and refresher courses. Certified teachers and Spanish-speaking aides teach these classes. Call 573-8511, ext. 322.

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Oregon law to stay in effect during state, fed court fights

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The nation's only physician-assisted suicide law will remain in effect while Oregon battles the federal Justice Department over the future of the law, a judge has ruled.

After a four-hour court hearing Tuesday, U.S. District Judge Robert Jones extended his Nov. 8 temporary restraining order preventing Attorney General John Ashcroft from dismantling the Oregon law.

The ruling extends the restraining order for up to five months while attorneys prepare arguments in Oregon's case against the Justice Department.

The state has asked Jones to permanently block an order by Ashcroft, issued Nov. 6, prohibiting doctors from prescribing lethal doses of federally controlled drugs to terminally ill patients.

Steve Bushong, an Oregon assistant attorney general, argued that Ashcroft went far beyond interpreting federal drug law when he issued the order.

"All we're asking is to keep the Oregon law in effect," Bushong said.

Bushong has battled legal challenges to the law since it was first approved by state voters in 1994. Voters re-approved the measure in a 1997 referendum by a wide margin.

Jones said the state law will remain in effect until he decides the case, which he is not expected to do until April. He said doctors should not fear any repercussions for prescribing lethal doses of medications.

In 1998, then-Attorney General Janet Reno concluded that the Oregon law did not conflict with the federal Controlled Substances Act, which allows prescriptions only for "legitimate medical purposes." But the Ashcroft directive overturned Reno's decision, claiming that assisted suicide has no legitimate medical purpose.

Bushong argued Tuesday that Ashcroft overstepped his authority by deciding how doctors can practice medicine, a matter generally controlled by state law.

In February, Bushong noted, Ashcroft rejected a request by Oregon officials to discuss any challenge the Bush administration might consider to the law.

"It was a secret process — no public notice, no public comment," he said.

Justice Department attorneys, meanwhile, argued that Oregon does not have the right to be given an exception to the Controlled Substances Act.

Under Oregon's Death with Dignity Law, doctors may provide — but not administer — a lethal prescription to terminally ill adult state residents. It requires two doctors to agree that the patient has less than six months to live, has voluntarily chosen to die and is capable of making health care decisions.

At least 70 people have used the law since it took effect, according to state health officials.

The judge ruled Tuesday that the state has 60 days to file its brief, after which the federal government has 30 days to reply. Then the state has an additional 14 days to respond.

Many Oregon doctors have been reluctant to assist with suicides since Ashcroft issued his order, said Brad Wright, who is with Compassion in Dying, a group that supports physician-assisted suicide.

Four terminally ill patients have joined the state in its lawsuit against Ashcroft. They include 68-year-old Karl Stansell, who has received chemotherapy and radiation for terminal throat cancer. Doctors have told him he has less than six months to live.

"Eventually I will be unable to swallow anything and will die in agony," Stansell said.

Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

Bioterrorism, Part III

(Editor's Note: This article is the third in a three-part series.)

DEAR READERS: This is the last installment of my series on bioterrorism. In deciding how to proceed, each citizen must assess his individual risk of exposure to anthrax.

Low-credibility exposure includes situations where there is no clear-cut exposure to anthrax spores. Even if the exposure is significant enough to cause cutaneous anthrax, treatment is universally successful and nasal swabs are not advised.

On the other hand, high-credibility exposure (for example, the person got a face and nose full of powder in a highly suspicious situation), justifies the use of preventive antibiotic therapy. In most instances, however, federal authorities recommend a watch-and-wait position; symptoms can be treated if they arise. Nasal swabs are not indicated. The one exception to the guideline is the presence of a highly credible exposure without an environmental source to check the powder, which may have been cleaned up before police or FBI involvement.

How to handle possible anthrax-contaminated material? Do not panic. Call your local enforcement agency. In addition, do not shake or empty the contents of any suspicious envelope or package. Put the item in a plastic bag or other container; leave the room and close the door; keep others away from the area; wash your hands with soap and water; list all the people in the room, and give the list to local public health authorities or law enforcement officials.

If the envelope with powder spills onto a surface, do not clean it up. Cover the contents with plastic, paper, a trash can, etc. Leave the room. List all of the people in the room and provide the list to appropriate authorities. Report the incident to 911 or the local police. Remove contaminated clothing, place it in a plastic bag and give it to emergency responders. Shower with soap and water. Do not use bleach or disinfectant on your skin.

If there is a question of room contamination by aerosolization, turn off fans and ventilation units, leave the area immediately, close the door and seal off the area, shut down the air handling system in the building (if possible), obtain a list of the people in the room, and call 911.

In summary, if you suspect that you have been exposed to anthrax, don't panic. Get out and get help.

A final word. When you consider the millions of people in the United States and the dozen or so persons exposed to anthrax, it's obvious that the statistical possibility of becoming infected is unbelievably small. You are more at risk of getting hit by a car in the supermarket parking lot. In fact, there are more people killed in automobile accidents every day then there are those infected with anthrax. If we significantly alter our lifestyles because of the fear of bioterrorism, the enemy has achieved his goal. For the vast majority of us, the anthrax threat is more perceived than real. We should become sensible and alert about travel and the mail, but we must avoid becoming obsessed. True, our lives have been permanently altered by the terrorist attacks, but this doesn't mean that we have to live in constant fear, restrict our activities and gobble antibiotics to protect us from imagined tragedy. Yes, the government seems to be particularly unprepared for bioterrorism. Unquestionably, our leaders have been negligent in preventing these attacks, even when the warnings were obvious (as in Somalia). Without a doubt, we are facing the challenge of religious fundamentalists who choose to ignore the very tenets of their religion. But, from a medical point of view, our societal risk of significant, terrorist illness is infinitesimal. Be smart, be safe, be you.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Thursday, Nov. 22, 2001

The people who will be the luckiest for you in the year ahead are ones who share your interests, politics and philosophy. Try to spend more time with those who fulfill these requirements.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Engaging in the simple things in life today is what is apt to bring you the most enjoyment, while expensive activities could turn out to be the least fun. Money does not assure a good time. Scorpio, treat yourself to a birthday gift. **Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167.** Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Something you left undone may jump up and bite you today. Unfortunately, you might have less time to complete it now than you had previously.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Subdue any inclinations you get today to prejudge everything in a negative fashion. If you hang on to this kind of thinking, you could make this a very gloomy day.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — If you're looking to let your hair down a bit today, be very selective about your playmates. Be sure they are the types who won't encourage you to go overboard.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Remember people in authority positions have the upper hand, so be doubly tactful today with any involvements you may have with someone in power, or you could get burnt.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Don't talk about your intentions or new ideas with anybody until you're ready to go. Someone could prejudge your plans worthless without giving them a chance to work.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — If you poke your nose into situations that are none of your business, there's a chance your curiosity could draw you smack in the middle of someone else's troubles.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Listen intently to what others have to say today, but don't take everything they espouse as gossip. They're just as apt to be wrong as any of us are.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Being too nit-picky or critical of others' efforts could have them collectively pointing a finger back at you. Remember, we get what we give and sometimes in greater measure.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Sticking your neck out by getting involved in someone else's project just to be helpful can backfire on you today. If your efforts don't turn out well, you could now be held accountable.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Unless you're now prepared to compromise your opinions, don't bring up an issue today with your spouse upon which you are diametrically opposed. It could make matters worse.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — It's all about attitude. If you think something is distasteful and difficult to do, that's exactly what it'll be. Conversely, a positive outlook today will make everything easy and pleasant.

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Featherston joins nat'l honor group

KERRVILLE — A Snyder resident was inducted into Schreiner University's Texas Sigma Chapter of Alpha Chi National College Honor Society.

Jennifer Featherston, a senior, and daughter of Janet Featherston, was among the 13 members received into the group in a Nov. 1 ceremony.

The chapter was established at Schreiner University in the fall of 2001. Alpha Chi is a coeducational society whose purpose is to promote academic excellence and exemplary character and to honor those who achieve such distinction.

Ag Talk by Charlie Stenholm

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mentally sensitive land.

The Senate bill would also increase funding for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) up to $1.25 billion per year.

This is more than six times the current funding level of $200 million per year, and I am hopeful we can make some increases here.

Under the Senate farm bill, funding for the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) would be increased eight-fold over five years to a total of $385 million.

The House bill, on the other hand, would spend $25 million per year.

The Farmland Protection Program, which is designed to protect prime farmland from development, would receive $950 million in funding under the Senate bill, compared to $50 million a year under the House bill.

Commodities

Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Harkin had originally proposed spending $23 billion for conservation and $37.8 billion for commodities.

However, spending for commodities in the Senate farm bill now exceeds the $48.8 billion authorized in the House-passed bill.

In terms of commodities, the Senate bill would attempt to strengthen farm income protection with a system of increased loan rates for most commodities, fixed direct payments, and a new counter-cyclical income protection system.

The Senate farm bill also includes a section to promote farm-based renewable energy sources such as ethanol, biodiesel, wind energy, biomass fuels and other forms of alternative energy.

Included in the Senate bill are the following: grant and loan programs to help establish new farmer-owned renewable energy co-ops, and to provide assistance to purchase renewable energy systems such as wind-turbines, and solar or energy-efficient heat pumps.

It is not clear when the full Senate will consider this legislation, which has budgetary problems.

House Agriculture Committee Reviews Bio-security Issues

Last Thursday, the House Agriculture Committee met to review the nation's bio-security programs in the wake of the terrorist attacks of September 11.

Since Sept. 11, USDA has been working to increase border protection in an effort to prevent harmful plant and animal diseases from entering the country.

In addition, USDA is working with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) to focus on activities to guarantee the continued safety of the nation's food supply.

Maintaining the safety and abundance of the U.S. food supply is not a new task for the House and Senate Agriculture Committees and the USDA.

During these times, it is imperative that we carefully consider how to improve upon these practices and to better support and coordinate our efforts.

Congressman Stenholm represents the 17th District of Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives and is the Ranking Member of the House Committee on Agriculture.

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