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For recreational area...

Deep Creek facelift in planning stage

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

Plans to develop Deep Creek as a recreational and public use area are underway.

The ambitious plan for the area from 26th to 37th Street has been promised help from local businesses, private citizens, the City of Snyder, Snyder Chamber of Commerce and the Price Daniel Unit.

The prison unit has pledged to be a major player in the project as Wardens Wilhelmenia Howard and Vernon Pittman both were in attendance at the initial planning meeting Wednesday at the prison unit. Also present was Sgt. Chris Smith of the unit's outside community service squad.

Others at the meeting were Donna Fowler, chamber executive director; John DeLille, executive director of the Development Corporation of Snyder; and Wade Warren, Snyder Daily News managing editor.

Also at the meeting was Price Daniel Unit inmate Juan Pena who will provide sketches for the project as it is developed first from the 37th Street crossing northwest to the 26th Street Bridge.

Others will be added to the committee as the project progresses and those wishing to work on it are encouraged to contact the chamber office.

Warden Howard said her plans are to provide up to 25 inmates daily to work on the project and the heavy equipment work is being sought from local companies and individuals.

"Right now, Deep Creek is just not very pretty," said Fowler. "The prison unit did a lot of work at one time in putting the walking paths in, but the way the creek is shaped, it is almost impossible to keep it mowed."

Fowler suggested the creek's bed be widened and then rocks placed on the banks of the creek to serve two purposes.

"One, that would keep the weeds down and two, it would add to the looks. Just imagine a creek full of water with rocky banks winding through our town," said Fowler.

Knowing full well that the creek doesn't fill up on demand, Fowler said plans are to drill a well to keep it as close to a constant level as possible.

"This has unlimited possibilities," said Warden Howard. "I envision a project that will make the entire community proud and want to be a part of it. And not only in developing it, but to use it after it is completed," she added.

Softball fields, concert areas and RV spots are only a few of the ideas that will be developed.

Plans are to start actual work on the project immediately with the removal of the trees in the bed of the creek from 30th Street to the bridge at 37th St.

Work on the creek bed, banks and a spillway are expected to start around Jan. 1, or when most of the trees are removed.

Plans are to have a lot of rock work on the project similar to what is at the prison unit, such as the windmill and rock tank at the entrance to the administration building.

The project is not unlike what has occurred in Lampasas at the park that Highway 183 crosses.

"Only a rough creek ran though here in the late '70s," said Mickey Tower, head of the City of Lampasas parks department.

"The first thing they did here was put in retaining walls for looks and to build up the banks," said Tower.

Tower said the creek in Lampasas has a dam at both ends about a half-mile apart, and the deepest part is about eight feet.

The creek also adds to the city's flood control, said Tower.

"Our citizens use this area for a number of things, including weddings, family reunions and just general outings," said Tower.

"I feel like our creek and park area is a real asset to our community, and feel the one in Snyder will be also," Tower said.



READY TO GO — Wilhelmenia Howard, Donna Fowler, Juan Pena and Vernon Pittman, from left, look over initial plans for the Deep Creek project. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Today everybody knows what *United* States of America really means."

We've been sent at least five copies of an editorial appearing in a Canadian newspaper. In light of last week's tragic events, we agree that Gordon Sinclair's remarks are worth repeating.

"This Canadian thinks it is time to speak up for the Americans as the most generous and possibly the least appreciated people on all the earth.

"Germany, Japan and, to a lesser extent, Britain and Italy were lifted out of the debris of war by the Americans who poured in billions and forgave other billions in debts. None of these countries is today paying even the interest or its remaining debts.

"When France was in danger of collapsing in 1956, it was the Americans who propped it up, and their rewards was to be insulted and swindled on the streets of Paris. I was there. I saw it.

"When earthquakes hit distance cities, it is the U.S. that hurries in to help. This spring, 59 American communities were flattened by tornadoes. Nobody helped.

"The Marshall Plan and the Truman Policy pumped billions into discouraged countries. Now newspapers in those countries are writing about the decadent, warmongering Americans.

"I'd like to see just one of those countries gloating over the erosion of the U.S. dollar build its own airplane. Does any other country have a plane equal to the Boeing Jumbo Jet? If so, why don't they fly them? Why do all the International lines exception Russia fly American planes?

"Why does no other land on earth even consider putting a man on the moon? You talk about Japanese technocracy, and you get radios. You talk about German technocracy, and you automobiles.

"You talk about American technocracy, and you find men on the moon –not just once – and safely home again.

"...I can name you 5,000 times when the Americans raced to the help of other people in trouble. Can you name me even one time when someone else raced to the Americans in trouble? I don't think there was outside help even during the San Francisco earthquake.

"Our neighbors have faced it alone, and I'm one Canadian who is tired of hearing them get kicked around. They will come out of this thing with their flag high. And when they do, they are entitled to thumb their nose at the lands gloating over their present troubles. I hope Canada is not one of those.

"Stand proud, America!"

Festival is Sunday

Sunday will mark the celebration of this year's Diez y Seis de Septeimbre Jamica Mexican holiday sponsored by Our Lady of Guadalupe Church.

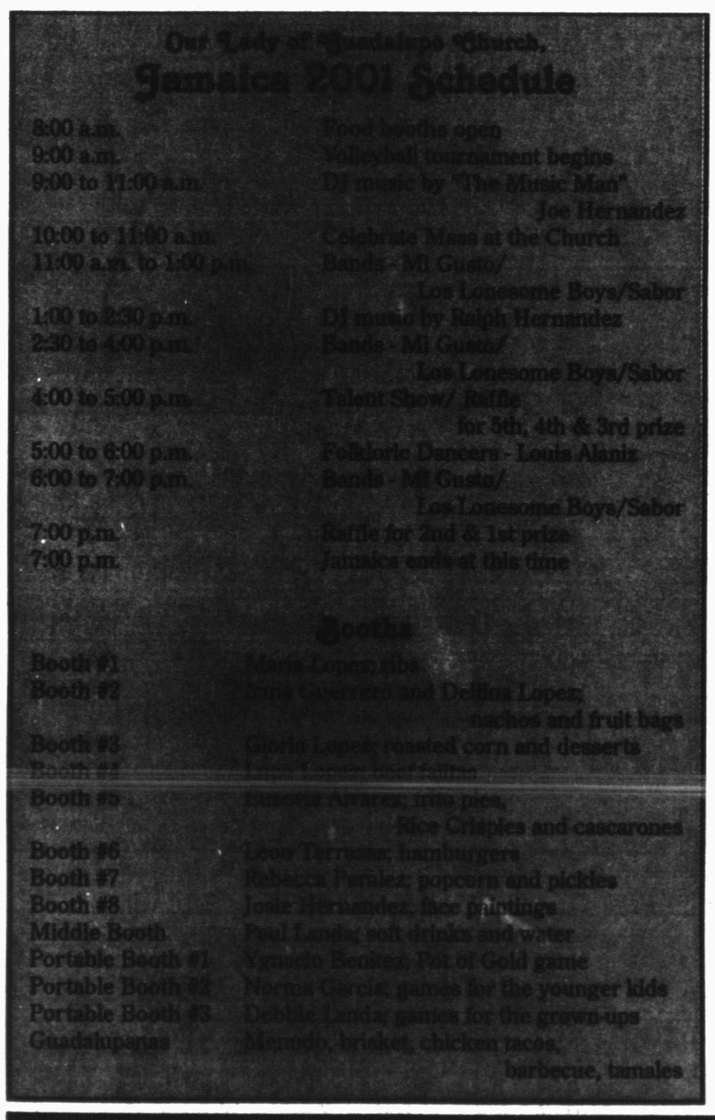
It promises to be a fun-filled day reflecting the significance of Sept. 16 to Mexico's heritage and to Americans of Mexican descent.

"For Mexican nationals in the U.S., it is a holiday away from home. For Mexican Americans, the 16th of September is a time to reflect on Mexican history, pass on the culture and tradition, and enjoy the celebration of freedom," said Leo Moras, pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church.

"The date marks the beginning of Mexico's struggle for independence from Spain," said Fr. Moras. "This day is similar in many ways to the American Fourth of July."

"Sunday is an opportunity for all nationalities in the community to come together as one entity and enjoy ourselves as equals in all the festivities," said Fr. Moras.

Food booths open at 8 a.m. Sunday and a full day of activities continue until the festival closes at 7 p.m.



Monday morning...

Cogdell ER renovation is on commissioners' court agenda

The Scurry County Commissioners' Court will hear a request to consider financing the refurbishing of Cogdell Memorial Hospital's emergency room when it convenes in regular session at 10 a.m. Monday.

The CMH board of trustees unanimously approved at its Aug. 30 meeting a resolution, supported by the medical staff, for the commissioners' court to provide the "necessary mechanisms" that result in the funding of the emergency department expansion and renovation and the funding of the surgery department renovation project.

Board chairman Jim Bob Cave said Friday the hospital doesn't have enough money in reserves to fund the project. Cave said Cogdell CEO George Parsley would address the court Monday about the need for funding.

The court's agenda also includes seven other items of new business, including employment an extension agent. The position has been vacant since the retirement of Kathryn Roberts. The court also will consider the appointment of Democrat and Republican election judges.

The court also will consider National Family Insurance as cafeteria administrator as well as a resignation from the Scurry County library board and the nominations for the Appraisal District board of directors.

Two of the district's directors – Walter Stirl, representing Hermleigh. and Ross Carroll, representing the City – will retire from the board at the end of their terms.

The commissioners also are set to convene in executive session with legal counsel regarding pending litigation brought by the Snyder Daily News for repeated violations of Open Meetings Law.

The court unanimously voted Wednesday to employ the Houston-based law firm King and Pennington to represent it in the suit.

Any line-tem transfers or budget amendments presented also will be considered.

The court will convene in the county courtroom on the third floor of the courthouse.

Musician will perform here

Master accordionist Santiago Jimenez Jr. will perform this week as part of the Texas Folklife Resources program.

Jimenez will be in Snyder starting Tuesday.

He will be playing traditional Tex-Mex conjunto music in venues all over town - including schools and service clubs.

A jam session under the stars is planned from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday on the courthouse lawn. A meeting of those associated with bringing the artist to Snyder will be held Monday at 6:30 p.m. at Willow Park Inn.

ASK US

Q—When will the traffic lights on the southeast corner of the square be fixed?

A—The city is waiting on parts to arrive.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 88 degrees; low, 65; 7 a.m. Saturday, 75; no precipitation; total for 2001, 14.14 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, mostly cloudy, 20% rain chance, low mid 60s. Sunday, mostly cloudy, 20% rain chance, highs mid 80s, S wind 10-20 mph.

Briana Rose
Mostly Cloudy

Sunset: 7:50 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:29 a.m.
Of 257 days in 2001, the sun has shone 245 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Give me a fruitful error anytime, full of seeds, bursting with its own corrections.

—Vilfredo Pareto

SEP 16 2001



WANTS TO HELP — Like the rest of the nation, Corbin Holmesly, Stanfield second grader, was saddened by Tuesday's devastating terrorist attacks in New York and Washington. He turned his desire into action Friday when he challenged the other schools in Snyder to collect as much money as they can during the next two weeks. (See story at right). (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Snyder, Texans give to relief effort

From local and wire reports

LUBBOCK (AP) — From pennies in piggy banks to $1 million donations, Texans are stepping up to help relief efforts for this week's terrorist attacks on the East Coast.

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In Snyder, collection containers for the American Red Cross have been placed in Davidson's IGA, United Supermarket, Wal-Mart, convenience stores and other places of business.

Also, Corbin Holmesly, Stanfield second grader, issued a challenge Friday to the other six schools in Snyder to collect as much money as possible for the relief effort.

Participating schools include four other elementary level — Central, East, Northeast and West; as well as the junior high and high school.

Jean McMillon, Stanfield principal, said she contacted principals at the other schools who all agreed to participate. The drive will last two weeks and then in early October the contributions will be sent to Rudolph Giuliani, mayor of New York.

She said they chose to send directly to the mayor because he will know where the money is most needed.

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"It's not a ton of money," Kathy Rollo, principal at Murfee Elementary School in Lubbock, said about the children's piggy-bank donations. "But it's a lot to them, and just knowing that it's helping is good for them."

Youngsters at Lubbock schools also are making American flags out of construction paper to sell for 25 cents. Others decided they could unearth spare change checking beneath the couch cushions at home.

Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk's office said Mark Cuban, owner of the Dallas Mavericks basketball team, had contributed $1 million on behalf of the city to the firefighters and police fund in New York City to help relatives of those killed trying to rescue victims in the World Trade Center.

The Dallas-based Big 12 Conference also will send $1 million to disaster relief funds.

The Houston Police Officers Union will donate more than $150,000 to a relief fund for the New York officers. The Houston Fire Department has set up a memorial fund to help the families of the firefighters killed.

Across Texas, efforts were under way by businesses and corporations to donate to the American Red Cross.

Grocery company Safeway Inc., in conjunction with Dallas-Fort Worth television station KXAS, was selling scan cards at its Tom Thumb and Simon David stores worth $1 or $5 to raise money for the relief effort.

Newspapers and television stations also are joining the effort. The Plano Star Courier is collecting $5 from each person who will sign a special series of "Support pages" to be published in the coming days. The paper's goal is $10,000, said Chuck Bloom, managing editor of the paper in suburban Dallas.

Belo Corp. news organizations throughout Texas are participating in a Spirit of America relief fund organized by WFAA-TV, The Dallas Morning News and Texas Cable News. Belo said collected money would go to the American Red Cross to benefit victims and families affected by the terrorist attacks.

"We are all struck by the enormity of this tragic series of events," said Kathy Clements-Hill, WFAA president and general manager.

A Lubbock-based grocery company, United Supermarkets, is getting 50,000 American flag stickers printed to give customers who make a donation at any of its 42 West Texas stores.

In Abilene, the United store set up a fund-raiser with television station KTAB. They handed out red, white and blue ribbons Thursday to customers who contributed.

One man drove up and plopped down a $1,000 check.

Then Jo Featherstone, 84, arrived with her tax rebate.

"I hadn't thought about that check since I got it," she said. "This just struck like a bell that rang over my head. I felt in my heart that I should do it."

Lubbock-based PNB Financial, which has 45 banking and mortgage locations throughout the state, is setting up an internal fund-raiser, said Geoff Wayne, senior vice president.

"We just feel like here in Lubbock we wanted to do something," he said. "They're our fellow Americans. We're going to do our part."

Methodist Hospitals of Dallas said it would have volunteers accepting donations from employees Friday for a MHD Disaster Relief Fund.

Outside the Padre Staples Mall in Corpus Christi, people dropped off cash and checks for the Red Cross.

"We feel real helpless just watching TV," Melyssa Silva, 11, told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times. "We can't do anything else, so we need to do whatever we can."

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On the Net:
www.redcross.org

Gang member receives life in prison

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A gang member convicted of killing a policeman in retaliation for being arrested in front of his girlfriend was sentenced to life in prison without parole.

Prosecutors had sought the death penalty for Catarino Gonzalez Jr., 23, convicted in June of first-degree murder. Superior Court Judge Robert J. Perry sentenced him Friday.

"He's going to spend everyday of the rest of his life behind bars," said Deputy District Attorney Loni Petersen. "I believe he deserves everyday of that."

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Make-A-Wish sets annual fundraiser

LUBBOCK — The Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Texas Plains will be hosting its fifth annual Fajita Fest from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Lubbock Coliseum across from Jones SBC Stadium.

Area merchants have donated prizes for the silent auction. Several bands will play throughout the day. Fox KJTV 34 will premier Disney's animated *The Legend of Tarzan Cartoon*. Celebrity servers will include the Cotton Kings, Lady Raiders and area mayors.

There will also be a drawing to win free roundup tickets for two to anywhere Southwest Airlines flies.

This event helps to raise money to pay for wishes in our area. The Lubbock Division of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Texas Plains serves 28 counties around the city of Lubbock, where each year, over 100 children are newly diagnosed with a qualifying illness.

All funds raised will benefit the local Make-A-Wish office, whose purpose is to grant wishes of children with life-threatening illness. The wishes cannot come true without the financial support of the communities.

Ex-resident writes book

Linda Gayle (Miller) McFarland, a 1961 graduate of Snyder High School, has published a book entitled *Cold War Strategist: Stuart Symington and the Search for National Security.*

Published by Praeger Press of the Greenwood Publishing Group located in Westport, Conn., the book is a study of Cold War politics and explores the attitudes and activities of the U.S. Senator W. Stuart Symington.

Dr. McFarland holds the BA degree from Texas Tech University, the MA degree from Texas Christian University, and the Ph.D. degree from the University of Missouri.

Following a brief assignment with the Snyder Public School system, she taught public school in both Lubbock and Los Alamos, N.M., before teaching at Arkansas State University and Williams Baptist College. She is a specialist in United States diplomatic history.

Symington was a consummate Cold Warrior and a Democratic senator from Missouri. During his 24 years in the Senate, he shifted from being an avid supporter of Lyndon Baines Johnson, the military and the CIA, to a dovish position, especially on the Vietnam War as he questioned all of America's foreign commitments, as well as the military and the CIA.

His ideas influenced presidential administrations from Harry S. Truman to Richard M. Nixon. He exposed covert activity associated with the Vietnam War and worked to restore the constitutional balance between the executive and legislative branches of government.

Dr. McFarland is a historian and an independent scholar. She resides in Granbury.

Berry's World



"HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ON A REALITY TV SHOW?"

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
9-9-8

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
4-9-34-35-37

Texas Two Step

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
3-17-22-31
Bonus number 5
Estimated jackpot: $200,000

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May 2001

Nora Hernandez ~ Burger King Employee of the Month of May. Nora has been with the Rip Griffin Team for 3 years. Nora is highly motivated and is dedicated to quality fast food service. Rip Griffin management and ownership congratulates and thanks her for a job well done.

June 2001

Dava Robbins ~ Burger King Employee of the Month of June. Dava has been with the Rip Griffin Team for 6 months. She is dedicated to quality fast food service. Dava has been a highly motivated and spirited team player. Rip Griffin management and ownership congratulates and thanks her for a job well done.

July 2001

Anna Evans ~ Grandy's Employee of the Month of July. Anna has been with the Rip Griffin Team for 10 months. As a crew leader, Anna has excelled in everyway, with top quality food and customer service always #1. Rip Griffin management and ownership congratulates Anna, and thanks her for a job well done!

August 2001

Carol Hickman ~ Burger King Employee of the Month of August. Carol has been with the Rip Griffin Team for 2 months. She has excelled to night manager. Carol has been an asset to our team. She is a highly motivated, trustworthy and dedicated employee. Rip Griffin management and ownership congratulates and thanks her for a job well done.

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SHS drama to open on Thursday

Snyder High School's drama Department's first show of the new school year opens Thursday at Worsham Auditorium. The Broadway comedy, *Noises Off!*, will take the stage at 7 p.m.

Other performance dates are 7 p.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Sunday. 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.



REHEARSAL — Caleb Durham and Bailey Stoker rehearse a scene from *Noises Off!* to debut Thursday night at Worsham Auditorium. (Contributed Photo)

Real-life horrors look like scenes from movies, books

NEW YORK (AP) — The World Trade Center toppling in "Deep Impact." Terrorists taking over an office building in "Die Hard." The White House and Empire State Building blowing up in "Independence Day."

Suddenly, none of it seems so crazy.

Since hijacked jets smashed into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, our whole idea of "imaginary" has been permanently transformed. The manufactured effects of "disaster" movies now look like network news footage. A paranoid thriller such as Tom Clancy's "Debt of Honor" — in which a jumbo jet destroys the U.S. Capitol during a joint meeting of Congress — resembles a mere variation of current events.

"It's the role of artists to presume what hasn't yet happened," says Edward Zwick, who directed "The Siege," a 1998 release about the government invoking martial law in New York after a terrorist campaign runs rampant.

"There is a rueful feeling at having been told at the time of 'The Siege' that what we showed was implausible. Had we tried to show what just happened it would have been considered even more implausible."

Art and real life have long engaged in a kind of marathon, overtaking each other and occasionally running side by side. The artist's quest to stay ahead is constantly challenged by the ever accelerating plots of history.

With nothing in their own lives to compare the bombings to, many people inevitably looked to the arts and popular culture. References were made to everything from Dante's "The Inferno" to "Independence Day."

Among the various cancellations and postponements this week, Fox pulled a planned broadcast of "Independence Day," long dismissed as among the most mindless of blockbusters.

The space race of the 1960s turned any number of old science fiction novels into pseudo-historical documents. And Ralph Ellison's "Invisible Man," published in 1952, seemed to anticipate both the civil rights movement and the rise of black nationalism.

The Monica Lewinsky affair changed the 1998 film "Wag the Dog," in which the president fabricates war with Albania to divert attention from a sex scandal, from satire to prophecy. When President Clinton ordered missile attacks against Afghanistan and the Sudan three days after confessing to his relationship with the White House intern, some critics referred to it as a "Wag the Dog" ploy.

Catastrophic events, such as the Holocaust, change how we experience and even interpret art. Franz Kafka's "The Trial," unfinished at the time of the author's death in 1924, ends with Joseph K. succumbing to his punishment for an undetermined crime. When Orson Welles made a film version, in the 1960s, the character fights back.

"I don't think Kafka could have stood for that (a passive surrender) after the death of 6 million Jews," Welles later explained, saying he considered K. to be Jewish. "It just made it morally impossible for me to see a man who might even possibly be taken by the audience for a Jew lying down and allowing himself to be killed that way."

Real life can give art new and horrible power. "The China Syndrome," released in 1979, was an embellishment on previous accidents at nuclear power plants. Within weeks, the Three Mile Island facility had a near disaster and was forever joined in popular memory to the "fictional" story.

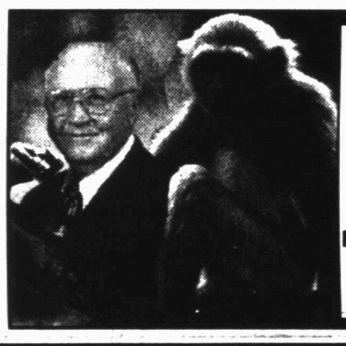
"The Manchurian Candidate," Richard Condon's novel about a presidential assassination, was published in 1959. When a film adaptation, starring Frank Sinatra, was nearly canceled out of fear President Kennedy would object, Sinatra reportedly got Kennedy's personal approval.

Directed by John Frankenheimer, the film came out in 1962 and received two Academy Award nominations. But the following year Kennedy was murdered and the movie was rarely shown for years.

"The gist of the questions I got was, 'Did I feel responsible for the president being killed?' My answer was, 'Of course not. It had nothing to do with movies,'" Frankenheimer later recalled.

But in 1968, the director relived the film. He was helping his friend Robert Kennedy run for president. After Kennedy won the California primary, Frankenheimer drove him to the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles to greet supporters and watched the speech from a TV monitor in a hotel archway.

Moments later, a stranger brushed by him. That stranger: Sirhan Sirhan, the man about to kill Kennedy.



WHAT GOES AROUND, COMES AROUND SO WE ARE TOLD.
REMEMBER ONE NIGHT WHEN YOU LEFT TWO IN THE COLD?
FIRST CAME JEFFREY AND NOW COMES BILL
AND YOUR BIRTHDAYS WE PROCLAIM FROM THE WINDOW SILL.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BILL

Web site criticized for giving false hope to victims' families

NEW YORK (AP) — When the angry e-mails started pouring in by the thousands, Avery Harken and her two partners at NY.com realized that something had gone awry in their effort to help in the midst of the World Trade Center tragedy.

Harken, 25, in Manhattan, and her brother and business partner, Charles Thayer, 32, in San Francisco, had spent much of Tuesday trying to track down friends and relatives who lived or worked near the twin towers. A germ of an idea formed.

With phone lines down, they decided family members needed a central place to go to know that loved ones were safe. Their Web site, www.ny.com, which normally provides entertainment listings, weather and news about New York, could be a place where survivors and others posted the news that they were OK.

"We wanted to make a list of the living that would grow and grow so people would have hope," Harken said.

The site went up at 4 p.m Tuesday, about seven hours after the first plane hit the Trade Center. An hour later, it had 36 entries. By evening, a thousand. And on Friday afternoon, the list had ballooned to 21,600 entries.

Among the various sites that have popped up with unofficial survivor information, NY.com's has arguably become the most popular. Papers from San Francisco to Atlanta to New York have listed it. By the end of the week, it was getting some 8 million hits a day, 80 times its normal volume.

But for hundreds, perhaps thousands of families, the list and others like it have brought false hope. Countless families say they have been victimized by cruel pranksters posting bogus information.

"The worst thing is that list — it got people's hopes up," said Marcos Velazquez, who is searching for his brother, Jorge, a security guard for Morgan Stanley who worked on the 44th floor of one of the towers.

On Wednesday evening, Velazquez's relatives had all but given up hope. They had crisscrossed the city fruitlessly looking for any scrap of information.

Then Thursday, their spirits soared when someone spotted Velazquez's name on the NY.com site. They frantically called hospitals trying to find out where he had been admitted. They rushed to the armory where families had been directed for official information. Nothing.

Crushed, they returned home.

When they examined the site more closely, they realized that two more entries for Jorge Velazquez had been added. The listings had the ring of truth, one stating that he was in St. Vincent's Hospital. Another listed his sister's cell phone as a contact number. But they were all fake. The family suspects someone saw the fliers they taped to light posts and decided to play a terrible joke.

Harken, Thayer and their partner Andrew Denmark, of San Francisco, said they expected a few bogus entries. As soon as the database went up, they weeded out the obvious ones: Bart Simpson, Darth Vader, Saddam Hussein, Osama Bin Laden and George W. Bush.

But they have been shocked by the kind of entries that traumatized the Velazquez family.

"It's amazing that anybody would do that," Thayer said.

Massive traffic on the site makes it difficult to make software adjustments. At one point, entries were being made at a clip of a thousand per hour, Denmark said.

All three employees are exhausted. Denmark and Thayer stayed up all night Thursday moving the database to a new set of servers so changes and additions can be made more quickly. In NY.com's Manhattan office, Harken has summoned her friends, mother and sister to work in shifts answering phones, responding to e-mails and editing fake entries.

She estimated she has napped just 12 hours since Tuesday morning. Harken said she is trying to respond to 7,000 e-mails, roughly split between people thanking the company for its efforts and those cursing it.

"Take down that horrifying list of lies," read a typical message. "You have no heart or American feelings."

On Friday, a private investigator dispatched by a victimized family showed up on Harkin's doorstep.

Contribution will honor fire fighters killed on the job

In honor of the fire fighters and emergency medical services (EMS) personnel who lost their lives as a result of the terrorist attacks in New York, Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania, the American Heart Association will contribute the first one quarter of a million dollars raised from American Heart Walk events to the 9-1-1 Disaster Fund.

This fund is managed by the International Association of Fire Fighters and will assist families of fire fighters in the impacted areas.

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The Scurry County Dr. David Hensley Memorial American Heart Walk will be held as originally planned on Oct. 13 starting at American State Bank. More than 100 American Heart Walk events nationwide will be held on that weekend.

The American Heart Association is saddened by the events of the past week. Its volunteers and staff extend their thoughts and prayers to all those who have been affected by the tragedy.

Fighting heart disease and stroke is still the mission of the American Heart Association. However, the association's contribution is its way of showing support and appreciation to fire fighters and EMS — first responders in the case of a medical emergency — for their heroic deed in saving lives and advancing the American Heart Association's mission. Fire fighters and EMS personnel are typically first to provide assistance to people suffering from cardiovascular emergencies. Through their lifesaving efforts — such as CPR and the use of automated external defibrillators (AED) — countless lives have been saved.

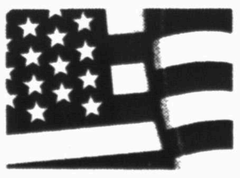
The American Heart Walk is the premier fund-raising event for the American Heart Association. Its goal is to raise $75 million in the next year for heart and stroke research, as well as community and professional education programs. More than 500,000 walkers will participate in more than 775 American Heart Walk events nationally in the coming months.

For more information on the American Heart Walk, contact Scurry County AHA, President Dee Chasteen at 573-2913.

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WTC will get funds from TIF

How does a student pick a college or university? Is it location? Is it available courses? Is it cost? More than likely, it is a combination of many things that moves a student to choose a college or university to attend.

What about the availability of technology and distance learning offerings? A Texas state agency, the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund (TIF) Board, is stepping into the equation when it comes to diminishing the digital divide among colleges and universities by offering grant funds to expand upon existing technology infrastructure.

Approximately $23.8 million has been awarded to 119 institutions of higher education throughout the state of Texas. All two and four-year colleges and universities were eligible to apply for this non-competitive grant offering. Western Texas College applied for and was awarded $50,000 in TIF funding to advance its infrastructure for the students and their instructors.

With this Higher Education Technology Advancement grant, WTC will purchase modern equipment such as a fourth distance learning classroom to be used to deliver courses to other educational institutions. The project officially began on Aug. 31.

"We are very excited that WTC is receiving this grant from TIF," said Britt Canada, Project Director. "With this funding, we will be able to incorporate more modern technologies into the classrooms and other areas throughout the college. We want our students to have an edge by gaining anytime, anywhere, immediate access to information at their fingertips. This grant will help us take steps to achieve that goal."

Reports of high prices add up

AUSTIN (AP) — Consumers across Texas continued to register price gouging complaints Thursday, Attorney General John Cornyn said.

Cornyn's office received more than 1,000 complaints by early afternoon. Most of the claims were about gasoline prices, some as high as $5 a gallon, Cornyn said.

"There is an artificial fear out there that our nation's fuel supply is in danger," Cornyn said. "I find it despicable that some business operators want to profit from that fear."

Other complaints claim exorbitantly priced rental cars and costly hotel rooms after Tuesday's terrorist attacks on the East Coast.

Cornyn also warned of "unscrupulous groups and individuals who may try to scam generous Texans who think they're donating money to victims of Tuesday's terrorist attack."

Gov. Rick Perry has issued a limited disaster declaration in Texas to curtail possible price gouging.

Perry planned Friday to extend the declaration through Oct. 14, his spokesman said. It had been due to expire Friday.

The declaration extends the protections of the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act specifically to bar gouging during the aftermath of the terrorist attacks.

Price gouging claims can be made by calling 1-800-337-3928 or 1-800-252-8011.

On the Net:
http://www.oag.state.tx.us

In 1862, Union volunteers led by James J. Andrews stole a Confederate train near Marietta, Ga., but were later caught. This episode inspired the Buster Keaton movie "The Gneral."

SJHS
Peer Mediation begins 2nd year

Snyder Junior High School has launched its second Peer Mediation program.

Peer Mediation is a method of resolving conflicts based on the benefit that young people can help young people. The process is voluntary, confidential, and is based on a cooperative format that can end with win-win solutions.

Peer mediators work in pairs and have the role of helping the parties involved to communicate in a manner that leads to solutions that meet the needs of everyone involved. Conflicts that arise between students are similar in schools everywhere. The following are common conflicts that can be successfully mediated: Rumors, name-calling, friendship problems, threats, relationship problems, and fights.

Students are selected by peer and teacher nominations and go through an interview process and were evaluated on their ability to work with others and remain confidential. Important criteria considered were regular attendance, trustworthiness, and respect by peers.

After selection, all students went through a 12-hour training program. The first six hours of training occurred at the Patterson farm. Kenneth Serrano, a director from Prevention Education Associates in Austin, was the mediation training facilitator. The other six hours of training took place at Region XIV Satellite Office.

At the end of the training session, the students learned the steps in the mediation process.

- Opening: Setting the rules and explaining the process.
- Gathering facts: Giving each party an opportunity to explain what happened and what the conflict was about.
- Venting feelings: Giving each party an opportunity to express how they feel about the situation.
- Finding solutions: Giving both parties an opportunity to brainstorm possible solutions.
- Formal agreement: Helping both parties come to an agreement which will be written and signed.

Twenty-seven students at Snyder Junior High School have been trained as Peer Mediators for the 2001-2002 school year.

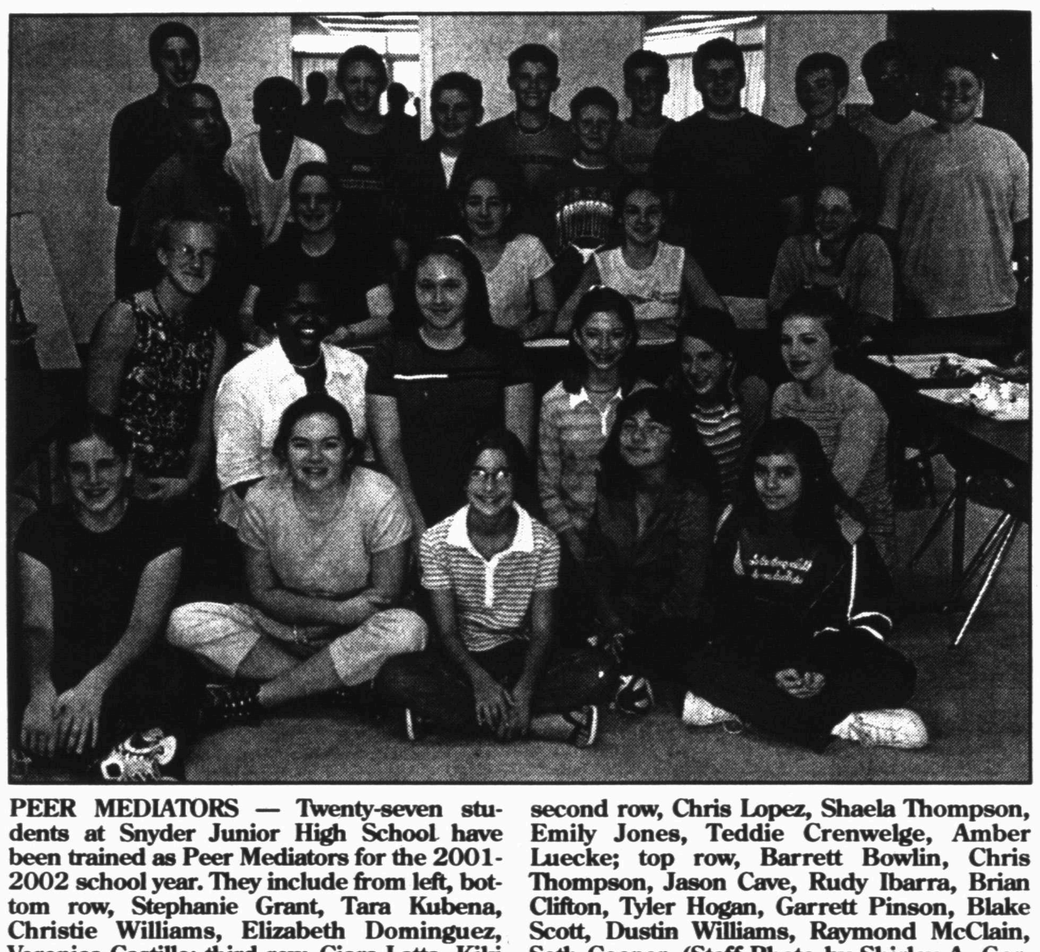
They include Stephanie Grant, Tara Kubena, Christie Williams, Elizabeth Dominguez, Veronica Castillo, Ciara Latta, Kiki Wofford, Sirena Medrano, Megan McCormick, Jana Lewis, Temi Thompson; Chris Lopez, Shaela Thompson, Emily Jones Teddie Crenwelge, Amber Luecke, Barrett Bowlin, Chris Thompson, Jason Cave, Rudy Ibarra, Brian Clifton, Tyler Hogan, Garrett Pinson, Blake Scott, Dustin Williams, Raymond McClain, Seth Cooper.

The facilitators this year include Janeen Patterson, drama director; Leslie Murphy, science teacher; Stewart Long, math teacher; and officer Bill Whitley.

School officials say this program has been a great success because conflict is a natural part of life. Although students cannot get through life without it, they learn that they have options as to how to deal with conflict.

Young people have limited experience and often don't have the opportunity to learn about positive ways of dealing with conflict. The end results are the increasing time and energy spend disciplining students in our schools and the growing amount of violence in the communities. With the proper tools and support, young people can begin to see the opportunities for learning and for positive change that can result from conflict. Mediation is one of those tools.

In the fall of 1999, Snyder Junior High School began the conflict resolution program. The first facilitators were then SJHS vice principal Dixie Haggard and teachers Leslie Murphy and Janeen Patterson.



PEER MEDIATORS — Twenty-seven students at Snyder Junior High School have been trained as Peer Mediators for the 2001-2002 school year. They include from left, bottom row, Stephanie Grant, Tara Kubena, Christie Williams, Elizabeth Dominguez, Veronica Castillo; third row, Ciara Latta, Kiki Wofford, Sirena Medrano, Megan McCormick, Jana Lewis, Temi Thompson; second row, Chris Lopez, Shaela Thompson, Emily Jones, Teddie Crenwelge, Amber Luecke; top row, Barrett Bowlin, Chris Thompson, Jason Cave, Rudy Ibarra, Brian Clifton, Tyler Hogan, Garrett Pinson, Blake Scott, Dustin Williams, Raymond McClain, Seth Cooper. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Amtrak begins new safety measures

PHOENIX (AP) — Amtrak has launched a safety push after a major freight railroad imposed restrictions on operations of Amtrak trains in the wake of the East Coast terrorist attacks and two train accidents.

Amtrak on Friday said it will conduct new testing and evaluations of crew members, increase safety briefings and launch joint reviews with freight railroads on whose tracks Amtrak operates its trains.

Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Co. on Tuesday had imposed a 70 mph speed limit for Amtrak trains operating on BNSF tracks and, with the exception of some routes in Southern California, ordered that two Amtrak employees be in the operating cab of all Amtrak trains.

The restrictions imposed by Burlington Northern, which is based in Fort Worth, Texas, were described variously as caused by concern about the New York and Washington terrorism or about two train collisions on another railroad's tracks.

A BNSF document released by Arizona railroad-safety regulators indicated that BNSF imposed the restrictions on Thursday in the wake of "alleged stop signal violations" involved in two rail accidents involving Amtrak trains on Union Pacific tracks in Texas and Utah on Tuesday and Thursday, respectively.

Representatives of BNSF acknowledged Friday the railroad imposed the speed and crew restrictions on Amtrak trains. However, they said the speed restrictions also applied to BNSF's own trains and that both restrictions were imposed Tuesday because of concerns stemming from the terrorism attacks that day in New York and Washington, not by the accidents.

"Those were just a temporary requirement of this week as events unfolded and basically it all comes back to our concerns with fatigue and distractions out there," said BNSF spokeswoman Lena Kent. She said the restrictions would be lifted Saturday.

Trains normally are allowed to travel as fast as 90 mph on some wide-open stretches of BNSF track in Arizona, the railroad said.

Amtrak spokeswoman Cheryle Jackson denied that the safety push was forced by the BNSF restrictions. She said Amtrak acted on its own because of the terrorist actions and the Texas derailment the same day.

"Everyone is distraught and impacted by the tragedies," Jackson said from Chicago. "To make certain that our employees are focused on their jobs, this is an opportunity to pound home they have a job to do and the need to do it safely."

Amtrak owns its own track on the Northeast corridor between Boston and Washington but elsewhere in the country generally uses tracks belonging to BNSF and other railroads.

BNSF operates 33,500 miles of track covering 28 states and two Canadian provinces. BNSF track is used by Amtrak trains serving such cities as Seattle, Minneapolis, Chicago and Albuquerque, N.M.

Arizona Corporation Commission officials considered BNSF's restrictions "vindication" for the regulatory agency efforts to enforce a state rule requiring that a train's lead locomotive carry two crew members, commission spokeswoman Heather Murphy said.

Most Amtrak trains generally operate with one crew member, the train's engineer, in the cab of the lead engine, while other train personnel, including the conductor, ride in passenger cars.

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Financial Focus

Stay the Investing Course to Weather World Crisis

As the horrifying events surrounding the Sept. 11 attack on the United States gripped the nation, financial matters were not the first priority. Peoples' thoughts and concerns were with our nation, and particularly with the victims of the tragedy and their families and friends. Yet, individual investors faced an uncertain investment market with many unanswered questions about their own investments. As an investor, what should you do?

During periods of uncertainty, it's more important than ever to remember the basic rules of successful investing.

Stay the Course — Once you have determined your long-term financial destination and have plotted a course to get there, it's vital to stay on track and keep moving forward. It's natural to react to recent events with fear and uncertainty. But don't give in to the temptation to make hasty investment decisions. Despite the tragedy, the world's great companies will continue to produce the goods and services needed internationally.

Historically, the market has declined for a short time in the aftermath of world crises, but it has traditionally returned to normal after the shock subsidies.

Stay Invested — Now is not the time to get out of the market. Sadly, there have been other national tragedies in the past, although arguably none as horrific as the events of Sept. 11. Thankfully, we live in a nation that is resilient, and the financial markets have historically reflected that.

Stay with Quality — Stocks issued by companies with histories of solid growth can endure periods of market uncertainty and continue to grow in value.

Stay Diversified — Portfolio risk can be reduced by spreading your investment dollars among a variety of investment types, including stocks, mutual funds, bonds and other investments. By owning a variety of investment types, your portfolio will be well-positioned to weather most market crises.

Stay focused — When it comes to investing, long-term performance is what counts. It's difficult not to dwell on the recent tragedy; but, with regard to your investments, it's important to look forward.

Stay Calm — Investment decisions should never be made based on emotions. Rather, they should be based on long-term needs and goals.

By following these timeless investment rules, you can stay on course during even the most turbulence market and reach your long-term financial goals as planned.

Along with all the

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extend our deepest sympathies to the

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events of September 11.

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nation's leaders as they guide us through

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Houston Westbury Christian 14, Texas School for the Deaf 0
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League City Bay Area 13, Houston Mount Carmel 6
Midland Christian 56, Kermit 8
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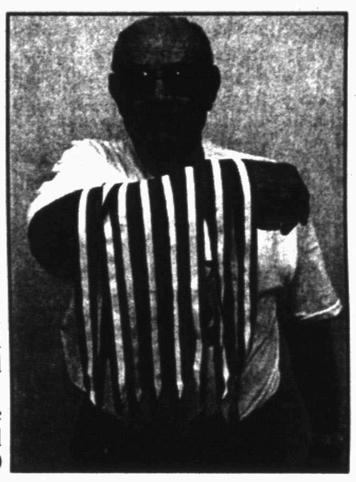
Snyder competitors earn 12 medals at Senior Games

Three Snyder residents proved they haven't lost a step by capturing 11 gold medals and one silver at the Texas State Senior Games in Lubbock.

Don Duncan, Dorothy Duncan, and Bernhard Bartels swept the gold medals in the horseshoe pitching event. Bartels and Don Duncan also earned the top spot in washer pitching, while Dorothy Duncan took home the silver.

Bartels continued his charge in the swimming events, winning all six races to raise his gold medal total to eight.

Bartels toppped the field in the 50 and 100-meter freestyle, 50 and 100-meter breaststroke, and the 50 and 100-meter backstroke.



Bernhard Bartels



TAEKWONDO MEDALISTS — Earning medals at the recent Las Cruces, N.M. Taekwondo Invitational were, front from left, Zach Gafford, Cheyenne Alvarez and Alex Jaramillo. On the back row are Coach Ronnie Martinez, Jordan Gafford, Adrian Padron, Joseph Benz and Master Greg Gafford. (Contributed Photo)

Taekwondo...

Locals give solid effort

Several local competitors fought their way near the top of the standings recently at the Las Cruces, N.M. Taekwondo Invitational.

Alex Jaramillo, a red belt, captured second place in free-sparring, while Jordan Gafford earned third place in the same category.

Green belt Cheyenne Alvarez, and yellow belt Joseph Benz also grabbed third in the sparring competition, with green belt Alex Bullis taking fourth.

In the forms competition, Gafford and Benz each earned runner-up honors.

Adrian Padron, a blue belt, took third. Jaramillo and Bullis were fourth.

The Snyder competitors are coached by Greg Gafford and Ronnie Martinez.

Next up is the Fort Worth International Championships scheduled for Oct. 20.

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State-ranked Wylie halts Tigers, 28-14

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

ABILENE — For the first 24 minutes Friday night, the Snyder Tigers showed how far they've come. Then for the next two quarters, the Wylie Bulldogs showed them how far they still have to go.

Snyder saw the fruits of their first-half labor wiped away in a matter of minutes Friday, as Abilene Wylie used two quick third-quarter scores to pull away for a 28-14 victory at Bulldog Stadium.

The setback was Snyder's first of the season and sends the Tigers into District 4-4A play with a record of 2-1. Third-ranked Wylie, last year's Class 3A runner-up, remained unbeaten at 3-0.

"I think we'll learn from this," said first-year Snyder head coach Chad Rogers. "We always hate to lose, but this is why you play these non-district games. You want to find out what you need to work on, and we found out a few things tonight."

Snyder's effort in the first half resembled that of the past two weeks, with the Tigers holding the Bulldogs to only 59 rushing yards and six points.

Snyder held the momentum at the break, after senior nose tackle Brooks Nunley pounced on a fumble at the Wylie 45-yard line.

Ten plays later on third and 17, T.J. Jones hit Corey Clay near the back of the endzone with a 26-yard scoring strike. Isaac Ramon's boot, with 17 seconds left in the half, sent Snyder to the locker room with a 7-6 advantage.

"I felt like we had the momentum at halftime," Rogers stated. "But give Wylie credit. They were resilient and patient, and they took it to us in the second half."

With the experience of a state title tilt under their belt, the Bulldogs came out for the second half unfazed by the last-second touchdown.

Wylie's defense set the tone for the remainder of the game on the first play of the third quarter when Lance Loza jarred the ball loose from Tiger halfback Jammall Pruitt, and Justin Burleson recovered at the Snyder 16.

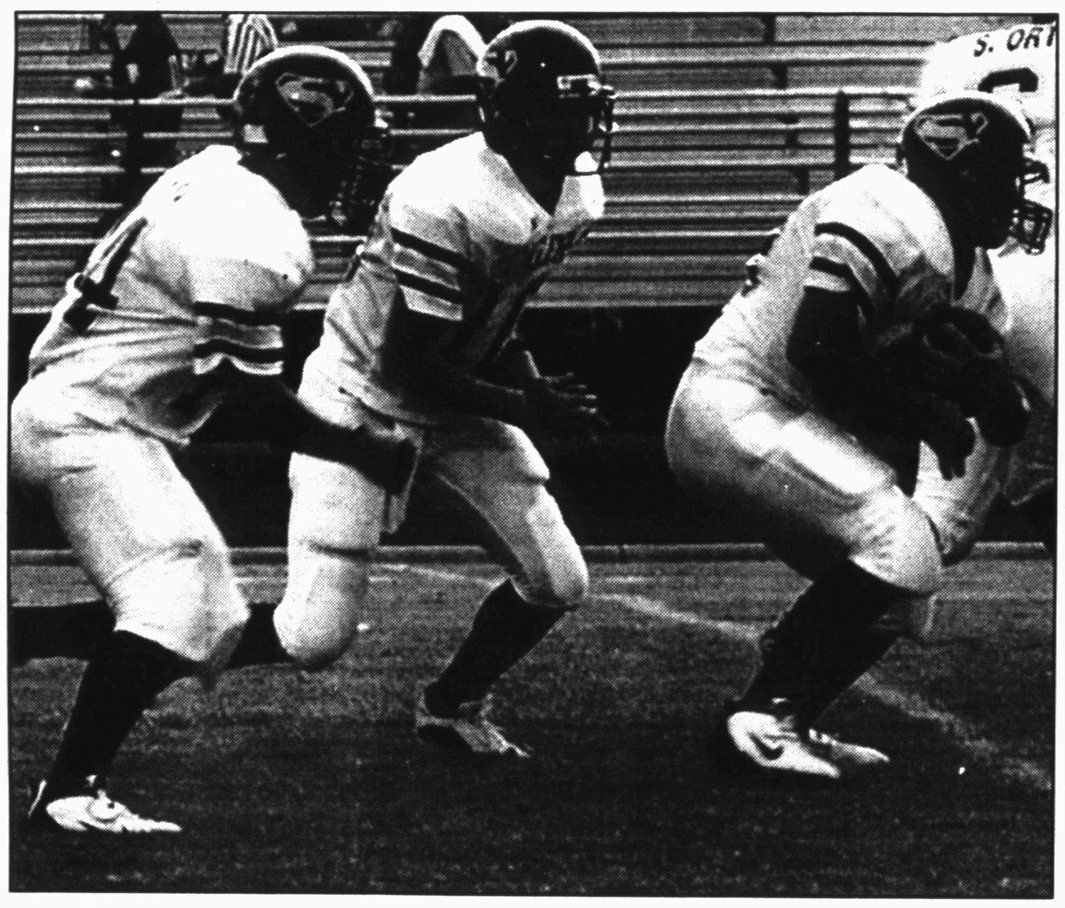
The Bulldogs grabbed the lead for good on the next play, as Danny Ruth raced in for his first of two scores. Caleb Ensor connected with Landon Wolfe for the two-point conversion and a 14-7 Wylie advantage.

"I don't believe there's one play that determined the ballgame," Rogers said. "But it seemed to take us a while to bounce back from that."

After a Snyder punt on its next possession, Wylie took over at its own 46 and went to work again. Ruth broke free for 48 yards to the Tiger 6, and two plays later Jeff Womble plunged in from a yard for the Bulldogs' second touchdown in less than three minutes.

"Wylie just started pounding the ball behind those big linemen, and we were getting beat at the point of attack," Rogers remarked. "They did the things they needed to win the game. They're a good football team."

The Tigers showed some spark with two first downs on their next drive, before Wylie snuffed out the Tigers' hopes with an eight-play march that resulted in a 3-yard scoring dive by Ruth.



HIDING BEHIND BLOCKERS — Snyder' Josh Montoya looks for a running lane, while Billy Pena (44) and T.J. Jones (10) move in to assist Friday night at Abilene Wylie. The Tigers take next week off before hosting Plainview for the Sept. 28 district opener. (SDN Staff Photo)

Another two-point conversion put the Bulldogs up, 28-7, and capped Ruth's night. The returning all-state back needed only 13 carries to tally 150 yards, 99 of them coming in the third quarter.

The squads traded turnovers to start the final frame, with a Wylie fumble sandwiched between two Jones interceptions.

The Tigers' final points came at the end of a 75-yard drive with 2:12 left. On third and goal from the 9, Riki Dorsett snared a pass from Jones in the front corner of the endzone, and Ramon's kick split the uprights for the 28-14 final tally.

Snyder, which came in averaging almost 370 rushing yards per game, managed only 182 on the ground. The Tigers also committed four turnovers.

"You can't give a really good team extra chances and expect to win, and we gave them four," said Rogers. "But we can learn something from every mistake we made, and we'll be better off the next time we're in that position."

Jones led the Tigers with 62 yards on 12 carries, while Pruitt added 53 on 10 tries. Pruitt left the game with sprained right knee at the six-minute mark, and is listed as day-to-day.

Wylie opened the scoring midway through the second quarter with a 9-yard pass from Ensor to John Lampert, but missed the extra-point kick for a 6-0 lead.

Snyder's first big play of the night came four minutes later when Dorsett returned a punt 54 yards to the Bulldog 36.

The Tigers scoring chance seemed doomed when Jones fumbled on the ensuing play, but Nunley's recovery only seconds later led to Snyder's first touchdown and halftime lead.

Snyder takes next week off before hosting Plainview for the district opener Sept. 28 at Tiger Stadium.

In Friday's other action involving District 4-4A teams, Andrews posted a 31-14 victory over Carlsbad, N.M. Estacado fell to Canyon Randall, 37-14, and Big Spring dropped a 28-27 decision to Hereford.

Plainview held off Canyon, 27-21. Frenship took care of Lamesa, 34-22, and Levelland was toppled by Littlefield, 35-32.

The San Angelo Lake View Chiefs had the night off.

Game Summary

Snyder	00	07	00	07	— 14
Abilene Wylie	00	06	22	00	— 28

Second Quarter

Wylie — John Lampert 9-yard pass from Caleb Ensor (kick failed), 7:32.
Snyder — Corey Clay 26-yard pass from T.J. Jones (Isaac Ramon kick), 0:17.

Third Quarter

Wylie — Danny Ruth 16-yard run (Landon Wolfe pass from Ensor), 11:29.
Wylie — Jeff Womble 1-yard run (kick blocked), 8:33.
Wylie — Ruth 3-yard run (Tommy Felts run), 2:18.

Fourth Quarter

Snyder — Riki Dorsett 9-yard pass from Jones (Ramon kick), 2:12.

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First Downs	11	17
Rushes-yards	44-182	36-238
Passing yards	35	99
Comp-Att-Int	2-9-2	11-18-0
Punts	6-25.0	5-35.8
Fumbles-lost	4-2	2-2
Penalties-yards	6-40	6-45
Time of poss.	24:48	23:12

RUSHING — Snyder: T.J. Jones, 12-62; Jammall Pruitt, 10-53; Josh Montoya, 8-33; Billy Pena, 7-22; Chance Greenwood, 1-8; Corey Clay, 3-7; Clay Williams, 1-2; Shay Franks, 2-minus 5. **Wylie:** Danny Ruth, 13-150; Eric Massey, 5-35; Landon Wolfe, 5-23; Shane Moore, 2-11; Caleb Ensor, 2-10; Jeff Womble, 2-5; Joseph Fernandez, 1-5; Tommy Felts, 3-3; Cole Landes, 2-minus 2; Caleb Martin, 1-minus 2.

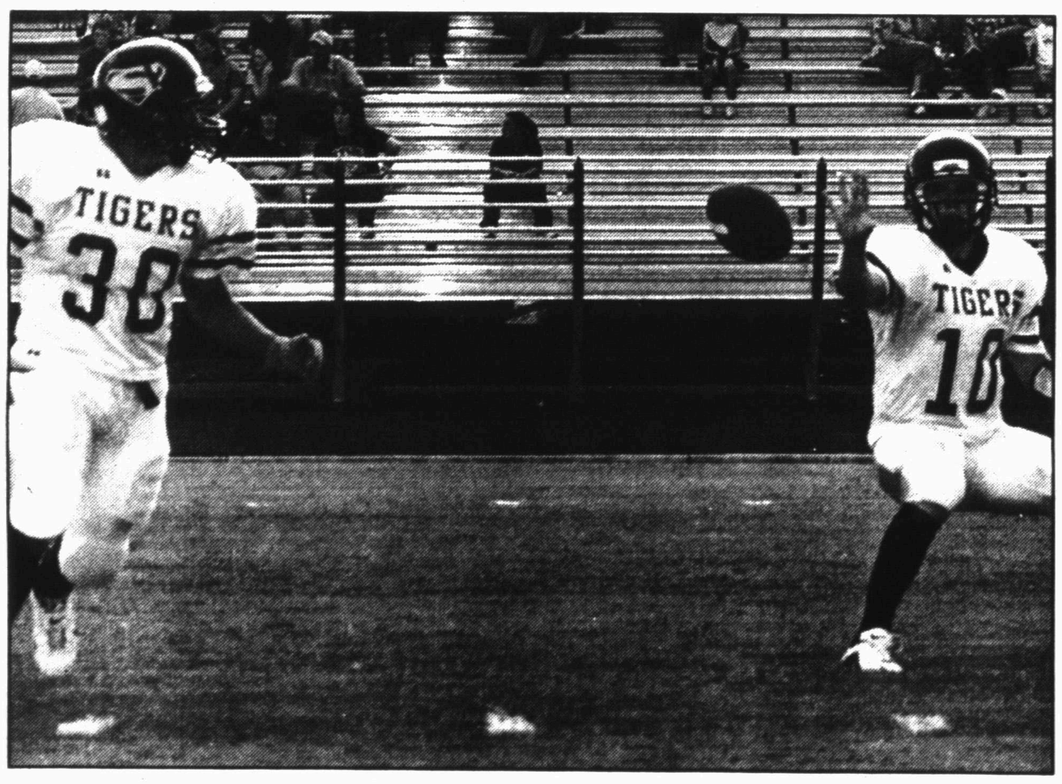
PASSING — Snyder: T.J. Jones 2 of 9 for 35 yards, 2 TD, 2 int. **Wylie:** Caleb Ensor 11 of 17 for 99 yards, 1 TD; Cole Landes 0 of 1.

RECEIVING — Snyder: Corey Clay, 1-26; Riki Dorsett, 1-9. **Wylie:** John Lampert, 3-.0; Travis Hatchett, 2-24; Nick Santos, 1-15; Landon Wolfe, 2-12; Ryan Bailey, 1-6; Danny Ruth, 2-2.

District 4-4A Football

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

Friday's results: Abilene Wylie 28, Snyder 14; Andrews 31, Carlsbad, N.M. 14; Canyon Randall 37, Estacado 14; Frenship 34, Lamesa 22; Littlefield 35, Levelland 32; Plainview 27, Canyon 21; Hereford 28, Big Spring 27. Open — Lake View.
Next week's games: Estacado at Palo Duro (Thursday); Big Spring at Abilene Wylie, Lampasas at Lake View; Frenship at Hereford; Levelland at Ft. Stockton. Open — Snyder, Andrews and Plainview.



IT'S YOURS — Snyder junior quarterback T.J. Jones flip the ball to junior running back Josh Montoya during non-district action Friday night at Abilene Wylie. Wylie, the third-rankd team in Class 3A, toppled the Tigers, 28-14. (SDN Staff Photo)

Florida hoopster linked to gambling investigation

By EDDIE PELLS
AP Sports Writer

Former Florida basketball player Teddy Dupay shared in winnings his friend received from a bookmaker after Dupay gave the friend inside information about whether the Gators could cover point spreads, a sworn complaint alleges.

Dupay, who was dismissed from the team last week, is listed as an uncharged co-defendant in a complaint filed against Kresten Lagerman, 23, a finance major who graduated from Florida last May.

The complaint, filed by the University of Florida police department, charges Lagerman with tampering with a witness, victim or informant, and unlawful betting.

It says Dupay provided Lagerman with information that could help him determine how Florida would do against the point spread. The report states Lagerman placed bets on professional and college basketball games, including Florida games, and shared his winnings with Dupay.

Florida endured an injury-filled season in 2000-01, and there were several instances in which players returned from injuries sooner than expected.

"Teddy is not charged," said Dupay's attorney, Gil Schaffnit. "If charges are filed against Mr. Dupay, we'll defend them. It's not up for me to comment on whatever is said about Mr. Dupay and his involvement with others."

Lagerman's attorney, Mike Sawyer, did not immediately return messages left at his office by The Associated Press.

The witness-tampering charge stems from allegations in the complaint that Lagerman misled investigators and withheld testimony.

Witness tampering is a third-degree felony punishable by up to five years in prison and a $5,000 fine. The gambling charge is a second-degree misdemeanor. Penalties range up to 60 days imprisonment and a $500 fine.

The NCAA has very strict rules regarding gambling, mandating a one-year suspension for any student who solicits or accepts a bet involving college or pro sports.

Local Sports Briefs

Western Texas MGA

The Men's Golf Association of Western Texas College holds a weekly event at 6 p.m. each Tuesday. Players need to register in the pro shop by 5:30.

Tuesday scramble and all-day MGA

The Men's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club holds its weekly scramble at 5:30 p.m. each Tuesday.
Also, an all-day MGA event is held each Thursday.

WGA play day

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club holds its weekly play day at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Format is queen of the hill.



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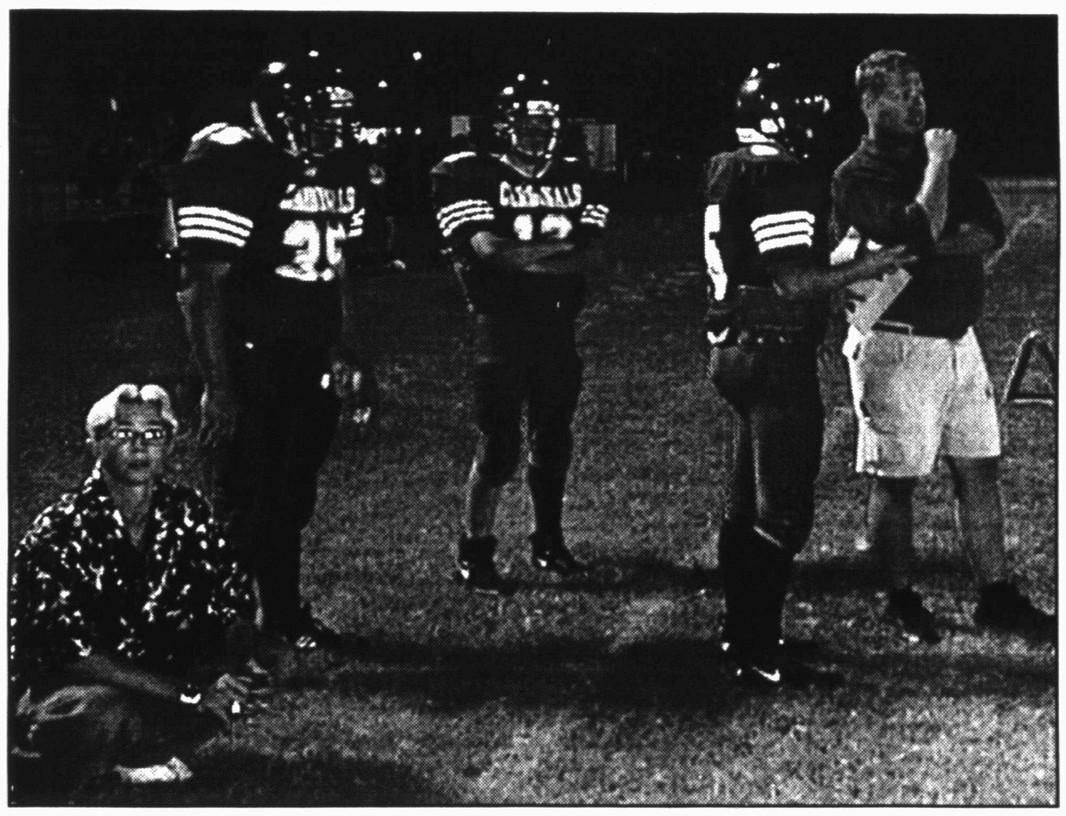
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HERE'S WHAT WE'RE GOING TO TRY — Hermleigh head coach Harley Ethridge talks with sophomore Justin Williamson (5), while student manager Rocky Glover, Jose Granados (35) and Dustin Williamson (12) look on during Friday night's 64-6 setback to Aspermont. (SDN Staff Photo)

Bulldogs roll to second consecutive win, 52-6

LAMESA — The Ira Bulldogs have now played one full game of football, and they have a 2-0 record to prove it.

For the second consecutive week Ira made short work of its opponent, this time issuing a 52-6 thumping to Klondike in Friday night's six-man tilt at Cougar Stadium.

Like the Bulldogs' runaway victory over Veribest in the season opener, Friday's contest was halted at halftime on the 45-point mercy rule.

"We actually got off to kind of a sluggish start," said Ira assistant coach Bubba Edwards. "But once the kids settled down and got their heads in the game, they played well."

Ira fumbled on the first play of the game, forcing its defense to set the tone for the night.

With their backs against the goal line, Ira's defenders produced. The Bulldogs turned the Cougars away, and the offense took over from there.

One play later, senior Nathan Smith broke free from the pack and raced 75 yards to paydirt.

Smith served as Ira's workhorse for the night, rushing for 174 yards and three touchdowns on only 12 carries.

The senior running back added a 7-yard touchdown jaunt later in the first quarter, and scored from 43 yards out in the second.

Ira quarterback Eric Dickerhoff was 2-for-4 on the night, but made the most of his completions.

The junior signal-caller hooked up with Cade Tucker for touchdown tosses of 11 and 50 yards.

Josh Gutierrez added another TD on a 50-yard sprint, and Todd Wall scored on a 25-yard interception return.

While Ira's offense was rolling, its defensive unit was busy smothering Cougar ball carriers. Klondike managed only 103 yards in the one half of play.

"Our defensive guys were flying to the ball most of the night," said Edwards. "Klondike tried to go to the spread, but our players did a good job against that, too. It was a team effort on both sides of the ball."

Ira (2-0) is in action again at 7:30 p.m. Friday when it hosts Ropes.

Cards bow under Hornets' pressure

HERMLEIGH — Facing former Class A power Aspermont, the Hermleigh Cardinals never got off the ground Friday night.

Aspermont, which dropped from the 11-man ranks just this year, dominated the action for a 64-6 victory over Hermleigh in six-man competition at Cardinal Stadium.

The Hornets appeared in the Class A state title game only three seasons ago, and it showed Friday night.

"They were just big and quick, and we're not," said Hermleigh coach Harley Ethridge. "They can pass it as well as run it, and that makes a team hard to stop."

Aspermont raced out to a commanding lead before the Cardinals broke onto the board.

Four minutes into the second quarter, Blaine Minton burst free from 33 yards out for Hermleigh's only points of the game.

The Hornets continued to stretch the margin in the final minutes of the first half. The contest was halted at halftime on the 45-point rule.

"I told the kids not to get their heads down, and use this to fire them up for next time," Ethridge stated. "I told them to come back Monday ready to work, and to be prepared for a long practice."

Hermleigh (0-2) is in action again at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Klondike.

Friday night lights shine across country

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — The Rogers High School football team ran onto the field behind two players carrying a large U.S. flag in honor of the victims of terrorist attacks 3,000 miles away.

Players in Bloomington, Minn., wore flag decals on their helmets and the No. 10 — the jersey number of a graduate who might have helped avert greater disaster aboard one of the four hijacked planes.

While professional and college stadiums remained dark, many high school football stadiums coast to coast filled Friday night for games.

"People want us to try to get back to normal. High school sports seems like a very good way to do that," said John Olson, associate director of the Washington Intercollegiate Activities Association.

In northern Virginia, where one of the hijacked planes crashed into the Pentagon, and in New York, where the World Trade Center towers were devastated by two other suicide flights, most games were called off.

"This is a chance to join together and show our respect for the deceased and their families," said Henrico County Superintendent Mark Edwards, from suburban Richmond, Va.

But in many other states, high school football provided a distraction from the scenes of destruction that have filled newspapers and TV screens since Tuesday.

In Boise, Idaho, Jake DeGlee and his teammates at Bishop Kelly High School got a pep talk from the principal before the game.

"She said we should carry on as normal, have respect, mourn, but we have to carry on or the terrorists have accomplished their goals," DeGlee said.

Olson said he understood why professional and college games were postponed, since many of the contests require air travel and draw big crowds to stadiums that could be targets for more terrorism. At the high school level, though, the games give neighbors the opportunity to come together and comfort one another.

Minnesota's high school association sent out a request for a moment of silence and supplied a script for public address announcers; President Bush had declared Friday a national day of remembrance.

At Bloomington Jefferson High School, where hijacking victim Thomas Burnett Jr. had been a star quarterback in the early 1980s, officials read a short tribute before the game.

In Texas and West Virginia, two states where football is king, school districts played Friday games. At Holcomb High School in Kansas, both teams kneeled at the 50-yard line as a minister gave a short sermon and led the crowd in a moment of silent prayer.

Western Texas continues strong run at first rodeo

LOVINGTON, N.M. — Western Texas College held on to the top spot in the calf roping, and grabbed the lead in three other events Friday night at the Lovington, N.M. rodeo.

For the men's team, calf roper Cimarron Boardman's time of 10.1 seconds held up to keep him in first place, and J.W. Todd posted a 5.0 to head the steer wrestling competition.

On the women's side, Jennifer Freeland moved to the top of the goat tying standings with an effort of 8.5 seconds, while Kassie Mowry seized the barrel racing lead thanks to a run of 17.75.

In Friday night's other events, Dalton Kraft and Sean Prater tallied matching scores of 67 to share sixth place in the saddle bronc riding. Derrick Traylor's time of 11.5 put him ninth in the calf roping standings.

Like Boardman in the calf roping, three other Westerners held on to high rankings from Thursday's performance.

Todd slipped only one notch to third place in the saddle bronc event. Steer wrestler Steven Turner dropped from first to third, and bareback rider Lane Morrow fell from second to fifth.

The final round of competition is scheduled for Saturday night.

Coyotes turn back Ropes

ROPESVILLE — After suffering a season-opening setback at home, the Borden County Coyotes hit the road to pick up their first win of the season.

Borden County used a balanced scoring attack to thwart the Ropes Eagles, 48-22, in six-man action Friday night.

The Coyotes registered three touchdowns through the air, and tallied three more on the ground as they leveled their season mark at 1-1.

Quarterback Dale Grant was on the throwing end of all three scoring tosses, and finished the night with five completions for 82 yards.

T.J. Sharp shouldered the load on the ground for Borden County, running 16 times for 164 yards and two touchdowns.

The Coyotes continue their non-district schedule Friday when they travel to face the Sands Mustangs.

Stadium security upgraded

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball will only go so far in its increased security measures following this week's terrorist attacks.

Coolers and backpacks will be banned from stadiums when games resume Monday, but there will be no metal detectors or more drastic measures.

"Quite honestly my view is that is an extreme," said Kevin Hallinan, baseball's senior vice president of security. "That's not an expectation of our fans and it's not something we deem necessary. As security experts we are able to address many of these issues very quietly and not turn it into a security event."

Under the plan announced Friday, all bags will be inspected; there will be more uniformed police officers; stadiums will be inspected each day before gates open; parking will be restricted within 100 feet of any stadium; all ballpark deliveries will be inspected; and club personnel will undergo new training.

"Fan safety and security is a paramount issue and that's what we're dealing with," Hallinan said. "Security and safety is our highest priority."

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Buffalo	0	1	0	.000	6	24
New England	0	1	0	.000	17	23
N.Y. Jets	0	1	0	.000	24	45
Central	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000	17	6
Cincinnati	1	0	0	1.000	23	17
Jacksonville	1	0	0	1.000	21	3
Cleveland	0	1	0	.000	6	9
Pittsburgh	0	1	0	.000	3	21
Tennessee	0	1	0	.000	23	31
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Denver	1	0	0	1.000	31	20
Oakland	1	0	0	1.000	27	24
San Diego	1	0	0	1.000	30	3
Seattle	1	0	0	1.000	9	6
Kansas City	0	1	0	.000	24	27

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East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Dallas	0	1	0	.000	6	10
N.Y. Giants	0	1	0	.000	20	31
Philadelphia	0	1	0	.000	17	20
Washington	0	1	0	.000	3	30
Central	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Green Bay	1	0	0	1.000	28	6
Tampa Bay	1	0	0	1.000	10	6
Chicago	0	1	0	.000	6	17
Detroit	0	1	0	.000	6	28
Minnesota	0	1	0	.000	13	24
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Carolina	1	0	0	1.000	24	13
New Orleans	1	0	0	1.000	24	6
San Francisco	1	0	0	1.000	16	13
St. Louis	1	0	0	1.000	20	17
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Sunday, Sept. 16

All games, ppd.

Monday, Sept. 17

Minnesota at Baltimore, ppd.

Sunday, Sept. 23

Baltimore at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Chicago, 1 p.m.
New York Giants at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Miami, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Dallas, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
New York Jets at New England, 4:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at Seattle, 4:15 p.m.
St. Louis at San Francisco, 4:15 p.m.
Denver at Arizona, 8:30 p.m.
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Monday, Sept. 24

Washington at Green Bay, 9 p.m.

Major League Baseball

All games through Sunday, ppd.

National League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	78	64	.549	—
Philadelphia	75	68	.525	3½
New York	71	73	.493	8
Florida	66	77	.461	12½
Montreal	61	82	.427	17½
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Houston	84	59	.587	—
St. Louis	79	64	.552	5
Chicago	78	65	.545	6
Milwaukee	63	81	.438	21½
Cincinnati	58	86	.403	26½
Pittsburgh	55	88	.385	29
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Arizona	81	62	.566	—
San Francisco	80	64	.556	1½
Los Angeles	78	65	.545	3
San Diego	70	73	.489	11
Colorado	62	80	.437	18½

American League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	86	57	.601	—
Boston	72	69	.511	13
Toronto	70	73	.489	16
Baltimore	55	87	.387	30½
Tampa Bay	50	93	.350	36
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Cleveland	82	62	.569	—
Minnesota	76	68	.528	6
Chicago	74	70	.514	8
Detroit	57	86	.399	24½
Kansas City	57	86	.399	24½
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Seattle	104	40	.722	—
Oakland	87	57	.604	17
Anaheim	73	71	.507	31
Texas	66	78	.458	38

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Project No. CBC4704-00-127

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until: **2:00 P.M. Thursday, October 11, 2001**
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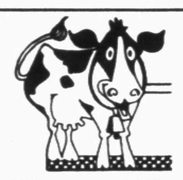
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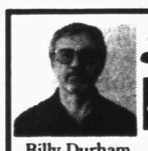


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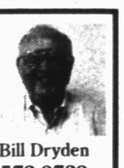
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REMEMBRANCE — Faculty, staff, and students of Western-Texas College gathered around the American flag Friday at noon in recognition of the National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for the victims of the terrorist attacks on Tuesday. Following the prayer, those present participated in the singing the National Anthem. (WTC Photo)

Fed appeals court vacates its order

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal appeals court Friday vacated its June decision that said an FBI sharpshooter may be tried for manslaughter when he killed Vicki Weaver during the Ruby Ridge standoff.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on June 5 rejected federal claims that Lon Horiuchi was immune from prosecution because he was acting in his official capacity when he killed Randy Weaver's wife. Ruling 6-5, the circuit at the time said Horiuchi could be tried if he was found to have acted illegally in that official capacity.

Friday's decision has no bearing on the case because a federal judge already dismissed the charges at the request of Boundary County Prosecutor Brett Benson. After the court's June ruling, Benson declined to prosecute and U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge dismissed the case.

The court said it vacated its ruling because it has now become "moot." The court did not elaborate.

In legal terms, the decision means there is now no precedent on whether federal agents are immune from state prosecution for alleged wrongdoing committed while working in an official capacity.

The federal government, which claimed that its agents are immune from state prosecutions, vowed to appeal the decision to the Supreme Court but did not after Benson declined to prosecute Horiuchi.

Vicki Weaver died on the second day of an 11-day siege at the couple's northern Idaho cabin in 1992. The siege began with a shootout in which the Weavers' teen-age son and a deputy U.S. marshal were killed.

Horiuchi has said he didn't see Vicki Weaver, who witnesses say was killed as she held open the door of the cabin, her baby in her arms.

The sharpshooter was firing at family friend Kevin Harris, who was armed and ducking inside the cabin. He also said he fired to protect a government helicopter overhead. Harris was wounded.

Weaver and Harris were acquitted of murder and all other charges in connection with the confrontation. Weaver was convicted of failing to appear for trial on the firearms charges and was sentenced to 18 months in prison.

The Justice Department last summer settled the last civil lawsuit stemming from the standoff: It admitted no wrongdoing but paid Harris $380,000 to drop his $10 million civil damage lawsuit.

In 1995, the government paid Weaver and his three surviving children $3.1 million for the killings of his wife and son.

Claims against Houston man rejected

HOUSTON (AP) — A judge has rejected a federal banking agency's efforts to force Houston financier Charles Hurwitz to pay about $820 million in damages for the 1988 failure of a Texas savings and loan.

U.S. Administrative Law Judge Arthur Shipe recommended that all charges against Hurwitz and his Houston-based industrial company, Maxxam Inc., be dismissed and that the Office of Thrift Supervision not receive any monetary damages, the Houston Chronicle reported Friday.

The government alleged Hurwitz and five other executives at United Savings Association of Texas duped regulators and violated rules governing thrifts. United Savings was taken over by federal regulators after its collapse.

"It is a heavy burden to be sued for nearly $1 billion by the United States government," Hurwitz said. "But we were right. We knew we were right, and we knew we would eventually win. I certainly feel good about that."

Hurwitz and Maxxam have spent 10 years and an estimated $30 million battling the banking regulators. Hurwitz is chairman of Maxxam and its biggest shareholder. Maxxam owns Kaiser Aluminum Corp. and Pacific Lumber Co.

The judge's recommendation, detailed in a 248-page ruling released Wednesday, is not a final determination in the case. His findings could be rejected by officials of the federal Office of Thrift Supervision, who had no comment on Hurwitz's case.

Hurwitz has long said the case — in which formal hearings did not begin until nine years after United Savings' collapse — was a politically motivated effort to force him to relinquish control of ancient redwoods in the Headwaters Forest in California.

"It was a matter of principle, at least with me," he said of his refusal to settle the case. "Someone needs to stand up to these rats and see it all the way through."

The federal and California governments paid $450 million to acquire 9,500 acres of the Headwaters Forest from Pacific Lumber in 1999.

A 46-page document issued by a congressional task force sided with Hurwitz, saying the federal government's lawsuit was a politically motivated ploy to pry the forest from the control of Hurwitz and Maxxam.

"Justice is finally done," said U.S. Rep. John Doolittle, R-Calif., who was on the task force. "It is appalling that it has taken 10 years for Charles Hurwitz to vindicate himself. This is a victory for all America."

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. also has a case pending against Hurwitz.

Woman realizes value of cell phones

NEW YORK (AP) — Until Tuesday's terrorist attacks, Diane Brandon didn't see a real need to replace her broken cell phone. Too expensive, she thought, too intrusive.

But listening to the heartbreaking stories of passengers on hijacked planes calling their loved ones minutes before their deaths has changed her mind. So have reports of trapped victims calling for help amid the rubble of the World Trade Center.

Hours after the attack, Brandon was on the phone with AT&T to reactivate her account. She bought a new cell phone Wednesday.

"I was trying to tighten my belt because of the economy. Also, although a cell phone is an extraordinary convenience, it is also intrusive," said Brandon, 40, from Irving, Texas. "I can tighten my belt another way. I need peace of mind."

In the aftermath of the attacks, a growing number of Americans may be looking at cell phones as essential, not just convenient communication gadgets.

"Cell phones are no longer being seen as a frivolous expense, but as something very important for security," said C. Britt Beemer, chairman of America's Research Group, a trend consulting firm in Charleston, S.C. "I think most parents who were resistant on giving their kids cell phones will now change their mind."



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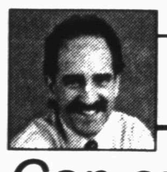
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On Nutrition by Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

Can smoking make you cough up blood?

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I have a hard time breathing, and I cough until my chest hurts and I cough up blood. What could the problem be? I smoke two packs of cigarettes a day. Are there any foods I can eat that might be of assistance? — **D.S., Chicago, Ill.**

Dear D.S.: First things first: I am not a medical doctor, so I cannot offer a diagnosis for your problem. However, as you might imagine, coughing up blood is not a good sign. You need to visit your physician immediately to determine what is going on and decide on the appropriate treatment.

As for the cough, the lungs normally secrete mucus to entrap dust and other inhaled particles. Healthy lungs shuttle the mucus out through a series of cilia, or hairs. Tobacco smoke comes in direct contact with sensitive lung tissue and causes a breakdown in this self-cleaning system. Mucus then tends to collect in the lungs, resulting in a hacking "smoker's cough." Smoking is also a leading cause of emphysema, a condition in which the air sacs (alveoli) in the lungs become damaged, and there is shortness of breath and labored breathing.

The food aspect can be important. Smoke is a carcinogen and an oxidizing agent. A well-nourished body should have a daily supply of many antioxidant nutrients found in whole foods, such as fruits, vegetables and grains. They each do different things, but together they produce a powerful synergy. You cannot rely on one and feel that you've covered all your bases. Good nutrition can help protect us, but it cannot make us invincible. Long-term exposure to cancer risk factors, such as tobacco, is going to take its toll, regardless of what foods we eat or supplements we take.

It is never too late to change things. Look at how the body works to heal itself following that last cigarette:

After 20 minutes, the blood pressure and pulse rate drop, and the body temperature in your hands and feet increases.

After eight hours, the level of carbon monoxide in your blood drops, and the oxygen level in your blood returns to normal.

After 24 hours, there is a decrease in the risk of a heart attack.

After 48 hours, the nerve endings start to regrow, and you will experience an increased ability to taste and smell.

After 72 hours, the bronchial tubes relax, and there is an increase in lung capacity.

From two weeks to three months, your circulation improves, and your lungs function approximately 30-percent more effectively.

From one to nine months after quitting, the hair-like cilia in your lungs regenerate, increasing your ability to clear normally produced mucus and unwanted substances from your lungs. There is a decrease in coughing, sinus congestion, fatigue and shortness of breath. Your overall energy level increases.

After one year, the high risk of heart attack associated with smoking is cut in half.

After five years, the risk of dying of lung cancer drops by almost 50 percent.

From five to 15 years, the risk of stroke decreases to that of a nonsmoker, and the risk of cancer of the mouth, throat or esophagus reduces to half that of a smoker.

After 10 years, your risk of dying of lung cancer is about the same as a nonsmoker.

Fifteen years after that last cigarette, your risk of lung cancer and heart disease, and your life expectancy, is not significantly different from a person who has never smoked.

Other issues: If you have an ulcer, by quitting smoking you will reduce recurrence and improve healing. If you have diabetes, quitting smoking slows the type of small blood-vessel damage associated with eye and kidney disease, and amputation. If you have type-1 (insulin-dependent) diabetes, quitting smoking can help decrease your need for insulin.

Finally, you won't have to go outside (in all types of weather) to have a smoke; you will get fewer colds and respiratory infections, others won't have to breathe your smoke, you'll smell better, and you'll save money. And, perhaps most important, you will be setting a wonderful, life-affirming example for yourself, your children and the rest of your family. 'Nuf said.

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

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Bridge collapses after being struck

PORT ISABEL (AP) — Barges rammed a bridge connecting this fishing community to South Padre Island, killing at least two people and leaving several people missing as cars plunged into the water, officials said.

The search for missing vehicles and victims was suspended about 8 a.m. and was expected to resume around 11 a.m. because of unsafe conditions, said Texas Department of Public Safety spokeswoman Lorraine Ronquillo.

"One of the columns is very unsafe and the waters are muddy," Ronquillo said.

Five vehicles were still under water, possibly more, Ronquillo said.

The Coast Guard at South Padre Island was notified around 2:30 a.m. that the tug Brown Water V and its four barges had struck a pillar of the Queen Isabella Causeway.

The crash toppled two 80-foot segments of the bridge, which is 65 feet wide and two lanes in each direction, said Randall Dillard of the Texas Department of Transportation.

Dillard said investigators, including specialized diving crews, with his agency were en route to inspect the damage.

In the meantime, Dillard said officials were working to devise a temporary ferry system to shuttle people back and forth from the island. The Queen Isabella Causeway is the state's longest bridge and the only thoroughfare connecting the island to the mainland.

"We'll be looking at the condition of the bridge as it is now and working to develop emergency contracts to make repairs. We need to look at it a little closer to know what the extent of what those repairs are going to be," Dillard said.

At least 13 people had been rescued, according to the U.S. Coast Guard.

Betty Ewart, 62, came to watch the rescue after her husband, Edwin Ewart, 49, didn't arrive home as expected between 2 a.m. and 3 a.m. from his job as a waiter.

Bush vows long, unrelenting campaign against terrorists

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush vowed on Saturday that U.S. troops will hunt down terrorists and "smoke them out of their holes" in a long, unrelenting war. He said prime suspect Osama bin Laden will not be able to hide from America's forces.

For the first time, he warned Americans they will have to sacrifice.

"I will not settle for a token act. Our response must be sweeping, sustained and effective," the president said in his weekly radio address. "We have much to do and much to ask of the American people.

"You will be asked for your patience, for the conflict will not be short. You will be asked for resolve, because the conflict will not be easy. You will be asked for your strength because the course to victory may be long," he said.

As the radio address was being broadcast, Bush met with his foreign policy teams at the Marine-guarded Camp David presidential retreat in Maryland. He had his toughest words yet for the terrorists who attacked New York and Washington and downed a plane in the Pennsylvania countryside.

"We will find this who did it, we'll smoke them out of their holes," Bush said.

"We'll get them running and we'll bring them to justice," he said.

Four days after the national tragedy, Bush braced Americans for a long, brutal battle against terrorism.

"There is a desire by the American people to not seek only revenge, but to win a war against barbaric behavior, he said.

Of bin Laden, Bush said: "If he thinks he can hide from the United States and our allies he will be sorely mistaken."

Bush had a message, too, for the 50,000 U.S. reserves being called into action.

"Everybody who wears the uniform (should) get ready — the United States will do what it takes to win this war," he said.

His warning also was directed at sponsors of terrorists: America, he said, will "deal with those who harbor them and feed them and house them."

Bush on Friday called 50,000 military reservists to duty and shouted words of defiance amid the ruins of New York's World Trade Center.

"I can hear you," Bush said. "The rest of the world hears you. And the people who knocked these buildings down will hear all of us soon."

The first arrest in the investigation came Friday, a government official said.

The suspect, whose identity was not made public, was arrested because authorities believe he has information about the attacks and poses a high risk of fleeing the country, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Officers look for two men after Pepto Bismol theft

Thefts and burglaries

Snyder police were looking for a thief with an upset stomach Friday night. A clerk at Skinny's on Coliseum Dr. requested an officer at the store in reference to two men stealing a bottle of Pepto Bismol. The responding officer filed a Class C theft report.

Janell Bearden requested an officer at Heritage Homes Realty in reference to a stolen bicycle. She advised the bike was taken between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday night. An officer responded and filed an offense report for Class B theft.

Sam Arizmendi requested a deputy in reference to a stereo being stolen out of his company pickup. A deputy responded and advised a report for burglary of a vehicle would be submitted.

Arrests

Sheriff's deputies arrested a 43-year-old man on Highway 180 Friday afternoon on charges of parole violation. Taken into custody at 3:30 was Gary Arnold of Athens.

Four individuals were arrested Friday night for driving while intoxicated, each in separate instances.

A 21-year-old woman, A 32-year-old man, a 26-year-old man and a 17-year-old man were each charged with DWI.

Fight

Dispatchers were alerted to a fight in progress at Town and Country East early this morning. Police were attempting to locate those involved, described by a store clerk as Hispanic males in a red Dodge Neon and also Hispanic males in a white Chevrolet Cavalier.

Officers made contact with a subject that was assaulted who did not wish to file charges.

Assaults

A deputy was flagged down while en route to Dunn for a civil standby Friday night. She told the officer she had been assaulted and was on her way to Cogdell Memorial Hospital's emergency room. The deputy advised an offense report for assault, family violence would be submitted.

A man requested an officer in reference to being assaulted by a woman on Ave. E. He informed the officer that he did want to press charges on the woman.

Grass fire

Cliff Hall requested the fire department northeast of the Dermott Cemetery at 1:30 p.m. Friday in reference to a grass fire. The department responded and was able to extinguish the fire.

Chamber board to meet Monday

The board of directors of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce will meet Monday at 11:30 a.m. in the chamber boardroom.

The board will review hotel-motel fund requests from the Snyder Community Residency group hosting accordionist Santiago Jimenez Jr., the White Buffalo Festival and the Snyder High School speech tourney.

The board will also receive an update on the coliseum lease issue and plans for cleaning up Deep Creek.

Births

David Jr. and Emily Sosa announce the birth of their brother, Sammy Sosa, at 11:10 p.m. on Sept. 12 in University Medical Center in Lubbock. Sammy weighed four pounds, seven ounces. Parents are David and Gracie Sosa of Snyder.

Grandparents are Emelia Padron of Austin, Cruz Sosa and Alexandria Sosa, both of Snyder. Great-grandmother is Altagracia Aguilar of Mexico.

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

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.

Phillips Family Singers

The Phillips Family Gospel Singers will be in concert at 6 p.m. Sunday at the First Assembly of God, 1809 College. The public is invited.

Library story time

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

PTK meeting

WTC's Phi Theta Kappa chapter will meet at 12:15 p.m. Monday in the faculty dining room.

Snyder FFA pig projects

Snyder students interested showing pigs in the Jr. FFA program need to contact David Frazier by Monday morning. He can be reached at 574-6046 during the day, or at 573-3216 at night. Jr. FFA membership is limited to students that are at least eight years old and in the third grade.

AARP meeting

The AARP Chapter 2063 will have a pot luck dinner at 5:30 p.m. Monday at the Senior Citizens Center. David Hanes, director of workforce technology at WTC, will present the program.

Hermleigh booster club

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

Boys basketball boosters

The boys basketball team booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the high school office.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "King of Kings," followed by "The Great Physician."

Mesquite Country Emmaus meeting

Mesquite Country Emmaus community meeting will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Trinity Methodist Church. Babe Chicks meet at 6 p.m.

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.

Class of 1941 reunion

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

Cowboy camp meeting

The Bull Creek Cowboy camp meeting is set for next 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.

Avenue D Baptist Church revival

The Avenue D Baptist Church will have an "old fashion tent revival" Sept. 23-27. 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.

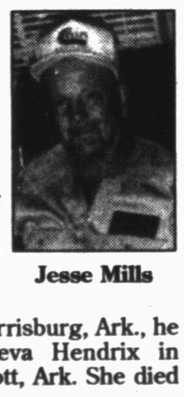
Obituaries

Jesse James Mills

1923-2001

Jesse James Mills of Snyder died Thursday, Sept. 13, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Graveside service for Mr. Mills, 78, is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the Dunn Cemetery. The Rev. Dan Crawford, pastor of Victory Baptist Church, will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.



Jesse Mills

Born June 12, 1923 in Harrisburg, Ark., he married Geneva Hendrix in 1950 in Prescott, Ark. She died March 15, 1974. He also was preceded in death by his parents, B.F. and Leona Mills; and by three brothers and two sisters.

He married Ruby Green on May 29, 1999.

Mr. Mills retired after 40 years as an oilfield roughneck.

Survivors include his wife, Ruby Mills of Snyder; four daughters, Pam Holden of Snyder, Wanda Flores of Richardson, Judy Mills of Booneville, Ark., and Jessie Marie Mills of Oklahoma; three sons, David Mills of Bryan, Wayne Mills of Prescott and Gary Mills of Texarkana, Tex.; four grandchildren, Robin Maresch of Snyder, Robert Jessie Holden of McKinney and Amanda Flores and Michael Flores, both of Richardson; and two great-grandchildren, Rebekka Holden McDowell and Johnnydean Maresch, both of Snyder.

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Retha Ainsworth

1929-2001

KIRKLAND, Wash. — Retha Celeta Ainsworth, a Snyder native and sister of Mary McCarter of Snyder, died Friday, Sept. 7, in Kirkland after a long battle with cancer.

Mrs. Ainsworth, 71, had requested no services.

Born Nov. 23, 1929 in Snyder. She was an employee of Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. and retired from U.S. West after 34 years service.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas and Flora Pherigo; and a sister, Dola Faye Wood.

Survivors include four sons, Mike Ainsworth of Belfair, Wash., Don Ainsworth of Lynnwood, Wash., Ron Ainsworth of Lynnwood, Wash., and Gary Ainsworth of Omak, Wash.; two daughters, Cathy McMahon of Lynnwood and Karen Lemker of Poulsbo; another sister, Gaynelle Greenfield of Slaton; three brothers, Truman Pherigo of Coahoma, Wayne Pherigo of Big Spring and Tommy Pherigo of Baytown; eight grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to Snyder Senior Citizens Center, 2603 Ave. M, where Mrs. Ainsworth spent memorable time.

Opal Young

1911-2001

KERMIT – Opal Young, the sister of Gloria Browning of Snyder, died Thursday, Sept. 13, in Midland.

Funeral service for Mrs. Young, 90, was set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the First Assembly of God in Kermit with the Rev. Ray Ash officiating. Burial was to follow in the Kermit Cemetery.

Born April 2, 1911 in Powderly, she married Lewis Young on Nov. 29, 1961 in Kermit.

A homemaker, she had been a resident of Kermit for 55 years and was a Baptist.

Survivors also include two sons, Bill Smyers of Jasper, Ark., and Phil Young of Alta Loma, Calif.; three daughters, Jeanette Dickie of Midland, Rita Ash of Mason and Jean Capps of Upland, Calif.; 12 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

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Scurry County Library seeks return of all overdue books

Anyone in Scurry County with an overdue library book should return it promptly or risk legal action, according to a new policy recently approved by the library board.

Librarian Jane Romine said Friday considerable losses over the years because of books not being returned spurred the library board to approve the policy change at its last meeting.

"We have lost thousands of dollars because people won't return the books they check out," Romine said. "We've worked very hard to get all of our books entered into our computers and we have reviewed our records from the past five years. In one of those years, we lost $7,000 worth of books. We can't afford to do that."

Romine said when books aren't returned they must be replaced, eliminating the ability to purchase new books.

"Overdue books carry no fines at our library so if anyone is worried about having to pay when they return a book, they should just bring it in," she said.

Romine said the most common type of books not returned are cookbooks and self help books.

"Those types of books come in handy for as long as you have them, so people just decide to keep them," she said. "If a person has a health problem and they check out a book about that, they just decide to hang on to it because it has information that helps them and they can keep referring to it."

Romine reminded library patrons that the books are public property and should be returned for others to enjoy.

She added that any patron's account with an overdue book will be frozen, prohibiting them from checking out other titles until the book is returned.

"We also freeze the entire family's accounts," she said. "If a child checks out a book and doesn't return it, mom and dad can't check any out until it is returned."

When library materials are overdue by one month, the patron will receive a notice in the mail. When it is overdue by two months, the patron will receive a notice with prices along with a letter explaining legal ramifications of not returning county property.

If the patron does not respond, the records will be sent to the county attorney for legal action.

"We serve a lot of people and they deserve the opportunity to enjoy all of the tities we offer," Romine said.

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Mail is moving in U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mail movement, slowed or halted in some areas by the ban on commercial aviation, is resuming, but delays will still occur.

The Postal Service is obtaining additional space on Amtrak trains, using its own fleet of 210,000 vehicles and contracting for additional space with 7,000 trucking companies, spokesman Mark Saunders said Friday.

Nonetheless, Saunders said, people should continue to expect mail movement to be slower than usual. Mail that usually takes three days to deliver, for example, will probably take an extra day or two, he said.

Normally, the U.S. Postal Service delivers about 650 million pieces of mail daily, with between 20 percent and 25 percent moving by air, Saunders said.

Federal Express returned to the air, and on Thursday was able to carry about half the 3 million pounds of mail it usually flies each day, Saunders said.

But the Federal Aviation Administration is continuing to ban transport of mail and cargo on most passenger planes, preventing the post office from sending mail via the airlines.

Alaska Airlines, which carries about 550,000 pounds of mail a day to Alaska, was exempted from the ban on Friday, permitting movement of mail to a state where many communities are accessible only by air.

The post office said special arrangements have also been made to fly mail to Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

Incoming mail from overseas is now moving into the mail stream, and outgoing international letters are being collected pending the start of outbound flights.

The one area where delivery is expected to continue to be a problem is lower Manhattan.

Due to damage from falling debris, the Church Street Station at 90 Church Street remains closed. Some customers who normally receive large volumes of mail from that facility can call the James A. Farley Building for information about their mail, the post office said.

Seven post offices that had been closed in New York reopened on Friday. Offices remaining closed are Bowling Green at 25 Broadway, Wall Street at 73 Pine St., Church Street at 90 Church St., and Peck Slip at 1-15 Peck Slip.

The post office also said that because of the long cleanup process in lower Manhattan it will not be able to handle advertising mail for that area for several months.

The agency asked companies sending such mail — which is typically sent to every address in an area — not to mail to some 50 ZIP codes in Manhattan.

United Parcel Service reported that it has restored its U.S. air operations and has moved all next-day packages. The company said it expects international service to resume during the weekend.

On the Net:
U.S. Postal Service: http://www.usps.com
FedEx: http://www.fedex.com
United Parcel Service: http://www.ups.com

In 1999, one in eight Americans was 65 years old or older. In 2030, about one in five will be.

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SHS graduate recounts Costa Rican adventure

(Editor's Note: Some of the information was provided by the FFA's Costa Rica Travel Journal located at ffa.org.)

By Shirley A. Gorman
SDN News Editor

For 12 days in June, Johnna Ferris, 2000 Snyder High School graduate, and 52 other Future Farmers of America were in Costa Rica for the 2001 Travel Seminar.

She recently shared her experience in a telephone interview from Stephenville where she is a student at Tarleton State University.

Johnna said her stay was very meaningful as well as educational. Farm visits helped her to realize the diversity of agriculture throughout the world as well as the similarities. Though the country is small, has limited supplies, and is overpopulated in some areas, she said their values include their families, conservation and helping the environment.

In small groups, Johnna and the other FFA'ers stayed with various host families. She brought pictures of her family to share with her hosts. She and three others stayed with one family who spoke no English, but one of the FFA students spoke Spanish so communication was possible.

Johnna said she learned a lot about the farm life in Costa Rica. One family she stayed with was completely self-sufficient. They only bought what they could not grow themselves.

"People there don't make a lot of money yet they are happy with what they have," she noted. "Their families are the most important things to them. They plant their own crops and pick them by hand because most of them cannot afford to pay labor."

She said the Costa Ricans live a simple and happy life.

During one farm visit, Johnna said the hosts didn't speak English and no one in her group spoke Spanish. But that didn't seem to matter. Johnna said the host mother took her and three others in her group to two rivers, where they saw an awesome sight: Blue water cascading over round boulders and trees that circled the river. The sight was so awesome that it didn't seem to matter when it started to rain. Using a banana leaf for an umbrella, Johnna said they began taking pictures.

While in Costa Rica, Johnna said they visited some 40 different areas of proficiencies and three different dairies. She noted that their milking system is basically the same as the U.S. but not as high tech.

She said they toured many floral facilities including an amazing garden that had thousands of plants. They visited a green house where organic tomatoes are raised without chemicals and a swine production facility.

They also visited a banana plantation, a pineapple plantation, and a packing plant. She noted that fibers from the stocks of banana plants are used to make the paper artists' use. The product is completely biodegradable.

Johnna said they learned how pineapples are packed and shipped. The major producers in Costa Rica have contracts with Dole and Chaquita.

They also visited an agriculture school and a butterfly farm where many different species were raised. The school also had a complete dairy operation on campus as well as sheep, goats and crocodiles.

Before departing for Costa Rica, Johnna and the rest of the FFA contingent attended an all day orientation session in Miami, Fla. on June 14.

Then the group flew to San Jose, Costa Rica, where they first visited InBioparque, a biological reserve with an overview of the animals and plant life in the country, and then the National Museum in San Jose.

On June 16, Johnna and the others traveled to the city of Turrialba for a two-night host family stay. Stops included visiting a working coffee plantation that conducts interactive tours about the history of coffee and CATIE, an agriculture research station.

At the Café Britt, the FFA group enjoyed skits that informed them about the different types of coffee, the many ways it is grown and the conditions required to produce high quality products.

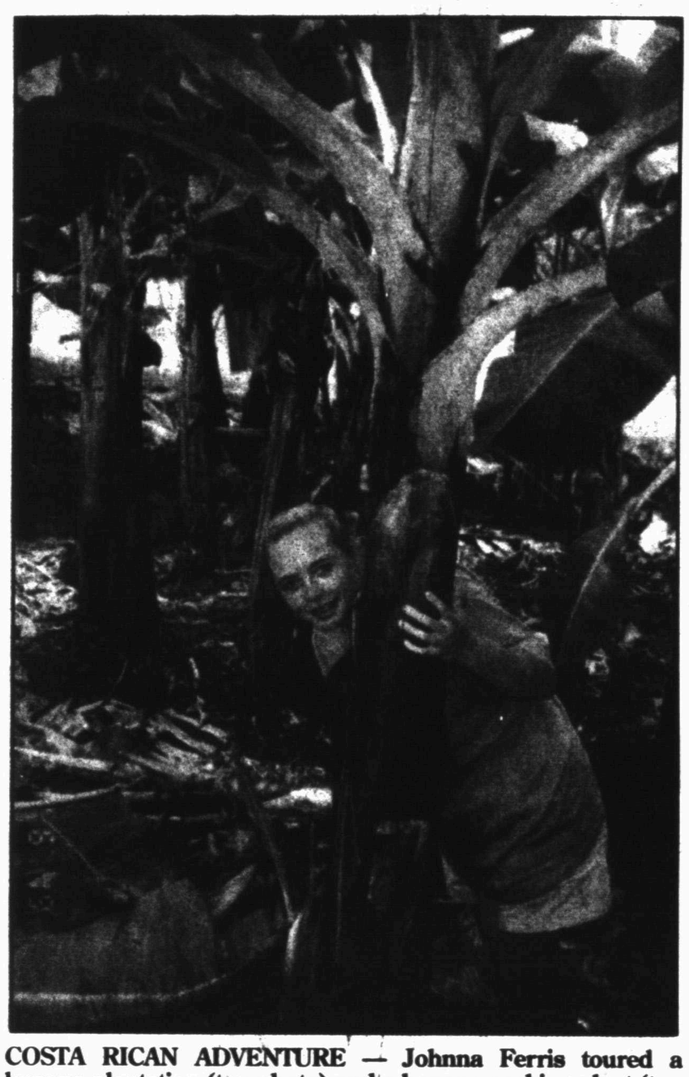
At CATIE, they learned that the research station collects, grows and preserves many species and varieties of tropical plants. The next day, the FFA group visited the ruins of the Guayabo National Monument and local dairy and tomato farms.

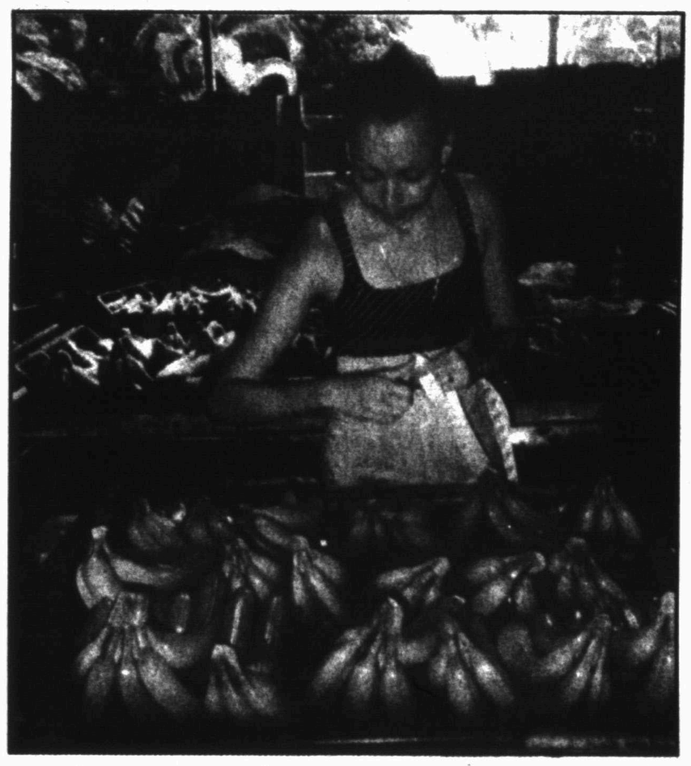
Johnna and the other FFA'ers spent hours visiting with host families. That was followed with a barbecue dinner with local teachers and students who enjoyed the opportunity to practice their English skills.

The group observed that the Costa Ricans' problems are very similar to Americans. Their coffee prices are the lowest they have been in four years while land prices are at $1,000 per acre.

On June 18, Johnna said they traveled to EARTH College in Pocora. En route, they also stopped at a U.S.-based Rawlings baseball factory, where all of the baseballs used by the major

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COSTA RICAN ADVENTURE — Johnna Ferris toured a banana plantation (top photo) and a banana packing plant (top right photo) while visiting Costa Rica this summer as part of an FFA travel seminar. She saw many sights like the mountain road in bottom right photo. (Contributed Photos)

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FLOWER DESIGN PROGRAM — Beta Sigma Phi sorority held its opening meeting for the year Tuesday at the Snyder Country Club. Theresa Dupree of Friendly Flowers demonstrated the art of flower arranging. She used a basket for a container to arrange variety of fresh flowers and greenery. Following the program, the arrangement was won by Lois Cave, right. BSP's next meeting will be combined meeting, social and rush at 6:30 p.m. at the home of John and Carolyn Greene. (Contributed Photo)

School cracks down on school tardiness

ROCKFORD, Mich. (AP) — Rockford High School students may start paying a price for arriving late for class.

The Board of Education in the Grand Rapids suburb gave preliminary approval Monday to a policy designed to crack down on first-period tardiness.

The policy directs teachers to keep track of students who show up after the opening bell. It also allows two free tardies before imposing penalties ranging from 30-minute detentions to loss of driving privileges.

The high school until now has had an unofficial code allowing one excused tardy. Subsequent tardiness sometimes was punished with after-school detentions or with students sent to the office, Principal Matt Kelley said.

About 20 students regularly were tardy last year. The new policy is designed to prevent that from happening again, he said.

"It was time to create a policy for this group of students who are repeatedly tardy," Kelley said. "We think it's really going to have an effect on that targeted group."

Americans need only to glance at today's headlines to find reasons to celebrate our Constitution of the United States of America. In almost every part of our world today, the oppressed are valiantly struggling for the basic rights we were granted over two hundred years ago. Monday through Sunday is Constitution Week. Read this magnificent document to understand why so many are willing to risk even life itself to obtain its cherished benefits.

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BREAKFAST

Monday
Breakfast Tacos
Juice
Tuesday
Pancakes
Ham
Juice
Wednesday
Oatmeal
Toast
Juice
Thursday
Cereal
Fruit
Friday
French Toast Sticks
Juice

LUNCH

Monday
Stromboli
Salad
Mixed Vegetables
Shape-ups
Tuesday
Patti Melts
French Fries
Ranch Style Beans
Cowboy Cookies
Wednesday
Macaroni & Cheese
Green Beans
Hush Puppies
Peach Cobbler
Thursday
Corn Dogs
Corn
Peas
Pudding Cake
Friday
Pigs in a Blanket
Tater Tots
Pork & Beans
Bananas or Apples

Snyder

All meals are served with milk and breakfasts include juice.

BREAKFAST

(East, Northeast, Stanfield)
Monday
Pigs in a Blanket
Tuesday
Cinnamon Roll
Wednesday
Sausage on a Stick
Thursday
Toasted Cheese Wedge
Friday
Ham & Cheese in a Biscuit

BREAKFAST

(Other schools)
Monday
Donut
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Tuesday
Waffles w/Fruit
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Wednesday
Breakfast Pizza or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Thursday
Biscuits w/Gravy or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Friday
Scrambled Eggs w/Bacon or
Assorted Dry Cereal

LUNCH

Monday
Crunchy Corn Dog or
BBQ Rib on a Bun
French Fries
Green Peas
Chilled Fruit
Tuesday
Pepperoni Pizza or
Picnic Wrap
Corn on the Cob
Broccoli & Cheese
Chocolate Pudding
Wednesday
Beef Enchiladas or
Green Chili Casserole
Refried Beans
Tossed Salad w/Ranch
Corn Bread
Thursday
Salisbury Steak or
Oven Fried Chicken
Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy
Seasoned Green Beans
Apple Cinnamon Crisp
Friday
"Fighting Tiger" Cheeseburger or
Chicken Pot Pie
Tater Tots
Lettuce & Pickle Cup
Blue Bell Ice Cream

Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk.

BREAKFAST

Monday
Fruit
Blueberry Muffins
Tuesday
Juice
Pancake Pups
Wednesday
Fruit
Toast & Jelly
Thursday
Juice
Pancake/Syrup
Friday
Fruit
Dry Cereal
Toast

LUNCH

Monday
Smothered Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Pea Salad
Hot Rolls
Orange Cake
Tuesday
Chicken & Dumplings
Buttered Spinach
Hot Biscuits
Chilled Peaches
Wednesday
Lasagna
Buttered Green Beans
Carrot Sticks
Hot Rolls
Pineapple Fruit Bars
Thursday
Beef & Cheese Nachos
Refried Beans
Salsa Sauce
Tortilla Chips
Fruit Jell-O
Friday
Fried Fish
French Fries
Cole Slaw
Hush Puppies
Gingerbread

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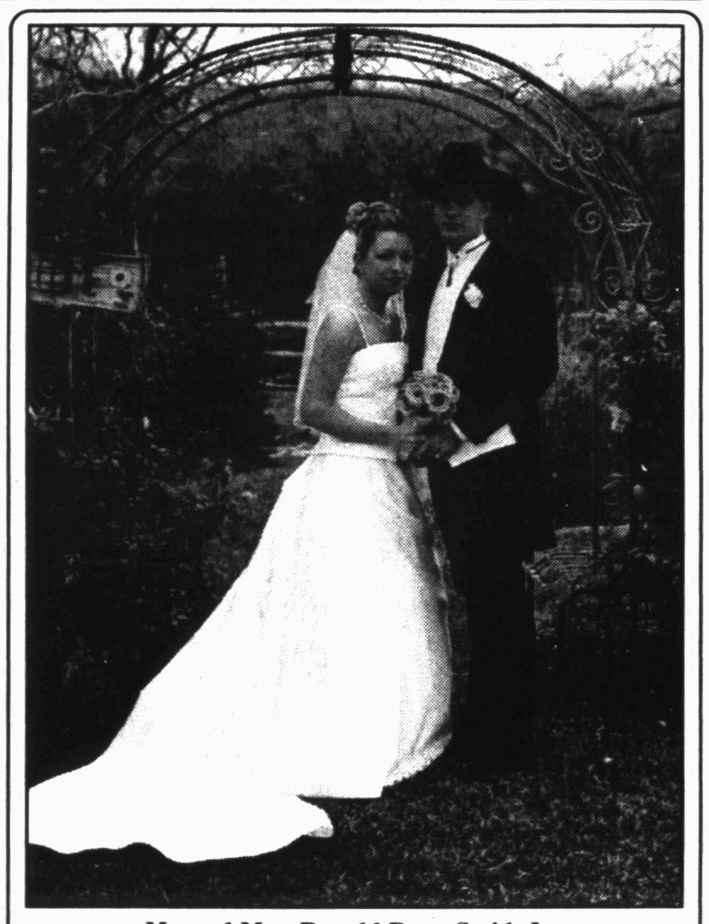
Leddy and Denise Lewis announce the birth of their son, Zant Paul Lewis, on Sept. 12 at Covenant Medical Hospital in Lubbock. Zant weighed six pounds, 14 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Derwin and Betty Thompson of Snyder and paternal grandparents are Melvin and Becky Lewis of Snyder, and the late Paula Lewis.

Great-grandparents are Zella Thompson of Snyder and the late C.D. Thompson, Rosie Williams of Hermleigh and the late Aubrey Williams, and the late R.E. and Janettie Lewis and W.T. and Vivian Helms.

The state flower of Arizona is the saguaro.

In 1760, about one-third of the ship tonnage of Britain was constructed in Britain's North American colonies.



Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dean Smith Jr.
(Contributed Photo)

Whittenburg, Smith wed in San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO — Stephanie Lynn Whittenburg and Donald Dean Smith Jr., both of San Angelo, were united in marriage at 5 p.m., March 10 at Rio Cibolo Ranch in San Antonio. Aubrey Jones performed the double-ring ceremony.

The bride's parents are Stephen and Karen Whittenburg of Snyder and the groom's parents are Belinda Smith of San Antonio, Don Smith of South Carolina and Rick Zimmerly of San Antonio.

The outdoor wedding in front of the Cibolo Creek featured an arch decorated with greenery, roses, lilies and baby's breath. Two large arrangements of matching flowers were placed on either side of the arch.

Dora Jean Roberson of San Antonio played the flute during the prelude. Paula Reiland and Jonathan Pennington sang "When I Said I Do."

Her father gave the bride in marriage as she was attired in a two-piece white satin dress. Her bodice was covered with embroidery, small clear beads and pearls. Her headpiece, made of rhinestones and pearls, and her waist-length veil embellished with seed pearls, were made by her mother. The bride's bouquet was an arrangement of a dozen lavender roses tied together with white ribbon.

Matron of honor was April Levens, sister of the bride from Dayton, Ohio. Bridesmaids were Mollie Jones, of Arlington, and Sarah Post of Dallas. Attendants wore amethyst colored dresses and carried bouquets of assorted pastel roses.

Kelsey Eslick, niece of the groom from Kansas, was flower girl. Ring bearer was Douglas Eslick of Kansas, the groom's nephew.

The groom chose all groomsmen to serve as best men. They included Zach Neville of Lubbock, John Copeland of South Carolina, both childhood friends, and Shaun Lewis of San Antonio, high school friend from San Antonio.

Groomsmen wore black wranglers and boots with silver vests, black tuxedo jackets and bolo ties. The groom wore identical attire with the exception of a white vest.

Ushers were Matt Boyers, Clayton Smith and George Smith, both brothers of the groom, and Scott Sanders.

Kim Riley, cousin of the bride from California, registered guests.

The dance hall at the Rio Cibolo Ranch, was the site for the reception. The wedding cake was a three-tiered cake covered with fresh flowers. The groom's chocolate cake was iced in chocolate and decorated with the Army emblem.

The couple's honeymoon trip was a week in Ocho Rios, Jamaica. Their home is in San Antonio until May when they will then move to Germany.

Friends and family of the couple came from South Carolina, California, New Mexico, Kansas, Ohio and other parts of Texas.

Stephanie is a graduate of Snyder High School and is attending the University of Texas at San Antonio where she will graduate in May with a bachelor of arts degree in education.

The groom, U.S. Army Lt. Donny Smith is a graduate of MacArthur High School in San Antonio. He graduated from Southwest Texas State University in May with a degree in criminal justice.

Duplicate Bridge Scores

Monte West directed Duplicate Bridge Club at the Snyder Country Club.

Friday, Sept. 7

A group
1. Nina Nesbit, Nona Morrison.
2. Billisue Stuard, Louise Thompson.
3. Margaret Birdwell, Maribeth Vestal tied with Jane Hinton, Monte West.

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2. Bobbie Taylor, Dorothy Rosson.
3. Paula Gilbert, Vera McSpadden.
4. Pat Floyd, Durelle Gorman.

Sunday, Sept. 9

No Game

Tuesday, Sept. 11

1. Margaret Birdwell, Maribeth Vestal.
2. Barbara Yorgesen, Dora Blakey tied with Linda West, Monte West.
3. Dorothy Rosson, Jane Hinton.

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DAR members observe Constitution Week

The local Daughters of the American Revolution urge citizens to observe Constitution Week Sept. 17-23 and revitalize appreciation of America's heritage and to emphasize the responsibility of good citizenship in protecting the constitution in the present and preserving it for posterity.

"The constitution is the safeguard of all our liberties and champion of our freedoms," said Maribeth Vestal, DAR chairperson for Constitution Week. DAR regent Mayor Francene Noah signed a proclamation for local citizens to learn more about the constitution Monday through next Sunday.

Gertrude Carraway, while president general of the DAR, was responsible for the annual designation of Sept. 17-23 as Constitution Week. She conceived the idea during a trip west in March 1955 and prepared a tentative resolution submitted to the National Chairman of the Resolution Committee, NSDAR. This was adopted April 21, 1955 by the Continental Congress as part of the resolution on the theme for the ensuing year: Protect America's future through patriotic education.

As usual, members of the U.S. Congress received copies of the DAR resolutions and at a flag presentation by the NSDAR executive committee to the senate on June 7, this resolution about a constitution week was discussed. After which Sen. William F. Knowland of California on June 14 introduced senate concurrent Resolution 140, authorizing and requesting President Eisenhower to follow the DAR example by proclaiming Sept. 17-23 as Constitution Week. Following passage of this resolution by both houses of congress, President Eisenhower issued his proclamation on Aug. 19, 1955.

The first annual observance on Constitution Week was so successful that on Jan. 5, 1956, Sen. Knowland introduced a senate joint resolution to have the president designate Sept. 17-23 every year as Constitution Week. This resolution was adopted July 23 and signed into public law 915, on Aug. 2, 1956.

DAR members submitted the history for the "The Star-Spangled Banner," the national anthem of the United States. It was written by Francis Scott Key, and is sung to music composed by John Stafford Smith. Congress officially approved the song as the national anthem in March 1931. But the Army and Navy had recognized "The Star-Spangled Banner" as the national anthem long before it was legally adopted.

How the Song Came to Be Written

During the War of 1812, Dr. William Beanes of Upper Marlborough, Md., threw three British refugees into jail. Beanes had captured them after the British had burned Washington, D.C. in August 1814. Later the British forces took the doctor prisoner and held him aboard a warship in Chesapeake Bay. Two Americans received permission from Secretary of State James Monroe to communicate with the British in an effort to have the doctor released. The men were Francis Scott Key, a lawyer, and John S. Skinner, both of Washington, D.C. They boarded the warship just as the vessel was preparing to bombard Fort McHenry, which protected the city of Baltimore. The British agreed to release Beanes. But they held all three Americans on an U.S. vessel at the rear of the British fleet until after the battle was over, so that they could not reveal plans of the attack to patriots on shore. The bombardment started on Sept. 13, 1814 and continued all that day and almost all night. Key and his friends knew that the guns of Fort McHenry were small and that the fort had few defenders. The prisoners paced the deck all night. Even when dawn came they did not know how the battle had ended because the smoke and haze were so thick.

Suddenly, at 7 p.m., a break in the mist cleared the view for a moment and they saw the thrilling sight of the American flag still flying over the walls of the fort. Key was so excited that he wanted to express his feelings. He pulled an unfinished letter from his pocket and started writing verses. Key wrote most of the words of the song in a few minutes. Later that day the British released the Americans, and Key returned to Baltimore where he finished the other stanzas.

The poem was printed on handbills the next morning and distributed in the city. Key's brother-in-law suggested that the poem should be sung to the tune of an old English drinking song, "To Anacreon in Heaven." Americans knew the melody as a military march of the 1700s and as a political song named "Adams and Liberty" A few days later an actor, Ferdinand Durang, sang "The Star-Spangled Banner" in Baltimore. This was the first public performance of the song. It became popular immediately, and three months later was played during the Battle of New Orleans. Military bands now play "The Star-Spangled Banner" at formal retreat ceremonies when the flag is lowered at American forts and garrisons and on special occasions aboard American warships.

By government permission the United States flag is kept flying continuously over Key's grave at Frederick, Md., and over Fort McHenry. At San Francisco a great statue of Key looks out over the Pacific.



CONSTITUTION WEEK — Mayor Francene Noah signs a document declaring Snyder citizens' observance of Constitution Week Sept. 17-23. It is sponsored locally by Daughters of the American Revolution, Martin Preuitt Chapter. DAR members standing from left are Maribeth Vestal, Virginia Clark, Ann Smartt, Joanne Sterling and Jo Flynn. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Library News & Views

By Janie Romine, Librarian

We continue with "Library Card Sign-up Month," so come to the library and sign up for a library card. Although there are many benefits of having a library card, there are also responsibilities. Because of some people shirking those responsibilities, the Scurry County Library has had to initiate some new procedures concerning overdue books.

The library has had complete sections depleted because of someone checking out eight books on a subject and not bringing them back. This is not fair to other patrons who have a report to write, and cannot find the books because someone has kept them.

In the past we have sent two notices, one when the book was one month past due, and a second notice when two months past due. At that point the patron's library records were put on hold, and the person was no longer allowed to check out until the books had been returned. Because of the large amount of books not being returned, the Scurry County Library has now changed its policy, effective immediately.

If you have an overdue book, you will be mailed a notice 3-4 weeks after the book is due. If you do not respond, you will receive another notice a month later with the price of the book, plus a letter explaining the legal ramifications of not returning county property. If you still do not respond, your records will be forwarded to the county attorney for criminal prosecution. Actions such as this are distasteful to the library staff, but unfortunately, these actions are necessary so that all may enjoy the library's books. We apologize in advance to anyone who is offended by these actions, but when two notices are ignored, this must be the next step.

So, what can you do? If you receive a notice that a book is overdue and you are not finished with the book, call the library and renew it. If you are finished with it, bring it back so that we do not have to pay postage for another letter sent to your address. Do not give a book checked out in your name to your friends. Have them call the library and reserve it. As soon as you check it in, we will call them and tell them it is being held for them. Do not give anyone else your library card. What is checked out on your card is your responsibility.

If you have a question concerning how many books you have checked out, call the library and we will tell you what you have checked out. If you are a teacher, and you check out 30 books at a time, ask for a printout of the titles so that you can make sure you gather up all the books when they are returned.

We want to make your library experience as enjoyable as possible and we want to furnish as many books as possible. With your help, we can do exactly that! Help us by returning books promptly. See you at the Scurry County Library!

Selling ice cream the old fashioned way

MARSHALLTOWN, Iowa (AP) — Ice cream trucks are a little too modern for Daryl Carmer.

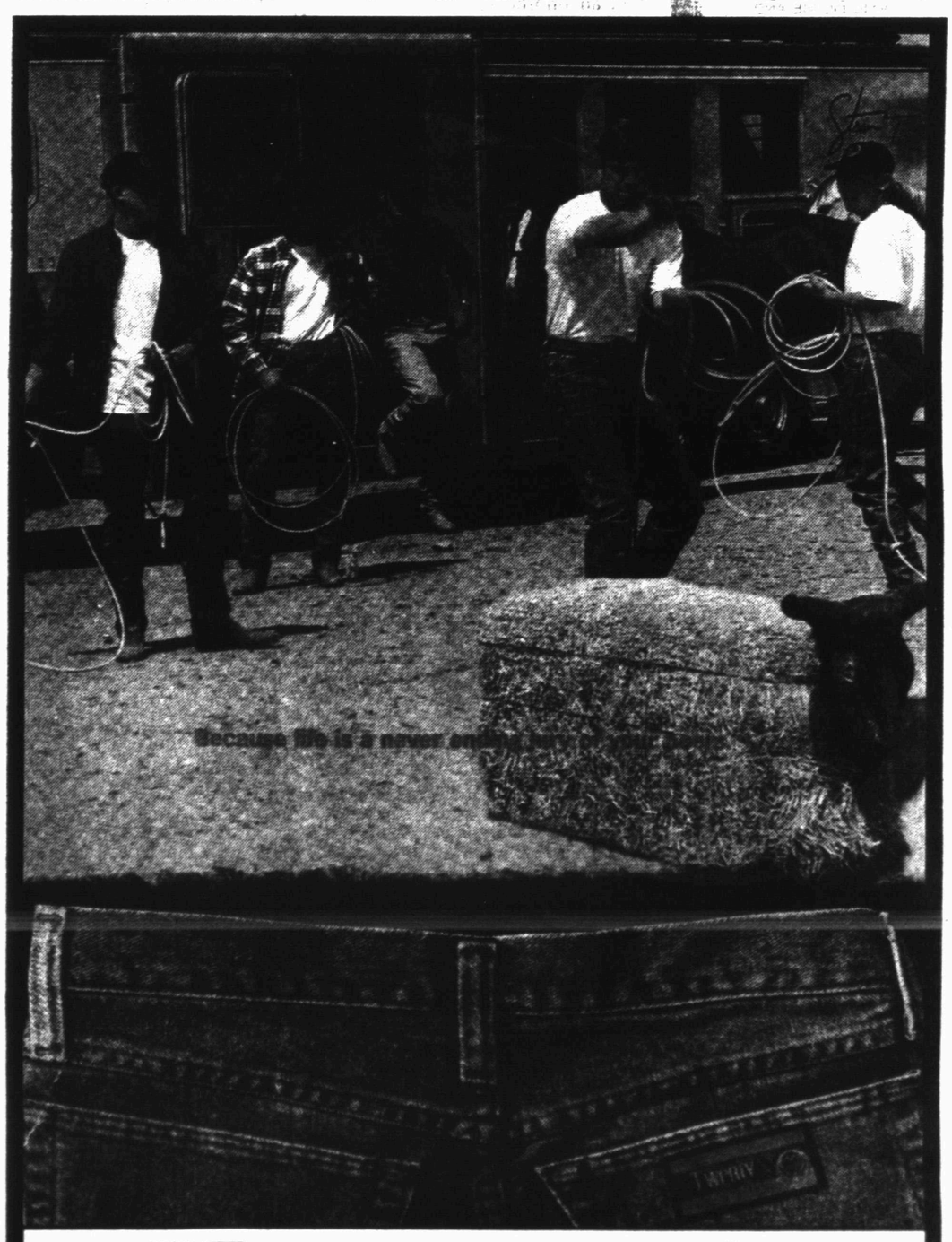
Carmer can be seen riding his bike around Marshalltown selling ice cream from the cooler attached to the back, a throwback, some say, to a slower and simpler time.

Carmer said nostalgia isn't why he's out there peddling, and pedaling, everyday.

"I get the most out of the neighborhoods," he said. "It makes a lot of kids smile. It makes most of their days."

Carmer keeps the ice cream hard using special ice packs, refrozen each night to 10 below zero. They are efficient and keep things hard all day, he said.

Carmer's menu has something for just about everyone's tastes, from ice cream sandwiches to Popsicles.



Community Calendar

MONDAY

Rock and Roil Quilting Club; Hermleigh Community Center; everyone is invited for free quilting lessons, and special projects are to help someone in need; call 863-2426 for more information; 8 a.m. to noon.

Scurry County Museum's hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Weight Watchers meeting; Trinity United Methodist Church; for more information call Nathalie at 573-1868 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5 p.m.

NA-Just for Today; Park Club at Winston Park; 573-1438.

Manic Depression (Bipolar) support group; Family Life Community Church, 904 26th Street; 7 p.m.

Stargazers Family Community Education Club; 7 p.m.

Scurry County AA; closed meeting; Park Club; for more information, call 574-1292 or 573-9458, 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; 573-8494 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

Beginners' AA open meeting; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 573-8268, 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

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Costa Rican trip was fun, educational for SHS graduate

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leagues in the U.S. are made. They learned that the baseballs are made with great care and the leather is sewn by hand. Each person makes from 35-60 balls per day.

That afternoon the FFA group went whitewater rafting on the Rio Revantazon. Besides being a lot of fun, that experience taught them the value of teamwork, communication and cooperation. They had to learn to work and depend on each other or their raft would have overturned, Johnna said.

EARTH College was created about 10 years ago. The FFA group divided into smaller groups to visit farm families and help with the daily work. Students major in agriculture and tropical areas. Johnna and the FFA group learned that EARTH improves social conditions for others while they use waste from their cattle farm.

Students who enroll at EARTH College are also from Ecuador, Panama and Brazil. They learn how to take care of different aspects of farming, science and technology.

On June 19, Johnna and the others toured the area in and around EARTH College, including a dairy farm and the "biodigester" project. At a banana plantation, they learned how the bananas get from the trees to the grocery stores. The banana plantation they visited was similar to packing sheds in the U.S. One difference though is that the Costa Ricans use very little pesticides to curtail weeds.

From EARTH College, they traveled to "Costa Flores," an ornamental plant farm founded by two people from the U.S. They saw many kinds of plants in one place, each with bright colors and shapes. Each FFA member received a bouquet of flowers that would probably have cost more than $30 in the U.S.

Johnna and the FFA group also toured a Del Monte pineapple plantation and processing plant. The plantation includes 2,000 acres, all planted and harvested by hand.

June 21 was reserved for optional activities in the area of the Arenal Volcano. Johnna chose to hike through a rainforest.

The next day, Johnna and the others traveled to the Tilajari Lodge to Costa Rica's coast on the Pacific Ocean at Punta Leona. En route, the FFA'ers visited "Chomes Mar," a shrimp farm, where they learned that a virus had almost wiped out the farm's entire production. They also enjoyed a few hours at the beach.

One June 23, Johnna and the FFA group opted to take a final dip in the ocean before packing up for the journey back to San Jose. They stopped along the way to look at such sites as "Crocodile Bridge" where hundreds of crocodiles live. They also visited a two-year technical college for agricultural education.



FUN, EDUCATIONAL TRIP — Johnna Ferris, right, learned a lot about Costa Rica this summer. She is pictured with Tracy Smithvack, one of the 52 FFA other students who participated. (Contributed Photo)

The group also shopped for souvenirs at Sarchi, well known for its painted oxcarts. Bowling and dinner followed at Metrobowl Restaurant, as their unforgettable trip began to wound down.

Their final activities included a few more hours at the beach and then they traveled to ECAG, a small school that had butterfly gardens, cheese making facilities and crocodile research operations.

Costa Rican cheese comes in different sizes and shapes and is cheaper then the cheese in the U.S. It is made in squares and sells for $1 a pound.

Johnna described her trip to Costa Rica as "awesome." Due to frequent rains, she said the foliage was "amazingly green. I was in awe of the trees that were older than I am and 6-10 times bigger."

Johnna said she and the others bonded because of their FFA affiliation. "The friendships we made will last a lifetime. I will never forget this amazing time."

She said the sponsors held special sessions each night that allowed them to reflect on each day's happenings. They told the students that they were very a very mature group and they were honored to be the sponsors.

Johnna was one of 53 participants from 22 states including 41 students, seven agriculture instructors, one National FFA Board trustee and three National FFA staff.

The seminar provides participants with the opportunity to learn about different agricultural practices as well as experience the history and culture of a foreign country. FFA students qualified for the trip by being national finalists in proficiency awards. Star Farmers and Star in Agribusiness finalists are also given a chance to attend.

Johnna's proficiency project concerned flora culture, and how the proficiency would vary if in another country. After graduating from Snyder High School in 2000, Johnna attended Western Texas College for one year; then she transferred to Tarleton State. She may major in sports medicine and she would like to be a trainer for cowboys and cowgirls that rodeo. But she also won't be straying too far from the agriculture field.

She is the daughter of John and Mickey Ferris of Snyder.

As Greenpeace turns 30, it finds itself imitated and criticized

LONDON (AP) — A creaky halibut boat sailed from Vancouver on Sept. 15, 1971, with a 12-member crew that included a doctor, an engineer, a musician and a trio of journalists.

The boat, the Phyllis Cormack, wasn't looking for fish. Inspired by Quaker ideals of "bearing witness" to injustice, the sailors headed to the Aleutian Islands, off the Alaska coast, to protest U.S. underground nuclear tests.

The voyage was beset by storms and seasickness, but it was the start of something big. Greenpeace, the organization it spawned, has weathered the rough seas of political change and internecine fighting to emerge as the word's best-known environmental group.

"People like us, people hate us — nobody is left cold by us," is the satisfied assessment of the organization's executive director, Gerd Leipold.

But as Greenpeace celebrates its 30th birthday, it finds itself fighting for attention with the environmental groups it inspired and fending off criticism from former friends.

"They're a lobby group, and exaggeration is the nature of lobby groups," said Danish academic Bjorn Lomborg, a former Greenpeace supporter whose book "The Skeptical Environmentalist" challenges the sacred cows of the environmental movement. "They focus on very specific issues that will further their agenda."

The 1971 maiden voyage made headlines and helped galvanize opposition to the nuclear tests, which were halted five months later.

The group went on to challenge the French navy in the South Pacific, take on whalers, occupy North Sea oil platforms and grapple with seal hunters on the ice floes of Newfoundland.

Along the way its brand of "nonviolent, creative confrontation" inspired thousands of direct-action protesters, influenced public policy and helped set the agenda for the environmental debate.

"Greenpeace has blazed the trail in responsible, nonviolent direct action," said Penny Kemp, chair of the Green Party in England and Wales, who credits the group's awareness-raising with boosting support for Green political parties.

Today, Amsterdam-based Greenpeace International claims supporters in 101 countries and offices in 39. Raising 94 percent of its funds through individual donations — it accepts no corporate or government funding — it campaigns to protect endangered oceans and rainforests and to halt climate change, toxic pollution, genetically modified food and nuclear weapons.

But growth has drawn critics, even from within. Paul Watson, a founder who split off to found the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society, has called Greenpeace a "myth-generating machine." Another early leader, Patrick Moore, now battles his old comrades as a consultant to the logging industry.

Lomborg argues that groups like Greenpeace make selective use of scientific evidence and have exaggerated environmental damage.

"Surveys show that people trust environmental groups much more than government scientists or industry. But they have an agenda, too," Lomborg said.

The organization's worst enemy, however, may be familiarity. Its much-copied tactics do not command the attention they once did, and membership is well down from a decade ago.

The group's renown grew after French secret agents sank the Greenpeace vessel Rainbow Warrior in the Pacific in 1985, killing a photographer. By 1991, Greenpeace claimed almost 5 million members — though it now says that figure probably was exaggerated by sloppy record-keeping.

Supporters in Europe and North America have drifted away. Greenpeace claimed 2.65 million paying members in 2000, a slight rise in the past two years. In the United States, membership fell from 1 million in the early '90s to just 260,000 today.

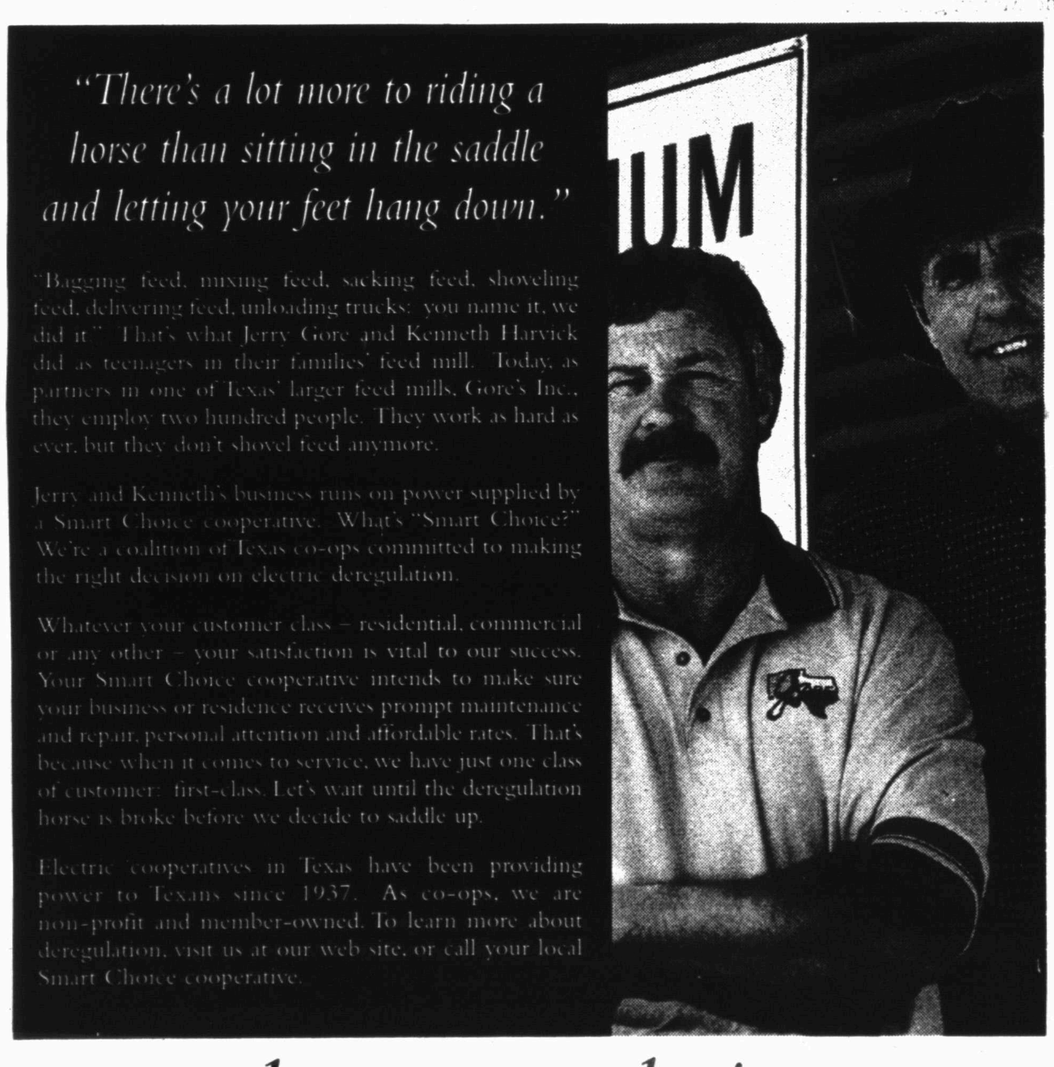
Leipold acknowledges "a certain downturn at the beginning of the 1990s," but says membership is expanding in Latin America and Asia and holding steady in most developed nations.

"There's no doubt that in Europe it's a lot harder to get attention, not least because there's more competition," he said. "We spearheaded this kind of action, and others copied us, and sometimes do it better."

He points out that income, which plummeted in the early 1990s, is rising again — Greenpeace International's net income was $93 million last year, the highest in five years.

In part, Greenpeace can thank President Bush's plans for a missile shield and oil exploration in the Alaskan wilderness for its rallying fortunes.

"After the Cold War, the opposition to nuclear weapons — which had been a key part of our program — was not as important anymore," Leipold said. "I don't think you can say that anymore."



People in the News

Madonna

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Madonna resumed her regular tour schedule at the Staples Center, offering a moment of silence for those killed and injured in the terrorist attacks and pledging the proceeds from the show to help victims' families.

"It was really an awesome inspiration that she took time out" to honor the victims, one male fan told KNBC-TV of Thursday's show.

The singer canceled her concert Tuesday after the terrorist attacks in New York, Washington D.C. and Pennsylvania.

On Thursday, ticketholders were told to arrive at least one hour early before each sold-out performance to allow enough time for them to make it through heightened security procedures.

Each of the 18,000 people entering the arena had to go through a maze of security checks that included searches of purses and pockets. Extra officers and bomb-sniffing dogs also were there.

Madonna was scheduled to perform again Friday at the Staples Center. Tickets for Tuesday's canceled date will be honored Saturday.

Sen. Christopher Dodd

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Christopher Dodd and his wife are the new parents of a baby girl.

The Connecticut Democrat's wife, Jackie Marie Clegg, gave birth Thursday night at a northern Virginia hospital.

The baby is named Grace after both her grandmothers. She weighs 7 pounds and is 20 inches long.

"They're doing terrific," Dodd spokesman Marvin Fast said. "Both of them are elated."

Dodd, 57, and Clegg, 39, the vice chairwoman and chief operating officer of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, were married in 1999 after many years of dating. This is the first child for both.

Clegg formerly worked 10 years as the legislative assistant to then Sen. Jake Garn, R-Utah.

Goran Ivanisevic

ZAGREB, Croatia (AP) — Wimbledon champion Goran Ivanisevic has been drafted for compulsory duty in the Croatian military.

But the call-up, which came Thursday on his 30th birthday, will not disrupt his professional career. Top sportsmen in Croatia are exempt from regular service, which normally requires conscripts to be lodged at a military base for a year.

Instead, Ivanisevic will have to report to military officials when he is in the country and receive the most basic military training over a six-month period starting Nov. 27.

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Three Marine officers found liable in alleged cover-up

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — Three Marine officers were found liable in the alleged cover-up of problems with Osprey aircraft, the Marines said Friday. Five others were cleared.

Col. James E. Schleining, commanding officer, Marine Aircraft Group 26, was found in violation of a charge of dereliction of duty in that he should have known about the falsified Osprey maintenance reports. He received a punitive letter of reprimand.

Schleining was cleared of a charge of violating a lawful order by allegedly failing to report the suspected falsification of maintenance reports.

Lt. Col. Odin F. Leberman, former Commanding Officer, Marine Medium Tiltrotor Training Squadron, was found in violation of two charges: dereliction of duty in that he knew of the false maintenance reports and conduct unbecoming an officer. He received a punitive letter of reprimand.

Leberman was cleared of making false official statements. He had been accused of forwarding false maintenance reports up the chain of command.

Capt. Christopher Ramsey, assistant aviation maintenance officer, Marine Medium Tiltrotor Training Squadron, was found in violation on one charge: dereliction of duty in that he knew of the false maintenance reports. No punishment was imposed.

He was cleared of making false official statements and of conduct unbecoming an officer.

Being found in violation of a charge does not amount to a criminal conviction, the Marines said.

Five other officers had been accused in the case, including:

— Maj. Gen. Dennis T. Krupp, commanding general, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, who was cleared of a charge of dereliction of duty.

— Col. Phillip L. Newman, assistant chief of staff for aviation logistics division, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, who was found innocent of the charges of dereliction of duty and violating a lawful order.

— Col. Laurin P. Eck, former assistant program manager, Naval Air Systems Command, who was cleared of violating a lawful order.

— Lt. Col. Demetrice M. Babb, aviation maintenance officer, aviation logistics division, 2nd Marine Airwing, who was cleared of dereliction of duty and violating a lawful order.

— Chief Warrant Officer Matthew W. Smith, maintenance material control officer, Marine Medium Tiltrotor Training Squadron, who was cleared of dereliction of duty and making a false official statement.

Closed hearings for all eight officers, were held Sept. 7 before Lt. Gen. Raymond P. Ayres Jr., the Marine Corps' Atlantic Forces commander.

Newman was "relieved, but not surprised" that he was cleared, his attorney, Maj. Steve Ockerman, said in a telephone interview.

"I saw no evidence why he should have been charged," Ockerman said.

Capt. Brian Kasprzyk, attorney for Leberman, did not immediately return a telephone call seeking comment.

Employers work to deliver pay checks on time

DALLAS (AP) — The shutdown of U.S. flights after Tuesday's terrorist attacks has slowed the delivery of bill payments and forced employers to resort to buses and cars to get paychecks in the hands of workers.

Managers at Brinker International Inc., a Dallas-based restaurant chain with employees in 48 states, scrambled when they realized there would be no air-courier service to deliver paychecks.

"We finally decided to use Greyhound bus service and our own employees to take road trips," said Barbara Youngman, Brinker's payroll manager. "Our executives put together 12 teams of two home-office volunteers to travel the U.S. to deliver paychecks to our restaurants."

Dallas-based 7-Eleven Inc., with 70,000 employees at its convenience stores, dusted off the emergency manuals it developed in case of a Y2K crisis.

"The paychecks, of course, fly via UPS or Federal Express to various destinations around the country," said president and chief executive Jim Keyes. "We have had to make provisions to pay people on a local basis with money orders at the stores. Thankfully, the stores have money-order machines."

One group of employees shouldn't be affected at all by late paychecks — those who are paid electronically.

According to the American Payroll Association in San Antonio, about half of all employees are paid by direct deposit.

"I would imagine that the number who get direct deposit — across the country, employees in general — it's probably going to increase after this," said Mandy Holton, a spokeswoman for Atlanta-based Home Depot Inc.

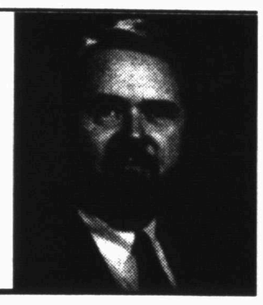
Holton said she still doesn't use direct deposit, then added, "I'm probably going to think twice about it now."

A spokesman for Delaware-based MBNA America Bank, the largest independent credit-card issuer, said it would examine customers' postmarks for evidence that consumers tried to pay bills on time.

"We realize that some delay in the mail service is inevitable, and we'll make every effort to ensure that consumers are not penalized because of events beyond their control," spokesman Jim Donahue told The Dallas Morning News.

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



I'm walking out the door over you.
(Last of two parts)

Last week in part one, I described two incidents that happened the same week and made a lasting customer service impression on me. The first experience was with two local chain restaurants. At the first, kids were on duty and only one of three was working. Because of loud music, slow service and a shortage of inventory, we decided to eat elsewhere.

At the second stop, both restrooms were out of order. I needed to go, so, that was unacceptable. We went to the third choice, and had a satisfying experience.

The second incident had to do with confusion over sales prices and coupons. The coupon issued by a national retailer was only good on sale items and the pants I selected allegedly weren't on sale. I bought less and paid more.

The next week, the pants price had gone back up. I felt I'd been cheated out of getting to use the coupons. I still needed pants so I bought more from a retailer on the other side of the mall.

The rental experience

The third incident was really more of a lack of service and a missed opportunity than bad service. It happened at a rental store.

We've been doing a major gardening project in our backyard. I needed to move dirt and the shovel and wheelbarrow were getting tired of me. And, I of them.

I drove by a rental place, and saw a little tractor complete with a front-end loader and rear tiller. Just what I needed.

I was on my lunch hour, and dressed in a white shirt and tie. I didn't look like a construction guy, so neither of the two men in the store offered to help. One went to his office; the other glanced at me then turned and went out back.

I was not offended, but I was amused. I have spoken numerous times to the American Rental Association (one of best trade associations in the country). I guess the owner hadn't listened.

Finally, a young woman turned from a filing cabinet and said, "Kin I hep ya?" That's West Texas for "How may I be of service, sir?"

I told her what I needed, and she quoted the price without hesitation. I inquired about delivery, and again she answered without hesitation. End of conversation.

There were no questions regarding when and how long I would need the tractor, and certainly no offer to deliver it on the weekend. I said, "Thank you." She said, "OK."

Missed opportunities

All three of these incidents represent missed opportunities. In all cases I had money, and was prepared to spend it.

Here's some business advice. Advice that can help you — and them — increase sales and profits.

* If you're going to hire kids, do three things. First, train them. Train them to respect and take good care of all customers. Second, give them incentives to work, and walking papers if they don't. Third, spend some time in the business yourself. Even good young employees need a little guidance and reinforcement from time to time.

* Make it easy and pleasant for customers to do business with you. Convenient parking, working restrooms and clean facilities are musts. If you don't stay on top of these items, you're missing opportunities.

* Ask for the business. Don't let an interested customer walk away without at least an attempt to make a sale. Qualified customers are hard to find. When they come in, at least offer to serve, deliver, schedule or fix.

Instead of walking out the door, they'll be singing your song. And, satisfied customers make sweet music.

Don Taylor is the co-author of Up Against the Wal-Marts. You can write to him in care of Minding Your Own Business, PO Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.

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Filed in District Court

Isadoro Rodriguez, individually and as next friend for minor daughter Jessica Rodriguez, vs. Kristi Ann Hernandez, suit for injuries.

Brenda and Kevin Gentry vs. United Supermarkets Inc. and two unknown parties, suit on injuries.

Action in District Court

Sears, Roebuck & Co. vs. Anastacio Alvarez Jr., agreed final judgment.

Isadoro Rodriguez, individually and as next friend for minor daughter Jessica Rodriguez, vs. Kristi Henandez, final judgment for plaintiff.

In the marriage of Danny R. Lunsford and Gina Guy Lunsford, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Richard Earl Payne and Ernestina Gonzales Payne, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Kaila Renea Bethel and Charles F. Bethel, divorce granted.

Deed Records

Kay Price and Mavis Logan to Robert Calbillo, the south one-half of Lot 1 in Block 2 of the Cody Addition.

East Side Church of Christ to His Joy Ministries Inc., tract one being the east 40 feet of Lot 3 and the west 25 feet of Lot 4, both in Block 47 of the A.C. Wilmeth's Addition; tract two being Lots 1 and 2 and the west 10 feet of Lot 3, all in Block 47 of the A.C. Wilmeth's Addition.

Jearld Smith, individually and as trustee of the Jearld and Ione C. Smith Family Trust, to the Jearld Smith Family Limited Partnership, the south 90 feet of Lot 7 in Block 34 of the Wilmeth Addition.

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Weldon Swan, individually and as independent executor of the estate of Mary Estelle Swan, to Reynaldo M. and Maria Elena Hernandez, the south 87 feet of Lots 11 and 12 in Block 36 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Kathy Josie Medina to Aurelio Medina, Lots 1-3 in Block 2 of the Belmont Park Heights Addition.

Lillian Ashley, independent executrix of the estate of E.M. Ashley to Lillian Ashley, Lot 8 in Block 3 of the Parkview Addition.

H.E. Lewis, individually and attorney-in-fact for Vivian Lewis, to Lyle and Sandra Brace, Lots 1-4 in Block 14 of the Green Hills Addition.

Dorothy Lavender to Lawrence Jaramillo Sr., the south 140 feet of the west 50 feet of Lot 4 in Block 24 of the T.N. Nunn Addition.

Teen may get evicted from his home

APACHE JUNCTION, Ariz. (AP) — Rory Coriell wants to keep living with his grandparents in their Arizona retirement community, but his age might get in the way.

The 16-year-old started living with his grandparents after Oregon Child Services sent him there. The agency stepped in because Coriell was running away from his adoptive father; his mother died of cancer in 1995.

Last week, Montessa at Gold Canyon gave Coriell and his grandparents the ultimatum: Vacate or find a new home for the teen.

The community requires that all residents of a dwelling be at least 18. Rules also require that at least one permanent resident be 55 or more.

"It's petty," Coriell said. "It's immature."

Mark Keith, regional manager for Cal-Am properties in Encino, Calif., referred questions to attorney Douglas Nelson, who wasn't available for comment.

Gene Bumgarner, 69, had asked the owners to allow the teen to live with them until he turns 18 in 13 months, pointing out the circumstances.

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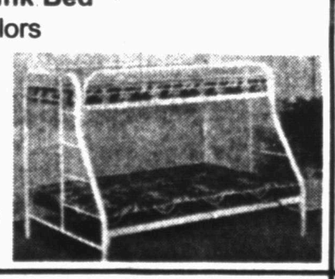
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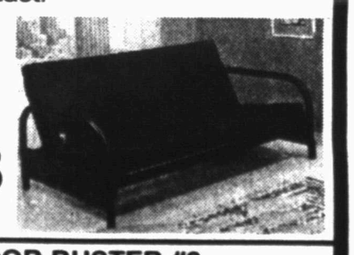
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4-H appealing to urban and suburban kids, report says

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Ten-year-old Katie Stout lives in a two-story house in a subdivision near Nashville. Her one-acre yard doesn't have a garden and she owns no animals except for pet goldfish.

But Katie is an enthusiastic member of the 4-H Club.

"I've always liked Girl Scouts and I thought I would like this, too," the fifth-grader said after modeling a skirt she made for a 4-H contest at the Tennessee State Fair this week.

Katie is exactly the type of member the 99-year-old national youth development organization is seeking to attract as more people move to cities and suburbs from the farms, its traditional base of membership.

"A lot of people think it's just 'cows and cooking,' but it's not," said Katie's mom, Janet Stout, a former 4-H member who grew up on a farm.

For example, Katie's next 4-H project might be on energy and the environment. There also are projects offered on nutrition, community service, interior design and photography, among others.

In 1997, 4-H launched a national recruiting campaign that broadened its image and focus beyond the barnyard and kitchen. It has been somewhat successful, helping the organization grow enrollment to about 6.8 million in 2000 after dropping in the mid-1980s and early 1990s.

"But it's still a struggle," said Christie Phillips, a spokeswoman for the Chevy Chase, Md.-based organization. "We have a 90 percent brand awareness among adults, but most think it's still only for rural kids, and that's what parents will tell their children when they say they want to join."

Founded in 1902 to provide better agricultural education for young people, 4-H stands for Head, Heart, Hands and Health. The nonprofit program is administered and partly funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Amanda Logan, a recent graduate of Franklin High School who lives on a farm in Williamson County, has been involved in the sheep project — raising and showing lambs — since sixth grade.

Logan stayed involved even though her middle school dropped 4-H and she had to join a community-based program. Pat Whitaker, a 4-H specialist, said Tennessee is one of the few states that still has clubs in its schools.

Logan said she and her 16-year-old brother were the only 4-H members at the school in Franklin, a wealthy bedroom community of Nashville that is rapidly replacing farmland with huge subdivisions. She wouldn't trade her 4-H experience, which has provided her with "friendships, a sense of responsibility — and a flock of sheep."

Phillips said that although 4-H is open to people ages 5-19, many drop out in high school because they have other options, including jobs, cars and sports.

Rebekah Lenley, a 17-year-old senior at East Robertson High School in Springfield, said her 4-H club has had considerable success attracting older members with its teen adventure weekends of whitewater rafting, rock climbing and paintball.

14th Coyote Opry slated Sept. 22

GAIL — On Saturday, Sept. 22, Borden County will hold the 14th Annual Coyote Opry at the county show barn. This year, there will be an Antique Tractor Show. Tractors will be in place for public viewing at 3 p.m. inside the show barn.

Mexican hamburgers will be served from 5-6 p.m. Plates can be purchased at the door. Area adults and children will begin the Opry at 6 p.m. by singing down-home country and gospel music. In between talent acts, homemade pies, cakes and cobblers will be auctioned. The proceeds from the supper and auction will benefit activities for the youth of Borden County.

"Farm and Ranch Heritage in Borden County" poster contest participants will display the artwork during this event. Various awards will be given to those chosen to receive the "Artist Award" and "Best of Show."

This event is co-sponsored by the Texas Cooperative Extension — Borden County, Borden County Jr. Livestock Association, Borden County 4-H and Gail FFA. For more information, call the Borden County Extension Office at 806-756-4336.

Q & A

Addiction and family

The Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, devote this column to information about substance abuse.

"Our children are the faces of our future, and the childhood we give them today will determine the future they give us tomorrow." *Governor George Bush*

Addiction and the Family

We take great pride in our family members' accomplishments. Why not? We are an important influence in their lives. Unfortunately, addiction is a family affair too.

Children's experience at home is the largest single factor in whether or not they will have a drug or alcohol problem early in life. A majority of people in trouble with alcohol or drugs were introduced to them at home. The stress and pain from living in an alcohol- or drug-affected family can lead to the use of substances by other family members.

This vicious cycle does not have to be repeated. Addiction is a chronic relapsing disease caused by multiple factors—such as genetics, trauma, and a family history of substance abuse—yet many behaviors can make the problem better or worse for a family. (The same thing can be said about other chronic diseases like diabetes.) The very best prevention program for many people at risk is to make sure their addicted family member receives appropriate treatment.

What to do

Several steps need to take place to enhance a family's role in preventing alcohol or drug addiction. First, we must create family environments where it is *not* acceptable to be drunk or high on drugs. If a parent, other adult, or child has an alcohol or drug problem, someone must have the courage to address it. Even if the problem cannot be resolved right away, family members must know that something is wrong, and the individual is trying to get better. Since a majority of adults drink at least some alcohol, there needs to be a clear pattern of behavior that shows the difference between use and abuse.

Young people spot hypocrisy faster than adults can speak it. We must talk clearly to them about our expectations that they not drink, smoke, or take drugs—but our own behavior is much more influential than our words. Adults must model what they want youth to become.

Treatment is needed

One of the major reasons addiction persists in families is the lack of access to treatment. Today in the United States, fewer than 30 percent of the people who need alcohol or drug treatment actually receive it. A major part of the problem is that public and private medical insurance will not pay for adequate treatment. This is not a matter of money. It is actually cheaper to pay for decent addiction treatment than to continue paying for the medical consequences and injuries that result from untreated problems. Yet we needlessly condemn children and adults to suffer with addictions because of popular opinion, which holds addiction as a moral weakness, not a treatable disease.

Finally, there is an important community dimension to addressing addiction. When an adult or a child has a problem, concerned adults should make a concerted effort to intervene. Yet, sadly, when it comes to substance abuse, most of us still look away. For example, teachers frequently sense there must be a problem at home, but they have no training, time, or permission to get involved and make a referral.

Each of us can get involved. One step we can make is to tell our employers, our insurers, and our legislators that we want addiction covered like other diseases. We can also work to ensure that treatment centers are welcomed into our neighborhoods. Concerted community leadership is needed to identify and address substance abuse problems in all settings where they occur.

Addiction is a serious, but not hopeless problem. We can join together to address it in our families and communities.

From the website of the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information. Written by David L. Rosenbloom, Director of Join Together, a national resource center for communities fighting substance abuse and gun violence.

Send your questions on drugs or addiction to P.O. Box 695, Snyder, Texas 79550. All questions and personal inquires may be submitted anonymously. Confidential information is available by calling (915) 573-1141 or 1-800-658-6722. Information on self-help groups and contact phone numbers may be found in the SDN Community Calendar.

Symington bankruptcy settlement reached

PHOENIX (AP) — Six pension funds will receive at least $2 million from former Gov. Fife Symington to settle a bankruptcy case stemming from a failed real estate deal negotiated before he was elected governor.

On Sept. 6, Symington and representatives of the union pension funds presented U.S. Bankruptcy Judge George B. Nielsen Jr. with a proposed settlement in which they agreed to settle the funds' claims against Symington in return for the payment, The Associated Press learned Thursday.

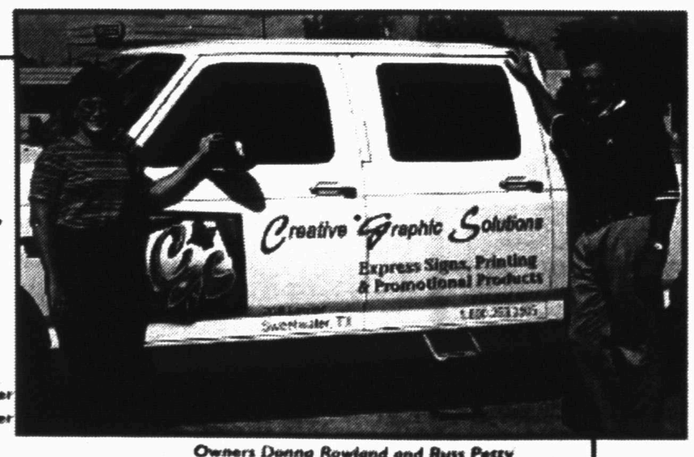
Attorneys had hoped Nielsen would approve the settlement Thursday. But a scheduled hearing was postponed until Sept. 25 because a pension-funds representative could not travel to Phoenix due to Tuesday's terrorist attacks.

Documents obtained by the AP state that Symington agreed to pay the pension funds the greater of $2 million or 40 percent of his share of a family trust which will be distributed to beneficiaries upon the death of a Symington uncle.

Symington was unavailable for comment Thursday, said Doug Cole, a lobbyist who served as press secretary in Symington's administration.

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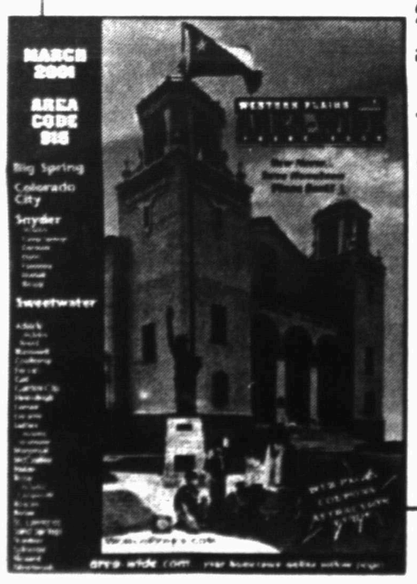
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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — There is no room for selfishness in today's dealings, be it on your part or your associates. Without generosity of spirit, the activity you're involved in will be a bummer. Virgo, treat yourself to a birthday gift.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Double-check to make certain you have all the facts involving an important matter. Chances are something vital has not come to light and a no-win situation could develop today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — A case of the blind leading the blind could become the case today if you step forward and attempt to help a friend of yours who can't resolve a problem. Don't make matters worse.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — If you build your hopes upon false premises today, your castles in the air could collapse. Deal with the realities of life, not rainbows.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Instead of trying to circumvent obstacles today, you might instead continue to bump your head against a brick wall. Don't allow yourself to slip into failure mode.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Relax and take a back seat for once and let others run the show today. There's a chance your performance might not be up to par and could lead the group astray.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Unless both parties are aiming for the same objective, a partnership made today will fall on its face. Without unison in efforts, failure is inevitable.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Because you might feel lucky today, you could allow yourself to get involved in something that may prove self-defeating. Once you're mired down, it'll be hard to pry yourself loose.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — It's best to check with your friends today to make certain they're in agreement with the group plans you're laying out. They might not agree with your thinking.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Your image could be fragile today, so be very careful as to how you conduct yourself when in the company of others. One wrong move and you can be marred for some time to come.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Honesty is an admirable quality, but not when speaking your true opinion hurts another. Strive to be kind when expressing your thoughts, not harsh or brutal.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Licking your wounds today by splurging on something expensive will only end up adding insult to injury to your wallet. If you do not have the funds to waste on a frivolous item, don't buy it.

Monday, Sept. 17, 2001

In the year ahead, you may strive to make some very important changes in your basic lifestyle. A couple might come about unsolicited, but all should turn out rather successful for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Distinguishing between acceptable assertiveness and aggressive behavior is a must today. Coming on too strong or being too pushy will undo all the goodwill you've earned. Major changes are ahead for Virgo in the coming year. **Send for your Astro-Graph predictions 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.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Usually you're exceptionally good about forgiving and forgetting, yet, if someone gets your dander up today, you're not likely to handle things too diplomatically.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — There may be a strong tendency on your part to make mountains out of molehills today. When out with friends or associates, keep minor infractions in perspective.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Even though your way of doing something may be diametrically opposed to the way others handle things, it does not give you cause to be demanding. Cooperate, or go it alone.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Chances are that if your views meet with rejection today, it will be because of the way you present them. Be low key and courteous to win acceptance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Today might not be the best time to mix business with pleasure. While in a social setting, it would be wise not to talk shop or try to promote something.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Oddly enough, if something goes wrong today, you could prematurely jump to conclusions and blame the wrong person. Gather the facts first, and learn all points of view.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — If you should work on any kind of project that involves tools today, keep your concentration squarely on the job at hand. Sloppy focus could cause problems or accidents.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You're mistaken if you believe you can reap big rewards without any effort today. Even though long shots might be more appealing to you than usual, try to avoid them.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Things that normally wouldn't faze you one bit may stir up some frustrations today and reveal a temper you might otherwise not have. When things heat up, go take a cold shower.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Don't read more into things that are said today than the speaker intended. Looking for nuances or hidden meanings is asking for unnecessary trouble. Take people at face value.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Financial conditions may be a mixed bag for you today. On one hand, you could yield more profit than usual, but on the other hand, you might be in too big of a hurry to spend it all.

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Some air travelers of Middle Eastern descent are cleared

NEW YORK (AP) — About a dozen travelers of Middle Eastern descent who were detained at two New York airports have been cleared of any connection with this week's terrorist attacks, federal authorities said Friday.

One person, however, remained in custody, said Barry Mawn, head of the FBI's New York office. That person had not immediately been charged and may be released, Mawn said.

The incidents Thursday caused the region's three major airports — Kennedy, LaGuardia and Newark, N.J. — to close again just hours after service had been restored because of the attacks. The airports were reopened at 11:20 a.m. Friday.

Authorities had been investigating whether the two groups — detained at Kennedy and LaGuardia — were more would-be hijackers or people related to the attack trying to flee the New York area.

Sen. Joseph Biden, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, told CNN the arrests were based on suspicions that the men were linked to Tuesday's attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon.

One man was arrested because he was belligerent, while the others were merely detained and questioned, according to the senator's chief of staff, Alan Hoffman.

Biden said there were explanations for the suspicions. One man was originally thought to be traveling with a fake pilot's license. Biden said the man was a pilot who also had his brother's identification.

"His brother happened to live in an apartment complex that was one in Boston where some of these people had actually been," said Biden, D-Del.

Others were traveling to a Boeing Co. conference, either because they work for the airline

Kmart to pay $3 million in damages to man's family

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Kmart acted with "reckless indifference" in selling a shotgun to a 19-year-old who killed himself with the weapon, a federal jury ruled in awarding $1.5 million in punitive damages to the teen's family.

The jury's decision on Thursday came a day after it awarded $1.5 million in compensatory damages to the family of Ryan Tait Eslinger, a paranoid schizophrenic who shot himself to death May 23, 1996.

The family praised the jury's decision.

"Hopefully, Kmart will get the message they can't do business this way," the teen's father, Phil Eslinger, said. "Selling guns is a serious business."

He and his wife Sandra said the sale violated federal law, and that the corporation was negligent when it allowed a 17-year-old store employee to sell the gun. The clerk was a friend of Ryan Eslinger.

Kmart stood by the purchase. The company argued the company could not be punished for the actions of individual employees. There was no convincing evidence of recklessness on Kmart's part, attorney Rodney Parker argued.

"While Ryan Eslinger's death is certainly a regrettable tragedy, Kmart maintains that the sale of the firearm was in compliance with federal law," the company said in a statement.

The Eslingers say the clerk who sold the shotgun failed to seek proper identification and went on with the sale even though medication Eslinger was taking made him appear intoxicated.

Parker said it wasn't Kmart's responsibility to foresee Eslinger's death, which was "the tragic outcome of a serious mental illness."

Action moves required

NEW YORK (AP) — Although the new film "The Musketeer" is full of high-flying action sequences like those in "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon," Mena Suvari didn't need to learn the stunts and fencing techniques required of many of her castmates.

The only weapon Suvari uses in this retelling of Alexandre Dumas' classic "The Three Musketeers" is the knife she keeps hidden under her dress.

Suvari plays the fair maiden Francesca, who is swept off her feet by the heroic D'Artagnan, played by Justin Chambers.

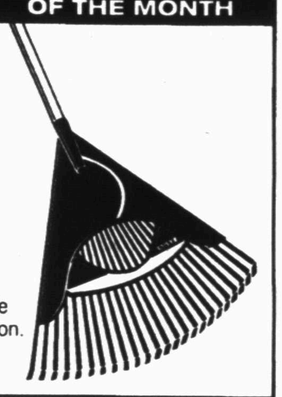
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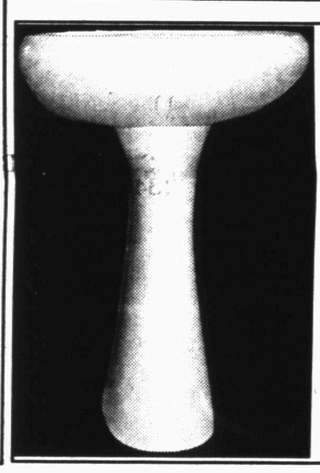


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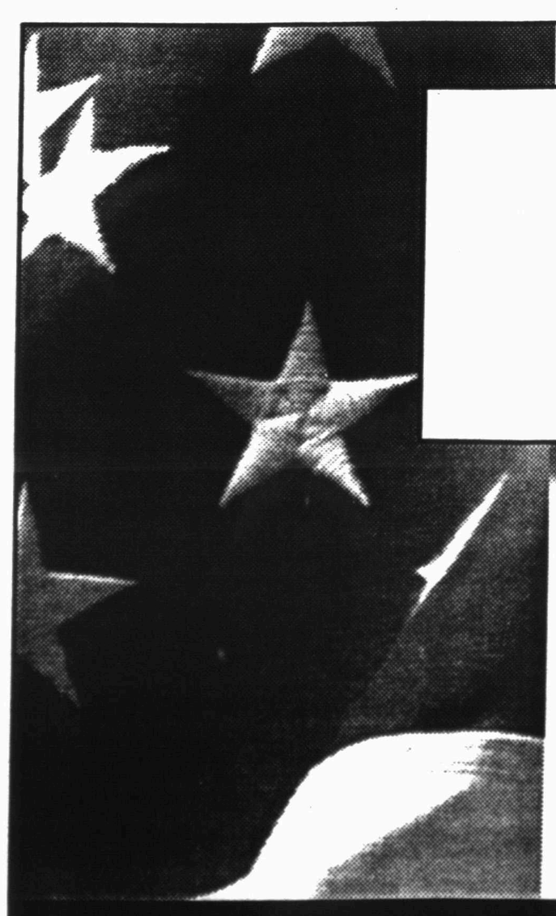


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Letters to the editor

Dial 9-1-1

Dear Editor:

Tuesday was National 9-1-1 Day. Because dialing 9-1-1 fast is critical to surviving a stroke or a heart attack. I thought I'd send an article with material you may want to use.

As a physician and a member of the board of directors of the Scurry County chapter of the American Heart Association, I want to educate people about the warning signs of stroke and heart attack and the importance of dialing 9-1-1.

When a medical emergency occurs, most people know to dial 9-1-1. The problem is that the warning signs of the number one and number three killers in America can be difficult to recognize. Most of us know someone whose life has been impacted by a heart attack or stroke. But will you recognize the signs when your life is at stake?

In the classic scenario, a heart attack victim clutches his chest in sudden and intense chest pain and then collapses. But most heart attacks are not that obvious. The American Heart Association is making a push to educate the public, because "time is muscle." In other words, the longer a heart attack goes on without the victim seeking help the more heart muscle is lost and the greater the damage. The same could be said about a "brain attack," or stroke. Time is gray matter, too.

According to the American Heart Association, the following are heart attack warning signs:

- **Chest discomfort.** Uncomfortable pressure, fullness, squeezing or pain in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes, or that goes away and comes back.
- **Discomfort in other areas of the upper body.** Pain spreading to, or even localized in, the shoulders, stomach, back, neck, jaw or arms.
- **Shortness of breath.** Trouble breathing can come before the onset of chest or upper body pain, or it can go hand in hand with other symptoms.
- **Other signs.** Feeling lightheaded or faint, actually passing out, breaking out into a cold sweat, or nausea and vomiting can herald a heart attack.

One of my favorite patients once came into our office complaining of nausea and vomiting. She thought she had the flu. Not! It was a heart attack without chest pain, as are about one-third. Another patient I once saw in an emergency room was a truck driver who refused to believe his terrible heartburn was due to anything other than bad truck stop chili. I had to show him his highly abnormal electrocardiogram and the abnormal heart enzymes in his blood work to convince him he was having "the big one."

Now more than ever it is important to recognize the warning signs of stroke as well. Clot-dissolving medicine can be given to treat one type of stroke, but only if the victim makes it to the emergency room within three hours of the first symptoms. It's critical to dial 9-1-1 early.

The American Medical Association gives the following as warning signs of stroke:

- Sudden numbness tingling or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body.
- Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding speech.
- Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes.
- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination.
- Sudden severe headache with no apparent cause.

Cardiovascular disease in this country claims one life every 33 seconds. Don't let one of those be yours or a loved one's. Statistics show that taking an ambulance ride — not driving by car — gets treatment started up to an hour sooner. Most doctors would rather have the opportunity to reassure you that your symptoms are not a heat attack or stroke than to have you stay at home because you don't know the signs. Give them and yourself a fighting chance by dialing 9-1-1 fast.

If you would like more information about heart attack and stroke, contact your Scurry County chapter of the American Heart Association. President Dee Chasteen can be reached at 573-2913.

An opportunity to help in the fight against heart attack and stroke is the upcoming annual American Heart Association Heart Walk. We need walkers, teams of walkers, sponsors and supporters for the local Dr. David Hensley Memorial Heart Walk, scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 13.

Many in Snyder and the surrounding area knew Dr. Hensley, a local dentist who died at the young age of 48 from a heart attack last spring. This year's walk is named in his memory for all those who have survived and those who have lost their battle against cardiovascular disease. Contact the local chapter to find out how you can participate.

Sincerely,
Kimberly Leighton, M.D.

MDA thanks

Dear Editor:

I knew we could depend on the kind people of Snyder to come through again! Thanks to the many generous people in the Snyder area, you helped the 2001 Jerry Lewis MDA Labor Day Telethon raise a record $56,780,603 in contributions and pledges.

Across the country, nearly a million volunteers, including hundreds of celebrities donated their time on Labor Day weekend to help people of all ages with neuromuscular diseases, including many families in your community. I applaud the people of Snyder for phoning in pledges to the Telethon and for so generously supporting MDA programs throughout the year, such as Shamrocks Against Dystrophy, MDA Lock-Ups and fire fighters' Fill-the-Boot drives — to name only a few.

Thanks to you, MDA is able to maintain a network of 230 clinics nationwide. There, children and adults with muscle-wasting disorders can receive the best possible care from a team of medical experts. You also help enable MDA to sponsor worldwide research seeking treatments and cures for these devastating disorders.

For more information on how to get involved with our mission of hope and help, call MDA national headquarters at 800-572-1717. You can also visit our Web site at www.mdausa.org.

Sincerely,
Jerry Lewis
MDA National Chairman

Mad and upset

Dear Editor:

I am mad!

I am upset about what happened to the United States today. I hope the party or parties responsible for the action taken against the United States today will be dealt with in a swift manner.

Another thing that makes me mad about today is that people would take advantage of the situation. I am referring to the sudden rise in gas prices. As an example, United Supermarket went from $1.38 to $1.59. In my opinion, anyone that would use today's events to profit are just as bad as the people that are responsible for all the death and destruction.

Their response when I asked about price gouging was "We can go even higher".

All gas stations raised their prices, but this is the largest that I saw. I spend about $300.00 a month buying gas at United but I will take my business elsewhere in the future. L&L had the smallest increase as it only went up to $1.41. In a half-hour time frame, Exxon went from $1.39 to $1.49.

I hope other Snyder residents took notice of this.

Outraged,
John P. Rogers

World Trade Center

We thought we stood on solid ground
but now destruction's all we've found.

So many broken dreams, shattered lives,
missing friends, husbands and wives.

Children crying, people in pain
because of a country who went insane

So much shock, so many to grieve.

Who to turn to, who to believe?

A nation's landmark now destroyed.

This tragedy we Americans cannot avoid.

We will bring justice, we will bring shame
to those who caused our nation so much pain.

It will take time, we'll make it through.

To all America, I believe in you.

Melissa Ann Jerome
Snyder High School
Sophomore Class

Our Nation Stands Forever Strong

I see the clouds of smoke.
A total city in dismay
I cry for all, who choke,
On this awful, awful day.

I hear the people screaming,
The buildings falling down.
While people were still dreaming,
And lonely was the town.

A nation will be tested
This I can truly say.
For every home was nested,
As we lost a great deal that day.

For this is a great nation,
We will stand forever strong.
For we are God's creation,
And for Him we do belong.

By Ashly Pavlovsky
Eighth Grade
Snyder Junior High

The American Flag

Dear Editor:

The American Flag — The most recognizable single symbol in the world. At once the most respected, loved and hated symbol on the planet. Over the last few years all over the country respect and deference to the Flag has waned. But over the last week as happens in most all of this country's darkest hours, Americans all over the world rallied to the flag in tremendous numbers.

Through our history, during every conflagration, there are pictures or depictions of the American Flag flying proudly in the wind. Amid smoke over the Arizona, raised atop Mt. Suribachi, on Iwo Jima, draping coffins from Vietnam and Tuesday morning flying over the wreckage and debris of the World Trade Center.

To many the flag is one entity, one thing, but it's not. It is a compilation of symbols well thought-out. There are 13 stripes, one for each of the original colonies. There are 50 stars, the only changing facet of the flag, one for each state.

The white stripes indicate purity of the motivation and resolve of the country's founders, and the men and women who fought for it.

The red in the stripes is to recognize the blood spilled by patriots in defense of the ideals and freedoms of our country.

And finally the field of blue is to remind us of the fields the patriots fell on.

Tuesday, the U.S. was attacked again not in an honorable manner by a foreign power, but by a relatively small group of criminals. It has galvanized the people of our great nation into the will of iron necessary to carry on the traditions and ideals set for us by all who have come before us.

And when all is said and done the greatness that is America, the land of the free and the home of the brave will still be recognized because "Old Glory" still flies over it, and God looks over us.

Brian Moffett
Radiology manager
Cogdell Memorial Hospital

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Editor's Note: This e-mail was received by family members of Shane Wade, a 1991 graduate of SHS. He is the son of former residents Ronnie and Rosanna Wade, grandson of Snyder residents Joyce and Lester Hopper and nephew of Rick Hopper, also of Snyder. He works for HNTB as a civil engineer, and his wife, Angie, teaches at a private school.

Thoughts of home

I am not a big fan of the mass e-mail. They are not very personal and the author is usually either forwarding you a dumb joke for the hundredth time or rambling on about their dogs, cats, sister's husband's cousin twice removed. However, today has been an unusual day in America. Therefore, I am breaking with my normal tradition and sending a mass e-mail. I wanted everyone to know that Angie and I are home, safe and sound. I also wanted to relay the day's events in D.C. from a first-hand perspective rather than what you may be seeing on the news right now.

My office is on the border of Alexandria, VA and Arlington, VA, about two miles from the Pentagon. I was not aware of the events in New York until I felt the shock from the explosion and I watched from my office window as the Pentagon burned. It was a very surreal scene in the area as people left their offices and went home or watched as the smoke billowed up from the Pentagon. The complex that I work in is adjacent to The Pentagon Federal Credit Union and overflow offices from the Pentagon. That building was completely locked down immediately and people were standing outside watching the event, hugging each other and crying.

They closed our office and sent us home as they began to secure the area for the day. As I left my office, there were F-16s and military helicopters patrolling the air over the airport, the Pentagon and the District of Columbia. It was all like something out of a movie.

The disaster at the World Trade Center Towers is far worse than what has happened here. I am writing you a letter not to explain our hardship, or tell you how bad things are here, but to ask for your prayers for those affected by this tragedy. Angie and I do not qualify as "people affected by the disaster." It has just disrupted our routine a little and might inconvenience us for a few days. I talked with co-workers and people today who have friends and family that work at the Pentagon or the World Trade Center. Some knew where their friends and family were; others had no clue. As I spoke with them, I kept thinking the fields are ripe. Things like this have a way of bringing people to a point in their life where they are willing to meet God in a real way because they are suddenly broken and realize their need. Please pray for Angie and I that we will be salt and light to those we meet during this time.

When all this happened my first thought was I wish I were in Texas. After all, no one is blowing up barns in Snyder. However, as I began to talk and share with folks during this strange morning I realize how blessed we are and were thankful to be working the fields in this unusual time. Thank you all for your prayers and support.

In Christ,
Shane Wade

Tax and Spend

Dear Editor:

If the commissioner's court of Scurry County has violated the Texas Open Meeting Act as charged by the Snyder Daily News, the paper is to be commended for its action.

The commissioners' court is to be commended for not giving in to public pressure to spend money they do not have. Why should we follow the policy of tax and spend. It is the same as using a credit card and destroying your credit rating. Our president and congress should follow the same course and not tax and spend.

I am a Democrat, but the Clinton era of tax and spend is the reason for our present economic problems. Cutting taxes, upgrading our military, controlling immigration, and following our Constitution and Bill of Rights and stopping all judges from making laws, will help to solve our problems.

We also need English as our official language. This will save more money and make for unity and a stronger nation. How can an army, all speaking a different language all do or know how to work as a team?

God showed how to cause division when he made the people speak different tongues at the Tower of Babel. Read Genesis Chapter 11: one through nine and use reason and wisdom to save our great Christian nation.

To you who are not Christians, and Christians, consider the following personal example. Years ago, on my way to work early in the morning when there was very little traffic, I crossed a road with a stop sign, I slowed down and seldom stopped. My neighbor, Irene Lewis, told me I was doing wrong. She was right. I took her advice and stopped at all stop signs and also obey all the rules of law, such as speed and the like.

I still make mistakes, but not intentionally. I am a Christian but I was not acting like one.

Are you a Christian? Do you act like a Christian?

Yours truly,
Surry Gillum

Tragedy

Dear Editor:

The way people feel about the citizens of New York City will be forever changed. I have visited New York City twice and it is a magnificent place, but the people are not like Texans, and they can be rude and impatient.

The saying was, "Don't let anything happen to you in New York City because no one will help you: Their tragedy has proved many people wrong about them. No city could have had more loving people than they have had as they risk their lives to save others. They are a city that has turned to God and we are a nation that has turned to God.

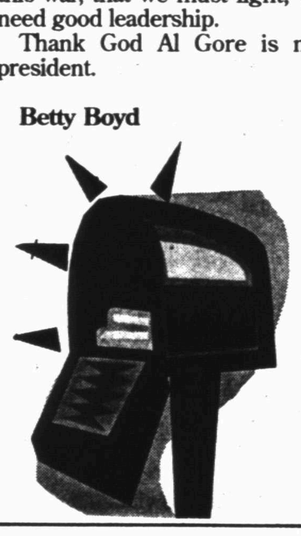
We watch in horror and unbelief that this has happened to our nation. We wonder how airport security could be so lax as to allow that many men of the same nationality to enter the airplanes without being checked closely. We wonder how our border patrol could have let these men, at least in part, enter from Canada. Those of us that have been to Canada know that they used to be very thorough in checking luggage at the check points.

Our lives are forever changed. People are going to think more about whether airplanes are safe and about thinking before making trips just for pleasure.

One thing for sure, we need to pray that our President and First Lady will stay safe. Some people so bitter over the election may not feel that way but if we win this war, that we must fight, we need good leadership.

Thank God Al Gore is not president.

Betty Boyd



EDITORIAL COMMENT

The Dallas Morning News

Texas high-speed rail

Texas' highways are congested. It's airports are clogged. It's air is dirty. With a population that is expected to double by 2050, the pressures on its stressed transportation systems and airsheds will only grow.

One good solution worth exploring was spotlighted at a recent state transportation summit: build high-speed rail between the state's major economic centers. The summit in Irving was attended by Gov. Rick Perry, Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, U.S. Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta, Federal Railroad Administrator Allan Rutter and many House members, as well as state and local officials and businessmen.

There already is a framework for high-speed rail. Amtrak, the quasi-public national passenger railroad, runs between Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston, Austin and San Antonio, which means that there would be no, or little, need to acquire new rights of way. The existing tracks could be upgraded to accommodate faster trains. Furthermore, thanks to Sen. Hutchison's leadership, Congress last year designated the South Central Corridor which runs from San Antonio to Dallas-Fort Worth, where it forks, continuing to Tulsa on one fork and to Little Rock on the other as one of 11 national high-speed corridors. The practical effect of the designation is to make the corridor eligible for federal assistance in the event that Texas decides to reconfigure it for high-speed rail.

What would be the first step to bring high-speed rail to Texas? Study its feasibility get the facts and figures on paper. The state needs to determine how much it would cost, what combination of federal, state and private funds might be used to pay for it, what technical problems would need to be overcome and how willing consumers would be to use it instead of automobiles, buses and airplanes.

A feasibility study would be expensive $3 million to $5 million, estimates Wayne Dennis, an official with the Texas Transportation Department. Fortunately, Congress has appropriated funds to help pay for such studies. Mr. Dennis said that he is drafting a letter to the Federal Railroad Administration from the Texas Transportation Commission requesting some of those funds. If, as is likely, the Federal Railroad Administration is unable to pay the whole amount, the state should be prepared to come up with the rest.

Odessa American

Gramm's legacy

Sen. Phil Gramm's announcement Tuesday that he would leave the Senate after his term expires next year had Democrats gleeful and Republicans scrambling for possible candidates to shore up yet another vulnerable GOP seat. Even among nonpartisans, the reaction was mixed.

John Samples, director of the Center for Representative Government at the libertarian Cato Institute, applauded Gramm's independence and adherence to principle.

"He was a man willing to stand up for issues that other weren't willing to. That, I think, is pretty rare to find. He never got captured by the city. He was willing to do things that were appalling to them," he said.

As an example, he noted Gramm's principled opposition to the Community Reinvestment Act, which forces investment in certain urban areas. That opposition opened him up to charges of racism, but "he was willing to take on that battle to point out that that was a pork barrel. He could have let that battle go."

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Hysterectomy is permanent

DEAR DR. GOTT: I underwent a hysterectomy in 1990 and now desperately want another baby. Is there any medical center in the United States or abroad where transplants of female reproductive organs have been performed? Please don't advise adoption or a surrogate mother because if I can't have my own baby, I will be left with no options.

DEAR READER: I'm afraid that you are, in fact, left with few options. My consultants tell me that no reputable medical center in the world has developed (or is working on) uterine transplants. Besides adoption, surrogate motherhood is your only choice. Before rejecting this miraculous method out of hand, consider that it might be the right choice for you.

If your ovaries were not removed at the time of surgery, fertility specialists can "harvest" an ovum, inseminate it outside your body with your husband's sperm and transplant the embryo into the uterus of a healthy surrogate mother, who will — quite literally — deliver your baby at term.

In this scenario, you will have your own infant, complete with your husband's and your genetic makeup, without the risks and discomfort of pregnancy. Whether you choose to consider this option depends, of course, on how eager you are to have your own child. But such a procedure, although expensive, would appear to be the most satisfactory solution to your dilemma.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My daughter, a health nut who takes large quantities of vitamins, was recently found to have an excessive level of ASAT in her blood stream. Could the vitamins be to blame?

DEAR READER: The liver manufactures several enzymes, of which ASAT is one, that can be measured in the bloodstream. In the presence of liver disease, such as hepatitis or gallbladder blockage, these enzymes appear in excess quantity.

Ordinarily, liver malfunction is associated with a rise in most, if not all, the enzymes. In this circumstance, further testing must be performed to discover the cause of the liver problem.

Your daughter appears to have only one enzyme elevation, suggesting a mild, early stage of liver malfunction — or, as you have considered, possible vitamin toxicity. Vitamins A, B6 and niacin can cause liver abnormalities. I suggest that she discontinue her vitamins and have a repeat enzyme level in several weeks. If the vitamins are to blame, her blood test will be normal at that time.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: Why can't scientists agree on the potential benefits of stem cell research?

DEAR READER: Not being involved in this controversial subject, I cannot answer your question except to say that although stem cell therapy shows promise on the drawing board, there are — as yet — no definite and practical examples of how it could cure any diseases. Undoubtedly, future research in the United States and abroad will lead to advances, many of which will probably revolutionize medical science. Like you, I'm confused about why scientists can't agree. But, as you know, this is a complex issue that is more than mere science; it involves vital moral and ethical considerations, too.

In an attempt to add a dollop of humor to the topic, I've coined a new literary form: when professionals strongly disagree about a research matter, I call that "science friction."

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is noise damage a public-health menace, as many ear-nose-and-throat doctors have suggested?

DEAR READER: Without realizing it, we may be on our way to becoming a deaf society. We have learned to live with a level of noise pollution that is causing irreparable damage to our hearing. Within a generation, the majority of adults may be hard-of-hearing. Tragically, much of this noise damage could be prevented.

Sound, which enters the ear in wavelike pulsations of air, strikes the eardrum. The drum oscillates in turn, transmitting the vibrations through the bones of the middle ear to the cochlea, a fluid-filled structure shaped like a tiny snail-shell. Within the cochlea are hair cells. From each cell, a hair extends into the cochlear fluid. When the fluid vibrates, the hair wiggles and stimulates the cell, which then sends an electrical signal to the brain. In this manner, sound waves are transformed into electrical energy that is processed by the central nervous system. We perceive sound.

As miraculous as this system is, it has one serious drawback, a design-failure, if you will. Violent sound vibrations in the cochlear fluid can whip the hair cells, tearing the hairs from the cell bodies. Once disrupted in this way, the hair cells cease functioning. No electrical signal is transmitted to the brain, no sound is perceived in the specific wavelength. The damage is permanent.

Sound intensity is measured in decibels. The potential to cause harm depends on intensity and duration. Therefore, moderately loud noise can, over time, produce as much damage as a single, explosive sound.

Noise levels below 75 db are considered safe; this is about the noise intensity of an average vacuum cleaner. As noise levels increase, more hearing deficit occurs in a shorter time. For example, sounds at 150 db or more (such as an explosion) will cause permanent hearing loss in an instant. Power tools (100 db), stereo headsets (110 db) and rock concerts (120 db) will, with repeated exposure, cause irreparable loss of hearing.

The problem is complicated by the fact that we may not be immediately aware of the ear damage because the deafness is selective and involves specific frequencies. For example, chronic exposure to a leaf blower (102 db) may lead to ringing in the ears — a sure sign of damage — that is followed by gradual difficulty differentiating speech in a crowded room. Because only mid-range frequencies are lost (in the conversational range), a person may become functionally deaf, although he can still perceive both high- and low-pitched tones.

Also, many home appliances (whose noise we've come to accept as part of normal, modern living) have the potential for doing harm. For instance, in the 80-db range are blow-dryers, electric razors, food blenders and snow-blowers; in the 90-db range are power lawn mowers, motorcycles and video arcades; in the 100-db range: power tools, chain saws, snowmobiles and loud stereo systems; in the 110 to 120-db range: subway trains, powerboats, jet planes taking off, rock concerts and personal stereo headsets; in the 130 to 140-db range: rifle shots, cars with big "boom" speakers, hard-rock concerts; in the 170-db range: shotgun blast.

Experts estimate that more than 10 million Americans already have hearing problems from noise pollution and that greater than 20 million citizens are regularly exposed to dangerous noise levels every day. Much of this noise has been termed "subtle" because we ignore it, even as it diminishes our hearing.

The cure for this epidemic of noise pollution is twofold: Avoid unprotected, unnecessary exposure to loud sounds (for example, turn down headsets) and, when appropriate, use ear protection: earmuffs, earplugs - even fingers in the ears - will protect delicate hearing from permanent damage. It should be out of fashion to put up with loud noise. Turn down the volume. Kids, please take note.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Ear Infections and 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.

DEAR DR. GOTT: For the past year, I've had trouble digesting fats. If I'm not careful about how much I eat, I invariably get cramps and diarrhea. Is this serious?

DEAR READER: It could be.

Intolerance to fats may reflect liver, gallbladder or pancreatic disease. In addition, various intestinal disorders can be the cause of malabsorption. The proper digestion of fat depends on bile and many enzymes produced by the pancreas, liver and intestinal wall.

I'm not sure, (from your statement that symptoms depend on "how much" you eat), whether you have a problem digesting just fats or whether you may be intolerant to other foods as well. In any case, you certainly need medical evaluation, stool analysis and further testing (such as ultrasound examinations and blood tests). Discuss your problem with your family physician, who can initiate the necessary work up and refer you to a gastroenterologist if appropriate.

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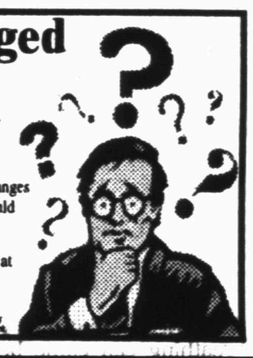
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Wen Ho Lee satisfies plea deal established year ago

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Wen Ho Lee has completed terms of a plea agreement that was reached one year ago after a bungled government investigation into charges he mishandled top-secret information.

Lee was set free a year ago Thursday with a judge's apologies in a case that stirred a nationwide debate about national security.

But Lee's freedom had limits. He had agreed to be available for the ensuing year to answer FBI questions. At 12:01 a.m. Friday, Lee was officially free of the constraints

"Dr. Lee has fully honored his agreement," defense attorney John Cline said.

Now Lee should be able to get back to normal, said defense lawyer Nancy Hollander.

"He's got his garden up and running again. He's fishing. He's writing, cooking his meals for his wife. He's kind of in many respects back to his routine," Hollander said in an interview looking back on the legal twists that kept Lee jailed nine months in solitary confinement.

Lee also lost his right to vote after the ordeal, but a New Mexico law that took effect July 1 restored his voting rights, Hollander said.

Lee, 61, a Taiwanese-born U.S. citizen, faced life in prison after the government charged him with 59 counts of breaching national security for allegedly stealing the "crown jewels" of U.S. nuclear weaponry science.

He pleaded guilty to one count, and the other 58 were dropped. He admitted using an unsecure computer to download a defense document and agreed to cooperate with authorities.

Prosecutors wouldn't talk about the case as the anniversary passed.

Texas OKs rules for prompt pay

AUSTIN (AP) — State Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor on Thursday adopted tougher rules to make health insurers pay doctors more promptly.

"These rules remove some of the ambiguities and loopholes that stood in the way of prompt payment," Montemayor said.

The adoption comes after Gov. Rick Perry angered some physicians by vetoing a bill in June that would have done many of the same things.

The governor has defended his veto, saying the bill would have spiked insurance costs by undermining the settling of disputes through arbitration rather than costly lawsuits. A spokesman for the governor said the rules adopted Thursday didn't have that effect.

A 1999 law requires at least partial payment of or denial of properly filed bills within 45 days of receipt by a health insurance company.

Montemayor has said several complaints show that insurance firms either dispute receipt of claims or require "numerous and multiple pieces of information outside the control of the health care provider."

Under the new rules, the amount of information insurance companies can require from health care providers are limited and procedures regarding claims submissions were tightened.

The rules also limit companies' ability to avoid the state's prompt pay law through contract, the commissioner said.

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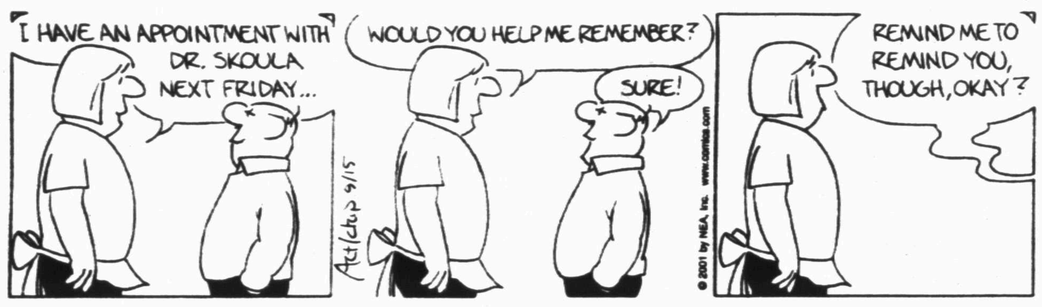
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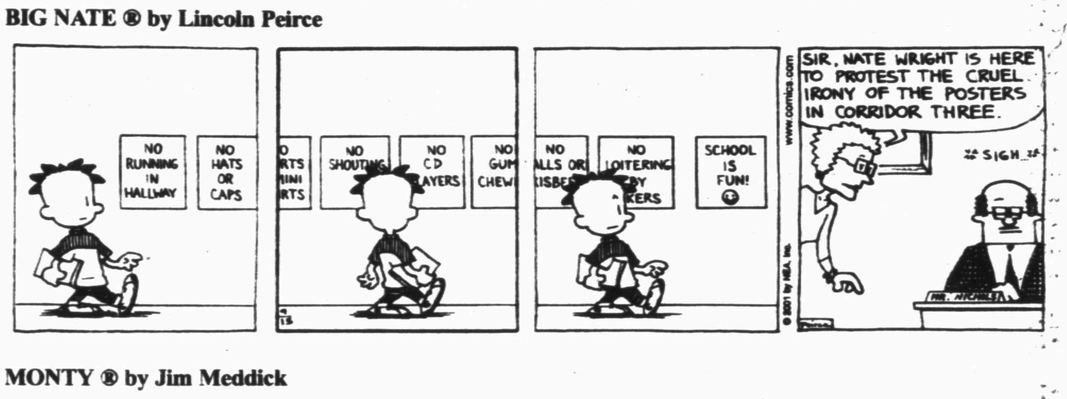
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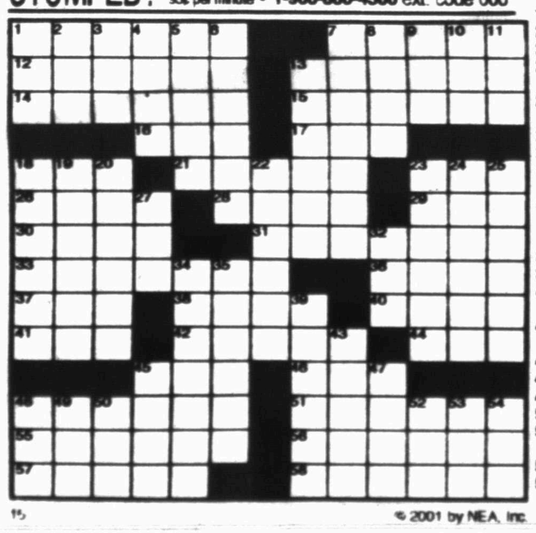
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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Parents can't hold their tongue after daughter pierces hers

DEAR ABBY: Our daughter, "Lynn," is 19, attends college full time and comes home every day for meals and to do her homework. She earns good grades, works part time at school, and reimburses us for her excessive telephone calls.

Our problem is she refuses to listen to us when we encourage her to pick quality friends. We think her college friends are weird. They look disreputable with their tattoos and dirty clothes. Lynn says that she is legally an adult now, and she can see whom she wants.

Also, without consulting us, Lynn recently had her tongue pierced. She knew we would not approve. We think it looks stupid and it impedes her speech.

Abby, our daughter simply will not listen to us. She has big ideas about what she wants to do in the future. We have told her we will stand by her, but the truth is, she is doing everything she can do to retard her success in the world.

What should we do about our daughter? — **FRUSTRATED MOM IN NORTH JERSEY**

DEAR FRUSTRATED MOM: Don't do a thing. Concentrate on what your daughter IS accomplishing:

She is attending college, which means she is going to be able to get a job when she graduates and support herself. (Provided she goes to the interview in clean business clothes, sans the tongue stud.)

She comes home every day, which means that you aren't worrying about her whereabouts.

She is working part time, which means that she does not totally rely on you for support.

She pays for her own "excessive" telephone calls.

I urge you not to squelch Lynn's "big ideas." Those are her dreams. Who's to say she might not attain them? Your daughter will outgrow the piercing and rebellion as she matures. (As will her friends.) Have patience.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a divorced woman who recently moved to an upscale South Florida neighborhood. I noticed that the two women who live across the street frequently throw parties — baby showers, graduation parties, etc. They invite everyone in the neighborhood except my nice, married next-door neighbor. She has not been invited to a single party since I've been here.

She knows there are parties, because the hostesses tie balloons to their mailboxes with messages such as "Happy Graduation," "It's a party!" or whatever. It's not as if she doesn't know the neighbors. She's lived here for five years. The neighbors always speak to her on the street, she says.

I suspect the reason she is being excluded is because she is extremely attractive. You can tell she works out a lot. The neighbors who snub her both have weight problems and short, unattractive haircuts. My friend next door has lovely, long, thick hair.

Do you think these women are trying to keep her away from their husbands? Are they insecure, envious or rude — or perhaps all three? — **PUZZLED IN PARADISE**

DEAR PUZZLED: You have hit the nail on the head when you questioned whether the hostesses could be insecure. However, neither your friend nor the hostesses have asked for my advice. Since I know none of the parties involved in the scenario, the better part of wisdom is to add no more grist to the rumor mill.

Although you are concerned for the feelings of your attractive neighbor, let your neighbors resolve their problems without involving yourself.

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DEAR ABBY: The letter in your column about what legal documents students should have once they reach the age of 18 prompted me to write.

With college starting again, please recommend that students have a personal fact sheet on hand, in a place where it can be easily located. It should include important information such as parents' names, address and phone numbers, food and drug allergies, prescription and non-prescription medications and dosages, the name and phone number of their family physician, dentist and pharmacy, their medical history and insurance information, etc.

New friends and acquaintances may not know these facts, or in an emergency will not remember them. The time it takes to look up the information in school records may mean the difference between life and death.

Because of my complex medical history and numerous prescriptions, this has been a life-saver after accidents, when seeing new physicians and in emergency situations — especially when out of town. I keep it on my computer and hand the information out when necessary. Doctors and nurses rely on having an accurate and complete list of data. — **BETTY NOLAN, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, SOUTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY**

DEAR BETTY: You have made a good point. In the past, I have usually targeted these suggestions to older adults. But everyone who lives independently should obey the Boy Scout motto: Be prepared. And that means printing out copies of emergency information and informing friends, roommates and dormitory advisers where they can easily find it in an emergency.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm responding to the letter from "Teen-Age Aunt in Illinois," who felt guilty about reporting that she saw her sister's boyfriend hit her.

Seven years ago, 19 days before my eighth birthday, my sister was murdered by her boyfriend. Then he committed suicide. My sister loved him very much, but he didn't love her. They had two children.

He hit me only twice, but every time he hit my sister I would grab my niece and nephew and hide with them under the table. Once I almost called 911, but he left. I was afraid of him, but my sister made me promise not to tell anyone — and I didn't.

I'm now 14, and we adopted my niece and nephew. I love them dearly, but I miss my older sister very much.

If only I had told my father what was going on, I might have saved my sister's life. I recently told my father what happened — seven years too late. I regret that I didn't tell, and I'll regret it for the rest of my life.

"Teen-Age Aunt" — if you love your sister and your niece, please tell someone! — **REGRETFUL TEEN IN GEORGIA**

DEAR REGRETFUL TEEN: Thank you for a powerful letter. You will never know how many lives you may have saved today by writing it.

Now, please accept some unsolicited advice: You were a small child when this tragedy occurred. You were doing what your sister asked you to do, and at the age of 7, you couldn't have been expected to be independent enough in your judgment to have done otherwise. If you cannot let go of your feelings of guilt, talking them out with a professional counselor would be helpful. As much as one might wish it, no one can change the past. We can only change the future.

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TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1853, the Rev. Antoinette Brown Blackwell was ordained a minister of the Congregational Church, in South Butler, N.Y. She was the first woman to be ordained in the United States.

On this day in 1950, U.S. forces carried out an amphibious landing at Inchon, Korea.

On this day in 1982, USA Today was first published.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: James Fenimore Cooper (1789-1851), writer; William Howard Taft (1857-1930), U.S. president; Robert Benchley (1889-1945), humorist; Agatha Christie (1890-1976), writer; Bobby Short (1926-), pianist, is 75; Gaylord Perry (1938-), baseball great, is 63; Tommy Lee Jones (1946-), actor, is 55; Oliver Stone (1946-), director, is 55; Dan Marino (1961-), football star, is 40.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1963, in a game against the Cleveland Browns, Washington quarterback George Izo threw a 99-yard touchdown pass to Bobby Mitchell.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The peak of tolerance is most readily achieved by those who are not burdened with convictions." — Alexander Chase

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Sept. 10) and new moon (Sept. 17).

Sunday, Sept. 16, 2001

Today is the 259th day of 2001 and the 88th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1782, the Great Seal of the United States was impressed on a government document for the first time. The document was an authorization for President Washington to negotiate a prisoner-of-war agreement.

On this day in 1833, representatives of New York and New Jersey signed an agreement to cooperate in fighting crime.

On this day in 1964, "Shindig," a pop-music show, premiered on the ABC television network.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Francis Parkman (1823-1893), historian; Lauren Bacall (1924-), actress, is 77; B.B. King (1925-), musician, is 76; Peter Falk (1927-), actor, is 74; Elgin Baylor (1934-), basketball great, is 67; Ed Begley Jr. (1949-), actor, is 52; Mark McEwen (1954-), weatherman, is 47; Robin Yount (1955-), baseball star, is 46; Orel Hershiser (1958-), baseball star, is 43.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1978, Seattle Slew won the Marlboro Cup, defeating Affirmed by three lengths. It was the first time two Triple Crown winners raced against each other.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The longer we live, the more we find we are like other persons." — Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

TODAY'S MOON: Day before new moon (Sept. 17).

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New York primary rescheduled Sept. 25

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — The Legislature voted Thursday to reschedule the state's primary election to Sept. 25.

Voting had begun Tuesday to determine the Democratic and Republican candidates for New York City mayor but balloting was suspended because of terrorist attacks. Other primaries around the state were also postponed.

The bill sets Oct. 11 as the day for runoff elections in New York City, if necessary.

Ballots cast on Tuesday will not count but absentee ballots will be considered valid.

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Black mold insurance decision due next week

HOUSTON (AP) — Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor said Thursday he'll recommend next week whether mold coverage should remain standard in residential property insurance for Texas homeowners.

Montemayor, after three public hearings and gathering piles of data, originally gave his staff until Oct. 1 to develop a recommendation but said at the final public hearing Thursday in Houston he was moving up the date "because of all the fears and the very real threat to the stability of our property insurance market."

"I'm only ruling out two things: doing absolutely nothing at all and allowing a crisis in residential property insurance in Texas by removing all access to mold coverage in homeowners' policies," he said. "There has to be a rational middle ground and I intend to find it."

In other states, mold coverage is not offered or severely limited, said Montemayor, who as chief regulator for the insurance industry in Texas has the authority to determine what type of coverage will be mandated under homeowners policies. Those policies now offer mold clean-up coverage from sudden water discharge and slow leaks.

Southwestern Insurance Information Services has warned Montemayor to act swiftly or Texas homeowners could end up paying 40 to 60 percent more to insure their homes.

"Asking customers to suffer the financial burden of a rate increase, which could make homeowners insurance unaffordable to many people, is not an option," Sandra Ray, a spokeswoman for the industry trade group, said.

Montemayor said there seems to be fear and overreaction by both insurance companies and people affected by mold, which is present in most every home but only grows when a water source or high moisture feeds it.

"What we have is too much fear and not enough sound decision-making," he said. "Mold has been around longer than mankind has been. So, why has it become such a major and controversial issue in just the past year or so?"

One reason may be the increased number of mold claims insurance companies have encountered in recent years and the increased cost of addressing those claims.

"Mold claims have transformed the state," State Farm Insurance representative Denise Ruggiero said. "Space suits have become standard (to treat mold) and the costs have gone into orbit."

Ruggiero said State Farm had 228 claims over $15,000 in the first two quarters of 2000. For the same two quarters a year later, there were 1,188 claims over $15,000.

"For every $1 premium, we are spending $1.69," she said. "These trends are not sustainable if we are to provide homeowners' insurance our customers can afford."

Bob Huxel of Farmers Insurance Group said his company wants to help solve the problem.

"We have a big stake in the state of Texas and we want to be a part of the solution," he said.

But a number of homeowners, who attended the hearing, said insurance companies were a main part of the problem.

"The biggest mistake I ever made was to call my insurance company," said Sharon Wichterich, who hasn't lived in her Sugar Land home since mold was found growing in it months ago. "Because I called my insurance company, I don't have a home."

Wichterich said when she first noticed a leak in her 1,800-square-foot suburban Houston home and called her insurance company, it was 10 days before an adjuster showed up and weeks before the company confirmed the home had a leak.

"When they finally said, 'You have a leak,' I had a chia pet of mold growing in my house," Wichterich told Montemayor. "It's an ordeal that I wish I never had to go through.

"You cannot let the insurance companies off the hook. Their practices are causing a great deal of this mold growth."

Nancy Gerding had a similar experience where a water damage claim turned into a mold claim because she said the insurance company didn't quickly address the problem in The Woodlands, another Houston suburb.

"Don't allow these insurance companies to manipulate you and squeeze you out of making them provide coverage we pay for," she urged Montemayor. "Insurance companies want to hide behind you."

Senior Center Menu

Monday

Swiss steak, golden carrots, scalloped potatoes, fruit cocktail, sugar cookie

Tuesday

Lasagna, green beans, whole kernel corn, tossed salad, brownie

Wednesday

Chicken fried steak w/gravy, southern fried okra, creamed potatoes, perfection salad, peach cobbler

Thursday

Meat loaf, steamed cabbage, blackeye peas, pickled beets, Jello cake

Friday

Fried fish, macaroni & cheese, potato pancakes, cabbage/apple slaw, chocolate pudding

Senior Center News

Seniors are encouraged to mark their calendars next Friday for special entertainment. Santiago Jimenez, a conjunto accordionist, will be a guest in Snyder. Dorothy Kayser has arranged for him to entertain in the dining room at 11:30 a.m. He is sponsored by Texas Folklore.

An AARP "55 Alive" class will be offered Oct. 4-5 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day. The class will meet in the conference room at the Senior Center located at 2603 Ave. M. Even though the class is titled "55 Alive," participants may be as young as 50. All must have a Texas driver's license and attend both days. Membership in AARP is not required. The course will cost $10. To register, call the center at 573-4035. This class does not forgive traffic tickets; however, it may or may not qualify for an insurance discount. Check with your insurance company.

Monday

Seniors may participate in bridge at 9:30 a.m. Daily exercise is at 11 a.m. Line dancers will perform at Snyder Healthcare at 1:30 p.m. AARP will meet at 5:30 p.m. in the center's dining room. There will be a potluck supper followed by guest speaker David Hanes, director of Workforce Education at Western Texas College.

Tuesday

The Pool Association will meet in the bridge room at 9:30 a.m. All members are encouraged to attend. The agenda will include election of new officers and the selection of a representative to the Advisory Board. Eighty-eight play begins at 10 a.m. The volunteer western band will perform at 11 a.m. The Golden K Kiwanis Club will meet at noon in the conference room. Newcomers are always welcome. Swimnastics at WTC is from 1-2 p.m. The eighty-eight tournament will begin at 1 p.m. in the eighty-eight room.

Wednesday

Ladies pool begins at 9 a.m., followed by bingo from 10-11:45 a.m. with a break at 11 a.m. for exercise. Line dancers and cloggers may practice at 1 and 2 p.m. respectively.

Thursday

The fabric painting class begins at 9 a.m. and continues throughout the morning. Interested seniors are welcome to participate in the quilting area. The Sunshine Choir will present a program on the Fourth Floor of Cogdell Memorial Hospital at 10 a.m. The swimnastics for senior citizens is scheduled from 1-2 p.m. at WTC.

Friday

The blood pressure clinic and the bridge tournament begin at 9:30 a.m. Seniors may play eighty-eight at 11 a.m. All seniors are invited to attend the special entertainment at 11:30 a.m.



Janice Scrivner

City Of Snyder
Employee of the Month
September 2001

Janice Scrivner was born in Loraine, Texas. When Janice was a freshman in High School she and her family moved to Colorado City, Texas where Janice graduated from High School. Janice moved to Snyder in 1978 and went to work for the City of Snyder on May 8, 1979 as a clerk for General Government. In 1982 Janice became Secretary for Planning and Zoning. Janice has two sons; Steve and his wife Kathy have two sons, Luke and Layne. Doug and his wife Debra have one son, Shane. Janice's hobbies are oil painting and reading. Janice was nominated by her fellow employees because she is a hard worker, has long tenure and always helpful.

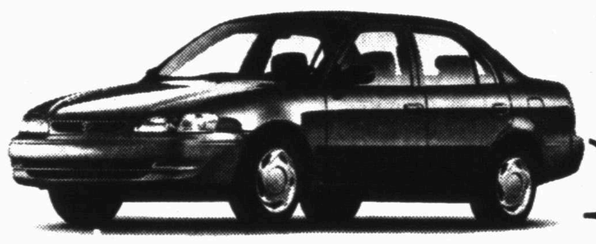
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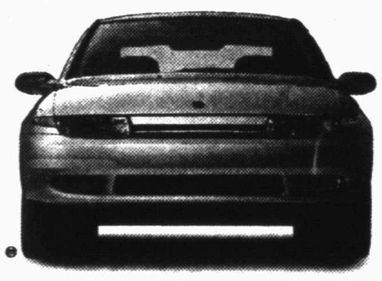
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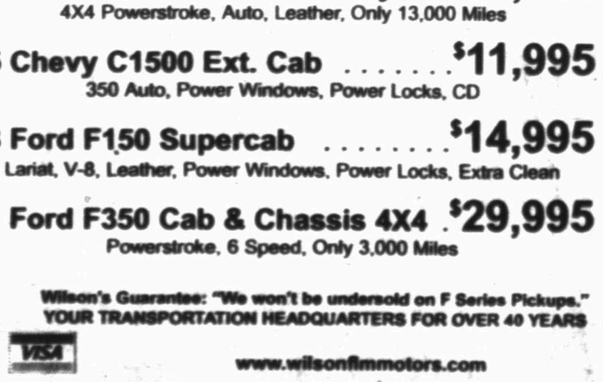
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