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FINAL TOUCHES — Sue Goodwin, curator at the Scurry County Museum, looks over a display this morning honoring local heroes to commemorate the anniversary of last year's terrorist attacks. The display includes photos of Snyder police officers and firefighters as well as several pictures of the World Trade Center and New York City taken by local photographer Jay Huckabee. A ceremony is planned Wednesday on the WTC campus and in the museum in honor of the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks. (SDN Staff Photo)

FBI issues warnings about possible attacks on 9-11 anniversary

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI is warning local police, electrical companies and transportation agencies that it has received a steady stream of threats that mention New York and Washington in relation to the anniversary of Sept. 11 attacks.

Last week, the FBI posted a bulletin on its Web site and sent a message over a private law enforcement bulletin system advising a state of alert on Sept. 11.

Both bulletins said there is no specific or credible information indicating that any of the commemorative events scheduled Wednesday will be targeted by terrorists. But, because of the general threats, the FBI advised a heightened state of awareness.

The police bulletin was sent Wednesday.

The Web site bulletin was posted by the FBI's National Infrastructure Protection Center, an office charged with assessing threats and warning local infrastructure companies and agencies.

Other events mentioned as warranting heightened awareness on the Web site are the United Nations General Assembly meeting in New York City on Sept. 10, and the World Bank and International Monetary Fund meeting in Washington, between Sept. 25-29.

"A large volume of threats of undetermined reliability continues to be received and investigated by the FBI," the bulletin said. "Several of these threats make reference to the events of Sept. 11, 2001 and to New York City and Washington, D.C."

While there is no specific intelligence of an attack on the U.N. meeting, "such an event in New York City within the general time frame of the first anniversary of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 represents a potentially attractive target for terrorists," it said.

The bulletin said the World Bank meeting is planned by a "loose - alliance of left-wing groups" and likely to draw protesters.

"It is expected that some individuals plan to engage in criminal activity aimed at disrupting the meeting and drawing attention to their cause," the bulletin said.

"Historically, tiny contingents of individuals associated with the protests belonged to violent groups. Those groups have a history of causing property damage," it said.

Meanwhile, White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said today that the threat of new attacks "remains a concern" to U.S. officials. But President Bush's chief spokesman said the information that authorities have so far does not indicate anything specific.

"Anniversaries can be, not necessarily always, can be occasions for heightened terrorist activity," Fleischer said.

"I can't characterize the chatter level of anything out of the ordinary at this time," he said.

Ira trustees meet tonight

Ira ISD's school board will meet this evening at 6:30 and will receive an update on the district once again being rated exemplary by the Texas Education Agency (TEA).

The TEA's preliminary report had dropped the district down to recognized, but the administration appealed that rating and it was accepted by the state agency.

Principal Mike Duke will give his monthly report, and interim Supt. James Bible will report on campus buildings, rental fees for the community building, and the TEA report.

Trustees will also discuss the time line for hiring a new superintendent.

Jerry Lewis collapses during charity event

LONDON (AP) — Comedian Jerry Lewis was resting comfortably today after collapsing backstage at a charity show, the event's producers said.

Stephen Allen Green, master of ceremonies and producer at the High on Laughter benefit Sunday at the Palladium theater, announced to the audience that Lewis, 76, would not be able to participate because he was unwell.

"I saw him collapse backstage out of the corner of my eye," Green said. "He was watching the screen clips of an earlier show of his behind the stage when he just sat back. I hope it's nothing too serious."

The show was raising money for Turning Point Scotland, a drug and alcohol treatment group.

News reports said Lewis was treated in an ambulance behind the theater and then driven to an unidentified hospital. "We are grateful it was not necessary for him to go to the hospital and he is currently resting comfortably at his London residence," Green and co-producer Tamsin Hollo said in a statement today.

Lewis' wife SanDee (known as Sam), reached by The Associated Press in Las Vegas, also said he was not hospitalized and was in London to receive an award. "He has not taken ill."

Lewis has suffered back pain so severe that until a recent treatment he was unable to sleep, began losing his eyesight and couldn't walk more than a few feet.

Sept. 11 ceremony slated Wednesday

Snyder, like the rest of the nation, will have programs this week, marking the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

One local event is planned by the Scurry County Museum. On the first anniversary, the community is invited to attend a brief ceremony of remembrance and appreciation to those who lost their lives in the tragic event and to those who continue to serve their fellow man in our community.

The ceremony will take place at noon Wednesday around the flag poles on the Western Texas College campus.

Ray Newton will open the ceremony and Dr. Edward Barkowsky will give the invocation. Mayor Noah will read the proclamation for *Celebrate America's Freedoms.* Then, drama students will deliver patriotic readings. The outside program will conclude with music.

Following the outside program, the public invited into the Scurry County Museum for a viewing of Jay Huckabee's photographs of the Twin Towers, pictures of local law enforcement people and the video *In Memoriam.* Refreshments will be provided by the local Daughters of the American Revolution.

For more information about the current exhibit, call 573-6107 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Consumer advocates lay out insurance plan

AUSTIN (AP) — Consumer advocates on Friday laid out their insurance reform agenda, which includes 100 percent regulation of homeowners policies, as a way to address the state's insurance crisis. They called on statewide candidates to endorse the plan.

"Whether it's skyrocketing insurance premiums, whether it's unfair underwriting practices, whether it's poor claims handling procedures or lack of availability to insurance, the insurance crisis in Texas is real and it touches every single Texas community," said Dan Lambe, executive director of Texas Watch.

Some consumers have seen their premiums rise as much as 200 percent. Other say they have had problems getting insurance. Insurers blame the rising cost of mold claims and other factors for higher costs.

The plan calls for regulation by forcing insurance companies to get prior approval before increasing rates or bringing unregulated affiliates into the "benchmark system."

The benchmark system would let insurers price their policies as much as 30 percent above or below the benchmark rate set by the insurance commissioner without getting prior approval.

Currently, about 95 percent of Texas policies are written under so-called Lloyds subsidiaries, which are exempt from rate regulation.

The plan also calls for rolling back homeowners rates to the benchmark, banning credit scoring, requiring all insurance companies to offer comprehensive policies and implementing "prompt pay" penalties for auto and homeowners insurance companies that unfairly delay payments on claims.

Insurance industry groups said such heavy handed regulation will not help Texans.

If the regulations are enacted, "that would provide no incentive whatsoever for insurers to remain in Texas and compete on prices and products," said Sandra Ray, a spokeswoman with Southwestern Insurance Information Service.

Besides Texas Watch, the consumer plan is proposed by Consumers Union, AARP, the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund and the Gray Panthers.

The groups said they have requested meetings with the candidates for governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general to discuss the plan.

Lambe said that while candidates are talking about insurance, many are short on details when they announce their insurance reform plans.

Reached in Odessa on Friday, Democratic gubernatorial nominee Tony Sanchez said he was on board with the consumer groups' plan.

"I am in favor of all of it," Sanchez said. "This is really costing a lot of people a lot of money and they are having a hard time making ends meet, this only adds to their burden."

A spokesman for Republican Gov. Rick Perry, who is seeking a full term, said the office has not yet seen the proposals.

But, spokesman Ray Sullivan said the governor would be open to having insurance companies get prior approval before implementing a rate increase or open to what is called a file-and-use system that would require companies to notify the state of any premium increases.

"Governor Perry's plans include reregulating the homeowners insurance industry, giving the insurance commissioner the ability to freeze rates and ending the discriminatory use of credit scoring," Sullivan said.

Rainfall Reports

Snyder	.21
North of city	Trace
East of city	Trace
West of city	Trace
Lake Thomas	.10
Hermleigh	.10
Fluvanna	.10
Loyd Mountain	.25
Camp Springs	Trace
Dunn	0.00
Ira	Trace
Union	.20
Gail	Trace
Gins	
Farmers Co-Op (E)	0.00
Sc. County (W)	.20
Inadale	Trace

Totals as reported by area residents for Sunday.

ASK US

Q—What is City Manager John Gayle's annual salary?

A—His 2002-2003 salary, including the 2.7 percent increase, is $79,738.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 91 degrees; low, 68; high Sunday, 83; low, 69; 7 a.m. Monday, 69; .21 of an inch precipitation; total for 2002, 15.29 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy; 20% rain chance; low 65-70. Tuesday, partly cloudy; 20% rain chance; high around 85. Tuesday night, low 65-70.



Christopher Johnson
Rain chance

Sunset: 7:56 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:25 a.m.

Of 251 days in 2002, the sun has shone 244 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

You've got to continue to grow, or you're just like last night's cornbread — stale and dry.

—Loretta Lynn

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Green mold grips East Texas courthouse

ATHENS (AP) — An insatiable green menace lurks in State District Judge Jack Holland's courtroom.

It creeps from behind the wooden benches, across the attorneys' tables, and into the judge's very seat. But this heinous offender can't be locked behind bars, or issued costly citations.

Aspergillus, a fuzzy green mold, has taken over this East Texas courthouse and terrorized workers complaining of headaches, heightened allergies and difficulty breathing.

And now, another insidious irritant has joined the fray — traces of the black mold stachybotrys, a potentially lethal fungus.

Although samples of stachybotrys were found in isolated pipes above the ceiling, both it and the green mold clearly visible on courthouse furnishings are feeding from the dampened air of the 89-year-old building's faulty air conditioning system. The system allows humidity levels inside some parts of the Henderson County courthouse to remain at levels up to 90 percent during the summer.

The district courtroom has been closed since July. While Holland has kept his office in the building, court proceedings are being temporarily held at another county building.

The only way to eradicate the mold is to replace the building's heat and air system, tear down some walls, replace portions of contaminated air ducts and wipe the mold from the furniture, air vents and records, said Dan Guiter, a consultant with Southwest Indoor Environment.

County officials say they expect to spend $800,000 or more for the mold remediation and to replace the air system. That includes about $10,000 to clean and temporarily store 3,500 law library books that were replaced just last year for about $28,000 due to mold contamination.

Guiter said portions, but not all, of the courthouse will need to be evacuated during the cleanup, which will take several months after the air system is replaced.

Geri Strome, a purchasing agent for the County Auditor, said she wishes all the employees could be moved from the building until the mold is gone. Strome has been working from home since her doctor told her that the mold contributes to chronic respiratory problems. She said she has suffered memory loss, headaches, laryngitis, itchy eyes, rash and a persistent cough.

"Until it's cleared up, it's not safe for anybody," she said.

County Auditor Winston Duke said his staff's productivity has been cut in half, as workers use more sick time and other forms of leave to avoid working in the courthouse.

But County Judge Aubrey Jones downplayed the health risks and said fear of the unknown has made workers blame any illness on the mold.

"This building is probably no more risky than any other public building," he said.

Still, he fears that workers will sue the county for hazardous work conditions or file excessive workers' compensation complaints.

"The employees are in a fit over it," Jones said. "Mold has been around for thousands of years. Now it's hit the media and some are playing it up like a plague."

Deadra Harris, a clerk in the county attorney's office, insists the symptoms are real. While she generally works through any discomfort, she worries about possible long-term health problems.

Pregnant professor sues SHSU for discrimination

HOUSTON (AP) — A tenured criminal justice professor who says she was demoted because of her pregnancy is suing Sam Houston State University and a college dean.

In the lawsuit, Laura Myers accuses Richard Ward, dean and director of the College of Criminal Justice at the Huntsville university, of discriminating against her because of her gender and her pregnancy.

"During her pregnancy, Myers was subjected to sexually harassing comments from males within the administration," the lawsuit states. "She was referred to as 'Mama' and other derogatory terms related to her pregnant state. Other statements such as, 'I wish I could get pregnant and take time off' were also used in Myers' presence."

The lawsuit, filed last week in Walker County state district court, seeks unspecified damages from Ward and the university for discrimination and allegedly interfering with her contract.

In March 2001, two months after Myers' baby was born, the professor was demoted from assistant dean of the college to director of research, the lawsuit states.

Myers' salary was initially decreased from $77,000 to $56,000, but then bumped up to $64,000 as the university tried to make amends, said Myers' attorney, Gaines West of College Station.

"We believe Dean Ward is a serial discriminator, and Dr. Myers is just his latest victim," West said today in the Houston Chronicle. "He didn't want to deal with a woman having a baby."

Ward did not return a message left by the newspaper.

"There's absolutely nothing to these charges," said Fernando Gomez, general counsel for the Texas State University System.

"Dr. Myers has been treated with fairness and dignity and decency throughout her tenure," Gomez said. "She was promoted to full professor this year despite having filed a complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission."

Gomez said although the Texas Commission on Human Rights gave Myers the right to sue, the commission made no discrimination finding.

West said he met with Gomez a few months ago to try to settle the case, but no progress was made. Gomez said West made "outrageous" demands that no public university could accept, but he declined to give specifics.

West said Myers, 38, earned a doctorate in criminal justice from Florida State University and started teaching at Sam Houston State in 1992. She was granted tenure in 1996, and was promoted to assistant dean of academic programs in September 2000, receiving a $21,000 annual raise.

Shortly after the promotion, Myers told Ward that she was expecting a baby in January 2001. The lawsuit claims that Ward soon started discriminating against her by not allowing her to staff positions she supervised and by refusing to help her deal with problem employees.

The lawsuit claims Myers continues to be discriminated against and that male colleagues with lower rank and less experience are paid more. The suit also says the college has no female assistant deans or associate deans, and that Myers made less money as assistant dean than male assistant or associate deans.

Grandfather terrorizes son's family, sets fire to home in New York

MASSAPEQUA, N.Y. (AP) — A 79-year-old man upset over a family dispute burst into his son's home and terrorized his two granddaughters and his son, shooting out windows before setting the house on fire, police said.

Rosario Musca apparently killed himself in the blaze, but no one else was hurt.

After Musca burst in, 50-year-old Dennis Musca escaped through the front door, but his two daughters, ages 10 and 16, were stuck upstairs, said Detective Lt. Kevin Smith, Nassau County police spokesman.

Clad in pajamas, the girls hid in a closet with a phone, dialed 911 and talked to police for about 20 minutes.

When the girls told police they smelled smoke, police advised the girls to escape through the back sliding glass doors, which their grandfather had shot out. The girls escaped unharmed.

Neighbors said the father and son had a long-standing dispute over money and the elder Musca's not being allowed to visit his grandchildren.

After the onset of the siege, police evacuated nearby homes and found containers of gasoline in the Rosario Musca's car.

The house was destroyed by the time firefighters put the blaze out.

Turnrow meeting scheduled

A turnrow meeting for Scurry, Howard, Mitchell and Borden Counties is set for 8:30-10 a.m. Tuesday at Keith Clements Farm in Ira.

On-farm sorghum/cotton rotation will be discussed as well as strategies for maximizing sorghum production and minimizing common production errors with grain sorghum.

Options for sorghum stubble management will be reviewed, June-planted sorghum and cotton will be observed, and producer/cooperator Keith Clements will review 2002 harvest yields, production costs, etc. from the April sorghum planting.

Production tips for small grains seeding, variety selection, forage production, and grazing management will also be discussed.

Additional speakers include Calvin Trostle of Lubbock, extension agronomist; and Steven Biles of Sweetwater, integrated pest management Extension agent.

How to get there:

From Ira: The intersection of FM 1609 and TX 350 in Ira drive 1.8 miles northeast toward Snyder on TX 350 then go north 2.5 miles on Scurry County Road 387

From Snyder: Measure 6.0 miles southwest toward Ira on TX 350 from TX 350/FM 2763 intersection (Western Texas College, to Scurry County Road 387, then go north 2.5 miles. Everyone will meet at the oil tank battery.

Note: Scurry County Road 387 is one mile east of FM 1609 (Ira north to U.S. 180) and one mile west of Block Line Road (location of WTC farm). For driving instruction the morning of the meeting, call 806-777-0247 or 915-721-5151.

Contact the Scurry County Extension office 573-5423 for more information.

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AUSTIN (AP) — One ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated $6 million.

The ticket was sold in El Paso.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were: 1-4-26-30-40-42.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $4 million.

Pick 3
(Day) 8-9-3
(Night) 1-0-5
Cash Five
4-7-27-28-34

Date Book

Monday, Sept. 9, 2002

Today is the 252nd day of 2002 and the 81st day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1893, Frances Cleveland, the wife of Grover Cleveland, gave birth to a daughter, Esther. She was the first presidential child to be born in the White House.

On this day in 1956, Elvis Presley appeared for the first time on the Ed Sullivan Show.

On this day in 1969, the U.S. government issued a postage stamp depicting astronaut Neil Armstrong stepping onto the moon from the Eagle lander.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Armand Jean du Plessis Richelieu (1585-1642), cardinal and statesman; William Bligh (1754-1817), British admiral; Leo Tolstoy (1828-1910), writer; Cliff Robertson (1925-), actor and director, is 77; Michael Keaton (1951-), actor, is 51.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1965, Los Angeles Dodger Sandy Koufax pitched a perfect game against the Chicago Cubs. The Dodgers won the game 1-0.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no thinks of changing himself." — Leo Tolstoy

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Sept. 6) and first quarter (Sept. 13).

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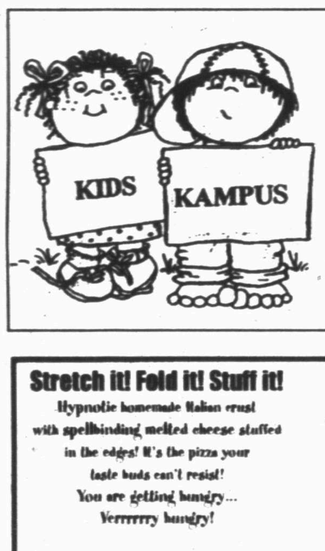
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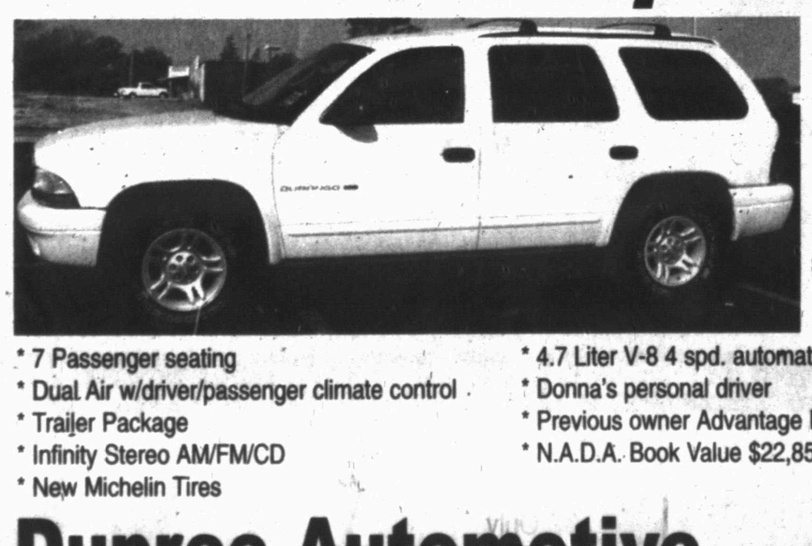
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Cheney defends his leadership at Halliburton

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Dick Cheney defended his leadership of Halliburton Co., saying that as chief executive he believed the oil giant's insurance would protect it from asbestos lawsuits that have cost it dearly and helped send its stock price plunging.

Halliburton's $7.7 billion acquisition of rival Dresser Industries Inc. in 1998, when Cheney was chief executive, doubled the Texas company's size overnight and allowed it to claim the title of the world's leading oilfield services provider. Most of its current asbestos claims were inherited from Dresser, and critics have questioned whether Cheney should have insisted on more research into the issue before the transaction.

Cheney's appearance Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press" was the first time he fielded questions from a journalist on Halliburton since May 28, when the Securities and Exchange Commission told the company it was investigating its accounting practices. Cheney was chairman and chief executive of Halliburton from 1995 to 2000.

He said the asbestos claim issue "afflicts a great many companies," and that "most of the difficulties arose since I left two years ago." Without elaborating, He also blamed plaintiffs' lawyers.

Last year, Halliburton was hit with verdicts in Texas, Mississippi and Maryland totaling $152 million. The last verdict triggered a sell-off that sent Halliburton shares plunging 40 percent in one day because investors feared it was the tip of the liability iceberg.

"Our experience with asbestos at Halliburton was that we were insured, we were indemnified," Cheney said. "We had a track record in terms of what settling asbestos claims cost."

In Cheney's time, Halliburton settled cases for modest sums — 214,000 claims for $173 million, including $101 million paid by insurance, leaving Halliburton's out-of-pocket cost at $336 per claim.

The vice president declined to answer any questions about the SEC probe, saying he wanted to avoid accusations that he is trying to influence the investigation.

The SEC is looking into how Halliburton assessed cost overruns in 1998 and later. The company counted overruns as revenue, assuming that its customers would pay at least part of the cost. Customers sometimes disputed the costs and didn't pay on time, however.

The SEC also is investigating whether the company adequately disclosed the practice to investors.

Cheney deflected to Halliburton's Web site questions on whether Halliburton should have told the SEC about its accounting changes.

The Web site does not answer that question, but says Halliburton followed established accounting guidelines, and that its clients at the time had signed "cost-plus" contracts because "in multimillion-dollar projects, there are always changes in the costs." Still, it acknowledged that it has changed its policy, and now signs "fixed price" agreements where clients are periodically apprised of cost overruns.

The Web site says "the CEO is made aware" of accounting and reporting procedures changes.

"Political reporters want to see if there are any similarities between the company's accounting practices and those of the corporations under intense scrutiny because of their accounting," the site says. "However, we will work to answer every question honestly, no matter how ridiculous."

Cheney has not been contacted by the SEC in its Halliburton investigation, spokeswoman Jennifer Millerwise said Sunday.

Cheney joined George W. Bush's presidential campaign in August 2000, and quit Halliburton. He sold stock options worth just over $40 million.

The company's stock sold for more than $54 a share at the time. It closed at $13.84 on Friday.

On the Net: Halliburton question-and-answer page: http://halliburton.com/news/faq.jsp

Toddler killed after overpass collapses

RICHLAND (AP) — Cleaster Broadway lay pinned in the crumpled cab of his tractor-trailer rig, the body of his 19-month-old son within reach and the weight of a collapsed overpass above him.

"He was asking about his son," said Scott Huston, a Richland firefighter who arrived on the scene on Interstate 45 shortly after the accident happened Sunday morning. "He said he could touch him."

Huston said Broadway, 41, of Moro, Ark., knew that his son, Courtney, was dead. Broadway wasn't able to lift his son from the cab.

The boy died before rescue workers could arrive at the scene of the Sunday morning accident, and Broadway was trapped for nearly eight hours until he was freed later in the afternoon.

A Texas Department of Public Safety spokesman said the two were traveling together when Broadway lost control of the truck, swerved to the right, then left, before going into an embankment and hitting an overpass column.

The roads were wet, but rain wasn't falling at the time of the accident, DPS spokesman Charlie Morgan said. Officials haven't yet determined the cause of the crash.

Rescuers cut a hole out of the back of the truck cab and removed items to give Broadway, pinned by the roof of the truck, more room. Workers climbed up a ladder to the top of the bridge to talk to Broadway through the hole.

A crane held up one side of the bridge, easing the threat the span of concrete would slide further.

"The problem was nothing was really stabilized," said Corsicana Fire Chief Donald McMullen. There was so much wreckage around the truck, they had to cut and pry inch by inch."

Dr. Robert Kingman, a surgeon from Corsicana, said Broadway's chest and leg were pinned down by the roof of the truck.

Just before 5 p.m. Broadway's bare foot could be seen through a small opening and he was soon covered with a white sheet as workers pulled him to safety. He was given oxygen as a precaution.

As Broadway was placed on a waiting stretcher, the group of rescuers began to clap.

"It feels great to have him out because we knew the longer it took, the more chances of his condition deteriorating," McMullan said. "He's maintained good spirits throughout. He knew we would get him out."

A little later as a light rain fell, subdued workers pulled the body of Courtney Broadway from the rubble.

Broadway was being treated in the emergency room of Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center in Waco, nursing supervisor Barbara Miller said. Miller said Broadway was in stable condition and his injuries weren't life-threatening.

Cleaster Broadway's mother, Mildred Broadway, said her son was on the road a lot and often took his son on road trips.

"He hardly got a chance to see him (the child) because he's always on the road," she said in a story in The Dallas Morning News' online edition. "He was trying to find a way to get out of it (trucking) so he wouldn't have to stay on the road so long. He's never had an accident before. I can't understand it."

Broadway is an independent contractor for Schneider Specialized Carriers, based in Green Bay, Wis., said Tom Vandenberg, Schneider's general counsel. Schneider uses about 13,000 drivers and operates throughout the United States and Canada and into Mexico.

A steady stream of cars passed by, taking the exit just before the wreck site to detour through Richland.

McGraw entertains hometown crowd

START, La. (AP) — Tim McGraw came home, and about 40,000 fans showed up to greet him.

The country singer performed two shows in his hometown Saturday for a TV special, drawing fans from all over the country. McGraw, who performs every year at his Swampstock benefit in nearby Rayville, sang hits such as "Down on the Farm" and "Something Like That."

"I see a lot of familiar faces out here tonight: some of my teachers, my coaches," McGraw told the audience.

The NBC special is scheduled to air in November. As a tribute to his local fans, McGraw kept playing after filming was complete.

"I enjoy him coming every year," fan Prentiss Wheatley of Monroe said.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Woman sees an opportunity to break bad luck at love

DEAR ABBY: I am a 35-year-old single woman who has had terrible luck with men. I've always been attracted to great-looking guys who turn out to be complete jerks.

I have recently started to get to know a man who works for the same company, but in another city. We talk on the phone several times a week because of our jobs. He is nice, kind and has a big heart. We finally met last week. I introduced myself and we talked like old friends. We didn't even realize there were other people in the room. He called me the other day and asked me out. I'm really excited about it.

Here's the catch: My co-workers tell me not to go out with him. They say he is not "my type" — that he's not good-looking enough. Abby, I want to go out with him and get to know him better. His looks don't matter to me. (I think he may be "the one.") I love my co-workers and usually care what they think. Now I don't know what to do. Help! — **LOOKING FOR LOVE, NOT LOOKS**

DEAR LOOKING: "They" won't have to live with him. You will — if he is indeed "the one." And remember, real beauty is from within.

Go out with him and get to know him, but take plenty of time before deciding he's your Prince Charming. First impressions can be misleading. Love may be blind, so use your head in addition to your heart, and you won't go wrong.

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DEAR ABBY: Last summer, before we were married, my fiance, "Justin," and I had a conversation that led to him telling me that he thought my mother was prettier and more sexually attractive than I am. I was devastated. I am the spitting image of my mother. He later apologized for what he said and we moved on. However, it took me months to regain my self-esteem to a point where I could even look at myself in the mirror.

Justin has always been the type to prefer older women. In fact, he has dated several. (He is 6 1/2 years older than I am.) I cannot help but feel he would rather be with my mom. It doesn't help matters that my mother is the biggest flirt I know. She flirts constantly with Justin, and when I confront her about it, she tells me I am "overreacting."

Even now, after more than a year, I still get bouts of depression that leave me feeling worthless. Although I know he loves me, I feel he will never look at me and see someone as sexy and beautiful as my mother. What do I need to do to get over this? — **HURTING IN CANADA**

DEAR HURTING: You need to get counseling, because you must come to terms with your relationship with your competitive and insecure mother and the damage she has done to your self-esteem.

You ARE the one your husband wants to be with. But I don't think you will truly accept that fact until you have resolved, with professional help, your relationship with your mother. Please don't wait. You'll be glad you did.

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DEAR ABBY: I am planning to propose to my girlfriend of five years. Do I need to ask her father's permission? And when is the appropriate time to do so? — **JACK IN LONG BEACH, CALIF.**

DEAR JACK: Asking the girl's father for permission to marry her is a charming but somewhat outdated custom.

First, ask your girlfriend — and then the two of you should approach her parents with the happy news.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North	09-09-02
♠ A K 2	
♥ A 4 2	
♦ A Q 10 5 2	
♣ Q 2	
West	**East**
♠ 9 8 3	♠ Q J 10 6
♥ K 10 8 7 5	♥ 6 3
♦ 8 7 4	♦ K J 9 6
♣ A 9	♣ 7 6 3
South	
♠ 7 5 4	
♥ Q J 9	
♦ 3	
♣ K J 10 8 5 4	

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: North-South

South	West	North	East
		1 ♦	Pass
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ 7

Monday, Sept. 9, 2002

Where and with what to win trick one

By Phillip Alder

George Eliot wrote, "When one wanted one's interests looking after whatever the cost, it was not so well for a lawyer to be over honest, else he might not be up to other people's tricks."

The more tricks you know, the better the bridge player you will be. This week, we will look at six deals in which you can win the opening lead in either the dummy or your hand. We will analyze the thought processes that help you decide where to win the trick — and sometimes with which card.

You (South) reach three no-trump. West leads the heart seven. How would you proceed? In particular, what would you do at trick one, and why?

First, count your top tricks. You have only four: two spades, one heart and one diamond. However, five winners can come from the club suit. Next, read the lead. Assuming West has led his fourth-highest heart, apply the Rule of Eleven. Seven from 11 is four. So, there are four hearts higher than the seven in your, the dummy's and East's hands combined. And you can see all four. So, you know East has no high heart, and you can — on 9/9 — win the first trick with your heart nine. However, if you do that, you should fail.

West would win the second round of clubs and shift to a pointed suit, leaving you with no hand entry to get to your four established club tricks. Since your sole possible side winner is in hearts, to guarantee that entry, you should win the first trick with dummy's heart ace. Then, lead the club queen, drive out the club ace, and eventually come to at least 10 tricks.

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13 Pilot's dir.
14 Huron neighbor
15 Landfill
16 DJ's supplies
17 Burrowing animal
18 Plantain lilies
20 Trig function
21 Songwriter — Janis
22 Milk amts.
23 Went fast
26 Visitors
29 Prickly seeds
30 Fastener
31 Seine vista
33 Lupino of films
34 Small earring
35 Fit of pique
36 Steel girders (hyph.)
38 Verse
39 "The Addams Family" cousin
40 View
41 Barrier
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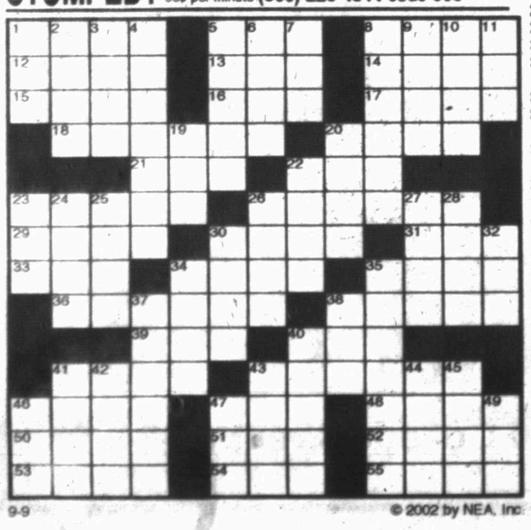
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4 Wanderers
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10 Pharaoh's river component
11 Haw opposite
19 Little kid
20 Put one's foot down
22 Campus square
23 Box-score stat
24 German import
25 July sign
26 Veldt grazers
27 Minuscule
28 Not chubby
30 Mo. bill
32 Riviera summer
34 Glut
35 Retract, as claws
37 One or the other
38 Gun the engine
40 Lustrous material
41 Strong wind
42 Perplexed
43 Bridle part
44 Honorable
45 Be entitled to
46 Ashen
47 Dana or Damone
49 Chromosome material

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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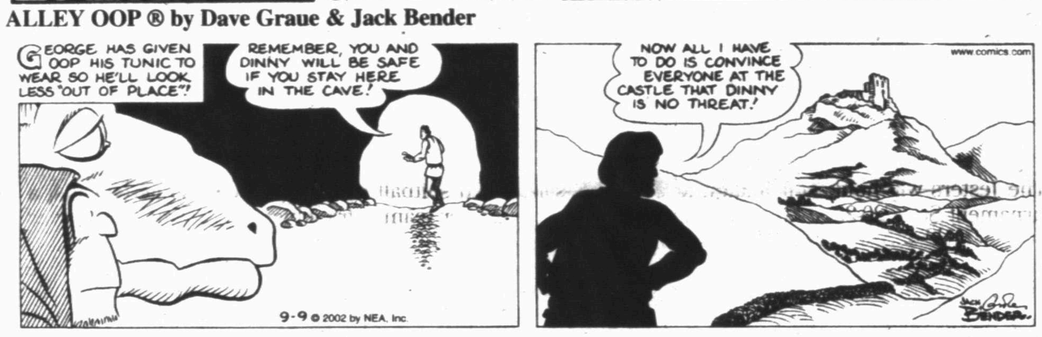
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SPORTS

Texans embarrass stunned Cowboys

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Texans won more than their opener. They won their Super Bowl.

Rookie quarterback David Carr came out heaving, throwing a touchdown for his first completion. He also hit Corey Bradford for a 65-yard touchdown early in the fourth quarter to beat the state rival Dallas Cowboys 19-10 on Sunday in the first game in franchise history.

"I wouldn't say we ambushed them," Houston nose guard Seth Payne said, "but I don't think they expected what they got."

The Texans became only the second expansion team to start 1-0, reaching a goal coach Dom Capers mentioned off this week. They joined the Minnesota Vikings, who did it in 1961 against the Chicago Bears in a battle of division rivals.

This one, though, was for bragging rights in a state where football is king.

NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue called the game "the Texas Super Bowl," and it felt that way to the 69,604 fans who'd been waiting since the Oilers left for Tennessee after the 1996 season. They started arriving 4½ hours early, many with their faces painted and carrying anti-Dallas signs.

Carr spoke for all of them on draft day when he said he wanted "to beat up on the Cowboys more than anyone else." Owner Bob McNair, who got the expansion rights for $700 million in October 1999, made it clear he wanted to open against his northern neighbors.

There wasn't much of a rivalry in the Oilers-Cowboys days — they met only eight times in 37 years — but enmity built during the NFL's five-year hiatus in Houston. The sentiment wasn't shared in Dallas, but might be when the teams meet again at Texas Stadium in 2006.

"For this team to get this game is wonderful for the city and the state," Texans general manager Charley Casserly said.

For the Cowboys, it was downright embarrassing. Emmitt Smith even said so.

"We did nothing good," said Smith, who ran for 67 yards, cutting his margin to catch Walter Payton for the career rushing record to 473 yards. "We have a long way to go and a short time to get there."

Said Cowboys owner Jerry Jones: "I'm disappointed for Cowboys fans everywhere."

Playing with the roof of their $449 million stadium closed because of threatening clouds, Houston got the decibel level going when Carr took the first snap in franchise history and threw deep for Bradford.

"We wanted to come out and set a tone," Capers said.

Dallas cornerback Bryant Westbrook was flagged for pass interference on the play, moving Houston 43 yards to the Cowboys 21. Three plays later, Carr hit tight end Billy Miller over the middle at the 6 and he dived in for the first touchdown just 1:14 in.

Penalties plagued Dallas all night, making the Cowboys look like the expansion team. Through three quarters, they had been penalized eight times for 112 yards, while the Texans gained only 106.

Dallas' first seven possessions ended in six punts and an interception, which led to a 42-yard field goal by Kris Brown that put Houston up 10-0 early in the second quarter. Second-year quarterback Quincy Carter didn't complete a pass until the second quarter.

The Cowboys tied it at 10 in the third quarter when Michael Wiley had a 46-yard touchdown run. Billy Cundiff kicked a 33-yard field goal with 56 seconds left in the second quarter. He later missed a 42-yarder.

The Texans were happy to be playing so well so late against a franchise that's won five Super Bowls. But instead of playing it safe, they went for the win.

On the first drive of the fourth quarter, Carr threw deep to Bradford, who reached behind his body in the air and hauled it in. He cut from the right side of the field to the middle to avoid pursuers, then stopped when he reached the goal post and stared at the fans with his hands on his hips. The former Green Bay Packer then jumped into the stands, Lambeau Leap-style, while Carr came running to the end zone to join the celebration.

The Texans recovered a fumble on the ensuing kickoff, but Carr wasted the chance to ice the game by having a pass intercepted on a deflection. Payne ended up with the game-sealing points, sacking Carter in the end zone for a safety with 2:37 left.

Sports Briefs

Baseball booster club

The SHS baseball booster club will meet tonight at 7 at the practice field.

Volleyball booster club

The SHS volleyball booster club will meet tonight at 7 at the high school gym.

Snyder softball tournament

The Jesters will hold their inaugural U.S.S.S.A.-sanctioned softball tournament Sept. 20-22 at Winston Park. Entry fee is $125 per team. Contact David at 574-1729 or Henry at 573-4199.

Flag football

Any teams interested in playing TAAF flag football should contact Earl Ware at 573-0800 before Oct. 7.

Ladies play day

The Women's Golf Association at Snyder Country Club holds a play day at 9 a.m. each Tuesday. This week's format is best poker hand.

Ladies golf tournament

The Western Lone Star Senior Ladies' tournament will be held Sunday through Friday in Canadian, Tex.

Wells loses pre-dawn fight

NEW YORK (AP) — With a bruise on his forehead, David Wells returned to Yankee Stadium and said he's ready to make his next start after recovering from an early-morning attack at a diner.
Wells was punched in the head and lost two teeth when he was confronted by a man waving a butter knife at a restaurant about 5:50 a.m. Saturday, police said.

Sorenstam wins 7th title of the year

TULSA, Okla. (AP) - Annika Sorenstam won her seventh LPGA Tour title of the year and ninth worldwide event, closing with a 5-under 65 for a four-stroke victory in the Williams Championship.

MLB Standings

National League
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	90	51	.638	—
Philadelphia	70	72	.493	20½
Montreal	70	73	.490	21
Florida	69	73	.486	21½
New York	67	74	.475	23

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	81	61	.570	—
Houston	76	67	.531	5½
Cincinnati	69	73	.486	12
Pittsburgh	63	80	.441	18½
Chicago	60	83	.420	21½
Milwaukee	51	92	.357	30½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	87	56	.608	—
Los Angeles	82	60	.577	4½
San Francisco	81	61	.570	5½
Colorado	65	78	.455	22
San Diego	61	82	.427	26

Sunday's Games
Montreal 7, Atlanta 0
Florida 11, Pittsburgh 1
N.Y. Mets 11, Philadelphia 3
Cincinnati 5, Milwaukee 4
St. Louis 3, Chicago Cubs 1
San Diego 9, Colorado 4
San Francisco 3, Arizona 1
Houston 6, Los Angeles 2

Monday's Games
N.Y. Mets (Bacsik 3-1) at Philadelphia (Mercado 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Torres 1-0) at Cincinnati (Dempster 7-13), 7:10 p.m.
Colorado (Hampton 7-15) at Houston (Munro 5-3), 8:05 p.m.
Montreal (Armas Jr. 9-12) at Chicago Cubs (Clement 12-9), 8:05 p.m.
St. Louis (W.Williams 7-4) at Milwaukee (Diggins 0-1), 8:05 p.m.
San Diego (Tomko 9-8) at Arizona (Johnson 20-5), 9:35 p.m.
Los Angeles (Od.Perez 13-8) at San Francisco (L.Hernandez 9-15), 10:15 p.m.

American League
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	89	53	.627	—
Boston	79	62	.560	9½
Baltimore	64	77	.454	24½
Toronto	63	80	.441	26½
Tampa Bay	48	94	.338	41

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	82	61	.573	—
Chicago	69	74	.483	13
Cleveland	64	78	.451	17½
Kansas City	55	87	.387	26½
Detroit	52	91	.364	30

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	90	52	.634	—
Anaheim	88	54	.620	2
Seattle	84	58	.592	6
Texas	65	77	.458	25

Sunday's Games
Toronto 9, Boston 4
N.Y. Yankees 6, Detroit 4
Tampa Bay 6, Texas 3
Anaheim 6, Baltimore 2
Seattle 16, Kansas City 9, 11 innings
Chicago White Sox 7, Cleveland 6
Oakland 6, Minnesota 0

Monday's Games
Toronto (Walker 8-4) at Cleveland (Jar.Wright 1-3), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Lowe 18-7) at Tampa Bay (Sturtze 3-15), 7:15 p.m.
Detroit (Maroth 5-7) at Minnesota (Reed 13-7), 8:05 p.m.
Seattle (Moyer 13-7) at Texas (Myette 2-5), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (D.Wright 10-12) at Kansas City (Bukvich 15-10), 8:05 p.m.
Oakland (Hudson 12-9) at Anaheim (Appier 14-9), 10:05 p.m.



SETTING UP — Chaelyn Robinson, Kelby Drum and Shelley Fisk go after the ball during this weekend's tournament at Lubbock Christian Trinity. (Contributed Photo)

Lady spikers take 3rd at Lubbock tourney

The Lady Tigers varsity volleyball team placed third at this weekend's Lubbock Trinity Christian Tournament, and head coach Laura Moses was impressed with the team's consistency throughout the 10-team tourney.

"The girls played excellent defense and had some outstanding hits," she said. "We were much more consistent."

Moses said Ashley Tuttle, Shelley Fisk and Zipporah Peoples played exceptionally well.

"Ashley had a great tourney playing only the front row, and Zipporah played much better defense and had good, powerful hits the whole tournament."

She said Fisk had solid hits and played great defense.

Kelby Drum put up 13 service points against San Jacinto, and Moses said she and Fisk have improved their teamwork as setters. "I'm really happy with the way they worked together," she said. "Kelby did a good job and Shelley had some really good hits."

The JV squad did not place in the tournament, but coach Wendy Parks said the girls played much better on Saturday than on Friday.

She said bench players like Kelly Wesson, who recorded eight service points, stepped up their play in this tourney.

Parks said Beth Clemons had a standout weekend. "Beth played well all-around," she said. "Courtney Cox played good defense and Heather Holmes did a good job picking up tips." Parks said Kassie Burney also had a good tournament.

The JV will travel to Lamesa for a tournament this weekend, while the varsity and freshmen teams are at home Saturday to face Colorado City, with the freshman to begin at 12 p.m.

The freshmen squad placed second in the 10-team Snyder tournament this weekend.

Before the varsity takes the floor at 1 o'clock, the team will hold a Meet the Tigers session.

26 straight...

Rangers set HR record

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — The Texas Rangers set a major league record by homering in their 26th straight game. The pitching is another matter.

Rafael Palmeiro hit a solo homer in the sixth inning of the Rangers' 6-3 loss to the Tampa Bay Devil Rays on Sunday.

"Our team is 16-10 in that time, so we'll take that," Texas manager Jerry Narron said. "But, for me, I'd take pitching records over those home run records any time. You're better off in the long run."

Palmeiro's 39th homer this season and 486th of his career came on a 1-1 pitch from Wilson Alvarez.

"It's nice, but it's not that big a deal, really," Palmeiro said.

Alex Rodriguez later hit his major league-leading 51st homer, a solo shot off Esteban Yan in the eighth. The 1941 New York Yankees, 1994 Detroit Tigers and 1998 Atlanta Braves homered in 25 straight games.

The Rangers also hit homers in 21 straight games earlier this season from June 24-July 18. They are the only team to have two streaks of 20 or more games in a single season.

Palmeiro has 1,563 RBIs, moving past Tris Speaker into 28th place all-time. He tied Andre Dawson for 20th place with 1,039 extra-base hits.

"Those are nice," Palmerio said. "It just means that I've been doing it for a while."

Aubrey Huff, Steve Cox and Ben Grieve had two RBIs apiece for Tampa Bay.

Huff went 3-for-4 and has a career-high, 15-game hitting streak.

Sampras defeats Agassi in 4 sets in classic Open final

NEW YORK (AP) — The tennis champ tossed his racket off the court, walked wearily into the stands and hugged his wife.

Whether Pete Sampras, husband and father to be, picks up his racket again is a mystery as deep as trying to solve his strong, spinning serve.

"I'm sure the next couple of weeks I'll reflect on it and kind of see where I'm at," he said, his mind still reeling from his amazing career revival with Sunday's U.S. Open championship.

Andre Agassi didn't have the luxury of time to figure out Sampras' serve — or catch up to it if he did — when the two 30-something Americans thrilled a crowd that rooted for both.

The final cheers were for the once-dominant Sampras, who won his first championship in more than two years, 6-3, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4.

"I still want to play. I love to play. But to beat a rival like Andre in a major tournament at the U.S. Open, a storybook ending," Sampras said. "It might be nice to stop. But ..."

Then the 31-year-old long shot who was seeded 17th smiled.

While he contemplates how the two loves of his life — family and tennis — can coexist, he can savor one of the most gratifying wins of a career in which he beat Agassi in the 1990 and 1995 Open finals and was the top-ranked player from 1993 through 1998.

He won his fifth U.S. Open title and 14th Grand Slam championship, breaking his own record of 13 set at Wimbledon in 2000.

"This might take the cake. This might be my biggest achievement so far — to come through a very, very tough time and to win the Open," he said. "I mean, that's pretty sweet."

Sampras hadn't won since that Wimbledon triumph two years ago.

Astros knock out Ishii, LA

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Craig Biggio and Brian Hunter homered off pitches from Kazuhisa Ishii that darted in and out of the late-afternoon shadows.

The next time Hunter was up, he hit a line drive the struck Ishii in the forehead. The Dodgers pitcher was taken by ambulance to a hospital with a small skull fracture and a concussion.

Hunter ended up with an RBI double on the play, and the Houston Astros went on to beat Los Angeles 6-2 Sunday.

"He told the guys at the hospital that he never saw the ball," Dodgers manager Jim Tracy said. "When I got to the mound, the first thing I saw was blood — which scared me to death. But I knew he could hear voices by the way he was responding."

The sight of Ishii sprawled out in front of the mound without moving was all too familiar for Tracy. Two weeks ago he watched Alex Cora leave Dodger Stadium in an ambulance with a concussion after sliding headfirst into the knee of Arizona shortstop Tony Womack.

"Seeing it from this side, I know it's hard to see the brace and the stretcher and the ambulance," Cora said. "I just started praying and doing the same things my teammates did for me two weeks ago."

Area Sports Calendar

TUESDAY
Tennis: Big Spring at Snyder, 3:30 p.m.
Volleyball: Snyder 9th, JV and varsity at Midland Lee/Monahans
Baseball: WTC at McMurray, scrimmage, 3 p.m.

THURSDAY
Football: Ira JV at Dawson, 6:30 p.m.
Football: Snyder freshman at Lubbock Cooper, 7 p.m.
Football: Ira junior high, split squad, 6 p.m.
Football: Borden County junior high and JV at Ropes, 6 p.m.
Volleyball: Snyder junior high at Midland Christian, 5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY
Football: Benjamin at Ira, 7:30 p.m.
Football: Ropes at Borden County, 7:30 p.m.
Football: Hermleigh at Moran, 7:30
Baseball: Howard JC at WTC, 2 p.m.
Volleyball: JV at Lamesa Tourney.

SATURDAY
Volleyball: Colorado City at Snyder varsity and freshmen, 12 p.m.

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Pastors recall toll of Sept. 11 attacks

By The Associated Press

Ministers nationwide urged worshippers to move beyond their anger over Sept. 11 and renew the connections they discovered with other Americans after the terrorist strikes.

Several preachers asked Americans to pray for the United States and the world as the war on terror continued, and others reminded parishioners to cherish life.

The Rev. George C. Woodruff of the First African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in San Francisco said the attacks brought suffering, but also helped Americans overcome their differences.

"Tragedy seems to give us a common denominator," Woodruff said. "When one hurts we all hurt. When they attacked New York, when they attacked Pennsylvania, when they attacked Washington D.C., they attacked us all."

More religious memorial services were planned for Wednesday, the one-year anniversary of the attacks.

Roman Catholic Cardinal William Keeler of Baltimore, speaking Sunday to students and families at the College of Notre Dame of Maryland, noted the victims were from many economic, social and religious backgrounds.

"They were American. They were you and me and all of us, and our hearts were profoundly troubled by what happened on that day," Keeler said.

At Prestonwood Baptist Church in Plano, Texas, a 22,000-member Southern Baptist Convention congregation, pastor David McKinley counseled worshippers to overcome their bitterness "to do justly, to live with mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

The Madison Church of Christ in Tennessee posted a sign that read "Honor Our Heroes" and draped a giant U.S. flag behind the pulpit.

"For our country, Lord, we ask you to surround us with your angels, to protect us and keep us safe from those who would wish to see us fall," said Nashville Police Sgt. Terry Ashley, who led prayers for the more than 1,000 congregants.

In Utah, Gordon B. Hinckley, president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, released a statement in advance of Wednesday's Mormon memorial events, saying the country remained "shocked and dismayed at the infamy of the cowardly attacks," but continued to respond with great resolve.

"Occasions of this kind pull us up sharply to a realization that life is fragile, peace is fragile, civilization itself is fragile," he said.

Near the altar at Detroit's St. Maron Church, an Eastern-rite Lebanese Catholic congregation, small American flags stood in vases filled with red and white flowers. Worshippers prayed for victims and for global unity.

"Somehow we have to learn to live together," Bishop Walter J. Schoenherr said.

President Bush had called for "National Days of Prayer and Remembrance," asking all Americans to gather in their places of worship from Friday through Sunday to honor the dead and pray for world peace.

The president set the three days to fit the worship rhythms of the three major faiths: The Muslim holy day was Friday, the Jewish Sabbath ran through sundown Saturday and Christians worshipped on Sunday.

For Jews, the Sabbath coincided with the start of Rosh Hashana — the Jewish New Year — and many rabbis recited special prayers for the attacks' victims, the United States and Israel. Muslims held memorial events around the country from vigils to open houses in mosques.

Ask Hollywood by Holly Wood

How long was Hennessy on 'Law?'

Q: My daughter and I are big fans of the series "Crossing Jordan" and its star, Jill Hennessy. How long was she on the series "Law & Order," and during what years was she on the show? There is a steak dinner riding on your answer, so we would appreciate your settling this matter for us. — **M.P., Saginaw, Mich.**

A: Hennessy played Claire Kincaid on "Law & Order" for three years, from 1993 to 1996. Enjoy your dinner — whether you're paying or being treated. You didn't ask, but, since you're such a fan, I'll add that you can see her in two movies later this year: "Love in the Time of Money" and "Pipe Dream."

Q: I love "CSI," and I wonder if you could tell me where I may write to William Petersen. — **J.J., Archdale, N.C.**

A: You can write to Petersen at 9560 Wilshire, Blvd., No. 516, Beverly Hills, CA 90212. You can also write to him, and the rest of the "CSI" cast, at "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," CBS Television City, 7800 Beverly Blvd., Room No. 18, Los Angeles, CA 90036.

Q: Where can I write to Fats Domino and Chuck Berry? I know you only do actors, but I thought it wouldn't hurt to ask. — **L.D., Waldo, Ark.**

A: You can write to Domino at 5515 Marais St., New Orleans, LA 70117. Berry's address is Berry Park, Buckner Road, Wentzville, MO 63385.

Q: My two favorite shows are "Touched by An Angel" and "Diagnosis Murder." Where can I write to both shows? I hope they both continue making new episodes. Roma Downey, who plays Monica on "Touched by An Angel," and Barry Van Dyke, who plays Steve on "Diagnosis Murder," have different hair shades in many episodes. Besides personal reasons, is there any other reason? — **W.L., Methuen, Mass.**

A: "Diagnosis Murder" stopped running first-run episodes last year, but you can write to the cast of "Touched by An Angel" at "Touched by and Angel," CBS/MTM Studios, 4024 Ratford Ave., Studio City, CA 91604.

As for second question, there's no good reason why stars change their hair color. It's all aesthetics — what the stars and behind-the-scenes people think will look better or enhance the character.

Q: I think there was a movie called "The Others" (not the one with Nicole Kidman). It starred John Ritter. What's it about, and who was in it? And what became of Thomas Tryon? — **N.K., Porterville, Calif.**

A: You're thinking of the 1972 movie "The Other," with Ritter, Diana Muldaur and Uta Hagen. It's a horror movie about murder and a secret shared by twin boys. I don't want to give away too many details, because it has a significant number of plot twists (and there are few people more annoying than movie blabbermouths).

Tryon, who wrote the book on which the film is based, died in 1991 from cancer.

TRIVIA: Thomas Tryon died in 1991, but his final book, "Night Magic" (Simon & Schuster) has a copyright date of 1995.

(Send your questions to Ask Holly Wood, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. 10016, or write to HollyWood85@hotmail.com. Because of the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.)

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Four dead and one injured in collision

DeGRAFF, Ohio (AP) — A collision between a freight train and pickup truck killed four people and injured another Sunday at a railroad crossing in northwest Ohio.

The injured victim was thrown from the back of the pickup and the dead were trapped in the wreckage, said Logan County Sheriff Michael Henry.

The injured person was flown to Children's Hospital in Columbus. Nursing supervisor Donna Geitter declined to release information on the person's condition.

Henry said crews were trying to remove the victims from the wreckage several hours after the crash.

The CSX train was heading eastbound, and the railroad crossing did not have warning lights, Henry said.

Crop dusters still trying to recoup losses after 9-11

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Crop dusters nationwide, grounded three times after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and anthrax scare, are still trying to recoup their financial losses.

But in a world of heightened security, and amid fears the highly mobile airplanes could become weapons for terrorists, it's no longer business as usual.

Around Mississippi, security measures — including locking down parked planes and filing detailed reports — are part of everyday life for operators, said Mickey Sims, executive secretary of the state Board of Agricultural Aviation.

"There is still a tremendous amount of awareness as far as someone stealing an (agricultural) aircraft, and we have means in place to prevent a lot of that," Sims said.

Rudy Holcomb, owner of Holcomb Aerial Service Inc., informs local officials of his spraying schedule and route before he starts work over a new field.

"We've just got to communicate more than we used to," Holcomb said. "Everybody's on edge. If they don't know, it scares them."

Holcomb said losing about a week's work during last season's peak time for spraying and defoliating cotton, "put us in a heck of a bind around here."

"When you get a week behind, it's hard to make up that week," he said. "You reach a point where it's just too late to spray and you're through until next year."

Holcomb said he has managed to recover, in part because he has expanded to aerial forestry work, which is currently in high demand.

Pat Kornegay, president of the National Agricultural Aviation Association, said crop dusters lost about $40 million nationwide because of the groundings amid an already depressed agricultural economy.

"There have been some operations go out of business," he said. "I don't think you can relate that directly to 9-11. It's more due to drought and low commodities prices."

Kornegay said among those hardest hit by the flight bans were some pilots who operate in Arkansas and Mississippi and were grounded until Oct. 15.

The shutdown ended the cotton-spraying season for Bill Freiman, a co-owner of Delta Dusters in Walls, a rural Mississippi community located just a few miles south of Memphis, Tenn.

"We lost the last almost six weeks of our season," Freiman said. "It cost my business in the neighborhood of 10 percent of its gross" income.

An insurance increase hit Lin Stanton harder than the flight ban. Stanton, an owner of Sunnyside Aero Inc., is facing a 10-15 percent increase in his insurance premium though his income remains flat.

"It's a precarious situation because you can talk about it all you want and then you turn on the TV and see cotton is still 48 cents," he said of the commodity that has lost about half its value over 10 years.

"Until the overall economy comes back up, there's nothing really we can do. It's just a matter of supply and demand."

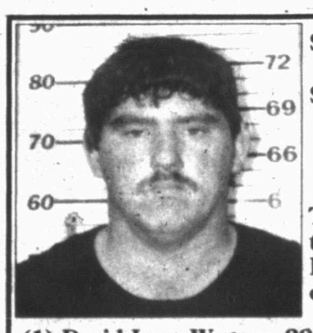
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AT&T Corp	12.24	12.00	12.13	—.07
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Alltel	43.58	43.13	43.45	—.04
AmEl Pw	32.71	32.11	32.48	—.35
AndarkPtr	44.66	43.72	43.95	—.49
ATMOS Egy	22.35	21.72	21.83	—.27
Aviall	11.26	10.65	11.12	+.29
BP PLC	43.94	43.37	43.64	—.16
BakerHughes	27.50	26.50	26.57	—.55
Bank of Amer	68.85	67.75	68.72	—.57
BellSouth	22.56	21.80	22.15	—.52
BurlNoSFe	27.27	26.77	27.07	—.20
Caterpillar	43.05	42.38	42.71	—.49
ChevronTex	74.68	73.60	74.10	—.60
Citigroup	30.28	29.51	29.90	—.38
CocaCola	50.00	49.51	49.90	+.01
ColgatePal	55.75	54.46	55.72	+.82
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ConocoPhill	51.48	50.65	50.99	—.34
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DeltaAirl	16.85	16.17	16.33	—.49
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ExxonMobil	34.50	33.65	34.07	—.24
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SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION
SEPTEMBER 6, 2002

NOTICE

The following person has registered with the Snyder Police Department as a convicted sex offender.

(1) David Leon Wagner, 22 years of age, male, 800 16th Street, Snyder, Texas 79549, convicted of "Indecency With A Child". Victim was a female child 14 years old.

NOTIFICATION

El siguiente persona se a registrado con el Departamento de Policia de Snyder, y fue convicto de una offensa sexual.

(1) David Leon Wagner, Un hombre, 22 anos de edad, 800 16th Street, Snyder, Texas 79549, convicto de "Indecencia Con Un Menor". La victima era nina de 14 anos de edad.

(s) Stephen W. Warren
Chief of Police

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More than 100 kinds of birds susceptible to West Nile virus

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The West Nile virus, first spotted in this country in a sick crow three years ago, has now attacked at least 111 species of birds, including the bald eagle and the endangered Mississippi sandhill crane.

The spread of the virus has surprised and alarmed wildlife researchers because it has happened so quickly. Last year, West Nile had been detected only in about a dozen species of birds.

This year, hundreds of birds of prey, particularly red-tailed hawks and great horned owls, have been found dead in the upper Midwest, said Kathryn Converse, a wildlife disease specialist with the U.S. Geological Survey's National Wildlife Health Center in Madison, Wis.

About 400 owls and hawks died in Ohio alone in what one wildlife official called "a major die-off." The carcasses were being tested for West Nile virus, which has been confirmed in several cases.

West Nile also has killed such birds in the wild as the ruby-throated hummingbird and Canada goose, and exotic and captive species such as the macaw and the Chilean flamingo, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Web site.

Of particular concern are the deaths of any endangered species, like the Mississippi sandhill crane, which numbers only about 120. It is one of six types of sandhill crane.

Since 1999, the virus has also killed at least one bald eagle, a threatened species, according to the CDC Web site.

"We don't know of any birds that can't be affected by the virus," Converse said.

It's impossible to know exactly how many birds have died from the West Nile virus, wildlife officials say, because the only way to confirm the virus in birds is to test them after they die.

Also, federal agencies like the CDC and Geological Survey rely on state and county health officers to report the bird deaths. But those officials are mainly interested in birds only as a tip-off that mosquitoes carrying the virus have shown up in their areas, so that people can be warned.

News that the virus is spreading in bird populations is frustrating for bird caretakers like James Mejeur, curator at the National Aviary in Pittsburgh, because the illness is hard to detect, treat and prevent.

Although veterinarians are experimenting with a vaccine approved for horses, the most effective way to prevent birds from getting sick is to control the mosquito population, Mejeur said.

Some institutions with captive bird populations install mosquito netting.

"It's manageable for us because the majority of our bird population is inside," said Mejeur, whose facility has lost three magpies and a crow this year. "But it is a tough time for zoos and other places that can't control the mosquitoes and have large populations of birds."

The horse vaccine has not been widely tested on birds, but the few facilities that have tested it found the birds were not harmed by it, Mejeur said.

Still, birds must be injected three times over a span of three months, which can be traumatic to wild populations, he said.

At the Raptor Center at the University of Minnesota, caretakers suspect the raptors may have the virus when they develop tremors, a blank stare and confusion. But other illnesses can cause similar symptoms, said Pat Redig, the center's director.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2002

In the year ahead you may get more than your fair share of exciting opportunities in both your personal and social life. These will be two critical areas for you, so take good advantage of how you deal with them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Should you find yourself fearful that you might not be accepted in an enviable circle today, don't resort to telling white fibs to shore up your ego. You're likely to get caught. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — If yesterday was a good day for you in terms of making the gains you wanted, don't use this one to let down your guard over your budget. You may quickly find yourself broke again.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Be careful whose business you butt your nose into today. Although some might welcome questions being asked of them, most might feel it's an intrusion of their cherished privacy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Guard what you reveal to others today. You may inadvertently reveal something that is best kept to yourself. This may cause trouble for you, as well as others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — All that is put to use undergoes a certain about of wear and tear. Remember this today before you loan out anything you prize or borrow something that is important to another.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Things don't always go as planned, and today could be one of those days. A situation you personally direct may take its own direction and leave you chafing at the bit.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Even when doing rote jobs today, be particularly focused and pay attention to all the small details. Your concentration may not be what it usually is; you don't want a mishap to happen.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Happiness will depend upon your choices of friends today. If you find yourself with those who are apt to create trouble, make a quick exit or they could lead you astray.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — That very person you believed would be there for you when you needed someone could leave you standing alone. Don't unwittingly get involved in anything today that you can't handle yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Watch yourself that you don't brag too much today. Co-workers, believing you have all the answers, will start to dump all the tasks and jobs on you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Hanging out with all the high rollers today might not turn out to be as much enjoyment as you thought when you realize all it's getting you is an empty wallet.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Graciousness is Leo's trademark. Should you inadvertently do something a bit thoughtless or insensitive, fall back on this fine quality to extricate yourself from an uncomfortable situation.

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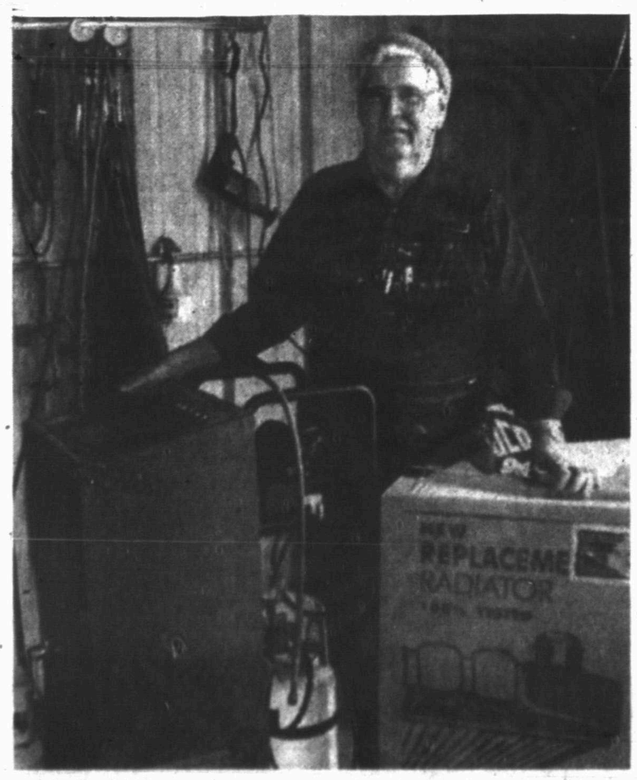
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Martin's Quick Service is also your authorized dealer for automotive air compressors. "We have the lowest prices on compressors anywhere," Martin said. In stock are compressors that fit most American made cars and trucks. Compressors for imports are also available at Martin's Quick Service, located at 1701 College Avenue, or you can give him a call at 573-4325.

Violent crime rate continues steep decline

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation saw violent crimes except murder fall by 9 percent last year, marking the lowest level since the government began surveying victims in 1973.

A record low number of reported assaults, the most common form of violent crime, was reported.

The drop is detailed in the 2001 National Crime Victimization Survey, which is based on interviews with victims and thus does not include murder. The Bureau of Justice Statistics report was obtained Sunday by The Associated Press in advance of its release this week.

Preliminary figures from an FBI report — gleaned from more than 17,000 city, county and state law enforcement agencies and released in June — reflected an increase in murders of 3.1 percent in 2001.

Specialists said the decade-long decrease in violent results mainly from the strong economy in the 1990s and tougher sentencing laws.

"When people have jobs and poor neighborhoods improve, crime goes down," said Ralph Myers, a criminologist at Stanford University. "Crime also has been impacted by the implementation of tough sentencing laws at the end of the 1980s."

Since 1993, the violent crime rate has decreased by nearly 50 percent.

The report said that between 2000 and 2001, the number of people who reported they were victims of violent crime fell from about 28 per 1,000 to about 25 per 1,000. The number of people reporting violent crimes fell from 6,323,000 in 2000 to 5,744,000 in 2001.

Only about half of the violent crimes counted in the survey were reported to police.

The report showed a 10 percent decrease in the violent crime rate for whites. It also included an 11.6 percent decline for blacks and a 3.9 percent increase for Hispanics. However, those figures were not given the highest grade of confidence because of analytical formulas that suggest they could be flawed.

Assault was down 10 percent, but victim reports reflected a 13 percent increase in injuries.

The effect of tougher sentencing laws can best be seen in the drop in the rate at which people in the United States are assaulted, said Bruce Fenmore, a criminal statistician at the Institute for Crime and Punishment, a Chicago-based think tank.

"There is overwhelming evidence that people who commit assaults do it as a general course of their affairs," Fenmore said. "Putting those people behind bars drops the rate."

The rate at which criminals used guns to accomplish their crimes held steady at about 26 percent.

Victims of rape and assault were the least likely (7 percent) to face an armed offender, while robbery victims were the most likely (55 percent).

Rape fell 8 percent, and sexual assaults — which include verbal threats and fondling — fell 20 percent. About half the women who reported rapes said the perpetrator was a friend or acquaintance. The rate at which women reported rape to the police fell 19 percent in 2001.

The overall property crime rate fell 6 percent between 2000 and 2001 because of a 6.3 percent decrease in theft and a 9.7 percent drop in household burglaries.

The car theft rate rose 7 percent, reflecting a jump from 937,000 car thefts in 2000 to 1,009,000 in 2001.

Teenagers seemed less likely to be victims of violent crime. The crime rate against those between ages 16 and 19 fell 13.2 percent.

Crime also fell in each of the regions of the United States but showed the most dramatic decline, 19.7 percent, in the Midwest.

The decline was felt in urban, suburban and rural areas alike. The rate of violence experienced by suburbanites fell 14 percent. In urban and rural areas, the rate fell 5.4 percent and 10.6 percent, respectively.

Vegas memorial contains T-shirts from around world

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The words are written in white on a navy blue cotton T-shirt bleached gray by the desert sun.

But they are still visible to the thousands who walk past the New York-New York hotel-casino:

"ALL GAVE SOME — SOME GAVE ALL."

The shirt is among hundreds that line the fence bordering the hotel's facade — a miniature harbor with a 150-foot replica of Lady Liberty and the New York City skyline — forming a memorial that sprang up hours after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"People kind of related to the whole New York skyline theme," Las Vegas Fire Department spokesman Tim Szymanski said. "Someone just left a shirt there and, literally, there are now things from all over the world."

The World Trade Center was never part of the hotel's skyline, which is supposed to represent the Big Apple of the 1940s. With fire department patches, origami paper cranes and the same spirit of remembrance, the impromptu tribute resembles those near ground zero.

"In the aftermath of the attacks — that same day — photographs, poems, candles started appearing in front of the fence," said Felix Rappaport, president and chief operating officer for the New York-New York hotel.

"Very quickly that expanded to a number of T-shirts, many of which came from fire companies. We now have T-shirts that represent fire departments from all over the country as a kind of symbol of solidarity," he said.

Rappaport said the hotel has received more than 2,500 shirts and still gets dozens each week, either by mail or when people hang them on the fence.

In some places, the shirts run more than a dozen layers deep.

Jon Smithey, an emergency medical technician from the San Francisco Bay area, walked along the fence videotaping while in Las Vegas celebrating his one-year wedding anniversary with his wife Vanessa.

"It makes you feel more appreciated. Oftentimes when we see people they're not at their best and very seldom do we hear, 'thank you,'" he said.

Tucked among the shirts is a child's crayon drawing showing the twin towers engulfed in red smoke, and stick people saying, "AAAAHHHHHH." Across the top is written: "Thank you for trying to save all of the people."

Some notes and written pieces have been weathered to seemingly blank pieces of paper. The University of Nevada at Las Vegas has collected most of the written items to preserve them, Rappaport said.

Though some messages have been lost, the sentiment is clear, said Jackie Materek of Parisppany, N.J., who visited the memorial with her husband Tony.

"It makes me feel like the whole country is together," she said. "We live 40 miles out of New York and to be across the country and see this ... it really means a lot."

The hotel will begin construction of a permanent memorial at the feet of Lady Liberty in October. It's scheduled to be finished by late December.

Shadow boxes encased in granite will contain some of the artifacts left by visitors; other items will be archived and stored in UNLV's Special Collections Department.

"People have laid in our lap the responsibility of caring for this stuff and we're honored," Rappaport said. "It's a very, very, heartfelt memorial."

Part-time troops engaged in full-time war on terror

SOMEWHERE OVER TEXAS (AP) — Alabama Air National Guard Master Sgt. Steve Hay is fighting the war on terror lying on his stomach more than four miles above Texas.

Hay, a lawyer whose budding career was sidetracked by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, will spend this night refueling F-16 fighters patrolling U.S. airspace.

Peering out a small window into the darkness, Hay maneuvers the fueling boom into a receptacle atop a fighter, flying about 20 feet below at 500 mph.

On the ground below, Americans are sleeping and watching Jay Leno.

"They don't have any idea we're here," Hay, 34, said over the deafening roar of the engines.

That kind of disconnect between middle America and the fight against terrorism bothers Guard members including Hay, part of a four-person crew aboard the tanker. Sometimes it seems people are more worried about the stock market than al-Qaida, they say.

"The American public was really into it for a couple of months, but it's old news now," said Tech. Sgt. Shane Rogers, who works full-time for the Guard.

"It's not old news to us," said Rogers, also of Alabama. "I've got two little girls, 6 and 7. I'm not at home and if you asked them where I am, they'll say, 'Daddy's out there fighting for the flag.' It has directly affected my life."

Nationwide, about 80,000 reservists and Guard members have been mobilized since the attacks.

Hay and Rogers are part of the 117th Air Refueling Wing, based in Birmingham. The group has flown about 800 missions in its nine KC-135R tankers since Sept. 11, refueling planes both domestically and overseas.

Of the unit's nearly 1,000 members, about 275 are full-time Guard employees, like Rogers. Hay and more than 300 other part-time members have been activated, giving up their regular jobs to keep the planes flying.

The surge in patriotism inspired Guard members in the weeks after Sept. 11. There were flags everywhere, and a fast-food restaurant gave food to members of the 117th after learning where the burgers and fries were going.

Such frills faded away as the war on terrorism continued.

Co-pilot Doug Preston, 41, normally flies for American Airlines, which lost two planes in the terrorist hijackings and plans to lay off 7,000 employees by March. Will his regular job be there when his Guard duty ends? Preston shrugs as he sits at the controls.

"They haven't filed bankruptcy, and they haven't said they were shutting down," said Maj. Preston, who has two children, ages 3 and 11 months, and a wife who teaches.

Hay's wife is a lawyer like him, and she recently got her first big settlement working solo on a case. Hay was there to offer congratulations, but missed much of the work leading to a big payday. Twice in the last year he has been on monthlong deployments to Turkey, and he also made two other shorter missions to that country.

Crew members can't talk about specifics of such overseas missions for security reasons. But they talk of seeing bomb flashes on the ground while fueling planes at a distance safe from surface-to-air missiles.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Spinal anesthesia is safe

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 75 and facing prostate surgery. My urologist prefers spinal anesthesia, but I've heard about a patient who suffered memory loss after a spinal. How is this anesthetic administered? What can I expect from it? Why isn't general anesthesia used for prostate surgery?

DEAR READER: Spinal anesthetic is injected into the spinal column, following which the patient is positioned so that the appropriate part of the lower body is adequately numbed before surgery. For many procedures, spinal anesthesia is as effective as general anesthesia (during which patients are put to sleep) and is a lot safer.

The major complication of general anesthesia (respiratory problems and cardiac irregularities) can be fatal; however, they rarely, if ever, occur with spinal anesthesia. I am not aware that memory loss — indeed, any brain damage — results from the spinal anesthetic itself. Such an event would be a highly unlikely consequence, because spinal anesthesia does not extend to the brain or affect it; patients remain alert and awake. Spinal anesthesia has been safely used for years in women giving birth or having gynecological surgery.

General anesthesia can be substituted if patients feel unduly apprehensive about being awake during the operation or if there is some technical difficulty, such as arthritis of the spinal bones. However, for prostate surgery, spinal anesthesia is preferable. Follow your urologist's (and anesthesiologist's) advice. If properly administered, spinal anesthesia is free of significant side effects, and you'll feel better during the immediate recovery period because you won't have to fight your way back to consciousness, experience nausea or run the risk of cardio-respiratory side effects.

One more observation: The risks of general anesthesia increase proportionately with the patient's age; thus, at 75, you may be better off with the spinal option.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband, 68, goes to bed about 10 o'clock each night. He then lies awake for hours; he simply cannot fall asleep. His doctor cannot help him. Can you?

DEAR READER: Insomnia is a common occurrence in older patients. The causes are legion and range from stress and anxiety to serious brain disorders. In your husband's case, he may be retiring before he is ready to sleep. Perhaps he would fare better if he were to stay up, watch the 11 o'clock news (or less distressing entertainment), enjoy a glass of warm milk, take 50 milligrams of over-the-counter Benadryl, wait until he is sleepy, take a warm shower and go to bed. Also, forbid napping in the afternoon.

Although the traditional teaching (that older adults need less sleep than their younger colleagues) has been popular for years, it isn't [illegible]. The average adult, regardless of age, needs seven or eight hours of sleep at night. Your husband may be programming himself for more, at unnecessary psychological expense.

If my suggestions are ineffective, your husband should check with his physician for more specific advice.

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Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Patriot Resources Inc. will drill the No. 1 Emerald, an 8,000-foot wildcat located 11 miles southwest of Snyder. Location is in Section 197, Block 97, H&TC survey.

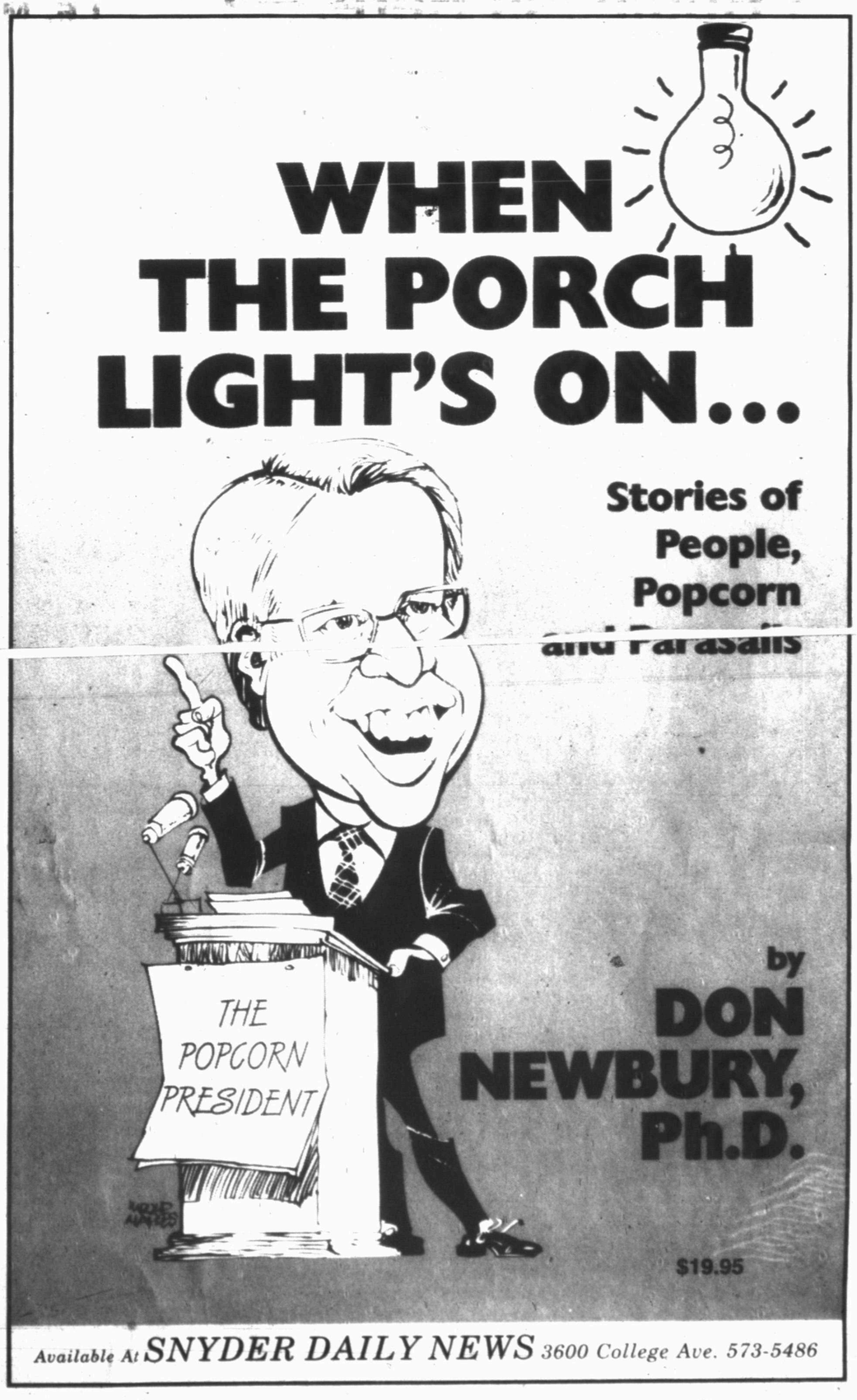
Borden County

Southwest Royalties Inc. will drill the No. 1 Bull Creek, a 5,000-foot wildcat located 23 miles west of Snyder. Location is in Section 153, Block 25, H&TC survey.

Sharp Image Energy will drill the No. 1-42 South Lake Thomas, a 7,500-foot wildcat located 22 miles southwest of Snyder. Location is in Section 42, Block 25, H&TC survey.

Howard County

L.C.S. Production will drill the No. 1-XF Guitar in the Varel field, seven miles northwest of Big Spring. Planned for a depth of 8,000 feet, location is in Section 22, Block A, Bauer and Cockrell survey.



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Bush: Time short to act against Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bush administration officials, trying to build a case for action against Iraq, are warning that the world can't afford to wait to see whether Saddam Hussein has weapons of mass destruction.

"The problem here is that there will always be some uncertainty about how quickly he can acquire nuclear weapons. But we don't want the smoking gun to be a mushroom cloud," national security adviser Condoleezza Rice said Sunday on CNN's "Late Edition."

President Bush is making his case today to Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien, who said last week he has yet to see evidence that would justify Canadian support for a military campaign against Iraq. Officially, the two leaders were meeting in Detroit to discuss border security.

Before leaving the White House for Detroit today, Bush continued his diplomatic efforts on Iraq in telephone calls to President Ahmet Necdet Sezer of Turkey, United Nations Secretary General Kofi Anan and the president of the European Union, Denmark's prime minister Anders Fogh Rasmussen, along with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah.

"The president is calling as part of his ongoing consultations with leaders around the world about the situation in Iraq and also urging them to listen carefully to his speech to the United Nations" on Thursday, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said, while declining to further describe the conversations.

Gustav heads toward N. Carolina coast

CAPE HATTERAS, N.C. (AP) — High waves pounded the beaches today as Subtropical Storm Gustav headed toward the North Carolina coast, and authorities warned coastal residents to prepare for possible flooding.

"This will be no worse than a bad nor'easter for residents along the coast. But they need to be aware that it's coming and prepare for it," said Tom Ditt, a spokesman for the state Division of Emergency Management in Raleigh.

Because the summer holiday season is over, Ditt said, officials were less concerned about preparing evacuation routes than they were about warning residents to tie down lawn furniture.

A tropical storm warning was in effect from Cape Fear, N.C., northward to Currituck Beach, N.C., the National Hurricane Center said.

High surf and dangerous rip currents were likely today all along the Eastern Seaboard from New Jersey to the central Florida coast, said forecaster Richard Pasch.

Gustav had sustained wind of 45 mph, and it was expected to strengthen within the next 24 hours, Pasch said.

Waves rose 8 to 10 feet high off the coast near Cape Hatteras.

"The water is very churned up and huge waves are rolling in from off shore," said Keith Matthews, an employee of the Avon Fishing Pier. "I patched up part of a roof that was blown off this morning, and secured all the furniture. We hope it just blows on through."

Unlike the more common tropical storms, which are formed by warm air, subtropical storms have a combination of warm air in the lower half of the weather system and cold air on top, said hurricane specialist Stacy Stewart.

Subtropical storms are not common, with typically only one or two forming every year, Stewart said. Gustav could become a full tropical storm by the time its center nears the coast on Tuesday, the Hurricane Center said.

At 11 a.m. EDT, Gustav was about 245 miles south-southeast of Cape Hatteras, N.C., the hurricane center said. It was moving west-northwest at 10 mph, down from 12 mph three hours earlier, and was expected to continue that movement.

North Carolina can expect some beach erosion and flooding in low-lying areas, Ditt said.

The coastal highway along the Outer Banks could be awash, Ditt said. "It's the biggest concern we have right now because it can get cut off in many areas," he said.

Gustav is the seventh named storm of the 2002 Atlantic hurricane season, which began June 1 and ends Nov. 30.

So far, none of the named storms this season have become hurricanes. Tropical storms become hurricanes if their sustained wind hits 74 mph.

Charlton Heston headlines fundraiser for John Cornyn

FORT WORTH (AP) — Charlton Heston, actor and National Rifle Association president, will campaign for Republican Senate candidate John Cornyn later this month, Cornyn's campaign says.

"I'm delighted that Mr. Heston has agreed to come, particularly under the circumstance of his recent announcement," Cornyn said in Monday's editions of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Heston's announcement a few weeks ago that he had begun to exhibit symptoms of Alzheimer's disease hasn't stopped him from campaigning for candidates favored by the NRA. Cornyn got the group's endorsement over Democrat Ron Kirk, a former Dallas mayor.

For $75, Cornyn backers may listen to Heston's booming voice over breakfast on Sept. 21 at South Fork Ranch, made popular by the TV show Dallas, reads an invitation to the event.

Supporters who give $1,000 may have their pictures taken with Heston and Cornyn.

Heston will headline a second event in Longview, in deep East Texas, at noon the same day, campaign officials said.

Rains from Fay will continue around state

By The Associated Press

The remains of Tropical Storm Fay will continue to douse South Texas today, while moisture from the Gulf of Mexico should leave other parts of the state soaking.

The tropical-type showers provided valuable water to the parched areas between Uvalde and Cotulla on Sunday, with as much as an inch of rain in some places. There were heavier rains along the Texas coast between Port Aransas and Galveston, prompting the National Weather Service to issue a flash flood watch through this morning in parts of east and southeast Texas.

Skies were mostly cloudy to cloudy statewide except for sunny skies over the Lower Rio Grande Valley, Far West Texas and the northwest Panhandle. Daytime highs ranged from a rain-cooled 73 degrees in Dallas to 100 in Brownsville.

Showers and thunderstorms are likely to linger across South Texas today, forecasters said. Mostly cloudy skies are expected, with temperatures likely to range from the mid-80s to the lower 90s.

The North Texas forecast for today calls for more cloudy skies and occasional rains, some heavy. Temperatures will mostly be in the 90s.

Snyder officers arrest two men over weekend

Arrests

Snyder officers arrested a 21-year-old man just before 10 p.m. Saturday for driving with a suspended license.

A 28-year-old man was taken into custody in the 2500 block of Ave. K Sunday morning for public intoxication.

Theft

David Mendez requested officers at the Coleman Apartments in reference to a stolen television. Officers responded and advised the owner is out of town and a report would be filed upon his return.

Assault

A manager of Taco Bell requested officers Sunday evening after a man struck an employee and fled the store in a Chevrolet pickup. Officers responded and filed a report for Class C assault.

Accident

A woman contacted officers Sunday morning to report an accident involving a moving truck hitting the overpass on 13th Street. The truck was driven by J.B. Archie of Albuquerque. An accident report for a commercial vehicle was submitted.

Close patrol

A woman requested a close patrol in the 600 block of Ave. R early Sunday after hearing her dogs barking and someone talking to the animals.

A woman reported a man driving by her residence several times and also advised he had threatened her repeatedly. Officers initiated a close patrol.

A close patrol was begun in the area of North Park after calls were received of reckless drivers.

A caller reported loud music in the 600 block of 34th Street early today.

Gas drive offs

A clerk at Town and Country North reported a gas drive off at 4:40 p.m. Saturday in the amount of $25. She advised the vehicle was a red pickup with welding equipment attached.

A clerk at Allsup's in Hermleigh reported a drive off Sunday in the amount of $19.37. The clerk told officers two males were in the vehicle and it traveled north on U.S. 84.

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Glenn Upshaw

1919-2002

ROBY — Glenn Upshaw, longtime Fisher County area farmer, died Saturday, Sept. 7, at Covenant Medical Center Lakeside in Lubbock.

Funeral service was set for 3 p.m. today in the Roby First Baptist Church with burial to follow in the Roby Cemetery under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 4, 1919 in Fisher County, he was a lifelong Fisher County resident except for two years spent in Colorado and two years in Denver City.

Mr. Upshaw, 82, was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving 54 months.

He was a member of the Roby First Baptist Church and served as a deacon, Sunday school superintendent and a member of the choir. He was a past member of the Fisher County Sheriffs Posse, Roby School board, Fisher County RV Club and Fisher County Historical Commission and Fisher County Fair Board.

He was preceded in death by his parents, J.F. "Bud" and Pearl Upshaw; a sister, Pauline O'Briant; and a brother, Truman Upshaw.

Survivors include his wife, Violet Jim Upshaw of Roby; two sons, Randy Upshaw of Plano and Doug Upshaw of San Antonio; a sister, Dulcie Sharp of Roby; six grandchildren; and two special nieces and a nephew.

Mary Allen

1911-2002

ROTAN — Mary Myrtle Allen, the step-grandmother of Veronica Garcia of Snyder, died Saturday, Sept. 7, in Fisher County Hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Allen, 91, is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Rotan Church of Christ with Wendell Whittenburg officiating. Burial will follow in the Belvieu Cemetery under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Born Feb. 14, 1911 in Fisher County, she was the youngest of 12 children of Joe and Fannie Nunn.

A lifelong resident of Fisher County, she married Jack Allen on Nov. 14, 1928. Together they owned and operated Jack Allen's station in Rotan for more than 60 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; an adopted daughter, Karen; a grandson, Herchel Shipp; and 12 siblings, Blanche Mitchell, Annie Jones, John Nunn, Joe Nunn, Lucy Whittenburg, Charlie Nunn, Ruth Spruiell, Julia Headrick, Pete Nunn, Fannie Bonner and Clyde Nunn.

Survivors include a daughter, Irene Knight of Rotan; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; three other step-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and one step-great-great-grandchild.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Scurry 4-H Club

Scurry County 4-H Club will meet at 7 tonight at the Senior Citizens Center. Officers will be elected, upcoming events will be discussed and anyone who hasn't already done so can enroll in 4-H.

Word Is Life revival

The Word is Life Deliverance Church revival continues today and Tuesday at 7 p.m. Isaiah Reed is the evangelist.

Stanfield Parent Council

Stanfield Parent Council will meet at 6 p.m. today in the lounge in the front hallway. All parents are invited.

Retired teachers fellowship

Scurry County Retired Teachers will have an ice cream fellowship at 7 tonight in the Wesley Hall of the First United Methodist Church.

SHS band boosters

SHS band boosters will meet at 7 tonight in the band hall. The meeting is for all parents of band students, grade 6 through high school.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "Two Elements of Coming to Christ," followed by "The Christians' High Priest."

Support groups

Adult family violence support group and children's family violence support group meets at 6:30 p.m. each Monday at Gateway Family Service. For information call 573-1822.

4-H horse club

The Scurry County 4-H horse club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the East Elementary cafeteria. For more information call 573-5130.

Junior high choir meeting

A meeting for Snyder Junior High choir parents will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the choir room.

Two CPR courses

Western Texas College will a second CPR course, CPR for Health Care Providers, Tuesday and Wednesday from 6-10 p.m. Cost is $45. For more information, contact Tammy Shirley at 573-8511, ext. 342.

AARP board meeting

AARP board meeting will be at 8 a.m. Wednesday at Rudy's.

SHS school pictures

School pictures will be taken at Snyder High School Wednesday and Thursday through English classes. Packets will be given for students to take home and pre-payment is required. Anyone not wishing to buy photos must still have picture taken for the yearbook.

FBC support groups

Support groups dealing with divorce, death, cancer or caring for elderly parents meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church educational building. A special group for students facing these problems is held at the same time.

FBC services televised

First Baptist Church services are televised on channel 2 at 3 p.m. each Thursday.

Scurry Lodge #706

Scurry Lodge will have an awards night beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday. Several 25 and 50-year pins will be presented. All Masons, their families and friends are invited. Refreshments will be served.

Scholarship fundraiser

Borden County Parents Club will sell Krispy Kreme donuts at Wal-Mart starting at 8 a.m. Saturday.

Country and gospel music

There will be country and gospel music played beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday at the senior center.

Farm Bill computer training

The training session will be held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18, at the Workforce Training Center at WTC. For an appointment call 573-5423 by 5 p.m. next Monday. Dr. Jackie Smith will answer questions about the farm program. Bring accurate figures and appointments will be made to speed the process.

Alzheimer's support group

An Alzheimer's meeting for caretakers, family members and interested persons will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17, in the library of Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

Gospel concert

Toney Brothers Quartet will present a Gospel concert at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18, at the First Baptist Church in Hermleigh.

Guadalupe Church Jamaica

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church will hold its Jamaica celebration Sunday, Sept. 22. The event will start at 8 a.m. and conclude at 8 p.m. There will be food, volleyball, live music and the event is a fundraiser for the church.

Bible school

Son Canyon River Adventure Bible School will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church from 6:30-8 p.m. every Wednesday in September, and on Saturday, Sept. 28 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Open to all children from infants to 7th grade. Call the church office at 573-3988 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Wednesdays.

SHS class of 1988 homecoming

The SHS class of 1988 will meet at 5 p.m. for the before game booster meal at the high school and then attend the game between the Tigers and Ft. Stockton on Sept. 27. There will be a get-together after the game. Call Meredith at 254-223-3193 for more information.