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BCD votes to support creek renovation

The Scurry County Board of County Development voted Wednesday to contribute $11,965 to the Snyder Chamber of Commerce for its plan to develop Deep Creek.

The chamber plans to widen the creek and landscape the area using inmate labor from the Price Daniel Unit, making the creek "something Snyder people can be proud of," according to Donna Fowler, chamber executive director.

"It's hard to bring people into our town when it's ugly," she said. "And right now, Deep Creek is ugly. We're not talking about rebuilding the creek, we just want to clean it up and make it something people can enjoy."

Plans for the creek include clearing and widening the bed, paving the banks with concrete and river stones and drilling a well in order to keep a constant water level.

Fowler said inmate crews would continue to provide the labor free of charge and the city would provide the equipment.

The motion passed 3-1 with Don West casting the dissenting vote. West said he isn't sure the project is consistent with the BCD's mission.

Board member Tony Scott said he would support the project because it is something positive for Snyder. "I think anything positive we can do like this in Snyder and in Scurry County is money well spent."

Fowler said the committee plans to be finished with the project within one year.

The board also voted to provide $6,000 to the Best of Texas Stock Show scheduled in November at the Scurry County Coliseum.

Ricky Miller, a representative from the stock show, said the show would bring in at least 300 families for the three-day weekend.

"I've been to a lot of these shows and I can tell you that it's impossible to spend less than $400 in the town where you're staying," he said. "That money adds up in a hurry."

That measure also passed 3-1 with West casting the dissenting vote, again citing questions about the board's mission.

The board then discussed its new budget, $10,000 instead of $50,000 as in past years. The board asked DCOS executive director John DeLille to schedule a meeting with County Auditor Charlie Bell for explanations of its budget and reserve funds.

The board also approved the minutes from its last meeting and paid the bills.

David Koonce presided and all board members were present, including West, Scott and Bill Dryden.



SNYDER'S RIDERS — Joe Pechacek, Casey Chaney and Larissa Blackard, from left, were gearing up for a motorcycle trip to Ruidoso. A group of Snyder citizens making the trip were gathering in the United parking lot early today. (SDN Staff Photo)

SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "We don't know Leonard Pitts, but his column below from the Miami Herald is worthy of reading."

It's my job to have something to say. But in this moment of airless shock, the only words that seem to fit must be addressed to the unknown author of this suffering. You monster. You beast. You unspeakable .....!

What lesson did you hope to teach us by your coward's attack? Whatever it was, please know that you failed. Did you want us to respect your cause? You just damned your cause. Did you want to make us fear? You steeled our resolve. Did you want to tear us apart? You brought us together.

Let me tell you about my people. We are a vast and quarrelsome family, a family rent by racial, social, political and class division, but a family nonetheless.

We're frivolous, capable of expending tremendous emotional energy on pop cultural, a ball team's misfortune, a cartoon mouse. We're wealthy, spoiled by the ready availability of material goods, and maybe because of that, we go through life with a certain sense of blithe entitlement.

We are fundamentally decent, peace-loving, compassionate. We struggle to know the right thing and to do it. The overwhelming majority of us are people of faith, believers in a just and loving God.

Some people - you, perhaps - think that all of this makes us weak. You're mistaken. Indeed, we are strong in ways that cannot be measured by arsenals. Yes, we're in pain. We are in mourning and in shock. We're still grappling with the unreality of the awful thing you did, working to make ourselves understand that this isn't a special effect from some Hollywood blockbuster.

In terms of the awful scope of their ambition and the probable final death toll, your attacks are likely to go down as the worst acts of terrorism in history. You've bloodied us as we have never been bloodied before.

But there's a gulf of difference between making us bloody and making us fall. This is the lesson Japan was taught to its bitter sorrow the last time anyone hit us this hard, the last time anyone brought us such abrupt and monumental pain.

When roused, we are righteous in our outrage, terrible in our force. When provoked by barbarism, we will bear any suffering, pay any cost, go to any length in the pursuit of justice.

I tell you this without fear of contradiction. I know my people, as you, I think, do not. What I know reassures me. It also causes me to tremble with dread of the future. In the days to come, there will be recrimination and accusation, fingers pointing to determine whose failure allowed this to happen and what can be done to prevent it from happening again.

There will be heightened security, misguided talk of revoking basic freedoms. We'll go forward from this moment sobered, chastened, sad. But determined. Unimaginably determined.

The steel in us is not always readily apparent. That aspect of our character is seldom understood by people who don't know us well. Today, the family's bickering is put on hold. As Americans we will weep, as Americans we will mourn, and as Americans we will rise in defense of all that we cherish. It occurs to me that maybe you just wanted us to know the depths of your hatred. Consider the message received.

And take this message in exchange: You don't know my people. You don't know what we're capable of. You don't know what you just started. But you are about to learn.



NOISES OFF! — Snyder High School's drama department's first play of the school year, *Noises Off!*, debuts at 7 p.m. today at Worsham Auditorium. In this scene, Joanna Burk, who plays Poppy, the stage manager, has to listen to a rather smelly actor, Sterling Millhollon as Selsdon, tell about his love of the theater. Additional performances are set for 7 p.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are $4 per student and $5 for adults. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Bush to speak tonight

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House rejected a proposal by Islamic clerics today that Osama bin Laden be allowed to leave Afghanistan voluntarily. As President Bush prepared to address Congress, the Army's civilian leader said the military was bracing for "sustained land combat operations."

The clerics' suggestion that bin Laden be allowed to leave on his own volition "does not meet America's requirements," said White House spokesman Ari Fleischer. "It's time for action and not words."

Nine days after the suicide hijacking attacks that left more than an estimated 5,000 dead or missing in New York and Washington, Bush planned an 8 p.m. address to Congress and the nation to unite Americans for a long battle.

In a rare show of bipartisan unity, House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., said there would be no Democratic response to Bush's address. "We want America to speak with one voice tonight," Gephardt said.

With U.S. military forces on the move, Army Secretary Thomas E. White told reporters a deployment order signed by Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld includes Army as well as Air Force troops.

"We are ready to deliver it across the whole array of force structure — heavy, light, airmobile, airborne, special operations," White said.

Stocks fell sharply yet again on fears of adverse economic fallout. Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan acknowledged that economic activity virtually ground to a halt after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

He told a congressional panel that the country's long-term prospects remained strong.

"An enormous effort will be required on the part of many to cope with the human and physical destruction," Greenspan said in testimony to the Senate Banking Committee.

In his speech, Bush will make the case against No. 1 suspect bin Laden and his al-Qaida network, officials said.

With the speech in the Capitol taking place under exceptionally tight security, Fleischer said that Vice President Dick Cheney will not attend but will remain in a secret, secure location in recognition of "the continuation of important government issues" should terrorists strike again. British Prime Minister Tony Blair will attend.

In the Afghan capital of Kabul, Islamic clerics today urged bin Laden to leave Afghanistan voluntarily, but set no deadline for him to decide, according to the news agency of the ruling Taliban militia.

At SHS...

First production of season to open

Noises Off! will take to the stage at 7 tonight at Worsham Auditorium. The comedy is Snyder High School's Drama Department's first production of the school year. Additional performances of the Broadway comedy will be 7 p.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets are $4 per students and $5 for adults.

The drama department is buoyed by the success of last season, where they won third place at state for William Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew*.

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

Many hours have been spent on this production; it is rehearsed not only in class, but also at numerous evening and Saturday rehearsals.

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

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

ASK US

Q—Who's responsibility is it to water the grass being laid on each side of 37th Street?

A—Price Construction will water the grass for three months. After that time, the adjoining property owners will be responsible.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 89 degrees; low, 68; 7 a.m. Thursday, 70; no precipitation; total for 2001, 14.14 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy; 30% rain chance; lows mid 60s; SE winds 5-15 mph. Friday, partly cloudy, 30% rain chance; highs, 85-90; E winds 5-15 mph. Friday night, 20% rain chance.



Jeffrey Stewart
Partly Cloudy

Sunset:
7:43 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:32 a.m.
Of 262 days in 2001, the sun has shone 250 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Happiness depends upon ourselves.

—Artistotle

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Experts see signs of mental distress in U.S.

PHOENIX (AP) — She's been cornered in the office elevator by perfect strangers who know only that she is a counselor. "I'm feeling a little down," they begin, and Marlene Shiple does what she can to help.

Her patients, recovering from their own traumatic experiences, relive them every day now. One was in a fire, and replays over and over again the fear of being trapped in a burning building.

"Everyone I saw mentioned it," says Shiple, a certified counselor in Phoenix. "For someone not to have some feelings about it would be totally abnormal."

"It" is the Sept. 11 terrorist attack — an event so unprecedented, so overwhelming that is has left a nation struggling with depression, anxiety, anger and outright fear.

For those already plagued by mental disorders, last week's assault may compound those problems, experts say. Panic attacks may be more severe, bouts of depression more frequent.

Yet psychiatrists and counselors agree: Most Americans are experiencing some level of emotional distress following the attacks, which thrust an entire nation into grieving.

"It's not like this is a situation we were prepared to deal with or should've been prepared to deal with," Shiple says. "It's something none of us have ever imagined."

The pain is felt far from New York and Washington and those directly involved.

"It's a national mourning," says Dr. Ken Duckworth, a psychiatrist and the medical director for the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health. "This is a loss of individuals, but it's also a loss of our collective sense of invulnerability, and that's really hard for people."

Seven in 10 Americans say they have felt depressed since the terrorist attacks, nearly half report having trouble concentrating and a third said they have had trouble sleeping, according to a poll by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press.

Duckworth's agency established a mental health hot line and distributed an article to media outlets offering advice for those having trouble processing the events of last week. The key message: Whatever you're feeling is normal.

"There's a tremendous spectrum of human response to this, and there is no right way," Duckworth says. "Most of us will have moments of anger, moments of feeling disturbed, moments of feeling unreal. Some of us will feel a profound sense of sadness."

Phoenix retiree Denny Bayers admits riding an emotional roller coaster since the attacks. His feelings have swung from compassion for those who died to frustration with the government "for having let this happen" to worry for the future of his 1- and 2-year-old granddaughters.

"It changed the way you have to look at the world," says Bayers, 50, who's been volunteering his time answering calls at the Red Cross. Last week, a number of people were in tears when Bayers picked up the phone. He explained how they might help, and by the end of the conversation both he and the caller felt better.

"I felt very good at the end of the day — good that I did my thing," he said.

Across the country, mental health agencies are reaching out.

The Arizona Psychiatric Society has compiled a list of psychiatrists and psychologists offering free services. Others have volunteered as stress counselors at the Arizona chapter of the Red Cross, fanning out at airports over the weekend to talk with passengers and airline employees.

In Connecticut, commuters shell-shocked by the attacks were greeted by crisis counselors last week as they arrived at local train stations.

Counseling centers in Oklahoma received calls from hundreds of people reliving the terror of the 1995 bombing there. "It's like a replay times tenfold of what we've been through," said Dr. R. Murali Krishna, a psychiatrist and president of Integris Mental Health in Oklahoma City.

And in Boston, where two of the hijacked airlines involved in the attacks originated, the state Department of Mental Health dispatched counselors to several state agencies to talk with workers.

"We're just trying to remind people that you are fine. This is an over-the-top event; it isn't your response that's over-the-top," says Duckworth, who warns the emotions Americans are experiencing may linger.

"When Kennedy was assassinated, that was a loss and a tragedy, but everybody knew it was over," he says. "This has an unsettling quality of not necessarily being done. It's more than you can bear."

On the Net:

American Psychiatric Association: http://www.psych.org

Cancellations continue to multiply

NEW YORK (AP) — More than a week after the terrorist attacks, cancellations prompted by the destruction keep multiplying. Show openings on Broadway, class trips to Washington, high-powered conferences — all have been affected.

New York's glitzy Fashion Week was interrupted in midstride, to be resumed next month. In Washington, the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank canceled annual meetings scheduled for Sept. 29-30.

Even overseas events have been disrupted. The annual Ryder Cup match between top U.S. and European golfers, to be played in England, has been pushed back a year to September 2002.

Among those with dashed plans are juniors and seniors at La Crosse Central High School in Wisconsin. The annual class trips to Washington, D.C., have been canceled for the first time in 32 years.

"We just thought there are too many uncertainties to take kids out there at this time," said teacher Brent Larson, who would have organized the trips.

Countless other trips are being canceled — by business travelers and would-be vacationers. The fallout for the tourism and convention industries has been severe.

In Portland, Ore., Hilton Hotels executives had been anticipating a month of 90 percent occupancy and lucrative conventions, but five major organizations canceled meetings that would have drawn 2,800 guests.

In New York's famous theater district, two show openings have been halted. "By Jeeves," an Andrew Lloyd Webber show, was postponed indefinitely after two major investors pulled out, while the Roundabout Theatre Company canceled its revival of "Assassins," a Stephen Sondheim musical about the slayings of U.S. presidents.

The show also won't go on at the famed Giza pyramids near Cairo. Egyptian authorities canceled performances of the opera "Aida" scheduled for Oct. 12-17.

"We do not live in an isolated world," said Egyptian Culture Minister Farouk Hosni.

Among other cancellations:

—An Asian trade mission by Washington state Gov. Gary Locke.

—All parties associated with London Fashion Week, which is taking place this week.

—A scheduled Sept. 28 appearance by Vice President Dick Cheney at the University of Wyoming, from which he earned a master's degree.

—An Oct. 4-6 Republican leadership conference in Welches, Ore. Participants from 22 Western states were expected.

—A state firefighters convention in Pennsylvania's Somerset County, where United Airlines Flight 93 crashed after being hijacked Sept. 11.

—Three national conferences scheduled in Anchorage, Alaska, including a session of the Council of State Governments expected to draw 1,200 people.

—An Apple Computer Inc. exposition in Paris.

Among the postponements:

—The season-ending auto race at the Texas Motor Speedway, from last week until Oct. 6.

—The annual summit-level gathering of world leaders at the U.N. General Assembly session, to an undetermined date.

Some notable undertakings are expected to proceed as planned despite security concerns. Pope John Paul II still plans to embark Saturday for volatile Central Asia, and Britain's Queen Elizabeth II is expected to visit New Zealand next month.

Likewise, the 81st annual Miss America Pageant will go on as scheduled Saturday in Atlantic City, N.J.

Even though parties were canceled at London's Fashion Week, and six designers failed to show up, the fashion shows themselves went ahead.

Said Nicholas Coleridge of the British Fashion Council: "The show just has to go on."

Innovations needed for ag to survive

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Farmers and food processors in Wisconsin need tax exemptions to modernize their operations and the state should put more money into agriculture research to ensure survival for the industry, according to a report.

The 13-member Growing Wisconsin Agriculture Task Force, appointed more than a year ago by former Gov. Tommy Thompson, released its report Wednesday, saying its suggestions were meant to help guide agriculture in the new millennium.

It was delivered to Gov. Scott McCallum, who stressed that the success of the state's economy will be tied to agriculture.

The task force listened to hundreds of Wisconsin farmers, food manufacturers, educators and entrepreneurs in preparing its report. The group also looked at success stories in other states.

The group recommended increasing funding for a grant program that boosts the early development of new markets; tax exemptions for modernizing farms and food processing plants; and better coordination to transform research into commercial business opportunities.

"In order for production agriculture to reach its full potential in Wisconsin, we must view it as a whole system — from the farm to the consumer — with all the supplier, processing, marketing, distribution links in between," said task force chairman Gary Sipiorski.

On the Net:

Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection: http://datcp.state.wi.us/

Mushroom farm plagued by imports

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — An Oregon mushroom farm that has been plagued by Canadian imports and boycotts as a union tried to organize the work force, will close later this year, leaving about 300 people out of work, officials said.

The PictSweet farm had been losing money because of increased costs, environmental regulations and imports from British Columbia, said John Haltom, mushroom division president for parent company United Foods Inc.

"It was a gut-wrenching decision," Haltom said.

The Northwest Treeplanters and Farmworkers United had been trying to organize at the farm. Agricultural workers are not covered by laws that require employers to recognize unions and bargain in good faith.

Two major supermarket chains, Fred Meyer Stores Inc. and Safeway Inc., stopped buying PictSweet mushrooms in support of the workers.

Haltom said the union campaign played no role in the closure.

But union organizer Erik Nicholson questioned the company's reasons for the shutdown.

"We have serious doubts that straight economics are the driving factor for this," said Erik Nicholson, a union organizer.

Nicholas recording songs for solo album

LOS ANGELES (AP) — When Thomas Ian Nicholas isn't busy working on a film, he's recording songs for a solo album.

"I had done an album with a band like a few years ago," says Nicholas, who's appeared in the "American Pie" films.

"And now I'm working by myself and working with musicians from another band called Black on Blonde, that's like an up-and-coming rock band."

Nicholas says he'd loved to be backed up by a female guitarist.

"Nothing is sexier than girls playing musical instruments, especially guitar," the 21-year-old says. "I would definitely be into having a female musician in a band. That would be cool."

His upcoming films include "The Rules of Attraction" and "Halloween: The Homecoming."

Date Book

Thursday, Sept. 20, 2001

Today is the 263rd day of 2001 and the 92nd day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1848, in Philadelphia, the American Association for the Advancement of Science was founded.

On this day in 1892, Frank Schuman of Philadelphia was granted a patent on wire-reinforced glass.

On this day in 1984, Bruce Springsteen's album "Born to Run" was released.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Upton Sinclair (1878-1968), writer; Maxwell Perkins (1884-1947), editor; Ferdinand "Jelly Roll" Morton (1885-1941), jazz great; Arnold "Red" Auerbach (1917-), basketball coach-executive, is 84; Anne Meara (1929-), actress, is 72; Sophia Loren (1934-), actress, is 67; Guy Lafleur (1951-), hockey great, is 50; Crispin Glover (1964-), actor, is 37.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1908, Frank Smith pitched a no-hitter for Chicago against the Philadelphia A's. Chicago won 1-0.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "True happiness is of a retired nature, and an enemy to pomp and noise." — Joseph Addison

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

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Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 54 were: 8-13-15-28-29-37

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $23 million.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

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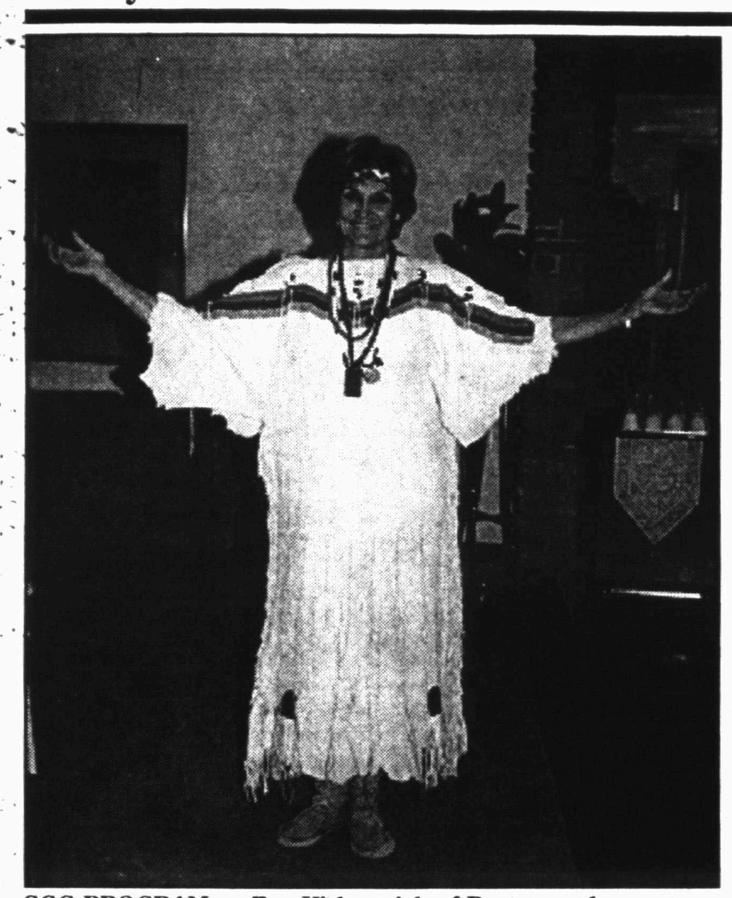
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SGC PROGRAM — Zoe Kirkpatrick of Post gave the program for Snyder Garden Club Sept. 6 at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. She told the story in first person using the name of Wasté Kiminela (meaning pretty butterfly) of the Creek Nation. She explained their use of native plants and wildflowers. The Indians wasted nothing, even using the roots for dyes, medicines and other parts for needles, thread, hair brushes, paint brushes, paint, dyes, food and medicine. Kirkpatrick is author of "Wildflowers of the Western Plains" which includes recipes for mesquite bean and prickly pear jellies. (Contributed Photo)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	3 NT	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	5 ♣	Pass
5 ♦	Pass	6 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ 3

Thursday, Sept. 20, 2001

Play with finesse by not finessing

By Phillip Alder

We all know about the simple finesse. It is in theory a 50-50 shot at an extra trick. And in the real world, it is. Yet in classes and newspaper columns, it is perhaps a five percent chance for an additional winner. To make matters worse, then there are deals like this one, in which declarer is faced with two finesses. Should he take both, hoping one will work? That is, after all, a 76 percent approach. Or should he reject one in favor of the other? What would you do? West leads a low heart against six spades. Trumps are not 4-0.

North's three no-trump was a forcing spade raise, guaranteeing at least four trumps and the high-card values for game or more. When South showed no slam interest, perhaps North should have passed. However, he control-bid (cue-bid) his club ace; and when South control-bid in return, North jumped to the slam.

This is the key question: Suppose the heart finesse wins; then what? You have a definite diamond loser, so you still need the club finesse to work. And if the club finesse is working, the heart finesse is a red-suit herring because you can discard your second heart on dummy's fourth club.

Win with dummy's heart ace, draw trumps ending in hand, play a club to dummy's king, return to the diamond ace, and run the club 10. When the finesse wins, play another club, capturing West's queen with dummy's ace. Cash the club jack, discarding your second heart, concede a diamond trick to the opponents, and table your cards, announcing that you will ruff your last diamond in the dummy.

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ABWA PROGRAM — Senior Citizens line dancers provided the program for Scurry Charter Chapter of American Business Women's Association for the August program. They are from left, front row, Peggy Fowler, Una Orms, Juanita Ellington; back row, Dorothy Lankford and Elizabeth Wilson. Invocation was given by Carol Young and the benediction was by Kay Brooks. ABWA meets every fourth Thursday at the Martha Ann Woman's Club for a dinner meeting. (Contributed Photo)

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; horseshoe courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762.

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.

Rock and Roll Quilting Club evening meeting; Hermleigh Community Center; for more information call 863-2426; 6:30 p.m.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th St.; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8268, 573-4048 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

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

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center; 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd., Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

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

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 573-3733, 573-2101 or 5731141; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

NA-Just For Today open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-1438; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 10 a.m.

Teenager trapped in mud after dare

BECKLEY, W.Va. (AP) — A teen-ager was trapped in chest-deep mud for about 10 hours after his friends dared him to walk through a mud pool at an abandoned mine site.

Justin Underwood, 15, is now "just fine," said Roleana Treadway, his stepmother.

Underwood and friends were at the mine on Sunday when friends dared him to walk through the mud, said Trap Hill Fire Chief Larry Reedy. As he was walking, Underwood stepped into a deep hole and got stuck.

His friends tried for six hours to get him out before calling the fire department. Firefighters pulled him out of the mud.

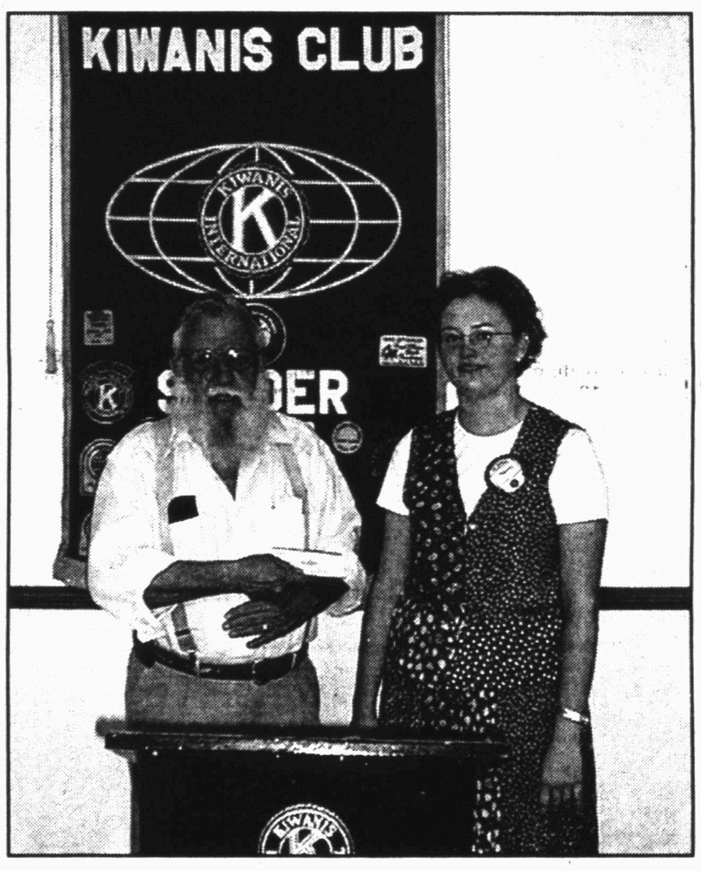
"A vacuum had been created because of the mud," Reedy said.

Pat Brady, district manager for the federal Mine Safety Health Administration, said no fines will be leveled against Anchor Energy, the company that owns the mine.

"The company considers these young people trespassers," Brady said. There are signs posted on the land clearly stating it is private property.

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The followers of the Prophet Muhammad spread the word of Islam westward from Mecca through North Africa to Spain and France in only a century, but took it took seven years for the Christians to reconquer their territory.



KIWANIS CLUB DONATES — Noon Kiwanis Club president Nicole Lomax presented $500 to the Boys and Girls Club, accepted by executive director Jack McGlaun during the meeting Wednesday at Rudy's. The program was presented by master accordionist Santiago Jimenez Jr., as part of the Texas Folklife Resources program. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

The Martin Preuitt Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution reminds you that this week commemorates the signing of the Constitution of the United States. This great document, the guardian of our liberties, established our Republic as a self-governing nation dedicated to rule by law. Constitution Week provides an opportunity for all Americans to recall the achievements of our Founders and the nature of limited government, as well as the rights, privileges and responsibilities of citizenship.

No date on bill cost Minnesota $15 million

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Missing: one date. Cost to the state: $15 million.

A mistake made in the rush to craft this summer's budget bills is forcing Minnesota to spend an extra $15 million on schools this year.

The mistake was made in a bill provision on "equity revenue," designed to equalize aid between rich and poor school districts. The money was supposed to start flowing next summer, but those who drafted the bill didn't put in a beginning date. By default, that put the program in place this year, and checks began going out July 15.

The expenditure reduced the state's rainy-day fund to $235 million, instead of $250 million. But schools welcomed the unexpected funding boost.

Officials blamed the mistake on the chaos that accompanied the crafting of a crush of spending bills in the last few days of a special legislative session.

Aides say the state has not decided whether to try to get the money back. Education Commissioner Christine Jax sent a letter to school superintendents Aug. 9 warning them that it might.

"Because this error potentially puts the state budget out of balance, you should use caution in making decisions about using these dollars," Jax wrote.

Roscoe musical set Saturday at community center

A Roscoe Musical will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday in the Roscoe Community Center.

The Nolan County Goat Club will be serving a Mexican pile on meal. The cost is $5 for an adult plate and $4 for a child's plate.

Births

John and Martha Fagin are pleased to announce the birth of their granddaughter, Caroline Isabella to Joe and Sarah Cutrona of Arlington, Texas. Caroline was born on September 7, 2001 weighing 7 lbs. 14 oz. and measuring 19½ inches long. Caroline is welcomed at home by her big brother, Nicholas. Paternal grandparents are Joseph and Vera Cutrona, Wyomissing, Pa.

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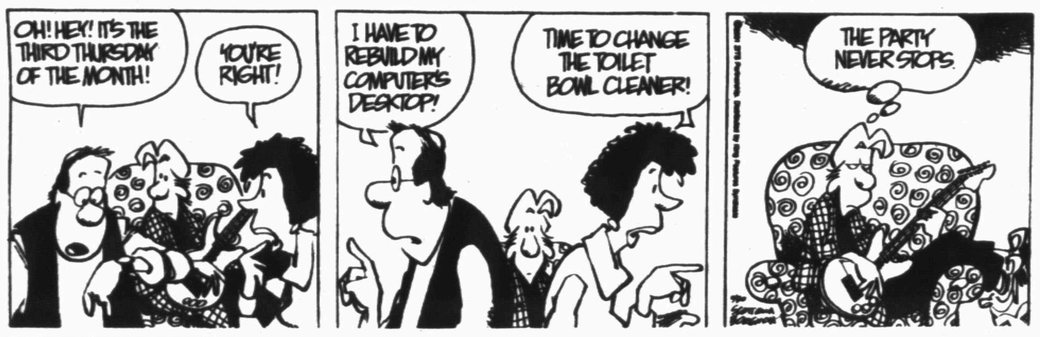

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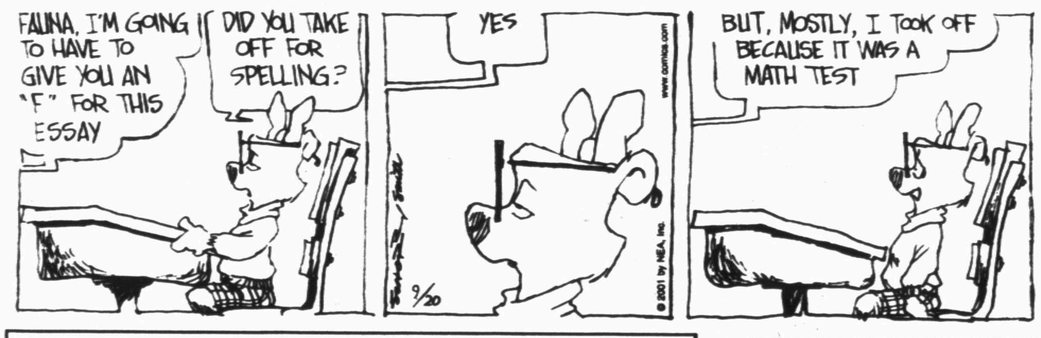
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5 Evergreen
8 Bard's river
12 Pretentious
13 "Block" end
14 Just
15 Fix a sock
16 Fans
18 "Yep!"
20 — Wiederseehen
21 Go bad
22 Villages
25 Wall St. watchdog
28 Highland girl
29 Article
33 Eaten away
35 Baby's second word?
36 "The Morning Watch" author
37 Religious leaders
39 Cargo weights
40 Arthur of tennis
42 Shade of green
43 "The Jungle Book" author
46 "Ain't — Sweet?"
49 Orangutan
50 Bit of whiskey
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59 Gardner of "Mogambo"
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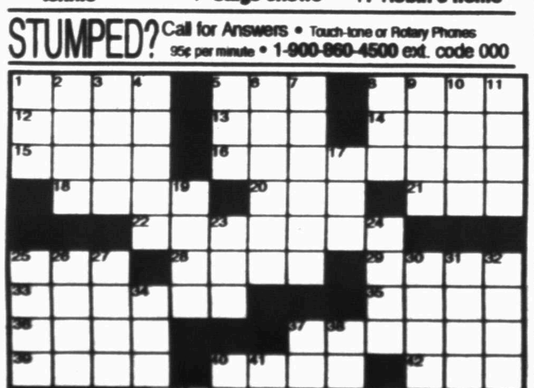
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3 To be, to Jacques
4 Chatty bird
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7 Stage shows
8 Kilo or lb.
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10 Two-color cookie
11 Robin's home
17 Many times
19 Robust
23 Angry
24 Team
25 Usher's quest
26 Therefore
27 "Raising Arizona" director
30 Rain protector
31 Perimeter
32 Poet Angelou
34 Rolltop —
37 Where to take the El
38 What banks do
40 Charm
41 Garment part
44 British actor Carmichael
45 Networks
46 Like a bug in a rug?
47 Sharpen
48 Let off (steam)
51 "Isn't that — — much?"
52 Flaky mineral
54 "— none of your business."
55 Droop
57 New socialite

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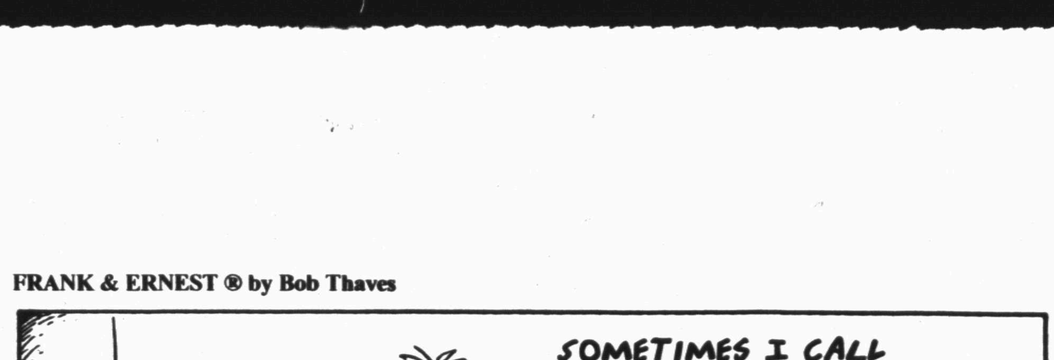
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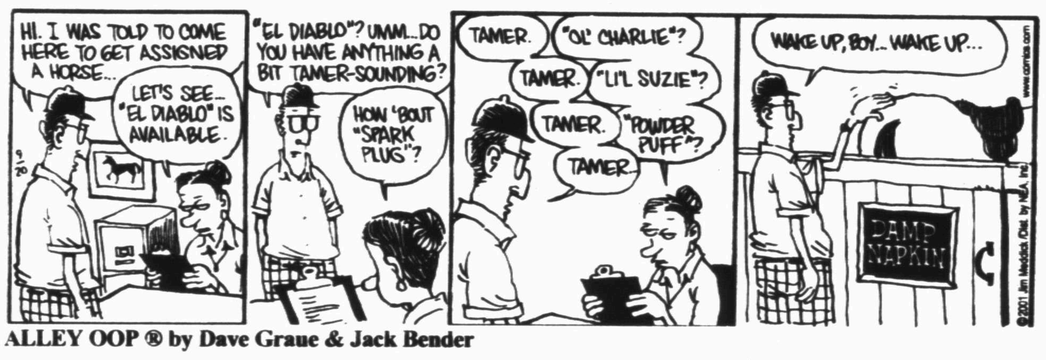
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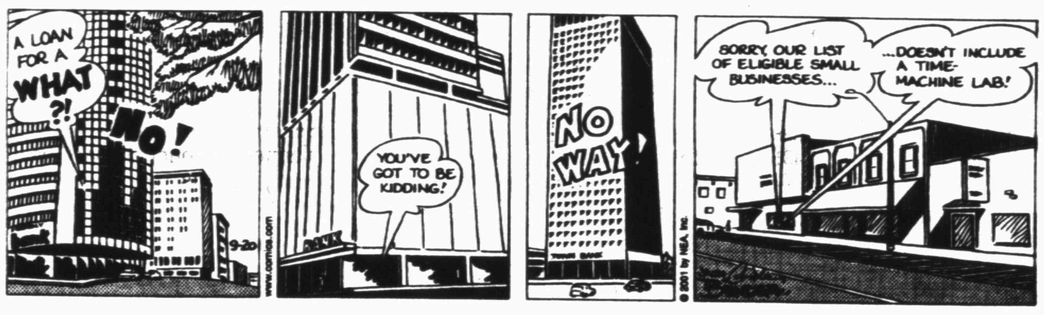
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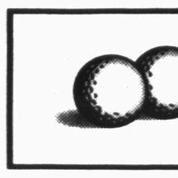


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In area six-man action...

Bulldogs face tough test against Eagles

Last year, the Ira Bulldogs were off to a 2-0 start before the Ropes Eagles handed them their first setback.

This time around, the Bulldogs hope to hurdle the Eagles and keep their unblemished record intact.

Ira hosts Ropes, while Hermleigh travels to Klondike, and Borden County visits Sands in Friday night's area six-man football action. All three games kick off at 7:30.

The Bulldogs rolled over Veribest and Klondike to open the season, and can push their record to 3-0 with a victory over the Eagles.

"We've been telling the kids all along that this should be a good test for us," said Ira coach Toby Goodwin. "I think the challenge will be good for us, after winning the first two games by halftime."

Ira has stuck with its running game for the most part this season, but could look to the air more this week.

"We haven't really needed to throw the ball much this season," Goodwin stated. "When we have thrown it, we've been effective.

"You never want to show more of your offense than you have to in non-district, but we'll open it up if we need to."

While the Bulldogs look for their third win, the Hermleigh Cardinals hope to register their first victory at Klondike.

The Cardinals are coming off a 64-6 setback to Aspermont, and Coach Harley Ethridge wants his team to use the lopsided loss as a motivating factor.

"Last week was one of those games where we couldn't do much right, and Aspermont did everything right," Ethridge said. "I told the kids not to get down on themselves. We can use last week to motivate us to play better."

At Ackerly, the Borden County Coyotes hope to pick up where they left off last week.

The Coyotes leveled their record at 1-1 with a win over Ropes, and can move above .500 with a victory against Sands.

District 4-4A Statistical Leaders

Offense	Rushing	Passing	Total	Average	Points
Frenship	427	389	816	408.0	67
Big Spring	218	475	693	346.5	52
Snyder	917	78	995	331.7	91
Lake View	272	281	553	276.5	21
Plainview	483	323	806	268.7	52
Levelland	253	183	436	218.0	32
Estacado	278	109	387	193.5	27
Andrews	286	226	512	170.7	38
Defense	**Rushing**	**Passing**	**Total**	**Average**	**Points**
Andrews	328	154	482	160.7	40
Snyder	431	190	621	207.0	35
Levelland	372	224	596	298.0	65
Frenship	448	150	598	299.0	28
Lake View	413	188	601	300.5	40
Plainview	436	481	917	305.7	49
Estacado	291	337	628	314.0	44
Big Spring	532	180	712	356.0	56
Rushing		**Carries**	**Yards**	**Average**	**TDs**
Brylon Bradic, Plainview		66	341	5.2	3
Eric Robbins, Frenship		44	264	6.0	4
Jammall Pruitt, Snyder		36	226	6.3	4
Josh Montoya, Snyder		20	164	8.2	0
T.J. Jones, Snyder		24	137	5.7	2
Curtis Dent, Levelland		33	131	4.0	0
Billy Pena, Snyder		21	117	5.6	0
Rodney Moore, Estacado		28	115	4.1	2
J.J. Hays, Andrews		35	109	3.1	1
Christian Coronado, Levelland		12	108	9.0	2
Passing	**Comp.**	**Att.**	**Yards**	**Int.**	**TDs**
Tye Butler, Big Spring	27	43	465	0	5
Kris Kelley, Frenship	16	38	389	3	5
Kyle Miller, Plainview	15	36	323	4	3
Ryan Newbrough, Andrews	19	49	221	2	0
Eric Fornter, Levelland	18	30	183	1	1
Brant Dendle, Lake View	23	37	174	1	0
Daryl Wilkerson, Estacado	9	37	109	0	0
T.J. Jones, Snyder	6	15	78	2	4
Receiving		**Catches**	**Yards**	**Average**	**TDs**
David Thomas, Frenship		8	218	27.3	4
Brandon Mendoza, Big Spring		10	203	20.3	1
Jouric Wideman, Plainview		5	172	34.4	1
Brylon Bradic, Plainview		3	111	37.0	1
Chance Jordan, Levelland		9	102	11.3	1
Ryan Lancaster, Lake View		5	94	18.8	0
Eric Robbins, Frenship		3	84	28.0	0
Clarence Wilkins, Big Spring		5	82	16.4	0
Blake Harris, Estacado		5	61	12.2	0
Matt Owen, Lake View		6	54	9.0	0
Kicking		**FGM/FGA**	**XPM/XPA**		**Points**
Isaac Ramon, Snyder		0-0	13-13		13
Chris Mandrell, Frenship		2-3	7-8		13
Joe Barnes, Andrews		2-2	3-3		9
Daniel Gomez, Plainview		1-2	4-5		8
Punting		**Punts**	**Yards**		**Average**
Joe Barnes, Andrews		7	270		38.6
Dustin Wright, Lake View		9	331		36.8
Tye Bawcom, Levelland		9	327		36.3
Justin Raymer, Plainview		15	519		34.6
Punt returns		**No.**	**Yards**	**Avg.**	**TDs**
David Thomas, Frenship		4	76	19.0	0
Riki Dorsett, Snyder		5	67	13.4	0
Eddie Carrasco, Andrews		3	33	11.0	0
Kickoff returns		**No.**	**Yards**	**Avg.**	**TDs**
David Thomas, Frenship		1	53	53.0	0
Antoine Sheppard, Estacado		1	46	46.0	0
David Kessler, Andrews		3	106	35.3	0
Scoring				**TDs**	**Points**
Jammall Pruitt, Snyder				4	24
Eric Robbins, Frenship				4	24
David Thomas, Frenship				4	24
Brylon Bradic, Plainview				4	24
Matt Gardner, Andrews				2	13
Chris Mandrell, Frenship				0	13
Isaac Ramon, Snyder				0	13
Interceptions		**No.**		**Ret. Yds**	**TDs**
Jouric Wideman, Plainview		2		44	0
Chris Richburg, Frenship		2		24	0
Defense			**Tackles**		**Avg./Game**
Calvin Scholten, Plainview			38		12.7
Brant McAdams, Plainview			33		11.0
Justin Pechacek, Snyder			31		10.3
Eberado Martinez, Plainview			28		9.3
Michael Nevarez, Levelland			24		12.0
Jared Phillips, Big Spring			23		11.5
Mike Mason, Lake View			23		11.5
Brandon Woods, Plainview			23		7.5
K.C. White, Andrews			22		7.3

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'Huskers, Owls return to gridiron tonight

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A little blue will join Nebraska's red and white at Memorial Stadium.

Before Rice and No. 4 Nebraska help bring major college football back to the national sports scene, a few moments will be taken for the victims of last week's terrorism that led to the game being rescheduled.

"I think everybody is happy that we're looking at our country as being priority," Nebraska quarterback Eric Crouch said. "I think everybody truly understands the significance of the events that have taken place."

Even in Nebraska, where football outranks just about everything, the game will have to wait. Several pregame events are planned to honor the victims and rescue efforts.

Nebraska's Scarlet and Cream Singers will lead the crowd in "God Bless America," and about 1,500 fans in the east stands will hold up red, white and blue cards that spell "USA."

A moment of silence will precede the national anthem, and color guards from the Lincoln Fire Department, Lincoln Police, Lancaster County Sheriff and Nebraska State Patrol will join Nebraska ROTC students in presenting the flag.

Donations to the American Red Cross Disaster Fund will be taken outside the stadium, and 40,000 bumper stickers that say "United We Stand" will be distributed.

"There were so many people affected by this," Nebraska tight end Tracey Wistrom said. "It would have been difficult to put that behind you and try to play a football game. Hopefully, this has given everybody a chance to get back into their daily routine."

No. 18 South Carolina and No. 17 Mississippi State will be the first NCAA Division I-A teams to resume playing. The Gamecocks and Bulldogs start at 7:30 p.m. EDT, one hour before Nebraska and Rice.

"I don't think there was realistically any way in the world that we could have been at our best playing last weekend," Rice coach Ken Hatfield said.

Nebraska (3-0) hasn't played in a Thursday night game since 1995 at Oklahoma State. Nebraska has never played at home on a week night, which prompted the kickoff to be pushed back an hour to allow more time between afternoon classes and give downtown traffic a chance to clear.

The Huskers are coming off a 27-10 win over Notre Dame on Sept. 8 and were hoping another victory over the Owls (2-0) would carry them into a weekend off, then the Big 12 opener at Missouri next Saturday.

That all became secondary on Sept. 11.

"You try as best you can to get your focus on your practices and get your focus on your games, with the understanding that the events that have taken place are much more important," coach Frank Solich said. "There's no comparison, but you still go on with your lives and you try to do the best you can."

The Owls were wary of traveling right after the attacks, but Hatfield said they would be ready for the game. He said regrouping was a long process for everybody.

"If we learned anything last week, it was the great spirit of the way to live and the way to play the game, too," he said. "If you do that and don't get distracted by outside things, you'll be ready to play."

With all the talk of the attacks and patriotism, nobody has forgotten that this is a football game. The Owls are off to their best start in 10 years and rank seventh nationally with a 254-yard rushing average, more than 30 yards better than Nebraska.

Mlicki, Astros topple Giants

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The San Francisco Giants knew that Dave Mlicki wasn't going to beat them with power. They didn't know how wily he could be.

Mlicki allowed three hits in seven shutout innings Wednesday night as the NL Central-leading Houston Astros beat the Giants 10-3.

"Mlicki kind of tricked us," Giants manager Dusty Baker said. "He threw a lot of off-speed stuff."

Mlicki improved to 5-1 as a starter for the Astros, and even manager Larry Dierker was impressed.

"His control has been better lately. It was way better than ever today," Dierker said. "He's not going to overpower anybody, so he has to have his control."

Houston, which had 14 hits, but made a season-high four errors, maintained a 41/2-game lead over second-place St. Louis.

Major League Baseball

National League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	78	67	.538	—
Philadelphia	78	68	.534	½
New York	74	73	.503	5
Florida	68	78	.466	10½
Montreal	62	84	.425	16½
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Houston	86	59	.593	—
St. Louis	82	64	.562	4½
Chicago	79	66	.545	7
Milwaukee	63	84	.429	24
Cincinnati	59	87	.404	27½
Pittsburgh	55	91	.377	31½
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Arizona	82	64	.562	—
San Francisco	80	66	.548	2
Los Angeles	78	68	.534	4
San Diego	73	73	.500	9
Colorado	64	81	.441	17½

Wednesday's Games
N.Y. Mets 9, Pittsburgh 2
St. Louis 8, Milwaukee 2
Montreal 5, Florida 2
Colorado 8, Arizona 2
Chicago Cubs 10, Cincinnati 0
Philadelphia 5, Atlanta 2
San Diego 4, Los Angeles 3, 10 innings
Houston 10, San Francisco 3

Thursday's Games
Chicago Cubs (Bere 10-9) at Cincinnati (Brower 7-9), 12:35 p.m.
Houston (Miller 16-7) at San Francisco (Rueter 13-11), 3:35 p.m.
Colorado (Chacon 6-9) at Montreal (Ohka 1-4), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Millwood 5-6) at Philadelphia (Wolf 7-10), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (W.Williams 12-9) at Pittsburgh (J.Anderson 7-16), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (Witt 3-1) at Los Angeles (Park 13-11), 10:10 p.m.

Friday's Games
Colorado (Jennings 3-1) at Montreal (Armas Jr. 9-12), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Kile 14-10) at Pittsburgh (Arroyo 4-6), 7:05 p.m.
Florida (Burnett 9-11) at Philadelphia (Daal 12-6), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Marquis 3-6) at N.Y. Mets (Chan 7-6), 7:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Cruz 2-1) at Houston (Villone 6-6), 8:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Davis 6-3) at Milwaukee (Sheets 10-9), 8:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Schmidt 11-7) at San Diego (Lawrence 4-3), 10:05 p.m.
Arizona (Batista 9-8) at Los Angeles (Brown 10-4), 10:10 p.m.

American League
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East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	88	57	.607	—
Boston	73	70	.511	14
Toronto	72	73	.497	16
Baltimore	55	89	.382	32½
Tampa Bay	51	94	.352	37
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Cleveland	84	62	.575	—
Minnesota	77	69	.527	7
Chicago	74	72	.507	10
Detroit	58	87	.400	25½
Kansas City	57	88	.393	26½
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
x-Seattle	106	40	.726	—
Oakland	88	58	.603	18
Anaheim	73	73	.500	33
Texas	67	79	.459	39
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Wednesday's Games
Toronto 4, Baltimore 1
Tampa Bay 12, Boston 2
Cleveland 11, Kansas City 3
Detroit 6, Minnesota 2
Texas 10, Oakland 4
N.Y. Yankees 6, Chicago White Sox 3
Seattle 5, Anaheim 0

Thursday's Games
Detroit (Lima 4-7) at Minnesota (Mays 15-13), 1:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Washburn 11-8) at Seattle (Sele 13-5), 6:35 p.m.
Baltimore (Towers 8-10) at Toronto (Carpenter 10-11), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Rupe 5-11) at Boston (F.Castillo 8-8), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (George 3-5) at Cleveland (Drese 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Zito 13-8) at Texas (Oliver 11-9), 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 15-9) at Chicago White Sox (K.Wells 9-9), 8:05 p.m.

Friday's Games
Detroit (Murray 1-4) at Boston (Fossum 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Rekar 1-13) at Toronto (Lyon 5-2), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 15-11) at Baltimore (Bauer 0-2), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Valdes 9-10) at Texas (Bell 4-4), 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Sabathia 15-4) at Minnesota (Reed 3-3), 8:05 p.m.
Kansas City (K.Wilson 6-5) at Chicago White Sox (D.Wright 4-2), 8:05 p.m.
Seattle (Abbott 15-3) at Oakland (Lidle 10-6), 10:05 p.m.

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Action should be justified by evidence

SCHENECTADY, N.Y. (AP) — Janet Reno cautioned Wednesday that efforts to punish those responsible for last week's terrorist attacks against the United States should be justified by the evidence.

The former U.S. attorney general advocated bringing the terrorists to justice "in an appropriate forum."

"We must do whatever we can to make sure that the law is met, the evidence justifies our action and our Constitution comes out of this process whole," she said.

She warned against sacrificing freedom for security.

When an audience member asked her about a possible international tribunal, she declined to speculate.

After eight years as the Clinton administration's top law enforcement officer, Reno has been giving speeches around the country, including Florida, where she announced Sept. 4 that she was running for governor.

She declined Wednesday to discuss the campaign or partisan politics, saying the nation should support President Bush right now and continue to reach out to those who are grieving.

Reno, 63, recalled the tragedy of Pearl Harbor, when she was 3 years old, the Americans who went to war and those who came back to build communities.

"There is a tomorrow," she said. "We will come out of this stronger, better, greater than ever before."

Upon concluding her speech Wednesday night, Reno received a standing ovation from the audience at Schenectady County Community College.

Reno, invited to SCCC by the school's Community and Cultural Events Committee, received a $20,000 fee, a college spokesperson said. The event sold all 400 tickets, at $6 for general admission, $5 for faculty and alumni, and $3 for students.

Reno is seeking the Democratic nomination to challenge Republican Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, the brother of the president. She served five terms as prosecutor in Dade County before joining the Clinton administration.

Her speech Wednesday echoed her stated campaign themes, which are improving education and protecting senior citizens. She emphasized the country's need to taking care of children, both as infants and later on in school. She said doctors told her children develop their consciences before age 4.

She recalled visiting neonatal intensive care units, where the babies of crack-addicted mothers received no human contact except to be fed or changed.

Reno's gubernatorial race is expected to resurrect old controversies, including her approval of the assault on the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas, in 1993. After a 51-day siege, the compound burned, and sect leader David Koresh and some 80 followers, including children, died inside.

On Wednesday, she called that her most difficult decision but defended it. "You could not walk away from four agents killed as they tried to serve a warrant," she said.

Reno is unpopular in many conservative circles for her handling of Waco, and for the seizure and return of Elian Gonzalez to his native Cuba. Courts repeatedly ruled that the boy's Cuban father should have custody. His mother drowned leaving with Elian for the United States.

"I still think I made the right decision," she said. "The little boy belonged with his daddy."

Despite years of study...

Nation remains unprepared to stop future terror attacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — As America recovers from last week's terrorist devastation, there's this to ponder: "We are not prepared for the next attack," says former Sen. Gary Hart. "That's all I can say, and I'll keep on saying it."

Maybe now, more people will listen.

The state of "homeland defense" in the United States has been studied over and over again in the past five years, by think tanks, the Pentagon and a bipartisan national commission that Hart co-chaired for three years.

And there has been progress.

"Not enough," Hart said. "Some 40 different federal agencies have taken some steps, many of them tentative, but that's hardly good news" for the thousands killed in last week's hijackings and terror attacks.

"A lot of really good planning has been going on," said retired Army Col. Bill Taylor, a senior adviser at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. "But we are very slow to implement, we have other priorities, and the whole process is ... very costly.

"We're not moving fast enough," he said, "and we got caught with our pants down."

In a prediction that now rings eerily, the Hart-Rudman commission's final report in January said "a catastrophic attack" would take place on U.S. soil in the next 25 years. It recommended formation of a new agency that would combine the missions of the National Guard, Border Patrol, Customs Service, Coast Guard and others now working in a huge and uncoordinated effort to defend the nation's people and infrastructure — and to respond to attack.

"We Americans ... sometimes have to get hit with a two-by-four to get with it," said former Sen. Warren Rudman, Hart's co-chair on the U.S Commission on National Security/21st Century. "I have no doubt that we will get with it."

A Pentagon study in the summer of 2000, also released several months ago, looked at the possibilities of biological attacks, "information warfare" such as cyberattacks, and nuclear attacks — and found it doubtful the nation could prevent any of them.

"The battlefields of the 21st century now include U.S. homeland in addition to foreign soil" and civilian as well as military targets, the study said.

It said the United States is better prepared for mopping up after the fact, figuring out who did it, then retaliating, than it is at detecting and preventing incidents.

One of several studies by the Center for Strategic and International Studies said U.S. efforts to address today's threats have been numerous "yet inadequate" and that "unprecedented efforts by the military and civilian federal, state and local officials" and the private sector are needed to meet the threats that have emerged since the end of the Cold War.

Compared to five years ago, "measurable progress" has been made in missile defense, the protection of critical infrastructure and defense against chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear terrorism, the study said.

Other studies note that protection against computer attacks has been improved but remains inadequate.

Also, training has been given in recent years to first-on-the-scene workers from state and local governments such as firefighters, police and medical workers who might respond to an attack on American soil. Still, one study says fewer than 3 percent of hospital workers are trained so far.

Officials have stockpiles of some vaccines and antidotes.

Despite those and other advances, analysts say, lack of coordination and jurisdictional disputes have meant weaknesses in homeland defense.

Responsibility is shared by a range of federal, state and local jurisdictions for defending U.S. shores and the nation's air traffic, computer networks, water supplies, highways, transit systems and other infrastructure.

Several bills are pending in the House, including one that would act on the Hart-Rudman Commission recommendation to create a new Cabinet-level "National Homeland Security Agency."

"The whole is less than the sum of its parts. ... No one is in charge," said Frank Cilluffo, a CSIS specialist on terrorism who worked on one of the center's studies. "We've been spending quite a bit of money, but it hasn't been money best spent because we don't have an individual orchestrator ... who can bring it all together."

After receiving the Hart-Rudman report, President Bush asked Vice President Dick Cheney to consider the issue of homeland defense and a report is expected by October.

Art teacher suspended after parent complains of sketch

BOCA RATON, Fla. (AP) — An art teacher has been suspended for allowing second graders to express their feelings about last week's terrorist attacks through drawings and answering their questions about hijacking someone at knifepoint.

Patricia Bowes said Wednesday that her suspension is indefinite pending an investigation by Addison Mizner Elementary School. Principal Carol Crilley did not return calls seeking comment.

On Sept. 12, the day after the attacks on New York and Washington, the youngsters in Bowes' class were distracted and talked about what happened.

Bowes said she gave them the option of doing drawings related to the attacks or continuing with autobiographical sketches. Some did each.

"They were very inquisitive — asking what kind of day was it, how much smoke, how many towers," she said. "They asked me how is it possible to hijack a plane at knifepoint. I told them that you go for the artery, it would kill someone.

"The children were trying to figure it out, trying to make sense of a horrifying situation," Bowes said. "They drew their versions of what had happened — airplanes crashing into the towers, a brick falling on a child's head, buildings crashing down."

Some parents said their children came home from Bowes' class talking about bombs, death and how to kill someone with a knife. One mother called the school to complain.

Crilley had met with staff and instructed them on how to approach issues raised by the attacks. Bowes said she thought she was following the directives.

FBI advises agricultural aviators to report suspicious chemical purchases

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — The FBI this week advised members of the National Agriculture Aviation Association to report any suspicious acquisition of dangerous chemicals following terrorist attacks in New York and Washington.

But Randy Hale, president of Hale Dusting Service outside Robstown, said everyone who works for him is a longtime employee and he doesn't fear any attacks from within the company.

Business at his crop-dusting service has increased after the Federal Aviation Administration lifted a ban on agricultural flights Monday. Flights are still banned from metro areas.

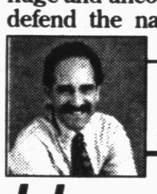
Some farmers took it upon themselves to spray their crops during the flight ban.

Hale couldn't estimate how much money he lost last week by not being able to spray.

Work crews at Burkett Flying Service and other crop-dusting companies have implemented security measures to prevent their planes from being stolen by terrorists or anyone else. Burkett's manager Shawn Root said his company has started disabling planes and draining them of fuel at night.

"Everything's pretty much locked up where they can't have access to anything." Root told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times for today's editions. "We're really going out of our way to make sure these planes can't leave."

On Wednesday, federal aviation officials reopened the nation's rural airspace to small planes operating under visual flight rules.



On Nutrition by Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

How hot is too hot for canola?

DEAR DR. BLONZ: In your article on canola oil you make the qualification, "as long as canola oil is not overheated. ..." I have seen this warning many times about canola and other oils. What happens when canola, olive, corn or any other oil is overheated? — **D.K., via e-mail**

DEAR DR. BLONZ: In your column, you say that canola oil does not become toxic as long as it is not overheated. I use it for frying tortillas all the time. What kind of damage am I doing? The label on the bottle recommends not heating over 375 degrees, but it doesn't say anything about it being dangerous if it gets hotter than that. — **Y.D., San Diego, Calif.**

Dear D.K. and Y.D.: Frying oil is somewhat similar to the hot air in an oven in that its primary function is to be a heat-transfer medium. The main difference between cooking in an oven and cooking with oil is that the oil interacts with the food and lends a unique taste and texture.

Unlike the heated air in an oven, however, oil can begin to break down when it is subjected to excessive heat. When oil breaks down, a mixture of byproducts — including vitamin destroyers, stomach irritants, enzyme inhibitors, mutagens and lipid oxidation products — begin to form.

(Note: Excess heat doesn't turn oil into a "trans fat" — that is a totally different type of fatty acid brought about through the industrial process of partial hydrogenation.)

Breakdown can happen to any oil, so it is inappropriate to single out canola. The issue here is the concept of "excessive heat." One of the keys is the "smoke point" — the temperature at which there is sufficient heat to cause the oil to break down and begin to smoke.

This is not the same as smoke that comes from breading or from skin falling off the food itself. Rather, it is a bluish-gray, acrid-smelling smoke created by the oil itself. Food cooked in such oil will not taste good, and, more important, it's unhealthful to eat.

Smoke points vary between oils. A high smoke point means that the oil is suitable for higher-heat cooking techniques. In the same type of oil, the smoke point can vary, with highly refined oils having higher smoke points and unrefined or unfiltered oils having lower smoke points.

Other factors that can lower the smoke point include the number of times the oil has been used, the length of time of use, the presence of food debris, water, salt and spikes of overheating. Improper storage (exposure to air and light) will also hasten the rate of breakdown and lower the smoke point.

Standard frying temperature is 375 degrees, which is why that temperature was stated on the bottle. Most oils designed for frying have a high smoke point — usually above 400 degrees. If oil starts to foam or smoke at its normal cooking temperature, it's a sign that it has been abused or has been in use too long.

Here is information gleaned from a number of sources for commonly used cooking oils and their smoke points. When there are ranges, the more refined oils will tend to have higher smoke points. Check product labels, or consult the manufacturer for brand-specific information.

Avocado — 500 degrees
Almond — 500 degrees
Grapeseed — 450 - 485 degrees
Safflower — 450 - 510 degrees
Soybean — 450 - 495 degrees
Cottonseed — 450 degrees
Corn — 440 - 475 degrees
Peanut — 410 - 440 degrees
Sesame — 410 - 420 degrees
Canola — 400 - 450 degrees
Olive — 375 - 440 degrees
Sunflower — 390 degrees
Clarified Butter - 325 - 375 degrees

One final note: With flavorful oils, such as extra-virgin olive oil, frying or sauteing at high temperatures can destroy some of the flavor that distinguishes it from lesser-quality oil.

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Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	20.25	19.06	19.21	—.79
AOL TimeWrn	30.80	29.47	30.11	—.84
AT&T Corp s	18.10	17.60	18.07	+ .08
Albertsons	31.75	31.21	31.52	—.46
Alltel	57.80	56.95	57.44	+ .38
AmEl Pw	46.55	46.02	46.47	—.28
AndarkPtr	48.20	46.15	47.67	+ .67
ATMOS Egy	21.69	21.55	21.60	—.14
Aviall	6.90	6.71	6.75	—.25
BP PLC	46.49	45.52	45.70	—1.45
BakerHughes	28.60	27.70	28.00	—.95
Bank of Amer	55.15	53.48	53.61	—1.39
BellSouth	41.62	40.75	41.32	+ .07
Beth Steel	1.55	1.42	1.44	—.13
BurlNoSFe	25.00	24.30	24.30	—.69
Caterpillar	44.97	43.22	43.48	—.92
Chevron	84.90	83.75	83.96	—.94
Citigroup	38.25	37.00	37.19	—1.26
CocaCola	49.41	48.35	48.65	—.85
ColgatePal	56.37	55.30	55.60	—1.35
ComclMetals	28.21	28.00	28.21	+ .01
CooperIn	39.40	37.50	38.00	—2.30
DaimlrChry	29.80	28.43	28.60	—2.56
DeltaAirl	23.75	22.51	22.92	—.74
Dillards Inc	13.94	13.50	13.75	—.29
DowChem	30.56	29.79	30.01	—.53
DuPont	34.71	33.90	34.10	—.98
EastmanChem	33.20	31.57	31.70	—1.41
EstKodak	37.25	34.54	35.10	—2.51
EDS Corp	59.77	57.77	59.07	—.69
Entergy	36.55	36.15	36.27	—.40
ExxonMobil s	37.75	36.80	37.07	—1.34
FstBkstAm	28.75	28.75	28.75	+ .05
GenDynam	83.10	79.97	80.24	—2.55
GenElec	31.53	30.52	31.04	—1.46
GenMills	45.97	45.32	45.79	—.24
GenMotors	43.00	42.00	42.30	—1.08
GaPacGP	29.01	27.87	28.06	—.97
GlobalMar	13.25	12.60	12.87	—.33
Goodrich	19.60	18.60	18.87	—.98
Goodyear s	18.83	18.30	18.31	—.96
GtAtlPac	14.68	14.37	14.40	—.10
Halliburtn	22.72	21.50	22.14	—.51
Hanson ADS	32.73	32.00	32.11	—1.55
HartfdHanks	21.12	20.89	20.97	—.12
HomeDepot	34.70	32.86	33.20	—2.10
HoneywellIntl	26.00	24.30	24.30	—2.28
IBM	95.75	93.80	94.23	—1.77
IntlPaper	34.00	32.90	33.05	—1.09
JohnsonJn s	53.24	52.50	52.69	—.85
K mart	7.30	6.85	6.94	—.36
KinderMorg	52.20	51.10	51.67	—.80
Kroger Co	24.70	23.73	23.98	—.55
LockheedM	45.00	42.00	42.64	—.28
Lowes Cos s	28.35	27.15	27.59	—1.61
Lubys	7.65	7.40	7.44	—.26
LucentTech	5.89	5.73	5.83	—.09
MayDeptStr	29.11	28.07	28.35	—.75
Medtronic	38.55	37.70	38.45	—.54
Motorola	15.39	14.62	15.14	—.34
NCR Corp	34.48	33.32	33.50	—.58
Navistar	28.00	26.60	27.00	—1.00
Penney JC	20.56	20.09	20.20	—.53
PepBoys	9.75	9.10	9.20	—.63
PepsiCo	49.28	48.45	48.66	—.93
Pharmacia	40.35	39.56	39.71	—.29
PhelpDodge	33.06	32.12	32.42	—.08
PhilipPet	53.10	52.41	52.76	—.08
PilgrmPrd B	13.80	13.45	13.49	—.35
Polaroid	.95	.90	.90	—.10
Praxair	41.13	40.29	40.65	—.13
ProctGamb	74.00	72.98	73.48	—1.07
PubS NwMx	26.20	25.71	25.73	—.26
RadioShack	22.39	21.95	22.21	—.42
ReliantEngy	28.33	27.80	28.00	—.34
RoyalDut	45.99	44.75	45.10	—2.95
SBC Comm	45.59	44.70	44.86	—.43
SaraLee	20.37	19.70	20.18	—.80
Scripps EW	60.01	59.70	59.70	—.25
SearsRoeb	33.00	31.80	32.08	—1.00
SherwinW	22.39	22.02	22.07	—.32
SouthernCo s	24.85	24.65	24.80	+ .06
SwstAirl s	13.20	12.88	12.89	+ .06
SprintFON	21.97	21.36	21.85	+ .05
SprintPCS	24.79	24.25	24.27	—.51
Sunoco Inc	33.80	33.45	33.64	—.56
TXU Corp	47.52	46.86	47.00	—.30
TempleInland	50.11	49.15	49.23	—1.13
Texaco	64.97	63.60	64.25	—.65
Texind	34.50	32.40	32.42	—3.83
TexasInst	24.56	23.32	24.05	+ .15
Textron	42.80	41.70	41.80	—1.09
TriconGlbR	38.83	38.30	38.60	—.31
TrinityInds	22.92	22.40	22.40	—.51
TylerTech	3.20	2.90	3.10	+ .05
USX-Marathn	28.00	27.32	27.49	—.41
USX-USS	15.20	14.60	14.65	—.52
UnionPacif	47.03	45.65	45.90	—1.37
UnitedTech	46.70	44.20	45.16	—2.49
Unocal	32.42	31.70	31.97	—.19
Venator Grp	13.80	13.35	13.50	—.65
VerizonComm	54.40	53.16	54.02	+ .12
WalMart	45.50	45.00	45.40	—.05
WellsFargo	43.82	43.07	43.43	—.68
WstnGasRs	27.90	27.41	27.71	—.34
WinnDixie	19.51	19.25	19.45	—.18
Xerox Cp	7.65	7.25	7.44	—.26

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Continental needs loans to keep planes flying

HOUSTON (AP) — Of all the businesses damaged by last week's terrorist attacks, none deserve immediate government aid for fallout from a forced standstill more than the airline industry, Continental Airlines' chairman and chief executive officer says.

"No other business was denied access to the marketplace," Gordon Bethune said Wednesday. "The Congress didn't tell computer companies to stop building computers. They told us, 'Stop your business, offload your passengers and you're not flying until we want you to fly.'"

Bethune is among top airline executives lobbying hard for a $24 million package that includes up to $5 billion in cash and the rest in loan guarantees and credits.

He said Continental, a profitable airline before the Sept. 11 attacks, needs loan guarantees more than cash to stay afloat.

But Bethune said the cash to compensate for financial losses from the government-ordered air traffic groundstop is only fair.

President Bush will ask Congress to give the nation's airlines $5 billion in immediate cash aid plus significant help with their insurance liability — but not, for now, the loans that the industry says it needs, an administration official said Wednesday.

The administration official, who provided details to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity, said once such measures are enacted, Bush and the Congress will talk about loans in order to bolster the airlines' longer-term solvency.

"Loan guarantees are essential for the aviation industry," said David Messing, spokesman for Houston-based Continental, on Wednesday evening. "Without a loan guarantee we put the national aviation infrastructure at risk."

Bethune, flanked by House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas, reiterated support for aid to compensate carriers for the flying halt and increased security costs and help them stay in business until passengers start filling commercial aircraft again.

"The government has the responsibility to pay for the damages incurred by these corporations because of a government mandate," DeLay said of a $15 billion to $24 billion package to be considered by the House on Thursday. "We need an immediate infusion."

The Federal Aviation Administration grounded all aircraft last week immediately after four hijacked airliners crashed into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and a southwestern Pennsylvania field.

Houston-based Continental, the nation's fifth-largest airline, Saturday was the first major carrier to announce layoffs to make up for plummeting ridership as airlines limped back to work. The airline also cut flights by 20 percent.

By Wednesday, bookings were down 50 percent to 70 percent, and planes in the air were about 40 percent full, Continental President Larry Kellner said. Before the attacks, Continental flew about 2,500 flights a day at more than 70 percent full.

Bethune said 12,000 of the airline's 56,000 workers will be told by Monday they no longer have a job. A flight attendant who attended Wednesday's news conference and declined to give her name said, "We're disappointed, but we'll get through it."

Bethune said government aid won't bring those employees back, but it can prevent additional cuts while Continental keeps 80 percent of its fleet moving until June, when officials hope the air travel market rebounds.

"What we're trying to do is stop the loss," Bethune said.

Fort Worth-based American Airlines, the world's largest carrier, and Chicago-based United Airlines, the second-largest, each announced Wednesday they will lay off at least 20,000 employees.

American and United, like Delta and Northwest, already had scaled back schedules by 20 percent in an effort to remain solvent.

The sixth-largest carrier, US Airways, announced plans Monday to cut 11,000 of its 46,500 jobs and cut flights by 23 percent.

Late Tuesday, aircraft manufacturer Boeing Co. announced plans to lay off 20,000 to 30,000 workers by the end of next year, anticipating a drop in orders for commercial aircraft.

Dallas-based Southwest Airlines is planning no layoffs and plans to resume its pre-attack schedule of 2,700 flights per day.

McKinley County, Ariz. deputy missing

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) — Two people sought in the slaying of a Yuma man may be in Texas where they are believed to have family and to have abandoned a van belonging to a missing New Mexico woman.

McKinley County sheriff's officials said blood was found in a van belonging to missing Deputy Deborah Valdez and that it and the van were being tested by the Texas state crime lab in Austin.

Valdez's van was found Sunday on Interstate 10 near Pecos, Texas.

A spokeswoman for the New Mexico county's sheriff office in Gallup, Donna Goodrich, said no further search had been mounted for Valdez since she could be anywhere between Gallup and Pecos — too large an area for a search.

Goodrich said authorities had yet to learn whether the blood found in the van is the same type as the deputy's.

In Flagstaff, Coconino County Sheriff Joe Richards said authorities have issued a first-degree murder warrant for Jimmy L. Odom, 36, and Donna Rae Lankford, 33, in the gunshot slaying of Duard L. Stanphill, 63, of Yuma, who was found dead Sept. 11 at his Whitehorse Lake campsite near Williams.

Stanphill's car had been found a quarter-mile from Valdez's rural Coolidge, N.M., house, parked off the edge of Interstate 40, Goodrich said. She said a search of Valdez's house found nothing to indicate where she might be.

Richards said Odom and Lankford were in Bakersfield, Calif., on Sept. 10 where they were stopped and questioned by police before being allowed to continue. Why they were questioned was unclear.

Investigators believe they met Stanphill at a Williams bar the next day. He last was seen alive with the couple that afternoon, according to witnesses at the campground and the bar who identified the couple, Richards said.

Authorities said a number of firearms were found in the abandoned Valdez van, though their ownership was unclear. Odom and Lankford were believed to have several other firearms.

Valdez recently moved to Coolidge, east of Gallup, and was supposed to start working for the sheriff's office on Monday. She had previously been with the police force in China Lake, Calif., Goodrich said.

In her late 30s, she is described as 5-foot-4, 105 pounds with brown eyes, long dark hair and a tattoo of the letter "D" on her left ring finger.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, Sept. 21, 2001

Even though material conditions will be favorable for you in the year ahead, you're likely to place your emphasis in this area. Your family will take center stage in most instances.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — It's true that you could bungle a few things of small consequence today, but, fortunately, when the stakes are meaningful, you'll perform like a champion. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that will govern you in the year ahead.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — A few missiles could be fired in your direction today by someone who likes to take potshots at others. However, if you pay no heed, this person's maliciousness will bounce off like a popgun shooting at a tank.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Don't be reluctant to dig into your wallet today, and you won't open yourself to ridicule by others who compare your generosity to theirs.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — You'll attract the goodwill of others today by underplaying your importance and magnifying theirs. Being too self-involved will produce the opposite effect.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — The thoughtful deed you do for another today should be kept under wraps so as not to embarrass this person. Tooting your own horn would diminish your noble act.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — You're likely to be brilliant and resourceful in most of your undertakings today, but not necessarily where money is concerned. Analyze transactions thoroughly before writing any checks.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Undue modesty could prove to be counterproductive in a collective endeavor today. Instead of claiming an inferior role, give equal credit to both your cohort and yourself.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Be careful today not to attempt to magnify your virtues in an effort to magnify the faults of another. It wouldn't be honest, and it's hurtful as well.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Business ventures look encouraging for you today, provided you don't mix friends into your commercial affairs. Practical decisions could be sullied by obligations.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Persons from outside your household may find you charismatic today, but your kin could see another side of you. Treat your family with the same courtesy you give to outsiders.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — As long as you're able to do your work without anyone looking over your shoulder today, you'll be industrious and productive. However, critics could diminish your efficiency.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Don't be too proud to accept favors with gratitude today. Those who treat you kindly are doing so because they like you, not to make you feel obligated or demeaned.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Special Election

NOVEMBER 6, 2001

PROPOSITION 1
(HJR 52)

Proposition 1 would amend the constitution to relinquish the state's claim to certain disputed land in Bastrop County. The amendment would confirm legal title to that land, excluding any mineral interests, to the individuals who hold a disputed title to the land. The amendment would prevent a loss of title by people who bought and paid for property that was never transferred by the state because of faulty surveys.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the clearing of land titles by the release of a state claim of its interest to the owners of certain land in Bastrop County."

PROPOSITION 2
(SJR 37)

Proposition 2 would amend the constitution to establish the process for issuing up to $175 million of state general obligation bonds and notes to provide aid to counties for access road projects to serve border colonias. Generally, a colonia is an economically distressed geographic area with inadequate public services (such as water supplies, sewer services, or paved roads) in a county without adequate resources to provide such services. These projects could include the construction of access roads, the acquisition of materials used in maintaining those roads, and projects related to the construction of those roads, such as road drainage. The Texas Transportation Commission, in consultation with the Governor, would be authorized to determine what constitutes a border colonia for purposes of selecting the counties and projects that would receive assistance.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of state general obligation bonds and notes to provide financial assistance to counties for roadway projects to serve border colonias."

PROPOSITION 3
(SJR 47)

Proposition 3 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to exempt green coffee and raw cocoa held in Harris County from property taxes in order to qualify Harris County as an exchange port for coffee by the New York Board of Trade. The authorization of exemption would not apply to any other county.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation raw cocoa and green coffee that is held in Harris County."

PROPOSITION 4
(HJR 1)

Proposition 4 would amend the constitution by setting the term of the fire fighters' pension commissioner at four years. The constitution currently provides that the duration of all offices not otherwise fixed by the constitution may not exceed two years.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for a four-year term of office for the fire fighters' pension commissioner."

PROPOSITION 5
(SJR 32)

Proposition 5 would amend the constitution to allow a municipality to donate outdated or surplus equipment, supplies, or other materials used in fighting fires to an underdeveloped country. Current state law does not allow anything of value belonging to the state or its political subdivisions to be donated to another nation.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing municipalities to donate outdated or surplus firefighting equipment or supplies to underdeveloped countries."

PROPOSITION 6
(HJR 45)

Proposition 6 would amend the constitution to require the governor to call a special session of the legislature so that the legislature can appoint presidential electors when the governor determines that it is reasonably likely that the outcome of the election for a presidential candidate's electors will not be clearly determined in time for the appropriate electors to meet before the federal deadline to cast their votes. Under current law, when the people vote for a particular candidate for president, in reality they are voting for that candidate's electors who will meet to cast their votes for president. If the electors are not determined by the certification date, no electoral votes may be cast for the state. The proposed amendment ensures that the state's electoral votes will be cast.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment requiring the governor to call a special session for the appointment of presidential electors under certain circumstances."

PROPOSITION 7
(HJR 82)

Proposition 7 would amend the constitution to authorize the Veterans' Land Board to issue and sell up to $500 million of additional general obligation bonds to finance additional home mortgage loans to veterans. Additionally, the proposed amendment would authorize the Veterans' Land Board to use assets from the land and housing assistance funds to create, operate, and improve veterans' cemeteries.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the Veterans' Land Board to issue up to $500 million in general obligation bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for veterans' housing assistance and to use assets in certain veterans' land and veterans' housing assistance funds to provide for veterans cemeteries."

PROPOSITION 8
(HJR 97)

Proposition 8 would amend the constitution to allow the legislature to authorize the Texas Public Finance Authority to issue and sell up to $850 million of general obligation bonds. The proceeds of the sale of the bonds would pay for construction and repair projects or for the purchase of needed equipment by the General Services Commission, the Texas Youth Commission, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, the Parks and Wildlife Department, the adjutant general's department, the Texas School for the Deaf, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Public Safety, the State Preservation Board, the Texas Department of Health, the Texas Historical Commission, or the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of up to $850 million in bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for construction and repair projects and for the purchase of needed equipment."

PROPOSITION 9
(HJR 47)

Proposition 9 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to provide for filling vacancies in the legislature without an election if only one person is a qualified candidate in the election to fill the vacancy. Under current law, a special election must be held to fill a vacancy in the legislature even if there is only one qualified candidate.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the filling of a vacancy in the legislature without an election if a candidate is running unopposed in an election to fill a vacancy."

PROPOSITION 10
(SJR 6)

Proposition 10 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to exempt certain items of personal property from property taxation by political subdivisions of the state if the property is warehoused temporarily in a location in Texas to be assembled, stored, manufactured, processed, fabricated, or repaired and then forwarded to another location inside or outside Texas. The proposed amendment would authorize a political subdivision that imposes ad valorem taxes, at its option, to tax this type of property after a local public hearing on the matter.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to promote equal tax treatment for products produced, acquired, and distributed in the State of Texas by authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation tangible personal property held at certain locations only temporarily for assembling, manufacturing, processing, or other commercial purposes."

PROPOSITION 11
(HJR 85)

Proposition 11 would amend the constitution to allow a schoolteacher, a retired schoolteacher, or a retired school administrator who serves as a member of a governing body of a school district, city, town, or other local governmental district, including a water district, to receive compensation for serving on such a governing body. Currently, state employees or other individuals who are compensated directly or indirectly from state funds are barred from receiving a salary for such service.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to allow current and retired public school teachers and retired public school administrators to receive compensation for serving on the governing bodies of school districts, cities, towns, or other local governmental districts, including water districts."

PROPOSITION 12
(HJR 75)

Proposition 12 would amend, repeal, or relocate several sections of the current constitution to improve the clarity, organization, and consistency of the constitution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to eliminate obsolete, archaic, redundant, and unnecessary provisions and to clarify, update, and harmonize certain provisions of the Texas Constitution."

PROPOSITION 13
(SJR 2)

Proposition 13 would amend the constitution to allow the legislature to authorize a board of trustees of an independent school district to donate real property and improvements formerly used as a school campus in order to preserve that property. The board may make the donation if the board determines that the property has historical significance, that the donation will help to preserve the property, and that the school district no longer needs the property for educational purposes.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to authorize the board of trustees of an independent school district to donate certain surplus district property of historical significance in order to preserve the property."

PROPOSITION 14
(HJR 44)

Proposition 14 would amend the constitution to allow the legislature to authorize a taxing unit, other than a school district, to exempt travel trailers from property taxation as long as the travel trailers are lawfully registered with the state and are not held or used for the production of income.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to authorize taxing units other than school districts to exempt from ad valorem taxation travel trailers that are not held or used for the production of income."

PROPOSITION 15
(SJR 16)

Proposition 15 would amend the constitution to create the Texas Mobility Fund, which would be administered by the Texas Transportation Commission. The Fund would finance the construction, acquisition, and expansion of state highways and would pay a portion of the costs of public toll roads and other public transportation projects. The legislature may reserve specific sources of state revenue for the Fund and may authorize the Commission to guarantee the payment of any obligations or credit agreements with the full faith and credit of the state. The attorney general shall determine the legality of any such obligations or credit agreements.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment creating the Texas Mobility Fund and authorizing grants and loans of money and issuance of obligations for financing the construction, reconstruction, acquisition, operation, and expansion of state highways, turnpikes, toll roads, toll bridges, and other mobility projects."

PROPOSITION 16
(HJR 5)

Proposition 16 would amend the constitution to reduce the waiting period required for a valid home improvement lien on a homestead from 12 days to 5 days. Currently, a lien may not attach to a homestead for a home improvement loan if the homeowner executed a contract for the improvements less than 12 days after applying for the loan. In addition, the proposed amendment would authorize the conversion and refinance of a personal property lien secured by a manufactured home to a lien on a homestead.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment prescribing requirements for imposing a lien for work and material used in the construction, repair, or renovation of improvements on residential homestead property and including the conversion and refinance of a personal property lien secured by a manufactured home to a lien on real property as a debt on homestead property protected from a forced sale."

PROPOSITION 17
(HJR 53)

Proposition 17 would amend the constitution to allow the state to relinquish claim to certain state land and to clear title defects for persons who claim title to those lands. The proposed amendment would apply to land whose owners have disputed title to the land, but for which no patent from the state, giving clear title to the land, was ever issued. Among other requirements, all of the taxes due on the land must have been paid. Under current law, there is no procedure allowing the state to settle title disputes without a constitutional amendment for each piece of land in dispute.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to settle land title disputes between the state and a private party."

PROPOSITION 18
(SJR 49)

Proposition 18 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to create a program to consolidate and standardize the collection, deposit, reporting, and payment of criminal and civil court fees. If the legislature creates such a program, any new fees imposed by the legislature may not take effect before January 1 of the following year, unless an earlier effective date is approved by a vote of two-thirds of the members of each house of the legislature.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to promote uniformity in the collection, deposit, reporting, and remitting of civil and criminal fees."

PROPOSITION 19
(HJR 81)

Proposition 19 would amend the constitution to allow the Texas Water Development Board to issue up to $2 billion of additional general obligation bonds. The Board issues bonds to pay for water supply projects, water quality enhancement projects, flood control projects, state participation in water and wastewater facilities, and projects for economically distressed areas. Current law limits the amount of bonds that the Board can issue.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed $2 billion."

Estos son los informes explanatorios sobre las enmiendas propuestas al la constitución que aparecerán en la boleta el 6 de noviembre de 2001. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes in español, podrá obetener una gratis por llama al 1/800/252/8683 or por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, TX 78711.

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FBI seeks aid in following money trail

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI is enlisting the aid of banks to follow the money trail in last week's terrorist attacks while trying to untangle a mystery about the hijackers: Did they use aliases of people who still may be alive?

Attorney General John Ashcroft and FBI Director Robert Mueller on today were visiting the southwestern Pennsylvania crash site of United Flight 93, the flight on which several of the passengers made cell phone calls saying they planned to attack their captors.

With the number of people detained on immigration charges for questioning in the probe rising to 115, the FBI sent a list of the alleged hijackers to banks Wednesday asking bank officials to search for any financial transactions involving 21 people wanted in connection with the terrorist attacks.

"The FBI is requesting that all financial institutions check their records for any relationships or transactions with the named suspects," said a "Special Alert" dated Sept. 19 from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

"Any financial institution that identifies such a relationship, such as a bank account, or a transaction, such as a wire transfer, with any of the named suspects should complete and file a suspicious Activity Report ... and immediately contact" the FBI, the alert added.

The list mostly included the names of 19 Middle Eastern men previously identified by the FBI as the suspected hijackers. The list identified one of those, Khalid al-Midhar, as possibly alive.

Saudi officials have told U.S. officials that as many as four people in their country with similar names or identical names to the hijackers are alive and that some fear their identities may have been stolen. The FBI is investigating, but hasn't reached any conclusions.

In August, al-Midhar was placed on a watch list after U.S. intelligence received information that a man with that name had been seen meeting with associates of accused terrorist Osama bin Laden in Malaysia, officials have said.

By the time al-Midhar's name was added to the list, U.S. officials believed he already had entered the country. His name was listed on the manifest of the American Airlines jet that crashed into the Pentagon.

Officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said they were exploring several possibilities. One was that al-Midhar never entered the country and his name was simply used as an alias by one of the hijackers who died. Another possibility was that he allowed his name to be used on the flight by another hijacker, so that U.S. officials might assume he died, giving him time to escape the country. A third was that he did in fact die in the crash as a hijacker.

A man sought for several days in connection with the attacks investigation was arrested in Illinois, authorities said today.

Airline security plans currently underway

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal transportation officials told Congress today that steps are under way to increase airline security beyond the measures initially announced in the wake of the terrorist attacks.

Two task forces are looking at issues such as improving airport screening, further expanding the number of armed air marshals in the air and preventing passengers from gaining access to cockpits, Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta told the Senate Commerce Committee.

He said those task forces are scheduled to report their recommendations by Oct. 1.

Mineta appeared at the first in what promises to be a lengthy series of congressional hearings into airport and airliner security in the wake of the hijacked jets flown by terrorists into the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon.

In prepared testimony for the same hearing, the head of the air line pilots union urged Congress to support steps to reinforce the safety of cockpit crews.

Mineta sought to assure the panel that the administration would aggressively pursue solutions.

"Let their be no doubt: we will soon be taking additional steps to increase security," Mineta said.

The General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of Congress, said the FAA was working to limit the chances of unauthorized personnel gaining access to secure areas.

Jam session is planned

A jam session under the stars is planned for 7-9 tonight on the courthouse square with master accordionist Santiago Jimenez Jr. All area musicians are invited to attend and play with Jimenez regardless of what type of instrument.

The public is invited to attend the jam session and urged to bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on during the jam session.

Car crashes into Skinny's

•Accidents

A clerk at Skinny's convenience store on Coliseum Dr. called 911 at 10:30 p.m. Wednesday to request an ambulance and officers in reference to a car crashing into the store.

A 1990 Chevrolet Lumina, driven by Sheila Benitez, 32, of 2601 Ave. A went through a store-front glass window.

Benitez was transported by Snyder EMS to Cogdell Memorial Hospital where she was admitted. This morning she was listed in good condition.

Officers were called to the scene of a minor collision at the intersection of 37th St. and College Ave. at 11:47 a.m. Wednesday. Involved were a 1982 Maxima driven by Hayli Henderson, 17, of 5201 Mountain View Dr. and a 1996 Dodge driven by Melissa Rawls, 26, of 10319 Road Runner Path. No injuries were reported.

•Arrests

A DPS trooper arrested a 32-year-old man on U.S. 84 Wednesday night for driving with a suspended license.

•Theft

Floyd McKenzie requested an officer at 909 31st Street at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday in reference to the theft of some power tools. A Class B theft report was filed.

•Juvenile

A woman requested that officers contact a juvenile and his parents Wednesday evening in reference to the juvenile showing her children a kitchen knife when they got off their school bus. She advised that the juvenile had been troublesome before and requested the officers speak with his parents. The parents were advised of the complaint.

•Close patrol

Sylvia Marquez requested an officer at her residence Wednesday morning in reference to finding what appeared to be large blood spots on her back porch. Officers responded and checked the area, but were unable to locate the source.

•Gas drive off

A clerk at Tiger Mart requested an officer in reference to a gas drive off. Officers contacted the woman who advised she had paid with a credit card and would return to the station to correct any problems.

Obituaries

Don Bradley

1923-2001

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



Don Bradley

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Steve Perez

1944-2001

LUBBOCK — Stephen Perez Sr., the brother of C.R. Perez of Snyder, died Tuesday, Sept. 18.

Rosary for Mr. Perez, 56, is set for 7:30 this evening in the Chapel of Angels Funeral Home.

Funeral service is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the St. John Neumann Catholic Church with Monsignor Curtis Hoffman officiating. Burial will follow in the Meadow Cemetery.

Born Dec. 22, 1944 in Bartlett, he attended school in Bartlett and Austin. He married Maria Ritz Garcia in 1980.

Before retiring in 1996, Mr. Perez worked for Sears Automotive in Houston, White Auto in Lubbock and Economy Paint and Body in Lubbock. He was a Catholic.

Survivors include his wife, Maria Perez of Lubbock; two sons, Steve Perez Jr. of Lubbock and James Perez of Amarillo; four daughters, Ninfa Perez of Lewisville, Cynthia Torres of Eagle Lake and Joanie Perez and Gina Perez, both of Lubbock; eight other brothers, Zeke, Alfred and Amos, all of Lubbock, Pete, Joe and T.J., all of Meadow, Arthur of Brownfield, and Adam of Fort Worth; two sisters, Janie Garcia of Meadow and Angie Garza of Brownfield; and 13 grandchildren.

Durward Pickens

1916-2001

SPUR — Durward Lee Pickens, the father of Jimmie Pickens of Borden County, died Tuesday, Sept. 18.

Funeral service for Mr. Pickens, 85, was set for 2 p.m. today in the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Larry Burton officiating. Burial was to follow in the Dickens Cemetery.

Born April 8, 1916 in Jack County, he moved to Dickens County at the age of three. He was a 1935 graduate of Spur High School and married Gertie McDaniel on Nov. 23, 1937.

Mr. Pickens was a stock farmer. He also had worked as a bookkeeper, ginner, truck driver, irrigation well digger and for the state highway department and Kent County.

He was a member of the Sons of Hermann in Old Glory, the Texas Cowboy Reunion Association and a Kent County 4-H leader.

Survivors include his wife, Gertie Pickens of Spur; another son, Kenny Pickens of Henrietta; four daughters, Beverly Brantley of Abernathy, Janna Cheyne of Archer City, Cheryl Salisbury of Las Vegas, Nev., and Lesa Arnold of Spur; a brother, Junior Pickens of Canadian; four sisters, Ann Tow of Amarillo, Jane Cowan of Gardendale, Ruby Moore of Fort Worth and Evelyn Farquharson of La Habra, Calif.; 16 grandchildren; and 32 great-grandchildren.

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ONGOINGS

Disaster relief fund

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

Noon prayer service

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

Central book fair

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

Technology booster club

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

WTC student government fundraiser

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

Gold Coat luncheon

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

Class of 1941 reunion

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

New Hope Baptist Church fundraiser

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

Car wash

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

Cowboy camp meeting

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

SC military support group

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

Ira cheerleaders fundraisers

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

Hermleigh booster club

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

Financial planning class

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

Cancer board meeting

The Scurry Unit of the American Cancer Society will hold its board meeting at noon Tuesday at Willow Park Inn. Any interested person is invited.

Avenue D Baptist Church revival

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

Lord's Acre fish fry

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

Ira school pictures

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

FFA, Jr. FFA meeting

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

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Russian FM: Terrorism worldwide problem

WASHINGTON (AP) — Declaring Russia stands with the United States in the fight against terrorism, Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov proposed on Wednesday a world conference to plan long-term joint action on several fronts.

"The evil will be punished. All Russia is with you," Ivanov said in a speech Wednesday night after meeting with Secretary of State Colin Powell earlier in the day.

Ivanov said terrorism is an international problem that arises in the Balkans, the Middle East, Afghanistan, Chechnya. It must be addressed on a global scale, probably through the United Nations, he said.

"The problem of world terrorism cannot be solved by one-time actions," he said at a dinner sponsored by the Nixon Center and the Moscow International Petroleum Club. "It cannot be solved with five warplanes, with 10 warplanes."

In his meeting earlier Wednesday with Powell, the Russian foreign minister said his government would not object to any U.S. effort to seek anti-terrorism cooperation from the three former Soviet republics that border Afghanistan, a senior State Department official said.

The commitment potentially could open the way for U.S. military cooperation with one or more of the three countries as the United States seeks ways to track down Osama bin Laden and his allies in Afghanistan. They are prime suspects in last week's terror attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Russian Defense Minister Sergei Ivanov said Sunday he did not see "any basis for even the hypothetical possibility" of a NATO military presence in Central Asia.

But Igor Ivanov, the foreign minister, said his comments on Central Asia reflected the views of Russian President Vladimir Putin, the senior U.S. official said.

The three countries along the border with Afghanistan are Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan. Russia exerts heavy influence over all three.

Officials of each country have expressed reservations about allowing U.S. troops on their soil as part of the U.S.-led anti-terror campaign. But Nikolai Sokov, a former Russian diplomat who is an associate at the Monterey Institute of International Studies, said he believes one or more can be persuaded to cooperate with the United States.

Ivanov's meeting with Powell came during a flurry of diplomatic activity in Washington. Besides Ivanov, Indonesian President Megawati Sukarnoputri met with President Bush, and there also were meetings with the German and Saudi foreign ministers.

The Bush administration has welcomed Megawati's strong anti-terrorism stand, partly because she represents the world's largest Muslim country. Germany and Saudi Arabia also are seen as vital allies in the effort. The administration believes a diverse coalition, one that includes a number of Muslim countries, would have more political credibility than one limited to Western democracies.

At the Organization of American States, the permanent council approved a resolution declaring that the terrorist attacks constituted an attack on all 34 member nations under a common defense pact. The delegates agreed to convene a special meeting of OAS foreign ministers Friday to discuss a response.

As for the situation in South Asia, Pakistan, Afghanistan's eastern neighbor, has pledged its full cooperation with the U.S. effort to hunt down bin Laden. President Pervez Musharraf said Wednesday the United States is seeking intelligence cooperation, logistical support and use of Pakistani air space in its quest to eliminate terrorist activity in Afghanistan.

It is not clear how interested the United States is in establishing a presence, alone or with other countries, along Afghanistan's northern border, where the three former Soviet republics are.

Sokov, the former Russian diplomat, said Tajikistan is the most important of the three because it lies across from the area in Afghanistan controlled by the Northern Alliance, a rebel group opposed to the Taliban movement. The Taliban has controlled most of the country sin 1996.

Saud al-Faisal, Saudi Arabi foreign minister, said after meeting with Powell that wh the world needs to eliminate t rorism, "We can't fight terroris by being vengeful."

Guns, ammunition sales increasing in state

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Gun and ammunition sales are rising, with Central Texas shopkeepers crediting hunting season and terrorists' attacks on the Pentagon and World Trade Center for the boost.

One firearms dealer anticipated relaxed federal controls on gun ownership.

"We've had 40 years of the federal government trying to disarm the American public," Jerry McCall, owner of Texas Guns, told the San Antonio Express-News in today's editions. "Now, that may change.

"My customers don't have confidence in being protected by the government," he said. "They realize that when it comes down to protecting their family and loved ones, they are going to have to be the ones to do it."

Sales of self-defense items such as semiautomatic rifles and pistols, shotguns and ammunition have increased by about 35 percent since Sept. 11, when the attacks occurred, McCall said.

He said that, in addition to the increased sales, requests for enrollment in classes required for Texas residents to carry a concealed handgun had doubled.

Elsewhere in San Antonio, sporting goods store owners reported increased concerns by their customers. But they attributed most of the increa in firearms or ammuniti sales to the fall dove, quail a deer seasons.

"People seem to be buying little extra — a couple ext boxes 'just in case,' " Bob Nag of Nagel Gun and Sports Sh said. "We are not seeing an thing like (the increase) wh there were increased feder controls like the Brady Law a the assault weapons ban."

He said he was told the fe eral government requested the ammunition manufacture refrain from shipping ammo f 24 hours after the terr attacks, but that the temporar shipping halt did not redu any inventories.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Be wary about information sources

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 76 and have aortic stenosis and hypertension for which my physician has prescribed Procardia. The book "Worst Pills, Best Pills" indicates that patients with aortic stenosis should not take this medicine. What are your thoughts?

DEAR READER: That you should check this out with your doctor.

Aortic stenosis is a common affliction in the elderly. It is marked by varying degrees of blockage of the aortic valve, which fails to open completely with each heartbeat. Mild aortic stenosis requires no treatment; more severe forms lead to cardiac weakness and overwork, necessitating surgical replacement of the valve.

Procardia (nifedipine) is an excellent drug for hypertension. It is widely prescribed and, in general, is safe. The manufacturer discourages the use of Procardia in patients with severe aortic stenosis because the drug may, in some instances, provoke heart failure and other side effects. Nonetheless, it is appropriate therapy for high blood pressure in patients with mild/moderate aortic stenosis. You should ask your doctor about this, because — all things being equal — the medicine is probably safe for you to use. I have prescribed it for several hypertensives with mild aortic stenosis; no patients have had difficulty.

Your comments about Procardia prompt me to editorialize about consumer-oriented books, such as "Worst Pills, Best Pills." I encourage patients (and readers) to obtain whatever information they can about the drugs they're taking. An educated patient is a good patient. Ideally, the prescribing physician or pharmacist should provide such information. But, as we all know, this doesn't always happen.

Consumer references can be valuable, but they must not be taken too literally. Every medicine — including aspirin, herbals and over-the-counter remedies — has side effects. If people were to worry excessively about such complications, which rarely affect more than about 5 percent of patients, no one would take any medication, even if the drug were necessary to improve the quality of life.

Therefore, the information in books can be used — but only in conjunction with additional resources, including other literature and — most important — one's own physician.

Like material on the Internet, "Worst Pills, Best Pills" is not a bible; its statements are not gospel. Ask your doctor to explain why he prescribed Procardia and whether, because of your aortic stenosis, an alternative medicine might be preferable.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: What causes nocturnal leg cramps? What can be done about them? I regularly awaken with pain that is distressing. My doctor prescribed quinine capsules that provide temporary relief. Would vitamin E help?

DEAR READER: No one knows the exact cause of nocturnal leg cramps, which are believed to be due to poor arterial circulation in the lower extremities. This common condition may accompany the aging process and can be quite troublesome; the cramps always interfere with normal sleep and can be extremely painful.

For unknown reasons, quinine pills taken at bedtime often prevent leg cramps or lessen their severity. Therefore, I believe that your doctor is on the right track. Although vitamin E has not been shown to relieve leg cramps, it is harmless; you could certainly try it (in a dose of 400 units a day). Should your physician be concerned about your arterial circulation, he may order a vascular study of your legs for the purpose of discovering any significant blockages that might be treated surgically.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Granny's penny smooths road for family holiday

DEAR ABBY: Finding "pennies from heaven" has always been a pastime in our family, especially since Granny died three summers ago. Spotting shiny pennies in store parking lots and on the field before soccer games makes us realize that Granny is with us in spirit during those games and shopping excursions. The pennies are a comforting reminder that she is close.

A most unusual incident occurred a few days before our last holiday: I was rushing around, feeling unusually overwhelmed about getting the family ready for our big car trip. As the day wore on, I became more and more uptight. I was tired, cranky, and my shoes were suddenly too tight.

As I removed my sandals, I discovered a shiny penny wedged between my sandal strap and the top of my foot! Now really, wouldn't I have felt it there before that? And how in the world did it get there?

Methinks Granny was trying to tell me to slow down — that everything was going to fall into place and not to let it get to me. In fact, we had a wonderful holiday, and I'm sure dear Granny was at every stop we made. — **S. KLASSEN, PRINCE ALBERT, SASKATCHEWAN, CANADA**

DEAR S. KLASSEN: Your experience gives new meaning to the phrase "running into money."

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DEAR ABBY: I love the penny stories. Here's mine:

Several years ago, while I was having lunch with my mother, an elderly gentleman approached our table and asked me to hold out my hand. With a questioning look, I did as he requested. He placed a shiny new penny in the palm of my hand. I smiled at him and asked why he was giving me this gift. He said that ever since he had returned safely from World War II, he has made it a habit to give every "redhead" he sees a lucky penny!

I still have it wrapped in cellophane in my jewelry box. It's one of my most treasured possessions. — **A REDHEAD IN OREGON**

DEAR REDHEAD: What a lovely compliment. That veteran not only had an eye for the ladies, but he was a smooth talker as well. I salute him. (Let's trust it wasn't "G.I. jive.")

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DEAR ABBY: I had two daughters, 47 and 45. My older daughter, who was dying of cancer, gave her sister a penny and asked her to keep it to remember her by when she was gone.

One day, I asked my younger daughter to come with me to pick out a car. We went to one place and then to a second one. When we approached the entrance, she found a lucky penny and put it in her wallet. Then I found a penny. Then she began to find more, and so did I. We counted them up. She had six — I had eight.

We were so excited, we threw the pennies in our purses. We both felt that they were a sign from my deceased daughter telling us to buy the second car because it was a better deal — which I did.

Now the pennies we collected that day are wrapped in white lace, tied with a purple ribbon and suspended from the rearview mirror of my new car. Every time I look at them, I know my daughter's spirit is with me. Pennies from heaven, indeed. — **SONIA, NORWICH, CONN.**

DEAR SONIA: No kidding! Any time customers leave a car dealership with more money than they came in with — you KNOW the pennies are from heaven.

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

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