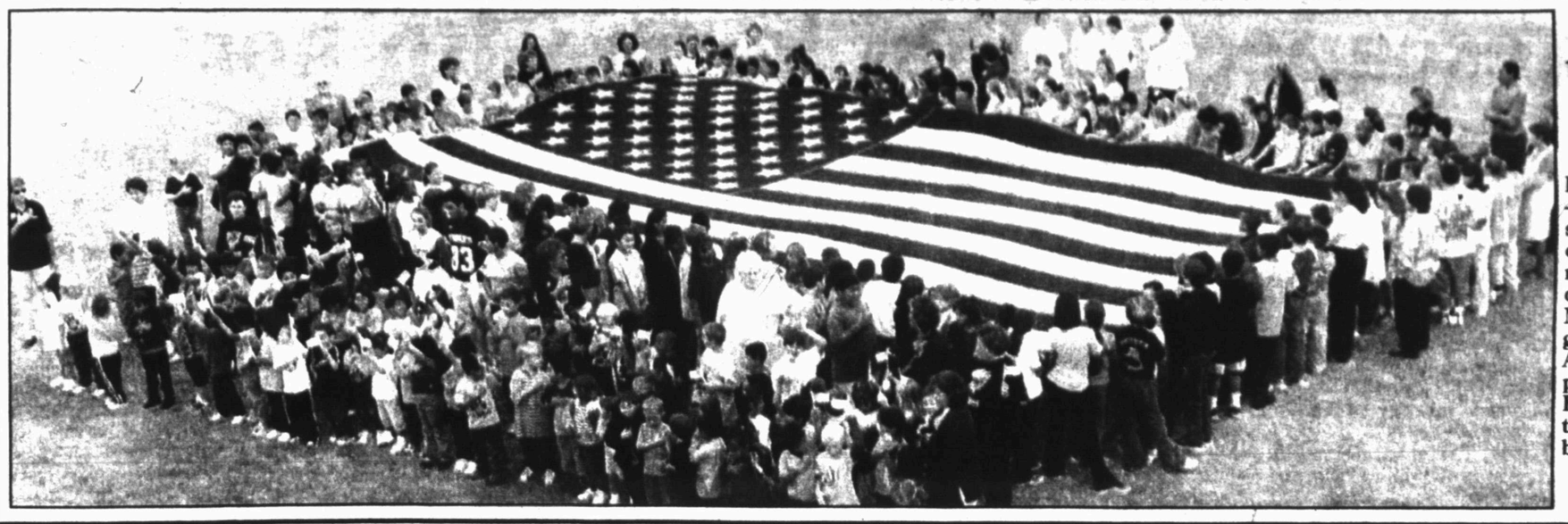
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PLEDGE ACROSS AMERICA — An estimated 52 million students from across the United States joined in a synchronized Pledge of Allegiance Friday afternoon. Students at Northeast Elementary School gathered around an oversized American flag to recite the pledge and then sing "God Bless America" and "America the Beautiful." (SDN Photo by Brian Brisendine)

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Attack awareness heightened

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

As the Federal Bureau of Investigation issues alerts for law enforcement and other agencies to become more aware of possible terrorist attacks, one might think those warnings are directed only at large communities.

Not so, as the city of Snyder receives the same warnings as Houston, Dallas or Austin.

The difference is in the attractiveness of the cities as terrorist targets.

City Manager John Gayle said the city received a message this week from the FBI Counterterrorism Division specifically directed at protecting the city's water system and wastewater treatment plants.

The directive came to Police Chief Steve Warren's office and was promptly forwarded to city hall and distributed to department heads and to the sheriff's department.

The directive said if the facilities are not on the usual patrol route by the local law enforcement agencies, they should be.

Basically, the directive said for the city to be on the lookout for suspicious behavior, and to update the city's emergency response plans.

For security reasons, Gayle would not say specifically what additional things are being implemented, but revealed that the city's water supply is being tested twice as often as it had been.

"All I can really say is that city personnel are monitoring all city facilities more closely," said Gayle.

John Grant, general manager of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, said all he would divulge about present activities concerning possible terrorist attacks is that their personnel are on a heightened state of awareness.

"We are doing some other things, but that gets down to security issues," Grant said. "One thing is that we are asking the public to be more alert of what is going on around our reservoirs.

"I think this is true with most utility companies," added Grant. "There are a lot more public eyes out there than what we have. Just keep your eyes and ears open."

Sheriff Darren Jackson said what he could divulge basically boiled down to what others have said. "We are just being more aware of what is going on around us."

Chief Warren also made that point as did Winston Field manager Rodger Sullenger.

Sullenger said basically the airport is operating the way it was before the Sept. terrorist attaicks, "but we are just a little more alert."

"That is basically all we can do," said Sullenger. Fire Chief Perry Westmoreland said the city, county and Cogdell Memorial Hospital have coordinated disaster plans that focus mainly on accidents such as chemical spills resulting from tractor-trailer or train wrecks.

"We are as prepared as we can be for disasters such as chemical spills of poisonous gases," said Westmoreland. "I'm sure those plans would go into effect if there were other major problems."

Brian Moffett, Cogdell's representative to this committee, said he feels this area rates low as a target for terrorists.

"If you really want to get scared, get you a hazardous material book and sit downtown or at the railroad tracks and look at the numbers on the side of the tractor-trailers and train cars. What goes through here on the highway or on the railroad will scare you," said Moffett.

For a couple of years, the Snyder Independent School District has had a disaster plan in place that addresses most any situation.

SISD has prepared an Emergency Procedures guide and placed it in the office of every school.

The guide details responses for happenings ranging from fights at the school, to terrorist or hostage situations.

Supt. Gayle Lomax said the procedures guide is a necessity at all of SISD's campuses.

"I sincerely hope we never have to use any of the principles in these guides," he said. "But we think it is better to have them and be prepared for any situation, than to sit back and say 'that will never happen in Snyder.'"

Other scenarios outlined in the guide include everything form car accidents and child abuse to chemical spills and tornadoes.

A "Critical Incident Response Plan" booklet was also put together by the school district.

In the booklet, which was given to all local law enforcement agencies and the Snyder Fire Department, are detailed drawings of each school, allowing law officers or firefighters quick access to information that could prove life saving in an emergency, Lomax said.

"If we had a situation at any of our schools, the police officers or sheriff's deputies or firefighters could use this booklet and see a map of the entire school to pinpoint where they need to be and the best possible way to get there."

The schools will also conduct impromptu emergency drills during the month of October, to help prepare faculty, staff and students for just such a situation.

Western Texas College President Dr. Greg Williams said the college does not have a plan for a terrorist situation, but such a plan will be considered soon.

"In that situation, WTC would follow its disaster plan as closely as possible and work with local law enforcement," Williams said. "We do have measures to move students and faculty to safe locations on campus and alert the authorities immediately."

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Life if valuable, but it has no trade-in value."

Pop Kidd, retired veterinarian, and Bill Looney, semi-retired preacher, play golf together at almost any opportunity.

Kidd noticed that Looney was having particular trouble getting over the water.

After three straight shots into the drink, Kidd suggested that Looney might say a prayer before his next shot.

After a few moments of silence, Looney again addressed the ball and watched as it disappeared into the pond.

Pop then made another suggestion. "When you pray, keep your head down."

Here's a few more golf meditations:

—Since bad shots come in groups of three, a fourth bad shot is actually the beginning of the next group of three.

—When you look up, causing an awful shot, you will always look down again at exactly the moment you ought to start watching the ball if you ever want to see it again.

—Never try to keep more than 300 separate thoughts in your mind during your swing.

—When your shot has to carry over water, you can either hit one more club or two more balls.

—The less skilled the player, the more likely he is to share his ideas about the golf swing.

—The inevitable result of any golf lesson is the instant elimination of one critical unconscious motion that allowed you to compensate for all of your many other errors.

—A golf match is a test of your skill against your opponent's luck.

—Counting on your opponent to inform you when he breaks a rule is like expecting him to make fun of his own haircut.

—The shortest distance between any two points on a golf course is a straight line that passes directly through the center of a large tree.

—There are two kinds of bounces – unfair ones and bounces just the way you meant to play 'em.

—You can hit a two-acre fairway 10 percent of the time and a two-inch branch 90 percent of the time.

—Every time a golfer makes a birdie, he must subsequently make two triple bogeys to restore the fundamental equilibrium of the universe.

—Hazards attract, fairways repel.

—A ball you can see in the rough from 50 yards away is not yours.

—If there is a ball in the fringe and a ball in the bunker, your ball is in the bunker.

—Don't buy a putter until you've had a chance to throw it.

—If you really want to get better at golf, go back and take it up at a much earlier age.

County to seek parks director

The Scurry County commissioners' court will consider taking applications for a parks department director when it meets in regular session at 10 a.m. Monday.

The court discussed the position at length in a special session meeting and subsequent a work session two weeks ago.

The commissioners' court took no action, but did come to the conclusion that whomever fills the position will have to be a "jack of all trades."

County Judge Ricky Fritz told the court at the Oct. 1 meeting he had no one in mind for the position, but reiterated that timeliness is key in order to apply for a half million dollar grant from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department by the Jan. 1 deadline.

Annual salary for the new position is said to be $30,000.

Also on Monday's agenda are four items of new business.

The court will consider authorizing publication of notice of its intent to issue certificates of obligation for Cogdell Memorial Hospitals $4.7 million emergency room renovation project.

The court also will consider leasing surplus land on the southeast corner of the hospital's grounds for development of an assisted living facility.

Other items of new business are the consideration of employee voluntary life insurance and proclaiming Oct. 23-31 as Red Ribbon Week.

The court also will consider any line item transfers or budget amendments presented.

Snyder man gets 15 months in state jail for drug charge

A Snyder man charged following an undercover drug operation last year pleaded guilty Thursday in 132nd District Court.

Eddie Jean Moore, 48, of 601 26th Street, pleaded guilty to delivery of a controlled substance, cocaine.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong sentenced Moore to serve 15 months in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice state jail division.

Spice plant to open in Snyder

By Brian Brisendine
SDN Staff Writer

Snyder has long been known as "Sparkle City," but that could soon change to "Spicy City" when Farmsource Foods Inc. opens a plant here.

The company recently purchased the Walls building northeast of Snyder on U.S. 84. and is in the process of retrofitting the building for a fully-automated spice plant.

Longtime Snyder resident Jerry Baird is heading the project and his personal blend will be the plant's primary product.

"We're going to have a complete line of 'Jerry Baird's Champion All Purpose Seasoning,'" Baird said. "And we will also produce and package a number of other spices. Everything from gourmet salt and pepper to the company's "Twenty-minute Chili Mix" will be blended, packaged and distributed at the facility in Snyder.

Farmsource Foods this week contracted with United Supermarkets to sell the seasonings at all of that company's 52 stores throughout West Texas and Oklahoma. Sam's Club Wholesalers also distributes Baird's personal blend in Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas.

Baird won't give the secrets of his spice away, only saying that it's the right blend of all natural seasonings.

Baird has spent more than 20 years of trial and error cooking to perfect the seasoning's flavor.

"I've refined it many times through the years and started selling it out of my garage," he said. "It's been a long haul working on it, trying to get it where it is now. I've done a lot of cooking getting it there, too."

Baird also said his spice has 70 percent less sodium than most, lending it a less salty taste.

"When you finally get it right, people begin to recognize the flavor," he said. "The people start experimenting with ways to use the spice on their own. I've had people tell me they love it on everything they cook, even on their popcorn."

Baird said his reason for pursuing the perfect blend for so long has remained the same.

"My main motivation is to make food taste better," he said. "My whole thing all along has been to bring the flavor of the food to as high a quality as I can."

The Snyder plant, which will employ six to eight people initially, will be dealing with grocery stores and food companies across the U.S., according to Richard Schwab, president of Farmsource Foods.

"We're excited to be doing this here and we think this will be a neat thing for Snyder and West Texas," Schwab said. "One of the main reasons we're in Snyder is its central location. In 14 hours, a truck can be in Chicago, in New Orleans, in California and many, many other places. Being situated here will allow us to move with a lot of flexibility that you can't achieve in a larger city."

The plant's manager, Ken Harmon, will move to Snyder from Austin, Schwab said.

Baird said he hopes the plant's automated machines and conveyer lines will be operational by January.

ASK US

Q—Who will pay the county's lawyers in the lawsuit filed by the Snyder Daily News against the commissioners court?

A—County Auditor Charlie Bell said since no monetary damages are being sought, insurance would not pay. The money will come from the general fund.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 76 degrees; low, 45; 7 a.m. Saturday, 45; no precipitation; total for 2001, 15.97 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, clear, cool; low around 40; variable winds around 5 p.m. Sunday, sunny, high mid 70s; S winds 5-15 mph. Sunday night, high mid 70s; S winds 5-15 mph.



Chris Ward
Sunny

Sunset: 7:15 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:47 a.m.
Of 285 days in 2001, the sun has shone 273 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The deepest craving of human nature is the need to feel appreciated.
—William James

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3 Texas escapees still at large with hostage

PROSPER (AP) — Three of five jail escapees were being sought Saturday after taking a rancher hostage and fleeing in two stolen vehicles, authorities said.

Bob Harold Leach, 38; Gerald Lynn Gantt, 45; and Brian Jeremy Riley, 27, fled Friday after abducting Joyce Silvius, owner of Jolabec Stables, said Lt. John Norton of the Collin County Sheriff's Department in McKinney.

Jeremy John Reynolds, 21, and Jerry W. Riley, 24, were arrested without incident Friday afternoon at the stables on U.S. 380 near Prosper, about 30 miles south of Sherman and 40 miles north of Dallas, said Lt. David Hawley of the Grayson County Sheriff's Department.

Authorities said late Friday that a relative of one of the five escapees has been arrested in connection with the breakout, which occurred at Grayson County Jail late Thursday or early Friday in Sherman. No other details were immediately available.

Steve Thompson, father of Ryan Thompson, a 17-year-old employee at the stables, said his son called him about 4:40 p.m. and said his pickup truck had been stolen.

The son said that when he arrived at work at 4 p.m., "There was some guy inside. They put a gun to my head; they tied me up and made me give them the keys."

Ryan Thompson said he walked in and found Silvius and another employee tied up. The inmates allegedly fled in his green-and-silver Dodge Ram pickup and in Silvius' silver Dodge pickup.

In the haste to leave, whoever was driving Thompson's pickup rammed into another pickup and into a fence, Steve Thompson said his son told him.

About 50 law officers, including Texas Rangers, had joined the search following the escape. Bloodhounds arrived to help deputies on horseback but soon lost the scent. The inmates had discarded their orange jail uniforms when they escaped.

The inmates were discovered missing during a routine count about 1:45 a.m. Friday, Hawley said.

"They figured out how to bypass the doors, jimmy them open, without anyone being wiser," Hawley said.

The men apparently crawled through air vents and made their way to the basement, where they dug a tunnel no more than 10 feet long and two feet in diameter. The dirt floor was soft, making it easy to dig to the outside using construction debris left in the basement, officials said.

The men, who were in individual cells in a maximum-security cellblock, stuffed their bunks with newspapers to try to conceal their absence.

Grayson County Sheriff Keith Gary said authorities will take steps to prevent future escapes.

"I don't want to make excuses, but you all understand you have a handful of employees trying to supervise hundreds of inmates, and they have all day to think of ways" to escape, he said.

The most notorious of the inmates was Leach, being held on charges of aggravated kidnapping and theft of livestock over $100,000.

He was charged in July with running a cattle-rustling scheme that netted up to $1.5 million. He also faces unrelated charges of sexual assault and of parole violation. He was paroled in January 1999 after serving more than 10 years in the Texas prison system.

Riley is charged with aggravated sexual assault, indecency with a child and burglary.

Gantt is charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and aggravated robbery. He also is charged with escape from a Texas Youth Commission facility and resisting arrest.

The two who were recaptured also face serious charges. Reynolds is charged with attempted capital murder, evading arrest, theft and assault on a public servant. Jerry Riley was being held on charges of aggravated sexual assault and aggravated assault of a child.

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Delay sought for state's electric deregulation

DALLAS (AP) — Consumer groups said Thursday that the Texas electric market is not ready for deregulation, and they asked for a delay in the Jan. 1 scheduled start of competition among electric companies.

Representatives of the state's main power grid and largest utilities, however, said they expect to be ready to provide customers with wide-open switching of power companies by the Jan. 1 deadline.

In the past two months, a fraction of the state's electric customers have been switched to new providers under an experimental program designed to test the state's ability to handle deregulation.

The consumer groups, including Consumers Union and the AARP, said the trial program has been plagued by computer problems, delays, billing problems and wholesale price spikes. They asked the Public Utility Commission to postpone the start of full deregulation.

"If the pilot project had demonstrated that consumers would benefit from lower prices and would be properly equipped with information to navigate in the market, we would be welcoming the opening of the market," the groups said in a statement issued by Consumers Union. "Unfortunately, this is not the case. We see only problems that must be resolved before the commission moves forward with retail competition."

Tom Noel, director of the state's main power grid, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, or ERCOT, discounted the Common Cause complaints.

"That particular group has not been in favor of this since Day One," Noel said. "Their information is out of date. As problems crop up, we fix them. I'm much more confident than they that the issues that remain will be resolved by January 1."

Much of the dispute has centered on the slow pace of processing residential customers who signed up — some back in February — to change their power company under the deregulation pilot program. Only 3,000 customers are actually receiving power from a new company, but another 30,000 will be switched on their next bill, with thousands more to follow, Noel said.

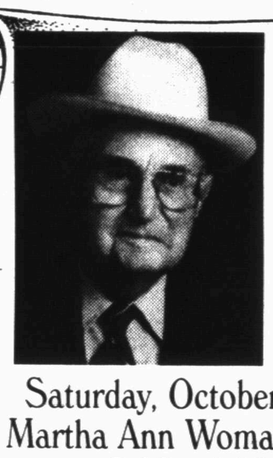
Chris Schein, a spokesman for Dallas-based TXU Corp., another major backer of deregulation, said the pilot program is serving its purpose of letting companies fix glitches.

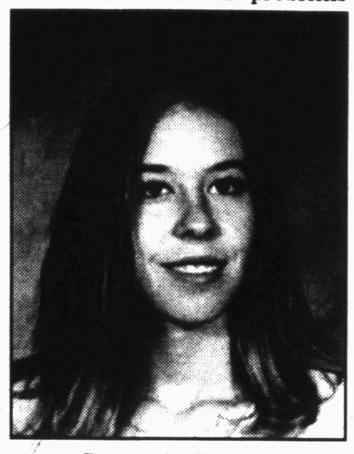
"Yes, we have encountered problems, but it will get better," Schein said.

The consumer groups and utilities filed comments with the PUC, which has asked for a final round of progress reports Nov. 15 before deciding whether to go ahead with retail electricity competition on Jan. 1.

"We continue to make progress, although at a slower rate than we originally anticipated," said PUC spokesman Terry Hadley. "January 1 remains a target, but there are several things that need to happen, and the commission has the discretion to hold off."

Hadley said commissioners needed to be assured that the process of switching customers goes more smoothly. He said the commission was confident that the supply of electricity is large enough to meet demand.


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Samantha Everett

Everett in Who's Who

Samantha Everett, a senior at Snyder High School, has been nominated for the second consecutive year to have her biography published in *Who's Who Among American High School Students, 2000-2001.*

Only one-half of one percent of all high school students are honored in consecutive years.

Samantha is the daughter of Lane and Pam Everett and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Everett of Odessa.

Induction for PTK set Sunday

The Psi Zeta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa will host a formal induction ceremony for 25 new members at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Fine Arts Theatre at Western Texas College.

Following the induction ceremony, a reception will be held for inductees and guests in the foyer of the Fine Arts Theatre.

Phi Theta Kappa is the International Honor Society for community colleges. The society's hallmarks are scholarship, leadership, service and fellowship.

Membership in PTK is extended to students each semester who have accumulated 12 or more semester hours, who are working toward an associate degree, and who have a grade point average of 3.2 or higher.

Trial recesses until Monday

The civil trial being heard in 132nd District Court recessed Friday afternoon and will reconvene to begind the third week Monday morning.

A nine-woman, three-man jury is hearing evidence in a suit brought by Wilford C. and Wanda Jo Senn, owners of the Covered S Ranch.

Originally, there were 17 oil companies and individuals named as defendants, but the suit against Primrose Operating of Wichita Falls is the only one that has not reached a conclusion.

The lawsuit was filed on behalf of the Senns by two Houston law firms, Ware, Snow, Fogel, Jackson and Green, along with Robins, Cloud, Greenwood and Lubel.

The suit contends claims negligence and gross negligence by the oil companies in contamination of surface and underground water.

The suit further contends that the oil and gas producers have been guilty of trespass, breach of contracts and unjust enrichment.

The Covered S Ranch, formerly known as the Fuller Ranch, contains some 20,013 acres and was purchased by the Senns in June, 1997.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong is presiding.

Chamber slates Monday meeting

Snyder Chamber of Commerce directors will discuss several projects and will hear a hotel/motel tax fund request from the Ritz Community Theater during Monday's board meeting.

A nominating committee for new board members will be appointed, and the monthly financial statements will be reviewed.

Donna Fowler, executive director, will give an update on the Deep Creek project and a report on the White Buffalo Festival will also be given.

The meeting will be at 11:30 a.m. in the Western Texas College student activities building.

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The state flower of Texas is the bluebonnet.

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RECEIVE GRANT — The Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund Board (TIF) has awarded a Community Networking Grant to Ira ISD. Pictured presenting a check for $500,888 to Ira Supt. Jim Rumage (right) is the executive director of TIF, Sam Tessen (left). The award was presented in Austin on Sept. 27, and will be used to provide community wireless access points in the Ira community and in the Snyder area as well. (Contributed Photo)



Morgan and Malorye Miller

2 sisters in Who's Who

Morgan and Malorye Miller have been included in the 2000-2001 edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students.*

They are among the five percent of high school students to receive this recognition.

Morgan, a senior, is a Snyder Tigers cheerleader, and is also involved in band and FFA.

Malorye, a junior, is the Snyder Tiger mascot. She is also active in choir and drama.

They are the daughters of Ricky and Stephanie Miller and the granddaughters of Don and Ruth Johnson, all of Snyder.

Auditions set for Christmas show

Auditions for *Merry Christmas Bedford Falls* are scheduled for Thursday and Friday from 5:30 to 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre at Western Texas College. Scripts will be available in the Fine Arts Office beginning Tuesday.

This spirited Christmas show, loosely based on *It's a Wonderful Life,* is being jointly produced by The Ritz Community Theatre and the Western Texas College Theatre Department.

There are 13 speaking parts (no singing), 8 males and 5 females. Singers, both chorus and soloists, also are needed. The production is slated to open Nov. 29 with additional performances on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1.

For more information, contact Ray Newton, WTC drama director, at 573-8511 ext. 228.

Navy starts lifting Japanese fishing vessel to surface

HONOLULU (AP) — The Navy began lifting the Japanese fishing vessel Ehime Maru, sunk by a U.S. submarine eight months ago, from the ocean bottom on Friday, the military said.

The Rockwater 2, an oil-rigging ship that has been readying the 190-foot Ehime Maru for the move since early August, began lifting the fishing vessel at 1:30 a.m., Lt. Victor Lopez, a Pacific Fleet spokesman said. The Ehime Maru is 2,000 feet below the surface.

Rough seas and technical problems delayed Thursday's planned attempt.

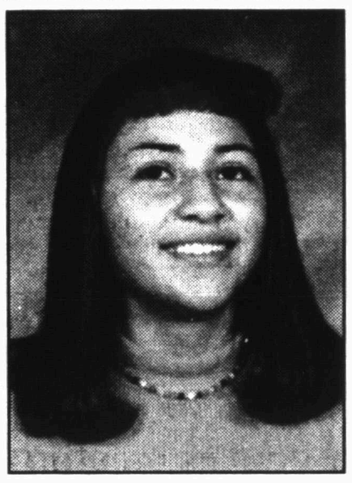
The Ehime Maru was about 6 feet off the sea floor and was being moved to clear water about 16 feet away so remote operated vehicles could inspect the vessel and monitor the lifting, Lopez said.

The operation was expected to take three or four days.

The Ehime Maru will eventually be transferred to a shallow water recovery site.

The Navy said earlier this week that the high school fisheries training vessel from Uwajima, Japan, was more intact than expected after it was rammed by the USS Greeneville on Feb. 9 during a rapid surfacing drill.

The Navy has spent at least $60 million to recover the bodies.



Chasity Perales

Perales in Who's Who

For the second consecutive year, Chasity Perales, a senior at Snyder High School, has been nominated for recognition in *Who's Who Among American High School Students.* She is eligible to have her biography published in the 2000-2001 edition.

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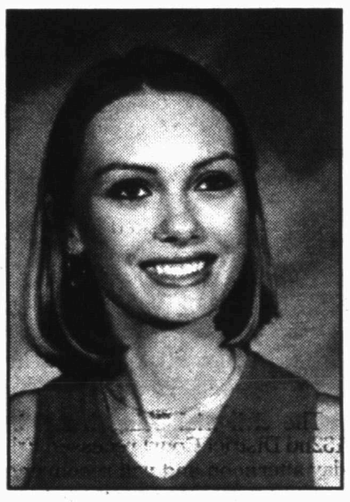
Perales, who will graduate from Snyder High School in 2002, is an early enlistee in the U.S. Navy and will report for basic training in July 2002.

She is the daughter of Tony and Annie Perales of Snyder and the granddaughter of Pauline Alaniz of Snyder and Tony and Tencia Perales of Rotan.

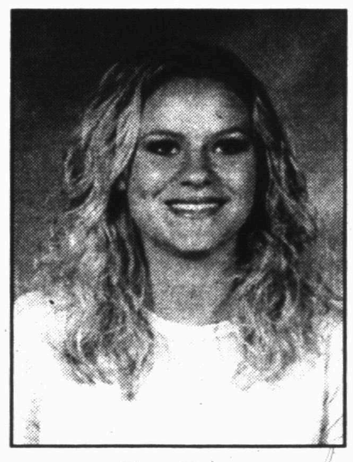
Stormy Clark in Who's Who

Stormy Clark, Snyder High School senior, will be recognized for the second consecutive year in *Who's Who Among American High School Students.*

Stormy is the daughter of Stanley and Marie Clark of Snyder. Her grandparents are Carla and Lindy Clark of Richardson and the late Abner and Julia Grender of Franklin, Minn.



Stormy Clark



Tass Baze

Tass Baze in Who's Who

Tass Baze, a sophomore at Snyder High School, will be recognized in the 2000-2001 edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students.*

Tass is the daughter of Kim Palacios of Snyder and Jay Baze of Panhandle.

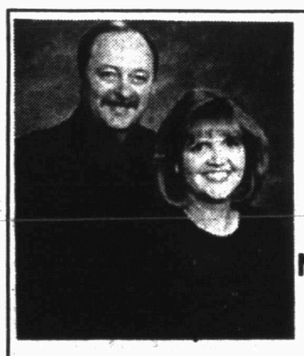
Grandparents are Bobby and Gloria Ford of Eastland, Darvin and Nelda Baze of Ira and the late Kenneth Tindol of Big Spring.

Actor promotes programs held after school

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Instead of promoting his new movie "Collateral Damage" — which has been put on the back burner — Arnold Schwarzenegger is talking about the importance of after-school programs.

Schwarzenegger plays a firefighter seeking revenge against terrorists who killed his family in the Warner Bros. film, which had been scheduled for release on Oct. 5. The release date has been pushed back out of concern that the film's story line would be too disturbing.

"I think that they are talking about having the movie come out sometime in February. I think there will be an appropriate time to see it," the 54-year-old actor said during a KTLA-TV interview Wednesday.



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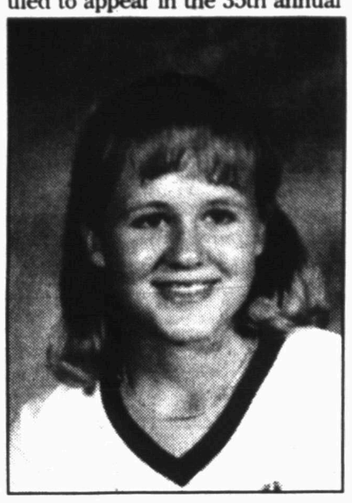
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Dodson in Who's Who

Kellie J. Dodson, a junior at Snyder High School, is scheduled to appear in the 35th annual edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students, 2000-2001.*



Kellie Dodson

Kellie is the daughter of Doug and Bonnie Dodson of Snyder.

Charge dismissed

SANDPOINT, Idaho (AP)— A judge has dismissed the last charge against JoAnn McGuckin, the mother whose six children held police at bay in a five-day armed standoff last spring.

McGuckin, 46, originally was arrested on a child neglect charge that was later reduced from a felony to a misdemeanor, and dismissed last month. Then on Thursday, a judge dismissed a vicious-dog charge, involving a neighbor who said she was attacked by a pack of animals at McGuckin's home just before the standoff.



MOST PATRIOTIC DOOR — Phyllis Graham's sixth period, sophomore English class won first place in Snyder High School's patriotic door decorating contest, held in conjunction with Celebrate Freedom Week. Standing in back from left are Ashlye Amox, Cami Trout, Hayley Grant, Leeann Hensley, Tass Baze, Whitney Stewart, Mrs. Graham and Austin McCormack. Kneeling from left are Brock Terrell, Sara Thornhill, Erin Burleson, Josh Payne and Rankin Hardin. In front from left are Lee Scott and Boicy Martinez. The students won a Coke party. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

Financial Focus

Pay Yourself First — and Keep Investing

Investing in the sock market can be like riding a roller coaster as prices occasionally move up and down. As an investor, there isn't a lot you can do about market volatility — but you can become better prepared for it. Here are a few suggestions:

• **Pay yourself first.** Before you get a chance to spend all of your paycheck, you should invest some of it. If you want to achieve your financial goals, you need to make investing a priority. The best way to do this is to pay yourself first. If you wait until you pay all your other bills before you invest, finding the money will be more difficult. By setting up a bank authorization, you can automatically deposit money in an investment account every time you get paid. Once you've gotten in the habit of investing this way, you'll find it easier to increase your contributions as your income increases.

• **Invest systematically.** Everyone says you should always "buy low" and "sell high." But the fact is that nobody can accurately predict market peaks and valleys, and it just doesn't make smart investing sense to try. So, instead of waiting for the "right" moment to buy as low as possible, or to sell as high as you can, take a different approach and become a systematic investor by dollar cost averaging.

Dollar cost averaging involves putting a fixed dollar amount into an investment on a monthly basis. By investing a regular amount of money each month, you'll purchase more shares when the price is down and fewer shares when prices are high. While this strategy cannot guarantee you a profit or prevent a loss, it helps to ensure that you won't be investing all your money at a market high. Keep in mind that dollar cost averaging is a long-term investment strategy, so you need to evaluate your ability to continue investing through up and down markets.

• **Stay in the market.** When the market heads south, you might be tempted to go on an investment vacation yourself. However, getting out of the market is not a good idea, because you never know when it will bounce back. When it does come back — as it historically has — you may miss out on some great opportunities if you are not still investing at the time.

Need proof? Consider this: If you had invested in the stocks making up the Standard & Poor's 500 Index every day between 1970 and 1999, you would have earned an annualized return of 9.7 percent. But if you had missed just the 100 best days over this 29-year period, your annualized return would have been a negative 0.8 percent. In other words, by jumping out of the market at the wrong time — even for a very short while — you would have ended up losing money. The lesson to be learned? Stay invested.

Prosecutor shot to death in Seattle

SEATTLE (AP) — High-ranking officials from the governor to U.S. attorney general expressed shock at the deadly shooting of a federal prosecutor who was a prominent gun-control activist.

Thomas C. Wales, 49, died early Friday at Harborview Medical Center after he was shot while inside his home late Thursday.

Authorities say the shooting was deliberate and not a random act of violence.

"Any number of personal, business or professional issues" could have prompted the attack, said Seattle police Capt. Brent Wingstrand.

Wales worked in Seattle's U.S. attorney's office, specializing in criminal prosecution of banking and business crime.

He was board president of a Seattle-based gun-control group that in 1997 sponsored an initiative which would have required handgun owners to undergo safety training and use trigger locks. The measure failed.

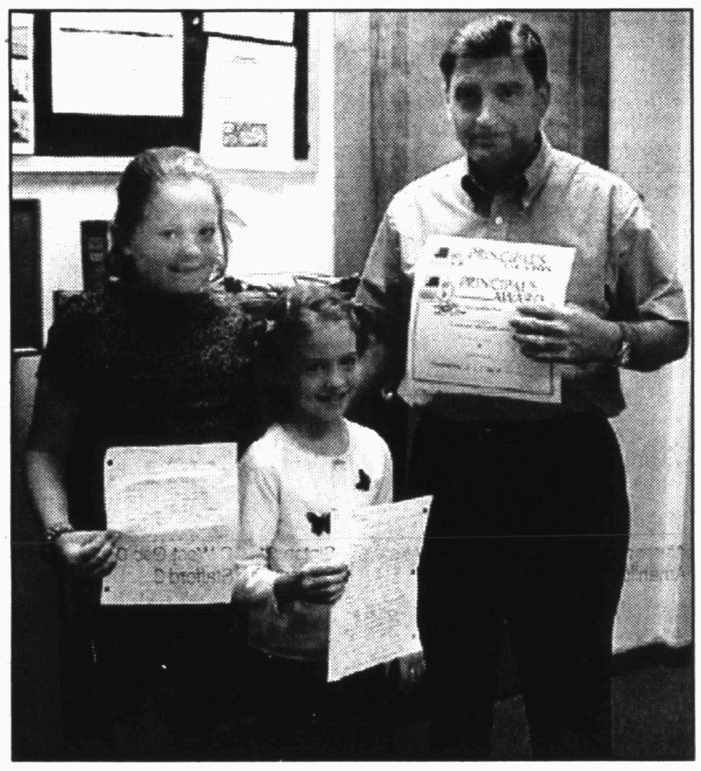
"This is a unique type of investigation," given Wales' 18 years as a crime-fighting prosecutor and his gun-control work, Wingstrand said.

A neighbor, Emily Holt, said she heard the shots and saw a man walking away quickly. He then got into his car and left.

"He took off like a bat out of hell," Holt said.

Attorney General John Ashcroft opened a Friday news conference in the nation's capital with an announcement of the "tragic death in the Justice Department family."

Gov. Gary Locke echoed those sentiments, saying he respected Wales' "tireless gun-control advocacy and work to prevent violence."



EAST ESSAY WINNERS — Three students recently won the patriotic essay contest at East Elementary. The exercise was held in conjunction with Celebrate Freedom Week. Jim Rosson, principal, congratulates (from left) Meagan Downing, first place; and Jessica Hibbitt, third place. Not pictured is Samatha Medrano, second place. Meagan is Janie Carroll's student. Jessica is in Lorinda Hardin's class and Samatha is a student of Judy Brown. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

McCartney wants to mend rift

LONDON (AP) — Paul McCartney has urged Yoko Ono that "there's still time" to mend a rift between the two over the Beatles song "Yesterday," according to a magazine interview.

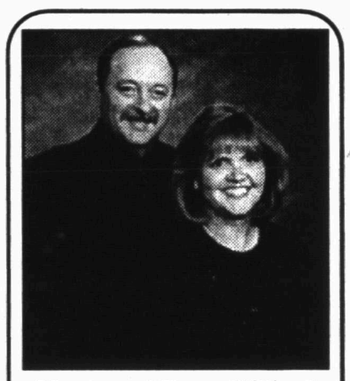
McCartney revealed earlier this year that he and John Lennon's widow had argued over the writing credit to the song during the making of the Beatles "Anthology" album.

"Yesterday," like most of the Beatles songs, was officially credited to McCartney and John Lennon.

But McCartney maintains that none of the other Beatles had anything to do with the song. He said in May that he asked Ono to put his name first on the credit, but she refused.

"It actually is one of the reasons that we're not the greatest of friends," McCartney told Reader's Digest. "But if you're reading this, Yoko, there's still time."

On Oct. 20, McCartney will take part in "The Concert for New York City" at Madison Square Garden, also featuring Mick Jagger, to aid victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the United States.



Monty and Terry Hilliard

Northside conference scheduled

Northside Baptist Church will emphasize worldwide missions next week. Service times are 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 11 a.m. Sunday.

Rev. Monty Hilliard, pastor of Quaker Ave. Baptist Church in Lubbock, will preach. He will present the Faith-Promise missions giving program, through which churches increase missions' offerings.

Hilliard's wife, Terry, will speak to women of the church at a 10 a.m. brunch Saturday in the church fellowship hall.

The Hilliards are native West Texans, who grew up among missionary Baptist workers.

As a young boy, Rev. Hilliard lived in Snyder and attended Northside Baptist with his parents. Hilliard answered God's "call" to preach and upon graduation from the seminary, he served in churches as a youth and music minister. In 1987, he became pastor of Quaker Avenue Baptist Church.

Fuel spills near Citgo oil dock

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Coast Guard officials say lightening may have struck an oil barge tank Thursday night, causing 4,900 gallons of fuel to spill into Corpus Christi Inner Harbor.

The diesel fuel tank was one of two mounted on the deck of the tank, Coast Guard Lt. Nicole Starr said. Vacuum gas oil within the Coastal Towing Inc. barge was not disturbed. The spill happened near Citgo oil dock no. 2, during a thunder storm.



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McAllen Rowe 21, PSJA North 10
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Midland Lee 28, Odessa 7
North Mesquite 34, Garland LV 14
Pflugerville 41, Round Rock Stony 7
SA Holmes 26, SA O'Connor 17
SA Madison 39, SA Reagan 19
SA South 17, Victoria Memorial 14
SA Taft 34, Del Rio 6
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Temple 19, Killeen Ellison 14
Tyler Lee 35, Marshall 10

Class 4A
Amarillo Palo Duro 27, Canyon 6
Andrews 31, Snyder 0
Angleton 37, Brazosport 14
Austin Lanier 44, Austin Travis 0
Austin Reagan 35, A. McCallum 13
Bastrop 29, Dripping Springs 9
Bay City 38, El Campo 7
Beeville 22, Rockport-Fulton 20
Big Spring 35, Levelland 28
Borger 32, Canyon Randall 28
Brownsville Lopez 19, Los Fresnos 7
CC Calallen 50, CC Flour Bluff 7
CC Miller 14, CC Ray 13
Caney Creek 38, New Caney 14
Columbia 20, Lamar Consolidated 9
Dallas Lincoln 44, Dallas Spruce 7
Denison 7, Denton 0
Dickinson 56, Santa Fe 14
EP Mountain View 35, San Elizario 13
EP Parkland 31, EP Bowie 14
FW Eastern Hills 34, FW Trimble 16
Fabens 14, Canutillo 7
Floresville 20, Pleasanton 12
G.-Portland 47, Port Lavaca Cal. 0
Hallsville 10, Whitehouse 6
Hereford 50, Amarillo Caprock 0
Highland Park 35, West Mesquite 0
Houston Sharpstown 14, Westbury 12
Houston Waltrip 12, Houston Jones 6
Jacksonville 14, Corsicana 10
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Kerrville Tivy 43, Braunfels Canyon 7
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Harker Heights 36, Killeen Shoe 13
Kingsville 45, Alice 42
La Marque 14, Texas City 7
Longview Pine 38, Henderson 13
Lumberton 20, Livingston 11
Nederland 36, PA Jefferson 7
PA Lincoln 33, LC Mauriceville 24
PSJA Memorial 20, Edcouch-Elsa 10
Pampa 14, Dumas 7
Paris 28, Greenville 21
Pflugerville Connally 35, Anderson 28
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SA Alamo Heights 35, SA Fox Tech 0
SA Jefferson 19, SA Burbank 0
SA Lanier 14, SA Edison 7
SA Roosevelt 66, SA Sam Houston 7
Sharyland 21, Roma 7
Sherman 25, Frisco 0
Silsbee 22, Vidor 21
Stephenville 7, Crowley 7 (tie)
Texarkana T 33, Sulphur Springs 15
Uvalde 21, SA Southside 14
W. Orange 28, Port Neches-Groves 0
Wichita Falls 17, WF Hirschi 14
Wylie 50, Early 6

Class 3A
Abilene Wylie 50, Early 6
Alpine 14, Fort Stockton 7
Alvarado 31, Whitney 0
Amarillo River Road 35, Tulia 6
Aransas Pass 20, George West 0
Ballinger 28, Merkel 12
Bandera 35, Somerset 7
Barbers Hill 18, Hamshire-Fannett 15
Bonham 20, Princeton 6
Bridge City 41, Woodville 0
Bullard 34, Sabine 14
Caldwell 38, Elgin 0
Cameron Yoe 34, Rockdale 11
Carrizo Springs 41, Crystal City 7
Center 40, Palestine Westwood 14
Childress 35, Dalhart 14
Commerce 36, Quinlan Ford 8
Crandall 14, Mabank 0
Crane 40, Kermit 7
Crockett 27, Huntington 7
Denver City 28, Seminole 0
Devine 16, Jourdanton 8
Diboll 27, Rusk 20
Falfurrias 18, San Diego 3
Forney 46, Royse City 0
Gilmer 21, Longview Spring Hill 18
Gonzales 51, Palacios 7
Graham 22, Iowa Park 19
Greenwood 46, Slaton 0
Ingleside 27, Odem 20
Kemp 21, Eustace 6
La Feria 23, Raymondville 20
La Grange 43, Smithville 0
La Vernia 32, Lytle 7
Lake Travis 21, Lockhart 20
Lamesa 39, Brownfield 0
Liberty 43, Kountze 14
Lindale 15, Gladewater 7
Littlefield 20, Shallowater 19
Llano 54, Brady 6
Lubbock Roosevelt 28, Dimmitt 0
Luling 34, Goliad 21
Lyford 18, Santa Rosa 0
Marlin 14, Mexia 6
Mathis 48, Taft 6
McGregor 34, Waco LaVega 19
Midland Greenwood 46, Slaton 0
Mineola 23, Emory Rains 0
Monahans 43, Presidio 0
Mount Vernon 42, Quitman 7
Muleshoe 47, Lubbock Cooper 2
Orange Grove 6, Hebbronville 0
Port Isabel 13, Hidalgo 10
Rio Hondo 54, Progreso 0
Sealy 26, Needville 0
Sinton 61, CC West Oso 0
Sweeny 20, Stafford 3
Sweetwater 41, Clyde 7
Taylor 35, Manor 13
Teague 24, Fairfield 7
White Oak 33, Brownsboro 6
Wills Point 53, Van 0
Wimberley 21, Liberty Hill 0
Winnsboro 28, Pittsburg 0
Zapata 34, Bishop 24

Class 2A
Abernathy 40, Hale Center 15
Anson 10, Albany 0
Arp 35, Troup 16
Axtell 33, Blooming Grove 0
Bangs 22, Coleman 0
Banquete 27, La Villa 0
Boling 28, Danbury 8
Caddo Mills 49, Wolfe City 0
Canadian 73, Clarendon 8
Celina 7, Callisburg 0
Coahoma 28, Forsan 0
Colorado City 21, Seagraves 6
Como-Pickton 38, Grand Saline 0
Corrigan-Camden 63, Grapeland 0
DeLeon 31, Comanche 0
Edgewood 7, Winona 6
Eldorado 28, Mason 6
Flatonia 21, SA Randolph 14
Floydada 45, Lockney 14
Freer 21, Premont 7
Friona 56, Olton 14
Hamlin 54, Olney 0
Harleton 25, West Rusk 12
Harmony 27, Waskom 7
Hemphill 6, Timpson 3
Holliday 48, Memphis 26
Hutto 19, Moody 0
Idalou 16, Sundown 3
Jarrell 28, Thorndale 13
Karnes City 34, Yorktown 0
Lexington 14, Academy 13
Mart 14, Leon 0
Mason 28, Eldorado 6
McCamey 14, Ozona 8
Natalia 18, Pettus 14
Navarro 17, Stockdale 6
New Diana 36, Union Grove 7
New Waverly 15, Groveton 6
Panhandle 21, Wellington 7
Plains 49, Stanton 6
Poth 35, Dilley 14
Premont 21, Freer 7
Quanah 13, Electra 6
Reagan County 28, Anthony 6
Refugio 42, Bloomington 6
Riesel 29, Bruceville-Eddy 6
Riviera 12, Skidmore-Tynan 6
Rogers 52, Salado 13
Rosebud-Lott 14, Buffalo 8
SA Cole 28, Nixon-Smiley 0
San Augustine 18, Garrison 13
Somerville 27, Schulenburg 14
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Stamford 26, Haskell 0
Sunray 38, Amarillo Highland Park 7
Tahoka 42, New Deal 20
Trinity 54, Elkhart 7
WF City View 25, Seymour 20
Winters 15, Hawley 7

Class 1A
Baird 35, Gorman 0
Bartlett 33, Thrall 13
Beckville 50, Carlisle 0
Ben Bolt 12, Benavides 7
Booker 35, Shamrock 14
Bronte 28, Water Valley 7
Bryson 48, Newcastle 0
Burkeville 40, Chester 0
Chilton 32, Bosqueville 19
Christoval 42, Eden 0
Crosbyton 56, Spur 6
Cross Plains 28, Santa Anna 6
Evadale 20, High Island 0
Fruitvale 46, Penelope 0
Garden City 33, Rotan 0
Gunter 6, S&S Consolidated 3
Hart 29, Vega 13
Holland 21, Granger 7
Iraan 74, Fort Hancock 0
Itasca 34, Rice 6
La Pryor 34, Nueces Canyon 26
Mildred 28, Dawson 0
Mount Enterprise 36, Joaquin 14
Munday 7, Crowell 6
Nazareth 54, Boys Ranch 0
O'Donnell 16, Smyer 8
Overton 7, Karnack 6
Petersburg 49, Lorenzo 0
Rice Consolidated 61, Wharton 17
Rising Star 19, May 8
Roby 59, Sterling City 0
Roscoe 54, Robert Lee 7
Shiner 58, Runge 7
Springlake-Earth 28, Farwell 6
Stratford 43, Kress 0
Sudan 29, Anton 23
Wheeler 28, Claude 9
White Deer 58, Gruver 0
Whiteface 33, Bovina 7
Wink 21, Rankin 0
Wortham 47, Lovelady 8

Six-Man
Amherst 37, Lazbuddie 22
Benjamin 58, Vernon Northside 47
Blackwell 56, Paint Rock 0
Blum 49, Cranfills Gap 0
Borden County 48, Loraine 0
Follett 48, Fort Elliott 36
Groom 55, Valley 16
Guthrie 33, Jayton 14
Harrold 42, Chillicothe 38
Ira 60, Highland 14
Lazbuddie 37, Amherst 22
Loop 66, Klondike 18
Miami 66, Higgins 0
New Home 63, Wilson 16
Novice 62, Veribest 12
Oglesby 60, Abbott 15
Panther Creek 58, Brookesmith 0
Patton Springs 58, Rule 6
Richland Springs 64, Rochelle 16
Rochester 44, Paint Creek 7
Ropesville 62, Dawson 16
Sands 54, Grady 6
Silverton 41, Samnorwood 6
Strawn 48, Moran 0
Three Way 57, Faith Temple 7
Westbrook 59, Hermleigh 0
Whitharral 49, Cotton Center 0
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Private Schools
Austin Hyde 27, Austin St. Michael's 6
Bryan Brazos 56, Central Christian 8
Dallas Temple 58, St. Alban's 0
FW Calvary 20, Dallas Shelton 0
FW Nolan 37, FW South Hills 34
Hallettsville S.H. 50, La Marque 0
Houston Strake 34, Dallas Bishop 31
Lub. Christian 31, Amarillo SJ 6
Lutheran N. 55, Houston Christian 25
Midland Trinity 62, Colleyville Faith 6
Rockwall Heritage 54, Rowlett Christian 8
SA Texas Military 14, Austin St. Andrews 8
Waco Reicher 7, Dallas Bishop Dunne 7 (tie)

Sports Briefs

Golf booster club drawing

The Snyder Golf Booster Club is holding a drawing for a cord of mesquite wood. Tickets are $1 and proceeds benefit the SISD golf program.

The drawing will be held Nov. 9 during halftime of the Snyder-Estacado football game. For more information, call 573-0931 or 573-5437.

Drawing for Red Raider hoops tickets

The Lady Tigers Basketball Booster Club is holding a drawing for Texas Tech basketball tickets. Tickets are $25, and can be purchased from any booster club member. The drawing will be held Nov. 9 at halftime of Snyder's football game with Estacado.

Two winners will be drawn. The first winner will choose between two tickets to either the Tech men's game against Oklahoma on Jan. 26, 2002, or the Tech women's contest against Colorado on Feb. 3, 2002. The second winner gets tickets to the other game, and both receive dinner for two at Abuelo's.

For more information, call Melanie at 573-8511 ext. 200 during the day, or 573-3395 after 5 p.m.

Western Texas MGA

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

WGA play day

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club holds its weekly play day at 10 a.m. each Tuesday. Format is low score on odd holes.

Atlanta 6, Houston 2...

Braves finish Astros in first round again

ATLANTA (AP) — That was quick.

Another postseason berth meant only another fast exit for the Houston Astros.

Houston, which tied for the National League's best record, was bounced out of the playoffs with familiar rapidity when Atlanta beat the Astros 6-2 Friday to complete a three-game sweep. It was the third time in five years that the Braves beat Houston in the first round.

"We got into a hole early and couldn't dig ourselves out," Jeff Bagwell said in the silent Astros clubhouse. "But you've heard that before. Everyone of them has been disappointing."

Atlanta took a 4-0 lead after four innings on a two-run homer by light-hitting Paul Bako, a solo shot by Julio Franco and an RBI squeeze bunt by Bako. All four runs came off starter Shane Reynolds, who gave up six hits before leaving for a pinch hitter after four innings.

"There's not much to say," said Bagwell of Houston's postseason play.

"We expected to have a good shot this time, but we got swept," Bagwell said. "That's a big blow."

During the regular season, the Astros are among baseball's best, winning four NL Central titles in the last five years and had 93 wins this season.

In the playoffs, the Astros become one of the worst, going 6-19 in the postseason, including 2-12 since the recent run began in 1997.

They've lost nine of 10 playoff games against the Braves — who had the fewest wins among the eight clubs in the playoffs.

"Obviously, they're a great team. They've won 10 straight division titles and they run some great pitchers at you," Bagwell said.

Craig Biggio and Bagwell — two-thirds of the Killer B's — have come to symbolize Houston's annual postseason plunge.

Biggio is a .130 postseason hitter, going 7-for-54, and was 2-for-12 (.167) in the series.

"It's not just one or two guys at fault," he said. "It's a team game. Unfortunately, we came up a little short. There's nothing you can say or do about it."

Bagwell isn't much better at .178 (8-for-46) after going 3-for-7 with no RBIs.

"I had one good pitch to hit the entire series," Bagwell said. "They make the pitches. That's why they're in the playoffs every year.

Lance Berkman, the No. 3 B, was 2-for-12 in his first postseason appearance.

"We hit the ball good. Unfortunately, every time we hit the ball on the nose, they had a guy there. They made all the pitches, all the plays," Biggio said. "It's frustrating, but there are a lot of things this club can be proud of."

Pinch-hitter Daryle Ward provided Houston's offense, hitting a two-run homer in the seventh that made it 4-2. But Chipper Jones hit a two-run homer in the eighth.

All this put manager Larry Dierker's job in jeopardy.

"Whether I'm here or not, I feel good about the Houston Astros," Dierker said. "I think we deserve another chance."

Gerry Hunsicker, the Astros general manager, said the decision on Dierker was something he wished he didn't have to deal with.

"It's a critical time for the franchise," he said. "Unfortunately, in this business there's always going to be scapegoats. It's the nature of the business. The manager is the one that usually is focused on first."

Major League Baseball Playoffs

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DIVISION SERIES

American League

Seattle vs. Cleveland
Tuesday, Oct. 9
Cleveland 5, Seattle 0
Thursday, Oct. 11
Seattle 5, Cleveland 1, series tied 1-1
Saturday, Oct. 13
Seattle (Sele 15-5) at Cleveland (Sabathia 17-5), 4:20 p.m. (Fox or Fox Family)
Sunday, Oct. 14
Seattle (Garcia 18-7) at Cleveland (Colon 15-12), 1:12 p.m., (Fox Family or FX)
Monday, Oct. 15
Cleveland at Seattle, 4:20 p.m., if necessary (Fox)

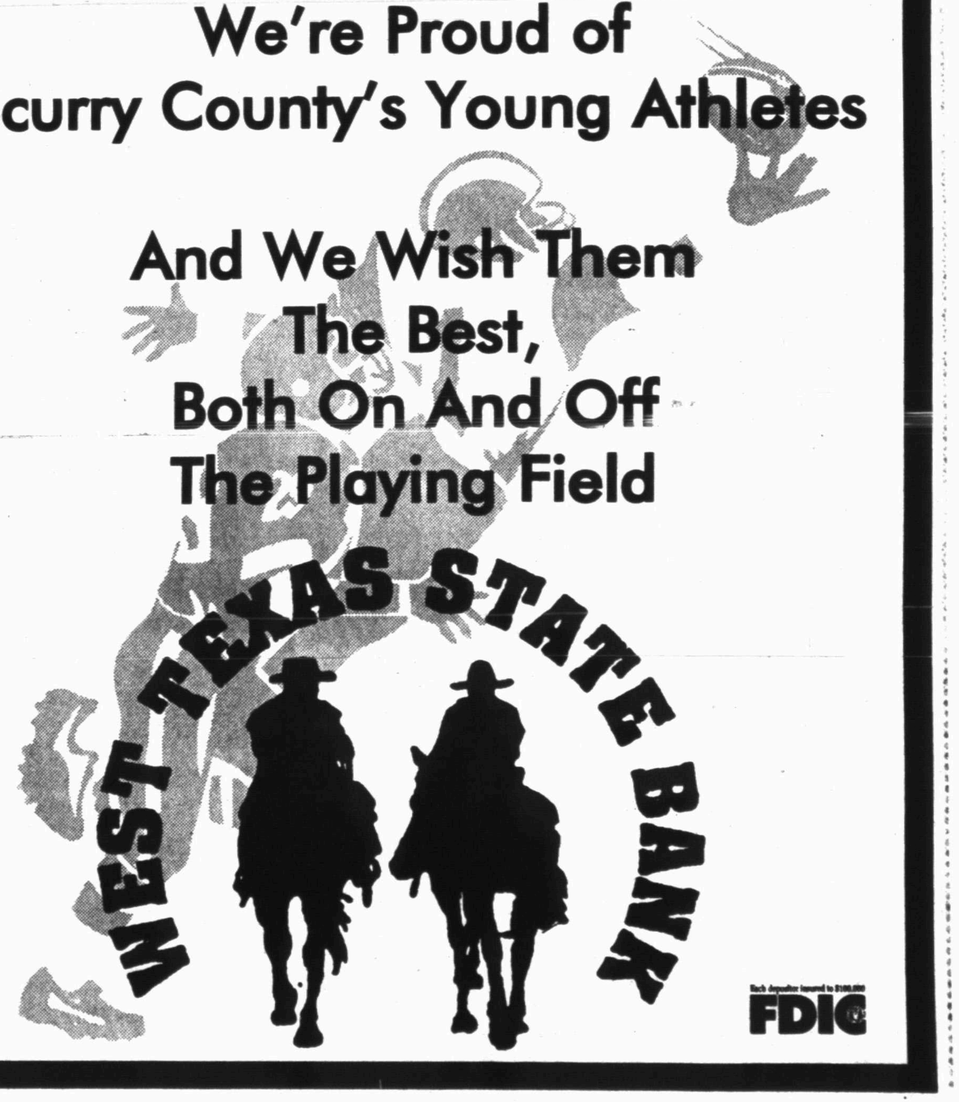
New York vs. Oakland
Wednesday, Oct. 10
Oakland 5, New York 3
Thursday, Oct. 11
Oakland 2, New York 0, Oakland leads series 2-0
Saturday, Oct. 13
New York (Mussina 17-11) at Oakland (Zito 17-8), 7:50 p.m. (Fox)
Sunday, Oct. 14
New York (Hernandez 4-7) at Oakland (Lidle 13-6), 4:30 p.m., if necessary (Fox)
Monday, Oct. 15
Oakland at New York, 8:17 p.m., if necessary (Fox)

National League

Arizona vs. St. Louis
Tuesday, Oct. 9
Arizona 1, St. Louis 0
Wednesday, Oct. 10
St. Louis 4, Arizona 1
Friday, Oct. 12
Arizona 5, St. Louis 3, Arizona leads series 2-1
Saturday, Oct. 13
Arizona (Lopez 4-7) at St. Louis (Smith 6-3), 1:12 p.m., (Fox Family)
Sunday, Oct. 14
St. Louis (Morris 22-9) at Arizona (Johnson 21-7), 7:50 p.m., if necessary (Fox)

Houston vs. Atlanta
Tuesday, Oct. 9
Atlanta 7, Houston 4
Wednesday, Oct. 10
Atlanta 1, Houston 0
Friday, Oct. 12
Atlanta 6, Houston 2, Atlanta wins series 3-0

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SPORTS

Tigers stuffed by Mustangs, 31-0

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

Two weeks ago, the Snyder Tigers looked unstoppable.

Eight scoreless quarters later, they are fighting for their playoff lives.

Outsized and overmatched, Snyder failed to find the endzone for the second week in a row Friday night in a 31-0 district setback to Andrews at Tiger Stadium.

Coming on the heels of last week's 19-0 loss to Frenship, the Tigers fell to 1-2 in District 4-4A play and 3-3 overall.

"We just can't get in the endzone," said first-year Snyder coach Chad Rogers. "Two weeks ago I didn't think anybody could stop us. Now we can't get in the endzone."

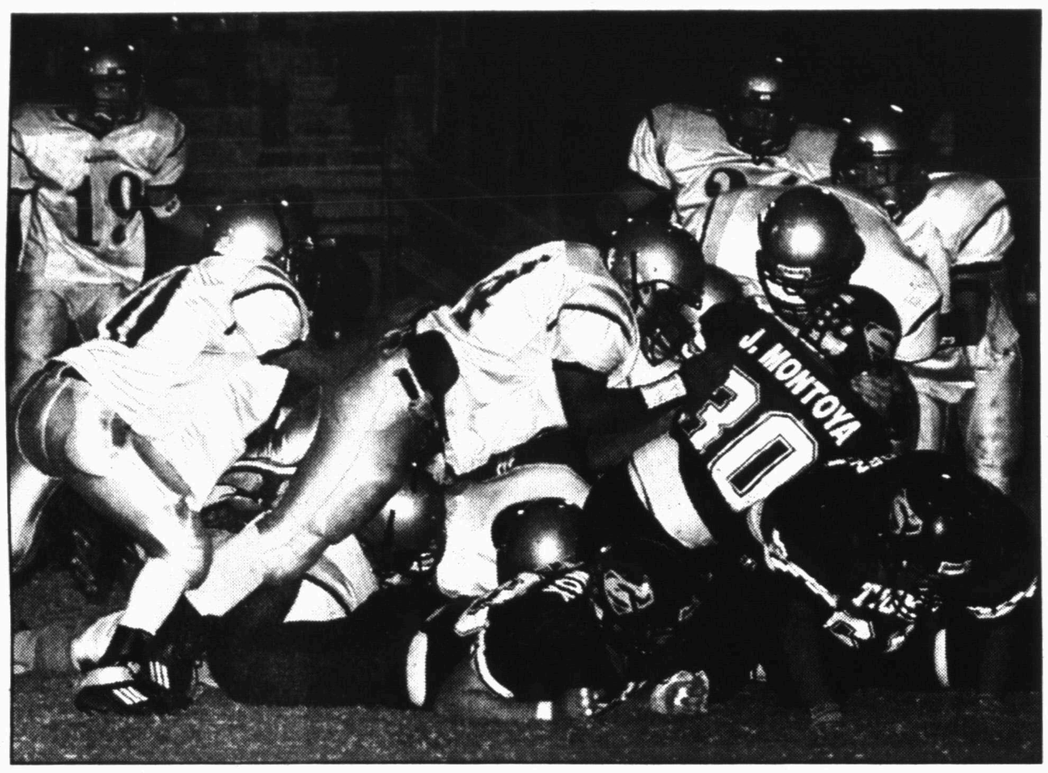
Andrews used its size advantage up front to take control early, and wear down the Tigers.

Penetration by the Mustangs' defensive line wreaked havoc in the Snyder backfield. The Tigers were held to only 73 yards rushing, and didn't register 100 yards of total offense until the 9:00 mark of the fourth quarter.

"They were stacking the line of scrimmage, and making it tough to run," Rogers said. "Then their pass rush made it tough to pass.

"When you can't move the ball, it makes it tough on the defense. Our defense is predicated on our offense and field position. Our offense has to be more productive."

Andrews, traditionally a run-oriented team, recorded its biggest plays through the air. Mustang quarterback Ryan Newbrough went 9-of-16 for 184 yards and two touchdowns. The junior also scored once on the ground.



A YARD SHORT — The Andrews defense stacks up Snyder fullback Josh Montoya on a fourth-down play late in the game Friday night. The stop preserved the Mustangs' 31-0 shutout at Tiger Stadium. (SDN Staff Photo)

Newbrough's 17-yard pass to K.C. White capped the Mustangs' opening drive, and Joe Barnes' kick made it 7-0.

Andrews extended its lead after blocking a punt at the Snyder 4-yard line. Two plays later, Matt Gardner plunged in from a yard out for a 14-0 advantage at the end of the opening period.

The Tigers seemed to get on track to start the second quarter. Regular starting quarterback T.J. Jones was reinserted to open Snyder's third series, and provided a spark for the SHS offense.

Hill played all of last week's contest and the first two series Friday night, while Jones nursed a sore knee.

The Tigers managed two first downs, then stopped Andrews deep in its own territory to give Snyder good field position to start its fourth drive.

But on fourth and 4 from the Andrews 42, tailback Jammall Pruitt was wrapped up in the backfield for a 3-yard loss.

The Mustangs struck immediately with a 52-yard touchdown hook-up from Newbrough to White for a 21-0 lead at the break.

Andrews didn't need long to stretch the deficit again in the third quarter. After forcing Snyder to punt against the wind from its own 9-yard line, the Mustangs took over at the Tiger 31.

A 26-yard pass to Eddie Carrasco set up a 5-yard scoring scamper from Newbrough that put Andrews up by four touchdowns.

The Mustangs capped the scoring a minute into the final quarter on a 33-yard field goal by Barnes.

Snyder's most productive drive of the night, came on its next possession when Jones went to the air.

The Tigers used a 31-yard pass to Shay Franks to reach Mustang territory for only the second time. A 6-yard completion to Josh Mendoza, and a 19-yard toss to Pruitt moved the ball to the Mustang 16.

Three plays later, Snyder's best scoring chance died when Josh Montoya came up a yard short on fourth and 3 from the 9.

Andrews ran the final seven minutes off the clock to preserve the 31-0 victory.

The setback drops the Tigers into a tie for fifth-place in the standings with four games remaining. But Rogers is quick to point out that there is still a lot of football left to play.

"This thing is a long way from over, and we're not about to give up because of two losses," Rogers said. "This is still a great group of kids.

"This is the same group of kids who won the Plainview game that nobody said we would. We just have to get back on track, and get the ball in the endzone."

Next up for Snyder is a visit to San Angelo Lake View.

In Friday's other district games, Plainview knocked off Frenship, 21-18, and Big Spring held off Levelland, 35-28.

Game Summary

Andrews	**14**	**07**	**07**	**03—31**
Snyder	**00**	**00**	**00**	**00—00**

First Quarter
Andrews — K.C. White 17-yard pass from Ryan Newbrough (Joe Barnes kick), 2:19.
Andrews — Matt Gardner 1-yard run (Barnes kick), 0:01.
Second Quarter
Andrews — White 52-yard pass from Newbrough (Barnes kick), 3:28.
Third Quarter
Andrews — Newbrough 5-yard run (Barnes kick), 9:11.
Fourth Quarter
Andrews — Barnes 33-yard field goal, 11:03.

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First Downs	14	6
Rushes-yards	36-122	37-73
Passing yards	184	56
Comp-Att-Int	9-16-1	3-7-0
Punts	2-33.5	7-26.0
Fumbles-lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-yards	3-18	4-23
Time of poss.	23:58	24:02

RUSHING — Andrews: J.J. Hays, 15-49; Matt Gardner, 15-46; Ryan Newbrough, 4-13; Louie Rivera, 1-11; Dustin Rex, 1-3. **Snyder:** T.J. Jones, 11-33; Jammall Pruitt, 13-24; Corey Clay, 3-9; Wade Pinson, 2-7; Billy Pena, 3-4; Josh Montoya, 4-3; Logan Hill, 1-minus 7.
PASSING — Andrews: Ryan Newbrough, 9-16-1 184 yards. **Snyder:** T.J. Jones, 3-7-0 56 yards.
RECEIVING — Andrews: K.C White, 2-69; Joe Barnes, 2-39; Matt Gardner, 2-34; Eddie Carrasco, 1-26; J.J. Hays, 1-9; Matt Bolding, 1-7. **Snyder:** Shay Franks, 1-31; Jammall Pruitt, 1-19; Josh Mendoza, 1-6.

District 4-4A Football

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Lake View	**2**	**0**	**2**	**3**
Frenship	**2**	**1**	**4**	**2**
Andrews	**2**	**1**	**3**	**3**
Plainview	**2**	**1**	**3**	**3**
Estacado	**1**	**1**	**2**	**3**
Snyder	**1**	**2**	**3**	**3**
Big Spring	**1**	**2**	**1**	**5**
Levelland	**0**	**3**	**0**	**6**

Friday's results: Andrews 31, Snyder 0; Big Spring 35, Levelland 28; Plainview 21, Frenship 18.
Saturday's game: Lake View at Estacado.
Next week's games: Snyder at Lake View; Plainview at Big Spring; Frenship at Andrews; Estacado at Levelland.

Kansas State looks to turn things around against Tech

LUBBOCK (AP) — The trademark of Bill Snyder's Kansas State teams has been that they almost never lose to somebody they're supposed to beat.

Yet, the Wildcats go into Texas Tech Saturday on the heels of one of their worst games in years. Their quarterback got sacked six times, their offense managed only one touchdown and their special teams stunk during a 16-6 loss to Colorado that plunged Kansas State from No. 12 to No. 24.

A loss to the Red Raiders, who are coming off a double-overtime 34-31 loss to Kansas, and just about everything Kansas State has hoped to achieve this year disappears. They're 2-2 overall and 0-2 in the Big 12 and still must play at Nebraska.

"It's a huge test and a situation that none of us has been in," said linebacker Ben Leber. "We have a lot of people looking to us for leadership and how we guide and lead this team is going to go down in the history of Kansas State."

The week before losing to Colorado, the Wildcats played a thriller at No. 3 Oklahoma before finally losing by a single point. As much as he hates to admit it, Snyder agreed his team was flat following such an emotional game.

"I'm looking at the mood. I'm looking at the temperament. I'm looking at the attitude," said Snyder. "I'm looking at the mental frame of mind of our team. That's important to me regardless of whether we win or lose."

Snyder thought the Wildcats were energized during practice this week.

"I didn't see us necessarily moping around. I thought our players brought a focus to the initial meetings, a focus to our practice," he said. "It was a more positive response to what had taken place than the week."

The Red Raiders (2-2, 0-2 Big 12) are in much the same situation as their opponent. A loss to the Wildcats would go a long way toward dooming their hopes of a postseason game.

"I told them that they only get a few opportunities to embrace success in their life and that they need to do that," said coach Mike Leach. "Our biggest thing is that as a team we have to expect more of ourselves."

Like Snyder, Leach was not disappointed with the way his team practiced following a bitter loss.

"I think that we do the physical aspects pretty good and I think that we practice well, but we don't translate that to the field as good as we could," he said. "Saturday indicated that."

Texas Tech running back Ricky Williams, who leads the league in all-purpose yards with 127.8 per game, was one of the team leaders who talked to the squad on Sunday.

"We got the team together and we spoke to them for awhile ... some of the other guys and I," he said. "Most of all we worked a little harder than we normally do on Sundays."

He said he told his teammates to "put this game behind us and try to win some more."

"The main thing is for them to just have fun. I know that the team has high self-esteem because I do. If I have it then everybody else has it."

Westerners poised for second crown

VERNON — After picking up its first title of the season last week, the Western Texas men's rodeo team is on track to garner its second consecutive crown.

With slack still underway Saturday morning, eight Westerners were in position to advance to Saturday night's short round, while three Lady Westerners were already qualified.

Saddle bronc rider Sam Spreadborough leads the men's effort with a first-place showing in the long round. J.W. Todd was only two spots back in third.

Houston Hutto tied down second place in the preliminaries of the calf roping, with Tyson Thompson earning sixth in the bareback competition.

Steer wrestler J.W. Todd, and team ropers Reg Culley, Dalton Kraft and Clint Cooper, were also in position to earn a berth in the finals.

"Our men's and women's teams are both performing well," said WTC coach Greg Rhodes. "Now we just have to finish it up in the short round."

On the women's side, Jennifer Freeland was winning the goat tying with some competitors still to go in the slack.

Shayne Pickard was also expected to advance in the goat tying, as was Kassie Mowrey in the breakaway roping.

Following Saturday night's short round, Western Texas closes out the fall schedule next week at Texas Tech.

National Football League

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	3	1	0	.750	89	90
Indianapolis	2	1	0	.667	100	94
N.Y. Jets	2	2	0	.500	93	103
New England	1	3	0	.250	74	76
Buffalo	0	4	0	.000	71	128
Central						
Baltimore	3	1	0	.750	73	47
Cleveland	3	1	0	.750	73	53
Pittsburgh	2	1	0	.667	39	31
Cincinnati	2	2	0	.500	65	71
Jacksonville	2	2	0	.500	63	56
Tennessee	0	3	0	.000	36	70
West						
Denver	3	1	0	.750	102	63
Oakland	3	1	0	.750	108	77
San Diego	3	1	0	.750	106	58
Seattle	2	2	0	.500	50	86
Kansas City	1	3	0	.250	78	73

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	3	1	0	.750	77	56
Philadelphia	2	2	0	.500	104	62
Arizona	1	2	0	.333	52	92
Dallas	0	4	0	.000	66	110
Washington	0	4	0	.000	25	135
Central						
Green Bay	3	1	0	.750	103	27
Chicago	2	1	0	.667	54	30
Tampa Bay	2	1	0	.667	40	36
Minnesota	1	3	0	.250	58	85
Detroit	0	3	0	.000	20	87
West						
St. Louis	4	0	0	1.000	127	53
San Francisco	3	1	0	.750	85	74
New Orleans	2	1	0	.667	65	42
Atlanta	2	2	0	.500	74	77
Carolina	1	3	0	.250	61	89

Sunday's Games
Arizona at Chicago, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Baltimore at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
San Diego at New England, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Miami at N.Y. Jets, 4:15 p.m.
Denver at Seattle, 4:15 p.m.
Oakland at Indianapolis, 8:30 p.m.
Open: Buffalo, Philadelphia, Jacksonville
Monday's Game
Washington at Dallas, 9 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 18
Buffalo at Jacksonville, 8:30 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 21
Atlanta at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Baltimore at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Washington, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
New England at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
St. Louis at New York Jets, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Arizona, 4 p.m.
Denver at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
Green Bay at Minnesota, 4:15 p.m.
Open Date: Miami, San Francisco, Seattle, Dallas, Oakland
Monday, Oct. 22
Philadelphia at New York Giants, 9 p.m.

National Hockey League

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Islanders	4	0	0	0	8	18	9
Philadelphia	1	1	2	0	4	11	9
N.Y. Rangers	1	2	0	0	2	8	12
New Jersey	0	2	0	0	0	5	12
Pittsburgh	0	3	0	0	0	6	13
Northeast Division							
Montreal	3	0	1	0	7	14	8
Boston	3	1	0	0	6	13	7
Ottawa	3	2	0	0	6	19	15
Toronto	2	1	1	0	5	15	10
Buffalo	2	2	0	1	5	12	14
Southeast Division							
Carolina	2	2	0	0	4	10	10
Washington	2	2	0	0	4	12	9
Atlanta	1	0	0	1	3	5	5
Florida	1	3	0	0	2	7	10
Tampa Bay	0	3	0	0	0	5	12

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	3	1	0	0	6	14	10
Chicago	2	3	0	0	4	12	15
Nashville	1	1	1	0	3	4	6
Columbus	0	1	3	0	3	9	11
St. Louis	0	1	2	0	2	10	11
Northwest Division							
Minnesota	3	0	1	0	7	12	8
Calgary	3	1	0	1	7	10	5
Edmonton	3	1	0	0	6	12	6
Colorado	2	1	0	0	4	11	10
Vancouver	1	3	0	0	2	13	15
Pacific Division							
Dallas	2	2	0	0	4	7	9
Anaheim	2	3	0	0	4	10	16
San Jose	1	0	1	1	4	7	7
Los Angeles	1	2	1	0	3	12	13
Phoenix	1	2	1	0	3	6	12

Two points for a win, one point for a tie and overtime loss.

Thursday's Games
Toronto 3, Carolina 2
Los Angeles 6, St. Louis 5
N.Y. Islanders 6, New Jersey 4
Nashville 1, Calgary 0
Chicago 3, Phoenix 0
Vancouver 4, Dallas 1
Edmonton 5, Colorado 3
San Jose 4, Tampa Bay 3
Friday's Games
Montreal 3, Columbus 1
Detroit 4, Buffalo 2
Minnesota 6, Chicago 4
Anaheim 2, Washington 1
Saturday's Games
N.Y. Rangers at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Toronto, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Detroit at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Calgary at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Edmonton at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Washington at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Colorado at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Boston at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Pittsburgh at Buffalo, 2 p.m.
Edmonton at Minnesota, 6 p.m.
Columbus at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Anaheim, 8 p.m.

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Ira continues winning ways with 60-14 rout

HIGHLAND — The start of District 6 six-man action didn't disrupt the Ira Bulldogs' momentum.

Ira scored 46 unanswered points Friday night to carry it past Highland, 60-14, in the district opener at Hornet Stadium.

The game was called with a minute left in the third quarter on the 45-point mercy rule, pushing Ira's overall record to 6-0.

After adjusting to Highland's defensive changes, Ira turned what started as a close game into a blowout.

"The last few games, teams have changed their defenses on us," said Ira assistant coach Bubba Edwards. "It takes us a little bit to figure out what they're doing and make the adjustments, and then we're fine."

Highland scored to knot the tally at 14-14 early in the second quarter before the Bulldogs took over for good.

Eric Dickerhoff returned the ensuing kickoff 60 yards for a touchdown, and the rout was on.

Nathan Smith added one of his four touchdowns before the half to push the margin to 28-14 at the break.

The Bulldogs found the endzone four times in the third quarter to put the game away.

Dickerhoff picked off a Highland pass and raced 19 yards to paydirt, and Smith added three more touchdowns to cap the scoring.

Smith finished with 145 yards on the night.

Ira limited the Hornets to 138 yards, while registering 225 of its own.

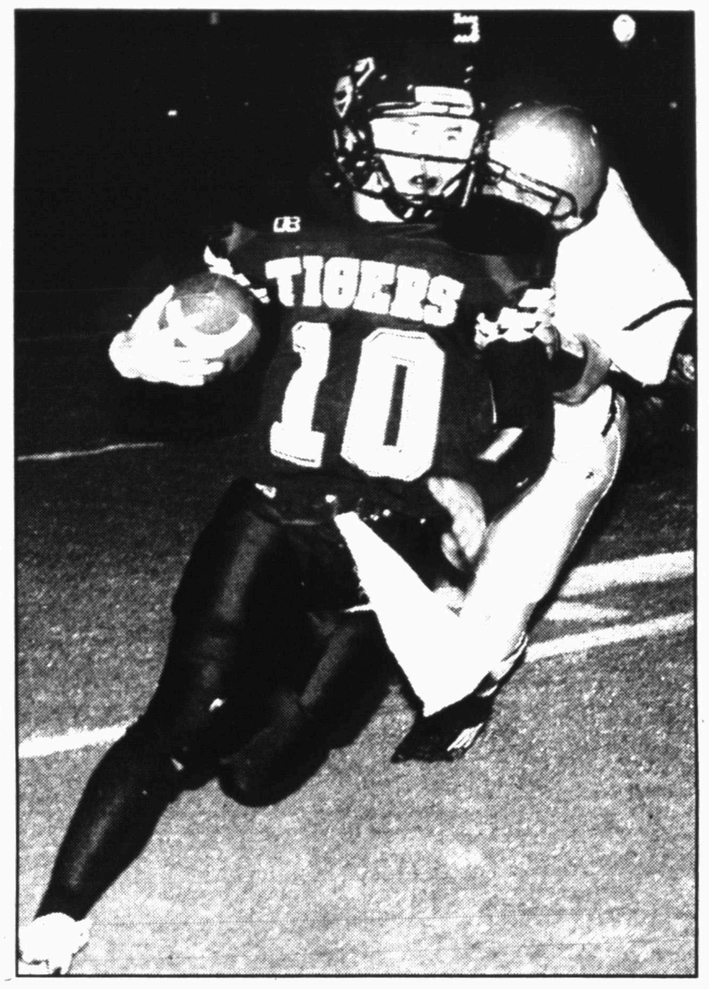
"The wind was definitely a factor," said Edwards. "Highland went for it on fourth down every time, so there were a lot of times when we got the ball on their end of the field.

"We didn't have that many yards of total offense, because we didn't have to drive very far to score."

Josh Gutierrez anchored the Bulldogs' defensive effort with 17 tackles and a fumble recovery. Cade Tucker posted 13 tackles, and Smith and Jake Barnes accounted for 12 each.

Next up for Ira is a first-place showdown with Borden County at Coyote Stadium.

"We've had the Borden County game marked on our calendar since this summer," Edwards remarked. "They're very talented and we expect a great ballgame."



CORRALLED — Snyder quarterback T.J. Jones is wrapped up by an Andrews Mustang in the third quarter of Friday night's tilt. The Tigers were defeated by Andrews, 31-0. (SDN Staff Photo)

Grant leads Coyotes with 4 touchdowns

LORAINE — The Borden County Coyotes didn't need four quarters to win their district opener and set up a showdown next week with undefeated Ira.

Borden County got four touchdowns from Dale Grant on Friday en route to a 48-0 shutout of Loraine in the District 6 six-man opener.

The Coyotes improved to 3-3 on the season, and grabbed a share of the league lead with Ira and Westbrook.

Grant finished with 210 yards rushing on 16 carries. The game was called with 5:56 left in the third quarter on the 45-point mercy rule.

Borden County continues district action Friday when it squares off with Ira at Coyote Stadium.

Cardinals find it tough flying Friday night

The Hermleigh Cardinals found it rough flying in Westbrook Friday night as the hometown Wildcats outscored them 59-0.

The game was called at halftime because of the score.

"Westbrook is undefeated and they did little wrong Friday night," said Hermleigh coach Harley Ethridge.

The score at the end of the first quarter saw Westbrook ahead by 34-0, and they added 25 more the second quarter.

"They've got big kids that can move," said Ethridge.

The second-year Hermleigh coach said the Cardinals fumbled five times, and a strong north wind hampered the passing game.

"We were really not able to do much against Westbrook, although we kept trying," Ethridge remarked.

For the game, Hermleigh suited out 9 players, while Westbrook had 14.

"We play Loraine this week," Ethridge stated. "I think you will see a better showing from our kids."

The coach said about the only real positive thing about the game was that there were no Hermleigh players injured.

District standings

	District		Season	
Team	W	L	W	L
Ira	1	0	6	0
Westbrook	1	0	5	0
Brdn County	1	0	3	3
Highland	0	1	3	3
Hermleigh	0	1	0	5
Loraine	0	1	0	6

Friday's games: Westbrook 59, Hermleigh 0; Ira 60, Highland 14; Borden County 48, Loraine 0.

Next week's games: Hermleigh at Loraine; Ira at Borden County; Highland at Westbrook.

Knight-time basketball underway in Lubbock

LUBBOCK (AP) — When his new team took the court for its second 10-minute scrimmage early Saturday near the end of Midnight Madness, Knight was joined by a member of his family's youngest generation.

Grandson Braden Knight crawled into the chair next to his famous grandfather. At one point the two struck a similar pose — hands clasped in front of their faces and eyes intent on the action.

Knight barked instructions to his players as the toddler occasionally nudged his grandfather playfully.

After a year away from college basketball, Knight coached his Tech team for the first time shortly after 12:01 Saturday, the official start of the 2001 season.

The team will reassemble sometime Saturday for its first practice session away from the watchful eyes of spectators or media.

It surely was the most anticipated Midnight Madness event in the country, surpassing Rick Pitino's debut at Louisville and Maryland's celebration of a Final Four appearance.

The crowd of about 9,400, some who traveled from as far away as California for "A Sharp Knight in Texas," let Knight and Lady Raiders' coach Marsha Sharp hear their enthusiasm.

The men's and women's teams each played two scrimmages following comments from both coaches.

Knight, who came onto the court about 11:30 p.m. Friday to talk to the crowd at United Spirit Arena, didn't miss an opportunity to comment on referees in college basketball.

"Now occasionally there'll be an official who makes a bad call," he said, encouraging fans not to get too upset. "Except," he said, "when I stand up and say something, you'll know damn well they're wrong."

The fans went wild.

Two of those fans were Anne and Bill Humphreys. They flew in from San Diego for the event. Anne Humphreys graduated from Indiana University two years before Knight came to the Bloomington, Ind., campus.

"People there are as crazy about basketball as they are about football in Texas," she said. "I think that's about to change in Lubbock real soon."

The Humphreys have purchased season tickets and joined the Red Raider Club. They plan to watch as many games as they can afford to fly in for.

"If we can't be here we'll make sure somebody's in our seats," Anne Humphreys said.

Hundreds, some who arrived three hours before the event to ensure getting good seats, braved chilly fall temperatures to line up to get into the event. Eric Thompson was one of them.

"Got Knight?" read the front of Thompson's red T-shirt, a takeoff on the dairy industry's advertising campaign. On the back, "We do," is scripted across an outline of Texas with a star marking Lubbock's location in West Texas.

"He's very successful, charismatic and has a unique personality," said the 18-year-old freshman from Albuquerque, N.M. "I've always thought he was kind of an interesting guy."

Knight also came onto the floor earlier in the evening, bringing Braden with him to watch several dachshunds dash across the floor in a race. The youngster, who soon will turn 3, is the son of Tim Knight, who is Knight's son.

As he spoke to the crowd, Knight said fans of the men's and women's teams had the opportunity to really make a mark on college basketball.

At least 12,000 season tickets have been sold for Texas Tech's home games. The school averaged 9,557 fans last season at its 15,050-seat arena.

"We have a chance to make this arena the most special place for college basketball in America," Knight told the crowd. "You fans underestimate what you've got here. To hell with people who don't like West Texas."

Capriati takes over number one tennis spot

FILDERSTADT, Germany (AP) — Jennifer Capriati will take over the No. 1 ranking for the first time because Martina Hingis quit her Porsche Grand Prix semifinal against Lindsay Davenport with a right ankle injury Saturday.

Hingis needed to beat Davenport to retain the top spot in the rankings, which the Swiss player held for 73 straight weeks and a total of 209 weeks.

But in the third game, Hingis lunged for a passing shot on her backhand side, stepped awkwardly and fell on her back. She lost that game, to fall behind 2-1 in the opening set, and during the changeover, Hingis' right ankle was taped.

Hingis went back on court for the fourth game but stopped after two points.

"It didn't look good on replay," Davenport said. "I feel very sorry for her, she's a good friend. I was very upset. It's a really bad moment for her."

Capriati, who lost to Sandrine Testud in the quarterfinals, will nonetheless be No. 1 when the new rankings come out Monday. Capriati won the year's first two major tournaments, the Australian and French Opens.

She is the ninth player, and fourth American, to sit atop the computer rankings since their inception in 1975.

Her rise to No. 1 caps a remarkable comeback.

When Capriati moved into the top 10 after winning the Australian Open in January, it was the first time she had been so high in the rankings since early 1994, when she had abandoned the tour at age 17 because of drug and personal problems.

Texas gymnast dies at training center

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — A 13-year-old member of the U.S. men's junior national gymnastics team died after collapsing at the U.S. Olympic Training Center.

An autopsy on Ricky Deci, of Stafford, Texas, was to be performed Friday, USA Gymnastics said.

"Ricky was a talented and promising young athlete who was full of life," said Dennis McIntyre, the coordinator of the junior national team. "He was a joy to be around."

Deci, the No. 2 gymnast in the 12-13 age division, was at the USOTC for a junior national team training camp. He was working on the pommel horse when he collapsed Thursday night and began having seizures. A USOTC trainer who was at the camp administered CPR before Deci was taken to nearby Memorial Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Deci hadn't fallen or had any trouble during the practice, and there was nothing in his medical history that would have predicted his death, said Ron Galimore, program director of the U.S. men's team.

"The only thing that stands out is a tonsillectomy," he said. "(Gymnastics) is not an aerobic sport, so we just don't get a lot of things of this nature."

There were about 25 gymnasts at the camp. The USOTC arranged for a crisis counselor, who met with the athletes Thursday night and again Friday morning.

The athletes had a memorial breakfast for Deci on Friday morning, and got permission to plant a tree for him at the USOTC, Galimore said.

Deci finished second in his age group at the junior Olympics last summer, and also was second in the parallel bars.

Rangers beef up pitching staff with trade

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers Friday acquired two minor league pitchers from the New York Yankees, completing the deal that sent infielder Randy Velarde to New York in August.

Lefthander Randy Flores and righthander Rosman Garcia were assigned to Triple A Oklahoma.

Flores, 26, spent most of the 2001 season at Norwich, going 14-6 with a 2.78 ERA in 25 starts. He was a ninth-round selection by the Yankees in 1997.

Garcia, 22, went 2-6 with a 3.47 ERA and a save in 26 games (seven starts) with Tampa. He was 1-0 with a 0.00 ERA in one start at Norwich. He was signed as an undrafted free agent by the Yankees in 1996.

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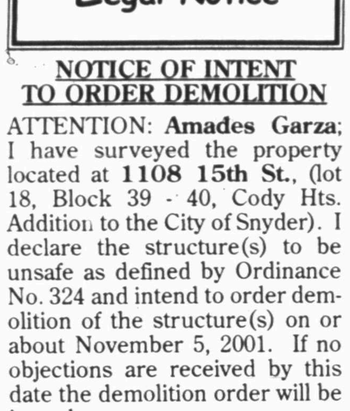
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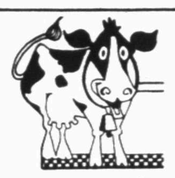
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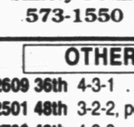
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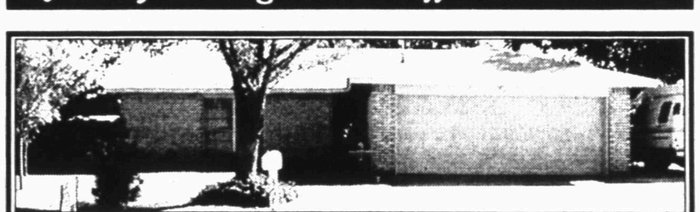
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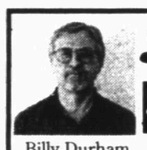


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3302 Irving 3-2-2, Immaculate	$85T
Pleasant Hill Rd. 3-2-2	$76.5T
3618 41st 3-2-2	$66.5T
3405 44th 3-2-2	$59.9T
318 36th 3-2-2cp, FP, RV stor.	$59.9T
105 34th 2-1	$37T
2104 40th 3-1	$32.9T
1202 26th 2-1-1, CH/A	$22.5T
1402 College Comm. lot	$8T

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2409 36th Nearly new 4-3-3	$175T
2501 48th 3-3½-4, pool	$160T
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2609 36th 4-3-1-1cp	$107T
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2705 35th 4-3-2 + office	$87.5T
2510 Towle Park 3-2-2	$85T
3605 40th 3-2-2	$68.5T
2601 28th 3-2-2	$65.9T

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2401 40th 3-2-1-1cp	$26.5T
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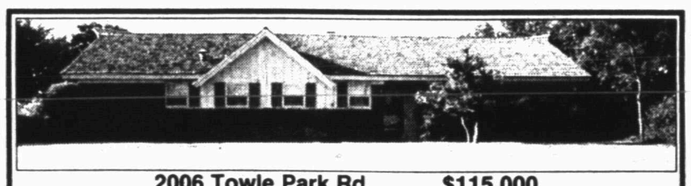
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Senior Center Menu

Monday
Chicken strips w/cream gravy, creamed corn, mashed potatoes, pickled beets and onions, tropical fruit

Tuesday
Spaghetti w/meat sauce, chopped broccoli, sliced carrots, tossed salad, cherry cutie pie

Wednesday
Hamburger steak wrapped in bacon, baked potato, green peas, carrot raisin salad, fruited gelatin chiffon

Thursday
Red beans & ham, southern fried okra, onion slides, pineapple upside/down cake, cornbread

Friday
Fried fish, parslied potatoes, green beans casserole, macaroni salad, white cake/strawberries

Senior Center News

The Scurry County Health Department will give flu shots at the Senior Center Monday and Tuesday from 9-11:30 a.m. and from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Senior citizens will need their Medicare card or $10.

Volunteers are the backbone of the center and its activities. Numerous activities and services are offered to seniors because of the time and energy donated by volunteers. For more information, call 573-4035.

The Senior Center will sponsor a cake walk during the White Buffalo Festival from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Oct. 27.Volunteers are needed to donate homemade goods such as breads, cakes, cookies, brownies and candies. Because of food safety rules pies or crème-filled cakes cannot be used.

Seniors may bring their goods to the center on Oct. 26 or to the coliseum at 10:30 a.m. on Oct. 27. Let center staffers know if you can donate goods or work at the cakewalk. All money raised will go to the operation of the center.

Monday
Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. Daily exercise begins at 11 a.m. with Juanita Ellington leading the mild exercise program.

Many of the exercises can be done while seated. All seniors are encouraged to participate at their level of ability. Treadmills and stationary bikes are also available for seniors to use at their own convenience. The American Association of Retired Persons will meet in the conference room at noon.

Tuesday
Eighty-eight play begins at 10 a.m. and the volunteer band will provide music beginning at 11 a.m. The Golden K Kiwanis will meet at noon in the conference room. Swimnastics is at Western Texas College from 1-2 p.m.

Wednesday
Ladies pool begins at 9 a.m., followed by bingo from 10-11:45 a.m. with a break from 11-11:15 a.m. Line dancers and cloggers may practice at 1 and 2 p.m., respectively.

Thursday
The fabric painting class begins at 9 a.m. and continues until 11:30 a.m. The Sunshine Choir will perform in the front lobby at Cogdell Memorial Hospital beginning at 10 a.m. The swimnastics for senior citizens is scheduled from 1-2 p.m. at WTC.

Friday
The blood pressure clinic and bridge play both begin at 9:30 a.m. Seniors may play eighty-eight at 11 a.m. James Patrick will provide piano entertainment at 11:30 a.m.

LOST DOG!

Lost 1 large male German short haired pointer in vicinity of Loyd Mountain Community.

If you have any information call
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Our heartfelt gratitude to all who, through Donald's illness and in his death, have been extensions of God's loving touch to our family. You have walked beside us and demonstrated compassion to us in so many ways - through prayers, cards, food, flowers, visits and unforgettable deeds.

Words cannot express our deep appreciation. God bless you all!

Sue Gressett
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Thank You

The family of Isidro "I.V." Villarreal would like to thank the community of Snyder for their support and consideration on behalf of I.V. Villarreal's funeral. We appreciate all the food, flowers, and donations received from families and friends during this time of sorrow. As we know, this was an unexpected time for the Villarreal family, but we like to thank everyone for contributing their time and preparations.

May God Bless You,
Mary Villarreal & Family

THANK YOU

The family of James G. Miller would like to express our deep appreciation for your care and concern during the loss of our loved one. Thank you for all the cards, phone calls, visits, food and especially for your prayers.

Special thanks to Dr. Tommy Culwell and Rev. Curtis Morton, and Bell-Cypert-Seale for the beautiful memorial service.

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Chemical companies step up security after attacks

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Chemical companies across the nation are building barriers at entranceways, restricting access to facilities and scrutinizing their inventories as they clamp down on security to prevent terrorism.

Companies that make or transport hazardous chemicals have been more vigilant since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks given that as many as 76,000 tanker trucks carrying millions of pounds of hazardous cargo travel the nation's roadways daily.

The recent arrests of people accused of fraudulently obtaining permits to haul such materials prompted the U.S. Transportation Department to ask state police and truck inspectors to conduct roadside checks.

"We had pretty tight security before," said Irvin Lipp, a spokesman for DuPont. "Even more so now, we're totally by the book."

That includes a long-standing rule that company drivers must speak English and be a U.S. citizen at least 25 years old with previous truck driving experience and proper certification.

Wilmington, Del.-based DuPont, which operates more than 70 facilities in the U.S. alone, has hired more security officers and increased patrols on its grounds. Visitors are more thoroughly screened. Staging areas for hazardous materials like chlorine and ammonia have moved from outside to inside company gates, Lipp said.

A spokeswoman for Dow Chemical Co. said the chemical provider, which operates in 171 countries, including Egypt and the United Arab Emirates, is operating under "elevated security." Access is limited, carriers are screened and "crisis management" teams continue to meet, said Leslie Hatfield from the company's Midland, Mich., headquarters.

Typically, larger corporations already have strict security rules in place. It's the small companies that must change their approach to safety, said Neal Langerman, owner of Advanced Chemical Safety, a consulting firm based in San Diego.

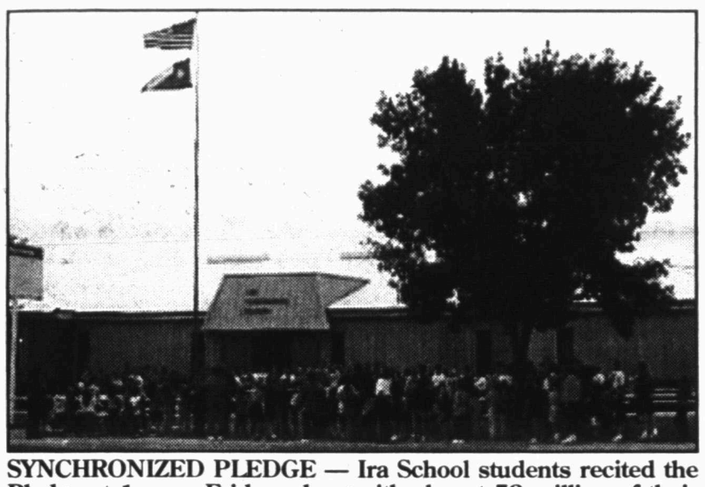
"Those are the places where employees have gotten into the habit of leaving the back door open so their pizza can get delivered," he said.

While airlines consider chemical-sniffing detectors and face-recognition computer systems, many chemical companies are probably better off employing more commonplace — and less-expensive — measures, like better inventory control, Langerman said.

Before Sept. 11, Surpass Chemical Co. of Albany, which manufactures a caustic water-treating compound, left its gates open at night to give its truckers easy access. Now, gates stay locked, photoelectric eyes monitor any movement. New customers, especially those operating less than five years — are intensely scrutinized, said Len Smith, vice president general manager.

"Everybody's doing a review, seeing what else we can put in place," said Thomas Williams, of Slack Chemical Co., a small northern New York company that warehouses and distributes high-concentration bleaches and acids.

Some companies now require two drivers per shipment, so that the truck is never left unattended.



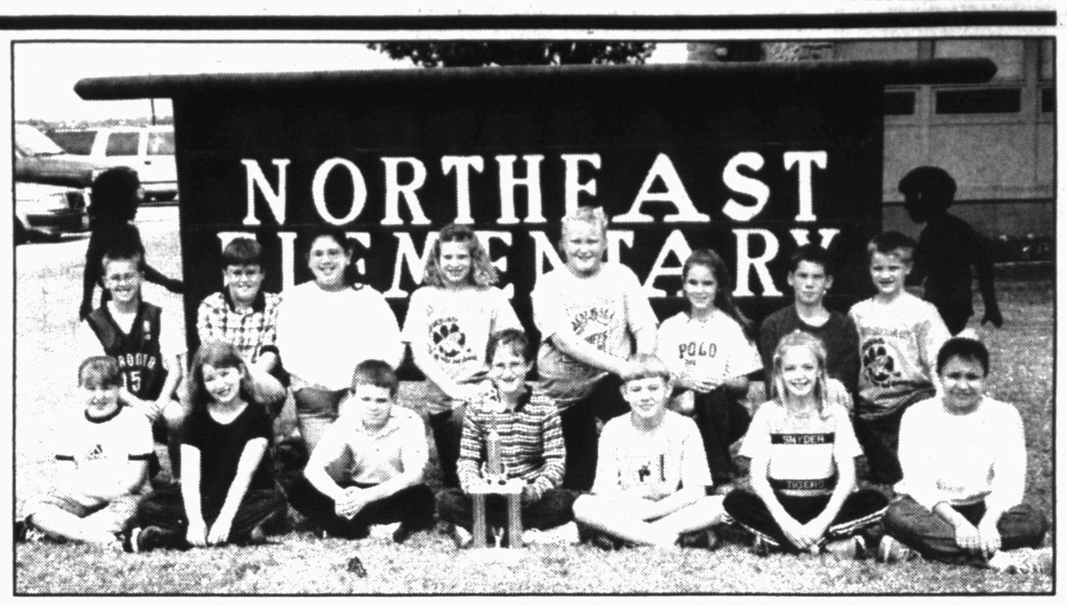
SYNCHRONIZED PLEDGE — Ira School students recited the Pledge at 1 p.m. Friday, along with almost 52 million of their peers across the nation. Pledge Across America is sponsored by Celebration, USA, a non-profit organization whose purpose is to "teach children the basic principals of American democracy and to invigorate patriotism." (Contributed Photo)



MUSEUM PROGRAM — Charlene Akers, right, director of the Scurry County Museum, presented a program on "museum happenings" Monday at the Scurry County Retired Teachers Association meeting. Also pictured is Carole Haynes, president of chapter. (Contributed Photo)



WINNERS — Carpet Store and More gave a wall clock to Darrel and Mozell Richards of Colorado City after drawing their names from a group of names entered into their wall clock giveaway. Customers were able to enter the contest until 9 p.m. during a store-wide sale held recently. Pictured left to right are Mozell and Darrel Richards and Ken Lofton with Carpet Store and More, located at 1105 E. Broadway in Sweetwater. (Contributed Photo)



CRAZY DAY OLYMPICS — (Staci) Bollinger's Bonecrackers won Northeast's Crazy Day Olympics with 9,475 points. Front row, left to right, Kari Lord, Alix Riser, David Strayhorn, Amy Fogleman, Tyler Porter, Kailea Shaw, Rubi Jaimes; back row, Jared Cave, Brian Allred, Gina Hermosillo, Brittany Scott, Britney Webb, Ryanna Alexander, Douglas Brunson, Will Stewart. (Rebekah) Thornton's Bulldogs were second with 9,367 points. Third place went to (ELizabeth) Conger's Conquerors with 9,155 points. (Susan) Scott's Big Dogs earned 9,016 for fifth place. (Teresa) Wall's Terrorizers took fifth with 8,994 points. Sixth place went to (Ann) Upertgrove's Uptergrooves with 8,863 points. (Staff Photo by Brian Brisendine)

Polaroid files for bankruptcy protection

BOSTON (AP) — Polaroid Corp. filed for bankruptcy protection under a debt burden of nearly $1 billion after failing to capitalize on the new wave of photography it helped pioneer decades ago.

The Chapter 11 filling on Friday was widely expected as the company's debt soared in recent years. Polaroid said it had lined up $50 million in so-called debtor-in-possession financing to continue operations during a restructuring. It said employees would continue to be paid.

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Gary T. DiCamillo called the filling "prudent and necessary. Despite our best efforts to stabilize, reduce costs and maximize cash flow, the company's financial condition deteriorated in recent weeks."

Polaroid was founded by scientist Edwin Land in 1937 after he dropped out of Harvard University and started a lab with his physics professor. In the following decades the company delighted generations with its instant camera and film.

But the company has struggled to adapt to new digital technology as its core instant film business has slumped.

Ulysses Yannas, an analyst at Buckman, Buckman and Reid says the company's consumer business has remained solid — it sold a record 13.1 million instant cameras last year — but the commercial business has been hit hard by new technology.

Land built Polaroid into a giant corporation that had $1.9 billion in sales as late as 1999. He stayed actively involved until 1982.

"He would be devastated," by the bankruptcy filing, biographer Peter Wensberg said.

Under bankruptcy protection, it is shielded from possible lawsuits and has 120 days to develop a restructuring plan, subject to approval by a bankruptcy judge. It said it would "accelerate" its search for a buyer for part or all of the company.

Polaroid has debts totaling $950 million and lost $109.9 million in the quarter ending July 2. This week, it told retirees it would have to cut their benefits.

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PUNT, PASS AND KICK — These Ira students placed in the Punt, Pass and Kick contest held last Saturday. The 8-9 division winners are seated, left to right, Steven Juarez, first place; John Martini, second place; Kellner Odom, third place; and Kylor Fine, fourth place. Age 10-11 winners are standing, left to right, Toni Martini, first place; Rey Juarez, second; Seth Sanchez, third place; Jimmie Schooler, fourth place. Wes Kellner in back won first place in the 14-15 age division (Contributed Photo)

Afghan Stingers danger to U.S. aircraft

KIRKLARELI, Turkey (AP) — Sgt. Daniel Oliver points to an F-16 warplane flying low in the sky as he sits on top of a jeep carrying eight Stinger anti-aircraft missiles.

"I could kill that guy," said Oliver, an American anti-aircraft soldier who fires Stingers. "If they came at us with helicopters, we'd annihilate them."

Taliban fighters are reported to have dozens, possibly hundreds of Stingers, the shoulder-fired weapon that brought down more than 270 Soviet aircraft and is credited with turning the tide against the Soviets following their invasion of Afghanistan.

But experts caution that those Stingers are likely to be far less effective against American warplanes.

The Stingers, which the United States supplied to Afghan guerrillas groups, are more then a decade old and are difficult to use at night, when the U.S. has carried out most of its raids. There are also new defenses against the missiles and Afghan Stingers are most likely poorly maintained.

"They're very sensitive," said Sgt. Larry Townsend, of San Diego, Calif. who like Oliver was in Turkey on Friday training with NATO soldiers. "You have to maintain them."

The United States funneled billions of dollars in weapons to Afghan guerrillas after the 1979 Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, and the heat-seeking Stinger was one of the most lethal weapons supplied.

The United States is reported to have sent Afghan guerrilla groups about 1,000 of the missiles, which have an effective range of about 3 miles.

Washington was so concerned about the missiles, especially that they could fall into the hands of terrorists, that the CIA tried to buy them back after the Soviets withdrew from Afghanistan in 1989.

Many of the missiles were later captured by the Taliban or given to them by Islamic guerrillas who later sided with the Taliban.

The Afghans are believed to have fired some 300 of the missiles against Soviet aircraft. Estimates of how many are now in the hands of the Taliban vary wildly from between a few dozen to several hundred.

In the past few days, Taliban fighters have fired Stingers at U.S. aircraft in Afghanistan, but the aircraft have been flying too high to be hit.

There are concerns the missiles would be more effective against U.S. aircraft that come in low to strike targets or against helicopters used to ferry in commandos.

"It has about a 90 percent kill rate, but that depends on how effective the team is ... and how well the missiles were maintained," Townsend said. The missiles must be kept dry and soldiers who fire the missiles must be well trained enough to properly aim them.

The missiles detect heat sources and home in on aircraft engines, but must be fired close to the aircraft they are trying to destroy. U.S. fighter planes carry flares that they drop to confuse such missiles.

In Kirklareli, a town between Istanbul and the Greek border, a U.S. Stinger unit was training Friday with NATO soldiers, part of an exercise planned months ago.

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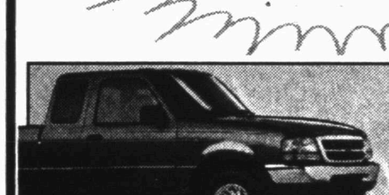
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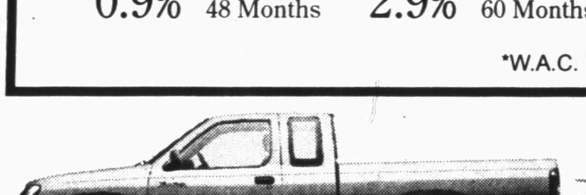


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Military preparing for ground action

WASHINGTON (AP) — American soldiers are poised for another phase in the strikes against Taliban and terrorist targets in Afghanistan: action on the ground, rather than just from the air.

Although U.S. officials won't talk publicly about specifics, special forces are sure to take a prominent role. Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, suggested Friday that this week's airstrikes were a prelude to ground action.

"Many of the conventional efforts that you see today are stage-setters for follow-on operations," Myers told reporters at a Pentagon briefing. "Some of those efforts may be visible, but many will not."

After a pause Friday for the Muslim day of worship, the U.S. strikes continued Saturday morning as several earthshaking explosions hit the north side of Kabul.

Military officials have said the airstrikes are becoming increasingly focused on mobile targets, such as convoys of troops for the Taliban, the militia that is sheltering suspected terrorist Osama bin Laden and his al-Qaida network.

In other developments:

—President Bush, in his weekly radio address Saturday, said the United States has met all its goals for the first phase of the anti-terrorism campaign. "American forces dominate the skies over Afghanistan and we will use that dominance to make sure terrorists can no longer freely use Afghanistan as a base of operations," the president said.

—A law enforcement official said prosecutors are investigating whether some of the people in custody in connection with the Sept. 11 attacks were planning additional attacks. In Arizona, Faisal Michael al Salmi was indicted on charges he lied to the FBI when he said he did not know Hani Hanjour, suspected of piloting the plane that crashed into the Pentagon.

House passes anti-terrorism measure

WASHINGTON (AP) — Differences between the House and Senate are holding up final approval of legislation to increase the government's power to spy on, detain and punish suspected terrorists.

The House pushed through an anti-terrorism package on a 337-79 vote Friday; the Senate had passed a largely identical measure, 96-1, the night before.

"I commend the House for passing anti-terrorism legislation just one day after the Senate took action," President Bush said.

Both the House and Senate anti-terrorism measures would expand the FBI's wiretapping authority, impose stronger penalties on those who harbor or finance terrorists and increase punishment of terrorists.

Before passage, however, House leadership insisted on changing the Senate package to put a five-year expiration deadline on the most intrusive of the new measures, including roving wiretaps.

It also dumped a Senate money-laundering provision, which is moving separately through the House.

That move caused the bill to come to a screeching halt. The measure now goes back to the Senate for re-approval, which Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said won't happen without the money-laundering provision.

"We will not support a counterterrorism bill that does not have money-laundering provisions in it," Daschle said. "Whether it's done in conference or whether it's done in the House of Representatives, it must be done, and we will insist that it be done."

The legislation authorizes the government to monitor businesses that are part of the ancient, nearly paperless banking system known as "hawala." The al-Qaida network of Osama bin Laden, prime suspect in the terror attacks, is believed to move money through the hawala system.

It also makes it a crime to smuggle more than $10,000 in cash over U.S. borders and gives the Treasury secretary authority to require special record-keeping and reporting rules for U.S. banks and other financial institutions.

Suspects in custody may have planned additional attacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Prosecutors are investigating whether some people in custody in the terrorism case were planning additional attacks on Americans, a law enforcement official said Friday. An Arizona man was charged with lying to the FBI about one of the hijackers.

Amid a new anthrax scare in New York, Attorney General John Ashcroft added suspicious mail packages to the list of items citizens need to treat with vigilance to guard against terrorist attacks.

In Nevada, officials said that a letter containing pornographic material that was sent from Malaysia to a Microsoft office in Reno probably was not anthrax.

Washoe County District Health Officer Barbara Hunt said the first of three necessary tests suggested the presence of anthrax, but a later test indicated it's "probably not anthrax." Hunt said the results of the third of three tests won't be available until Saturday.

Dr. Randy Todd, the state epidemiologist, said the FBI was involved in the investigation, which began after one company employee got a returned letter that "just didn't look right." State health teams were contacting Microsoft employees to determine who might have handled the letter.

Officers arrest several men on alcohol charges

Arrests

A man requested an officer in the 3400 block of 43rd Street at 8 a.m. Friday in reference to another man sitting in a vehicle in front of his home. Officers responded to the location and arrested a 21-year-old man for public intoxication.

At 1:40 p.m. a 61-year-old man was taken into custody at the driver's license office on a warrant for theft by check.

Officers arrested a 37-year-old man just before 2 p.m. Friday on a warrant for modification of community supervision.

At 11:15 p.m. Friday, a DPS trooper arrested a 51-year-old man on charges of public intoxication.

Burglary

Earline Stroud requested an officer at 600 Ave. R in reference to the burglary of her residence. Two officers responded to the scene and advised Mrs. Stroud that the subject she suspected was involved is being investigated in another case and they would forward the information to the detective investigating that case.

Property located

Charles Darlin requested an officer at Wal-Mart Friday afternoon in reference to a rifle reported stolen on Tuesday. Darlin told the responding officers the gun had been sold and was not stolen. A supplement was added to the original offense report of theft of a gun.

Gas drive offs

A clerk at Rip Griffin's Truck Stop requested an officer at 4 p.m. Friday in reference to a gas drive off in the amount of $19.01. No description of the vehicle was available.

At 9 p.m. a clerk at Town and Country on Coliseum Dr. requested an officer in reference to a Ryder truck pulling a car driving off without paying for $28.46 worth of gas.

Noise disturbance

A woman in the 1200 block of North Ave. N requested an officer in reference to a noise disturbance in that area.

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Obituaries

Annie Mae Lee

1918-2001

Annie Mae Smith Lee died Thursday, Oct. 11, in Snyder Oaks Care Center. She was 83.

A memorial service for Mrs. Lee is set for 1:30 p.m. Sunday in the Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel in Colorado City.

She was born Feb. 10, 1918 to David Ringold and Annie Jernigan Smith, early day ranchers in Mitchell County.

A 1935 graduate of Loraine High School, she married Buford Burdette Lee on May 24, 1935. He died July 6, 1999.

Mrs. Lee was a homemaker, salesperson and jewelry store manager. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Loraine and later in Colorado City and sang in the church choir.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Annette Lee and Clinton Chesser of Snyder and Janie Lee and Billy L. Harris of College Station; a sister, Jewel Brown Francis of Midland; a sister-in-law, Wilma Hudgins of Colorado City; six grandchildren, David Callaway of Big Spring, Stephen Callaway of Colorado City, Martha Sanchez of Tomball, Richard Callaway of Atlanta, Cody Harris of Bryan and Jeff Harris of Houston; and nine great-grandchildren.

Walter Dunlap

1905-2001

SWEETWATER – Walter Calvin Dunlap, the brother of Sadie Shifflett of Snyder, died Wednesday, Oct. 10, in the Sweetwater Healthcare Center.

Funeral service for Mr. Dunlap, 96, is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. James Baker officiating. Burial will follow in the Sweetwater Cemetery.

Born Aug. 9, 1905 in Proffitt, Tex., he married Vergil Birdie Morris on April 18, 1929 in Sweetwater. She died in 1992. He also was preceded in death by a son; two daughters, three brothers; and one grandchild.

A resident of Sweetwater most of his life, Mr. Dunlap was retired from U.S. Gypsum and was a member of the Broadway Baptist Church.

Survivors also include a daughter, Katie Benson of Spokane, Wash.; a son, Ernest Dunlap of Sweetwater; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Billie Phillips

1926-2001

CLOVIS, N.M. – Billie L. Phillips, the mother of Al Phillips of Snyder, died Thursday, Oct. 11, in Plains Regional Medical Center in Clovis.

Funeral service for Mrs. Phillips, 74, is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the Steed-Todd Funeral Home Chapel in Clovis. The Revs. Terry Bell and Richard Payne will officiate. Burial will follow in Sunset Terrace in Farwell.

Born Nov. 19, 1926 in Clovis, she was married to A.F. "Buck" Phillips who preceded her in death. She also was preceded in death by her parents, Virgie and Alvena Lanford Sharpe; and her stepfather, Guy Carleton.

A resident of Lubbock, Mrs. Phillips had worked for the Clovis New Journal, Clovis National Bank and Security State Bank in Farwell. She retired from Texas Commerce Bank in Lubbock in June, 1991. She was a member of the Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church in Farwell.

Survivors include another son and his wife, Ty and Cathy Phillips of Amarillo; another daughter-in-law, Debbie Phillips of Snyder; two daughters and sons-in-law, Lindy and Jerry Irby of La Luz, N.M., and Connie and Joe Fiola of Clovis; a sister, Shirley Coskey of Houston; five brothers, Guy Cox Jr. of Wickenburg, Ariz., Jesse Cox of Yuma, Ariz., Joe Cox of Shallowater, and Jim Murray and Bill Murray, both of Houston; two brothers-in-law, Carthon and Charlie Phillips; a sister-in-law, Liz Williams; lifelong friends Peggy Schulter Payne and Bobby Mowery; 13 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

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Country and gospel music

There will be country and gospel music beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Snyder Senior Center, 2603 Ave. M. Call 573-3996 if you need more information.

Flu shots

The Scurry County Health Unit will be giving flu shots to high risk individuals beginning Monday at the Scurry County Senior Citizen Center. The shots will be given from 9-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. The cost is $10, or free with a Medicare card.

AARP meeting

The AARP will meet at noon Monday at the Senior Citizens Center. Guest speaker will be Mary Ann Juarez, community liasion for the Snyder ISD.

Mum sale

The SHS geology class is selling finger mums for $4 and wrist mums for $7 during lunch in the student center or in the evenings at Video One. Orders will be taken through Monday and delivery will be made the week of homecoming.

Hermleigh booster club

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

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "You Can't Keep a Good Man Down," followed by "Confessing Christ."

Self-defense training

Gateway Family Services will host self-defense training sessions from 6-9 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at the Western Texas College gym. There is no cost, but class size is limited and you must call 573-4351 to register.

FFA feeders

Snyder FFA feeders goat and lamb validation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the school farm. For information, contact Warren Beard at 574-6046.

Library literary presentation

The Scurry County Library board will host a literary presentation of books by American authors at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Scurry County Library. The public is invited.

Joy School open house

Joy School at East Side Church of Christ, 201 31st, will host an open house at 7 p.m. Thursday.

Note burning ceremony

College Baptist Church is having a note burning ceremony from 2-4 p.m. next Saturday. A reception will follow, and all members and former members are invited.

SHS homecoming parade

Snyder High School's student council is accepting entries for the homecoming parade on Thursday, Oct. 25. Entry fee is $10. Entries can be turned in at the high school office or by calling 573-6301.

Park 'n eat fajita dinner

First Christian Church's fifth annual homecoming park 'n eat fajita dinner will be Friday, Oct. 26, from 5-7 p.m. at the church at 2701 37th St. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

GED testing

GED testing will be held Friday, Oct. 26, at Western Texas College. For more information, call Emily Hataway at 574-2112 or Molly Kattes at 573-2919.

NE Elementary fundraiser

Northeast Elementary is selling lapel and hat flag pins for $2 each. Call 573-2643 or stop by the school.

Noon prayer service

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

SHS yearbooks on sale

Orders are still being taken for the 2002 Tiger's Lair at SHS. Cost is $45 for which a deposit of $20 is required. Balance is due Feb. 1. If additional options are purchased, the deposit is $30. For information call 573-6301, ext. 35.

Korean War display

The Scurry County Museum is compiling a list of Scurry County men and women who served in the armed forces during the Korean War, 1950-1953. The museum is also asking local residents to loan Korean memorabilia for a display in the museum from Nov. 13-21. Call 573-6107 or 573-8511, ext. 210 or 339 for more information.

Hermleigh homecoming

The bi-annual Hermleigh homecoming will be Nov. 2-3. The homecoming committee is requesting that new addresses for Hermleigh exes should be called in to Jerry Gannaway at 863-2334, or Carole Haynes at 573-7874.

Bulldogs annuals on sale

The Ira yearbook is on sale until Nov. 15. Cost is $26 with name on cover or $22 without name. Supply is limited. To order contact Becky Hudgins at the Ira school.

FBC support groups

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

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.

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Pilots sign-up for gun classes

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Slid into a holster and nestled between manuals and maps, the .38 special was packed into pilot Don Worley's flight bag before every trip. Once inside the cockpit, Worley strapped the gun to his belt. He never had to use it, but he was ready.

That was 1965, decades before the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C., prompted the Air Line Pilots Association to suggest arming pilots in the cockpit.

"If anything it was a comfort," Worley said of his gun.

Worley, now 75, was one of the first airline pilots in the country trained to use a gun. He worked for Bonanza Airlines, a company shaken by a 1964 Pacific Airlines flight from Reno to San Francisco in which a suicidal man shot and killed the pilot and co-pilot. The plane crashed near Dublin, Calif. Forty-four people died.

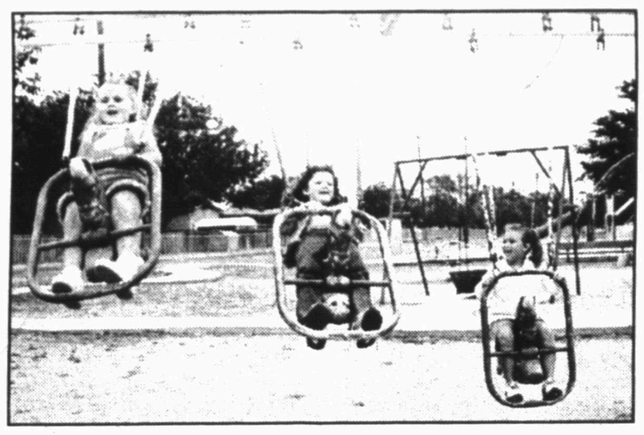
Bonanza began a voluntary training program in Las Vegas to arm its pilots, and Worley was one of the first to sign up.

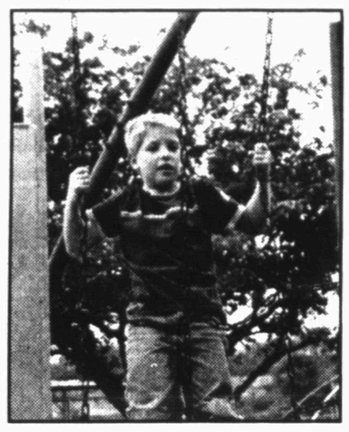
But the program only lasted about a year, mostly because foreign destinations did not have the same regulations for armed pilots.

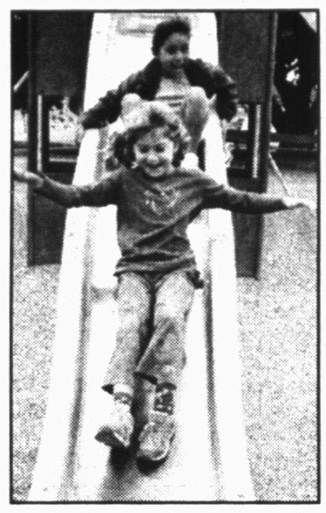
Since the Sept. 11 attacks, many pilots and their union have been advocating arming pilots as a last resort to prevent hijackers from taking over planes. The hijackers in the attacks were armed with box-cutters and knives.

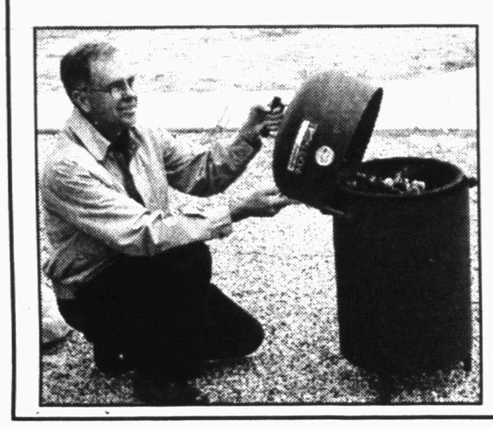
"Guns would be used as a defensive measure if and only if the entire system ahead of that has failed us," John Mazor, spokesman for ALPA, said Friday.

West..... Winning can be fun!











Willita Farmer's first graders earned a hot dog lunch and a trip to the Kiddie Park at Towle Park for bringing in the most money during the recent drive for New York City's relief. Tana Holley, Rachel Turner and Taylor Barrera enjoy the swings (top, far left) Austin Forbes liked to climb (top, middle photo). Mekayla Duzan (above photo) sails down the slide with Christian Perez close behind. Ed McAnally, (bottom, left photo) prepared the grill. Connor Tollison (bottom, right photo) preferred to climb up the slide. (SDN Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

Family, hometown mourn first casualty

SOLON, Maine (AP) — Evander Andrews left the family farm to join the Air Force and know more of the world than this speck of a town. Today, his family and town know more of the world too — almost more than they can bear.

Master Sgt. Andrews, assigned to the 366 Civil Engineer Squadron, reportedly became the first American soldier to die in the campaign against terrorists. He was killed Wednesday in a forklift accident while building an air strip in Aludeid, somewhere in Qatar, a peninsula in the Persian Gulf.

"We're bitter that a young man like this was taken," said his aunt, Dassie Jackson. "At 36, he's got his whole life ahead of him."

Three Air Force officers and a deputy sheriff strode to the door of the family home before dawn Thursday to stir his parents, Odber and Mary. They were handed an official notice.

"It's always a tragedy when anyone dies away from home," said Capt. Kelley Thibodeau, a spokeswoman for Mountain Home Air Force Base in Idaho, where Andrews had been assigned.

Andrews came of age in this central Maine town of about 1,000, a bucolic land of hills and forests now in its seasonal russet-and-gold, punctuated this fall by red-white-and-blue. At its center, it holds little more than a country store, tack shop, old hotel, gas station and cemetery.

Andrews' family still raises cattle at the farm where he grew up, on the edge of the woods. He has three sisters but became close to his dad, who also worked as a mechanic on trucks and other big equipment. Together, they fixed engines. Later, they rode motorcycles.

Andrews, a strongly built boy on the quiet side, seemed as though he might become a farmer. But he signed up for the Air Force soon after graduating from high school. "He just wanted to see the world, see something different," says his aunt. Jobs were scarce locally anyway.

He met his wife, Judy, in 1990 in Missouri. She was enlisted in the Army; he, in the Air Force. She left the service, married Andrews, and together they headed for the Idaho air base. Their four children span ages 2 to 9.

"I ... accept the death of my husband in defense of our nation. He was a proud, professional career airman," his wife said in a statement released by family pastor Thomas Westall.

Store HQ to move to Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — The pioneering Piggly Wiggly supermarket chain reportedly has decided to move headquarters from Memphis, Tenn., to a North Dallas suburb by spring.

The Dallas Morning News reported in its Friday editions that Piggly Wiggly officials are moving to Lewisville, Texas, to be closer to its Lewisville-based parent, the Fleming Companies. The move will begin by the end of the year.

The shift will mark the chain's departure from Memphis for the first time since Clarence Saunders founded the company as the world's first self-service grocery in 1916.

Some but not all of the 25 headquarters employees will make the move, Guyton said. Some job cuts are possible and some jobs may remain in Memphis, she said.

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Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:

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

3-4-0

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AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:

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#TCP3384A, cherry red, auto, tilt, AC, CD player
$8,500

2000 Pontiac Sunfire
#P0035, 4 dr., auto, AC, cass., bright blue
$10,350

1999 Pontiac Sunfire
#A9176,summit white, 4 dr., auto, bucket seats
$8,750

1999 Pontiac Sunfire Sport
#P3813,bright blue, 2 dr., auto, AC, bucket seats, CD player
$9,650

1997 Buick Riviera
#A1044A, 2 dr, summit white, V-6, power locks-windows, leather seats
$10,500

1997 Cadillac Catera
#G2370A, sandstone, loaded, loaded, loaded
$10,500

2000 Dodge Neon
#PT3405A, gold, 4 dr., Highline, auto, cruise, tilt
$9,250

1998 Chevy Cavalier
#OL3423A, blue, 2 dr., AC, auto, one owner
$8,500

2000 Chevy Cavalier
#P5681, 4 dr., auto, AC, cass., cherry red
$9,650

1999 Buick LaSabre Custom
#B3422A, V-6, power windows/locks/seat
$11,750

2000 Buick LaSabre Limited
#TB3436A, V-6, dual A/C control, power seats, summit white
$15,750

1998 Chevy Monte Carlo LS
#C3603A ,deep blue, V-6, auto, power locks-windows, CD player
$9,700

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Wish comes true for Brandon Garvin

By Shirley A. Gorman
SDN News Editor

Sometimes wishes do come true!

It's a world unlike any other; it's presided over by a rabbit; and it exists solely to bring happiness to children with life-threatening illnesses.

Give Kids The World Village, a 51-acre non-profit resort in Kissimmee, Fla., provides free living quarters to eligible children and their families who want to visit some of Central Florida's most popular attractions.

Thanks to the resort and the Lubbock Division of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Texas Plains, Brandon Garvin and his family spent an unforgettable week in Florida in August. Brandon, who was born with muscular dystrophy," is eligible for the special services because he is disabled and his illness is considered life threatening.

Muscular Dystrophy is a hereditary disease characterized by progressive wasting of muscles.

The 10-year-old, his parents, James and Trina, and older brother, Andy, 12, left Lubbock on Aug. 18 and returned on the 24th.

While in Florida, they visited five major attractions - including Universal Studies, MGM Studios, Animal Kingdon, Magic Kingdon and Sea World. Since each park takes a day to go through it, they did not have time to visit Epcot Center.

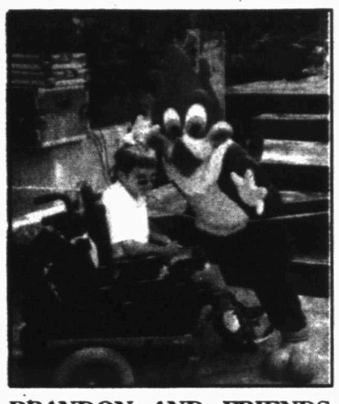
Bedsides the glitz, glamour, fun and adventure provided by the theme parks, the Garvin family also enjoyed a wonderful stay at Give Kids the World Village, which is like a theme park in some ways. In fact, first-time visitors to the area often mistake it for a Disney World-like attraction, Garvin said.

Children with life-threatening illnesses are the top priority at the village, which is governed by a six-foot-tall rabbit whose main job is to make sure that they have lots and lots of fun.

The Garvins, like other visitors, checked in at the House of Hearts and ate breakfasts and dinners at the Gingerbread House. Ice cream was always available at the Ice Cream Palace.

The Garvins stayed in one of the 96 two-bedroom family villas.





BRANDON AND FRIENDS — Brandon Garvin got autographs from many characters while in Florida, Starting top, clockwise are Brandon, center, his brother, Andy, and Shamu the whale; then Scooby Dohrek and Wood Woodpecker. (Contributed Photos)

Each villa was handicapped accessible, a must for Brandon who is in a wheelchair. The villa was furnished with a fully-stocked kitchen, complete with appliances and dishes.

The village has two swimming pools, one located at the Claytonburg Park of Dreams and Audrey's Pool. Julie's Safari Theatre accommodates 100 people and shows cartoons and children's movies twice daily.

Trains, boats and much more await children who visit Amberville's Train Station and more fun can be found at the Castle of Miracles. Give Kids the World also includes a non-denominational chapel as well.

Brandon and each member of his family got to pick out a toy or stuffed animal from a large room





filled to the brim with such treasures. The Make A Wish child also received a Mickey Mouse stuffed toy and the rest of the family received Shamus, all donated by the area's theme parks. Garvin also received a signed football.

Characters from the theme parks also take turns visiting the children at Give Kids the World Village. Mayor rabbit also gets around to spend time with all of the children as well.

Gives Kids the World also presented the Garvins with passes to the area attractions. Brandon was given a special button, which ensured that when they visited one of the parks, they were moved to the head of a line to get a character's autograph or to get on a ride or were allowed to enter ahead of the others and pick out their seats.

The organization also arranges for parents to have a night out. College students baby sit while the parents enjoy a meal elsewhere. The Garvins were given tickets to Planet Hollywood. They carried a beeper with them in case of an emergency.

Should they have the opportunity to take advantage of it, Give Kids the World also presented them with free passes to other parks throughout the world, good for a year.

During their stay at Give Kids The World, the Garvins met other families from all over the nation and other countries as well.

Their first day in Florida, the family visited Sea World. Their second day was spent at Magic Kingdom.

At Sea World, they were entertained by the 20-foot long Shamu and Seymour the Lion. Brandon described the show as "cool." During an audience participation sequence Garvin was chosen and got soaked as part of the stunt.

The Garvins have nothing but praise for the Make a Wish Foundation of the Texas Plains and the Give Kids The World Village, where all of workers are volunteers.

Both organizations provided the local family with a spectacular adventure they won't soon forget. Brandon's favorite part was the various rides available at each park.

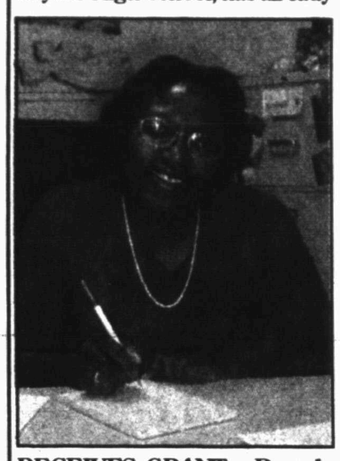
Trina discovered the Make A Wish Foundation on the Internet and entered their names. They interviewed in Lubbock and within a month were on their

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SHS teacher excited about getting grant

By Shirley A. Gorman
SDN News Editor

Christmas may be months away, but Brenda Russell, a resource teacher within the special education department at Snyder High School, has already



RECEIVES GRANT – Brenda Russell is excited about the grant she has received from Jordan Fundamentals Grant Program. (SDN Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

received a special gift — a $2,500 grant from the Jordan Fundamentals Grant Program.

Jordan Fundamentals works with Scholarship Management Services to support educational initiatives. Grant monies will be used for resource materials, supplies, equipment such as computers, classroom furniture, transportation and other costs related to Mrs. Russell's grant proposal.

In August, Mrs. Russell began her fifth year with Snyder ISD. She submitted her proposal to the Jordan Fundamentals Grant Program last May. Entitled "Walking the Walk, Talking the Talk," Mrs. Russell's project is based on a thematic unit within the language arts curriculum.

She wrote the program for the ninth grade resource English class. It concerns a fictional book entitled *Holes*, written by Louis Sachar.

The book is about "real life," Mrs. Russell said. "We will read about 10 pages everyday," She is very excited and is currently gathering everything she will need to teach the course, hopefully beginning early in the spring semester.

She said the special unit will allow the students to utilize many skills such as writing, math and reading. She said they will also discuss different concepts in history, technology and geography.

Some of the other subjects to be covered in the curriculum will include: racial prejudices, homelessness, developmental challenges during the teen years, youth being rehabilitated through the legal system, character analysis, recognition of idioms and slang, interviewing skills, and discussions of coincidences.

Other activities that will relate to the thematic unit will include a visit to a juvenile facility in Post, writing to the juvenile facility residents, having a probation officer as a guest speaker, and researching homelessness within the Snyder community.

The class will also cover poetry, computer generated artwork, study of one's family tree, writing in a journal, comparing graphic designs, researching newspaper articles, and creating Power Point presentations.

Mrs. Russell said she will also treat the students to lunch in a Lubbock restaurant. She hopes that they will also be able to attend a mock trial at the courthouse.

Mrs. Russell said that for many students some of these activities will be a first-time experience. She is excited about the grant and is anxious to get the project going as soon as possible.

Anticipated benefits of this project include the opportunity

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KIWANIS CLUBS' OFFICERS — Kiwanis officers were installed by Billie Smith, Lt. Governor, Div. 22 from Big Spring, at the recent banquet at the Willow Park Inn. In the top photo are, from left, officers of the Golden K Club, Evelyn Tate, outgoing president; Sylvia Spivey, president; and Bernhard Bartels, serving a second term as secretary-treasurer. In the bottom photo are Nicole Lomax, president of the Noon Kiwanis; Paula Bond, first vice president; and Dale Lipsett, secretary-treasurer. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Darcee Purcell, Bud Jones pledge vows in cowboy wedding ceremony

Darcee Colleen Purcell and Lonnie Bud Jones, both of Tulia, were married at 8 p.m. on Aug. 4 at Jack Greene's park in Snyder in a cowboy wedding ceremony. Marshall Bennett of Rotan officiated the double-ring vows.

The bride's parents are Jimmy and Theresa Singletary and Larry and RuthAnne Purcell, all of Snyder. The groom's father is Buddy Jones and his grandmother is Lavada Jones, both of Rotan.

Elizabeth Birmingham of Colorado City played wedding music. The soundtrack from Lonesome Dove played as the cowboys rode up on four bay horses escorting the bridesmaids in the horsedrawn carriage, provided by Leon Pinkard of Slaton. The groom rode down the hill on his sorrel horse. "Will You Marry Me?" by Alabama, was played as Darcee was driven to the back of the guests where her father was waiting to help her out of the horse drawn carriage. The "Wedding March" was played as she was escorted to the stage to meet the groom then "You're Still the One," by Shania Twain, was played.

After the ceremony began, they lit the kerosene lantern as their unity candle while listening to "Forever and Ever, Amen" by Randy Travis. Just before the minister pronounced them husband and wife, the groom walked off the stage where he unsaddled his horse and threw the bride's saddle up on the horse giving his horse to her, an old cowboy tradition, and they walked back up on stage as "Two in the Saddle" by Suzie Luchsinger was played. After the minister introduced them as husband and wife, they played the wedding song as they went to the carriage.

Nick Landes provided the music for the wedding reception and dance.

The bride's father gave her in marriage. She wore a floor-length gown with wide beaded lace forming the waistline. The sleeveless bodice featured a deep squared neckline. Four roses on the bodice back matched the tiara attached to the white fingertip-length veil.



Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Bud Jones
(Contributed Photo)

An arch was covered with sunflowers, red carnations and bluebonnets and ivy entertwined with a white chiffon rope. Two ropes at the bottom of the arch were part of the décor. A wagon wheel covered with bluebonnets also displayed a rope, and old cowboy coffeepot filled with flowers, a cowboy hat and a skull at the bottom. The stage had several brass spittoons holding daisies. A pair of boots filled with flowers reserved the seating for the immediate family.

Bridesmaids were Jody Price of Rotan, Jenny Galloway of Tulia, Veronica Harris of Lubbock and LaTisha Jones, sister of the groom from Sweetwater. They wore denim skirts with conchos up the side and red, blue, yellow and white flowered blouses with three-quarter sleeves, white tees and concho belts. They carried a bouquet of sunflowers, red carnations and bluebonnets with red streamers.

Best man was Josh Helms of Plains. Groomsmen were Leslie Jones, brother of the groom from Rotan, Russell Price of Azle, Jimmy Weaks of Evant and ushers and cowboys included Jason Gruben of Snyder, Cable Goodwin of Seguin and Bay John Slaton of Long.

The groom wore Wrangler blue jeans, black boots, black hat, and white shirt with a black wild rag and a black tuxedo jacket with tails and a white carnation boutonniere. Groomsmen wore blue Wrangler jeans, black hats, and white shirts with a red wild rag and a red carnation boutonniere.

Shawn Miller, sister of the bride from Silverton, registered guests.

The reception and dance followed the ceremony. The bride's cake was served from the back of a chuckwagon provided by Jerry and Mickey Baird. The three tiered cake was topped by a cowboy and cowgirl. It was decorated with sunflowers, bluebonnets and red carnations. An heirloom white cloth covered the table that held the cake and goblets. It was centered with the bridal throw-away bouquet. Tori Thompson made the cake and serving was Shawn Miller.

From the groom's table Kristal Nelson, niece of the groom from Breckenridge, and Kassey Burney of Snyder, served two cakes. One was shaped like a pair of Wrangler jeans, the other was in boot shape with a bluebonnet décor. Cakes were made by Stacy Hirt. Punch was served out of aluminum milk buckets. The centerpiece was sunflowers, bluebonnets and red carnations in a brass spittoon. Little cowboy hats adorned the table.

The couple's wedding trip was to New Braunfels and their new home is in Tulia.

The bride is a 1999 graduate of Snyder High School and is attending West Texas A&M in Canyon, majoring in elementary education. She is employed by the Tulia Police Dept.

The groom is a graduate of Jayton High School and is employed by the Tulia Feedlot.

Connie Huddleston and Elizabeth Birmingham served in the houseparty along with Jerry and Mickey Baird and Eddie and Linda Williams. George Roberts and Pam Bryant took wedding pictures and Jack and Carol Price of Rotan made the wedding video.

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Bridge Scores

Friday, Oct. 5

Jane Hinton directed games at the Snyder Country Club.

A group

1. Margaret Birdwell, Jane Hinton.
2. Dora Blakey, Barbara Yorgesen.
3. Mary Bast, Johnye Van Dever
4. Peggy Hardin, Margaret Presswood.
5. Billisue Stuard, Louise Thompson.

B group

1. Peggy Hardin, Margaret Presswood.
2. Glenn D. Bennett, Warren Haney.
3. Pat Floyd, Vera McSpadden.
4. ElWanda Nall, Bobbie Taylor.
5. Betty Courtney, Dora Rosson.

Sunday, Oct. 7

Jane Hinton directed.

1. Jane Hinton, Nina Nesbit.
2. Dora Blakey, Louise Thompson tied with Nona Morrison, Barbara Yorgesen.

Tuesday, Oct. 9

Monte West directed.

1. Linda West, Monte West.
2. Nonnie Ward, Louise Thompson.
3. Margaret Birdwell, Peggy Hardin.

Library News & Views

By Janie Romine, Librarian

What do the names Thomas Paine, Frederick Douglass, John Muir, John Steinbeck and Robert Frost all have in common?

They are all great American writers whose writings have influenced our American culture. These are also authors whose books are included in the Library of America collection.

The Scurry County Library director, Janie Romine, applied for and received a grant for the Scurry County Library, which includes the complete set of the Library of America.

This project is made possible through the Carnegie Corporation of New York, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the American Library Association.

The collection includes titles such as:

The Debate on the Constitution
George Washington, Writings
Slave Narratives
John J. Audubon, Nature Writings, Journals and Letters
Reporting World War II
Ralph Waldo Emerson, Collected Poetry
American Sermons: The Pilgrims to Martin Luther King

These are all classics of American literature. In order to introduce the public to this exceptional collection, the Scurry County Library Board invites the public to a short presentation on Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the library.

Several prominent citizens will read excerpts from these books or will present a short talk on an American author, or will discuss the influence of these books on our society.

Refreshments will be served. Come and enjoy a night of literary presentation. See you Tuesday night at 7 p.m. at the Scurry County Library!

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The 10,000-mile long Mid-Atlantic Ridge, an underwater chain of mountains that extends southward from Iceland, is the longest mountain range in the world.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♦	Pass
5 NT	Pass	6 ♦	Pass
6 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ K

Saturday, Oct. 13, 2001

First drop, then drop

By Phillip Alder

"Contracts," began the Senior Life Master, "rarely come with one line a standout and the rest also-rans. Normally you will have to choose from among two or three feasible approaches.

"Look at the first deal on my sheets. What logical lines are there in six hearts? Which would you choose? West leads the spade king."

After giving his students some time to study the North-South hands, the SLM resumed.

South can afford only a single major-suit loser. One line is to cash a top trump, enter dummy with a club, and take a heart finesse. Alternatively, go into the dummy immediately and try a first-round heart finesse. This latter approach is better because it picks up queen-fourth in the East hand and loses only to a singleton queen with West.

Best of all, though, is to draw two rounds of trumps. If the queen drops, you are home. Turn to the second sheet. You will see that East still has the heart queen. Yes, the finesse would have worked — but that isn't the key point.

Now you must discard the spade jack on a diamond winner. You might finesse the diamond jack on round two. But that is wrong. As long as East has at least two diamonds, but not queen-fifth, the contract is almost certain. Cash the diamond ace, play a diamond to the king, and ruff a diamond. The queen hasn't dropped, so cross to dummy with a club, ruff another diamond, return to North with a club, and discard the spade jack on the diamond jack. East makes only his top trump.

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School Menus

Snyder

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BREAKFAST
(East, Northeast, Stanfield, West)

Monday
Pigs in a Blanket
Tuesday
Cinnamon
Wednesday
Sausage on a Stick
Thursday
Toasted Cheese Wedge
Friday
Ham & Cheese in a Biscuit

BREAKFAST
(Other Schools)

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

LUNCH

Monday
Crunchy Corn Dog or
Barbecue Rib on a Bun
French Fries
Green Peas
Chilled Fruit
Tuesday
Pepperoni Pizza or
Picnic Wrap
Corn on the Cob
Cucumber Wheels w/Dip
Dalmatian Pudding
Wednesday
Beef Enchiladas or
Green Chili Casserole
Refried Beans
Tossed Salad w/Ranch
Corn Bread
Thursday
Chef Salad w/Crackers or
Oven Baked Barbecue Chicken
Au Gratin Potatoes
Seasoned Green Beans
Muffin Square
Friday
"Fighting Tiger" Cheeseburger or
Turkey Pot Pie
Tater Tots
Lettuce & Pickle Cup
Apple Cinnamon Crisp

Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk.

BREAKFAST

Monday
Juice
Buttered Rice
Toast
Tuesday
Fruit
Cheese Toast
Wednesday
Juice
Scrambled Eggs
Toast
Thursday
Fruit
Biscuits/Sausage
Friday
Juice
Dry Cereal
Toast

LUNCH

Monday
Sliced Turkey/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Frozen Fruit Cup
Tuesday
Barbecued Pork Patties
Potato Salad
Tomato Wedges
Hot Rolls
Fudge Brownies
Wednesday
Steak Fingers/Gravy
Potato Wedges
Bean & Pea Salad
Biscuits
Chilled Peaches
Thursday
Hamburger Casserole
New Potatoes
Glazed Carrots
Hot Rolls
Trail Mix
Friday
Chicken Fajitas/Salsa Sauce
Spanish Rice
Tortilla Chips
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Monday
Breakfast Burritos
Juice
Tuesday
Pancakes
Sausage
Fruit
Wednesday
Oatmeal
Cinnamon Toast
Juice
Thursday
Scrambled Eggs
Bacon
Biscuits
Juice
Friday
Pop Tarts
Juice

LUNCH

Monday
Chicken Fried Steak
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Peas
Hot Rolls
Chocolate Pudding
Tuesday
Turkey ala King
Chicken Spaghetti or Taco Salad
Toast
Cinnamon Crispies
Wednesday
Chicken Nuggets
French Fries
Green Beans
Bread
Shape Ups
Thursday
Hot Dogs
Ranch Style Beans
Chips
Cowboy Cookies
Friday
Goulash
Peas
Corn
Corn Bread
Pineapple

People get to vote

ATHOL, Mass. (AP) — The people of Athol will have the chance to vote next week on an unusual question: should horses, cats and dogs be allowed to join their owners in a tavern for a drink?

Patricia Demarest said she meant it as a joke when she sent in the petition. She told the Telegram & Gazette she wanted to poke fun at Selectman Jim White, who rode a horse into a local bar, despite town law prohibiting animals in such establishments.

"I thought they would consider it, it would be a joke and they would reject it," Demarest said.

She didn't realize that the Board of Selectmen, by law, could not reject it. Now, it's going on the warrant for the fall town meeting, scheduled Monday night in this Massachusetts community.



BRIDAL SHOWER — Lindsey Birks, bride-elect of Brad Robinson, was honoree at a bridal shower recently in the garden room of First Baptist Church. From left are Angie Key and Kami Key, sister and niece of the prospective groom from Midland; Terri Robinson, his sister from Abilene; Evelyn Mebane, his grandmother; Becky Robinson, his mother; the honoree; Kendra Birks, sister of the future bride; Barbara Birks, her mother; Leslie Moore, her cousin, and Renee Moore, her aunt, and Tara Moore, her cousin, all from Roscoe. (Contributed Photo)

Sterling family reunion held at Willow Park

Descendants of T.J. and Pearl Sterling gathered recently for a reunion at Willow Park Inn in Snyder.

T.J. and Pearl were married in 1919 and had lived in Scurry County since 1920. They died 30 years ago and had seven children and 19 grandchildren.

One son, Tommy Jr., is also deceased.

Six surviving children attended the reunion. They include J.M. and Lucille Sterling from Vincent; Buford Sterling of Snyder; Curtis and Josie Sterling of Lubbock; Howard and Jo Sterling of Snyder; Mickey and Joanne Sterling of Knapp; and Ford and Doris Spikes of Snyder.

Grandchildren attending were Jimmy and Theresa Sterling; Sid and June Wall; Terry and Tanya Shafer, Brett and Laura Sterling, Randy and Leigh Ann Erwin, Debra Hester, Van and Renee Spikes, Dannie and Shann Pierce and Bob and Trish Spikes.

Great grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren are Karen and Lacy Sterling; Davi, Jake and Mark Barnes; Drew, Todd, Jess and Kate Wall Cole; Quint, Gil, R.T., Kurt and Claire Shafer; Anna and Jordan Sterling; Shea Scout and Cutter Dodson; Heath and Ty Erwin; John, Carrie and J.R. and Chet Erwin; Sarah and Brodie Pierce; Calli Babb; Shelby and Shanna Spikes and Tom Spikes.

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Only one president of the United States was elected to the House of Representatives after serving as president: John Quincy Adams.

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Colorado is also known as the Centennial State.



STERLING REUNION — Sterling family members attending the reunion included (from left) back row, J.M. Sterling, Josie Sterling, Howard Sterling, Jo Sterling, Ford Spikes, Mickey Sterling; front row, Lucille Sterling, Curtis Sterling, Buford Sterling, Doris Spikes and Joanne Sterling. (Contributed Photo)

Flying pink elephant is cited for trespassing

KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. (AP) — A flying pink elephant has been cited for trespassing on military property.

The elephant-shaped hot-air balloon drifted from Albuquerque on Wednesday during the nine-day annual balloon fiesta and landed on a street across from military housing.

Two other hot-air balloons landed near the gates of the Air Force base, which has been on high security alert level since U.S. military attacks began against Afghanistan.

Base officers ran a background check on the pilot.

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Action in District Court

In the marriage of David Anthony Olivarez and Michelle Olivarez, divorce granted.

Wilford C. and Wanda Joan Senn vs. Texaco Inc., et al, order of dismissal with prejudice regarding defendant CADA Operating Inc.

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Wilford C. and Wanda Joan Senn vs. Texaco Inc., et al, order of dismissal with prejudice regarding defendant Rocker A Operating.

Leasecomm Corporation vs. American State Bank and Sherry L. Thompson, dba Preferred Claims Mgmt., notice of nonsuit.

Deed Records

Larry N. and Nancy Myers to Russell and Tina Cearley, Lot 16 in Block 3 of the Parkway Addition, Section 1.

John C. and Geraldine Burton to Robert Michael Burton, the north one-half of Lots 4-6 in Block 35 of the A.C. Wilmeth Addition.

Kelly R. and Brenda E. Sharp to Prudential Residential Services, the east 66.66 feet of Lot 4 in Block 6 of the Adams Addition.

Residential Services to Brady Cobb Jr., the east 66.66 feet of Lot 4 in Block 6 of the Adams Addition.

Walls Industries Inc. to Ranch Capitol Holding Company Inc., Lots 1-13 of Block 6, Lots 1-13 of Block 7 and Lots 1-26 of Block 9 and Blocks 8-A and 8-B of the First Replat of the Parkway Addition, Section 2.

Leonard and Sharon Pauline Whitte to Ofela Castaneda, the north one-half of Lots 1 and 2 in Block 14 of the Bootheland Addition.

Joe Weldon Stansell to Bobby R. Stansell, tract one being the east 239.05 acres in Section 351, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being all the south 425 acres of Block 97, H&TC survey; tract three being the southeast one-quarter of Section 515, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract four being the east 206.1 acres in Section 462, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract five being 7.5 acres in the southwest corner of the southeast one-quarter of Section 515, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract six being 4.2 acres in Section 515, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Morris Head to Michael G. and Joan Head, the north one-half of the northwest one-quarter of Section 290, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Bonnie Head, individually and as attorney-in-fact for Audry Head, to Michael G. and Joan M. Head, all the southwest one-quarter of Section 299, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Census Bureau reconsiders adjusting figures for 2001

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Census Bureau is nearing a recommendation on whether to use adjusted census figures to help dole out some $185 billion in federal assistance to states and cities.

The federal government uses population-based formulas to distribute the money to Medicaid, foster care and other social service programs. Essentially, the more people a place has, the more money it is eligible for.

The Census is debating whether statistical sampling produces more accurate figures than the raw head count now available.

Most Democrats and civil rights groups say it does, specifically for minority groups and inner-city residents typically missed by the head count.

Generally, Republicans contend adjustment could create more mistakes in the 2000 census, which had a lower net national undercount than 1990's.

Bureau officials set a Monday target date to issue their recommendation, but have hinted it could take longer. A final decision would then be made by Commerce Secretary Don Evans, whose department oversees the bureau.

"The question is, can you use the (adjusted data) to help improve the count," Acting Census Bureau director William Barron said.

The administration faced the same issue earlier this year before recommending against using adjusted data to redraw congressional, state and local political districts.

The bureau then cited too many discrepancies between the sampled figures, the raw count and a third set of data used to measure accuracy, and said it had too little time to study the issue. Evans agreed, clearing the way for only the raw head count to be used for redistricting.

"Adjusted data is the only way to get a fair and accurate count," said New Orleans Mayor Marc Morial, president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

"The failure to adjust will just create another decade of suspicion about the accuracy of the numbers of people who live in these cities," Morial said. An undercount deprived New Orleans of up to $60 million in funding over the 1990s, he added.

Bureau officials have said further research indicates they made the right decision earlier this year. Overall, the Census Bureau has estimated fewer Americans were missed this time than in 1990. Undercounts for most minority groups were also lower.

In most cases, however, there were still higher undercount percentages for minority groups than for non-Hispanic whites.

Other organizations have offered wide-ranging views on the census. For instance:

—Earlier this week, the National Research Council said the 2000 count was "well executed in many respects," including advertising and the redesigned questionnaires.

But the report also noted problems with address lists, and questioned the counting of some 1.2 million people at addresses without information about the size of the households or whether the homes were even occupied.

—A report commissioned by Clinton appointees to the U.S. Census Monitoring Board, an oversight panel, said that states and cities with large minority populations would lose the most money if undercounts were not corrected.

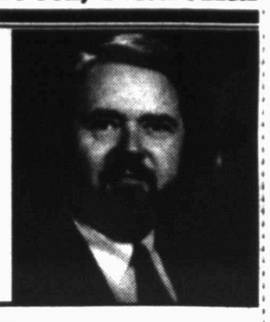
—Republican board members reiterated last week that adjustment could cause more errors. Specifically, the GOP report said sampled data would create "virtual people" and fail to place people who were missed in the neighborhoods where they actually lived.

On the Net:
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Maryland is the seventh state. It was admitted to the Union in 1788.

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



All I need to know...

In his book, *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*, author Robert Fulghum, claims that all the important lessons in life are taught at the kindergarten level. I'm not convinced.

I've seen a good many kindergarten graduates — some in their 30s — and it's obvious to me they didn't learn all the lessons. I didn't go to kindergarten at all, so I missed out entirely. However, even without kindergarten I had two great teachers: experience and people.

From experience I learned that fire is hot and open flame will blister your skin. I learned that barbed wire is hard on clothing and body parts. I learned not to touch electric fences in the rain and that running barefoot in the wild has certain disadvantages.

Here are a few essential lessons I learned from people. I hope you enjoy.

Early lessons

* **From my mother,** I learned the importance of love and honesty. The love she showed by example was unselfish and sacrificial. From her personal integrity I learned there is no right way to do a wrong thing.

* **From my first and only dog, Buster,** I learned about loyalty. For 18 years Buster was a faithful willing-to-do-anything, willing-to-go-anywhere friend. I never heard him growl a harsh bark. He appreciated any small service rendered and was always grateful for any food item I shared with him. When I chose not to share a warm cookie, his loyalty never wavered.

* **From my older brother, Jerrold,** (notice that he ranks right after my dog) I learned that might is not always right. However, that knowledge won't keep your nose from bleeding. I also learned that hard work, practiced diligently, will carry you above the circumstances of poverty.

* **From my uncle, Robert Wetter,** I've learned the value of consistent living. Uncle "Ribs," as we've always called him, was the first to take me on a roller coaster and to a professional baseball game. Those are memorable thrills, but what I remember most is his example of solid, dependable, Christian living.

Lessons from school

* **From Mrs. Irvin, my first-grade teacher,** I learned the value of rewarding outstanding performance. I can still remember the first brightly colored pencil I received for completing a difficult assignment.

* **From Mr. Layson, my fifth-grade instructor,** I learned that discipline really does shape character. It also makes sitting uncomfortable.

* **From Mrs. McCracken, my eight-grade teacher,** I learned that respect isn't generated by physical strength or size. Mrs. McCracken stood about 4 foot 6 inches tall and weighed less than 100 pounds. She earned our respect because she cared enough about us to demand our best efforts.

* **From Mr. Trower, my high school vocational agriculture instructor,** I learned the importance of public speaking. The ability to stand before an audience and speak forcefully, fluently and convincingly is a valuable skill.

* **From Mr. Porter, our school superintendent,** I learned that it is always best to think before you speak. And, it's often better not to speak at all.

Lessons from bosses

* **From Frank Smith,** I learned that all bosses like "hustle."

* **From Bill Foster,** I discovered that if you want to keep good employees you have to pay them what they're worth.

* **From Dave Hannen,** I learned the value of being worth more than you're being paid.

* **John Stensland** taught me that knowing your product and knowing how it will benefit the customer is a good start on making the sale.

Thank you all for the lessons. I'm sure there were times when you didn't think I was listening, but I was. And, I'm still learning.

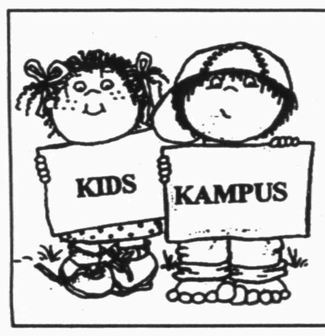
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Deaths in work zones set new record

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than 1,000 people were killed in construction work zones last year, the deadliest year on record, new federal statistics show.

New National Highway Traffic Safety Administration statistics show that 1,093 people died in work zone crashes last year, a 25 percent increase over the then-record 872 fatalities recorded in 1999.

Five more workers were killed earlier this week in Monaca, Pa., northwest of Pittsburgh, when an out-of-control apple truck crashed into a construction crew near a county bridge. Witnesses said the truck driver was driving erratically and attempting to dodge orange construction barrels and other vehicles.



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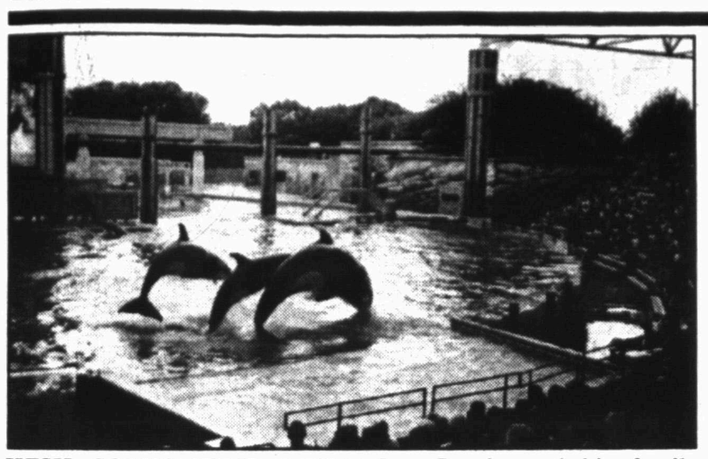
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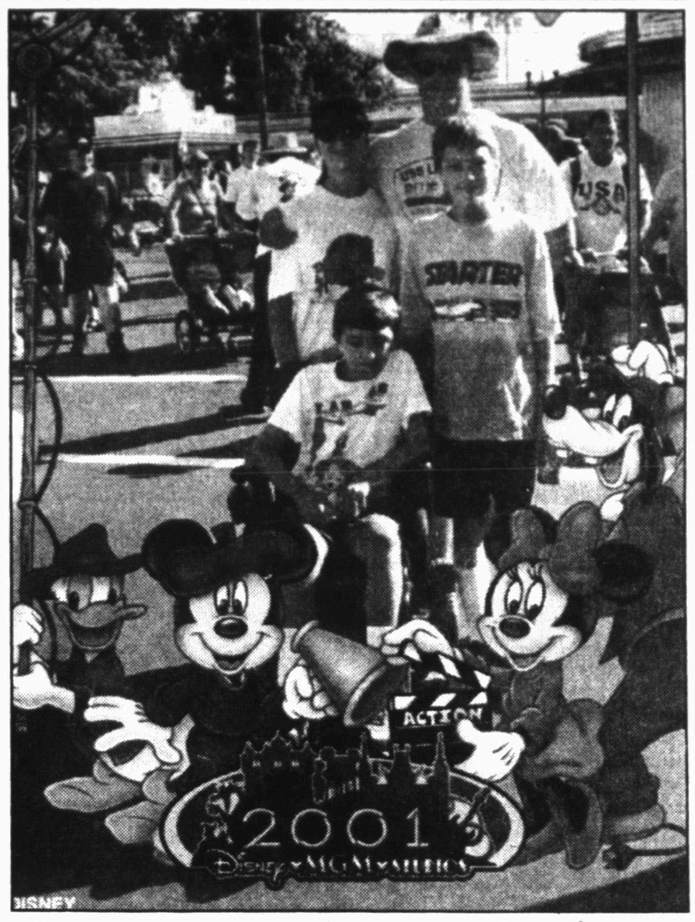
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WISH COMES TRUE — Brandon Garvin and his family enjoyed a Florida adventure in August, courtesy of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Plains and Give Kids The World Village in Kissimmee, Fla. The Garvin family (above photo) enjoyed Shamu's show at Sea World. The photo at right was taken right after the Garvins walked throug the gates of MGM Studios. In back are Trina and James. In front are Brandon and Andy. (Contributed Photos)

Wish comes true for 10-year-old

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way to Florida.

James is especially complimentary of Monica Moreno, their wish coordinator, who made all of the arrangements. Taking in the sights of Florida was Brandon's second choice. First choice was to meet pop-singer Britney Spears but Moreno wasn't able to arrange that within Brandon's time frame so he chose Florida instead.

James has worked for the Colorado River Municipal Water District for about 10 months. They moved to Lake Thomas from Snyder in May and the boys now attend Borden County School. However, the family remains very active in Snyder Boy Scouts. James has became a volunteer firefighter for Scurry County, and he recently took his EMT state licensing test.

Give Kids The World Village was founded in 1986 by Henri Landwirth, a Holocaust survivor.

The Lubbock Division of Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Texas Plains serves 28 counties around the city of Lubbock where each year more than 100 children are newly diagnosed with a qualifying illness.

More people are buying guns following attacks

DALLAS (AP) — Shooters blew away images of Osama bin Laden's head at a firing range as John Augustus scanned a case of Glocks and thought about self-defense if terrorists strike again.

Firearms retailers across the nation say Augustus fits the profile of the new gun buyer in the wake of the terrorist attacks. Many are professionals who have never owned a weapon, but want extra protection in the case of another attack.

"These aren't people wearing camouflage and face paint," said Karl Durkheimer, owner of The Northwest Armory in Portland, Ore. "There is an increase of female purchasers, increase in older age groups, lots of people wearing Dockers and polo shirts. They seem to be well-educated and well-meaning people."

Shop owners say the buyers understand that a gun won't defend them against every potential threat, but they want a measure of defense.

"I don't think anybody thinks they're going to stop a plane crash or anthrax bomb, but I do think they know the threat is closer than it's ever been," said Ken Goldberg, creator of the bin Laden targets and owner of the range where Augustus perused the handgun selection. "Since we don't know what shape that threat is going to take in the future, people just want to do whatever they can."

Handgun figures show a sharp rise in gun demand after the Sept. 11 attacks.

Requests at the Texas Department of Public Safety for the application packet for a concealed handgun license have soared more than 100 percent since the week of the attacks.

The National Instant Criminal Background Check System, an FBI division that conducts instant checks for firearms sales, reports that the checks for long guns, handguns and other transactions increased 21 percent in the month following the Sept. 11 attacks, compared with the same period last year. That follows a 7 percent decline in the period between 1999 and 2000.

Gun opponents, however, warn that buying weapons out of fear about terrorism will do nothing.

"Terrorists are not attacking American institutions with armed troops. I don't know what people are hoping to accomplish with that," said Kenneth Stevens of the Tarrant County chapter of Texans Against Gun Violence.

At the Pistol Parlor Inc. in East Greenbush, N.Y., owner Ed Ott called sales "fantastic" — about 40 percent above normal. He said he sold about 500 guns between Sept. 11 and Sept. 30.

"People are finally realizing they have to take care of themselves. The police can't protect them. People are made aware that this sort of thing can happen in the United States," Ott said. "People are not sitting on the fence no more. They're taking action."

Durkheimer said sales for handguns, ammunition and AK-47s have spiked at his shop.

Russell gets grant

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for students to be involved in a multidisciplinary academic approach to learning. They are also expected to be exposed to a heightened sensitivity to diversity and the opportunity to apply classroom lessons in broad social settings.

Mrs. Russell graduated from McMurry University in 1992, but wasn't certified as a teacher then. Instead she was hired as the Head Start director for the PPI office in Sweetwater, where she wrote grants for four and one-half years.

"I didn't like pushing papers," she said. So she chose to pursue her teacher's certification through Region XIV's alternative certificate program.

Mrs. Russell said she has always liked teaching. Growing up with seven brothers, she said they played school a lot. She always worked in daycare for several years, preparing 3-5-year-olds for kindergarten.

Those pre-schoolers always became very special to her. Now it's the ones in resource she holds so dear.

"Now I get so attached to these students," Mrs. Russell said. "It's nice to go to work and really love your job."

She and her husband, Nolan, live in Colorado City, where he works for TXU. They have one child in high school and another in college.

Commodity prices likely to drop due to more harvests

WASHINGTON (AP) — Farmers are harvesting more corn, soybeans and other crops than expected, and the government says commodity prices are likely to drop as a result.

In its monthly survey of crop conditions, the Agriculture Department on Friday estimated the soybean harvest at a record high 2.9 billion bushels, up 3 percent from the September forecast and 5 percent above last year's production.

Corn production was estimated at 9.4 billion bushels, up 2 percent from the September forecast and 5 percent below last year's harvest.

Weather conditions were ideal in many areas of the South and Midwest last month, the department said. As a result, average soybean yields are expected to reach 39.2 bushels per acre, one bushel an acre more than expected in September. In Indiana, yields are hitting 49 bushels an acre.

The average price that farmers are paid for soybeans is expected to drop to about $4.30 per bushel, down from the $4.90 estimated last month. Last year, the average price was $4.55 per bushel.

The government, not farmers, would bear the brunt of that price drop. The government guarantees soybean growers a minimum return of $5.26 per bushel by providing subsidies when market prices are below that level.

The estimated corn price was lowered 5 cents to an average of $2.10 per bushel, still above the government's guarantee of $1.89 per bushel.

The corn and soybean harvest "is bigger than what the trade thought, but not as big as we were talking in the spring," said Don Roose, an analyst with U.S. Commodities Inc. "We're already at prices that are on the low side of the government estimates."

Commodity prices fell sharply on the Chicago Board of Trade following release of the USDA's harvest estimates. Corn for December delivery dropped 51/4 cents to $2.08 a bushel and November soybeans fell 111/2 cents to $4.361/4 a bushel.

The lower crop prices benefit cattle, hog and poultry producers by holding down the cost of feed.

The cotton harvest is estimated at 20.1 million bales, slightly higher than the September forecast and 17 percent above last year's production.

USDA also is predicting significant increases in crops such as peanuts and canola.

Federal study will try smaller dose of smallpox vaccine

BETHESDA, Md. — Researchers are beginning a large new study to see if they can dilute the nation's small stockpile of smallpox vaccine to make it stretch farther in case of a bioterrorist attack.

Fresh batches of vaccine are on order, but experts hope that adding more liquid to the existing supply will be a temporary solution at least until those begin to arrive next summer.

The need for protection against the disease, which has been eradicated in its natural form, has become more pressing since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. There is no treatment for smallpox, and routine vaccinations ceased in the United States in 1972 because it was no longer considered a threat. Most people vaccinated before then have lost their resistance to the virus.

Some experts fear that smallpox manufactured by the Soviet Union in the 1980s for biowarfare may have been obtained by rogue nations and could be used in bioterrorist attacks.

The government has 15.4 million doses of smallpox vaccine stockpiled at secret warehouses around the country. Researchers at four institutions will test whether the vaccine can be diluted to one-fifth and one-tenth of their standard dosage and still prevent infection.

"It's a very quick way to markedly expand the amount of vaccine that we already have, which on face value in the undiluted form would not be a lot. It's prudent to be prepared," said Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, head of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease, which is funding the experiment.

If the approach works, Fauci said the diluted vaccine could be ready by the end of this year.

However, diluting the vaccine is not meant to be an alternative to the new doses in production, said Dr. Sharon Frey, the lead researcher on the smallpox study at St. Louis University. "This is a stopgap measure to make more doses available until that new vaccine is developed."

Over a 21/2-month period beginning next month, researchers at St. Louis, the University of Maryland, the University of Rochester and Baylor College of Medicine will study 684 adults under the age of 32 who have never been vaccinated for smallpox. They will see if the diluted vaccines trigger production of protective antibodies and create a telltale scab.

In a pilot study last year on 20 people, researchers used vaccines diluted by 10 times and by 100 times. The one-tenth doses produced a significant number of positive results, while the doses that were 100 times weaker had little effect.

Anything that would increase the country's limited stockpile is an improvement, said Dr. Neal Halsey, who studies vaccines at the Johns Hopkins University.

"I am sure there is nowhere near enough smallpox vaccine to provide it to everyone in the country and even those who would be exposed in a large incident," he said.

Smallpox is a viral disease that causes high fevers, rashes and sores that cover the whole body. The disease is fatal in about a third of all cases.

While inhaled anthrax is much more lethal, killing roughly 90 percent of all patients, it isn't contagious. Smallpox released in a bioterror attack, however, could spread rapidly throughout a population and infect thousands because it is passed through the air.

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UN and Annan share Peace Nobel

OSLO, Norway (AP) — The United Nations and Secretary-General Kofi Annan won the Nobel Peace Prize on Friday for their efforts to achieve a "more peaceful world."

Annan, who has devoted almost his entire working life to the world body, was lauded for "bringing new life to the organization," that has often taken great risks in the promotion of human rights and conflict resolution since the end of World War II.

Annan, who was woken shortly after 5 a.m. in New York with the news, said he was humbled and challenged. "It honors the U.N. but also challenges us to do more and do better, not to rest on our laurels," he said.

The prize winners were decided following the Sept. 11 terror attacks on the United States and the citation specifically noted that Annan "has risen to such new challenges as HIV/AIDS and international terrorism, and brought about more efficient utilization of the U.N.'s modest resources."

The United Nations was cited for its work "for a better organized and more peaceful world."

Geir Lundestad, the committee's secretary, noted that the winner was picked Sept. 28 — 17 days after the terror attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon and almost a week into the U.S. military response in Afghanistan. "Of course, the committee was very aware of that event," he said.

Nobel committee chairman Gunnar Berge said the United Nations and Annan "would have been relevant candidates no matter what but the recent events make them more relevant," he said.

Annan has responded to the terror attacks by trying to galvanize an international campaign under the U.N. umbrella to defeat terrorism. On Thursday, President Bush suggested that the United Nations help rebuild Afghanistan with help from the United States.

Annan said Friday that "depending on what happens in Afghanistan, the U.N. may have an important role there to play. But that will also depend on the member states in terms of the kind of mandate we are given and the resources and support that comes with it."

Annan, born in 1938 in Ghana, became U.N. secretary-general in 1997. He has been praised for his character, moral leadership, his focus on conflicts in Africa and the Middle East and his efforts to combat AIDS.

He joined the United Nations in 1962 as an administrator with the World Health Organization in Geneva. His U.N. career has been incredibly varied with posts in Africa and Europe in almost every area of the organization, from budget management to the head of U.N. peacekeeping.

He was the first leader to be elected from the ranks of United Nations staff, tapped for the top job after the United States lobbied to prevent his predecessor, Boutros Boutros-Ghali of Egypt, from taking a second term.

In an unprecedented vote of confidence, Annan was unanimously reappointed to a second five-year term by the 189 U.N. member states in June, six months before his first term expires on Dec. 31.

Annan's wife, Nane, told AP she was "bubbling over with happiness for my husband and for everyone working at the U.N."

U.N. agencies and people connected to it repeatedly have won the prize, but it had never gone to the world body itself.

U.N. spokeswoman Marie Heuze said in Geneva that the award was particularly symbolic because it marked the 100th anniversary of the Nobel Prize and came at a time when the United Nations is having to work very hard to ensure the security of its staff.

Nearly 200 U.N. humanitarian workers have been killed in the past decade and 1,650 U.N. peacekeepers from 85 countries have died in the line of duty since 1948. Heuze said the prize was an "honor of all those who have been killed for the objectives and values of the U.N."

The peace prize committee said it wanted to mark its centennial this year by proclaiming that "the only negotiable route to global peace and cooperation goes by way of the United Nations."

British Prime Minister Tony Blair and other world leaders were quick to offered their congratulations.

"No one and no organization is more deserving of this prestigious award. And no better time for it to be announced, as we struggle to bring to justice those who struck at the heart of the free world just blocks away from the U.N. headquarters in New York," Blair said in a statement.

The Nobel committee said the United Nations and Annan would share the $943,000 award in equal parts.

Founded in 1945 by 51 nations, the United Nations has almost quadrupled in membership, is richer and more diverse. It now employs about 52,100 people at U.N. headquarters in New York and 29 other organizations scattered around the globe.

Lawyer plans to marry suspected terrorist

PARIS (AP) — The lawyer for suspected terrorist Carlos the Jackal said Friday that she and her client plan to get married — as soon as their divorces go through.

"It's a marriage of love and of compatibility of ideas," attorney Isabelle Coutant-Peyre told reporters in announcing her nuptial plans with Ilich Ramirez Sanchez, Carlos' real name.

"Between the image of him that is presented and the reality of what he is, there is a big difference. He is far more conformist than I."

The marriage will likely take place at La Sante prison in Paris, where Ramirez is serving a life sentence for a triple murder in 1975.

The 51-year-old Venezuelan gained international notoriety during the Cold War for staging a string of deadly bombings, assassinations and hostage seizures.

He was sentenced to life in prison in 1997 by a Paris court for the 1975 murders of two French secret agents and an alleged informer.

Ramirez also testified last year in a French court that he led the 1975 attack on OPEC headquarters in Vienna that left three people dead.

Ramirez, who says he has killed 83 people, has also been linked to the 1976 hijacking of an Air France jet to Entebbe, Uganda. He was arrested in Khartoum, Sudan in 1994.

Ramirez converted to Islam and married a Muslim woman while living in Sudan in the early 1990s. In the 1980s, he had married Magdalena Kopp, a German whose name was linked with the German-based Revolutionary Cells terrorist group for nearly two decades.

Coutant-Peyre, also married, said later by telephone that divorce proceedings had been started on both sides in July and "it's almost over."

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Q & A

Texas drug facts

The Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups, the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (CADA), and the Scurry County Community Coalition are devoting this column to current information and answering your questions about substance abuse.

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

Texas Drug Facts

The 2000 Texas School Survey is the nation's largest survey of its kind. The survey examines alcohol and drug usage among students, as well as student attitudes, extracurricular involvement and other behaviors. The survey is conducted every two years by Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse in conjunction with the Public Policy Research Institute of Texas A&M University.

GRADES 4 — 6 TCADA surveyed 127,380 students in grades 4 - 6 from 71 Texas school districts. Among the findings:

* In 2000, 27.5% students reported they had tried alcohol, a 7% decrease from 1998. Alcohol use among this age group has shown a steady decline throughout the past decade.

* The percentage of students who said they had ever used tobacco decreased 23% in 2000 to 12.5% from 16.3% in 1998. It was the most dramatic two-year decline in this category since the elementary survey began in 1990

* In 2000, 2.8% of students said they had tried marijuana, a drop of 22% from 1998. Marijuana use among this age group peaked in 1994, but has fallen 50% since that time.

* The percentage of students who said they have used inhalants fell 13% from 1998 to 10.7% in 2000.

GRADES 7 — 12 TCADA surveyed 127,380 students in grades 7-12 from 71 Texas school districts. Among the findings:

Alcohol use:

* Alcohol continues to be the most widely used substance among Texas students with 71% of students reporting they had used alcohol at some point in their lives. This percentage has remained relatively steady in recent years; however, the rate fell 7% among seventh graders, continuing the downward trend seen in the elementary survey. Seventh graders also reported a 14% drop in past-month use of alcohol.

* The percentage of past-month alcohol users who reported it was easy to get alcohol from stores has decreased 38% since 1994. The percentage fell 14% from 1998 to 2000.

* More than 9% of students said they had attended class while drunk at least once during the past school year.

* Binge drinking, defined as having five or more drinks on one occasion, was reported by 27% of students.

* One in four seniors said they had driven a car after having a good bit to drink at least once during the past year. This represents 80,000 impaired drivers on Texas roads each year.

* Among seventh graders, 74% reported that their parents strongly disapproved of underage drinking; however, the rate fell to 54% among seniors.

* Only 22% of students who said their parents disapproved of teen alcohol use reported past-month drinking, compared to 55% of their peers who reported their parents approved of teen alcohol use.

Tobacco use:

* The percentage of students reporting they had used tobacco in the month before the survey fell 15% between 1998 and 2000. Among lower grades, the decrease was even greater. Seventh graders reported a 30% decline, and eighth graders reported a 19% drop.

* Lifetime use of tobacco fell 7% between 1998 and 2000 to 51.1%. Again, the biggest declines were seen among younger students. The percentage of seventh graders reporting they had tried tobacco at some point in their lives fell 18% from 1998 to 2000.

* In 2000, 7% of seniors reported smoking more than a half a pack of cigarettes per day in the month before the survey, compared to 9% in 1998.

Other trends:

* The percentage of 7-12 graders reporting they had ever used any illicit drug decreased to 33.7% in 2000, a 7% drop from 1998. Again, lower grades showed a larger decrease. The rate fell 21% among seventh graders, and there was a 15% drop among eighth graders.

* There was a 10% decline in the percentage of students reporting they had used marijuana in the month before the survey, to 13.7% in 2000 from 15.2% in 1998. Among seventh graders, there was a 21% decline in past-month marijuana use.

* Inhalant abuse showed significant declines among virtually all grades for both lifetime and past-month use. The overall rate for lifetime use fell 14%, and there was a 22% decrease reported for seventh graders.

* While the numbers remained steady from 1998, cocaine and crack use remains a problem among Texas students. In 2000, 9% of secondary students reported they had tried cocaine or crack, and 3.1% reported using these substances in the month before the survey.

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Date Book

Saturday, Oct. 13, 2001

Today is the 286th day of 2001 and the 22nd day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1775, the Continental Congress created the Continental Navy, which eventually became the United States Navy.

On this day in 1915, the Young Men's Progressive Civic Association of St. Louis, Mo., was founded. In 1918, its name was changed to the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

On this day in 1989, evangelist Billy Graham was honored with a star on Hollywood Boulevard's Sidewalk of Stars.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Herb Block (1909-), political cartoonist, is 92; Nipsey Russell (1924-), comedian, is 77; Margaret Thatcher (1925-), British prime minister, is 76; Lenny Bruce (1926-1966), comedian; Paul Simon (1941-), singer-songwriter, is 60; Marie Osmond (1959-), singer, is 42; Glenn "Doc" Rivers (1961-), basketball player, is 40; Jerry Rice (1962-), football player, is 39.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1967, the Oakland Oaks and the Anaheim Amigos played the first game of the American Basketball Association.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The greatest deception men suffer is from their own opinions." — Leonardo Da Vinci

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Oct. 10) and new moon (Oct. 16).

Sunday, Oct. 14, 2001

Today is the 287th day of 2001 and the 23rd day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1774, the Continental Congress placed an embargo on British and Irish imports.

On this day in 1922, Lt. Lester J. Maitland set an air speed record by flying an airplane at 216.1 mph for 50 kilometers.

On this day in 1954, in Egypt, Cecil B. De Mille began filming "The Ten Commandments."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: William Penn (1644-1718), Quaker leader-founder of Pennsylvania; Eamon De Valera (1882-1975), Irish statesman; Dwight D. Eisenhower (1890-1969), U.S. president; John Wooden (1910-), basketball coach, is 91; C. Everett Koop (1916-), U.S. surgeon general, is 85; Roger Moore (1927-), actor, is 74; Ralph Lauren (1939-), designer, is 62; Harry Anderson (1949-), actor, is 52; Greg Evigan (1953-), actor, is 48.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1964, Billy Mills won the 10,000-meter footrace at the Tokyo Summer Olympics.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "If thou thinkest twice before thou speakest once, thou wilt speak twice the better for it." — William Penn

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Oct. 10) and new moon (Oct. 16).

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Selena gets star

EDINBURG (AP) — The Tejano Walk of Fame now includes the name of late music star Selena Quintanilla and four other musicians.

The names were added Thursday evening at the third annual induction ceremony.

Selena was honored along with Esteban Jordan, Sunny Ozuna, Isidro Lopez and Ricardo Guzman for their lifetime contributions to the Tejano music industry in the ceremony at Edinburg Municipal Auditorium.

A Corpus Christi native, Selena had five CDs on the Billboard 200 chart and won a Grammy Award in 1995 in the best Mexican-American album category for her album, "Selena Live."

Selena was shot and killed by Yolanda Saldivar on March 31, 1995, at a Corpus Christi motel. Saldivar, former president of Selena's fan club, was convicted of murder and is serving a life sentence.

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Your Birthday

Sunday, Oct. 14, 2001

A dynamic new friendship could develop for you in the year ahead. It may be with a person who is extremely enterprising and who will have a great influence on your success.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Because people believe that what you want to do for them is not motivated by selfish reasons, they will be cooperative and be more than willing to do your bidding for you today. Libra, treat yourself to a birthday gift.

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SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Methods or procedures you apply today will be the ones which could help you get things done that you couldn't accomplish otherwise. Don't be reluctant to test them out.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — In order to manifest your material prospects today, they must be given top priority and focus. Make finding ways for making money your primary concern and you'll discover new avenues.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — When you exercise your initiative instead of waiting on others, things should go very well for you today. Don't hesitate to take command of situations and circumstances.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — You have a unique ability to unravel problems others have left dangling. Use your gifts for their good, but for your own welfare as well.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — By closely observing an individual who operates in a manner you admire, you can learn much today. This person's modus operandi can be applied to situations that presently affect you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Even if this isn't a workday for you, you could be highly motivated to accomplish a career objective. It may be as simple as laying out a sound blueprint.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — It may be fruitless to try to do any chores today, because all your pals could be clamoring for your company and making social plans for you. You might have to throw in the towel.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Through the good auspices of another, something you've wanted to alter but have lacked the power to do so may be accomplished today. It's the support you've needed.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Your mind is especially keen today and very capable of tackling the most perplexing decisions. You'll sort things out in such a skilled manner, the answers will be clear.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — By using your abilities, knowledge, and talents on behalf of others today, this could turn out to be an extremely rewarding for you materially.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You may not take yourself too seriously today, but you will play to win. You have the ability to lighten the attitude of others by keeping things in a game-like perspective.

Monday, Oct. 15, 2001

Long-lasting successes could be established in the year ahead for several personal objectives. This success could take place in both your work world and your social environment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Your probability for high achievement looks better than usual today, but there's a catch. If you don't follow through as thoroughly as you should, the results will be far from perfect. Major changes are ahead for Libra in the coming year.

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SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Take care of any serious issues as early in the day as possible. Later may be too late to do anything about what develops.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — It won't be the large difficult issues that give you fits today; you'll take those in stride. It's the minor infractions that could unravel you and trip you up.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — So long as you keep everything in proper perspective today, you'll have no trouble handling everything as it comes. Lose that outlook and you'll lose your advantage.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — You could do rather well today in thought-provoking initiatives, especially when dealing with people. However, what you leave up to chance could crumble.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Under no circumstances today must you allow your emotions to govern when logic should prevail. If you let your feelings dominate, they will distort the issue.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — A difficult arrangement can be readjusted to your advantage today, but don't take this as a cue to press for extra perks. You could lose what you've gained.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Even though those who are performing a service for you today achieve an acceptable level, you may be disappointed if it doesn't turn out the way you see it in your mind.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" is a good motto to live by today. Friends could turn on you if you don't give as good as you get.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You're basically a generous, compassionate person who derives much pleasure in giving. The problem today is you may believe you're entitled to get something better back than you gave.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Try to figure out some way you can personally reciprocate or acknowledge those who have been helpful to you recently when that chance arises today. Don't leave them disappointed.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today you may a part of something that has great value, but only if you do your share in bringing it about. Otherwise, it could be a bust.

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Hundreds of bodies exhumed

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Forensic experts have completed the exhumation of hundreds of bodies unearthed from one of the largest mass graves discovered in Bosnia since the 1992-95 war, officials said Friday.

Jasmin Odobasic, deputy head of the Muslim Commission for Missing Persons, said 372 bodies have been exhumed over the past four weeks from a former iron mine near the Serb-held town of Prijedor, 110 miles northwest of the capital, Sarajevo.

The victims are believed to be Bosnian Muslims and Croats killed by Serb troops at the beginning of the war.

Odobasic said his team will continue to search the area for additional bodies.

Scurry County Service Men & Women

(Editor's Note: Citizens are invited to write their servicemen and servicewomen stationed stateside and overseas. Anyone having additions, changes or corrections to the list should submit them in writing to the Snyder Daily News, P.O. Box 949, Snyder, TX, 79550, bring them by the office at 3600 College Ave., or e-mail to gorman@snyderdailynews.com. Sorry, for accuracy's sake, no addresses will be accepted over the telephone.

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SDN seeks update for military addresses

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Sweet Land of Liberty by Nat Hentoff

An attack on civilization

Secretary of State Colin Powell spoke to the essence of the Sept. 11 terrorist attack on Sept. 11. "This was not," he said, "just an assault on the United States. It was an assault on civilization."

One of my daughters has three young children. They live in St. Louis. When Jessica called that day to find out whether I had been in my office, not far from the World Trade Center, when it was blown up, she asked, "How can I explain this horror to the kids? How can I explain how people can do this?"

I told her what I would say to my grandchildren: "Everywhere in the world, there are some people so on fire with a belief, a total reason for being, that they can kill others who do not share that belief for the overwhelming purpose of advancing their particular religious or political commands."

We have had such zealots in this country, I would add. Just before the Civil War, John Brown, who would free all the slaves, would also murder anyone, guilty or innocent of involvement in slavery, whom he felt stood in his way. And there is the murderous fringe of the pro-life movement, who betray their own stated belief that all life is sacred by urging the killing — and sometimes they actually assassinate — doctors who perform abortions.

And I would tell my grandchildren of the young Palestinians, the suicide bombers, who blow themselves up as they murder Israelis, many of them as young as they are, in the name of Palestinian independence. On the day of the terrorist slaughter of Americans, Palestinians of all ages were dancing in the streets — rejoicing in the killing of Americans because this country is an ally of Israel.

I would especially tell my grandchildren to avoid losing their respect for all life by abandoning their own humanity when they became part of a "greater" goal that teaches them to regard other people as disposable.

There is something else to be learned from the terrorist attacks on America on Sept. 11. A television reporter — with bodies on stretchers behind him — said on that day, "America will never be the same."

But there is another way to consider the long-range effects of that day of horror. Now that we know "national security" is more than a catch phrase, will America again be so captured by fear as to cast a net of suspicion over many of its own citizens? As The New York Times said in an editorial the day after the terrorist war on the city, "The temptation will be great in the days ahead to write Draconian new laws that give law-enforcement agencies — or even military forces — a right to undermine the civil liberties that shape the character of the United States."

And a Washington Post poll of Sept. 12 reveals: "two in three were willing to 'surrender some of the liberties we have in this country' to crack down on terrorism." Later, a CBS-New York Times poll said even more of us would yield our rights.

In too many American schools, our history is only fragmentarily taught. How many Americans know of the "Red Scare" of 1919 and the 1920s, when large numbers of alleged radicals, subversives and "Bolsheviks" were rounded up in 33 cities. Without any meaningful chance to defend themselves, some were summarily deported.

And while the phrase "McCarthyism" is still heard, I wonder how many Americans who did not live through Joe McCarthy's reign of blacklisting understand the fear he instilled in many people who, like myself, were as anti-Communist as he was, but who also knew that criticism of his methods could categorize us as "subversives" by the legion of McCarthyites around the country.

Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas used to remind us that the guarantees of the Bill of Rights are "not self-executing." We have to make them work. And in one of our last conversations, Justice William Brennan said, "The framers knew that liberty is a fragile thing, and so should we."

Meanwhile, Arab-Americans are being reviled on our streets by fellow Americans because of the terror attacks. They are now experiencing the fragility of their own liberty — not by actions of their government, but from stereotyping by other citizens. The Sept. 10 N.Y. Daily News reported, "Two veiled women pushing baby strollers" in an Arab-American neighborhood were surrounded by "angry youths who hurled epithets at them." I'm sure those youths consider themselves patriots.

As Justice Anthony Kennedy has said, "The Constitution needs renewal and understanding each generation, or it's not going to last." This is a crucial responsibility of all of us in a time of national danger.

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North of Forty by Red Green

The need to feel important

From the stories I've read about men isolated on a desert island or lost in the wilderness, it seems that they often will build something to leave behind. Something that gives meaning to their lives. OK, now once in a while these statues made of bananas, or buildings made to look like a dog, have some artistic value. Usually they end up being the ugliest thing in the jungle. But that doesn't matter.

These men are alone and feel abandoned and are making these monuments to help them survive by giving themselves a sense of accomplishment and some degree of significance. All men have these same drives. Including the man in your house. It is therefore very important that you do everything you can to make him feel significant.

Otherwise you'll end up with a gazebo made from hockey sticks or driveway ornaments carved out of tractor tires. If you won't do it for his benefit, or even for your own, I'm begging you to please do it for the good of the neighborhood.

LOOKING GOOD CAN BE BAD

We're supposed to have a classless society where people are all equal. One of the many ways that doesn't quite happen is in the area of job status. Generally the white-collar office workers are seen to be higher up the financial and evolutionary ladder than their blue-collar counterparts. I think we're all missing a very important aspect here.

When you're a high-powered executive, chairing meetings and making decisions all day, you need to look good — in control, perfectly groomed and extremely successful. You must buy expensive clothes and get manicures and have your hair dyed every time the company thinks about down-sizing. On the other hand, the guy on the street, working the jackhammer, is not expected to look good.

As long as he's there, and the jackhammer is running, he's pretty much fulfilling all of his job requirements. He also has a lot more freedom in the fashion and grooming department. He can wear anything that satisfies the safety and morality laws. He doesn't need monthly haircuts or even weekly shaves. If he works alone, he doesn't even need to shower. In some ways, the worse he looks, the better he seems suited for his job. And as both of these men get older, the executive finds it harder and harder to look good, which puts his employment in jeopardy, whereas the road construction guy looks more and more like he's the perfect man for the job.

YOU MUST LOOK BUSY

We all have occasions when there's something going on in our house that we're expected to help out with, and we just don't feel like it. The only way out of these difficult situations is to look busy. But do it right. Wives and children are extremely skeptical:

— Bring legal-sized documents home from work and spread them all over the dining room table. Make sure they're not in English, to avoid difficult questions.

— Have a friend phone you four or five times an hour and always answer on the first ring. You can do the same for him next Saturday.

— Yell out occasional messages to the rest of the family; things like "Have any of you been using my credit card?" or "Well this is just great!"

— Set your printer to print off all of your documents while you play Solitaire.

— Go outside and lie down under the car as if you're checking something. Make sure you have the keys first.

— Take off your shirt and ask your wife for a bottle of aspirin.

— Sprint to the bathroom. Count to three and then sprint back to your work area, yelling to everyone that you're fine.

PEDDLING FACTS

We all know that one of the ways we can save the environment is to ride a bicycle to the office, instead of taking our cars. I tried it last Tuesday. I arrived nine hours late with bad hair and a false-alarm heart attack.

QUOTE OF THE DAY: "Sometimes people with really firm handshakes are just trying not to fall over." — **Red Green**

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Letter to the Editor

Fundraiser suggestion

Dear Editor:

This last weekend, my husband and I attended an Oktoberfest. It was a great fundraiser for the city. The cost to get in was $6 per person and the cost of the food was $6 per person, per dinner, plus drinks. There was a very good German band.

The turnout was really great, as normally you don't get German food at most restaurants. They had items you could buy, such as German hats and T-shirts.

The event was sponsored by the city and the local electric company. Why doesn't Snyder do more fundraisers such as this one?

Yours truly,
Jean Leonardy

EDITORIAL COMMENT

El Paso Times

Righteous resolve

If Osama bin Laden and the al-Qaida terrorists thought America and her allies were too weak-willed to respond to an increasing volley of international terrorism, culminating in the Sept. 11 attacks, they have been proved wrong.

American and British naval and air units pounded terrorist assets in Afghanistan Sunday in what is acknowledged to be the opening broadside of a sustained effort to erase terrorism.

It shouldn't be surprising or even disappointing that, according to all reports, the mastermind of al-Qaida terrorism was not killed during the initial assault Sunday. As is the way with cowards of his ilk, bin Laden was undoubtedly cowering in a deep bunker somewhere, letting others do the fighting and dying for him. But there should be no doubt that he will be brought to justice.

There is an initial euphoria in the United States that the murderers of thousands of Americans will now endure the wrath of those they've victimized. That positive attitude toward the war on terrorism is what must be maintained if the effort is to be successful. That might prove difficult as fighting drags into months and possibly years, but retaining that fervor is essential if terrorism is indeed to be choked off.

The overt war against terrorism began in an eerily similar fashion to the launch of the Gulf War a decade ago, with green-lit nighttime images of bombardment and fires lighting the screen, and news of B-52, B-1 and B-2 bombers pounding the Taliban, strike-fighter attacks on the enemy, and cruise missiles streaking in from the air and sea.

But first images aside, this war may not be as telegenic as the Gulf War, and Americans must not expect that. Much of it will be conducted in covert military operations and employ absolutely boring tactics such as lengthy diplomacy and the freezing of assets that we've already seen.

National support for the anti-terrorism effort, though, must not flag, despite how little of it is immediately visible.

However, the Gulf War did leave us with one lesson that should be heeded as the assault on terrorism progresses. This time the war must be prosecuted to the end. Saddam Hussein was left in power in Iraq by then-President George H.W. Bush 10 years ago, and has fomented a solid decade of anti-Western actions ever since. The current President Bush must not make the same mistake. This war must be prosecuted to its bitter end.

Terrorism must, and will be, erased.

Austin American-Statesman

Allied strikes begin

Unlike the Sept. 11 attacks on civilian targets in the United States, the military response delivered against Afghanistan on Sunday came after ample, sustained and fair warning. Unlike those who perished in the World Trade Center, at the Pentagon and on an airliner that crashed in a field in Pennsylvania, the civilians in Afghanistan had almost four weeks to flee or take cover.

In the weeks following the attacks, the United States has methodically and carefully built the case for the use of force to the satisfaction of the world's leaders. At every juncture, it gave the Taliban elite that rules Afghanistan ample opportunity to surrender the terrorists they have given sanctuary. The consequences of inaction were always clear to the Taliban and were made clearer Sunday.

There was never a reason to doubt that the blow was coming. President George W. Bush's address to the country Sunday was as unambiguous as his previous messages delivered in the wake of the Sept. 11 atrocities.

Just as unambiguous was a statement — obviously taped earlier — by Osama bin Laden, the suspected terrorist mastermind and financier. "I swear by God . . . neither America nor the people who live in it will dream of security before we live it in Palestine, and not before all the infidel armies leave the land of Muhammad, peace be upon him," bin Laden said.

"There is America, hit by God in one of its softest spots. It's greatest buildings were destroyed. Thank God for that," bin Laden said, stopping short of taking responsibility for the attacks.

No one expects a quick, easy end to this conflict. To the contrary, the country is braced for a long, protracted struggle against a cunning foe who lives and works among us. It is a test of the national will unmatched since World War II.

First reports about the expected retaliation came at 11:30 a.m. on a spectacular autumn day in Austin. Word spread quickly in a city in which informal networks have the capability of spreading news as instantly as anything on television. Aside from a low-energy peace demonstration at the Capitol, life went on as usual, or what has become usual since Sept. 11. Austinites joined the world in waiting for news about the U.S. retaliation.

Waco Tribune-Herald

Free world vs. fear

Now the United States knows who its friends are, and has a very good idea who its enemies are, at least those behind the Sept. 11 horror.

It's friends are quite numerous and faithful, and resolved. It's enemies are isolated and few.

Finding the enemies and dealing with the agents who support them will not be easy and will be full of peril.

The United States has played its cards with caution and acted in a most measured fashion. It entered Sunday's military attack with a broad coalition that will serve it well.

It has acted in a way that can only serve the purpose of shining light on the real perpetrators, rather than making this a war against Islam as Osama bin Laden wants the world to believe.

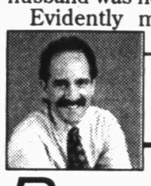
If, as some analysts theorize, bin Laden hoped to provoke a knee-jerk and ill-conceived American military response helping bin Laden build support in the Arab world he failed.

Rather, the United States has taken its time since the worst terrorist act in history. It has used that time to win friends among Arab nations as well as others with whom relations have been chilly like Pakistan, India and Russia.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Toast to life helps widow look for good times ahead

DEAR ABBY: I know you occasionally print letters about "random acts of kindness." I'd like to share what happened to me in Albuquerque 10 years ago.

I didn't know a soul in New Mexico. I needed to be totally alone to finally acknowledge and accept the fact my husband had died.

ne evening, I was in a lovely restaurant. My server placed my order, then proceeded to prepare the corner table next to me. First came a large arrangement of fresh flowers, a champagne bucket, etc. Shortly thereafter, a couple was escorted to the table. The gentleman was a famous personality. I tried to be discreet about glancing their way and wished I'd brought a book to read. I was feeling melancholy. My first vacation without my husband was not a happy one.

Evidently my demeanor was interpreted as "unhappy lady." The server appeared and said, "The couple at the corner table would like to send a glass of champagne to your table. Will that be all right with you?" I glanced at the couple; they smiled. How could I not accept their thoughtful gesture? The glass was placed on my table. I caught their eye and lifted my glass to toast them on their special occasion. The gentleman leaned over and said, "It's not a special occasion, just a celebration of life — to the good times ahead."

Now, whenever I feel the blues coming on, I think of the "celebration of life and to the good times," and a very special couple. — **MRS. Z ON LONG ISLAND**

DEAR MRS. Z: Indeed. Generous, too. People who are happy are usually inclined to spread the joy around.

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DEAR ABBY: I am 36 years old. My boyfriend, "Phillip," is 44. We have been dating exclusively for almost four years. I am ready to get married and start a family.

Phillip asked me to marry him one evening a year ago. He'd had a lot to drink. There was no mention about our picking out an engagement ring. The following morning, he changed his mind and said, "That's not how I planned on doing it."

A year has passed. He hasn't asked me again. He says we should purchase a house first. We haven't looked for one because he says he's expecting a huge raise soon. We don't need his raise to qualify for a mortgage. We make plenty of money.

Abby, I want to get this show on the road. I know Phillip loves me, as I love him. But I'm getting more discouraged with each passing month. What should I do? — **RINGLESS IN NEW JERSEY**

DEAR RINGLESS: Phillip may love you, but he still isn't ready to make a commitment. Have a serious and sober discussion with him and tell him exactly how you feel. You have nothing to lose by doing so.

You may discover that you and Phillip want different things from this relationship. His answers may not be what you want to hear, but four years is a long enough investment with no guarantees.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm in the sixth grade. Many girls in my grade are into makeup, clothes and boys. I have just recently gotten interested in those things, too. But my friends haven't — they couldn't care less.

Abby, what should I do? I have never been popular, and I fear that if I lose my friends, I'll be alone. I feel too mature for them, but without them, I would be totally lost. — **GROWING UP TOO FAST IN N.J.**

DEAR GROWING UP TOO FAST: Be patient. Many of your friends will soon catch up with you. Those who never do will still be your friends. Make room for people who have different tastes and interests. It's called diversity. It's what makes this world an interesting — and inclusive — place.

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

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DEAR ABBY: I'm worried about Grandpa, who is 96. Ever since Grandma died two years ago, Gramps has been acting like a playboy. Granted, he works out every day and looks like he's only 70, lives independently in his own home and still drives a car. However, Grandpa chases around with women half his age, spending money like it's water, going to social events and sometimes having a cocktail!

Abby, how can I get Grandpa to behave himself, keep those gold-diggers away and stop spending my inheritance?

I've tried talking to him. He says it's his life, he practices safe sex and to mind my own business! Since it's MY inheritance he's wasting, I think it is MY business!

What do you think about this, Abby? — **WORRIED GRANDSON, GLENDALE, CALIF.**

P.S. I'm worried his new lifestyle will kill him.

DEAR WORRIED GRANDSON: No, you're not. You're worried that Grandpa's got a new lease on life, and when the lease is up, you'll be broke. Shame on you.

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DEAR ABBY: My 11-year-old niece, "Tori," has begun sending thank-you notes by e-mail rather than snail mail. Although I would much prefer receiving an old-fashioned thank-you note, I understand that in this day and age, an electronic acknowledgment for a gift may suffice.

However, what I find more upsetting is the fact that Tori writes only one thank-you message, and then copies it to everyone who has given her a gift.

Recently she participated in a school fund-raiser that happened to fall on the same week as her birthday. Certain family members and friends contributed to her fund-raiser, while others sent only birthday gifts. Tori's one-size-fits-all e-mail read: "Thank you for your fund-raiser/birthday contribution."

What do you think of this, Abby? How can I tactfully let my niece know that a mass mailing is no different than not being thanked at all? — **UPSET AUNTIE**

DEAR AUNTIE: Say it in an e-mail. Each thank-you should be individual and personal — and now is the time for your niece to learn this valuable lesson. Your message is an important one.

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DEAR ABBY: Your column recounting timeless maxims of the now defunct Finch School for Women in New York City reminded me of more Finch wisdom — something taught by Jessica Cosgrave, the school's founder and president when I was a student there in the '40s.

Those maxims contained the philosophy she most wanted us to remember and to be guided by. Like her school, Ms. Cosgrave is no longer in existence, but I hope you'll agree that hers is a still timely philosophy and consider sharing it with your readers:

"Thought makes action
"Action makes habit
"Habit makes character
"Character makes Destiny."

— **MARY "MIMI" KEY HENLEY, FINCH JR. COLLEGE CLASS OF '46**

P.S. The Finch motto, "Ineamus Meliora," translates to: "Let Us Go On to Better Things." Your column promotes that goal by creating better understanding among people.

DEAR MARY: Thank you. Good advice, like good manners, never goes out of style. Although Ms. Cosgrave is no longer with us, she left behind a beautiful legacy.

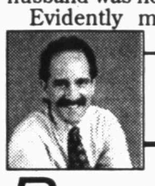
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On Nutrition

by Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

Research before ingesting herbs

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I heard on the news that there is a rare herb that cures impotence more efficiently than Viagra and with no side effects. Concern was expressed that the herb might be harvested to extinction. I did not get the name of the herb, but I believe it began with a "y." Have you heard similar info? Do you know which herb it might be? — **H.T., Arlington Heights, Ill.**

Dear H.T.: It is not written anywhere that you have to believe such advertisements. They are designed to tout a product, not provide a forum for objective deliberation. With Viagra's financial success, it's not surprising that a host of natural products have appeared, all claiming to have the same or better effects in a "natural" way, and at a lesser cost.

An herbal alternative to Viagra you might be referring to is "yohimbe" (yoh-HIHM-bay). There is a modicum of preliminary research, but the most encouraging words come from those selling it. Viagra has side effects, but don't think that going with a natural product will, in this case, offer more safety. Yohimbe can be dangerous for children, pregnant or nursing women, or anyone who has an ulcer, high blood pressure, glaucoma, a history of mental disturbance, or kidney or liver disease. Anyone on medications, such as certain antidepressants, stimulants or blood-pressure-lowering drugs, should definitely stay away.

Normal doses can raise blood pressure, but higher intakes can bring about dangerous drops in blood pressure, cardiac failure and death. As if those dangers weren't enough, other untoward effects can include fatigue, hallucinations, abdominal pain and paralysis.

From what I was able to discern from the available literature, there is a narrow dosing range, below which there is no effect and above which there can be toxic side effects. With the absence of established manufacturing practices, it is difficult to predict what any bottle will contain. A whole cadre of red flags scream "buyer beware" where this herb is concerned. Until we know more about how and under what conditions the compounds work, yohimbe should be used only under medical supervision.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: Three other women and I were discussing food and nutrition. Here are some questions that came up:

First, is grapefruit and grapefruit juice a source of trouble for some people? I heard that certain medications are adversely affected by it. Next, do celery, head lettuce and corn-on-the-cob have nutritional value? I heard that head lettuce has none. Is it true that you use more calories than you ingest when eating celery, and that corn is a non-food that isn't digested? — **M.S., San Diego, Calif.**

Dear M.S.: Grapefruit is an excellent food, rich in vitamin C and many other nutrients, but it has an ability to interfere with the normal breakdown of certain medications. In some cases this can be dangerous. If you enjoy grapefruit (juice or fruit) and you are on prescription medication, it is essential that you check with your pharmacist or your physician to see if you are at risk.

Celery, head lettuce and corn on the cob all have food value — it is just a matter of degree. Corn is the most nutritious, and the idea that it is not digested makes little sense.

Iceberg lettuce, though, tends to be less nutritious than other lettuces, which include romaine, red and green leaf, and butter lettuce. With lettuce, the darker-green outer leaves tend to be more nutritious, containing vitamin A, folic acid, calcium, potassium, iron and some dietary fiber.

Finally, the concept that the body uses more calories that it gets from celery is groundless. Foods don't have negative calories. The body needs a certain number of calories to maintain its weight. If by eating celery or similar low-calorie foods you "displace" enough calorie-dense foods so that the day's total is less than your body needs, you end up losing weight. The weight loss is a response to your caloric intake, though, not the celery.

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

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Report: Lee, others targeted by government

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Wen Ho Lee was among a dozen Los Alamos National Laboratory employees, many of them ethnic Chinese, who were investigated on allegations they mishandled classified nuclear weapons research, his lawyers said in newly unsealed court documents.

Lee's attorneys questioned why those employees were singled out when more than 500 people who had access to the same data were not investigated, according to documents released last week.

The government has denied any racial profiling.

The documents detail defense attorneys' arguments that Lee — a Taiwanese-born naturalized citizen imprisoned for nine months on charges of breaching national security — was a victim of racial profiling.

Lee, 61, was freed in September 2000 after pleading guilty to one count of using an unsecured computer to download a defense document. The government dropped 58 other counts.

U.S. District Judge James Parker unsealed 20 documents in the case last week. The papers, many partially censored, were made public Friday after a government security review. The San Francisco-based Chinese for Affirmative Action and other civil rights groups had requested the documents so they could look for evidence of racial profiling.

Lee's attorneys detailed four incidents in the late 1990s that they said showed other lab employees mishandled secret information but were not prosecuted.

"To our knowledge, none of the employees is ethnic Chinese," Lee's attorneys said in the court documents.

One incident was censored. The others were:

—An employee unintentionally saved information on a 1998 report on safeguarding nuclear weapons for several months on an unclassified hard drive. The employee was suspended for 90 days without pay.

—An employee kept classified data on an insecure interoffice computer network for 15 days. The information could have been accessed via the Internet. The documents did not say whether she was disciplined.

—An employee failed to properly classify a graph, which was seen by a foreign citizen who did not have clearance. The employee's clearance was suspended and he was reassigned so he would not have access to classified information.

Prosecutors said three of the cases were not like Lee's because those involved created the documents they were working on, according to a transcript of an August 2000 session. The other, they said, involved someone who did not know the computer was not secure and who told supervisors upon discovering it.

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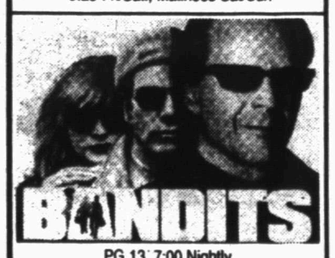
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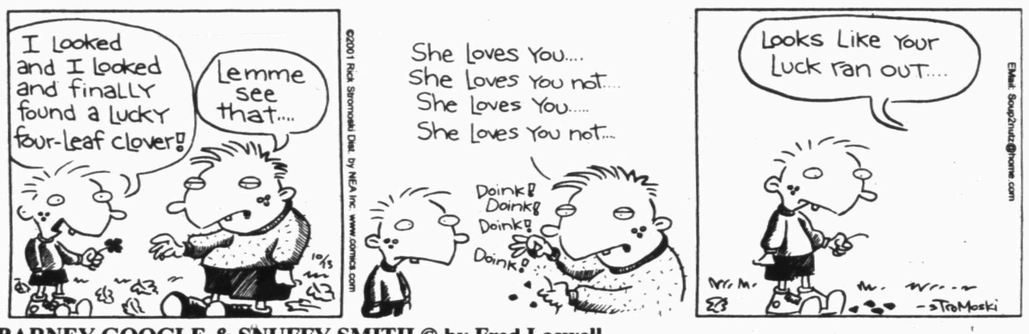
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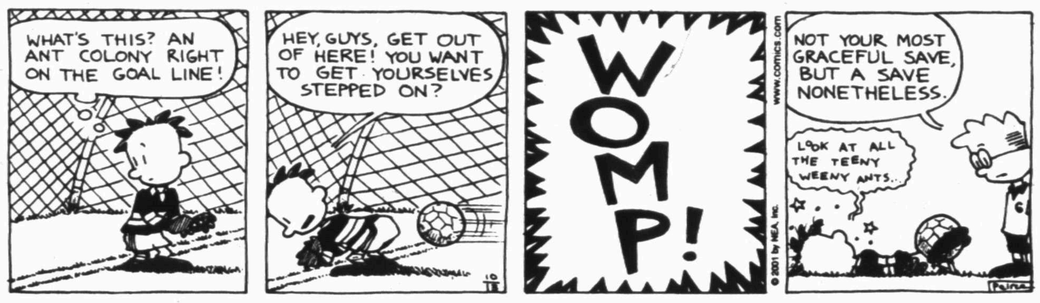
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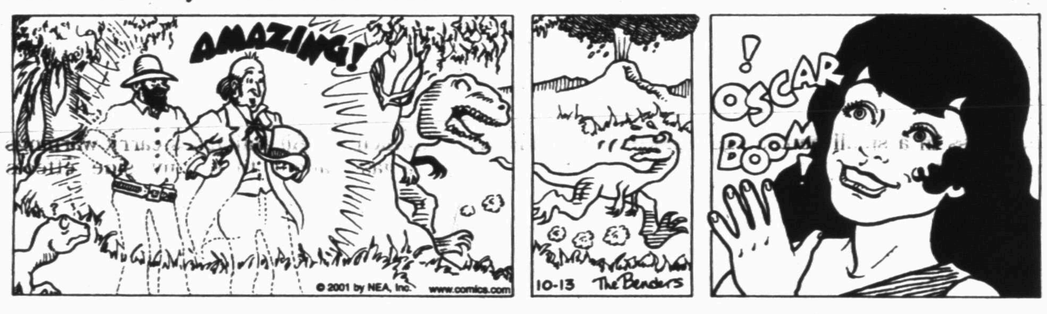
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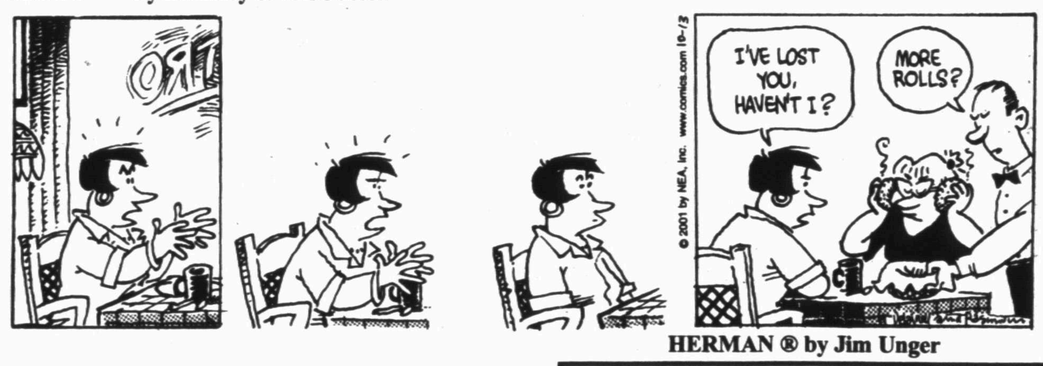
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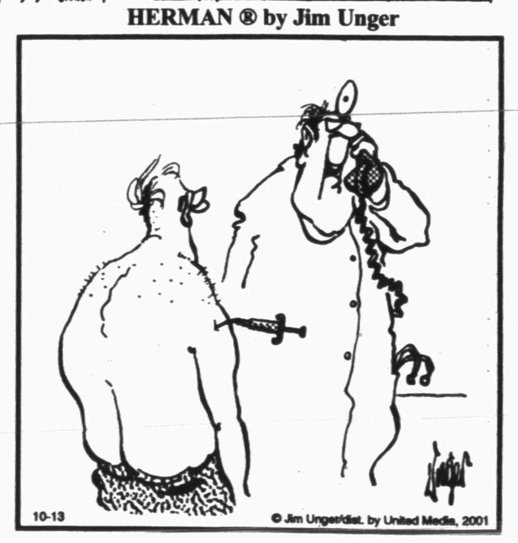
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6 Tall ship's features
11 Mud bricks
13 The best
14 Responsible
15 Canada's capital
16 Director Brooks
17 Goal
19 Pothole filler
20 Pants and jacket
22 It's a blast!
23 Confident
24 Ooze
26 Drenched
28 Smoking or —?
30 Exec's deg.
31 Yes, in Paris
32 Perch
33 Cheer
36 Geog. region
39 Swindles
40 Obtained
42 Hero's act
44 Tsp. or tbsp.
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46 Peron or Gabor
47 "The — of Seville"
50 Clothing protector
53 Big lizard
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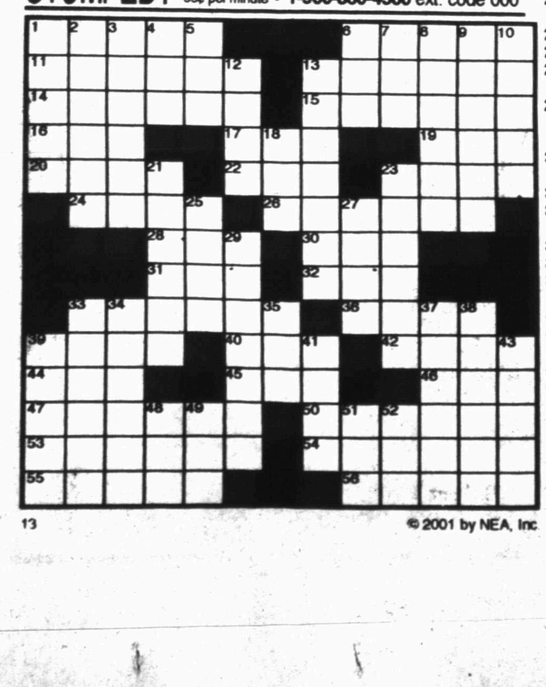
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7 Likely
8 Marble figure
9 Facing
10 Extra
12 Usher's target
13 Jungle drums
18 Those holding office
21 Singing voices
23 Zipped on ice
25 Rain
27 "Isn't that — — much?"
29 — Falls (honeymoon site)
33 Show of respect
34 Erroneous
35 Move like Bugs?
37 Smelled awful
38 Come to
39 Home in the woods
41 Large weights
43 Copenhagen natives
48 Harmful
49 Coast Guard off.
51 Yankovic and Gore
52 Architect I.M. —

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Mars' conditions may force change in flight

WASHINGTON (AP) — A planetwide dust storm that began in June is still raging across Mars and may force NASA engineers to slightly change the flight path of a spacecraft set to orbit the red planet in less than two weeks.

Scientists said the storm, photographed by both amateur and professional astronomers, has erupted into the most massive Mars dust storm ever seen from Earth.

Photographs from the Hubble Space Telescope and from Mars Global Surveyor, now orbiting the planet, show that dust is obscuring virtually the entire surface of the red planet.

Mars is covered with "a veil of hazy, reddish dust," said Jim Garvin, head of the Mars exploration program at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

NASA's 2001 Mars Odyssey, the agency's latest probe to the planet, enters Mars orbit Oct. 23. Engineers plan to use the Martian atmosphere to slow the craft and settle it into orbit, a technique called aerobraking.

The huge storm sprang to life from a smaller duster that appeared in a southern plain on Mars called the Hellas basin. Sequential views show that dust from that basin spread north and east, and soon the planet was blotted from view by a reddish-orange cloud.

"That storm spawned other storms, and by mid-August storms were raging across the planet," said Philip Christensen of Arizona State University.

Christensen said the dust obscures the sun so much that the Martian surface has cooled by about 10 degrees. Dust thrown aloft, however, has absorbed sunlight and has warmed by some 80 degrees. Atmospheric temperatures on Mars are normally minus 75 degrees.

The storm is settling some now, Christensen said, but he predicted other storms would occur in the months ahead.

NASA scientists said the storm is associated with Mars' southern spring. The planet is tilted on its axis, rather like Earth, and its closest approach to the sun comes when it is spring in the southern hemisphere. The Hellas basin is in the south.

It is not clear to scientists why a local storm on Mars suddenly bloomed into a planetwide roar, said Richard Zurek of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif.

"We don't understand the details," he said.

Because of the storm and the warming of dust clouds around Mars, Zurek said it is expected that the upper atmosphere will rise slightly. This means the Mars Odyssey will encounter the atmosphere at a higher altitude than when there is no storm about the planet.

Zurek said Odyssey has an atmospheric density sensor, and engineers will use data from that device to guide the spacecraft path and control the aerobraking.

"We will toe-dip," he said, meaning the craft will gradually settle into the atmosphere until it reaches the targeted amount of drag needed to slow enough to drop into orbit around the planet.

NASA scientists said dust kicked up from the Martian surface now towers more than 40 miles. Winds at the surface are thought to be clipping along at more than 80 mph, while high-altitude winds are even faster — close to 260 mph.

Cloud patterns on Mars have been observed from Earth for more than a century, but a planetwide dust storm was first seen in 1956. Fifteen years later, the Mariner 9 spacecraft arrived in Martian orbit only to find the planet shrouded in dust. After that, dust storms were sighted every four to five years.

NASA's Mars Odyssey was launched April 7. It is scheduled to settle into a 250-mile circular orbit and use instruments to gather information about the planet's minerals, geologic history and radiation patterns.

Agency officials are eager for Odyssey to succeed to recoup some of the momentum lost when two NASA probes, the Mars Climate Orbiter and Mars Polar Lander, failed in 1999.

On the Net: Mars storm: http://www.msss.com
Mars Odyssey: http://www.space.com/ and click to sites
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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



No usual, long-term consequences of tetracycline

DEAR DR. GOTT: I took tetracycline for two years, as an adolescent, to clear up acne. The antibiotic worked fine but I was recently told that it can cause cancer and depression. Is this something that should concern me 10 years later?

DEAR READER: Millions of adolescents have been prescribed tetracycline for acne, with excellent results. I am not aware that the drug is associated with cancer or depression. The main side effects associated with the antibiotic are photosensitivity (sunlight allergy), yeast infections (common with all antibiotics), and drug sensitivity (in some people); tetracycline can also cause anemia, liver damage, diarrhea, nausea, and dizziness in a small percentage of patients.

In short, tetracycline (and related drugs) are widely used, relatively safe, inexpensive, and efficacious. I doubt that you would suffer any long-term consequences from their use. I should note, however, that tetracycline can cause yellowing or mottling of growing teeth, so must be avoided in children under 12 years of age.

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: I'm 72, male, and have a problem with urination. In the morning, I have to go about every 20 minutes and at night I'm up three or four times. I can't travel anywhere without an empty bottle on the seat beside me. I have an enlarged prostate but no cancer. I have a friend who has to use an indwelling catheter because his bladder is stretched from trying to "hold it." Should I have a prostate operation, as my doctor suggests?

DEAR READER: Possibly, but I'd try medicine first.

Urinary urgency is practically universal in older men. Called "overactive bladder," it is caused by a combination of prostatic enlargement and muscular weakness at the bladder opening. In this situation, the bladder contracts inappropriately (before it is full) and the patient is unable to shut off or control the flow of urine. Drugs — such as Detrol, Hytrin and Flomax — reduce bladder spasm and usually relieve the discomfort (and consequences) of overactive bladder. Ask your doctor about this.

If the medication fails to solve your problem, prostate surgery could be the next step.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a female in my late 60s who has a couple of gallstones (that don't require surgery) and a problem following sigmoidoscopy last year. The procedure was extremely painful and the doctor had to stop. Since then, I've had gas, bloating and abdominal tenderness. Could these symptoms be due to the gallstones or my doctor's ineptitude?

DEAR READER: Because of intestinal spasm, proctoscopic exams can be painful, even if properly performed. I do not believe that your present problems were caused by the procedure. Gallstones, on the other hand, are often associated with symptoms such as yours. This issue can be resolved by a liver/gallbladder ultrasound, a safe and painless test to identify the size and position of any gallstones, as well as the condition of the gallbladder wall. (An inflamed wall would suggest that a diseased gallbladder is the basis for your gas and tenderness.)

If this study is normal, your physician will probably opt to progress to the next level, which is a CT scan or referral to a gastroenterologist.

DEAR DR. GOTT: As an RN, I feel that I am losing my battle against injudicious use of antibiotics. A friend of mine, for instance, recently took three antibiotic pills an acquaintance gave her. This was an inadequate course of therapy and meant that the donor hadn't finished her own course of treatment. People have little appreciation of the damage being done by the indiscriminate misuse of antibiotics. Please address this problem.

DEAR READER: Gladly.

Years ago, as an intern in the emergency room of a large metropolitan hospital, I watched helplessly as a middle-aged, healthy man died — despite our efforts — from a penicillin shot he had received for a cold. This experience taught me that any antibiotic carries risks, ranging from side effects and complications to life-threatening allergic shock, and should not be considered therapy for trivial virus infections, such as colds.

In order to be effective, an antibiotic must be administered over a period of several days — or even longer for complicated infections. Therefore, those people who stop prematurely are prone to recurrent infections. Furthermore a day or two of antibiotics — as your friend had — will have little or no effect on bacteria.

Antibiotics are only useful for treating bacterial infections; the drugs are of no value in infections caused by viruses or yeasts.

All antibiotics carry warnings about the many side effects (some very severe) that can occur, including rash, intestinal upset, blood problems, yeast overgrowth, kidney and liver damage, and others.

In the past decade, infectious disease experts have repeatedly reported a staggeringly serious phenomenon: microbe resistance to antibiotics. At the time of this writing, almost every form of bacteria has shown an immunity to commonly prescribed antibiotics. The reason for this dangerous trend lies, in most cases, in the inappropriate use of antibiotics — either for non-bacterial infections or in dosages too small to be therapeutic. You see, unless a bacterium receives a fatal dose of the drug, it will absorb lesser amounts and change its enzyme defenses to become resistant to the medicine.

I share your concerns. Antibiotics are over-prescribed (by doctors) and often consumed inappropriately (by patients — and even physicians themselves). Experts have decried the injudicious use of these medications because, sooner or later, the practice will become a #1 public health issue that will affect us all.

DEAR DR. GOTT: In July 1999, I had an operation for a trigger finger. It was far from successful. I continued to have pain and numbness in the finger and, so, this year, had repeat surgery. Now I have no feeling whatsoever in the finger. Should I see another doctor for a second opinion?

DEAR READER: Unquestionably. Although surgery for trigger finger (a finger joint that may lock in certain positions) is ordinarily successful, no operation is guaranteed safe or free of complications. Evidently, in your case, a repeat procedure was appropriate.

During such surgery, the nerves to the affected finger can be traumatized or inadvertently severed. While this unfortunate consequence can be a nuisance, it is not a hazard to good health. However, I urge you to obtain a second opinion. While the specialist may not be able to correct your problem, he or she should be of assistance in helping you to cope with it.

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USS Cole memorial dedicated at destroyer's home port

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — A monument to the 17 people killed in the terrorist bombing of the USS Cole was dedicated Friday, the first anniversary of the attack.

"Today, we honor 17 American heroes," Rear Adm. John Foley III, commander of the Atlantic Fleet's surface forces, said at the dedication ceremony that included a reading of the names of the victims.

"The terrorist attacks will never be forgotten, nor will they deter us," Foley said.

A 10-foot-tall monolith encircled by 17 granite slabs was dedicated at the Norfolk Naval Station overlooking Willoughby Bay — where ships leaving and returning from sea pass by.

The monument also pays tribute to the 37 sailors injured in the attack and the crew members who saved the Norfolk-based destroyer from sinking in Yemen's Aden harbor after a skiff pulled alongside the ship and detonated explosives.

U.S. officials believe Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network is behind both the bombing of the Cole and the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Monument designer John Blackburn, a landscape architect with the Navy's worldwide engineering corps, took input from some of the Cole's crew in developing his design.

A 10-foot pillar of mahogany granite is the centerpiece of Blackburn's design. At its top, the granite slopes 45 degrees, a symbolic salute to passing ships. The names of those who died are inscribed on two bronze plaques.

Hardy Japanese black pines were planted: one each of the 17 sailors killed and one for each of the 11 children they left behind.

Donations paid for the $143,000 cost of the memorial.

The Cole is being repaired at Northrop Grumman Ingalls Shipbuilding in Pascagoula, Miss., and is expected to return to Norfolk next spring.

Christopher Reeves acceepts fed funds

WASHINGTON (AP) — Christopher Reeve accepted $2 million in federal funds to establish an education resource center for people with paralysis and their families.

The Christopher and Dana Reeve Paralysis Resource Center will provide educational materials, referral services and other information aimed to improve the lives of the more than 2 million Americans with paralysis.

"One of the greatest fears that people with disabilities have is that we will be pushed to the margins of society," said Reeve, star of the "Superman" movies who has been paralyzed from the neck down since an accident in 1995.

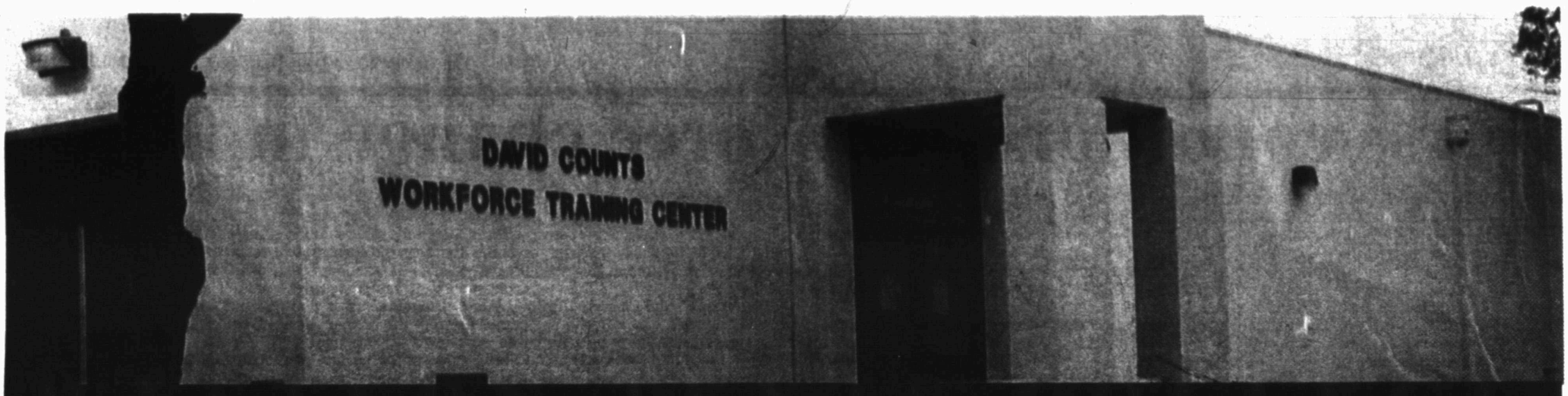


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