SCORES

Abilene Wylie 28, Snyder 17
Whitharral 69, Ira 22
Leuders 50, Hermleigh 0
Graham 24, Sweetwater 19
Lamesa 29, Cooper 8

WT-Int. Crude - $29.63
WTIC Posted - $26.25
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Diez y Seis de Septiembre holiday...

Mark your calendars for celebration

The 2002 Diez y Seis de Septiembre Jamaica Mexican holiday is well past the planning stages and all is about ready for the celebration on Sunday, Sept. 22.

This one-day event reflects the significance of Sept. 16 to Mexico's heritage and to Americans of Mexican descent.

"Come and enjoy fun; food and music," said Leo Mora, pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. "This will be a time for all nationalities of our community to come together as one entity and enjoy ourselves as equals in all the festivities."

Booths will open at 8 a.m. the day of the festival and will remain open until 8 o'clock at night.

A volleyball tournament is set for 9 a.m. and the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist will be at 10 a.m. in the church.



Beginning at 11 o'clock, there will be almost continuous music from a variety of bands and DJs, Folkloric dances, talent shows, a variety of games, lots of food and dancing.

"And when we say food, we mean food," said Fr. Moras.

Jose and Maria Lopez and their family will have a booth selling barbecue ribs, while Frank Fuentes, Fernando and Mary Romero will be selling brisket and hamburgers.

The Joe and Gloria Lopez family will sell roasted corn and desserts, while Lupe and Hope Lopez will have a fajita booth.

The Andres Juarez family will sell cabrito, Frito pies and hot dogs, while Irma Guerrero and family will be selling nachos and fruit bags.

Snowcones, popcorn, pickles, Rice Crispies and candy can be found at the booth manned by Rebecca Peralez and Angelica Gonzales, while Mario and Maria Ortega and their family will be selling the rare delicacy, tripas.

Cool drinks, including Cokes and water will be at the Paul Landa booth, while Chris Benitez will man the "Pot of Gold" game.

Adelpha Sauceda and her family will be selling funnel cakes.

The annual fundraiser benefits Our Lady of Guadalupe Church and all proceeds go directly to the church fund, said Fr. Moras.

The coordinators of the event are Debbie Landa and Gloria Lopez.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Laugh and the class laughs with you, but you may have to stay after school."

Guess we'll never understand economics.

Major league baseball players threatened to strike all season, demanding higher pay.

Somebody has calculated that the Rangers' A-Rod made more money last summer than a combined half million public school teachers.

We're not anti-sports, but somehow the priorities seem misplaced. The head football coach at the University of Texas makes $1.7 million – after a 17 percent pay hike.

The chancellor at UT earns $750,000.

It makes one wonder about the purpose of an institution of higher learning — to educate or play football.

Texas Tech football program got $1.5 million for getting pounded by Ohio State on national TV. It was sort of like getting a million bucks for staying in the ring for three minutes with a heavyweight boxing champ.

It's all about money — not common sense.

Lack of rational thinking is not limited to the sports world. It's in business, government and in politics.

Think about the rich banker from the Valley who is trying to unseat Republican Gov. Rick Perry. Democratic challenger Tony Sanchez is spending millions.

Midland oilman Clayton Williams was criticized a few years ago for trying to buy the Governor's Mansion.

Sanchez' advertising blitz that started months ago makes Williams look like a real penny pincher.

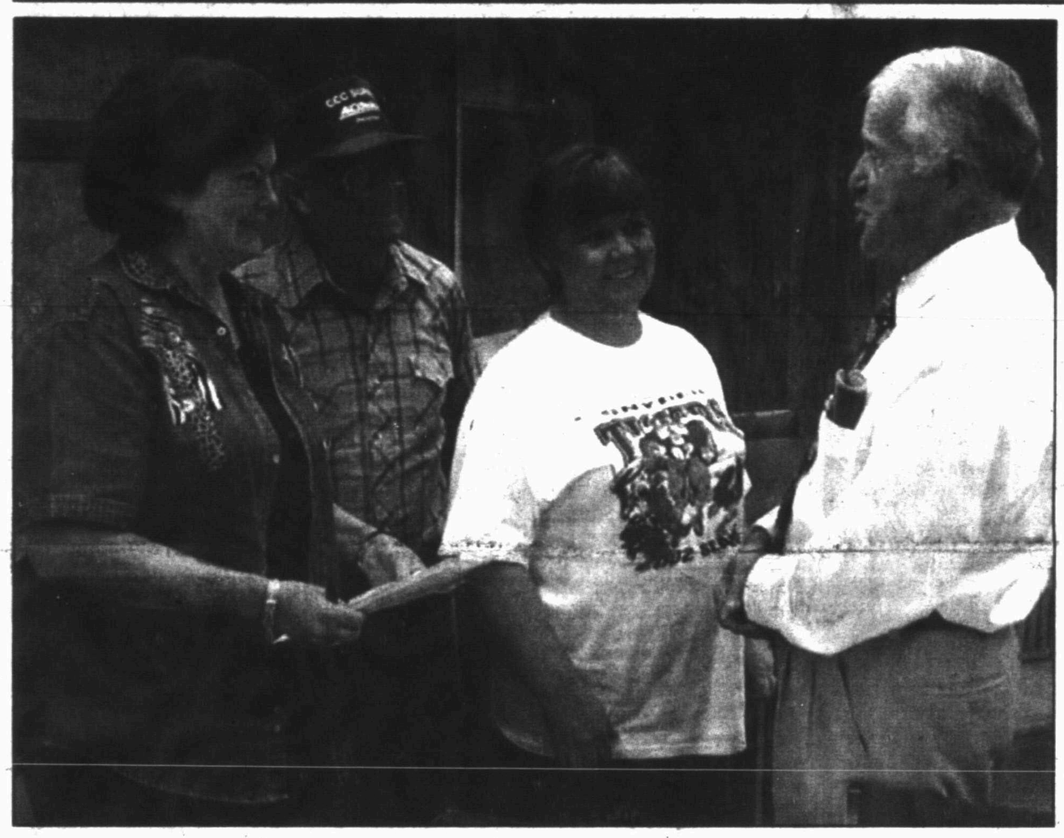
The good news: the ad executives at the TV stations have a wide Democratic smile.

And in business, this intriguing stock theory is said to have originated with a New York stock broker.

"If you had bought $1,000 worth of Nortel stock one year ago, it would now be worth $49. With Enron, you would have $10.00 of the original $1,000. With WorldCom, you would have less than $5 left.

"If you had bought $1,000 worth of Budweiser (the beer, not the stock) one year ago, drank all the beer, then turned in the cans for the 5-cent deposit, you would have $107.

"Based on the above, my current investment advice is to drink heavily and recycle."



AND THE SEARCH GOES ON — Snyder ISD employees Mary Burton, Charles Doty and Sara Menix visit with Don Killough, director of superintendent search services for the Texas Association of School Boards, following a Friday afternoon meeting discussing the search for a superintendent for the local district. (SDN Staff Photo)

Ira keeps exemplary TAAS ranking as it appeals earlier score

Revised TAAS scores from the Texas Education Agency have been released and Ira schools are again ranked exemplary.

Preliminary results had dropped the school to recognized from their past exemplary status but the district appealed to the TEA due to the number of students at Ira taking the social studies test.

"We only had 13 students in the eighth grade and that is well below TEA's number of 30 students to be tested in one subject," said Ira principal Mike Duke.

"When they checked our historical data for a seven year period, it indicated 100 of 110 students had passed social studies. That is why they raised our ratings back where they should have been," said Duke.

In maintaining their exemplary status, Ira students in grades three through eight, and the 10th grade, scored 96.7 percent in reading, 96.8 percent in math, and 97.4 percent in writing.

"This was not unique to us," added Duke. ""Westbrook, Patton Springs, Whitharral, several schools had their ratings changed following an appeal."

The revised test scores also dropped Snyder High School from recognized to accepted status.

This change resulted from a more than three percent dropout rate of Hispanic students in the 2000-2001 school year.

All other Snyder campuses remained the same, including the Northeast Elementary status of exemplary.

Hermleigh ISD kept it recognized status.

New health unit employee to perform investigative work

Scurry County has one more soldier on the front line of disease control with the addition of Tammy Tyrell at the county health unit.

Mrs. Tyrell is a nurse epidemiologist, a new position added utilizing federal funds from the Bio-Terrorism Act signed into law by President Bush after the attacks of Sept. 11.

The money was divided between all 50 [illegible] and then forwarded to counties for public health services.

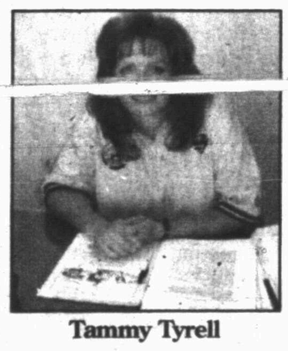
Mrs. Tyrell said she will perform investigative work — studying occurrences, distribution and causes of diseases. She also is required to report such diseases when they are found to the proper authorities.

"The federal grant money was distributed to help with surveillance of diseases that could be the cause of a bio-terrorism attack," she said. "We will help doctors and public health officials better plan for and control the possible spread of disease."

Mrs. Tyrell said she also will be responsible for providing a weekly newsletter to physicians and others in the medical field to educate and provide feedback on reportable diseases.

"The newsletter will explain notable diseases, their conditions and syndromes and their clinical presentation and reporting requirements," she said. "And also conditions and syndromes that would indicate a terrorist event."

Mrs. Tyrell plans to be active in the community and hopes to speak to all of the civic groups in Snyder. "I would like to speak with each group because they are often helping in [illegible] situations and it's a good way to communicate with citizens."



Tammy Tyrell

Mrs. Tyrell moved to Snyder from Lubbock in 1994 with her husband Mike and three children — Brock, 17, Courtney, 13, and Taylor 10.

She has worked in home health and in day-care in Snyder and worked at the City of Lubbock Health Department before moving here.

"I'm excited to be working in public health again," she said.

Mrs. Tyrell will receive training regarding bio-terrorism how to educate the public on similar threats. She will spend half her work week in Nolan County as a cooperative agreement with Scurry County.

White Buffalo event planning is ongoing

The annual White Buffalo Days Festival is just over a month away and plans are coming together for the popular event.

One of the highlights of this year's celebration will be the moving of the RS&P engine #5 from Towle Park to the grounds of Scurry County Coliseum.

Among the new attractions this year will be a display of model trains and associated items, a flower show, pet parade and a stick horse rodeo.

A car show also will be held and there is no entry fee and the judges will be those in attendance as there will be a people's choice award given out plus four other prizes.

This show will include cars and motorcycles.

Several local bands will be playing the day of the festival including Heart and Soul, Blue Prairie, Ross Preston's [illegible] and Mumble Some.

A dance from 8 p.m. until midnight featuring Jody Nix, will wind up the day.

New Oncor manager named

Randy Ward is the Snyder operations manager for Oncor, having transferred from the Odessa district where he had served as operations supervisor for the last five years.

Ward is now responsible for operations in a seven-county area that includes Snyder and Sweetwater.

Ward replaces Tim Burk who transferred to Mineral Wells.

Ward has been with TXU for 26 years, having worked in distribution operations, engineering, dispatching and metering departments.



Ward

The new manager graduated from Midland College with an associate degree in electrical technology.

He and his wife, Jana, have two grown children – Chris and Allison.

Palatte Club has display at SC Museum

Art from the Snyder Palette Club will be on display beginning Sunday at the Scurry County Museum.

The opening reception is from 1-3 p.m. and the public is invited.

More than 40 pieces of art are included in the display that continues through Sept. 26.

Participating club members are Lois Burney, Nettie Fay Gardner, Lila Guinn, Paul Hudgins, Myrtle Joiner, Betty Lawson, Laverne Lee, Joy McGlaun and Rachel Martin.

The museum is located on the Western Texas College campus.

ASK US

Q-Where is the water coming from that AHNTECH is using to water its land, and who is paying for it?

A-The company is a water customer of the city of Snyder and AHNTECH pays for it just like every other customer.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 93 degrees; low, 68; 7 a.m. Saturday, 68; no precipitation; total for 2002, 15.08 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, partly cloudy; low near 70; E winds 5-15 mph. Sunday, partly cloudy; 20% rain chance; high near 85; E winds 10-20 mph. Sunday night, partly cloudy; low upper 60s.



Nicole Molter
Rain chances

Sunset:
8 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:24 a.m.

Of 249 days in 2002, the sun has shone 242 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

You have to help your friends or you won't have any.

—Russell B. Long

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Jodi Dennis

Jodi Dennis starts pharmacy school

WEATHERFORD, Okla. — Jodi Pat Dennis of Snyder has been accepted and is enrolled in her first semester in Southwestern Oklahoma State University School of Pharmacy.

Dennis is the daughter of Mike and Marci Dennis of Snyder.

A total of 41 students were admitted to the Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm. D) program for the 2002 fall semester.

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The basic monetary unit of Cuba is the peso. Its chief fractional unit is the centavo.

Second grand jury to hear cop's case

CINCINNATI (AP) — A second grand jury will hear the case against the city's highest-ranking black police official after criticism that a city lawyer served as the first grand jury's foreman.

Hamilton County Prosecutor Michael Allen said Friday that he would dismiss the indictment against Lt. Col. Ronald Twitty, who was charged Tuesday with interfering with an investigation of how his city-owned car sustained more than $3,000 damage.

Black activists, the mayor, vice mayor and Twitty's lawyer have criticized Allen's office for allowing assistant city Solicitor Stephen Fagel to serve as foreman of the grand jury.

James Huff will study overseas

SEARCY, Ark. — Jimmy Huff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Huff of Snyder, will leave Monday for Florence, Italy, where he will continue his studies at Hardin University's overseas program.

Huff is a sophomore computer engineering major and is among 40 students participating in Harding University's Florence program.

The group's curriculum will focus on architecture, arts, music and theatre history of Florence. Studies will be supplemented with educational tours to Rome, Pompeii, Naples and Greece. The group returns to the U.S. in early May.

Huff spent the summer in Snyder at an intern youth minister with the 37th Street Church of Christ.

Yearbooks need to be picked up

There are some 2002 Tiger's Lair yearbooks that have not been picked up.

The following individuals, or their parents, may go by room 229 at Snyder High School to get their yearbook:

Elvia Barrera, Laura Billingsley, Joe Bishop, Shana Blackard, Tanner Bloom, Kyle Blum, Tony J. Cagle, Lori Chesser, Brandon Collins and Ruben DeLoera.

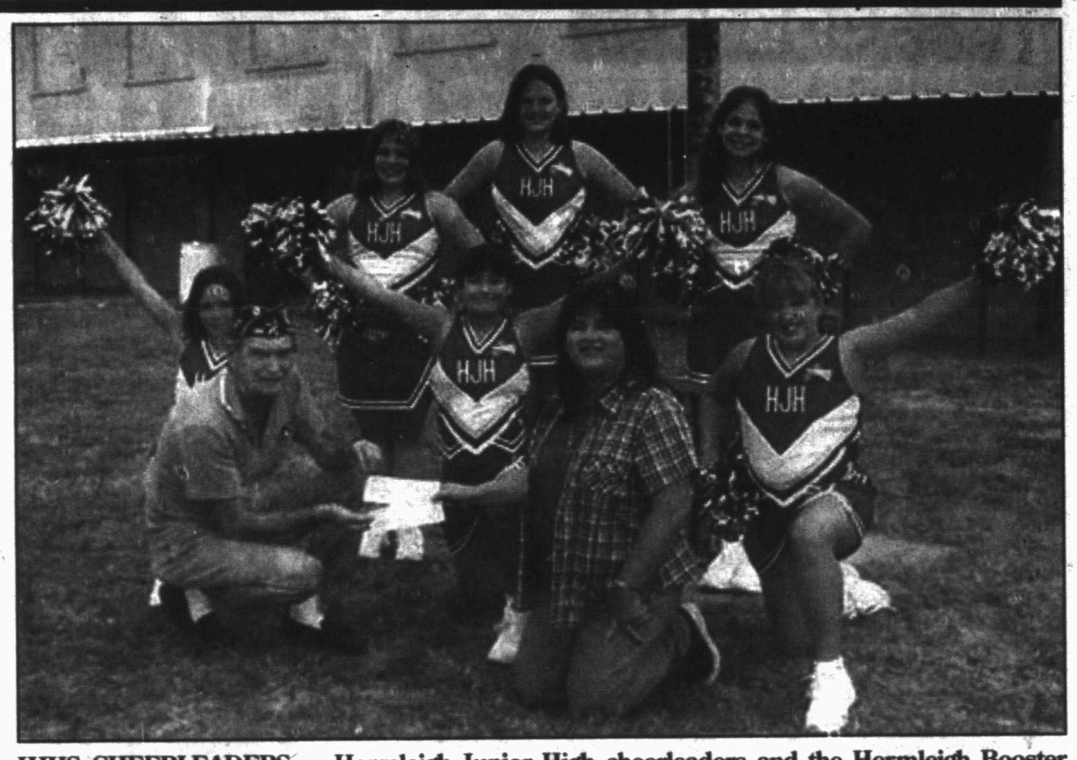
Also Ricky Early, Shelley Fisk, Michael J. Garza, Tabitha Gomez, Lacie L. Green, Jaden Guynes, Leeann Hensley, Sabrina Johnston, Patrick Jones and Kayla Kerr.

Others are Abby Levens, J.J. (Jacque) Mandrell, Justin McBroom, Brandon T. McGuire, James Mills, Lachele Mobley, Wes Murphy, Jeff Neal, Josh Payne and Brodie T. Pierce.

Also Casey Pierce, Maranda Pierce, Brian T. Rios, Tanner Reed, Amber Russell, R.J. Sanders, Nikki Shuttleworth, Shiloh Smith, Sierra Smith and Chris Sorrells.

Others are Lela Stevens, Travis Thompson, Michael Velasquez and Logan West.

There are some extra yearbooks available for sale. The cost is $60 each and the books will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. Call the SHS student publications department at 573-6138 for information.



HJHS CHEERLEADERS — Hermleigh Junior High cheerleaders and the Hermleigh Booster Club have each received a donation from Snyder VFW Post #8231. Willie Pettijohn presented the checks to Kelly Murphy, sponsor. Cheerleaders pictured from left are middle row, Marissa Davis, Ashley Luna and Casey Williamson, all sixth graders; back row, Megan Kariainen, Alicia Culp and Brittany Kelley, all eighth graders. (Contributed Photo)

First Lady advises families to turn off TVs on Sept. 11

WASHINGTON (AP) — First lady Laura Bush is asking parents to turn off the television on Sept. 11 and instead read to their children and perhaps light a memorial candle.

"Don't let your children see the images, especially on Sept. 11, when you know it'll probably be on television again and again — the plane hitting the building or the buildings falling," Mrs. Bush said in an interview Friday with Univision, a Spanish-language cable TV network.

Photos and videotaped images of that day already are appearing in TV newscasts, newspapers and magazines as the country prepares to remember the more than 3,000 people killed when hijacked planes crashed into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and Somerset, Pa.

Parents who decide to allow their older children to watch television on the anniversary should limit the time they spend in front of the set, Mrs. Bush said.

Children need assurance they are safe, and it's important to remember and mourn those who died and support victims' families, she said.

The heroes need to be remembered, too, she said.

"We saw a handful of people do something so horrible, but then we saw so many other people, on the other hand, do good things. The firemen, policemen, rescue workers — the children themselves," Mrs. Bush said. "It's really great for families to figure out ways to let their children be involved and be helpful."

She encouraged parents to read and spend time with their children to comfort them.

The first lady recalled how insecure she and other Americans felt after learning of the attacks but said security has improved since then.

Turnrow meeting scheduled

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

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

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

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

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

How to get there:

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

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

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

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

Stenholm wants the nation to have Amber Alert System

WASHINGTON, DC — Congressman Charlie Stenholm announced today that he is an original cosponsor of legislation designed to make the Amber Alert System a nationwide structure. The bill is being promoted by both Democrats and Republicans in the House of Representatives and the Senate.

"I am very pleased to join with my colleagues in introducing legislation to have national level implementation of this crucial law enforcement tool," noted Stenholm. "This bipartisan measure will ultimately assist in the recovery of children taken from their families."

Stenholm noted that last month's abduction case of one-month-old Nancy Chavez from a [illegible] both the need and the success of the Amber Alert System.

Shortly after young Nancy was abducted, police in Abilene released a description of the suspect and the vehicle used in committing the offense, as per the Amber Alert plan. Less than 24 hours later, the child was recovered in Quanah, Texas, about 130 miles north of Abilene.

"This incident marked the first statewide release of an Amber Alert," commented Stenholm. "The recovery of Nancy Chavez is the direct result of the effectiveness of this system. It is my hope that the bill can be passed and signed into law quickly, as any aid that we can give to help rescue abducted children is well worth the effort."

The Amber Alert System is a voluntary program between law [illegible] media to alert the public in the event a child has been abducted and the child's life is believed to be in danger. Currently, Texas is one of 18 states with a statewide Amber Alert plan.

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Friday's Lottery Numbers

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Teens convicted of 2nd degree murder

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — The second-degree murder conviction of two teenage brothers in a deadly baseball bat attack on their father was a "jury pardon," the prosecutor said.

In a separate trial, a 40-year-old family friend was acquitted in the slaying, with the verdict sealed until the boys' conviction.

Prosecutors, in seeking a first-degree murder conviction against the teens, had argued Derek King, 14, and his 13-year-old brother Alex beat their dad to death with an aluminum bat, then set the house on fire to cover up the crime. The charge carried a mandatory term of life in prison.

But prosecutor David Rimmer noted the jury did not include the weapon in their verdict Friday, instead convicting the boys of second-degree murder without a weapon and arson for the Nov. 26 slaying of Terry King, 40, at his Cantonment home. The boys then were 12 and 13, but were tried as adults.

The jurors "know good and well he was killed with a weapon," Rimmer said. "That's a jury pardon. That's OK, I don't have a problem with that."

The boys' attorneys said they would appeal but declined further comment. They face a possible sentence of 22 years to life in prison at sentencing Oct. 17.

About 90 minutes after the boys' verdict was read, Ricky Chavis — whom the boys had accused of the killing and with whom it was alleged the younger boy had a sexual relationship — bowed his head and wept when it was announced he had been acquitted of first-degree murder and arson at a controversial separate trial.

Chavis was tried last week, with Rimmer then accusing Chavis of wielding the bat while the boys hid in the trunk of his car — a strategy of contradictory theories that generated intense criticism.

The judge initially sealed the Chavis verdict, but later disclosed the acquittal to Rimmer and defense lawyers and ordered them not to divulge it pending the outcome of the boys' trial.

According to a transcript released Friday after both verdicts were read, Judge Frank Bell said he was concerned about possibly having to impose mandatory life terms on all three defendants — if convicted of first-degree murder — when "in my mind, I know that one of them is not guilty."

The acquittal of Chavis solved the problem.

Defense lawyers asked Bell to acquit the boys because of the competing theories of the crime, but the judge refused.

University of Florida law professor Christopher Slobogin said prosecutors should have decided who they thought was guilty and taken that case to trial. However, he said there would have been nothing unconstitutional about having contradictory verdicts, and they could have been upheld on appeal.

Rimmer said he felt he had no choice but to try two separate theories of the crime. The teen brothers initially confessed, then recanted and implicated Chavis.

"If I had not brought first-degree murder charges against Chavis ... what do you think people would be saying now?" Rimmer said.

Rimmer argued the boys wanted to leave their father, Terry King, and live with Chavis, who allowed them to play video games, stay up late watching television and smoke marijuana when they went to his house after running away 10 days before the killing.

The boys confessed the day after the Nov. 26 slaying, but recanted months later and pinned the crime on Chavis.

Sept. 11 ceremony slated Wednesday

On the first anniversary of Sept. 11, the community is invited to attend a brief ceremony of remembrance and appreciation to those who lost their lives in the tragic event and to those who continue to serve their fellow man in our community.

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

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

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

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

Video shows impact of fatigue

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The nation's largest railroad has produced a classroom video to illustrate the effects of fatigue, hoping it will be a wake-up call for America's increasingly weary youth.

Titled "Z-9 Adolescents and Sleep," the 10-minute Union Pacific Railroad video draws on experience of the railroad, which runs 24 hours a day and requires some people to work at night.

Though the tape opens on a humorous note — showing youngsters struggling to wake up their parents to get them to work on time — the message is serious, said Denny Holland, director of occupational health psychology at Union Pacific.

"Fatigue and sleep deprivation is a growing problem in our society," Holland said.

Teenagers generally need about nine hours of sleep each night. In reality, distractions and demands like television, the Internet, homework and part-time jobs have cut the average night's sleep for youngsters to about 61/2 hours, Holland said.

"They might be doing a lot, but their mood is not as good," said Drew Dawson, director of the Center of Sleep Research at the University of South Australia. Dawson, who has consulted with the railroad and appears on the video, said sleep deprivation hurts performance while increasing irritability and stress.

The problem of fatigue came to a head for Union Pacific in 1997, when three train collisions killed a total of seven people.

A subsequent federal government investigation found causes of the crashes included tired and overworked Union Pacific employees.

Union Pacific responded by hiring more workers, allowing nap times and including entire families in discussions about the need for employees to get their rest.

Hunter's death raises fears over 'mad elk'

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A Montana fishing guide who hunted and occasionally ate wild game has died of the brain-wasting Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease.

There are two types of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease. One type strikes one in a million people for no apparent reason. The other, more infamous variant is caused by eating bad beef.

Although medical experts believe Gary Padgham's death had nothing to do with eating elk infected with a disease closely related to bovine spongiform encephalopathy — better known as mad cow disease — an autopsy is being conducted.

Results from the tests being conducted at the University of California at San Francisco, the nation's top Creutzfeldt-Jakob research center, are still weeks away.

No such case has ever been reported in the United States, and scientists insist there's no evidence that eating infected elk and deer can kill people.

Chronic wasting disease has infected deer and elk in 10 Midwest and Rocky Mountain states. In Montana, no wild animals and only one captive elk herd have been found to be infected.

Since 1995, 133 Europeans, mostly from the United Kingdom, have contracted Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease after they ate beef infected by mad cow disease. The outbreak continues to incite public fear overseas and has wrecked the British meat industry.

U.S. officials have banned all shipments of British beef into this country since 1989.

None of the more than 442 Creutzfeldt-Jakob deaths in the United States since 1997 has been linked to mad cow disease. That's a big reason why health officials believe Padgham's death has nothing to do with tainted meat.

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Ask Hollywood by Holly Wood

Benton's music still flows

Q: My wife and our friends are lifelong fans of Brook Benton. He has such a beautiful singing voice. In the past few years, we've heard and read little about him. Could you tell us as much as possible about him? Is he still performing? Where is the best place to find his recordings? — **H.W., Fort Smith, Ark.**

A: Benton was born in 1931 in Camden, S.C., and he died in 1988 of spinal meningitis. He hit the height of his popularity in the '60s with songs such as "The Boll Weevil Song" and "So Many Ways." Check with your local music store for his albums. If you have no luck there, try CD Universe at www.cduniverse.com; 800-231-7937. They have a good selection of his music on CD.

Q: Can you tell me where I can buy colorized versions of old black-and-white movies? I have checked everywhere I can think of, to no avail. — **T.D.D., Little Rock, Ark.**

A: I wish you'd told me which movies you're looking for: My advice would be more specific. You can try Movies Unlimited at www.moviesunlimited.com; 800-668-4344. The company has a large selection and might have the movies you're looking for.

Q: I heard an interview with Henry Mancini's daughter, who sang the theme from "Dear Heart" and talked about what a great song and movie it was. It starred Glenn Ford and Geraldine Page, and I remember it was extremely well done. However, my video retriever book doesn't list it. Why isn't it out on video? Or did this one "sneak" by the compiler? — **C.M., Little Rock, Ark.**

A: The sneaky "Dear Heart" is available on video. You can find it at Amazon.com (www.amazon.com) for $19.99.

Q: I'm writing to ask about an actress named Susan Hayward. Does she have a biography out? Are there any books about her personal life? She was a great actress, and I loved all of her movies. I understand she is not among us anymore.

I would also like to inquire about another Susan — Susan Raye, the country singer. What happened to her? And does she sing anymore? I haven't heard any of her songs in a long time. She was a great singer, and I love her music. — B.A., Fort Payne, Ala.

A: I know just the book for you: "Susan Hayward: Her Films and Life," by Kim Holston (McFarland and Co., 2002). It is scheduled to be released in October. There are also several out-of-print-books you might be able to find if you scour the used-book shops and online Web sites. One is "Red: The Tempestuous Life of Susan Hayward," by Robert La Guardia and Gene Areri (MacMillan Pub. Co., 1985). Another is "Portrait of a Survivor: Susan Hayward," by Beverly Linet (Berkley Pub. Group, 1987).

Susan Raye retired from country music for a while, but she released a CD in 1999 called "16 Greatest Hits."

TRIVIA: Susan Hayward auditioned for the role of Scarlett O'Hara but lost out to Vivien Leigh.

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

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Military Briefs

Jeffrey G. Redman

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Jeffrey G. Redman, son of Toni Redman of Plainview and John Redman of Snyder, recently departed on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the aircraft carier USS Abraham Lincoln home ported in Everett, Wash.

Redman is one of more than 10,000 Pacific Fleet Sailors and Marines aboard the ships of the USS Abraham Lincoln Carrier Battle Group and USS Belleau Wood Amphibious Ready Group who will soon participate in Operation Enduring Freedom.

Redman joined the Navy in August 2001.

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Alberto R. Rodriguez

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Alberto R. Rodriguez, son of Sauina Ramos of Midland and Jacob G. Rodriguez of Snyder, recently reported for duty aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Iwo Jima, some ported in Norfolk, Va.

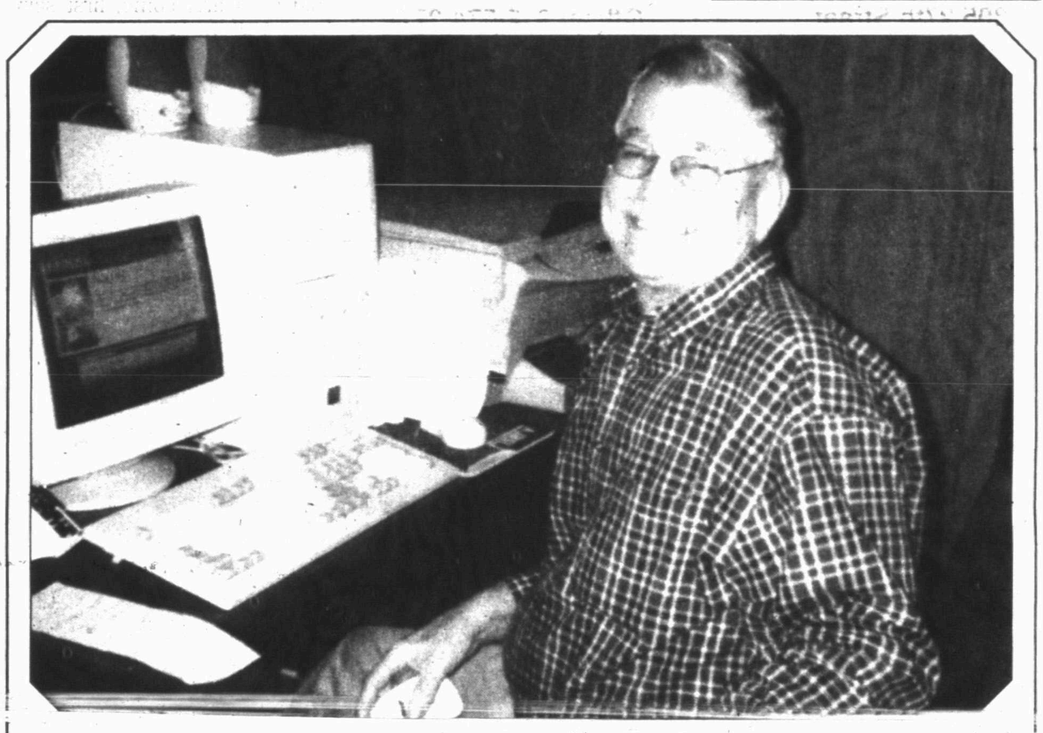
Rodriguez is a 1987 graduate of Snyder High School of Snyder and joined the Navy in September 2001.

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Michael L. Pendleton

Marine Corps Pfc. Michael L. Pendelton, son of Ann and Forrest Pendleton of Snyder, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Pendleton successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge New Marines both physically and mentally.



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Airstrike that killed Afghan civilians was justified, U.S. military reports

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. military investigators concluded that an American airstrike that killed dozens of Afghan civilians at a wedding party was justified because the plane had come under fire.

A summary of the investigation report, released late Friday by U.S. Central Command, said those who were firing at U.S. aircraft were to blame, not the Americans who fired back.

"While the coalition regrets the loss of innocent lives, the responsibility for that loss rests with those that knowingly directed hostile fire at coalition forces," the report said.

"The operators of those weapons elected to place them in civilian communities and elected to fire them at coalition forces at a time when they knew there were a significant number of civilians present."

Afghan authorities say 48 civilians were killed and 117 were wounded in the attacks on July 1 by an Air Force AC-130 gunship on several villages in Afghanistan's Uruzgan province. The U.S. investigation could only confirm 34 dead and about 50 wounded, the report said.

The attacks strained relations between the United States and Afghanistan, with Afghan officials calling for better coordination between U.S. military commanders and Afghan civil authorities.

The airstrike was part of a larger operation in the area, which the report said was home to the extended families of both Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar and the Taliban's former supreme military commander, Mullah Berader. The report said reconnaissance patrols heard gunfire and explosions at all hours of the day and night, indicating the area "appeared to support enemy military training."

Helicopters inserting those patrols came under fire, and at least one had to land at an alternate site, the report said.

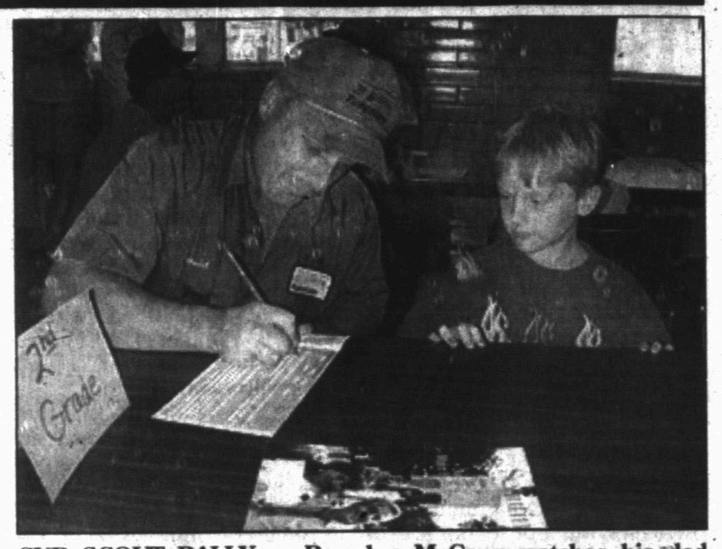
Afghan officials and survivors said most of the dead were women and children at a compound in the Deh Rawood area to celebrate a wedding. They said the only gunfire from the area came from celebrants firing their rifles into the air.

But the U.S. report said heavy weapons had been fired at American helicopters and airplanes in the days and weeks before the raid — and the AC-130 itself also came under fire. The crew of the AC-130 fired its shells only on areas where the fire had been coming from, the report said.

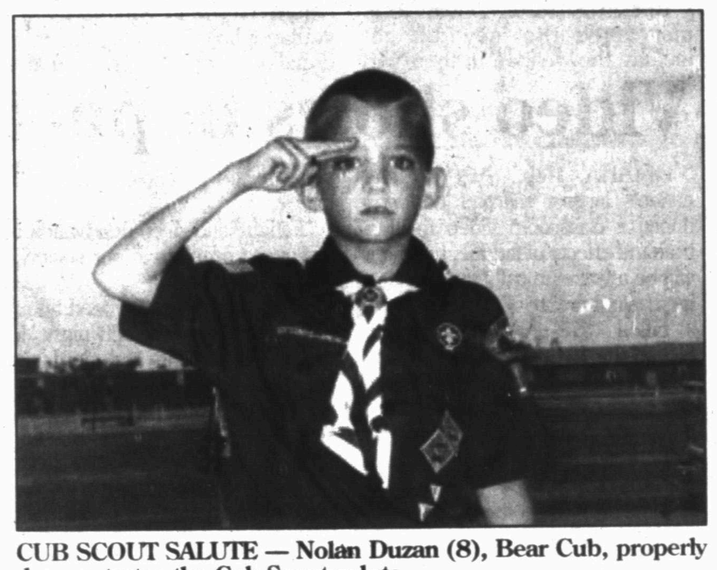
Still, U.S. investigators found no evidence of anti-aircraft weapons at the two compounds where the casualties came from — either hours later when U.S. troops entered the area or days later when a U.S. investigative team arrived, the report said. Investigators did find about a dozen shell casings for heavy machine guns, but the report added that when the later team arrived, the area had been raked.

The report said the AC-130 crew did not see the gun that was firing at them and could not distinguish among men, women and children in the compound.

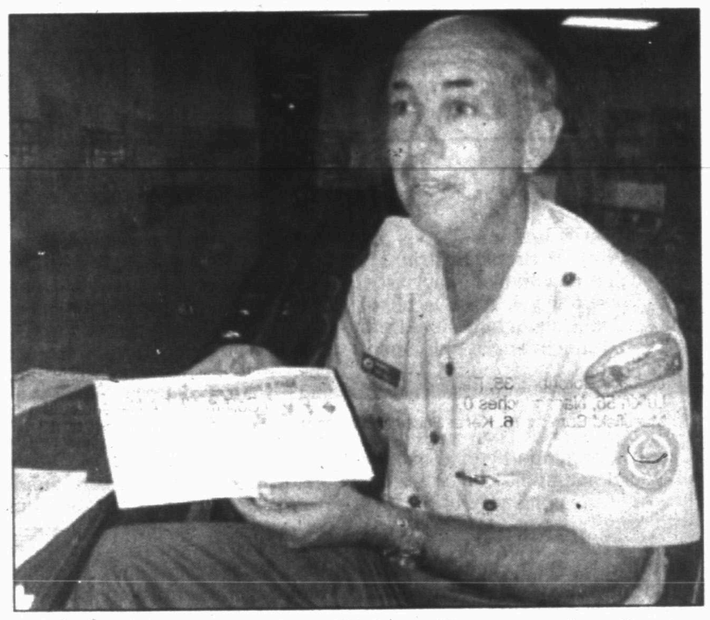
Shortly after the airstrike, village elders told the U.S.-led ground forces that people in the village regularly fired at U.S. aircraft with machine guns and AK-47 rifles, the report said.



CUB SCOUT RALLY — Brandon McCann watches his dad (David) fill out the Cub Scout registration form at the Cub Scout Rally Thursday night.



CUB SCOUT SALUTE — Nolan Duzan (8), Bear Cub, properly demonstrates the Cub Scout salute.



REGISTRATION — Warren Wallace, East executive director, Lone Start District, Buffalo Trail Council, BSA shares a registration form with a potential Cub Scout. (Contributed Photos)

Hidalgo County judge-elect wants to continue as lawyer

HARLINGEN (AP) — Hidalgo County Judge-elect Ramon Garcia on Friday defended his right to continue practicing law once he takes office.

Testifying before the state House of Representatives' Committee on Judicial Affairs, Garcia said, "It's no different than if I were to have a car dealership, a business ... An individual has a right to earn a living."

The House committee is considering a recommendation to stop county judges in counties with more than 50,000 people from practicing law in local courts.

The recommendation followed a February opinion by the State Bar of Texas' Commission on Professional Ethics, which said it was a "conflict of interest" for a lawyer who is a county judge to continue representing clients in local courts.

The opinion was requested by the Waller County district attorney, reportedly a political rival of Waller County Judge Glen Taylor.

Hidalgo County District Attorney Rene Guerra agreed in testimony that it was a potential conflict.

"If you allow a county judge to be a practicing attorney, he's going to have two masters," he said.

Garcia is a trial lawyer known in the legal community for bringing home some of South Texas's largest jury awards.

He noted that the opinion extends to members of the lawyers' firms, which Garcia said would "disqualify a world of people" who work for or with some 50 county judges across the state.

Both Garcia and Cameron County Judge Gilberto Hinojosa, also a lawyer, said the opinion was based on misconceptions about the fiscal role of a county judge.

The opinion says that "the county judge is the chief budget officer of the county and, in such capacity, has an influence over the compensation of the personnel of all the courts in such county."

No al-Qaida links are found to two arrested in Germany

STUTTGART, Germany (AP) — German authorities have found no al-Qaida terror links to a Turkish man and his American fiancee arrested for plotting an attack on U.S. military bases in Germany on the Sept. 11 anniversary, the Interior Ministry said Saturday.

German police arrested the pair on Thursday, after a tip by U.S. authorities. They found 287 pounds of chemicals, five pipe bombs and a picture of Osama bin Laden in the couple's apartment near Heidelberg, home to the U.S. Army's Europe headquarters, officials for Baden-Wuerttemberg state told reporters.

The investigation had focused on whether the couple was acting alone or were part of a network, but Interior Minister Otto Schily said Saturday there was no evidence of a link to a terrorist cell.

"Based on what we know so far, we are dealing with an individual who has shown no indication of participation in a terrorist network," Schily told Antenne Bayern radio on Saturday.

Federal investigators are also looking into the case, considering whether they would take it over.

Investigators identified the couple as Osman Petmezci, 25, and Astrid Eyzaguirre, 23, although neighbors in the town of Walldorf, about 6 miles south of Heidelberg, said they knew the woman as Adriana.

Petmezci was reportedly a strict Muslim "who hates Americans and Jews," Schaeuble said Friday, adding that Eyzaguirre also showed a hatred for Jews.

Their occupations would have given both access to carry out the planned attack, Schaeuble said. The man worked in a chemical warehouse in nearby Karlsruhe. The woman worked in a post military store in Heidelberg, where some 16,000 American soldiers, family members and civilian workers are stationed.

Her employment would have given her access to many facilities on the post, which also houses the Army's 5th Corps headquarters and a NATO facility.

The weekly magazine Der Spiegel reported Saturday that Eyzaguirre had expressed admiration for Osama bin Laden to a friend, and that she had warned the friend to stay away from the post shopping facilities in the coming days. The friend reported the warning to U.S. military police.

Neighbor Jessica Rosarius said Saturday that she saw Eyzaguirre standing in the hall outside her third-floor apartment on Thursday as Rosarius went to her civilian job in the U.S. military complex where Eyzaguirre worked.

"I asked her if she locked herself out and she said, 'Long story,'" Rosarius, a 24-year-old German-American, said at the four-story stucco apartment building where the couple lived.

Houston police chief steps down, will fight indictment

HOUSTON (AP) — The city's police chief is stepping down, but said he'll fight a grand jury indictment that accuses him of perjury.

C.O. Bradford, chief since 1996, insists he had no reason to lie at a displinary hearing for another officer, testifying he never used profanity toward subordinates.

"There is just no motive for me to go under oath and perjure myself," Bradford said Friday. Bradford said he would contact a defense attorney, arrange to turn himself in and post bond.

Standing by Bradford at the news conference was Mayor Lee Brown, who defended the only police chief he's had during five years in office. The mayor said Bradford would be on administrative leave beginning Saturday, with his duties assumed by an assistant chief.

The indictment followed an investigation by the Harris County district attorney's office into testimony at a disciplinary case involving Capt. Mark Aguirre.

Aguirre was reprimanded in November after a subordinate complained the captain had used profanity with him. Aguirre appealed and was granted a hearing before the Civil Service Commission.

At the hearing, Bradford testified he had never used profanity with his subordinates. The statement was later contradicted by another police official.

The district attorney's office presented a transcript of the May hearing to a grand jury; Friday's indictment accuses Bradford of making false statements.

District Attorney Chuck Rosenthal said he expects the case to go to trial but he would consider a plea bargain.

Conviction for aggravated perjury, a third-degree felony, carries a penalty of up to 10 years in prison.

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Your 403(b) Plan Has Gotten an "Upgrade"

If you work for a school, hospital, religious organization or other non-profit group, then you may be contributing to a 403(b) plan. Your 403(b) has always been a great way to build retirement assets — and now, it's gotten even better.

As you know, your 403(b) - sometimes known as a tax-sheltered annuity - allows you to defer part of your salary into a pool of investments. Although it is not exactly the same as the better-known 401(k), your 403(b) does share one key benefit: tax-deferred growth of earnings. And if you're saving for retirement, tax deferral is an enormous advantage, because your money will grow much faster than it would if placed in an investment on which you paid taxes every year. In fact, tax deferral is the biggest asset of your 403(b).

But new tax laws have given your plan some other important new benefits, including the following:

Higher employee contribution limits - In 2001, you could contribute $10,500 to your 403(b) plan. But in 2002, you can put in up to $11,000; this ceiling will then increase by $1,000 per year, until it caps out at $15,000 in 2006. Starting in 2007, the $15,000 base will be indexed for inflation.

Higher total contribution limits - In previous years, the total 403(b) contribution limit - which includes your contribution and that of your employer - was based on a formula that was more restrictive than the current guidelines. Now, the total contribution to your plan is based on 100 percent of your salary, up to $40,000.

"Catch-up" contributions for workers 50 and older - If you're 50 or over, and you don't think you've saved enough for retirement, the new tax laws have given you a bonus. You can now put in additional money to your 403(b), above and beyond the normal contribution limits. In 2002, you can kick in an extra $1,000 to your plan; this "catch-up" contribution rises by $1,000 per year until it reaches $5,000 in 2006, after which it is indexed for inflation.

Ability to roll over 403(b) assets into another retirement plan - In your life, as in everyone's, circumstances may change, and you may someday decide to take another job. If you do, what happens to your 403(b)? Thanks to the new tax laws, you now have a great deal of flexibility with regard to your plan assets. Specifically, you can "roll over" your 403(b) funds into a new employer's 401(k), 403(b) or 457 plan for government employees, as long as these plans permit such rollovers. And these rollovers are tax-free, as well. You can also move your 403(b) into a traditional IRA.

We've just looked at some of the 403(b)-related tax law changes - there are others, as well. To find out more about how these changes could affect your individual situation, consult with your tax advisor. In any case, continue to contribute as much as you can afford to your 403(b) plan. To enjoy the retirement lifestyle you've envisioned, you'll need to maximize all your financial resources.

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Hearne 36, Grandview 0
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Tuscola Jim Ned 33, Coahoma 13
Van Horn 42, EP Faith Christian 18
Wall 33, Coleman 8
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West Hardin 56, Evadale 7
West Texas 12, Wheeler 6
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Bruni 27, La Pryor 0
Bryson 60, Texas Christian Academy 7
Burkeville 24, Hull-Daisetta 14
Celeste 26, Como-Pickton 13
Christoval 50, Bronte 0
Claude 46, Boys Ranch 0
Dawson 67, Southland 14
Eden 16, May 6
Granger 41, Austin St. Michael's 6
Hamlin 20, Seymour 19
Happy 48, Groom 6
Harper 20, Miles 0
Holland 40, Giddings State 8
Iraan 60, Rocksprings 6
Itasca 34, Valley Mills 29
Maud 16, Quinlan Boles 14
Medina 34, Runge 14
Menard 22, Robert Lee 14
Munday 39, Haskell 12
Nueces Canyon 10, San Marcos Academy 0
O'Donnell 27, Midland Trinity 6
Petersburg 31, Farwell 28
Pettus 14, Yorktown 11
Rankin 22, Sterling City 7
Rice Consolidated 28, Cuero 6
Saint Jo 55, WF Notre Dame 0
Santa Anna 69, Lometa 24
Shiner 28, Schulenburg 14
Springlake-Earth 21, Sundown 7
Stratford 26, Dalhart 21
Sudan 39, Vega 12
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Thrall 69, Waco Parkview 0
Throckmorton 16, Rotan 6
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Union Hill 28, Ore City 0
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Wilson 47, Rochester 43
Wink 59, Fort Hancock 0
Covington 21, Perrin-Whitt 8
Fort Elliott 46, Hedley 0

SIX-MAN

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Borden County 50, Meadow 0
Blackwell 50, Highland 48
Blanket 31, Cherokee 34
Covington 21, Perrin-Whitt 8
Gordon 45, Bynum 0
Gustine 50, Iredell 45
Klondike 18, Westbrook 56
Lohn 46, Veribest 0
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Rule 57, Harrold 12
Walnut Springs 34, Penelope 14
Westbrook 56, Klondike 18
Whitharrel 69, Ira 22

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Richardson Canyon Creek 23, Arlington Pantego Christian 20
Abilene Christian High 52, Woodson 6
Addison Trinity 20, Denton Liberty 0
Arlington Oakridge 55, Carrollton Christian 6
Arlington St. Alban's 39, Burleson Stepingstone 30
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Bay Area Christian 40, Fort Bend Baptist 0
Colleyville Covenant 28, Trinity JV 13
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Houston Christian 45, Mount Carmel 24
Houston Kinkaid 12, Houston Second Baptist 0
Houston St. Thomas 31, Alphonso Crutch 8
Rockwall Heritage Christian 62,

OU, 'Bama headline weekend college action

DALLAS (AP) — There aren't many college football programs with more prestige than Alabama and Oklahoma. Their shared history, however, amounts to two bowl games, one of which ended in a tie.

That'll change Saturday when the Crimson Tide travels to Norman, Okla., to play the crimson-and-cream, second-ranked Sooners.

"When you look at the tradition of both schools, it's hard to believe we've only played twice," OU coach Bob Stoops said. "The whole state of Oklahoma is looking forward to it. It's awfully exciting to be in this kind of game in the second week."

Alabama, led by quarterback Joe Namath and linebacker Lee Roy Jordan, won 17-0 in the 1963 Orange Bowl, which was Bud Wilkinson's last game as Oklahoma's coach. The teams tied at 24 in the 1969 Bluebonnet Bowl at the tail end of the season in which the Sooners began running the wishbone.

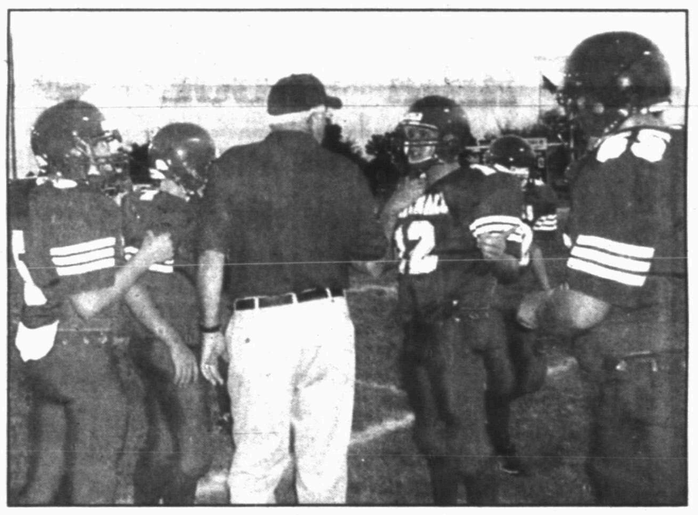
The schedule-makers at Iowa State, Oklahoma State and Baylor didn't have nostalgia or history in mind when plotting this Saturday's foe. All three are at home against teams from Division I-AA. Iowa State faces Tennessee Tech, Oklahoma State plays Northern Iowa and Baylor plays Samford.

Ninth-ranked Nebraska plays Utah State, No. 17 Colorado will try bouncing back from a season-opening loss against San Diego State and No. 20 Texas A&M travels to Pittsburgh.

Missouri will try beating Ball State to become 2-0 for the first time since 1999, Texas Tech looks to get its offense back in gear against Southern Methodist, Kansas State plays Louisiana-Monroe and Kansas travels to Las Vegas to face UNLV.

Third-ranked Texas is the only team off this week.

Non-conference schedules often feature a wide mix of games, but this one is unusual even by those standards. The league office called it "one of the most varied and relatively unplayed group of series since the founding of the Big 12," noting that the 11 opponents come from eight conferences, plus an independent.



LET'S DO IT THIS WAY — Hermleigh coach Don Jones gives instructions to Justin Williamson, Johnathon McClure, Dustin Williamson and Justin Kelley, from left, during the Cardinals' game Friday night against Leuders-Avoca. The Cardinals fell 50-0. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



GOOD CHEER — Snyder's Ashlye Amox, front, brushes her hair before kick off, while Kristel Fitts and Ira Gonzales inspect each other's uniforms before kickoff Friday. (SDN Staff Photo)

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SPORTS

Tigers battle hard in close loss at Abilene

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

With offensive fireworks, a frothing defense and a large contingent of fans in the visitors' section, the Snyder Tigers gave Abilene Wylie all they could handle for 48 minutes Friday night.

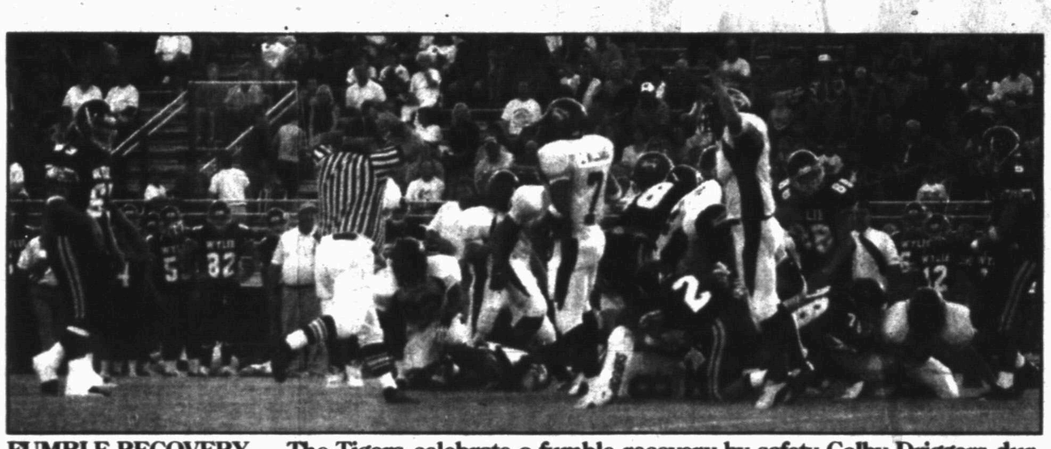
Blasting out of the gate and clawing until the final gun, the Snyder Tigers lost a close, hard-fought battle against the Bulldogs, 28-17. It was a tale of two halves, as Snyder led at the end of the second quarter, only to see Abilene Wylie outscore them 21-3 in the second half.

Head Coach Chad Rogers said the team's effort in practice was crisp and intense leading up to the game.

"The kids worked hard all week," he said. "I'm proud of the effort. Everyone played their hearts out."

The Tigers jumped on the Bulldogs early, with safety Colby Driggers recovering a fumble on Abilene Wylie's opening drive.

Quarterback T.J. Jones sprinted for a 50-yard touchdown run on the Tiger's fifth play from scrimmage, giving Snyder a 7-0 advantage.



FUMBLE RECOVERY — The Tigers celebrate a fumble recovery by safety Colby Driggers during the first quarter of Friday's contest. The Tigers converted the Abilene Wylie turnover into seven points, as Snyder quarterback T.J. Jones scored five plays later. (SDN Staff Photo)

Jones finished the night with 119 yards on 20 carries, and added 107 yards through the air with six completions in 12 attempts. He scored both Snyder touchdowns on the ground.

The Tigers offensive line manhandled the Wylie defensive front all game, opening holes and giving Jones time to find open receivers.

"The offensive line played as well as any line I've ever been around," Rogers said. "They wore out a bigger defense."

Abilene Wylie quarterback Caleb Martin led the Bulldogs to the 8-yard line on the ensuing drive, only to see the drive stifled there by an aggressive Tiger defense. Cornerback Marcus Villareal came within inches of an interception on third down, forcing Abilene Wylie to try for a field goal.

The Bulldogs failed to score, though, as Driggers broke through and blocked the attempt.

It was a big play in a series of big plays for the Tigers in the game.

An illegal block penalty set the Tigers on their own 7-yard line, but Jones connected on a 30-yard pass to Jonathan Garza on third down, putting the Tigers into Wylie territory. The Tigers' drive stalled on its own 29-yard line, and an illegal procedure pushed them back to the 34-yard line.

Faced with a fourth-and-16 situation, the Tigers came up with another big play.

Jones fired a deep 30-yard strike to Boicy Martinez to put Snyder inside the two-yard line, and two plays later Jones capped the drive with a one-yard run to put the Tigers on top 14-0.

Abilene Wiley responded with a 26-yard run from Martin to make it 14-7 at halftime.

The Bulldogs posted the only score of the third quarter when Martin connected with fullback Landon Wolf on a 4-yard score to even the game at 14-14.

The Tigers again took the lead mid-way through the final quarter on a 40-yard field goal into the wind from Isaac Ramon.

"Isaac gave a great effort on both sides of the ball," Rogers said.

The lead was short-lived, though, as Abilene Wylie scored on their first play from scrimmage after the kickoff on a 71-yard touchdown scamper by tailback Tommy Felts.

Rogers said although the play was big, it did not take any wind out of Snyder's sails, but Abilene Wylie would not trail again.

The Bulldogs added a touchdown with 2:24 left to put the game out of reach, but the gritty Tigers continued to work until the end of the ball game.

Rogers said his squad would stick together and continue to work after falling to a quality opponent.

"That last drive, we kept fighting," Rogers said. "We are going to keep working, keep improving and keep preparing, and the whole thing will come together."

The Tigers have an open date Friday, giving them time to heal and prepare for its showdown with Greenwood the following week.

Rogers said the team should be 100 percent healthy for the Sept. 20 contest, with Josh Montoya and Chris Sorrells expected to return from injuries.

Game Summary

Snyder	07	07	00	03	—17
Abilene Wylie	00	07	07	14	—28

First Quarter
Snyder — T.J. Jones 50-yard run (Isaac Ramon kick), 9:43
Second Quarter
Snyder — Jones 1-yard run (Ramon kick), 10:24
Abilene Wylie — Caleb Martin 24-yard run (Aaron Philpot kick), 7:04
Third Quarter
Abilene Wylie — Landon Wolfe 4-yard pass from Martin (Philpot kick), 1:24
Fourth Quarter
Snyder — Ramon 40-yard field goal, 7:04
Abilene Wylie — Tommy Felts 71-yard run (Philpot kick), 6:43
Abilene Wylie — Wolf 9-yard run (Philpot kick), 2:27

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First Downs	16	17
Rushes-yards	37-207	33-269
Passing yards	107	53
Comp-Att-Int	6-12-0	6-12-0
Punts	4-37.5	0-0
Fumbles-lost	2-0	3-2
Penalties-yards	12-90	4-20

RUSHING — Snyder: Jones, 20-119; Boicy Martinez, 9-61, Ramon, 5-12; Matthew Vasquez 3-9; Chance Greenwood, 2-6. **Abilene Wylie:** Tommy Felts, 9-96; Landon Wolfe, 9-90; Martin, 7-57; Eric Massey, 5-21.

PASSING — Snyder: Jones, 6-12-, 107-0. **Abilene Wylie:** Martin, 6-12-53-0

RECEIVING — Snyder: Marinez, 3-52; Jonathan Garza, 1-30; Greenwood, 1-8; Justin Boyd, 1-11. **Abilene Wylie:** Felts, 3-21; Blain Barton, 2-27; Wolfe, 1-4.

Tech seeks win at SMU

DALLAS (AP) — Although they're headed on the road, the Texas Tech Red Raiders are expecting a big crowd of adoring fans Saturday night on the campus of Southern Methodist.

The trick will be sending them home happy.

The Red Raiders are coming off a 45-21 loss to Ohio State in their opener two weeks ago. The Buckeyes outclassed them on both sides of the ball, keeping Tech quarterback Kliff Kingsbury in check until they went to their second string.

Now it's bounce-back time and the Mustangs could be the perfect foe. SMU is coming off a 38-7 loss to Navy, which had lost 20 of its last 21 games.

"We've got 12 games in a row, so we want to start on the right foot," Kingsbury said. "We know we're a lot better than we played that last game, so we're just excited to get going again."

Kingsbury was 26-of-44 for 341 yards with three touchdowns and an interception. Two of the scores came late, after the Buckeyes rested the defenders who had done a great job of chasing him from the pocket.

"We were pretty productive at times, but we were real streaky," coach Mike Leach said.

Sports Briefs

Volleyball booster club

The SHS volleyball booster club will meet Monday at 7 p.m. in the high school gym. Everyone is invited to attend.

Snyder softball tournament

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

Flag football

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

Ladies play day

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

Ladies golf tournament

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

Texas mayors make wager

HOUSTON (AP) - Houston mayor Lee Brown said he wouldn't wear a Dallas Cowboys' cheerleader uniform if the Houston Texans, in their first regular season game, lose Sunday when they play the Dallas Cowboys.

But Brown, in a challenge to Dallas mayor Laura Miller Thursday, did say he was willing to don a Cowboys cap and jersey to a city council meeting if the Texans, the National Football League's newest team, don't win.

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High school junior loses foot after collision in football game

WACO (AP) — Lying in his hospital room crowded with flowers, balloons and sympathetic visitors, William Barton is philosophical about the freak injury that cost him is left foot.

"Football is a contact sport, and this is just one of those things," Barton said Thursday, the day after his foot was amputated. "I'm not going to let it get me down. You have to take what life gives you and look to the future."

Barton, a 170-pound running back and linebacker at Groesbeck High School, was off to a good start in his very short football career when the injury hit Aug. 30.

The 16-year-old junior was playing in his first varsity game and scored a touchdown on a 17-yard catch in a 30-13 victory over Lorena. Moments later, on defense, he was closing in for a tackle when he was blindsided by a block.

"I knew something was wrong," Barton told The Dallas Morning News in Friday's editions. "But I thought it might be a ligament or something."

He said he remembered shifting all his weight to his left leg and preparing to lunge at a running back when the hit came. The blocker's shoulder pads hit his knee squarely, bending his leg into a crescent shape.

"It was a clean hit. It's just one of those unfortunate things," said Groesbeck coach Richey Cutrer.

"I figured it was just a leg injury," Barton's mother, Leya Hoover, told the Waco Tribune-Herald. "I didn't figure it was any big deal. It hurt him, but he wasn't crying or nothing. When we left the game, I figured torn ligament. I figured it was knee surgery. I never figured it would be his foot."

He was taken to a hospital in nearby Mexia, where the knee was drained, X-rays were taken, and MRI was scheduled and he was released.

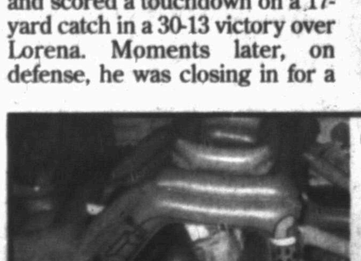
But the leg became discolored and more painful, and during a follow-up Monday doctors found clotting and infection, and rushed him by ambulance to a hospital in Waco.

Wednesday, a Waco surgeon had to amputate Barton's left foot just above the ankle because of a 2-inch arterial tear. A doctor told the family that how Barton's body responds will determine if more has to be removed.

"He wants to save as much of the leg as he can," said Jeannie Thompson, Barton's grandmother.

While Barton recovers, his teammates are trying to prepare for Friday's game against Robinson. They have dedicated their season to Barton and will wear his No. 4 on their helmets this year and next, Barton's senior year.

"You can't do enough to keep things normal, because we have had such a traumatic situation take place," Cutrer said. "We give the players updates. We are telling them how he is responding, his reactions, and we are also telling them how strong he is."



SPORTS

Rangers thump D-Rays, continue homer binge

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — The long ball was expected. A strong pitching performance by Dennys Reyes was a bonus.

Todd Hollandsworth hit a two-run shot in the ninth inning to extend Texas' home-run streak to 24 games, and the Rangers beat the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 9-3 Friday night.

The Rangers are one game short of the major league record shared by the New York Yankees (1941), Detroit (1994) and Atlanta (1998).

Herbert Perry singled to lead off the Texas ninth and Hollandsworth homered on the next pitch from Esteban Yan.

"I think we're probably in the position because we don't even pay attention to it," Hollandsworth said. "I think that's really the bottom line. We don't go out there thinking we're shooting for a record. We're just going out there to put good swings on good pitches and we'll see what happens."

Reyes (3-2) allowed three runs and six hits in seven-plus innings.

"We're going to see more of him," Texas manager Jerry Narron said. "We've got to make sure he gets innings, no matter what, over the next three weeks where we make sure we make the right decision on how he's going to be used and what kind of future he's got here."

In his three previous starts since joining the rotation last month, Reyes gave up 15 runs over 11 2-3 innings.

"It feels great to win any game," Reyes said. "This team has a really great offense. As pitchers, we need to take advantage of it."

Rich Rodriguez got the final four outs for his first save since 1998, when he was with San Francisco.

"Honestly, I hadn't thought about a home run streak," Narron said. "I get excited when we pitch well."

Travis Harper (5-8) gave up seven runs and eight hits in three innings. He was filling in for Paul Wilson, who skipped a start because of a tired arm.

"Pretty much everything I threw up there was flat," Harper said. "They hit everything hard. That's what a good hitting club does."

The Devil Rays lost their fourth in a row.

"Nine runs is an awful lot of runs to overcome," Tampa Bay manager Hal McRae said.

Michael Young also drove in three runs for Texas. He had a two-run single during a three-run third, and has seven RBIs in his past five games.

Aubrey Huff homered for Tampa Bay and extended his career-high hitting streak to 13 games.

Rafael Palmeiro had an RBI single and Ivan Rodriguez doubled home a run to put the Rangers ahead 2-0 in the first. Rodriguez has driven in 13 runs over his last eight games.

Against the Devil Rays this season, Rodriguez is 13-for-26 with two homers and seven RBIs.

Tampa Bay got a run back in the first on Randy Winn's grounder. Winn also had a sacrifice fly in the eighth.

Texas went up 4-1 in the second. Hollandsworth had an RBI double and Young hit a sacrifice fly.

Perry's RBI grounder and Young's single made it 7-1 one inning later.

Huff hit a solo homer in the fourth. His 20th homer came on his 369th at-bat. He went deep eight times in 411 at-bats last season.

"I really can't explain it," Huff said. "I'm going out there, trying to see a ball and hit it. It's the kind of thing I've always done. I guess last year, I was just trying to out-think myself."



OLD GLORY — Members of the Snyder Tigers football team face the flag during the national anthem on a breezy Friday night at Abilene Wylie. (SDN Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)

Ira falls to state champs

The Ira Bulldogs dropped the opening game of the season to defending state champion Whitharral, 69-22, but head coach Toby Goodwin was not disappointed in the play of his squad.

"We never quit," he said. "I'm extremely proud of the effort."

Whitharral jumped on Ira early, scoring 29 points in the first quarter, while shutting out the Ira offense.

Whitharral quarterback Jordan Barker threw three touchdown passes, with receiver Brad Hoskins hauling in two catches for scores.

Running back Victor Portillo also caught a touchdown pass and rushed for three scores.

Ira responded with 22 points in the second quarter behind an Eric Dickerhoff 24-yard touchdown run. Dickerhoff threw two touchdown passes in the quarter, including a 49-yard bomb to Jess Wall and a 2-yard strike to Josh Gutierrez.

Goodwin said the Bulldogs made some costly errors that Whitharral capitalized on for touchdowns.

"When you play that caliber of a team and make mistakes, they will make you pay for it," he said.

He said the team, while disappointed with the loss, was not down on themselves after the defeat.

"It was a great learning experience for us."

New Zealander leads at Canadian

MARKHAM, Ontario (AP) — Grant Waite followed two years of bad timing and bad luck at the Canadian Open by opening with an 8-under 64 in dry and blustery conditions to build a two-stroke lead Thursday.

Waite made five birdie putts inside 15 feet on the back nine at Angus Glen to break away from a large pack of players at 66 that included '98 champion Billy Andrade.

Waite, a 38-year-old from New Zealand who hasn't won in nine years, was due some good breaks at the Canadian Open.

Two years ago, his 21-under 267 would have been good enough to win any of the 22 Opens held at Glen Abbey — except that Tiger Woods was one stroke better, thanks to an outrageous 6-iron from a fairway bunker over the water on the 18th hole.

Last year was especially tough. He overslept, then got stuck in a massive traffic jam on his way to Royal Montreal and missed his morning tee time in the opening round by six minutes, which was one minute too late to avoid disqualification.

"It would be nice to win in Canada because I've played well at times," Waite said.

At least he doesn't have to worry about Tiger or traffic this year.

Woods is skipping golf's third-oldest national championship this year, although Waite might not have even noticed. He missed only three greens and took just 27 putts in making Angus Glen look easier than it was.

The course was so soft earlier in the week that players predicted low scores. Richard Zokol of Canada said it was the easiest track on the PGA Tour, and suggested someone might break 60.

That wasn't the case by the time the tournament started. The "splat" of balls hitting spongy greens turned into a "thud" as they became firm, even in the morning. Pins were tucked just over knobs on the putting surface.

"The pin placements ... they must have heard us, because it wasn't so easy," Vijay Singh said after a 67.

Waite's opening drive rolled so far along the firm fairway that he nearly went into the water. A 2-iron later in his round traveled 290 yards. He adjusted quickly and took advantage of a bogey-free day.

Andrade, who won at Glen Abbey in a strange finish — he purposely chipped into a bunker to avoid the water and beat Bob Friend in a playoff — also played mistake-free for a 66.

Andrade was on the verge of returning to Q-school two years ago when he won the Las Vegas Invitational. This time, his motivation is top 30 on the money list — he's at No. 63 — to get into the Tour Championship at East Lake in Atlanta, where he's a member.

"You've got to set some sort of goals for yourself," Andrade said. "I'm really good mentally when I have something I need to attain. A couple of years ago, it was my job."

Per-Ulrik Johansson, Neal Lancaster and Greg Chalmers were also at 66.

Mike Weir had a 69, only it felt much lower. Canada's best player has never come close to winning his national open. In fact, he missed the cut his first nine tries.

Play Day Awards

Aug. 6: Fairway Everywhere (front nine) 1. Peggy Hardin (32.5); 2. Becky Knipe (36).

Aug. 13: Play Anita Talbott, 2001 Club Champ. (Talbott shot net 75) 1. Esther Guelker, net 73; 2. Joan Hood, net 74; 3. Suzy Reed, net 74.

Aug. 20: Queen of the Hill, Low Gross: Anita Talbott, 79; Low net: Anita Talbott, 68; 2nd Low Net (tie) Suzy Reed, Peggy Hardin, 69. Chip-in, Norma Thompson, Donna Stehley, Joan Hood.

Aug. 27: Flag Tournament: 1. Esther Guelker (150 yeards out on 19); 2. Anita Talbott (200 yards out on 19).

Low putters for August: A Flight, Peggy Hardin; B Flight, Jo Sterling; C Flight, Donna Stehley. Chip-in, Jo Sterling.

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Astros fall to Dodgers, 3-2

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Eric Karros' sacrifice fly in the eighth inning scored Shawn Green with the go-ahead run as the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Houston Astros 3-2 Friday night.

The Dodgers kept their three-game lead over San Francisco in the NL wild-card race.

Green walked, advanced to third on Brian Jordan's hit-and-run single, then scored on Karros' fly to deep left.

Octavio Dotel (5-4) gave up the deciding run in the one inning he pitched.

Paul Quantrill (4-4) pitched a perfect eighth, then Eric Gagne pitched the ninth for his 48th save in 52 chances.

Houston manager Jimy Williams was ejected by plate umpire Ron Kulpa for arguing a call at first in the sixth inning when the Dodgers' Dave Roberts reached first and eventually scored to tie it at 2.

Roberts bunted and first baseman Jeff Bagwell fielded the ball. Roberts avoided the tag by veering outside the basepath and Bagwell then tossed the ball to second baseman Craig Biggio covering first.

Roberts slid headfirst and reached for the bag — but appeared to miss it. First-base ump Dale Scott gave the safe sign and Williams charged onto the field and was tossed after a lengthy argument.

Astros starter Kirk Saarloos had given up just three hits and one run prior to Roberts' disputed hit. Roberts then stole second before Saarloos hit Paul Lo Duca with a pitch.

Both runners advanced when Adrian Beltre flied out deep to center, and Saarloos intentionally walked Green. Ricky Stone replaced Saarloos and gave up an RBI single to Jordan, with Brian Hunter throwing out Lo Duca trying to score behind Jordan.

Lance Berkman provided both Houston runs, including leading off the third inning with a shot into the right-field seats off Hideo Nomo for his 30th homer.

MLB Standings

American League
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	88	52	.629	—
Boston	78	61	.561	9½
Baltimore	64	75	.460	23½
Toronto	62	79	.440	26½
Tampa Bay	47	93	.336	41

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	82	59	.582	—
Chicago	68	73	.482	14
Cleveland	63	77	.450	18½
Kansas City	55	85	.393	26½
Detroit	51	90	.362	31

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	88	52	.629	—
Anaheim	86	54	.614	2
Seattle	82	58	.586	6
Texas	64	76	.457	24

Friday's Games
Boston 7, Toronto 2
Anaheim 6, Baltimore 3
N.Y. Yankees 8, Detroit 1
Texas 9, Tampa Bay 3
Minnesota 6, Oakland 0
Seattle 14, Kansas City 7
Cleveland 9, Chicago White Sox 7

Saturday's Games
Cleveland (Sabathia 10-10) at Chicago White Sox (Garland 10-10), 1:15 p.m.
Detroit (Powell 1-5) at N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 16-8), 4:05 p.m.
Toronto (Hendrickson 0-0) at Boston (Fossum 3-3), 5:05 p.m.
Texas (Park 7-6) at Tampa Bay (V.Zambrano 6-6), 6:15 p.m.
Oakland (Mulder 16-7) at Minnesota (Mays 3-5), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Callaway 1-0) at Baltimore (Lopez 14-7), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Franklin 5-3) at Kansas City (Asencio 3-4), 7:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Toronto at Boston, 1:05 p.m.
Detroit at N.Y. Yankees, 1:05 p.m.
Texas at Tampa Bay, 1:15 p.m.
Anaheim at Baltimore, 1:35 p.m.
Seattle at Kansas City, 2:05 p.m.

National League
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	89	50	.640	—
Philadelphia	70	70	.500	19½
Montreal	69	72	.489	21
Florida	68	72	.486	21½
New York	65	74	.468	24

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	79	61	.564	—
Houston	74	67	.525	5½
Cincinnati	68	72	.486	11
Pittsburgh	62	79	.440	17½
Chicago	60	81	.426	19½
Milwaukee	50	91	.355	29½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	87	54	.617	—
Los Angeles	82	58	.586	4½
San Francisco	79	61	.564	7½
Colorado	64	77	.454	23
San Diego	60	81	.426	27

Friday's Games
Pittsburgh 11, Florida 0
N.Y. Mets 7, Philadelphia 2
Atlanta 5, Montreal 0
Cincinnati 5, Milwaukee 3, 12 innings
St. Louis 11, Chicago Cubs 2
Colorado 7, San Diego 3
Los Angeles 3, Houston 2
San Francisco 1, Arizona 0

Saturday's Games
N.Y. Mets (T.Walker 0-0) at Philadelphia (Roa 3-2), 1:15 p.m.
San Diego (Ol.Perez 3-3) at Colorado (Stark 9-3), 3:05 p.m.
Arizona (Helling 8-10) at San Francisco (Jensen 11-8), 4:05 p.m.
Houston (C.Hernandez 6-5) at Los Angeles (Daal 11-6), 4:10 p.m.
Montreal (Ohka 13-6) at Atlanta (Maddux 12-5), 7:05 p.m.
Florida (Robertson 0-0) at Pittsburgh (Fogg 11-11), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Estes 5-11) at Milwaukee (Neugebauer 1-4), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Smyth 1-3) at St. Louis (Finley 5-4), 8:10 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Montreal at Atlanta, 1:05 p.m.
Florida at Pittsburgh, 1:35 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Philadelphia, 1:35 p.m.
Cincinnati at Milwaukee, 2:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at St. Louis, 2:10 p.m.
San Diego at Colorado, 3:05 p.m.
Arizona at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Houston at Los Angeles, 4:10 p.m.

Texans plagued by injuries on O-line

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Texans, besieged by injuries to their offensive line, re-signed guard Jeremy McKinney Friday, five days after releasing him.

The team called back McKinney, who is 6-foot-6 and 301 pounds, because starting left guard Ryan Schau suffered a sprained right knee in practice earlier this week and reserve guard Cameron Spikes is hobbled with a bruised left thigh.

Schau will miss Sunday night's inaugural regular-season game against the Dallas Cowboys. Four-year veteran DeMingo Graham will take his place.

The line already was depleted by the absence of both starting tackles, Tony Boselli (left shoulder) and Ryan Young (groin). Plus, starting center Steve McKinney is listed as probable with a strained left calf.

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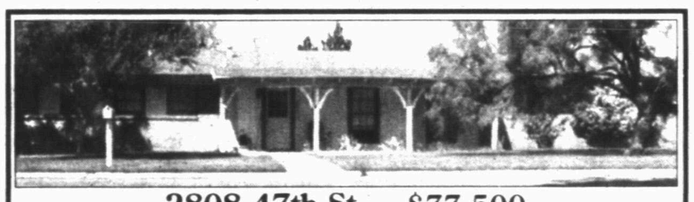
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Asteroid threat called remote but real

WASHINGTON (AP) — A space rock big enough to cause widespread damage and death will hit the Earth only about once every 1,000 years, but experts say the destruction would be so extreme that nations should develop a joint defense against asteroids.

Participants at a NASA-sponsored conference on the hazards of comets and asteroids smashing into Earth estimated Friday that the planet probably would be hit about once each millennium by a space rock big enough to release about 10 megatons of explosive energy.

Such a rock, estimated at 180 feet across, scorched through the atmosphere over Tunguska in Siberia in 1908 and flattened trees across 800 square miles of forest land. No crater was found and experts believe the damage came from atmospheric shock.

Bigger space rocks, which would cause considerably more damage, would hit the Earth even more rarely.

An object of about 1,000 feet "would flatten everything in an area the size of New Jersey and kill everybody there," said Erik Asphaug of the University of California, Santa Cruz. The planetwide effects of such a catastrophe are unknown, he said, but debris thrown into the atmosphere could diminish sunlight and perhaps affect agriculture for months.

If such a rock should hit the ocean, it could trigger tsunamis, giant waves hundreds of feet high, to roll through and destroy coastal cities.

A planet-killer asteroid, big enough to destroy whole species, would be rarest of all. The last came 65 million years ago when a six-mile-wide rock wiped out the dinosaurs and about 70 percent of all species.

Although scientists can estimate the odds of an impact, they can't really pinpoint when it could happen.

"We don't know when these accidents will occur," said Duncan Steel of the University of Salford in England. "There could be one sometime in the next 100 years. We don't know."

Asphaug, the meeting's organizer, said scientists recognized the risk to the planet of asteroids and comets in the last few decades and only now are beginning to shape proposals to protect the planet.

"This is the only major natural hazard which can, in principle, be made predictable and even eliminated if we find the dangerous ones and learn how to modify their orbits over time," he said.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration, under a congressional mandate, started an organized effort in 1998 to find and plot the orbital paths of every Near Earth Asteroid larger than three-fifths of a mile across. Six international observatories are scanning the skies. More than 600 such asteroids have been found, out of an expected 1,000. None represents a threat.

Astronomers now propose a special observatory, called the Large Synoptic Survey Telescope, that would be able to detect much smaller asteroids. It is estimated the proposed instrument, with a 271/2-foot primary mirror, would be able to find and plot the path of space rocks down to a diameter of 820 feet.

While the search continues, experts are studying ways to prevent any object from hitting the planet.

It is believed that most asteroids that pose catastrophic danger would be spotted decades before they could endanger Earth. This makes it theoretically possible to deflect the speeding space rock and send it into a new, safer direction.

Unlike Hollywood films that have had crews blowing up such asteroids, the most promising method of deflection would be to change the path of the asteroid slowly, over decades, using small rockets or other devices, Asphaug and other experts believe. Some have suggested that solar concentrators placed precisely on an asteroid could heat and vaporize enough rocky material to provide a thrust that would reshape the object's orbit to spare Earth.

Before such engineering techniques can be developed, the experts said they need to know more about the asteroids.

Most of the space objects, astronomers believe, are aggregates of rock and dust, held together loosely by gravity. About one in six of the discovered large asteroids have moons, which complicates any effort to change their orbital paths.

Postal financial records: Reduced loss

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thanks to an aggressive campaign of cost-cutting, including a major cut in staff, the Postal Service is finishing the fiscal year in better financial condition than anticipated.

Postmaster General John E. Potter said Friday the agency expects to finish the fiscal year this month with a 1.2 billion loss.

The post office had expected to lose $1.35 billion for the year, and at times after the terrorist attacks and anthrax-by-mail contamination loss estimates threatened to reach several billion dollars.

In addition to the improvement this year, continued cost-cutting and the rate increase that took effect this summer are expected to push the post office into the black in 2003 with a profit of $600 million, he said.

Potter repeated his promise that postal rates won't go up again until at least 2004.

He spoke at the monthly meeting of the Postal Service board of governors. The board met in the same 11th-floor room at postal headquarters where they were gathered a year ago on the day of the terrorist attacks. That meeting was cut short after seeing the smoke rising from the Pentagon across the Potomac River in Virginia.

Richard J. Strasser, the post office's chief financial officer, said Friday the U.S. economy appears to have turned the corner, but the agency isn't expecting a strong rebound. Mail volume continues to be threatened by switching to electronic mail and by strong competition for package business, he noted.

"It's been a white-knuckle year in terms of managing our cash position," said Strasser.

He said the post office expects to finish fiscal 2002 with $66.5 billion in revenues and $67.7 billion in expenses for a loss of $1.2 billion. In 2003, he said, the expectation is for income of $70.4 billion and spending of $69.8 billion, leaving the agency $600 million in the black.

That, Strasser said, will allow the post office to pay off a small part of its accumulated debt, currently about $12 billion.

While Congress and President Bush have provided about $750 million to assist the post office in recovering from the anthrax and terrorist attacks that money has been kept in a separate account for those purposes and is not included in the overall accounting for postal operations.

The post office receives a small federal payment for handling mail for the blind and voters overseas but has not gotten a taxpayer subsidy for operations since 1982.

Potter said the agency is finishing the fiscal year with 23,000 fewer career workers that a year ago and plans to cut another 12,000 positions next year as it takes advantage of improved automation.

Currently the post office has about 753,000 workers, down from an all-time high of 797,795 in 1999. Most of the cuts have been through attrition, Potter said, and that continues to be the plan. He said postal managers work closely with the agency's unions in making changes in staffing and procedures.

Despite the staff cuts, mail service continued to grow with the population rising and new homes and business being built. The post office adds about 1.4 million delivery points each year and currently delivers mail to 121 million homes and businesses.

Potter, in an interview following the board meeting, said the agency is continuing to urge changes in the law to give it more flexibility in operations and pricing.

A postal reform bill died in committee in the House of Representatives this year.

Improvements are being made.

Potter said that thanks to better technology, some 75 percent of handwritten letters can now be read and handled by machines rather than having to be read by people. A newly announced plan would allow small publishers to combine their mailings with larger firms to take advantage of volume discounts, and improve postal efficiency.

Suspect questioned by police

DONNA (AP) — Police on Friday were questioning a suspect in a bloody midnight ambush in which four women were shot to death and one was wounded in their car as they returned from a border-area nightclub.

Hidalgo County Sheriff's Department spokesman Capt. Roy Quintanilha said investigators detained a 21-year-old man who, according to witnesses, threatened the women after they refused to leave Garcia's Place with him early Thursday morning.

The man, who was picked up by officers at another bar, has not been charged, Quintanilha said.

Investigators continued to search for other suspects, including two men who were seen with the detained suspect before the 12:30 a.m. Thursday shooting.

Three of the dead women were identified Friday: Maria De La Luz Balzadua of the Mexican border city of Matamoros, Lourdes Yesenia Torres of Monterrey, Mexico, and Denise Lares Sachez of Vera Cruz, Mexico.

Balzadua and Torres died at the scene; Sanchez died at a local hospital.

Police had not yet contacted the family of the fourth and were withholding her identity. They said they would not release the identities of the survivors at this stage of the investigation.

Meanwhile, a pile of pulverized windshield glass and a few blotches of dried blood were all that remained at the scene of the attack, a gravel lot surrounded by four trailer homes in a colonia tucked behind a newer neighborhood of brick houses.

Six women were driving home from a bar and had pulled up in front of their trailer when the shooting occurred. Police said a light-colored sport utility vehicle pulled up near by and someone opened fire, leaving behind more than 50 bullet casings.

Quintanilha said the women apparently were shot with one or more semiautomatic pistols or assault-type rifles.

A fifth women was in stable condition at a Harlingen hospital.

A sixth woman was apparently shielded as one of the victims collapsed on top of her during the shooting. She fled and hid until dawn before turning herself over to investigators.

Police and a neighbor said the women were waitresses at Garcia's Place, a squat, cement-block structure with no windows and a small front door. But bar owner Felix Garcia said the women did not work for him but had been showing up recently at the bar.

Neighbor Celia Silva, 30, said she knew little about the women. She said five of them shared the faded blue-and-white trailer, and that there seemed to be a rotation of women coming from Mexico to work at the bar. Quintanilha said all six lived in the trailer.

Two of the women had only recently moved in, and at least one had children at home in Mexico, Silva said. The inside of the home was strewn with clothing and ants crawled over uncovered food on a kitchen table.

Breaking into tears, Silva recounted the rapid-fire shooting, which she said went on at least a minute. She said there were pauses in the shooting, which she imagined were for reloading the weapon.

"You could tell they wanted to make sure they were dead," she said.

Silva said she at first thought the shots were aimed toward the bedroom where several of her four children slept. She dashed for the children, then huddled with them in a room at the other end of the trailer.

At least nine bullet holes were visible along the driver's side of the vehicle.

Dozens of Sept. 11 widows honored at baby shower

NEW YORK (AP) — At a baby shower for dozens of Sept. 11 widows who gave birth after the attacks, the greatest applause, and the most tears, followed the reading of a letter from Mariane Pearl, the widow of slain Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl.

Herself a new mother, Pearl expressed solidarity with the sad sorority, but encouraged the mothers to fight their despair.

"Our shared destiny implies a great deal of loneliness," wrote Pearl, who gave birth to a son, Adam, five months after her husband was killed by Islamic militants in Pakistan. "To win over terrorism is not to be crushed by sadness and despair. ... Our role is to preserve life."

Friday's gathering of about 70 widows and their children was timed to help ease the pain of the anniversary of 9-11. It was the first time many of the women had met.

"Coming together with women who have been through what I've been through helps a lot," said Linda Dickinson of Marlboro, N.J., cradling her 9-month-old son, Patrick. "It's been a horrible year and as the anniversary draws near I'm trying to focus on the positive, the blessings I've received."

After the attacks, 102 widows gave birth to 105 babies, according to the Independent Women's Forum's Infant Care Project, which granted each of the women $4,000 to pay for childcare.

The group also helped fly the women from around the country and Canada and hosted the shower luncheon at Cipriani's restaurant, where the pink-and-white tablecloths were topped with floral centerpieces, chairs were decorated with toy angels, and colorful stuffed penguins were passed out as party favors.

"I still cry every day," confessed Jenna Jacobs, of Briarcliff Manor, N.Y., as she tended to her fidgeting son, Gabriel. "The pain doesn't go away."

First lady Laura Bush sent a letter. Libby Pataki, the wife of New York's governor, spoke above the squall of countless babies in an adjoining nursery.

Jacobs, the only 9-11 mother who addressed the audience, struggled through tears as she described her life before the attacks — and after.



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Eastern China braces for typhoon

BEIJING (AP) — More than 48,000 people were evacuated, fishing boats sheltered in ports and 100,000 troops stood by to aid relief efforts as eastern China braced for the arrival of Typhoon Sinlaku Saturday.

After battering Taiwan with waves and soaking rains, the storm was expected to make landfall in Zhejiang province late Saturday or early Sunday, according to China's Central Meteorological station.

Sinlaku, named after the Micronesian goddess of breadfruit, was packing sustained winds of 81 mph as it churned away from Taiwan late Saturday, according to the island's Central Weather Bureau said.

Taiwanese forecasters predicted it would make landfall just north of Fuzhou in Fujian province.

However, China's meteorological agency said the storm would land further north near the industrial city of Wenzhou in Zhejiang, 800 miles southeast of Beijing.

About 48,000 people working on fish and shellfish farms outside Wenzhou were moved to safety inside the seawall, the official Xinhua News Agency and China Central Television reported.

Children and elderly residents of Qidu island off Wenzhou, with a population of 10,000, were evacuated to the mainland in anticipation of high tides, gales and torrential rains, they said.

Bush, Blair mull anti-Saddam strategy

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush is planning strategy with British Prime Minister Tony Blair about how they can rally reluctant countries behind their campaign to drive Iraq's Saddam Hussein from power.

Before their talks late Saturday at Camp David, Md., the leaders were expected to reaffirm their belief that Saddam's ouster is the only way to stop Iraq's pursuit — and potential use — of chemical, biological and nuclear weapons.

Aides insist Bush has not settled on whether, or when, to use a military attack or other means to accomplish that goal. Blair, in contrast to other U.S. allies urging caution, has said the United States should not have to go it alone and pledged troops to any future effort.

The Camp David meeting comes as Bush and his advisers complete work on his Sept. 12 address to the United Nations. Aides involved in writing the speech say Bush intends to challenge the United Nations to take quick and tough action to disarm Saddam, or the United States will be obligated to act on its own. One early draft refers to Iraq as a "ticking time bomb."

Bush is strongly considering a U.N. Security Council resolution that would set a deadline for Iraq to open its weapons sites to unfettered inspection and to apply punitive action if the Iraqi president refuses.

Saddam refuses to allow inspectors into his country and says Iraq has already destroyed its weapons of mass destruction.

Senior Bush advisers acknowledge that Bush is setting the stage for a confrontation with Saddam while knowing the outcome eventually will lead to military force, perhaps early next year. The U.N. speech is a last-ditch attempt to build an international coalition, aides said.

Iraq's information minister, Mohammad Saeed Sahaf, said Saturday in Jordan: "There is a mad administration in the United States of America which seeks to destroy anyone who says 'no' to it."

Blair has been an outspoken supporter of Bush's Iraq policy despite criticism from the British public, his own party and others in Europe.

He said this week that his government hoped to soon publish a dossier of evidence on the Iraqi president's efforts to develop weapons of mass destruction. Britain released a similar paper against Osama bin Laden and his al-Qaida network just days before the start of the U.S.- and British-led strikes in Afghanistan.

Blair also has helped to rally international support for action against Iraq, calling Russian President Vladimir Putin and French President Jacques Chirac and meeting with Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud.

Bush on Friday called Putin, Chirac and Chinese President Jiang Zemin — all opposed to a unilateral U.S. military strike against Iraq. They promised to hear — but not necessarily to endorse — Bush's case against Saddam when administration teams visit their three capitals, senior officials said.

Putin, in his conversations with Bush and Blair, reaffirmed his reservations about a U.S. attack.

The Russian president "expressed serious doubts regarding the grounds for the use of force in relation to Iraq, in terms of both international law and global politics," the Kremlin press service said in a statement.

Russia's defense minister, Sergei Ivanov, told reporters Saturday that his government believes a quick and unconditional return of U.N. weapons inspectors could ease the crisis.

Bush plans meetings with Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien in Detroit on Monday and with Portuguese Prime Minister Jose Manuel Durao Barosso at the White House on Tuesday.

Bush acknowledged that many have doubts but said he will not change his mind about the threat posed by Saddam. He characterized his consultations as less an exchange of ideas than an effort to "see the leaders of the world and remind them of the facts."

The Washington Post reported, meanwhile, that Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld's office on Friday night withdrew a 2,300-word article he had written for Sunday's editions making the case for pre-emptive military action.

U.S. military flights resume over New York, Washington

WASHINGTON (AP) — Military jets have resumed round-the-clock patrols over New York and Washington as the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks approaches.

The 24-hour military flights resumed Friday, said Lt. Col. Cathy Abbott, a Pentagon spokeswoman.

The Defense Department started the round-the-clock patrols after the Sept. 11 attacks and began phasing them out in April, Pentagon officials have said. The patrols had continued sporadically when officials received threats.

Pentagon officials declined to say Friday whether the resumption of air patrols was because of a specific threat or because of the one-year anniversary of the attacks.

U.S. counterterrorism officials say they have detected a mild increase in the terrorist "chatter" in the run-up to Sept. 11, but don't believe it is significant or a sign of a major impending attack.

California woman's infection may mean virus is spreading

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A West Nile infection in a woman here could mark the virus' cross-country spread, but health officials are baffled at how she might have contracted the illness locally.

The woman tested positive for West Nile in preliminary laboratory results, state health officials said Friday.

The results of further tests will not be known for another week. However, county health officials were calling it a "probable case of locally acquired West Nile virus infection."

"The virus' arrival in California is anticipated, but unexpected at this time since it is not present in any contiguous states," said Dr. Thomas Garthwaite, director and chief medical officer of the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services.

The woman had a mild case of meningitis, which is associated with the virus, in early August and later recovered.

The unidentified woman had not traveled outside the region, meaning the infection, if confirmed, occurred locally, county Department of Health Services spokeswoman Maria Iacobo said. Officials provided no further information about the woman, including her age or where she lives.

Since West Nile was first detected in New York in 1999, the virus has been found in humans in 27 other states and the District of Columbia.

While its push westward had been expected, there have been no confirmed cases of humans contracting the disease west of the Rocky Mountains.

Obituaries

Billy Stone

1958-2002

Billy Eugene Stone, 44, died Thursday, Sept. 5, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a sudden illness.

Graveside service for Mr. Stone was set for 10 a.m. Saturday in the Fyron Cemetery with Steve Highfield officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Born March 27, 1958 in Sweetwater, he married Carolyn Hill on Dec. 20, 1991 in Snyder.

Mr. Stone was a contract pumper and a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Betty Dean Stone, on July 8, 1998.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn Stone of Ira; a son, Billy Don Stone of Amarillo; a daughter, Samantha Stone of Abilene; his father, Bill Stone of Ira; a stepson, Cody Wunderlich of Snyder; a brother, Bobby Stone of Lubbock; a daughter-in-law, Renea Wunderlich of Snyder; and his mother-in-law, Daphna Hill of Snyder.

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Officers arrest woman for DWI

•Arrest

Snyder officers arrested Diana Rodriquez Castro, 34, of 1104 26th Street at 6:30 a.m. Saturday in the 1200 block of 28th Street on felony charges of driving while intoxicated. Officers stopped the vehicle after receiving a report of several women fighting at a residence in the 1100 block of 26th Street and the caller advised some of the women left the residence in a pickup.

•Theft

Betsy Thomas requested officers locate a yellow Camaro or Trans Am driven by a Hispanic male because he stole a Pioneer car stereo from Radio Shack. Thomas told the officers the subject was about five feet tall and thin. An offense report for Class B theft was submitted.

•Disturbance

A man requested officers at a residence on Hill Ave. early Saturday because of problems with his girlfriend. He advised she was intoxicated and assaulted him, but he declined to press charges. Officers advised an offense report for date violence would be submitted and began a close patrol of the residence due to the woman threatening to damage the man's vehicle.

•Close patrols

A woman requested a close patrol of her residence on 39th Street Friday morning in reference to problems with her ex-boyfriend.

At 12:30 a.m. Saturday, a woman reported a possible prowler near her home in the 2200 block of Ave. I. A close patrol was initiated.

•Gas drive offs

A clerk at Allsup's reported a man refusing to pay for $12.01 in gas Friday afternoon and advised he had done this before and requested a criminal trespass warning be issued.

The man eventually paid for the fuel and a trespass warning was given to him.

A $10 drive off was reported from Town and Country East at 10 p.m. Friday, but no description was available of the vehicle or its driver.

•Found property

Stella Hays of 401 34th Street reported finding some tools on her property and she suspected they might be stolen. Officers picked up the items and filed a report for found property.

Births

Simon Charles Crain, son of Stacy and Charles Crain of Houston, was born at 5:42 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 5, in Women's Hospital of Texas in Houston. He weighed eight pounds, 10 ounces and was 21¾ inches long.

Paternal grandparents are Anne and Charlie Crain of Houston. Maternal grandparents are Pat McDaniel of Fort Worth and Ed and Lavada McDaniel of Snyder.

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Lisa Luera of Snyder announces the birth of her daughter, Julissa Lizbeth Luera, at 12:19 p.m. on Sept. 4 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Julissa Lizbeth weighed five pounds, 12 ounces.

Her grandparents are Ramon and Maria Luera of Snyder.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Word Is Life revival

The Word is Life Deliverance Church will have a revival Sunday at 10 a.m. and Monday and Tuesday at 7 p.m. Isaiah Reed is the evangelist.

Enchilada dinner

Discovery School will have its annual enchilada dinner from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Sunday at First United Methodist Church. Tickets are available at the school office or by calling 573-4770.

Annual fall round-up

Parents and children are invited to the First Christian Church's Annual Fall Roundup from 6-8 p.m. Sunday. It will be a time to meet the youth sponsors and other parents. Hot dogs will be served at the church located at 2701 37th St.

Tiger Pride cards

Snyder Junior High students will be selling Tiger Pride cards for $10 through Monday. Contact any junior high student or call the school at 573-6356. The money goes to the activity fund.

Stanfield Parent Council

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

Retired teachers fellowship

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

SHS band boosters

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

Bible study tapes

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

Support groups

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

Junior high choir meeting

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

Two CPR courses

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

AARP board meeting

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

SHS school pictures

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

FBC support groups

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

Scholarship fundraiser

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

Alzheimer's support group

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

Farm Bill Computer Training

The training session will be held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18, at the Workforce Training Center at WTC. For an appointment call 573-5423 by 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 16. Dr. Jackie Smith will answer questions about the farm program. Bring accurate figures and appointments will be made to speed the process.

Gospel concert

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

Guadalupe Church Jamaica

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

Bible school

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

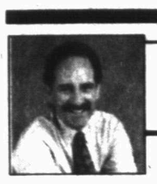
SHS class of 1988 homecoming

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

Trains and things

Scurry County parks department is looking for loans of model trains and railroad-related items to be displayed during the Oct. 12 White Buffalo Festival. Items are needed by Oct. 7.

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On Nutrition by Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

Moderation is key

DEAR DR. BLONZ: There has been much discussion about low-carbohydrate diets (versus low-fat ones), and that they might be the best way to lose weight — and the healthiest diets in general. How do you weigh in? — **F.S., Lafayette, Calif.**

Dear F.S.: I appreciate your request to have me "weigh in," and I am glad to step up to the soapbox.

I am not inclined to recommend either the low-fat or the low-carbohydrate approach. The problem is with the very concept of making a public health "recommendation." This presumes to know which weight-loss approach will be best for everyone, but it simply doesn't work that way. Different diets work best for different bodies, but it's difficult to know which approach works best with whom. As a general rule, the only "low" that seems to works for all is low CALORIE.

I don't favor eliminating or severely curtailing entire groups of whole foods. It is a bad policy, especially when there is ample evidence from around the world that restrictive approaches are not essential for good health.

The current media-darling — the low-carbohydrate diet — short-changes plant foods, such as fiber-rich and nutrient-rich whole grains, fruits and vegetables. These foods contain important phytochemicals that can help lower the risk of chronic disease. Independent of their nutritional attributes, carbohydrate-rich foods contribute important tastes and textures that add much to the enjoyment of food. The flip side of a low-carbohydrate approach is that it opens the door to an unbridled consumption of meats and other high-protein, high-fat foods. Eating fat-laden foods while limiting foods that can help your body handle fat and cholesterol smacks of a long-term health disaster.

Then, there is the fact that radical, restrictive diets tend to be short-term affairs. What happens when you go off the diet? If you haven't learned anything, it might mean a return to the habits that got you into trouble in the first place.

Regarding obesity: Why is it so prevelant in the United States? Is it really because we have become so inactive? That is definitely a big factor, and it starts in childhood, during the formative years when the body takes shape and habits are formed. But another part of the problem is the onslaught of value marketing in the food industry. Food has gotten less expensive to produce, so, rather than lowering prices, we get more for the same amount of money.

Food manufacturers have also found a way to make more money (let's super-size it!) by pushing excess calories for a few pennies more. You go into the theater, for example, and order a box of popcorn. Then, you're told that for a few pennies more you can get the next size up (with free refills). What a value! People don't like to leave something on the plate (or in a box) if they have already paid for it. Blend this with our decreased level of physical activity, and we have sown the seeds of a public health disaster.

There are no simple fixes, but here are some of my observations: Just like there isn't one approach to dieting that will work for everyone, there isn't a single path to good health that works for all. I have always favored a long-term strategy, where changes are subtle and lasting as opposed to drastic and short-lived. If weight loss is the immediate goal, the gradual shift should not only emphasize reducing calories, but it must include an activity component. Exercise burns calories and checks the slowing of the metabolism — a natural side effect of dieting.

Eating should be enjoyable — not looked upon as prescriptive or simply as a means to satisfy hunger. I always encourage people to get in the kitchen and cook, and this is especially true for children. Schools have our children during a teachable period in their lives, and they need to integrate an understanding and appreciation for the growth, production and preparation of foods. What kind of message do we send by turning our most valuable resource over to a cafeteria populated by fast food restaurants?

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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Two teens contract malaria in Virginia

STERLING, Va. (AP) — Two Virginia teenagers have contracted malaria, a rarity because neither traveled abroad, health officials said.

Loudoun County health officials are trying to figure out how the 15-year-old boy and 19-year-old woman contracted the disease last month. Both are receiving antibiotics and recovering.

Of the estimated 1,200 cases of malaria in the United States each year, most are found among immigrants from countries where malaria is common.

Malaria is contracted when a person is bitten by an infected mosquito. It is possible that someone who had the disease was bitten by a mosquito in Virginia that passed it on to the two teens, who live a mile apart.

The Loudoun Health Department says it's spreading larvicide to reduce the mosquito population.

In Austin...

Quints, 3 boys, 2 girls, born

AUSTIN (AP) — The first set of quintuplets born in Texas' capital city made their public debut Friday.

Parents Nichole and Nathan Faylor of Kyle shared photos of their five new babies, born from 3:49 p.m. to 3:53 p.m. Sunday.

Joshua David, Jonathan Lee, Joseph Robert, Nataleigh Joann and Cathryn Mae remain hospitalized in the neonatal unit at Seton Medical Center but are healthy and strong, doctors said.

"Four generations of family were in the waiting room waiting for the next generation to be born," Nichole Faylor said. "It was a beautiful day."

"We're thrilled that each of the children is doing so well," said Nathan Faylor, who works for Motorola.

Three of the babies weighed in at more than 3 pounds. Jonathan, the second oldest, was the heaviest at 4 pounds, 5 ounces. Cathryn was the smallest, at 2 pounds, 12 ounces. All were delivered by Caesarean section.

Upon delivery, each baby was assigned a doctor, a nurse and a respiratory technician.

Dr. David Berry, Nichole Faylor's obstetrician, attributed the quintuplets' good health to Faylor's longer-than-expected pregnancy.

"We were expecting a pre-term delivery as early as 25 weeks," Berry said in a statement. "Quints at 32 weeks is a fabulous win."

About a handful of families in Texas are raising quintuplets, and there is a tight network of multiple-birth parents across the country who are eager to offer guidance, said Mike Wells, a Lubbock father of 2 1/2-year-old quintuplet boys.

"Typically, people who have been through it are very willing to help out," he said.

Wells had this advice for the Faylors: Get as much rest as you can while the babies are still hospitalized and get used to relying on the community for help.

Personal watercraft allowed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Personal watercraft enthusiasts can continue to zip across lakes in eight national recreation areas after an environmental group agreed Friday to postpone a deadline that would have banned the watercraft temporarily beginning Sept. 15.

The powerful, high-performance vessels which hold up to four people are commonly referred to by their commercial names — Jet Ski, Wave Runner or SeaDoo. They are fast and nimble, but environmentalists complain they are noisy, dangerous and pollute the environment.

The National Park Service was required as part of a lawsuit settlement to complete environmental impact studies and craft rules on where in the eight recreation areas high-powered watercraft could be allowed.

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SHS grad likes writing, endurance sports, and car racing

Brandon Weaver loves a challenge. He's pushed himself to the limit and beyond racing cars, mountain biking through wilderness and desert areas and competing in endurance sports like triathlons.

He has also made a few inroads into the freelance writing market and he is currently working to finish a fiction novel he began writing about 10 years ago.

Weaver usually sells two or three magazine articles a year. He doesn't consider himself a successful writer because he's still struggling to get established, but he has sold enough work to keep him writing. Weaver's first published stories were travel stories and first person accounts.

Articles published during the past two years include two to *Texas Parks and Wildlife* and one to *D* magazine. *Texas Parks and Wildlife* published his story about sprint adventure racing in March 2000.

In October 2000, the magazine published another article on the Chihuahuan Desert Challenge and Mountain Bike Festival. His most recent article, in the June 2002 edition of *Texas Parks and Wildlife*, featured the Buffalo Springs Half-Ironman Triathlon held in Lubbock, which qualifies participants for the Ironman in Hawaii. Weaver's article in the November 2001 edition of *D* covered the Cibolo Creek Ranch, a Big Bend resort, and the surrounding area.



FREELANCE WRITER — Brandon Weaver is pictured with some of the magazine articles he has had published in recent years. He also likes professional car racing, endurance sports and he is currently writing a fiction novel.

Weaver did not set out to become a writer. The 1989 graduate of Snyder High School, said he never did particularly well in English and he never worked on the *Tiger's Tale*, the school newspaper.

Becoming a professional race car driver was his long-term goal.

However, Weaver said a chance encounter on an airplane "put the idea into my head." While flying to his first racing school, Weaver's primary interest at the time, he met a woman who free-lanced as a sideline to her regular job.

She encouraged him to free-lance as well but he was hesitant because he didn't think he had the necessary training, imagination or confidence to try and break into the free-lance market. She said she hadn't studied journalism either but that didn't keep her from selling articles.

He eventually decided to send out queries. A query outlines a prospective article to an editor. If the writer is already established, clips (copies of published articles) are also included. Editors usually like to read clips before assigning any articles to new writers.

In 1999, Weaver sent his first query to *Texas Highways* and his second to *Texas Parks and Wildlife*. The article pitched to *Texas Parks and Wildlife* was about a then upcoming Hi-Tec Adventure Race at New Braunfels that would be Weaver's first foray into the fast-growing sport. The magazine, however, asked him to write about a sprint adventure race in Dallas and perhaps he could work the New Braunfels race into the article.



Brandon Weaver competed in Lubbock's half Ironman triathlon.

This increasingly popular sport consists of trail running, mountain biking and kayaking. They range from 3-10 hours in length and teams include two or three members. Tests that gage teamwork skills are held throughout the race.

Weaver accepted the assignment and he also contacted the promoter of the event at mountainzone.com. They asked him to write what amounted to a summary of the Dallas race for their web site. That was something he had never written before. Weaver said he was amazed to land two assignments so quickly.

Before Weaver wrote the Cibolo Creek Ranch story for *D* magazine, the resort allowed him to stay for three complementary days. Weaver's only complaint with the magazine is the two changes they made in his article. One was a mistake that he marked on the facts-check copy but it was never corrected and erroneous information was printed.

He now has another assignment to write about extreme sports in state parks.

Weaver is usually paid 40 cents per word for a magazine article. However, *D* pays a little more. That's not a lot of income a year, but it keeps Weaver plugging away. After his initial success, though Weaver said it has gotten harder to land assignments.

Magazines usually answer queries with a form letter, but sometimes he would get a personal letter from the editor.

Some editors expressed an interest in his query but often left the magazine before he could get an assignment. One magazine that expressed a real interest in his work folded before anything could come of it.

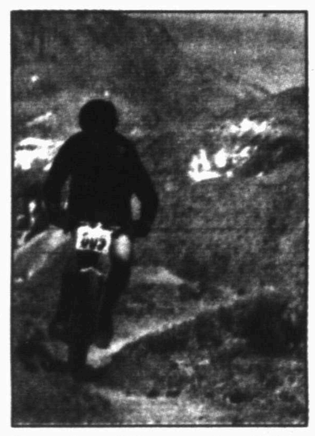
He was sometimes told the magazine already had someone working on his proposed article. And at least one time, the magazine that rejected his query published a similar article under another byline within about six months. Weaver said that when that happens it's usually a small free publication. It could be just a coincidence, but Weaver said it isn't likely.

He also did copious research and conducted numerous interviews for a 2,000-word article on the U.S. Air Forces' plan to fly training missions over Scurry and other counties in West Texas.

After submitting the initial article, he was told to add the environmental impact angle so he did even more research and then made the requested changes. Then the magazine informed Weaver it was changing its focus and didn't need the article after all. He said they told him he was to receive a $200 check to cover his expenses, but the check has never arrived.

When the market is as tight as it is now, Weaver said some magazines use staff members rather than contract with outside writers. Plus there are already several well-established writers in Texas that magazines can farm work to.

Weaver said he is fortunate to have articles published in smaller state magazines because the national magazines have done the subjects he has written about



Brandon Weaver is riding his mountain bike in the Big Bend area, near the Lajita resort.

"to death."

Weaver knows first-hand about the adventure sports he writes about. He has always ridden a bike and he and a cousin (more like an older brother) were also motorcycle racers when they were younger. The cousin is now a professional triathlete and he has also served as Weaver's trainer.

During his years in Dallas, Weaver said he picked up a few extra pounds. He was racing cars then and usually finished in the middle of the pack. He began

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Scurry County Folks

By Shirley A. Gorman

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School Menus

Ira

All meals are served with choice of milk.

BREAKFAST

Monday
Breakfast Burritos
Juice

Tuesday
Cinnamon Rolls
Juice

Wednesday
French Toast Sticks
Bacon
Juice

Thursday
Sausage on a Stick
Juice

Friday
Scrambled Eggs
Sausage & Biscuits
Fruit

LUNCH

Monday
Pigs in a Blanket
French Fries
Ranch Style Beans
Shape-ups

Tuesday
Lasagna
Salad
Peas
Italian Bread
Jell-O

Wednesday
Steak Fingers w/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Bread
Peach Cobbler

Thursday
Chicken Spaghetti
Salad
Carrots
Toast
Applesauce

Friday
Hamburger Macaroni
Corn on the Cob
Celery Sticks
Corn Bread
Banana Pudding

Snyder

All meals are served with milk. Breakfast is served with juice or milk.

CLASSROOM BREAKFAST MENU (East, Northeast, Stanfield, West)

Monday
Donut Holes

Tuesday
Toasted Cheese Wedge

Wednesday
Cereal w/Teddy Grahams

Thursday
Fruit Muffin Square

Friday
Sausage on a Muffin

(Other schools)

MONDAY
Pancakes w/Sausage or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly

Tuesday
Ham & Egg in a Biscuit or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly

Wednesday
Sausage Topped Muffin or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly

Thursday
French Toast Sticks w/Syrup
or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly

Friday
Waffles w/Syrup & Fruit or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly

LUNCH

Monday
Salisbury Steak or
Chicken Nuggets w/Gravy
Cheese & Chives Mashed Potatoes
Seasoned Green Beans
Texas Toast

Tuesday
Beef Parmesan or
Barbecued Chicken
Broccoli Wedges w/Dip
Tossed Salad w/Ranch
Chilled Peach Cup

Wednesday
All American Chilidog or
Spaghetti & Meat Sauce
Tater Tots
Golden Kernel Corn
Dinner Roll

Thursday
Turkey & Noodles or
Chef Salad w/Crackers
Mixed Vegetables
Baked Potato
Bread Stick

Friday
Meatball Sub Sandwich
Or Chicken Quesadilla
Buffalo French Fries
Cucumber Wheels w/Dip
Blueberry Muffin Square

Hermleigh

All schools are served with milk.

Monday
Juice
Peanut Butter & Jelly On
Toast

Tuesday
Juice
Biscuits/Gravy

Wednesday
Juice
Apple Cinnamon Muffins

Thursday
Juice
Scrambled Eggs
Sausage
Toast

Friday
Juice
Dry Cereal
Toast

LUNCH

Monday
Barbecued Pork Patties
Potato Salad
Ranch Style Beans
Corn Bread
Pineapple Cake

Tuesday
Glazed Ham
Sweet Potatoes
Black-eyed Peas
Hot Rolls
Banana Pudding

Wednesday
Sloppy Joes
French Fries
Pickle Spears
Peanut Butter Bars

Thursday
Chicken Nuggets/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Corn
Hot Rolls
Peaches

Friday
Burrito/Chili/Cheese
Tater Tots
Cherry Pepper/Onion
Blueberry Cobbler

Bridal Registry

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Amy Heath
and Mike Hensley
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and Anderson Veiga
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Regular eye exams help overall health

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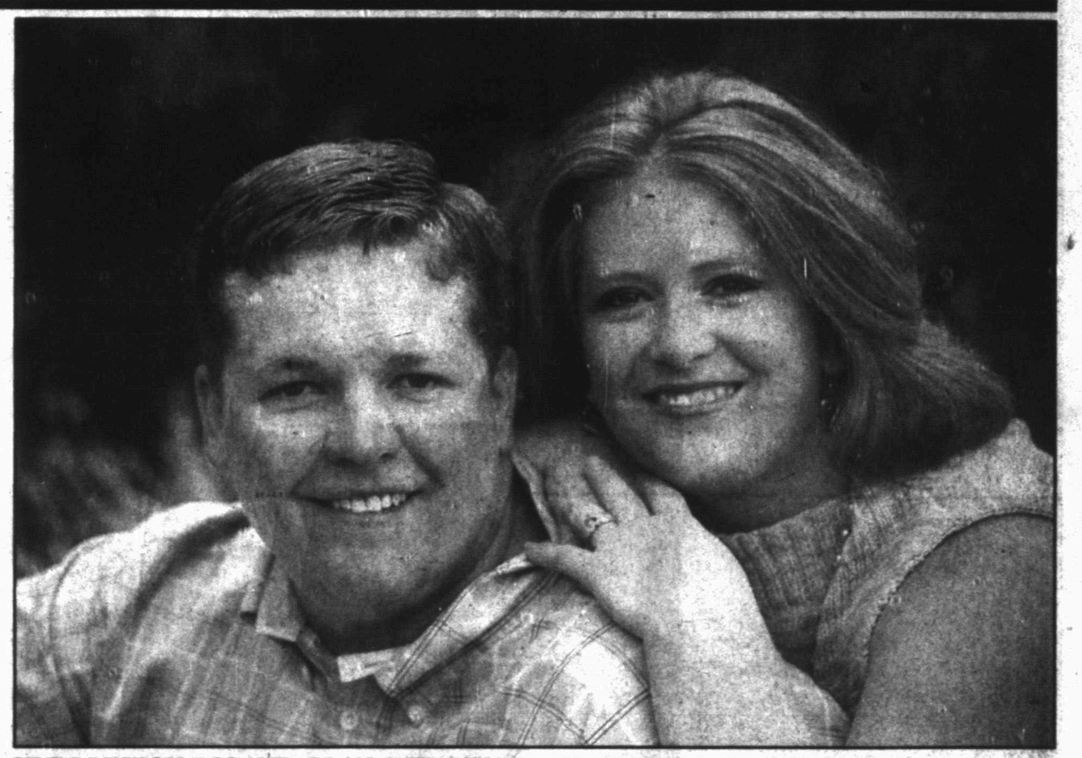
For this reason, an educational program has been developed to boost awareness of the importance of annual eye exams.

"People don't realize that signs of high cholesterol, diabetes, high blood pressure and even multiple sclerosis can appear through the eyes, and Eye Care Professionals are trained to check for these signs at the same time that they look for vision problems," said Dr. Donald Brideau, assistant clinical professor, Department of Health Sciences, George Washington Medical School. "Through a comprehensive eye examination, Eye Care Professionals can detect potential health problems even before a patient notices any symptoms."

The Acuvue Eye Health Advisor Program is educating parents on the importance of regular vision checkups for their children. Vision plays a substantial role in growth, development and performance, with the Vision Council of America reporting that 80 percent of all early childhood learning is acquired through visual processing of information.

However, according to the American Public Health Association, 10 percent of all preschoolers and 25 percent of students in kindergarten through sixth grade have vision deficiencies.

Since school vision screenings identify only five percent of children's vision problems, studies recommend comprehensive vision exams for children before kindergarten and continuing through high school. The Acuvue Eye Health Advisor Program encourages parents to bring their children in for back-to-school eye exams to ensure that their children are ahead of the curve. With incentives such as stickers and tattoos, the program helps to make visits to the Eye Care Professional more fun for kids.



HUDDLESTON-ROLAND PLAN WEDDING — Tim and Connie Huddleston announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Laurie Suzanne Huddleston, to Joey Lee Roland, son of Robert and Tina Roland, all of Snyder. The couple will exchange vows at First Baptist Church at 6 p.m. on Dec. 7. (Photo by Wadleigh Studio)

October is National Popcorn Month

It's that time of the year again when Americans join together to celebrate their favorite crispy, crunchy snacking treat ...popcorn! Don't let October pass without celebrating National Popcorn Poppin' Month.

Each fall, popcorn lovers celebrate the harvesting of this nutritious and versatile snack. As farmers head to the fields to harvest their crop, families and friends are expected to join in the celebration by gobbling up more than 17 billion quarts of this naturally fun treat. That's 58 quarts per man, woman, and child.

What makes popcorn so popular? It's fun and versatile. Topped with your favorite sweet or savory topping or eaten just plain, it's a wholesome and tasty treat.

Here are a few quick and easy ways to celebrate National Popcorn Poppin' Month at your house this year:

• Have a popcorn party. Create a popcorn bar with sweet and savory toppings and let your guests create their own popcorn taste sensation.

• Edible art. Create shapes for the fall harvest season (Jack-O-Lantern, Indian Corn Ears, Halloween Kitty, etc.) using popcorn recipes found at www.popcorn.org, and then eat them!

• Try a new popcorn recipe each week during October.

For more popcorn recipes or more information, visit www.pop corn.org or call, toll-free, 1-877-POPALOT. Remember, Good Times are Poppin' in October during National Popcorn Poppin' Month.

BALLPARK POPCORN CRUNCH

½ cup butter
½ cup brown sugar
3 quarts unsalted popped popcorn
1 cup chopped walnuts

Cream together butter and brown sugar till light and fluffy. In a separate bowl, toss popcorn and walnuts. Add creamed mixture to popcorn and nuts. Combine until coated. Spread on a large baking sheet in a single layer. Bake in 350 F. oven for 10 minutes or until crisp. Yield: 3 quarts.

Nutritional information (based on 1-cup serving): Total Calories 189.5; Fat 15.2 g; Carbohydrate 12.8 g; Sugar 5.7 g; Fiber 1.5 g; Protein 2.2 g; Sodium 75.5 mg; Cholesterol 19 mg.

POPCORN GRANOLA

3½ quarts popped popcorn
1 cup flaked or shredded coconut
1 cup sliced almonds or sunflower seeds
2/3 cup raisins
½ cup honey
½ cup butter or margarine, melted
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon salt (optional)

Preheat oven to 250 F. Combine popped popcorn, coconut, almonds and raisins. Blend honey, butter, cinnamon and salt, if desired. Pour over popcorn mixture. Toss to coat thoroughly. Spread on lightly buttered 15 x 10-inch jellyroll pan. Bake for 40 minutes, stirring every 10 minutes. Cool to crisp.

Store in tightly covered container. Makes 18 servings.

Nutritional Information (based on 1 serving): Total Calories 200; Fat 13 g; Carbohydrate 21 g; Sugar 14 g; Fiber 2 g; Protein 3 g; Sodium 270 mg; Cholesterol 15 mg.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	North	09-07-02
	♠ 8 3	
	♥ 5 4	
	♦ K 8 5 4 3 2	
	♣ 10 6 3	
West		**East**
♠ Q 10 7 6 2		♠ K J 9 4
♥ K 8		♥ Q 10 9 7 2
♦ J 9		♦ Q 10
♣ Q 8 5 4		♣ 9 2
	South	
	♠ A 5	
	♥ A J 6 3	
	♦ A 9 6	
	♣ A K J 9	

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ 6

Saturday, Sept. 7, 2002

Keeping one's eyes peeled pays

By Phillip Alder

John Betjeman, who was to become the British poet laureate 27 years later, wrote in 1945: "I have a vision of the future, chum. / The workers' flats in fields of soya beans / Tower up like silver pencils, score on score."

For the last couple of days, I have been stressing the importance of keeping one's ears, eyes and mind open while playing bridge. If one does not, the vision of the future will be defeat.

Take the South hand in this deal. Against your contract of three notrump, West leads the spade six, and East puts up the king. After winning this or the next trick with the spade ace, how would you proceed?

North is too weak to contemplate five diamonds as a final contract, so — even if not using transfer bids — he should just raise to three notrump and hope for the best. To introduce a minor in this position, responder should have either a very unbalanced hand or thoughts of a slam.

In other circumstances, you would duck a diamond to guarantee five tricks from the suit (unless the missing cards are splitting 4-0). If you do that here, though, surely the opponents will cash too many spade tricks. You must play for a 2-2 diamond break.

However, that is not all: After cashing the ace, you must lead the nineto dummy's king to avoid blocking the suit. Then, when the split is favorable, you can run the rest of the suit (starting with dummy's eight!) and win at least 10 tricks. (If the diamonds unkindly break 3-1, you are in the dummy. able to try the club finesse, which will potentially reduce your losses.)

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Bridge Winners

Bridge games were played at the Snyder Country Club. Jane Hinton directed Friday and Monte West directed Sunday.

Friday, Aug. 30
North-South
A Group

1. Ann Davis, Jane Hinton.
2. Paula Gilbert, Vera McSpadden.

1. Paula Gilbert, Vera McSpadden.
2. Margaret Dillaha, Patsy Williams.

East-West
A Group

1. Margaret Birdwell, Maribeth Vestal
2. Durelle Gorman, Nina Nesbit.

B Group

1. Durelle Gorman, Nina Nesbit.
2. Betty Courtney, Margaret Presswood.

North South

1. Jane Hinton, Billisue Stuard.
2. Johnnie Van Dever, Mary Bast.
3. John Gibson, Betty Gibson.
4. Bette Byrd, Ann Spitler.

East-West

1. Nina Nesbit, Dora Blakey.
2. Artie Harris, Bill Harris.
3. Dorothy King, Gracie Craig.
4. Durelle Gorman, Margaret Dillaha.

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• A wedding … Tuscan afternoon… gundy and win… spersed with gre…

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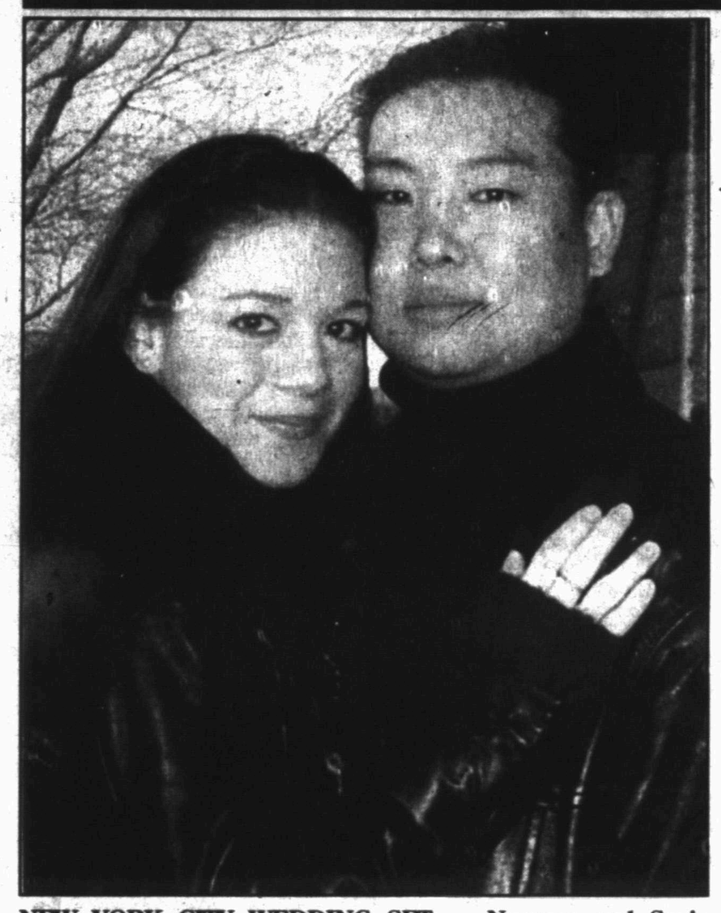
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NEW YORK CITY WEDDING SET — Norman and Suzie Burgess announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, D'Anne Suzane Dupree, to John Park, son of Dong Keun and Lisa Park of Kearny, N.J. The couple are planning a 4 p.m., Sept. 21 wedding in New York City. (Contributed Photo)

New ways to tweak wedding traditions

Brides today are finding new ways to express their personalities in their wedding bouquets.

For many engaged couples, the quest for a unique wedding is entering new territory.

These days, couples may showcase bits of personal history on their wedding day. For example, they may play CDs of their favorite music or compose slide shows with scenes from their courtship. They may also find small ways to involve guests, such as having each one sign a fabric square for a quilt.

One traditional wedding practice, however, remains pretty much intact. Fresh flowers still epitomize the beauty and symbolism of the occasion. Even in this area, tradition is being gently challenged. While many brides follow tradition with an all-white bridal bouquet that's simple but lavish-perhaps 200 stems of lilies of the valley-other brides are tossing out the all-white bouquet in favor of color.

Consider these ideas:

• An autumn wedding that reflects the season with the rusty oranges, purples and reds of novelty roses, dahlias, and lilies.

• A wedding that can recall a Tuscan afternoon with warm burgundy and wine flowers interspersed with green foliage.

• To unite sentiment and sophistication, brides are blending several types of red roses in a harmony of cranberry, wine and scarlet.

• Most brides agree on one point. The rose is the quintessential wedding flower.

"Brides love the look of roses, but they want to have other flowers with them, such as lilies, hydrangea and specialty flowers from California," says Lynn McLean, a Houston designer.

• Orchids are prominent on the list, particularly for brides seeking a distinctive style.

• Cymbidiums are enjoying a rebirth as brides discover the lustrous colors of this flower. Green cymbidiums inject color into white bouquets, while orange and burgundy blooms add singular beauty in fall tones.

"The cymbidium is the newest, most requested flower," says McLean.

• The yellow, mango and aubergene tones of the elegant Calla lily will also lure brides, in bouquets or with a single bloom at each place setting.

• Cost-conscious brides are discovering the value of stock, designing entire weddings around this scent-filled flower, including a "floral icing" for the wedding cake.

Wedding flowers are now a medium through which each bride expresses her unique personality. California cut flower growers are attuned to this trend. For a vast and continually changing palette of floral information, visit the California Cut Flower Commission Web site at www.ccfc.org.

Actors to be licensed

ROME (AP) — The small legion of actors who pose as gladiators at Rome's Colosseum for tourists will now have to be licensed, city officials said.

Starting at the end of the year, aspiring gladiators will have to pass an exam which will include an English proficiency test, said Leslie Capone, a city official. If they pass, they will be given an official centurion license badge.

"Our aim is to promote and preserve the historical identity of the city of Rome," said Capone.

Currently anyone dressed as a gladiator can stand outside the Colosseum and pose with tourists for a picture. The unofficial price for a shot ranges from the equivalent of about $2 to $5, although more than twice that isn't uncommon.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

Storytime at the Scurry County Library for 4- and 5-year-olds; 10 a.m.

Martha Ann Woman's Club directors meeting; MAWC; all members are urged to attend; 4 p.m.

Defensive driving Course; Monday and Tuesday session from 6 to 9 p.m. in the community room of Texas savings Bank, 27th & College Ave.

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

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

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

American Legion Layne Kite Post 181 and Auxiliary; 7:30 p.m.

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

TUESDAY

DAR Coffee Cup meeting at Virginia Clark's home, 3306 Ave. U at 10:30 a.m.

Gateway Family Services parenting discussion group, focuses on a variety of parenting issues and special challenges; no charge; call 73-1822 for more information; 10:30 a.m.

Atheneum Study Club; program, Bobbie Steakley of Colorado City will give a book review on "Hidden Power;" 4:15 p.m.

Weight Watchers meeting; Colonial Hill Baptist Church; for more information call Kathy at 573-1289 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m.

Snyder Shrine Club; call 863-2702 for meeting place; 6 p.m.

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

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

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Trinity United Methodist Church. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

Altrurian Daughters Club; MAWC; 11:30 a.m.

NA Just For Today, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-1438; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

LLL Club; fellowship hall of First Baptist Church; 9:30 a.m.

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

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; at the coliseum annex; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

AA Big Book Study; closed meeting; contact numbers are 574-8015, 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

Defensive Driving Course; no reservations needed and for more information call 573-2850; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

SUNDAY

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

A jelly doughnut measuring 16 feet in diameter and weighing more than 3,700 pounds was made in Utica, N.Y. in 1993.

To put your ideas into action is the most difficult thing in the world.

—Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Love cures people—both the ones who give it and the ones who receive it.

Mathises will celebrate 50th wedding anniversary Sept. 14

Billie and John Nell Mathis of Snyder will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on Saturday, Sept. 14, at the American Legion.

Serving will begin at 4 p.m., followed by songs sung by their son Nathan Mathis, and a play of their first date.

Machea Hernandez will host the event. Their children are Nathan of Snyder and Denby Chaney of Rockport. Their five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren are included in the housepa-rty.

Billie, born on April 21, 1933 in Albany and John Nell on Feb. 12, 1934 in Gea, La., met on July 4, 1952 in Albany. They married on Sept. 12 in Houma, La. Mr. and Mrs. Mathis have lived in Albany and Snyder where Billie was employed with Texaco for 30 years and then for an independent oil company. John Nell has been a waitress, operated a snow cone stand and worked at Stinson Drug for 20 years.

They are members of the First United Methodist Church and are involved with the Masons, Eastern Star, Odd Fellows and are life members of the VFW.

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BOOK FEATURE

Painbuster, by John M. Stamatos, M. D. Pain can distract you from your work, prevent you from caring for your children properly, and even make it difficult to concentrate on something as simple as reading.

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NEW NON-FICTION

When Faster-Harder-Smarter is Not Enough: Six Steps for Achieving What You Want..., by Kathryn D. Cramer.

Aging Well: Surprising Guideposts for a Happier Life..., by George E. Vaillant.

Your Guide to Cemetery Research, by Sharon Carmack.

Legends of the Texas Barbecue Cook, by Robb Walsh

NEW FICTION

Partner in Crime, by J. A. Jance.

Blood Doctor, by Barbara Vine.

Sleepyhead, by Mark Billingham.

The Aviator's Apprentice: Will Turner's Flight Logs, Part One, by Chris Davey.

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Stumpy the squirrel returns to caretakers

MACHIAS, Wash. (AP) — A squirrel with half a tail and no left hind foot is back with his caretakers after 10 days on the lam.

The squirrel, named Stumpy, was found six miles from the residence of Steve and Marcia Carter, who fought back tears when he was returned.

On Sunday afternoon, a woman heard faint tinkling and remembered reading a newspaper article about Stumpy, who had been outfitted with a bell on a collar.

Sure enough, there was the 8-inch rodent, sitting in her driveway.

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Weaver enjoys writing, car racing, endurance sports

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to notice that the men winning the car races weighed less than he did.

Training for endurance sports was a good way for him to lose weight and get into shape for adventure racing and triathlons.

Becoming fit and trimmer ultimately helped him find greater success in the car racing field. During the past two years, he has consistently finished in the top three. As often as funds allowed, he would sign up for a car race. After he rented a racecar, he would practice driving on the speedway and then compete in the race.

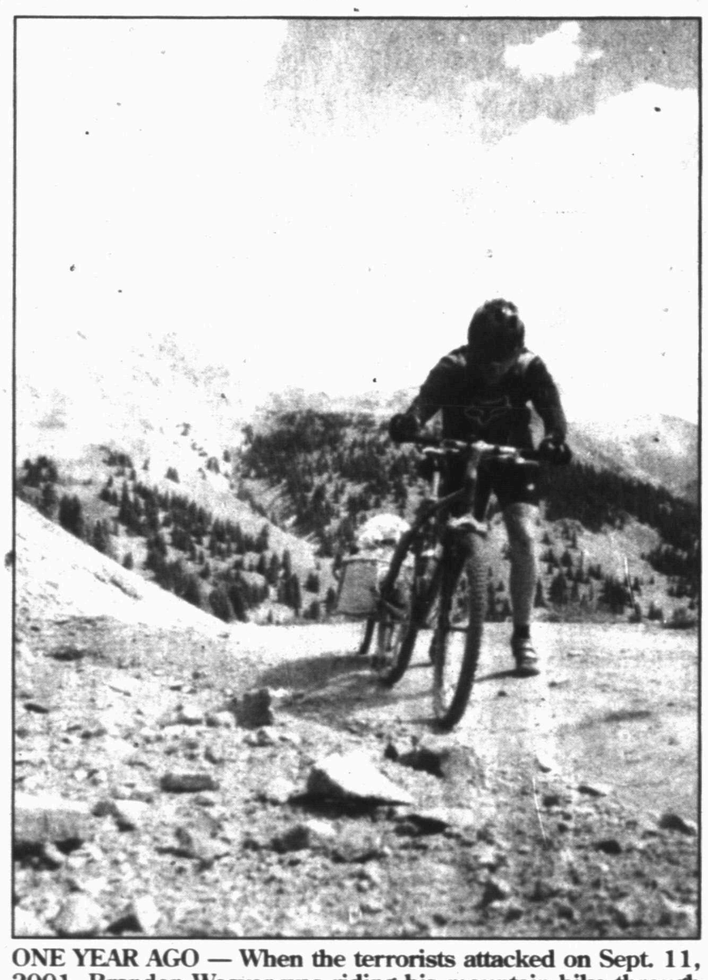
He has competed in Lubbock's Buffalo Springs Half Ironman Triathlon, which consists of a 1.2 mile swim, a 56-mile bike ride and a 13-mile run. A full Ironman is twice the distance in each event. Lubbock's event can qualify participants for Hawaii's Ironman, but competition is very tough.

Weaver also enjoys solo bike rides in wilderness and desert areas. He has competed in the Chihuahuan Desert Challenge and Mountain Bike Festival, near Lajitas, a privately owned resort.

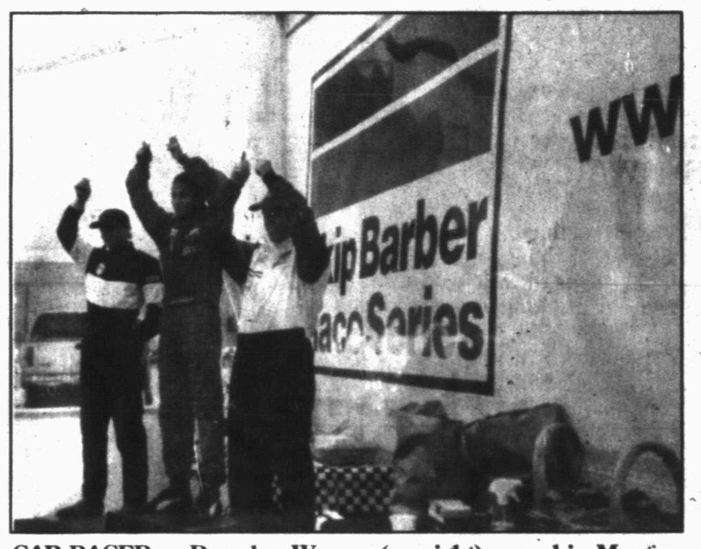
He has also ridden the wilderness trails in Colorado while pulling a small trailer of supplies behind him. That's where he was on Sept. 11 last year. After three days in the mountains, Weaver learned about the terrorist attacks when he rode into a small town. The news shocked him.

Though it took a long time for Weaver to begin writing, he credits two SHS teachers with encouraging him to express himself. Both are now deceased. Mrs. Cox, an English teacher, died soon after she handed out term paper assignments. The other is Jerry Worsham, who taught drama. Cox's philosophy was to let students be more creative. Her replacement was more "rules oriented," Weaver said.

Worsham, always known for encouraging students, allowed his drama kids to have the freedom to do improvizational writing in the auditorium while he played classical and piano music over the loudspeaker. Worsham once told Weaver to save everything he wrote. When Weaver asked him why, he said because "you will be famous someday."



ONE YEAR AGO — When the terrorists attacked on Sept. 11, 2001, Brandon Weaver was riding his mountain bike through this Colorado wilderness area.



CAR RACER — Brandon Weaver (on right) raced in Monterrey, Calif. last October. Bobby Unsor Jr. is shown at right.

After graduating from SHS, Weaver attended Texas Tech University for a year and during the summer enrolled in an English class at Western Texas College. He struggled with the assignments and his teacher was anything but encouraging. However, Weaver passed the class.

He later transferred to the University of North Texas, where he earned a degree in marketing. His goal was to learn to write commercials for the sports market because he thought that would be a good way to have access to professional car races.

While at UNT, he also began flexing his creative muscles and gained valuable experience writing for the college newspaper. He also credits an amazing fiction class for helping him to think seriously about writing a novel.

Weaver said the tenured professor who taught the class was very laid back. He encouraged his students to write what they wanted to write. He didn't care about form or structure. He never graded anything but students took turns reading what they had written in class. Weaver wrote the first three chapters of the book he is writing.

Weaver's goal to become a professional car racer ultimately fed his desire to write. Magazine sales often covered the entry fees.

He attended a racing school while in college and discovered he "had a knack for it." Weaver also participated in a professional driver's search in Canada. While participants drove, they were timed and their techniques were judged. The most talented driver was rewarded with a Canadian series sponsorship. Now he said he realizes it was a "bit of a scam."

After graduating from the University of North Texas, Weaver landed a "dream job" where he traveled around the country installing cameras in the cockpits of race cars that broadcasted pictures to cable and network television stations.

After a couple of years, Weaver said the job folded and his girlfriend broke up with him so he returned to Snyder where he works part-time for the family business, Weaver Services Inc. That allows him the freedom to pursue racing, writing and endurance sports.

He hasn't entered any races recently and he isn't sending out magazine queries at the moment either. Instead Weaver is focusing on finishing his novel. He calls fiction writing his "pretend job." He hopes to have it ready for submission early next year. He also trains for endurance sports for 20 hours each week. He noted that the training also helps him to have the discipline to stay focused on his novel.

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Businesses craft varied responses to 9-11

By The Associated Press

T.J. Maxx and Marshalls stores will be closed until noon this Sept. 11. At 325 Stop & Shop Supermarkets, workers will wear red white and blue, and store managers will use the public address system to call for a moment of silence at 8:46 a.m.

Microsoft will let employees take a day off. Boca Raton, Fla.-based credit card company Applied Card Systems, with 4,500 employees, will be closed. Memphis, Tenn.-based FedEx Corp. will make counselors available and pay workers to volunteer for the day.

Across the country, employers say they recognize that Wednesday, the first anniversary of the terrorist attacks, won't be business as usual. The challenge for them is striking a balance between honoring the moment and showing that life goes on.

"There will be some folks who will be profoundly affected," said Barbara Reinhold, a psychologist at Smith College in Northampton, Mass., who follows workplace issues. "And others will be cranky, saying, 'Let's get on with it.' So a manager has to be careful, pretty strategic about crafting a response."

That can be especially tricky for small businesses that may not have developed a strong company culture.

"All of us at the store have talked about what we should maybe do," said John Henley, manager of The Great Northwest Bookstore in Portland, Ore. "Everyone wants to observe it somehow, but it's not like Christmas, where everyone knows they are supposed to get a tree or go to church. There's no set ritual yet."

Microsoft, UPS, Staples and the Big Three automakers are among the companies pulling their TV advertising Wednesday. Others say they plan to unfurl American flags or encourage employees to wear patriotic pins. Many plan moments of silence at 8:46 a.m., when the first plane crashed into the World Trade Center.

"Here in New Mexico we were geographically distant from the events of Sept. 11, but it has served to focus all Americans on things that are important for our company and community," said Glen Wertheim, president of Charter Bank & Insurance in Albuquerque, which planned to pass out stickers saying "Let Freedom Ring" and "Proud to Be An American."

In Michigan, Detroit Edison Co. asked employees how they wanted to mark the anniversary, said spokesman Scott L. Simons. The workers settled on several ideas, including a memorial service during which a chime will ring over the company's PA system four times — once for each of the hijacked planes.

The 15,000 field technicians for Atlanta-based Bell South will drive with their headlights on to honor the victims. Framingham, Mass.-based TJX, the parent company of TJ. Maxx and Marshalls stores, will have a nationwide moment of silence before its stores open at noon. The company recently opened a memorial and learning center to honor the seven employees it lost aboard one of the hijacked planes.

In many places, however, workers said they don't need big rituals.

"I think people, probably in their own way, will find a way to honor the fallen people," said Larry Slasinski, 48, who works in payroll services at the Detroit headquarters of General Motors, which plans a moment of silence and to fly flags at half-staff. "Do we need a day off? I don't think so. I think we need to move on."

In downtown Boston, lawyer John Ryan said his 20-person office would do nothing out of the ordinary.

"It'll just be another day at work," he said. "We have a lot of bad things happen in the world, but we can't go back and undo them."

And at the New Yorker Delicatessen in Richmond, Va., owner and native New Yorker Ken Boettcher said he worries any effort to commemorate the anniversary might be misinterpreted.

"I really don't want to commercialize it, and in my opinion, there's already been too much done with that," he said. "I'm not looking to make a dollar off this, and frankly that's how I would view it if someone else did something."

Helen Darling, president of Washington Business Group on Health, an industry group that advises large businesses on mental health issues, said it is important not to go overboard.

"Any of us, sometimes we start talking about it and it makes us sad again," she said. "On the one hand you don't want to be cold-hearted and indifferent, but at the same time not create a lot of problems and pain."

Still, she said, employers should at the very least give employees the time and emotional space they may need to gather their thoughts.

"One of the things we know is people don't shut their brains or hearts off when they walk into the workplace," she said.

New Jersey man charged in death

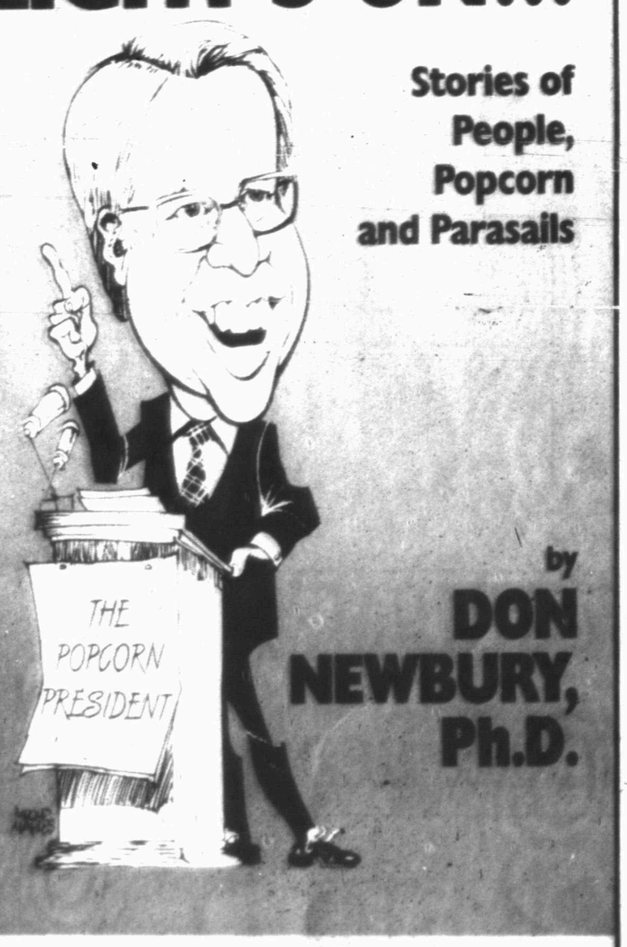
LYNDHURST, N.J. (AP) — A man whose girlfriend disappeared in 1982 has been charged with her slaying, thanks in part to a tip police received from one of the man's relatives, authorities said.

Mark Ferrara, 40, was arrested Thursday and accused in the beating death of Rose Lorincz, who was 17 when she vanished. He was being held at the Hudson County Jail on $500,000 bail.

Authorities believe Ferrara repeatedly beat Lorincz in the head with a hammer or similar item in her family's Jersey City apartment. A motive has not been determined.

Lorincz's relatives had filed a missing persons report July 10, 1982.

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SEPTEMBER 9: FETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME (FAS) AWARENESS DAY

Few people realize that the severely acting-out teenager, the addicted prostitute, the homeless beggar, or the man charged with killing his girlfriend's baby may all behave as they do as the result of brain damage caused by their mothers' drinking in pregnancy.

What is Fetal Alcohol Syndrome?FAS is a lifelong yet completely preventable set of physical, mental and neurobehavioral birth defects associated with alcohol consumption during pregnancy. It is the leading known cause of mental retardation and birth defects.

At birth, children with FAS can be recognized by growth deficiency and a characteristic set of minor facial traits that tend to become more normal as the child matures.

Less evident at birth — but far more devastating to FAS children and their families — are the lifelong effects of alcohol-induced damage to the developing brain.FAS is considered the most common nonhereditary cause of mental retardation.

In addition to deficits in general intellectual functioning, individuals with FAS often demonstrate difficulties with learning, memory, attention, and problem solving as well as problems with mental health and social interactions.

Thus these individuals and their families face persistent hardships in virtually every aspect of life.FACTS ABOUT FAS

Less obvious and seemingly milder fetal alcohol damage is sometimes called Fetal Alcohol Effects (FAE), Alcohol-Related Neurodevelopmental Disorder (ARND), Partial Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (pFAS) or Static Encephalopathy. These conditions can be equally damaging to babies but are rarely diagnosed. (To keep this simple, we're going to call it all FASD.)

Some experts estimate that about 1% of North Americans suffer from FAS (Fetal Alcohol Syndrome) or FAE - about four times as many people as those with AIDS/HIV. There are three to five times as many people with FAE as FAS.

Since 1973, the medical profession has known that alcohol in pregnancy impedes fetal brain development, affecting intelligence, learning skills and behavior.

Persons with FAS have distinctive physical appearance and lower IQs, but have lower crime and addiction rates than those with FAE as they get earlier diagnosis and can be better protected by society and their parents.

Individuals with FAE may look normal and have seemingly normal intelligence, but their damaged brains can result in learning disabilities, impulsivity, lying, stealing, tantrums, violence and aggression, inability to predict consequences or learn from experience, lack of conscience, and being highly addictive.

Most people with FAE look perfectly normal and are never diagnosed. Research indicates that a high percentage of homeless people and about 50% of juvenile and adult offenders suffer from undiagnosed FASD.

Of individuals with FAE between the ages of 12 and 51, • 95% will have mental health problems;• 68% will have "disrupted school experience;" • 68% will experience trouble with the law; • 55% will be confined in prison, drug or alcohol treatment centre or mental institution;• 52% will exhibit inappropriate sexual behavior.

Of individuals with FAE between 21 and 51: • more than 50% of males and 70% of females will have alcohol and drug problems; 82% will not be able to live independently;• 70% will have problems with employment

How can Alcohol-Related Effects be prevented?These effects are 100% preventable when a woman completely abstains from alcohol during her pregnancy.

How does a mother's drinking affect her unborn child?When a pregnant woman drinks alcohol, so does her baby; through the blood vessels in the placenta, the mother's blood supplies the developing baby with nourishment and oxygen. If the mother drinks alcohol, the alcohol enters her blood stream and then, through the placenta, enters the blood supply of the growing baby.If a woman drinks wine, beer or liquor when she is pregnant, her baby could be born with FAS. There is no known safe amount of alcohol during pregnancy.

What if I am pregnant and have been drinking?If you consumed alcohol before you knew you were pregnant, stop drinking now. Abstaining from alcohol for the remainder of your pregnancy can have a beneficial effect even on functions that might have been affected by earlier drinking. The sooner you stop drinking, the better the chance of having a healthy baby. You could be pregnant and not know it. So if you are trying to get pregnant or are sexually active and not using contraception, don't drink alcohol

This information is excerpted from the 10th Special Report to the U.S. Congress on Alcohol and Health produced by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA). The passage further describes FAS and the issues associated with prenatal alcohol exposure and serves as an introduction to the report's comprehensive chapter on the subject. To view the full report, visit the NIAAA Web site at www.niaaa.nih.gov.

For more information on how you and/or your business or organization can be involved in promoting a drug-free community, contact the Scurry County Anti-Drug Connection at the Snyder Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 574-1931 or 573-1411.

NYC firefighters cope with low morale

NEW YORK (AP) — Despite their status as America's heroes, many of New York's firefighters say morale has sunk to the lowest point in memory because of contract disputes and the loss of hundreds of veteran colleagues.

"Firemen always love their job, but as far as working for the city and being treated the way we've been treated, morale is pretty lousy," said Tony Cummo, a 25-year veteran planning to retire Nov. 1.

The 11,500-member department lost 343 firefighters in the World Trade Center collapse, and 747 more have since retired. An additional 360 commanding officers said in a union poll last month that they plan to retire within a year.

Firefighter unions say the departures threaten public safety.

Department leaders say claims that people are in danger are overblown. They say that bolstered training and new recruits' enthusiasm can compensate for the loss of experience.

"We're on a mission," said Sal Cassano, department chief of operations. "Sometimes, with dedication and enthusiasm, you make up for a little of that experience."

The department lost 4,400 years of accumulated experience when the twin towers collapsed. Many of the hundreds of firefighters who retired since then were drawn by the prospect of higher pension benefits because of the overtime they worked during the aftermath of Sept. 11. Others were pushed to leave by nervous family members, or they wearied of the pay.

Rank-and-file firefighters have worked for more than two years without a raise or union contract. A new recruit with a spouse and two children earns about $31,000 a year. After 20 years, salaries can reach about $55,000.

The firefighters union and the union representing commanding officers are lobbying Mayor Michael Bloomberg's administration for pension and pay changes to help retain veterans.

They say probationary firefighters with less than a year on the job are rushing into situations for which they are unprepared, and freshly promoted officers are struggling to manage these inexperienced crews.

Union officials acknowledge there have been no deaths or serious injuries since Sept. 11. And they declined to cite any incidents of delayed or risky operations, saying that would embarrass individual fire companies.

But another terror attack, even a more conventional disaster, could be catastrophic, they say.

"It's Russian roulette," said John Dunne, who represents fire captains. "We're just hoping that nothing happens, that the cylinder that clicks when you put it next to your head isn't loaded."

Carlos Kirjner, who directed a five-month study of the department's Sept. 11 response, acknowledged the extraordinary challenge. But he said a strong pool of experienced firefighters who remain on the job should allow the department to recover.

NFL Films, Kodak restoring photos found at ground zero

MOUNT LAUREL, N.J. (AP) — Inside the cavernous headquarters of NFL Films in suburban Philadelphia, workers who normally handle footage from the football field are instead restoring thousands of family photos found in the ruins at ground zero.

The photos from the World Trade Center include wedding portraits, baby pictures and vacation snapshots, some tattered, burned or stained. Among them are precious reminders of bar mitzvahs and golf outings.

Eastman Kodak Co. and NFL Films, which has some 100 million feet of film documenting the football league, plan to make the restored photos available on a Web site and send either new prints or the originals to the owners or their relatives.

Phil Tuckett, an NFL Films documentarian, was asked to help on the project by a New York Police Department archivist he got to know when making a documentary about the department.

Some 6,000 photographs and slides were found in the 1.8 million tons of debris taken a landfill in Staten Island to be sorted. Authorities plan to return all the belongings to their owners or their families.

In an emotional and sometimes technically challenging project, workers at Kodak and NFL Films have been scanning the photos onto computers.

Volunteers wear latex gloves as they carefully handle the pictures, many of which have singed edges. Whole stacks of prints were found fused together. Kodak officials separated them by soaking the stacks in icy water; some of the pictures turned out to be in nearly perfect condition.

In more severe cases, heat and the pressure drove debris into the photos. Bits of glass, in some cases, could not be removed.

Volunteers used emulsion cleaner before scanning other pictures. Tuckett discovered that when the cleaner was sprayed on the cloudiest pictures, they cleared instantly and remained crisp for about 30 seconds before clouding over again.

At one work station, Oscar-winning cinematographer Garrett Brown photographed badly damaged photos to save whatever image was left.

Public Records

Marriage License

Tomas Jeremiah Arguello and Amber Tandy Parsley, both of Snyder.

Aurelio Hernandez Medina and Brenda Rodriguez Lara, both of Snyder.

David Leon Wagner and Alicia Rachelle Irwin, both of Snyder.

Frederic Carreon and Kayla Sheree Krop, both of Snyder.

Scott Christopher Shifflett and Dawnmarie M. Castel, both of Snyder.

Billy Joe Digby and Jamie Lea Grice, both of Hermleigh.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Tommy William Robertson and Melissa Elaine Robertson, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Rogelio Sotello Martinez and Adelina M. Martinez, divorce granted.

Deed Records

C.L. and Billie Robinson to Aurora Tavarez, the west 50 feet of Lot 1 in Block 26 of the Blankenship Addition.

Chris and Dona Xalyn Palacious to Charles and Jacqueline Cribbs, Lot 15 in Block E of the Replat of the Highland Park Addition.

Howell Darby and Belva Nell Scott to Bobby J. and Korie R. Allen, Lot 10 and the north 5 fee of Lot 9, both in Block 5 of the Replat of the south one-half of Block 4 and all of Block 5 of the Highland Addition, 2nd Section.

Nona Lee Williams to Paul J. and Diana C. Perez, the south 50 feet of Lot 2 in Block 54 of the Blankenship Addition.

The Estate of Jack Wilson to Jackson S. Wilson, tract one being Tract 8 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands, Sections 20 and 26 of the J.P. Smith survey; tract two being part of the north one-half of Section 21, J.P. Smith survey.

Garlan D. and M. Frances Williams, co-Trustees of the Family Trust of Garlan D and M. Frances Williams, to A-1 Air Conditioning Inc., Lots 10-12 in Block 23 of the J.B. Chambers Addition.

American Tower Management Inc. to ARKATEK Inc., 1.435 acres out of the east one-half of Section 702, Block 97, H&TC survey.

William S. and Miseon Whitley to James S. and Vicki L. Moyers, Lot 5 and the south 5 feet of Lot 6 in Block 1 of the Jordan Subdivision of the southeast one-quarter of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Don and Freida Campbell to Vernon Keith, Lots 19-24 in Block 117 of the Original Town of Fluvanna.

Roy G. and Sandra Harlan to Jesse and Dianna Rodriguez, Lot 22, Block K of the Replat of the Towle Place Addition.

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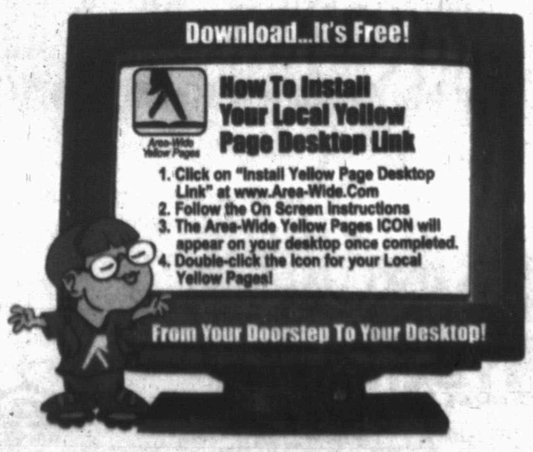
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The center is able to offer numerous activities and services due to the great number of volunteers that support the center. If you would like to help us serve the senior citizens of our community, please call the center

MONDAY

Seniors may play party bridge beginning at 9:30 and continuing throughout the morning. The daily exercise class is very mild stretching and bending. This class begins at 11 a.m. and lasts for 20 minutes. Seniors may participate from a sitting or standing position. Seniors may play eighty-eight at 1 p.m. We will draw for partners and play for fun. We would like to find out how many seniors are interested in having tournaments

TUESDAY

Eighty-eight begins at 10 a.m. and continues until noon. The swimnastics, aqua aerobics, for seniors begins at 10 a.m. at the Western Texas College pool. The class lasts one hour and is free for seniors 60 years of age and older. Call the center at 573-4035 for further information. The Golden K Kiwanis meet at noon every Tuesday for lunch followed by a program

WEDNESDAY

September 11th is a date that will always be remembered in the history of our country; and, we will have a program here at the center in memory of those who lost their lives and those that struggled to rescue them

Carla Thompson and Glenda Hollingsworth will offer a musical tribute at 11:45.

We will have our regular activities as scheduled. Ladies pool begins at 9 a.m. Seniors may participate in pinochle or line dancing beginning at 1 p.m. Pinochle is in the bridge room and line dancing is in the dining room. Clogging immediately follows line dancing.

THURSDAY

The Sunshine Choir will entertain at Snyder Healthcare at 10 a.m. Join the swimnastics at WTC from 10-11 a.m. Dominoes, pool, and quilting are available Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. The center will open at 6 p.m. for game night.

FRIDAY

Bridge and the blood pressure clinic both begin at 9:30 a.m. Eighty-eight begins at 11 a.m. The sing-a-long begins at 11:30.

SATURDAY

The community sing is an evening of gospel and country music by volunteers. The program is in the dining room at the center and will begin at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Senior Menu

MONDAY
Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce
Whole Kernel Corn
Spinach
Tomato Wedges
Oatmeal Raisin Cookie

TUESDAY
Braised Ham
Sweet Potatoes
Chopped Broccoli
Waldorf Salad
White Cake
w/Cream Cheese Frosting

WEDNESDAY
Chicken Fried Chicken
w/Gravy
Cottage Fries
Golden Carrots
Tossed Salad
Cherry Cobbler

THURSDAY
Taco Salad
Refried Beans
Spanish Rice
Sopapilla
Chips & Salsa

FRIDAY
Fried Fish
Tater Tots
Stewed Squash
Creamy Coleslaw
Tropical Pudding

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, Sept. 8, 2002

With Lady Luck giving a project of yours a shot in the arm in the year ahead it could start yielding the types of returns you had always thought it could. Continue to spend as much time and effort on it as necessary.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Pay heed to your financial instincts today, because they could be right on the money. This is particularly true if you're in the process of negotiating some kind of deal. Virgo, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and an SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Although you usually like a partner to chum around with, you might need a little time and space to operate independently and to advance a personal interest. Do it today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Today you may see a situation in a new light when you get a deeper look at the aspects and find there is a greater array of benefits than you first realized.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — People you meet for the first time will see you in an extremely favorable light today. You may even meet up with someone who will become a close friend or associate.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You could be far more effective today if you do not reveal your motives or intentions to others. For best results, pursue your goals as unobtrusively as possible.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Do not lose faith in yourself or your ability to capture what you want in life. There's a good chance something you've been hoping for will become a reality today.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — This might be one of those days when accomplishments could come more easily for you by using your head instead of your muscles. Be less forceful and more logical.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — A team effort has better than average chances for success today, provided the workload is distributed equally and each contributor focuses on what s/he is assigned.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You shouldn't have any trouble today handling assignments or tasks that require concentration or a good use of your imagination. Your mental faculties are above par at this time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Friends will turn to you today to be the catalyst for drawing the right people together and for getting the good times rolling. You're a natural for the job.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Even if you have to give it a few extra hours of your time today, finalize that task you've been working on for a while now. Don't let it drag out any longer.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Someone in particular can be pretty lucky for you today. If you have any hunches about whom that might be, get it touch with that person and see what's cooking.

Monday, Sept. 9, 2002

Those who have been fortunate for you in the past may again be lucky for you in the year ahead. You'll be rewarded for having maintained good relationships with key people who know how to get things done.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Circumstances may be your ally today, making things much easier for you than usual. For just that reason, don't waste your time on frivolous activities. Do something important. Major changes are ahead for Virgo in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and an SASE to Astro-Graph c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167 Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — A piece of information may come your way today that you'll know how to put to good uses. It will be something you've been very anxious to learn about.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Your more propitious opportunity for gain today could come about from a situation where another has already done a lot of spade work. Your contribution will earn you participation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — An association with someone you like may begin to take on greater significance as of today. What you establish now will have longevity attached to it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — When all is said and done today, the methods and procedures you'll use for handling things will be the most effective ones you've used to date. This will make you feel very good about the outcome.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — The needs of loved ones will be the motivating factor in having you jump through hoops today to fulfill their necessities. Love and gratitude will be your reward.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Tackle the difficult first today. You have the necessary tenacity and consistency to accomplish your goals, and once you have those out of the way, you can do anything you want.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — If you weren't too successful last week in getting a hold of someone who is pertinent to your plans, try again today. Your chances of reaching the individual are excellent.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Today may be the day for you to make that breakthrough you've needed concerning a labor you've been steadfastly working on. It may all come together at this time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You won't stand still today waiting for others to attend to all the critical details involved in an important endeavor. You'll jump right in and get things done yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Quietly working on a personal goal today in a partially screened environment is all that you will require for making your day a fulfilling one. You won't need any guidance or management.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Someone you've been wanting to get close to but haven't been able to break into the good graces of yet may do an about face today and extend a hand of friendship.

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Newspaper: Gang member killed rapper Tupac Shakur

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A Los Angeles Times investigation into the long-unsolved murder of Tupac Shakur concluded that his killer likely was a gang member who used a pistol provided by rival rapper the Notorious B.I.G.

No arrests have been made in Shakur's death following the Sept. 7, 1996 shooting near the Las Vegas Strip.

The Times, which said it interviewed members of the Southside Crips who had never before spoken out about the killing, reported that the fatal shots were fired by a Crip named Orlando Anderson, whom Shakur and his bodyguards had beaten in a Las Vegas hotel hours before the shooting.

The newspaper said B.I.G. had agreed to pay the gang $1 million to kill Shakur, his rival in a feud between East Coast and West Coast rappers.

The 24-year-old B.I.G, whose real name was Christopher Wallace, was shot to death six months later in Los Angeles, a killing that also remains unsolved. Anderson, 21, of Compton, was killed in 1998 in an unrelated gang shooting.

Anderson and Wallace had both denied involvement in Shakur's murder.

Las Vegas police interviewed Anderson once but said they could not build a case against him because witnesses in Shakur's entourage weren't cooperating. A police spokesman did not immediately return a call for comment Thursday.

Shakur was riding in a car with Death Row Records co-founder Marion "Suge" Knight after attending a Mike Tyson fight when another car pulled alongside and someone inside opened fire.

According to the Times' reconstruction of the killing, based on police affidavits, court records and interviews with witnesses and investigators, the Crips approached Wallace in hopes of making money from the killing after they had already decided to carry it out to avenge the beating.

Wallace and Shakur, once close friends, had been feuding for more than a year and had exchanged insults in recordings, at concerts and awards shows.

According to the Times, Shakur and his entourage had jumped Anderson to avenge an earlier beating of one of Shakur's bodyguards at a shopping mall. The assault was captured on a hotel security camera.

Anderson declined to file a complaint. Instead, the Times said, he telephoned other Crips and set up a meeting at a hotel room where they decided to kill Shakur that night.

The gang then set up a meeting with B.I.G., who was in town, and asked for $1 million, according to people who said they were present. The newspaper said B.I.G. agreed on the condition a .40-caliber pistol he was carrying be used in the killing. He wanted the satisfaction of knowing his own gun fired the fatal bullets, the Times said.

Since the shooting, rumors about Shakur's killing have continued to spread among hip-hop fans. Some even contend that he faked his own death to escape the pressures of fame and troubles with the law.

Three days before his own murder on March 9, 1997, Wallace discussed his feud with Shakur in an interview with a San Francisco radio station.

Asked whether he had a role in the Shakur's death, Wallace said he "wasn't that powerful yet."

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Woman misses girlfriends in new life with husband

DEAR ABBY: How does one make friends after college? This may seem like a dumb question, but I'm having a hard time.

Right after I graduated, I married a wonderful man and moved halfway across the country, leaving all my close friends behind. Having been raised an Army brat, I never had trouble adjusting to new situations until now.

My husband is my best friend and a great companion, but I miss having girlfriends in my life — to cry over silly movies with, and go shopping, and share "girl talk."

I am working two jobs, so time is scarce, and I don't have the money to join a gym so I can meet people. My day job provides limited contact with the public, and at both jobs my co-workers are decades older than me.

So far, the only people I've met my own age are all single, and they like to party and do singles things. I'm happy with my guy, so of course I'm not into that.

Ideally, I'd like to meet other couples so I can make some female friends, and we can send "the boys" out to do macho things. I'm hoping you can help me, Abby. — **FRIENDLESS IN THE TEXAS PANHANDLE**

DEAR FRIENDLESS: Please don't write off the possibility of forming friendships with older people. They can be great mentors and can also have children or extended family who are your age.

Since your time for socializing is limited, consider exploring relationships at your place of worship or among your husband's co-workers.

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DEAR ABBY: My children are grown. They moved out a few years ago, but now they're back. They do not want to take care of themselves, and do nothing physically or financially to keep the house in order.

I would like to sell my home and work overseas for one year in my profession. If I don't do it now, I never will.

Please tell me how to get these overgrown "children" out of my house and off my back. They have their own money and they have friends. I don't know how to handle this. I'll take your advice. (I have for years) — **USED MOM IN MINNESOTA**

DEAR USED MOM: Be firm. Give your adult offspring a deadline to be out. Then put your house up for sale and take the job overseas. Please don't feel guilty for doing so. You have earned the right to experience your dream. Your children are adults now. It's time they learned to survive on their own. It's an important part of growing up.

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DEAR ABBY: I was dating someone special for six months. I'll call her Meg. I fell deeply in love with her and thought we had a future. Meg said she loved me, too. A few weeks ago, she got upset with me and said I wasn't smart enough or intuitive enough to know she needed $3,000 to buy a car. Meg said if I really loved her, I would have picked up on her "hints" and given her the money without hesitation. The truth is, I probably would have, but I'm not a mind reader. Now she's done a complete 180 on me and hung me out to dry.

Abby, Meg never calls me "honey" or "sweetheart" anymore, and never seems to have more than a moment to spend with me. I love her, but don't know what to do. I don't know how much more rejection I can take. What do you make of her behavior? — **BLINDSIDED IN NEW JERSEY**

DEAR BLINDSIDED: Count yourself lucky. You are finally seeing the real person beneath the loving facade. Bluntly put, your lady friend is a gold digger. Ease your broken heart with the thought that you're $3,000 ahead of the game. This "romance" was not meant to be.

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DEAR ABBY: My brother just turned 16 and is learning to drive. He has already run over a chipmunk, a garbage can and our fence.

Yesterday, my father asked my brother to drive home in our brand-new van. My mom and I were terrified. I started yelling, "I'm too young to die!" My mother told him to pull over because she was afraid she was going to "hurl."

Abby, what should I do the next time I have to be in a car he is driving? Help me! — **GOING BANANAS BECAUSE OF BRO**

DEAR GOING BANANAS: You should never get into a vehicle with anyone — your brother included — unless you are certain the person is a safe driver. And your brother should not be behind the wheel unless he is accompanied by an adult who can supervise his driving.

It appears your brother still has a lot to learn — and he may need some additional lessons from an accredited driving instructor.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 38-year-old white-collar professional who works in a stressful and demanding position. I cherish my time off (nights, weekends and holidays). I need to unwind and rejuvenate myself.

The problem: my mother. She also leads a hectic life filled with ongoing responsibilities, which include running her own business in addition to managing several apartment buildings she owns.

Whenever there is a problem with one of her rentals, she complains about everything she has to take care of. Then she'll ask me to help her out fixing plumbing, changing locks, etc.

Abby, my mother nets in excess of $250,000 per year. I have offered to find a handyman to assist her, but she gets upset and says, "It costs too much to hire someone."

Mom tries to make me feel guilty by telling me that the day will come when I'll inherit everything she has. What should I do to keep the peace? — **OVERWHELMED IN ORLANDO**

DEAR OVERWHELMED: Your peace of mind is more important than "keeping the peace." Tell your mother that with all of her responsibilities, she needs a handyman — and if that means you inherit less, so be it. Then offer again to help her find one.

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DEAR ABBY: Please help me. I am scared about my feelings. I am 32, married and emotionally and physically attracted to my 18-year-old cousin, "Peter." He has been vacationing in our home this summer. Since he's been here we have had wonderful conversations — he hasn't left my side. The truth is, Peter makes me feel wanted, loved and happy.

Abby, please explain what I am going through. I've been so caught up with Peter that I have neglected my husband. Is this an early midlife crisis? — **TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT**

DEAR TOO CLOSE: No. You are getting admiration, compliments and validation from someone who is idealistic, enthusiastic and youthful. That can be a pretty heady cocktail for someone who is thirsty.

Ask yourself why you are vulnerable, and you'll have the answer to your question. You and your husband would benefit from marriage counseling. It will give you both an opportunity to explore your feelings. Call today for a referral from your physician.

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Adult blood stem cells won't transform

>WASHINGTON (AP) — Adult blood stem cells were unable to transform into other types of tissue cells in a Stanford University study, raising new doubts about the eventual value of the cells in the treatment of disease.

The finding supports the view that embryonic stem cells, not adult stem cells, offer the most promise for treating conditions such as heart disease, spinal injury, diabetes and Parkinson's disease, some researchers say.

But many people, including President Bush, oppose using human embryonic stem cells in medical research because it involves the death of an embryo.

The Stanford researchers attempted to trace the evolution of blood stem cells after placing them singly into mice whose bone marrow had been destroyed. The hope was that the study would show how a single blood-making cell could grow into millions of cells, including, perhaps, cells in other tissues of the body.

Instead, said Amy J. Wagers, first author of the study appearing this week in the journal Science, the group found that the blood stem cells replenished the bone marrow but made almost no other types of tissue cells.

Wagers said the study strongly suggests that blood stem cells make only one thing — blood. Making skin, neurons, muscle or liver cells, as some researchers have reported from such stem cells, "is an extremely rare event" that probably would not be useful in the treatment of disease, she said.

"We only had one neuron out of millions of cells," said Wagers. "With the liver, the frequency was only one in 70,000. It can happen, but it is not robust."

The study is part of a new field of study directed toward regenerative medicine, which would cure or control disease by replacing flawed or worn-out cells with new cells grown from stem cells. Experts believe stem cells eventually may be cultured into new tissue that would be used to replace or repair ailing or diseased organs.

Researchers in many labs are studying two basic types of stem cells. Somatic, or adult, stem cells come from mature tissue. Embryonic stem cells come from embryos that have been allowed to grow to a certain point and then killed to extract the cells.

The Bush administration has put in place strict guidelines controlling the use of federal dollars for embryonic stem cell research, while putting no such restrictions on adult stem studies. Some officials have argued that embryonic stem cell studies are not needed because of growing evidence that adult stem cells, when properly cultured, can grow into other tissue cells for medical treatment.

But the work of Wagers and others suggest that adult stem cells offer only an uncertain promise of ever being medically useful.

"What our study shows is that the most robust and reproducible production of multiple tissues from a single cell comes from the embryonic stem cells" and not from adult blood stem cells, Wagers said.

Other stem cell researchers, however, say the issue is far from settled.

Dr. Dennis A. Steindler, a stem cell researcher at the University of Florida, said the "jury is still out" on which type of stem cell will be the most medically useful.

"There is still a great deal to learn about the possible use of adult stem cells for therapeutics," he said. "The field of regenerative medicine is just beginning. We have a lot of experiments we need to do to figure out the way that stem cells can be used to cure human diseases."

He said most experts believe that both adult and embryonic stem cell research should be continued vigorously because it is possible that both types of cells eventually will find a place in medicine.

Dr. Michael D. West, head of Advanced Cell Technology in Worcester, Mass., said the Stanford study is part of a growing awareness among researchers that "stem cells from the bone marrow will not be a practical source for many cell types needed" to treat disease.

But Dr. Catherine Verfaillie, director of the University of Minnesota Stem Cell Institute, said her lab has grown many different types of tissue cells from bone marrow stem cells. She said the Stanford study used a different bone marrow stem cell and processed it differently. As a result, she said the two studies "really can't be compared."



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increase at a public meeting to be held

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at County Courtroom
Scurry County Courthouse.

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Saints and Sinners by George Plagenz

The first of ten commandments

Most of us know there are Ten Commandments. But fewer than half of us can name as many as five of them, according to a Gallup Poll.

How many can you name?

Even if you can rattle off all 10, numbering them could prove to be your undoing, because the commandments are not numbered in the Bible.

The numbering has been done by churchmen who have not agreed. The result is three different sets of numbering — one used by Catholics, one by Lutherans and still another by other Protestants and Orthodox Christians.

"Thou shalt not kill," for example, is the fifth commandment in the Lutheran and Catholic catechisms. In the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer, it is the sixth.

The Ten Commandments (or the Decalogue, a Greek word meaning the "ten words") are found in two places in the Bible — Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5. The phrasing and order are similar in the two Old Testament books, but are not identical.

The Bible says the commandments were given by God to Moses on Mt. Sinai. Moses was to pass them on to the Israelites. The first commandment was "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." What other gods was God referring to?

The people of ancient times worshiped many gods. Even the Israelites of Moses' day believed in the existence of gods other than Jehovah. One of their songs to the Lord contained the line, "Who is like thee, O Lord, among the gods?"

Animal worship was common, too. It was natural for primitive people terrorized by wild animals to think that these creatures were gods, superior to humans. Animals were also a necessary source of food. They, therefore, had to be propitiated and honored.

Then there was the desire of ancient people for idols and images of their gods. Even today, many of us like to have some visual or tactile representation of the invisible spiritual world — whether crucifix, statue or altar.

Among all the gods and idols being worshiped in Moses' time, Jehovah was in danger of being lost. This commandment was designed to put him first and foremost by warning the Israelites that they were to worship him alone. In a world of competing gods, all other gods but Jehovah were to be forsaken.

Most of us have an easy time with this commandment.

Too easy perhaps. We believe in only one true God. No problem. You won't catch us worshipping any golden calf!

As a practical matter, however, we must admit we often love and trust things or other people more than we love and trust God. Except maybe on Sunday.

As for fearing God, we don't. The Israelites' idea of God was of someone whose laws and commandments have to be obeyed. When they are not — when "God is angry" — there are tragic consequences not only for the wrongdoers but for countless innocent parties, as well.

The sins of the fathers, God reminded the Israelites when he gave them the commandments, are "visited upon the children." We know that to be so. We call it heredity or we trace it to the environment in which children grow up. In any case, there is a price to pay when we ignore God's commandments.

Do we emphasize a loving God to the exclusion of a God who must be feared as well? God should perhaps be compared in our thinking to electricity. Although we can't see electricity, it can light up our lives and give us warmth and comfort and provide power.

But it must also be feared and respected.

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Open Government Barometer

Number of Executive Sessions held by public entities in 2002.

Scurry County	8
Snyder ISD	5
City of Snyder	4
DCOS	4
Cogdell Hospital	2
Hermleigh ISD	2
Ira ISD	2
WTC	2



Letters to the Edfitor

Why aren't we credited

Dear Editor:

This is to my fellow subscribers to Cox Communications.

If any time you ever miss a program you wanted to see, don't worry about it, because all we get are reruns and it will be back on.

This is, if the channel is not off again. This is with the exception of sports.

R.B. Duke

P.S. We pay for 65 channels. Why are we not credited for the time some of them are off?

Eye glasses are needed

Dear Editor:

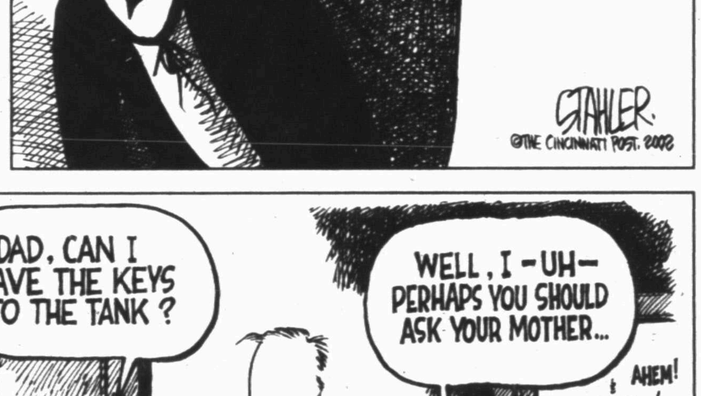
There is a great need for prescription eye glasses, sun shades and hearing aids for the poor countries of the world — Mexico, South American countries, Africa and perhaps elsewhere.

If you have cases for the glasses it would help, but not a necessity. The Lions Club is financing this project. Carmen McCown and Sammie Jerrell collect them from all Snyder banks, either at the drive-in window or in any bank. Snyder National Bank, American State Bank, First American, West Texas State Bank and Texas Savings and the office of Dr. Bryan Cave, all help with the collection.

It would be a shame not to help these poor people who need them so badly. Mr. McCown and Mrs. Jerrell send the hearing aids to Lubbock, and the glasses to Midland so every pair of glasses are properly prescribed to fit the needs of the people who wear them and get them free of charge.

It would certainly help if all churches in Snyder would announce this need to their congregations to make them aware of these collection places.

Helen B. Wadleigh





Village Idiot by Jim Mullen

You must remember this

I am at the video rental store looking at a wall of movies under "New Releases," and I can't for the life of me remember the name of the movie that just six months before was such a big thing. One critic called it "one of those old-fashioned comedies they don't make anymore." Another said, "Has the makings of this summer's biggest smash!" And these were critics that didn't even work for the company that made the movie.

It must be up there, but nothing looks even vaguely familiar. "Head Over Heels," "Hearts in Atlantis," "Lost Souls," "Angel Eyes," "Before Night Falls," "Don't Say A Word." I wonder if my memory is going, but I hear people all around me having similar problems.

"'Frequency?' Is that the one with John Cusack in the record store?" "'15 Minutes' with Robert De Niro? Was that even in the theaters?" "'The Cell'? Is that the prison movie with Sean Connery, or is that the one where Hugh Grant plays the doctor?"

Why is it that I can remember the words to songs I haven't heard in 40 years, Bible verses, Shakespeare quotes, movie dialogue from "Casablanca," "The Godfather" and "Caddyshack," but I have no memory of even hearing of a movie called "Vertical Limit"? The box says it stars Scott Glenn and Chris O'Donnell as mountain climbers and that it opens with a cliff-hanger — literally. Yet it rings no bells.

We all have memory problems. Sue can remember stupid things I did 20 years ago, but she can't remember that I don't like squash. I won't eat squash, never liked squash, don't want to be near squash, please stop growing squash. I bring it up because tonight, of course, we had squash. I said, "Wow, squash again? Didn't we just have it Monday and Tuesday?" She said, "Remember that time you told me in 1986 that now was the time to buy a Betamax? That they would never sell for less than $600? It was Feb. 16. It rained that day till about 3 o'clock, then it let up. It was a Friday. Want more squash?"

Advertisers think everyone has memory problems. Why else would Budweiser have to tell us 20 times a night to drink beer? Do they really think their customers will forget to drink beer if they're not constantly reminded? Have you ever heard a beer drinker say, "Whoops, I forgot to pick up some beer on the way home"? Or "Honey, while you're at the store, could you pick up some brand of beer that's not the one I usually drink?"

I used to keep a list of books by a certain mystery writer so I could remember if I had read them or not. Then I realized, if the books are that much the same, why am I reading them? I could just read the same one over and over. If I have to start keeping a list of movies I want to rent, maybe I should just buy one I like and watch it over and over.

Jim Mullen is the author of "It Takes A Village Idiot: A Memoir of Life After the City" (Simon and Schuster, 2001). He also contributes regularly to Entertainment Weekly.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Austin American-Statesman

Hats off to state workers

When the people in the World Trade Center needed help, they got it from public employees — police officers and firefighters who charged in as others fled for their lives. And when the public, frightened by lethal, anthrax-laced letters, suddenly started worrying about bioterrorism, they looked to public employees at the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and state and local public health departments.

So on this first Labor Day after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, we do well to remember and honor the labor of public employees in all ranks and types of work. They enforce the law, fight the fires, maintain the highways, guard criminals, teach our children, monitor utilities and insurers and protect the public's health. There are 250,000 workers and non-faculty employees employed by state government; there are about 148,000 federal, state and local government employees in Central Texas.

Meet one of those: Tim Kram, 36, chief of the diagnostic serology section of the medical serology branch of the Texas Department of Health. The title is far more impressive than his crammed, windowless office. He supervises the work of five people in a small lab.

Kram and his section are especially focused on arthropod-borne viruses — viruses given to humans by insects, usually mosquitoes. Yes, that would include the West Nile virus, which his laboratory section helped to determine had arrived in Texas. Thirty-eight human cases of the disease have been reported in Texas, including one fatality. It's also been detected in birds and horses.

After growing up in Weimar, a small town about 85 miles west of Houston, Kram earned a bachelor's degree in microbiology at the University of Texas. Then he went to work for the state in 1991 and has remained there since. He has not earned any other degrees, but he got a 15-month fellowship to a CDC program in 1996 at Fort Collins, Colo., on emerging diseases, including the then-exotic West Nile virus.

His salary was pretty low until the past few years, but now it's $46,000 a year. Kram, who is single, just now feels like he's doing better than getting by from paycheck to paycheck. Still, he said, it's expensive living in Austin, and he became "an expert apartment hunter."

Private industry, such as a pharmaceutical firm, probably would offer him more money, Kram said, but there's deep satisfaction in doing work directly benefiting the public — despite the bureaucratic and political frustrations that come with it.

"It can be difficult to run diagnostic laboratories in state government with a bureaucracy of getting things purchased and having things documented," Kram said. "But we work through that, knowing that it is benefiting the public of Texas."

Houston Chronicle

Promoting enterprise in poor countries

Congress returns to Washington after the Labor Day recess with talk heavy of an unstable world and an unsound global economy.

Yet, a simple, cost-effective measure that could be part of a long-term solution to these issues languishes near death-by-neglect in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Labor Day is a highly appropriate time to focus upon it.

The House International Relations Committee passed strong micro-enterprise legislation at the end of April, which was then passed by the entire House of Representatives in June. This important measure, H.R. 4073, would expand U.S. support for micro-enterprise — a way for poor people to lift themselves out of poverty — among the world's most destitute.

It would increase U.S. investment in international micro-enterprise programs to $175 million in 2003 and $200 million in 2004, with at least half of that going to programs that serve the very poor. H.R. 4073 would require the U.S. Agency for International Development to begin phasing in the use of specific tools to better assess the poverty level of micro-credit borrowers and ensure that the very poor are reached.

The key provisions were brought to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, chaired by Sen. Paul Sarbanes, D-Md., months ago. No action has been taken.

Results, a nationwide coalition of groups supporting such measures, cites the case of Ana Ruiz, a borrower from Opportunity International's Nicaragua affiliate. Ruiz used her $100 micro-loan to buy wholesale corn and milk for tortillas, which she now sells by the hundreds. Her new earnings have allowed her to partially furnish her wooden shack and enroll her children in school. The school fee — 25 cents monthly — was previously unaffordable. Also, better nutrition was named as the biggest improvement.

Alex Counts, in his book Give us Credit, wrote about the success of the Grameen Bank in Bangladesh, one of the first micro-credit institutions: "In March 1993, an independent evaluation conducted by Professor David Gibbons of the impact of Grameen's lending programs on its borrowers was completed. Among women who had been borrowing from Grameen for eight years or more, 46 percent had crossed above the poverty line and had accumulated enough assets to be unlikely to fall back below it. Another 34 percent were close to coming out of poverty, while the remaining 20 percent remained mired in poverty, mostly due to the chronic illness of one or more family members."

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Budget deficit

With this week's announcement by the Congressional Budget Office that the country can expect budget deficits into 2006 came the predictable flurry of finger-pointing.

Blame President Bush's 2001 tax cuts. Blame the recession, with its lower receipts from capital gains and lower incomes on which taxes are levied. Blame new spending initiatives that sprung up like politicians at a Labor Day barbecue when it appeared, as recently as a year ago, that there would be a $5.6 trillion surplus over the next 10 years. Blame the war on terrorism and the hit that the American economy took after Sept. 11 coupled with need for higher national security spending.

If only the "why" were as simple as a candidate's sound bite. But it's the "how" that needs to be focused on, as in: How do policy-makers respond to this information so that the nation recovers its fiscal strength before baby boomers start to retire in droves and hit the age of Medicare eligibility?

"Congress and President Bush have some hard choices to make when they return from vacation," said Robert Bixby, executive director of the Concord Coalition, a nonpartisan public policy group. "We can afford a modest and brief deficit in response to emergency needs. But we already have too many unfunded entitlement promises lurking just beyond the 10-year budget window to become complacent with a decade of deficits."

Fiscal restraint on Capitol Hill appears as fleeting as civility in an election year. Congress experienced a wave of it at the end of the Cold War, when it was thought that world events no longer justified maintaining such high levels of defense spending.

Consign that chapter to the history books.

The lesson that Congress hasn't learned, however, is one that first-graders in a Junior Achievement class seem to master — the difference between want and need.

WTC News
WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE

Weekend, Sept. 7-8, 2002

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Happenings on Campus

September 7
Westerners vs Vernon
1pm, Moffet Field

September 12-14
WTC Rodeo Teams @ NMJC
Lovington, NM

September 16
Board Meeting
7pm, Boardroom

September 10
Attitudes are Contagious . . .
Make Yours Catching
Derek Greenfield
10am, Fine Arts Theatre

September 11
Pool Tournament
6pm, Game Room
SGA Meeting
12:30 Faculty Dining Room

Rodeo Team Gearing Up for Season Opener



Ashley Hadley *Ashley Ryan* *B.J. Lawson* *Brandon Hackfeld* *Bruno Alvis-Pinto* *Bruno Paoliella* *Chevis Howell* *Clay Bunney* *Cody Carter*

Cody Horwedel *Erin Anglin* *Hadley Hunting* *Jake Marshall* *Jason Adams* *Justin Simmons* *Lindsay White* *Megan Braddock* *Mike Solberg*

Nick Copeland *Randus London* *Reg Cully* *Sam Spreadborough* *Shawn Childs* *Shiloh Whitaker* *Tanner Grimes* *Travis Grohman* *Tyler Baxter*

Tyler Riggin *Clay Long* *Hunter Warren* *Will Morris* *Tasha Stevenson* *Joseph Gernantz*

The WTC Rodeo Teams are ready to RUMBLE! Rodeo coach, Greg Rhodes, said "I am confident that I have a great group of athletes to make up winning teams this year." The teams are gearing up for their first event in Lovington, NM next weekend.

Rhodes has 11 Lady Westerners to compete with only one injury, Chevis Howell's Barrel Racing horse, which will put her out of the running for one rodeo. The team has twenty-eight men, five of whom are returning from the College National Finals Rodeo with good standings. The team has members from Canada, the U.S, Brazil, and Australia. To view rodeo records and results go to the WTC web page, www.wtc.cc.tx.us and click on rodeo program.

Jason Adams is a freshman from Logandale, NV, where he graduated from Moapa Valley High School. His parents are Wes and Elizabeth Adams. Jason is involved in Calf Roping, Team Roping, and Bull Riding.

Erin Anglin, a freshman from Windsor, CO is the daughter of Randy and Jan Anglin. She is a Team Roper, Barrel Racer, Breakaway Roper, and will also be in Goat Tying events.

Bruno Alvis-Pinto is a Bull Rider from Brazil and a freshman at WTC. His parents are Patricia Alvis and Carlos Pinto.

Tyler Baxter is a freshman from Cornville, AZ who will be Team Roping for WTC. He graduated from Mingus Union High School in Cornville. His parents are Walter Bob and Brenda Baxter.

Dee Dee Chambers is a sophomore from Rexburg, Idaho and the daughter of Val and Gail Chambers. She is a Barrel Racer and Goat Tier.

Shawn Childs is a freshman from Anson, Texas and will be riding Saddle Broncs and Bulls for the WTC Rodeo team. He is the son of Barbara Foster and Brad Childs.

Nick Copeland, a Bull Rider from Seymour, TX, graduated from Megargel High School. His parents are Vel and Sharon Copeland.

Megan Braddock is a freshman from Combine, TX, and a graduate of Crandall High School. Her parents are Mary and Richard Braddock. Megan will be competing in Goat Tying and the Breakaway.

Clay Bunney is a freshman Bareback Rider from Cessford , Alberta, Canada, where he graduated from the Berry Creek Community School. His parents are Byran and Martha Bunny.

Cody Carter, a freshman, is from Cave Creek, Arizona and graduated from Living Heritage High School. He is the son of Sarah and Rocky Carter. He will compete in the Calf Roping and Team Roping events.

Trent Cormier is a sophomore from Houma, Louisiana and graduated from South Terrebonne High School. His parents are Louie and Tracy Cormier. Trent is a Bull Rider and is 5' tall.

Reg Cully is a sophomore who graduated from Athens High. He is the son of Paul Cully. Reg will be Calf Roping and Team Roping.

Justin Foltyn is a sophomore from El Campo, TX. He is the son of Lane and Carola Foltyn. He competes in Bareback Riding and Bull Riding.

Joseph Gernentz, a sophomore from Mission, TX, is the son of Lee and Teri Gernentz. Joseph will compete in Calf Roping, Steer Wrestling, and Team Roping.

Tanner Grimes is a freshman and is interested in a career in Agriculture. He is the son of Rusty and Audrey Grimes from Kaufman. Tanner graduated from the Kaufman High School. He is a Calf Roper, Team Roper, and Steer Wrestler.

Brandon Hackfeld is from Snyder, Texas. His parents are Keith and Jackie Hackfeld of Snyder. Brandon is a Bareback Rider for WTC.

Ashley Hadley is a freshman and is from Plain City, Utah. She graduated from Fremont High School. Her parents are Francis and Lonnie Hadley. Ashley will compete in Barrel Racing, Goat Tying, and the Breakaway.

Cody Horwedel is a freshman from Parkfield, Texas and graduated from Shandon High School. His parents are Jeff and Kim Horwedel. Cody is a Saddle Bronc Rider.

Chevis Howell is a sophomore from Fruitland Park, Florida. She is a graduate of Wildwood High School and her parents are Dave and Cheryl Howell. Chevis will be competing for WTC in Breakaway Roping and Barrel Racing.

Hadley Hunting, a freshman, is from Warren, Utah. He is the son of Lance and Sherri Hunting and graduated from Fremont High School. Hadley will compete in Bareback Riding, Saddle Bronc Riding, and Bull Riding for the WTC team.

B.J. Lawson is a freshman from Mesquite, Texas where he graduated from the Mesquite High School. His parents are Billy and Paula Sue Lawson. He Is a Team Roper and a Steer Wrestler.

Randus London is a sophomore from Freedom, Oklahoma and is a graduate from Alva High School. She will be involved with Barrel Racing, Goat Tying, and Breakaway Roping. Her parents are Jim and Deb London.

Clay Long, a freshman from Midland, Texas, is a graduate of Greenwood High School. His parent is Becky Long. Clay will compete in Team Roping, Calf Roping, and Steer Wrestling for the team.

T. Jake Marshall is a freshman from Moree, Australia. He graduated from Toowoomba Grammar School and his parents are Tonia and Terry Marshall. Jake is a Bareback Rider.

Will Morris from Portales, New Mexico, is a freshman at WTC. His Parents are Vickie and Richard Morris. He was home schooled and graduated in 2002. Will is a Bull Rider.

Bruno F.A. Paoliella is a freshman from Brazil. His parents are Sergio and Catharina Paoliella. He will compete in Steer Wrestling and Team Roping.

Tyler Riggan, from Snyder, Texas, is a freshman on campus. His parents are Tim and Dianna Riggan. His events will be Calf Roping and Team Roping.

Ashley Ryan is a sophomore at WTC and is from Talpa, Texas. Her parents are Rusty and Suzanne Ryan. Ashley graduated from Panther Creek High School and is a Barrel Racer, Breakaway Roper, and a Goat Tier.

Justin John Simmons, a freshman, is from Grafton, Australia. His parents are Debbie and Kerry Simmons. Justin is a Bull Rider and a Bareback Rider. He graduated from Grafton High School.

Mike Solberg is a freshman from Sunnynook, Alberta. Canada. His parents are Deb Beaton and Jim Solberg. Mike graduated from Berry Creek Community School. He will compete in Bareback Riding, Bronc Riding, and Steer Wrestling.

Sam Spreadborough is a sophomore from Tamworth, N.S.W, Australia. He graduated from Urolla Central School. Sam will be Riding Saddle Broncs for the rodeo team.

Tasha Stephenson, daughter of Otie and Tonya Stephenson, is a sophomore out of Wheatland, Wyoming. She is in the Barrel Racing, Goat Tying, and Breakaway events.

Tyson Thompson is a junior from Templeton, California and graduated from Templeton High School. His parents are Brian and Peggy Thompson. Tyson is a Bareback Rider.

Steven Turner is returning to WTC as a sophomore from Cochrane, Alberta, Canada. He is the son of Jim Turner and competes in Bull Riding and Steer Wrestling events.

Shiloh Whitaker is a freshman from El Paso, Texas and the daughter of Mike and Dee Byrd. She graduated from Montwood High School. Shiloh is a Barrell Racer.

Lindsay White will compete in Barrel Racing with the WTC Rodeo Team. Lindsay is a freshman from Snyder, Texas and her parents are Pat and Nancy White. She graduated from Piute High School.

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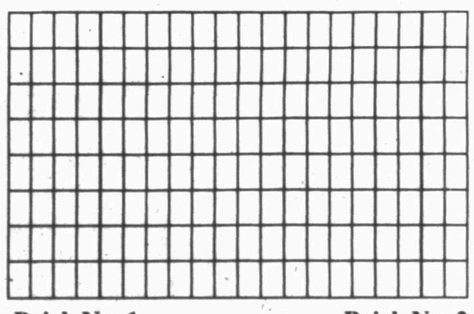
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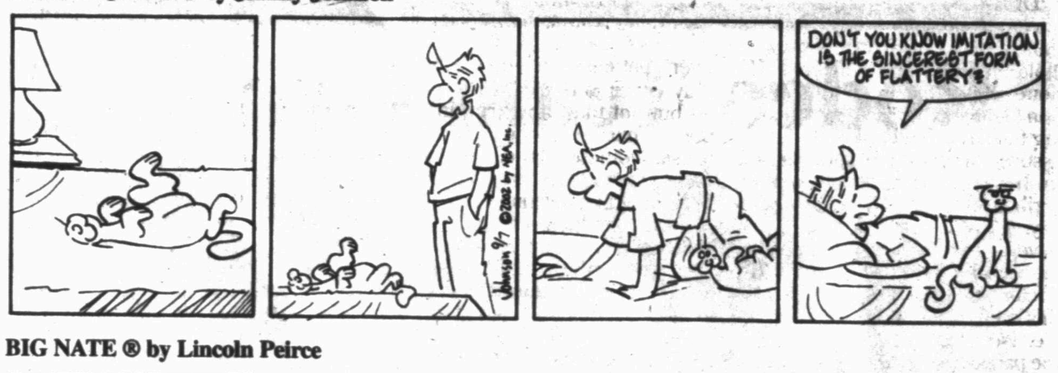
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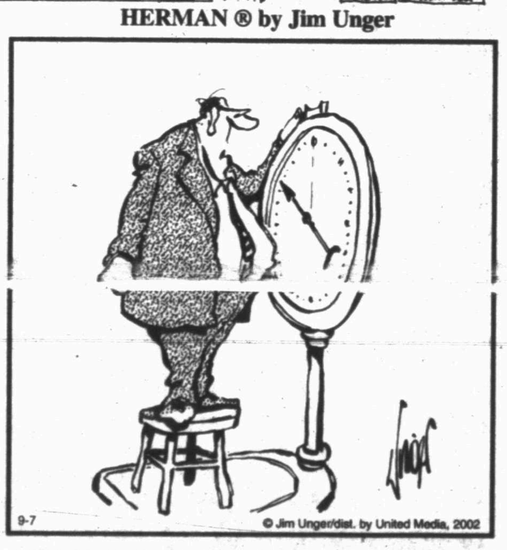
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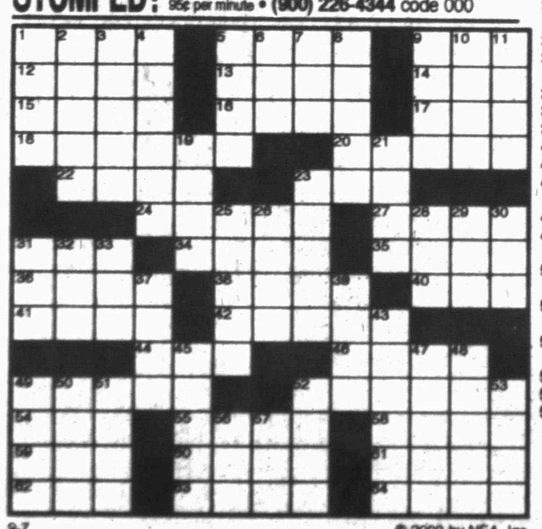
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By Peter Gott, M.D.



Palpitations may — or may not be harmful

DEAR DR. GOTT: I experience rapid heart palpitations about four times a year. I've worn a Holter monitor and had an EKG done while having an attack. I don't feel dizzy or lightheaded during the palpitations, and my doctor assures me they are not a hazard to health. Nonetheless, he prescribed Verapamil 80 milligrams a day. Despite this therapy, I still have to go to the emergency room on occasion for IV Verapamil. My doctor says that I'll have to take this medication for the rest of my life. Isn't that rather drastic since the palpitations appear to be harmless?

DEAR READER: Palpitations are periods of forceful, rapid or irregular heartbeats. Everybody experiences them on occasion. By and large, they are a harmless annoyance that is worsened by stimulants (such as caffeine), nicotine, stress, anxiety and fatigue. These benign palpitations rarely cause symptoms, other than a vague feeling that something's not right.

In patients with heart disorders, however, palpitations may indicate a tendency to a runaway heart rhythm. Called ventricular tachycardia, this arrhythmia (irregularity) can progress to life-threatening cardiac standstill. Thus, the significance of the palpitations must be determined in the context of underlying heart disease and symptoms that result. Such a judgment can usually be made after an examination, cardiogram, cardiac ultrasound, Holter monitor (24-hour continuous cardiogram) and - in some instances - a stress test.

Evidently, in your case, your heart was pronounced normal. Consequently, you may choose to ignore occasional palpitations. But try to avoid situations that seem to trigger them.

Nonetheless, I am concerned that you have required intravenous drugs to stop your palpitations. This suggests that, for some reason, your attacks last longer and are more troublesome than simple palpitations. From your description, I suspect that your problem is supraventricular tachycardia, a common condition marked by prolonged bursts of rapid pulse. Although these episodes may not harm you physically (and do not reflect heart disease), you may wish to take medicine continuously to prevent them.

Verapamil, a calcium-channel blocker, is an effective medication for preventing SVT and other types of rapid heartbeat. It is available in a long-acting form: 120, 180 or 240 mg once a day. This is not particularly drastic therapy, although it may have to be continued for months or years. I suggest that you follow your doctor's advice, or seek a consultation with cardiologist if you prefer. In either case, if you choose to take Verapamil, you'll need more than 80 mg a day; your present dose appears to have been too low - otherwise you wouldn't have needed additional IV therapy.

As a third option, your physician (or cardiologist) may prescribe another medication altogether. This, too, would be an appropriate tactic.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: Can over-the-counter drugs be harmful?

DEAR READER: In certain circumstances, yes.

Non-prescription drugs provide substantial profits for the pharmaceutical industry, as well as a genuine concern among health professionals. OTC medications are increasingly in demand. It's not that these drugs cost less than their prescribed counterparts. Quite the reverse. Gram for gram, they cost about the same. Moreover, patients' health insurance may cover prescription medicines — but not the same drug in OTC form. Thus, the main advantage of these compounds is, for people eager to take more control over their health, convenience.

OTC products can pose some dangers. For example, patients taking prescribed antidepressants may become confused and delirious from timed-release cold capsules. Many OTC cough-and-cold prescriptions can raise blood pressure, worsen glaucoma, cause drowsiness, affect coordination and lead to urinary retention, especially in the elderly. Aspirin and similar OTC analgesics frequently cause stomach upset, gastric problems and delayed blood coagulation. Acetaminophen, when consumed with alcohol, can irritate the liver.

In particular, patients can inadvertently overdose on such drugs when, for instance, they supplement prescription medications, such as high-dose Motrin, with OTC Advil or Medipren, both of which contain the same active ingredient (ibuprofen) as does Motrin.

To complicate matters further, many people don't consider OTCs to be drugs at all. Therefore, when asked by a doctor what medicines they are taking, they mistakenly fail to inform the physician of the OTC medication. This can set the stage for diagnostic dilemmas, such as indigestion and bleeding from unreported analgesics, or unpredictable and dangerous drug interactions, such as that between antihistamines and sedatives. As Americans gravitate toward OTC remedies, the phenomenon of polypharmacy emerges. Patients may self-medicate with one drug to overcome the side effects of another.

Regulations regarding OTC medicines remain relatively stringent in the United States, unlike other countries where drugs — such as antibiotics and codeine — are readily available without prescriptions. This easy access can lead to severe allergic reactions, addiction and inappropriate self-medication. However, even with strict regulations about OTC, Americans must be cautiously parsimonious in choosing to take these medications. Any substance, prescription or not, has potential side effects, can cause illness and may react unfavorably with other OTC preparations, herbal remedies and compounds.

Consumers should heed these suggestions:

— Avoid self-medicating for trivial and temporary ailments.

— Read labels carefully.

— Check with a doctor about possible drug interactions.

— Be honest with your physician about which OTC products you are taking.

— Consider OTC remedies to be as potentially hazardous as prescription drugs.

— Seek medical attention for symptoms that persist for more than a few days or recur.

— Avoid OTC drugs if you take prescription medicines, unless your doctor approves.

While OTC drugs may be convenient and easy to obtain, most are surprisingly potent and may lead to serious consequences.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: My son, 30, has recently been diagnosed with Idiopathic Hypertrophic Sub-aortic Stenosis. His doctor says there is no known cause, and we have many questions. Is it curable or just treated? Can it be terminal?

DEAR READER: To begin with, I urge you — as I urge all readers — to meet with the doctor and request a full explanation of your son's condition. The physician knows the case better than I do and has all of the necessary test reports.

IHSS is a heart condition of unknown cause marked by thickening of the septum (the tissue separating the chambers in the heart). This hypertrophy obstructs the blood flow, especially through the mitral valve, which places an abnormal burden on the heart because the cardiac muscle must work harder to pump blood. The condition causes no symptoms in its initial stages and is diagnosed by ultrasound or cardiac angiography.

Although undiagnosed IHSS has been discovered to play an occasional role in the sudden death of young, well-trained athletes, mild degrees of the disorder need no treatment. If the blockage is severe, however, or if it results in signs of cardiac overwork (such as fatigue, diminished exercise ability, heart enlargement or weakening cardiac muscle), therapy is mandatory and includes medicine to reduce the overwork or surgery to relieve the obstruction. Treatment is almost always successful.

Physicians may suspect IHSS during routine examinations when a murmur (extra heart sound) is discovered. Such patients need further testing and must undergo regular examinations (plus cardiograms) to detect cardiac overwork. In my opinion, these patients should be monitored by cardiologists, who are not only more familiar with heart medicines than are general doctors, but also know when to refer patients for surgery.

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Providence Mayor Cianci is sentenced to five-year term

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Mayor Vincent "Buddy" Cianci Jr., whose larger-than-life presence dominated Rhode Island politics for four decades, was sentenced Friday to five years and four months in prison for presiding over a corrupt City Hall.

U.S. District Court Judge Ernest Torres described the longtime mayor as a Jekyll and Hyde who corrupted City Hall even as he helped to resurrect the down-and-out city.

Cianci, ordered to report to prison Dec. 6, plans to appeal.

City Council President John Lombardi was to be sworn in Friday afternoon to serve out the remainder of Cianci's term, which expires in January.

Cianci stood stoically as the sentence was read, pursing his lips and rapidly blinking his eyes. The sentence was within federal guidelines but about half what the prosecutors requested. The judge also fined him $100,000, and ordered him to perform 150 hours of community service.

"I thank the judge for his fairness ... and we'll just move on and have faith in the system," Cianci said as he left the courthouse. Dozens of supporters cheered as stepped into a chauffeured car that wisked him away.

During the hearing, Cianci, 61, had asked for leniency, saying he loves the city he has led off and on over the past four decades.

"I'm sorry it came to all of this," he told the judge. "I never intended to do anything wrong, your honor."

At the pinnacle of his power, Cianci was known as the "Mayor of Rhode Island," a brash bachelor with a high-rolling lifestyle who was widely praised for resurrecting the capital city from decay to a model of urban renewal.

His reign began to unravel in April 2001 when he was charged in a 38-count indictment of presiding over a City Hall where bribes and kickbacks were a matter of routine.

Federal prosecutor Richard Rose told jurors that the six-term mayor had turned Providence into a "city for sale." The mayor's attorney countered that his accusers were liars and thieves, and called one key witness "a pig, plain and simple."

The jury convicted Cianci in June of a single count of racketeering conspiracy, concluding he was the ringleader of rampant corruption hatched with a host of salty characters.

Longtime mayoral aide Frank Corrente and politically connected tow-truck operator Richard Autiello also were convicted of various corruption charges and were to be sentenced Friday after the mayor.

The 97-page corruption indictment had followed a four-year FBI investigation of City Hall corruption that was code-named Operation Plunder Dome.

During the trial, prosecutors cast Cianci as the ringleader in a series of kickback schemes starting with his return to office in 1991.

Convicted felons boasted on surveillance tapes about their City Hall connections, and salty tow-truck operators testified they set up straw donors to illegally contribute to Cianci's campaign fund. Government witnesses testified that they paid $5,000 bribes to Cianci for jobs with the city.

Despite the allegations, Cianci enjoyed approval ratings of more than 60 percent. The glib, stocky mayor has presided over a renaissance in Providence that includes new parks and more than $300 million in transportation improvements.

Cianci, a former prosecutor who was assigned to the state's anti-corruption strike force, rode his courtroom success into City Hall in 1974, running first as a Republican but later becoming an independent.

His first two terms were marred by the extortion and fraud convictions of 22 city workers.

Cianci's career was put on hold in 1984 when he pleaded no contest to charges he beat his estranged wife's lover with a lit cigarette, ash tray and fireplace log. After spending his five-year suspended sentence working as a radio host, he returned to office in 1991.

On Thursday, when asked whether he was prepared for life in a prison cell, Cianci, known for his dapper wardrobe and high-rolling lifestyle, said: "I don't think anyone ever gets prepared for that."

"I remember all the good times that happened at City Hall, when I first came in as a young mayor years and years ago," he said.

Jarvis is resigning

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — The man who brought films such as "Field of Dreams," "The Bridges of Madison County" and "Twister" to Iowa is resigning because his office's budget has been cut in half.

Wendol Jarvis, who created said the budget is being reduced to $140,000 and he is losing two assistants.

"Budget cuts throughout state government didn't give me the tools I needed," he said.

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Saturday, Sept. 7, 2002

Today is the 250th day of 2002 and the 79th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1921, Margaret Gorman of Washington, D.C., won the first Miss America Pageant, then called the Inter-city Beauty Pageant.

On this day in 1977, the United States signed a treaty with Panama, agreeing to give Panama control of the Panama Canal in the year 2000.

On this day in 1979, ESPN made its debut as the first all-sports cable network in the United States.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Elizabeth I (1533-1603), queen of England; Grandma Moses (1860-1961), painter; Elia Kazan (1909-), director and producer, is 93; Buddy Holly (1936-1959), singer and songwriter; Corbin Bernsen (1954-), actor, is 48.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1953, Maureen Connolly, after winning the U.S. Open, became the first woman tennis player to complete the Grand Slam.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "If I hadn't started painting, I would have raised chickens." — Grandma Moses

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

Sunday, Sept. 8, 2002

Today is the 251st day of 2002 and the 80th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1892, The Youth's Companion magazine first published the words to Francis Bellamy's "The Pledge of Allegiance."

On this day in 1900, an unexpected hurricane struck Galveston, Texas, killing over 5,000 people.

On this day in 1974, President Gerald Ford pardoned Richard Nixon for all federal crimes he may have committed while serving as president.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Siegfried Sassoon (1886-1967), poet; Jimmie Rodgers (1897-1933), singer; Sid Caesar (1922-), comedian, is 80; Peter Sellers (1925-1980), actor; Patsy Cline (1932-1963), singer; Sam Nunn (1938-), U.S. senator, is 64.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1950, Sandy Saddler won the featherweight boxing title by defeating Willie Pep.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Finally, in conclusion, let me just say this." — Peter Sellers

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

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Congress meets in N. York to commemorate attacks

NEW YORK (AP) — Congress honored the human loss and heroism of the Sept. 11 attacks — and swore the nation's resolve in the war against terrorism — in a rare and somber special session convened Friday in the city hit the hardest.

More than 300 House and Senate members came to Federal Hall, the massive marble-columned building on the site where Congress first met more than two centuries ago — and located only a few blocks from where the World Trade Center once punctuated the city's skyline.

"From this city's one day of horror — out of all the loss and sorrow — has come a strength, a resolve, a determination, which from Manhattan to Mississippi, now binds us together for the mighty work that lies ahead," Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said during a 50-minute session.

Vice President Dick Cheney joined House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., in presiding over the session, with a huge American flag behind them. Although largely symbolic, many lawmakers say the trip was a necessary statement of support for the city and its people as the Sept. 11 anniversary approaches.

"We still feel the loss of every single person who perished on that fateful day," Hastert said. "But as we lament the loss of life, we can marvel at the bravery of those who rushed to help."

Cheney said the Revolutionary War was still a fresh memory when that first Congress met more than 200 years ago in New York. Today, he said, the nation must rise to defend the principles laid down by those founding fathers.

"As a nation born in revolution, we know that our freedom came at a very high price. We have no intention now of letting it slip away," Cheney said.

Those sentiments were echoed by Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D.

"Let history record that the terrorists failed," he said. "They did not understand that the true strength of America is not in steel, is not in concrete. It's in our shared faith in liberty and in our unwavering commitment to each other."

The poet laureate of the United States, Billy Collins, read a poem written for the event, titled "The Names," a reflection on the thousands who died in the attacks.

"So many names, there is barely room on the walls of the heart," Collins said.

"We think of those last calls on cellphones from a doomed building ... that the life of a good person is like a wellspring that does not run dry," said House Democratic Leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri. "The sorrow has been matched by strength ... not just to defeat terrorism but to show once again that good can triumph over evil."

As the session closed, the Stuyvesant High School choir sang "God Bless America" joined by most members of Congress, who clasped hands as they sang.

The lawmakers then walked about five minutes down Wall Street — closed to traffic and heavily guarded — to a hotel for a luncheon with Mayor Michael Bloomberg. A wreath-laying was also planned later at the World Trade Center site where hijackers slammed two jetliners into the towers.

Several dozen demonstrators gathered a block from the hall, protesting that too little of the $20 billion that Congress has appropriated for rebuilding New York is getting to low-income residents and complaining that the Environmental Protection Agency has not done enough to clean up apartments infested with asbestos dust from the collapsing World Trade Center towers.

Accompanied by many spouses and aides, lawmakers arrived via two special Amtrak trains from Washington for the session. Police presence was heavy, with police dogs and officers with assault weapons standing guard as legislators boarded.

The sense of history was underscored when the Rev. Daniel Coughlin, the House chaplain, delivered the invocation with the Bible used by George Washington to take the oath of office at his first presidential inauguration.

The session in New York marked only the second occasion in modern times when Congress has met outside Washington. The purpose was unmistakable: to show solidarity with the city that lost more than 2,800 people in the attacks.

House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, said the site where Congress met at the nation's birth has special significance in the wake of the terrorist attacks.

"Congress returning to its roots at Federal Hall shows that this nation will endure," Armey said.

Bloomberg, appearing on NBC's "Today" program, said the session gives the city "our chance to say thank you to Congress and to the American people for the support they gave us. We couldn't have gotten through this without their efforts."

Security was extremely tight, with hundreds of New York City police officers on overtime and the Capitol Police and Secret Service traveling from Washington to beef up the ranks.

New York has been struggling with multibillion dollar budget deficits since the attacks devastated the city's financial center. At the request of Bloomberg, the Annenberg Foundation offered $1 million to pay for the ceremonial session.

The last time Congress met in New York, in 1789-90, lawmakers watched as George Washington was inaugurated as the nation's first president. The chunk of sandstone flooring where Washington stood was on hand for Friday's event at Federal Hall, just blocks from the 16-acre site where the 110-story towers once stood.

For state shrimpers: Good news, bad news

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Texas shrimpers who are bragging about their catches this year also have some bad news about the competition.

"This is a beautiful, wonderful year for shrimp," says Captain Phillip Lara, a Coastal Bend-based bay shrimper. "The bad part is that the imports are killing us."

Foreign, farm-raised shrimp that Europeans and Canadians won't allow within their borders are flooding the U.S. market and depressing prices.

Corpus Christi-based bay shrimpers are catching up to 400 pounds of shrimp a day, said shrimper Michael Boris Kassap. He's more accustomed to 200 to 300 pounds.

And the shrimp this year are big and fat. Lara, also based in Corpus Christi, said local shrimp boat operators are coming into port with boxes brimming. Bay shrimpers take their catches from inland waters.

Wilma Anderson, executive director of the Texas Shrimp Association, said Coastal Bend gulf shrimpers who venture into deeper water and stay out longer have reported normal catches.

She said gulf catches are beginning to decrease from summer highs of 500 to 1,000 pounds to the normal fall catch rates of 200 to 300 pounds.

Farm-raised shrimp coming in from foreign countries hurts both bay and gulf shrimpers.

Lara said that third world countries with no tariffs on imports are flooding the market with cheap, inferior shrimp.

Kassap said shrimp that would have fetched $3 a pound wholesale seven or eight years ago are selling for $1.80 a pound.

The European Union and Canada have in the past six months rejected shrimp raised in Asian countries that were treated with antibiotics. But Anderson said much of that shrimp has found its way into the United States.

The pond-raised shrimp was rejected because of the chemical chloramphenicol, a potent, broad-spectrum antibiotic that has been prohibited from use in food-producing animals in Europe since 1994.

The drug's use is illegal in food because it may cause aplastic anemia in humans who eat meat from treated animals. Aplastic anemia is an often-fatal blood disorder that is not contagious.

The antibiotic is used to kill bacteria that would otherwise limit Asian shrimp growth and production. Affected shrimp were diverted to the United States — without stringent requirements on the chemical's residue — from Canada and Europe, Anderson said.

"It is cheap shrimp, but it is also a contaminated shrimp," Anderson told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times in Friday's editions. "Because of it, prices here are terrible."

Several local seafood retailers confirmed that shrimp prices are down, but that their seafood is not coming from foreign sources.

Charlie Alegria, owner of Morgan Street Seafood, said he gets 99 percent of his shrimp in Rockport, Aransas Pass and Seadrift.

"I've got reduced prices right now," he said. "Shrimp that were selling for $6.50 are down to $4.50 a pound. I know shrimpers are having a hard time right now because of that farm-raised stuff.

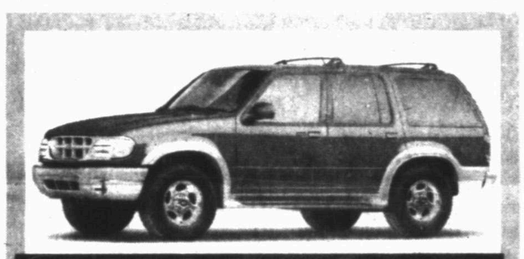
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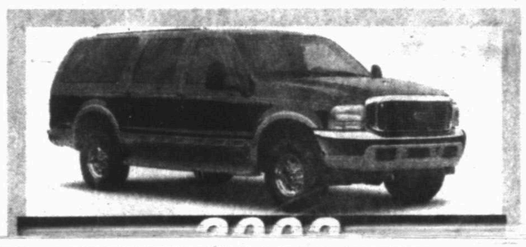

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