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Snyder Brick's products selling across state

By Brian Brisendine
Staff Writer

When Snyder's brick plant reopened a couple of years ago, its new owners had great expectations.

Now their expectations are coming true.

Snyder Brick and Tile has weathered some tough times in the building industry, but right now, it is "doing very well," according to plant manager Mitchell Goodger.

Bricks are selling faster than they can be made and the company is preparing to move its headquarters from Brick Plant Road to a renovated building on Coliseum Drive.

"Right now we have about a million and a half bricks in the yard and almost all of them have already been sold," Goodger said. "And we have another million or so that have already been sold and haven't been made yet."

The plant, which now employees more than 40 people, is producing roughly 350,000 bricks per week, the majority of which are shipped to the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex, where "they're building houses faster than you can imagine."

Other common destinations are Austin, Houston and San Antonio, he said.

Goodger attributed the plant's success to the uniqueness of it product.

"The reason we're being accepted so quickly in the market is our bricks have a handcrafted quality to them — kind of an old-world style," he said. "They don't have straight, perfect edges like the bricks most companies make. Every brick that comes out of our facility is individual, there really are no two alike."

That quality is made possible by the unique process the plant uses to form the bricks. The still-wet bricks are cut to size, just as they are elsewhere, but then fall down two sets of steps.

Tumbling down the steps results in bricks with rounded edges, dented faces and snubbed corners, all of which appeal to builders and more importantly, to buyers.

"Our bricks, with their imperfections, lend a much softer look to a house," Goodger said. "The curb appeal of a home built with our bricks is noticeably better. People like how this looks instead of the normal 'cookie cutter' perfectly square bricks they're used to seeing."

Another reason for the plant's success is its ability to produce its product at less expense than its East Coast competitors making it possible to pass those savings on to buyers.

"We have implemented new technologies with old processes," Goodger said. "We've taken the best of both worlds which makes our process more economical and our product more affordable."

Another factor in the plant's success is the continually strong building market in Texas. "A lot of people are moving to this state," Goodger said. "Not necessarily to this area, but they are coming into this state."

Snyder Brick and Tile services distributors from Lawton, Okla. to Waco. On average, 90,000 bricks a day are shipped from the plant, Goodger said, in five or six truckloads of 15,000 bricks each.

"We have three trucks of our own that are constantly on the move," he said. "And each distributor has its own trucks as well that come in and pick up their bricks."

Goodger said the plant will continue with the hand crafted style it is producing now and no upgrades or changes are planned.

"I'm a firm believer in 'Do what you do and do it well,'" he



MAKING BRICKS — Mitchell Goodger, of Snyder Brick and Tile, looks over the progress of one of the machines in the plant's production line. Business at the plant is growing due to a strong building market in Texas. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Regular naps prevent old age, especially if taken while driving."

It didn't take long, a new anti-war group is already emerging. A news release late last week was from an organization known as Austin Against War and it held a National Day of Action Thursday.

We don't know anybody that prefers war, but difficult situations require difficult decisions and the vast majority of Americans — regardless of political affiliation support our president.

We did our time in the military and were eager to become a civilian again. We doubt that we would fit into those Army fatigues now, but like most Americans, we're ready to support U.S. troops and their commander-in-chief in whatever is needed to make America's streets safe again.

One of our favorite writers is John Kelso. We can associate with somebody who is 50 something and whose military look is of a Colonel. Kelso, with a white beard and middle that says he likes longnecks, describes his look as more like Colonel Sanders.

Kelso says he even went down to the recruiting station in Austin to re-enlist. He was rejected because of age. He was insulted because the flat-bellied sergeant didn't even check his ID.

Kelso, who kept the commies off the beaches in Germany in the 1970s as a Specialist 4, isn't the kind of soldier they're looking for these days.

Today's soldiers are high-tech, highly-trained volunteers. We regained big confidence in our military during Desert Storm. It wasn't the same military we remembered during the buildup for Vietnam.

Kelso's heart was in the right place, but his body fat was in all the wrong spots. He said the young recruiters kept calling him, "Sir."

Here's what he learned. You have to be 17-34 to get in, unless you can factor in some prior service. Subtracting two years of active duty, Kelso at 57, is 21 years too old to get back in and there is no demand for a guy whose Army specialization was peeling potatoes.

The Austin columnist said the realization had sunk in. He had transformed from "drop down and give me 20 pushups" to "down and can't get up."

What he got, in addition to polite smiles, were a bunch of Army bumper stickers, a key chain and a Go-Army lanyard.

"They wanted me to leave. Maybe they wanted me out of there in a hurry because they didn't want some old guy having a stroke on government property."

Keep smiling, America!

At WTC...

Y-Z Systems uses distance learning lab

The effects of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on New York and Washington D.C. continue to impact our lives

Approximately 65 employees of Y-Z Systems participated in an employee benefits briefing Thursday in the Distance Learning Lab at Western Texas College due to concerns over air travel stemming from the attacks.

In order to avoid anticipated problems involved in flying a representative to Texas, the briefing was held by video conference originating from Connecticut and transmitted to the campus via the college's Interactive Television (ITV) system.

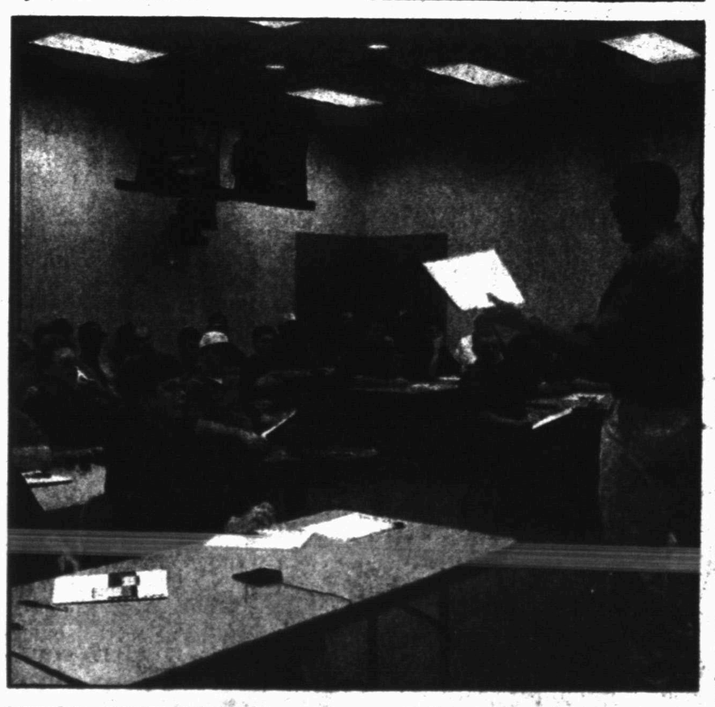
Y-Z plant manager Dayton Robertson noted that Snyder is fortunate to have a facility like the one at WTC for use in situations like these.

"Y-Z recently went from an independent insurance carrier to a corporate provider, so this is the first employee benefits briefing like this that we've had," he said. "If we ever need to have a company meeting with our Conroe office, we would be able to utilize the facilities at the college for that as well."

He also noted that the company would be holding a similar briefing between Connecticut and the Conroe office, but would have to rent and set up video conferencing equipment onsite since there was no facility available there.

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VIDEO CONFERENCE — Dayton Robertson, plant manager for Y-Z Systems, explains the video conference procedure to the company's employees. (Contibuted Photo)

Snyder schools to observe patriotism

Let freedom ring....

When the 77th Legislative Session passed House Bill 1776, and Gov. Rick Perry signed it into law, they did not realize how timely their actions would prove to be.

HB 1776 designates that the last full week of classes (Sept. 24-28) in September will be *Celebrate Freedom Week*, beginning with this school year.

While freedom is always an important subject, it has become far more precious since terrorists attacked the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on Sept. 11.

Many activities are planned in local schools this week in observance of the special week.

Snyder High School

Snyder High School will sponsor a patriotic door decorating contest and students, faculty and staff will dress in red, white and blue on Thursday.

Throughout the week, social studies classes will have special lectures and discussions on the Constitution, the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights.

The high school is also in the process of creating a special wall display of photos to honor SHS graduates now serving in the military.

Parents or friends with current military people are asked to bring a recent, photo with ID to be scanned and placed on the wall.

Call the school at 573-6301 for more information.

Snyder Junior High School

Snyder Junior High School teachers and staff have been working on activities for *Celebrate Freedom Week* since school began in August.

Social studies teachers Dale Hamby, Darlene Robbins, Gary Moore, Mike Holmes, and Derick Price are coordinating the campus-wide activities.

A host of activities will kick off Monday morning with a 10:45 flag raising ceremony in front of the school. Music will be provided by the junior high band.

At 2:15 p.m. Tuesday, the choir will sing patriotic songs on the patio.

Throughout the week, students will participate in various freedom celebrations. Students in Mrs. Robbins' room will present freedom projects on Wednesday, when students and staff will wear red, white and blue.

On Friday, Hamby and Moore have arranged for guest speakers, including Steve Warren, chief of police; Sgt. David Presley, STAR Boot Camp; and SISD Supt. Gayle Lomax.

The SJHS band and choirs will provide patriotic music during the week. Students in reading

See Fredom on Page 10A

ASK US

Q—Has Lake J.B. Thomas caught any water from this week's rains?

A—Yes. The level has risen six inches and at Murphy's Crossing, the creek is running two feet deep.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 85 degrees; low, 62; 7 a.m. Saturday, 66; .44 of an inch precipitation; total for 2001, 14.95 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, cloudy, 20% rain chance; low 60-65. Sunday, partly cloudy, 20% rain chance; high around 80, NE winds 10-20 mph.

Jacoree Brooks
Rain Chance

Sunset: 7:41 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:38 a.m.
Of 264 days in 2001, the sun has shone 252 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The future has several names. For the weak, it is the impossible. For the fainthearted, it is the unknown. For the thoughtful and valiant, it is ideal.
—Victor Hugo

SEP 23 2001

Federal officer killed in Detroit; gunman wounded

DETROIT (AP) — Even with heightened security after last week's terrorist attacks, authorities say a man was able to carry a loaded handgun into the lobby of a federal building housing FBI offices and fatally shoot an officer at a security checkpoint.

The gunman was hospitalized after at least one officer returned fire, FBI spokeswoman Dawn Clenney said.

"Our prayers go out to the family of Mr. Sheffield," Glaspie said. "He quietly went about protecting us on a daily basis."

Sheffield was at the security checkpoint, about 15 feet from the door, Friday afternoon when the gunman walked into the lobby, put a paper bag containing a handgun on a counter by the metal detector and asked if he could bring it inside, Clenney said. When he was told no, he reached into the bag and fired, she said.

Joel Vander Linden said he was waiting in line at the metal detectors when he heard a man behind him "complaining loudly ... cussing." He said he had turned away and was walking to the elevators when he heard the gun fire.

Sheffield was not wearing a bulletproof vest and was hit once in the chest, police said.

The shooting occurred two blocks from a federal courthouse where a hearing was held earlier in the day for three men arrested in Detroit during an FBI investigation into a man on the agency's "watch list." A judge ordered the men detained.

Clenney said there was no indication that the shooting was related to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The downtown building is home to the Detroit office of the FBI and also houses agencies including the IRS, Veterans Affairs, the National Labor Relations Board and Housing and Urban Development. U.S. Sen. Carl Levin also maintains an office there.

The federal building already had metal detectors in use, but the officers have been cautious and aware since the terrorist attacks last week, Glaspie said.

The building was evacuated after Friday's shooting and closed for the rest of the day.

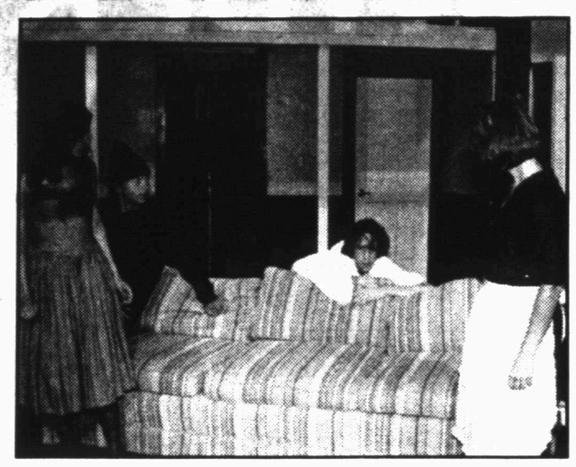
The Detroit Free Press said police identified the gunman as David Serra, 28, of Chesterfield Township, north of Detroit.

Happy Birthday Weldon

SHS drama

Noises Off!







SDN photos by Shirley A. Gorman

FINAL PERFORMANCES — Only two performances remain for *Noises Off!*, a comedic production by Snyder High School's drama department: 7 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are $4 for students and $5 for adults. (Top left) Caleb Durham plays Gary, an actor who has just fell down the stairs. Fellow actors staring at him are from left, Sara Cantu as Belinda; Bobby Sands as Freddie and Malorye Miller as Dottie. (Top right) Malorye Miller as Dottie the house maid greets unexpected guests: Nicole Sloboda as Brooke and Caleb Durham as Gary. (Bottom left) The actors are displeased that the stage manager, Jeff Scott playing Scott, fell asleep behind the couch. The others are Nicole Sloboda as Brooke, Sterling Millhollon as Selsdon and Malorye Miller as Dottie. (SDN Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

Firms eye compensation for reservists

HOUSTON (AP) — Veronica Dulaney is not only a commercial loan processor for JP Morgan Chase but a first lieutenant in the Army Reserve.

While she hasn't been called up yet, she said she expects to get her notice soon, and it was a big relief when her employer assured her she'll continue to collect her full salary if she is called up for active military duty.

With a mortgage, car note and other bills to pay, she said, keeping current would be difficult on her military salary, which she estimates at less than half of her Chase salary.

She said she knows several reservists who returned from Bosnia only to lose their homes and wind up deep in debt because of lost income.

"It's a really good feeling to know that Chase is backing me up," Dulaney told the Houston Chronicle.

Tens of thousands of reservists who face call-ups as the military gears up to respond to last week's terrorist attacks also face uncertainty about getting their economic houses in order. Companies across the nation suddenly have had to figure out how to handle compensation for employee reservists called to military duty.

Many are dusting off their old Gulf War policies and offering financial help to employees who are serving their country.

JP Morgan Chase, which is based in New York City, didn't calculate the cost when it decided it would keep its reservist employees on full salary and benefits while they are called away, said Doug Monroe, director of human resources for the company's Houston facilities. And the company doesn't even know the potential liability because it doesn't have a head count of its reservists, Monroe said.

This is an extraordinarily rich benefit. Many companies offer no help to reservists on duty. Those that do usually offer a supplement so an employee's total pay equals his regular paycheck.

That sentiment was on the minds of the executives at St. Luke's Episcopal Health System.

The executive council didn't even debate the idea when it decided to make up any salary differential for its reservists, said Irene Helsinger, senior vice president and chief human resources officer.

"We call ourselves a family, and that's what you do," she said. "We want people who are serving their country to focus on what they're doing and not focus on pay and benefits."

Other companies are still unsure how they'll handle compensation for their reservists.

Apache Corp., for example, has only one — he's in Oklahoma — and it hasn't decided how to pay him.

Continental Airlines hasn't addressed the issue of reservists yet. Its management has focused on keeping the airline going by rapidly cutting its routes and payroll after terrorist attacks in New York and near Washington crippled the airline industry, spokeswoman Julie King said.

While the call-ups were first announced a week ago, they are only now hitting companies. Many employers have yet to figure out exactly how many reservists they have who will be going on active duty.

Cooper Industries is ready if an employee gets a notice, according to John Breed, director of media and government relations. It decided to make up the salary difference for six months and continue full benefits for 18 months.

Some workers are not expecting much support.

Dr. Charles Cox, an assistant professor of pediatric surgery for University of Texas-Houston Health Science Center, figures that his income will fall by two-thirds if he is called to be a combat surgeon for the Army.

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AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
1-5-24-25
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Air Guard alert status very high

HOUSTON (AP) — The Texas Air National 147th Fighter Wing is on alert status at Houston's Ellington Field in an unprecedented move to be ready in case the U.S. receives a threat from over the Gulf Coast.

Guard officials said they notified personnel Friday that they had been called to active duty. The pilots are in full flight gear and on standby after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York and Washington.

'We've had air defense positions in the past, but not to this level," said Col. Steven Jones, vice commander of the 147th.

About 125 Texas Air National Guard personnel, including pilots and pilots, maintenance and support members, were ordered to active duty Thursday.

Guard officials said it was a partial activation of the 147th Fighter Wing's 1,000 members. One-third are full-time reservists.

Texas Air National Guard troops were partially activated during the Persian Gulf War in 1991, but no Houston units were sent abroad. The entire Air National Guard unit was last called to active duty during the Korean War, Jones said.

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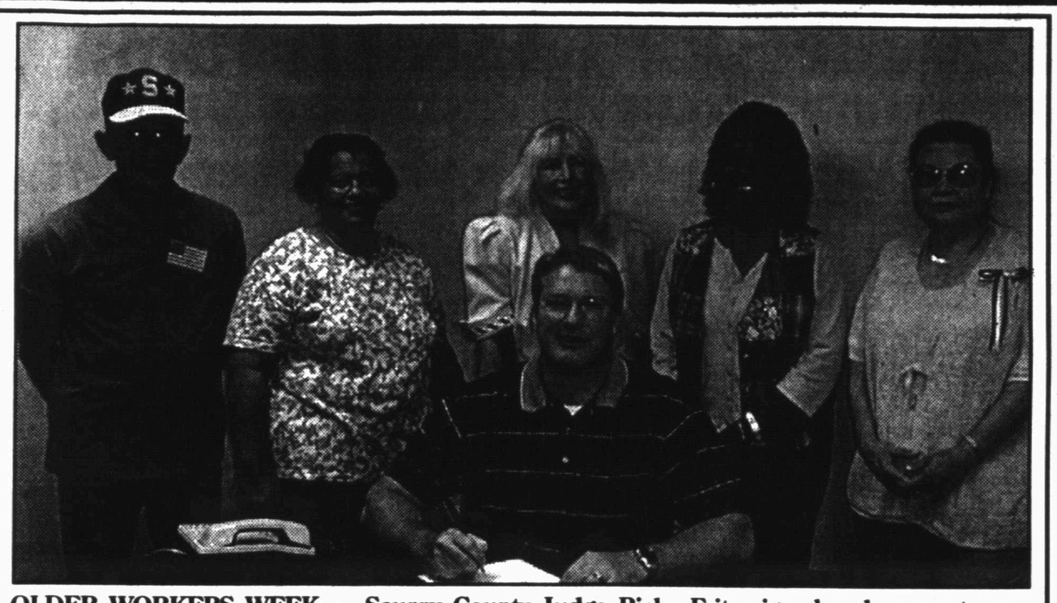
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Older worker week is planned



OLDER WORKERS WEEK — Scurry County Judge Ricky Fritz signed a document proclaiming Sept. 23-29 as Hire the Older Worker Week in Scurry County. Participating in Snyder are Richard Martin, Vernest Tippens, Windy Brown, area coordinator from Lubbock; Shirley Wells and Elsie Boren. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

WACO — Each year Green Thumb Inc. promotes *Hire the Older Worker Week*, which spotlights seniors, and the contributions they bring to the labor force. During this week, employers are encouraged to recognize the rich potential seniors bring to the workplace and to profit from their broad experience and strong work ethic.

According to Diane Cowan, director, "During this important week, Sept. 23-29, let us focus upon the important contributions of our senior workers. Already we see in this century an ever-increasing demand for skilled workers. We must retain qualified older workers currently in our labor market and give other older job seekers the opportunity to prove themselves. Hiring experience, dependability, reliability and dedication is just good business!"

Since 1965, Green Thumb Inc. through its Senior Community Service Employment Program, has provided seniors with training and part-time employment opportunities, which allow for transition back into the mainstream.

Funded through the U.S. Department of Labor, the program serves primarily rural areas in 132 Texas counties. Green Thumb gives older, economically disadvantaged job seekers the opportunity of sharing their years of experience, hard work, and dedication through work assignments in locally based organizations. Through their participation, the seniors maintain their independence as productive contributors to their communities and profit from job-skills training which allows for transition back into private sector employment.

Green Thumb participants in Snyder are Shirley Wells, kitchen/dining room aide, Senior Citizens Center; Richard Martin, Western Texas College Golf Technology Dept.; Elsie Boren, clerk, Texas Workforce Center; and Vernest Tippens, office clerk at Gateway Family Services.

For more information regarding senior employment and training opportunities, contact Green Thumb Inc., P.O. Box 7898, Waco, 76714, of call 254-776-4081.

Avenue D Baptist sets revival dates



Herman Cramer

Avenue D Baptist Church will host an *Old Fashion Tent Revival* Sunday through Thursday. The evangelist will be Herman Cramer of Seguin. Don Thornton of Fairfield will be in charge of the music.

Sunday services include 9:45 a.m. Sunday School; 10:45 a.m. worship; and 6 p.m. worship.

Weekday services will be at noon (including a covered dish meal) and at 7 p.m.

The public is invited for each service.

For more information, call 573-0971 or 573-6878. venue D Baptist is located at 324 30th Street. Rev. Charles Day is the pastor.

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Cramer is a Texas-based evangelist.

At an early age, he sought success measured by the world's standards. After high school, he began farming 40 acres of rented land. By the time he was 28, he had acquired over 3,000 rented acres of prime land in the Rio Grande Valley.

Cramer was "successful," measured by the world's standards, but by God's standards, he was "lost." It was at this point that he experienced a dramatic personal encounter with Jesus Christ....a encounter that resulted in a total change in lifestyle.

Almost immediately, he sensed God's call to the ministry, and after one year let go of all the rented land. He enrolled in Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, where he graduated in May, 1975.

Just before graduation, he was called to First Baptist Church in Dilley, where he pastored for five years before entering evangelism.

Since then, Cramer has continued to conduct meetings throughout Texas. About 65 percent of the meetings he holds are in return churches. He preaches at 37-40 revivials each year.

Week Wall Street dreaded finally over

NEW YORK (AP) — The week Wall Street dreaded is finally over and it lived up to some of investors' worst fears.

Battered by political and economic uncertainty, the stock market's best-known indicator fell 1,369 points this week, its biggest one-week point decline in history.

The Dow Jones industrials' loss by far eclipsed the previous record of 821.21, set in March, and amounted to 14.26 percent — the fifth-largest percentage decline and the biggest since 1940.

By the time trading ended Friday, $1.2 trillion had been sliced from the value of U.S. stocks.

"It's such an old cliche about the lack of buyers, but it's probably true," said Kevin Connellan, director of equity trading at Northern Trust. "What's keeping people back is the uncertainty about what's to come. It makes people nervous."

The market resumed trading Monday after a four-day shutdown because of the Sept. 11 attacks on the East Coast. The markets were volatile from the opening bell, with the Dow plunging nearly 700 points.

The bad news continued Friday amid worries about how the United States would retaliate for the attacks and how much the economy will suffer in the months ahead. Technical factors that can make prices fluctuate in the best of times also affected the activity.

"This is an extraordinarily emotion-filled stock market environment," said Hugh Johnson, chief investment officer at First Albany. "Investors are scrambling to defend their nest eggs."

The Dow fell 140.41 to 8,235.81 Friday. The Nasdaq composite index fell 47.74, or 3.3 percent, to 1,423.19.

For the week, the Nasdaq lost 272.19, or 16 percent. The broader Standard & Poor's 500 index ended the week down 126.74 or 11.6 percent, after closing down 18.74 at 965.80 Friday.

The indexes are at their lowest levels in nearly three years.

Other market statistics showed how severe the week's decline was.

The market value of all New York Stock Exchange, Nasdaq and American Stock Exchange issues was $8.9 trillion, according to the Wilshire Associates Equity Index. That's a drop of $1.2 trillion, or 13.4 percent, from the previous week. A year ago, the market value was $13.7 trillion.

Three stocks fell for every one that rose on the NYSE, while one of out of every four stocks posted a new 52-week low. Volume was extremely heavy — the consolidated volume came to 2.67 billion shares.

The volatility Friday was also blamed on what's known as a triple witching session, the quarterly expiration of index futures and index and stock options. Many expirations occurred at the opening of trading and investors chose to sell.



Happy 5th Birthday Chelsea & Danielle

Love,
Daddy, Grandma,
Grandpa, Mom,
Papo, Uncle Billy,
& Uncle Chris

CHASTEEN CHIROPRACTIC

On Monday, September 24th, all proceeds for the day's services will be donated to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund. Dr. Dan & Dee Chasteen encourage all former and existing patients to participate in this opportunity to assist the victims of our nation's recent tragedies.

Please call ahead to schedule your appointment

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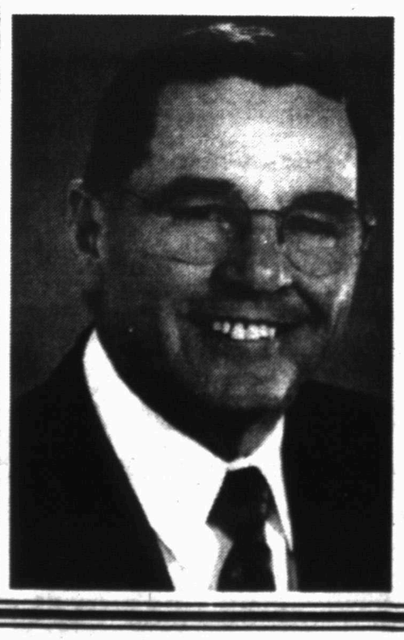
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Korean War vets to be honored in museum program

Veterans of the Korean War will be honored in the Scurry County Museum in November in a program co-sponsored by the museum and the Martin Preuitt Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The museum wants to compile a list of all Scurry County men and women who served in the armed forces during the war which started in 1950 and ended in 1953. The museum is also asking local residents to loan Korean memorabilia for a display in the museum from Nov. 13-Nov. 21.

"Freedom is not free" is the theme of the commemoration of the Korean War. Over 54,000 died in the war, 103,000 were wounded and over 8,000 are missing.

To submit names for the veteran' list or to loan memorabilia, anyone interested is asked to contact the museum.

Homecoming slated at Ira

Homecoming week at Ira School begins Monday. Students are encouraged to wear crazy, funny, or favorite hats and sunglasses for *Put' em in the shade day.*

For Tuesday, *Tie 'em up Day*, students will wear a tie around their neck. Appropriate PJ pants and shirt may be worn on Wednesday's *Pants 'em Day.*

Thursday will be royal bashing day. That's the time to make the football guys and cheerleaders feel like royalty. Students will wear princess items including a tiara. Students are encouraged to bow when they see them in the hall.

Spirit day is Friday. Everyone is encouraged to wear orange and black.

At 7:30 p.m. Friday, the Ira Bulldogs will take on the Blackwell Hornets. The homecoming queen will be crowned during halftime. A dance will be held following the football game. If weather permits, the tennis courts will be used; if not the dance will be moved to the old gym.

Manhunt in East Texas placed on hold

LUMBERTON (AP) — East Texas authorities said Friday they've had no luck in their search for two people wanted in the death of an Arizona man.

"We're kind of on hold right now hoping we'll get more tips," Lumberton Police Chief Norman Reynolds told the Beaumont Enterprise. "Until then, we've kind of suspended the search."

Authorities fanned out across three counties on Friday to check tips on the whereabouts of Jimmy L. Odom, 36, of Newton, Texas, and Donna Rae Lankford, 33, of Kirbyville, Texas. By evening, they had not been found.

The search has been concentrated on an area of dense undergrowth in the Big Thicket National Preserve northeast of Beaumont.

Texas Ranger Ronald McBride said authorities believe someone dropped the two off at the U.S. 96 bridge over Village Creek. A team of 10 hounds from the Mark Stiles Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice searched about 1,000 acres on Thursday.

The Coconino County, Ariz., Sheriff's Department issued warrants for the arrest of the pair on first-degree murder charges.

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Financial Focus

Tax Plan Offers Opportunity to Boost Retirement Savings

To most of us, "1.35 trillion sounds like a lot of money. And in fact, the $1.35 trillion tax relief plan passed by Congress and signed by President Bush is pretty sizable. But what does it mean for you?

Initially, you may be most interested in the $45 billion in tax rebates and tax cuts that took effect this summer. These moves will put more money in your pocket right away. For example, if you're married and you had taxable income of more than $12,000 in 2000, you will receive — or you already have received — a rebate of $600. And you also got the equivalent of a small raise when the government started withholding less money from your paychecks in July.

What will you do with this money? If you're like many people, you'll spend it. In fact, the government hopes that you, and millions more like you, will spend at least part of your tax rebate — thereby stimulating the economy, which has slowed in recent months.

Helping to boost the economy may be a laudable goal — but you might be better off putting your rebate into a retirement plan.

You might not think that the additional money you get to keep would be enough to make much of a difference in your life. But you might be surprised. Suppose, for example, that you get to take home an extra $100 in income each month. If you were to put that $1,200 per year in a tax-deferred retirement account that returned 7 percent annually — a reasonable assumption — you would have accumulated approximately $51,000 after 20 years, and about $117,000 after 30 years.

That amount of money can make a big difference in your retirement savings — and it all started from that $100 a month you got from this year's tax break. Furthermore, the extra $100 isn't really "costing" you anything, because you didn't have it in your possession in the first place.

This year's tax relief package also will help you save for retirement in other ways. That's because the tax plan also includes provisions to gradually increase the contribution limits to important tax-deferred savings plans such as your 401(k) and your IRA. For example, starting in 2002, you may be able to contribute up to $3,000 a year to your IRA ($3,500 if you're 50 or over), up from the current limit of $2,000.

As positive as all these tax-break numbers are, you do need to keep one thing in mind: Tax laws can change again in the future. That's why it's important to get the most out of the opportunity you have right now. By taking advantage of the provisions found in the tax relief plan, you can make substantial progress toward achieving your retirement goals — but you've got to take the first step.

Rescuers often feel trauma years later

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Maj. Brian Stanaland knows firsthand the kind of emotional trauma rescue workers face as they pick through the ruins of the World Trade Center.

For 16 days, Stanaland worked alongside fellow firefighters who dug through mounds of rubble in a desperate search for survivors following the 1995 bombing of Oklahoma City's federal building.

Six years later, just the smell of concrete dust is enough to remind Stanaland of the sadness he felt when their mission changed from rescue to recovery.

"I tend to feel sad sometimes when I think about it," Stanaland said. "It's frustrating work. It's so slow and methodical. We're digging for hours and hours and we're finding nothing. Everybody always wishes they could have done more."

The Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York and Washington have resurrected painful memories for many of the firefighters, police officers and paramedics who sifted through the shattered remains of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. The April 19, 1995, blast killed 168 people and injured hundreds.

"Our wounds were just beginning to heal, and this tore them open," said John Griffith, a paramedic from Midwest City. "Many a night I watch the news and just start crying."

Oklahoma City Police Sgt. Rod Hill was awarded a medal for rescuing two women who were trapped on what was left of the seventh floor of the federal building.

"I watch this stuff going on everyday at New York, and I just sit there thinking I went through this six years ago," Hill said. "But their rubble pile is as big as our building was. I'm proud of what these guys are doing in New York, because I've lived it myself. What I did is nothing compared to what they are doing."

The fire department searched for survivors for 12 days after the bombing, Stanaland said.

"After that they switched to recovery mode," he said. "And really, quite frankly, not a lot changed. It was extremely important to us for us to remove the victims and return them to their loved ones so they could receive proper burial."

While some survivors were pulled from the rubble on the day of the Oklahoma City bombing, nobody was found alive after that.

More than 6,000 people are missing and feared dead at the World Trade Center site. Five survivors have been found, but none since the day after the attack.

Even so, Hill and Stanaland noted that it is important for rescue workers not to become discouraged.

"Realize that what you're doing is important, even though you don't find anyone alive," Stanaland said.

And rescuers must also guard against becoming physically and emotionally exhausted.

"You do run out of steam. And those guys are going to run out of steam," said Hill, who worked up to 18 hours a day for several weeks at the Oklahoma site.

A free counseling service was set up following the Oklahoma bombing. Between June and November of that year, Project Heartland provided professional counseling or referral services to more than 9,000 people, according to the state Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

Emotional problems stemming from such events could lead to substance abuse, domestic violence and even suicide.

HHS sets biennial homecoming on November 2 and 3

Hermleigh High School's biennial homecoming is slated Nov. 2-3 at the high school.

Registration begins at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, followed by the Hermleigh football game with Highland at 7 p.m.

Registration and fellowship will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 3. A meal will be sponsored by the junior and senior classes at 11:30 a.m.

The business meeting is set for 2 p.m. Special recognition and election of new officers are on the agenda. The theme of this year's program will be the history of Hermleigh School.

The classes of 1951 and 1952 will celebrate their 50th anniversary and will receive special recognition.

For more information, call homecoming committee co-chairmen Jerry Gannaway at 863-2334 or Carole Haynes at 573-7874.

Locals' niece gets new job with Hester's

LUBBOCK — Kelley Pitts, niece of Billy and Margaret Roach of Snyder, recently became the healthcare account specialist for Hester's/McGlaun, the new Herman Miller Healthcare dealer for West Texas.

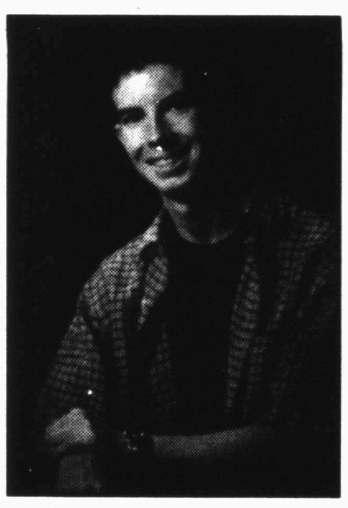
Hester's/McGlaun in Lubbock has been the only authorized Herman Miller dealership in the area for many years, and is excited about this expansion specifically for the healthcare industry.

Pitts', Texas Tech graduate, has more than 15 years experience in the Lubbock area in sales, advertising, marketing, fundraising and public relations.

She works closely with architects, interior designers and healthcare staff to provide products and services that support efficient delivery of patient care to healthcare accounts in the area.

Glasscock earns degree at A&M

COLLEGE STATION — Cara Ann Glasscock of Snyder received a bachelor of business administration degree in marketing from Texas A&M University this summer.



Cole Jackson

Cole Jackson on DeVry dean's list

IRVING – Cole A. Jackson, a 2000 graduate of Snyder High School, has been named to the dean's list for the spring semester at DeVry Institute of Technology.

A sophomore telecommunications major, Jackson earned a grade-point average of 3.94.

He is the son of Joe and Cynthia Jackson of Snyder. Grandparents are Maurine Wylie of Snyder and the late Buck Wylie and Oleta Jackson of Snyder and the late O.B. Jackson.

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Senior Center Menu

Monday
Steak fingers w/gravy, fried potato rounds, Harvard beets, tossed salad, chocolate chip cookie

Tuesday
King Ranch chicken, golden carrots, vegetable sticks, broccoli/cauliflower salad, gingerbread

Wednesday
Liver & onions, mashed potatoes, cream style corn, cucumber/onion salad, strawberries & white cake

Thursday
Goulash, English peas, steamed cauliflower, tossed salad, baked apples, garlic toast

Friday
Fried fish, fried okra, butter beans, copper penny salad, strawberry whip

Senior Center News

An AARP "55 Alive" class will be held Oct. 4-5, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. both days. The class will meet in the conference room at the Senior Center at 2603 Avenue M. Participants as young as 50 may also take part. The cost is $10 and attendance is required for both days. This class does not forgive traffic tickets but it may qualify for an insurance discount. Check with your insurance company.

Services offered at the center include transportation, noon meals, home-delivered meals, access to emergency response systems, numerous recreational activities and volunteer programs. Seniors are invited to visit the center at 2603 Ave. M or call 573-4035 for more information.

Monday
Seniors interested in the eight ball tournament should go by the center by 9:30 a.m. Bridge play begins at 9:30 and daily exercise at 11 a.m.

Tuesday
Eighty-eight play begins at 10 a.m. The Local Yokels will entertain at 11 a.m. The Golden K Kiwanis will meet at noon in the conference room. Swimnastics is at Western Texaas College from 1-2 p.m. The center will open at 6:30 p.m. for games and the dance beginning at 7 p.m., The Benny Benitez Band will provide the music and the suggested donation for the dance is $4 per person.

Wednesday
Join us for ladies pool beginning at 9 a.m. The Kitchen Band will entertain at 1 a.m. in the dining room. Line dancers and cloggers may practice at 1 and 2 p.m. respectively.

Thursday
The Sunshine Choir will perform at Snyder Oaks at 10 a.m. The swimnastics for senior citizens is scheduled from 1-2 p.m. at WTC.

Friday
The blood pressure clinic and bridge play both begin at 9:30 a.m. Seniors may play eighty-eight at 11 a.m. All seniors are invited to for music in the dining room at 11:30 a.m.

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Abilene Cooper 48, San Angelo Central 14
Arlington 65, Haltom 14
Arlington Bowie 34, Garland Lakeview Centennial 27
Arlington Martin 21, Irving 14
Arlington Sam Houston 44, Irving MacArthur 0
Austin Bowie 43, Round Rock McNeil 14
Austin High 66, Austin Travis 6
Brownsville Hanna 14, McAllen Rowe 6
Bryan 48, Temple 27
Buda Hays 35, Austin LBJ 28
CC Ray 33, Laredo Alexander 26
Carrollton Turner 35, Keller Fossil Ridge 7
Cedar Hill 24, Weatherford 9
Colleyville Heritage 33, The Colony 17
Conroe 23, Houston Sterling 7
Converse Judson 49, San Benito 14
Coppell 19, Carrollton American Heritage 16
Copperas Cove 6, Odessa 3
Cypress Springs 21, Katy Cinco Ranch 7
Del Rio 7, Uvalde 0
Deming (N.M.) 38, San Elizario 0
EP Americas 28, EP Ysleta 14
EP Austin 34, El Paso 7
EP Coronado 67, EP Eastwood 14
EP Franklin 14, EP Bel Air 6
EP Hanks 20, EP Irvin 12
EP Jefferson 27, EP Bowie 14
Euless Trinity 28, Dallas Lake Highlands 7
FW South Hills 28, FW Christian 0
Flower Mound Marcus 26, Grapevine 14
Fort Bend Dulles 23, Spring Woods 0
Fort Bend Hightower 50, Aldine MacArthur 0
Fort Bend Kempner 35, Lamar Consolidated 7
Fort Bend Willowridge 40, Houston Smiley 7
Georgetown 28, A&M Consolidated 13
Houston Langham Creek 42, Houston Lamar 13
Houston Memorial 21, Cypress Creek 7
Houston Westside 31, Houston Waltrip 8
Jersey Village 45, Fort Bend Clements 9
Killeen 35, Mansfield 7
Las Cruces (N.M.) 23, EP Andress 20
Leander 48, Austin Lanier 0
Lewisville 28, Arlington Lamar 7
Lubbock 27, Canyon 24
Lufkin 10, Aldine Eisenhower 9
Mission 24, Brownsville Porter 3
North Mesquite 10, DeSoto 7
Odessa Permian 21, Amarillo 10
Pearland 41, Houston King 0
Pflugerville 24, Belton 10
Plano West 31, Frisco 7
Richardson 28, Richland 21
Rosenberg Terry 37, La Porte 10
Round Rock Westwood 50, Austin Crockett 21
SA Brackenridge 33, Laredo United 0
SA Churchill 21, SA O'Connor 6
SA Clark 34, SA MacArthur 14
SA East Central 22, Seguin 17
SA Harlandale 45, SA Edison 10
SA Jay 31, Rockport-Fulton 10
SA Southwest 16, Eagle Pass 13
Schertz Clemens 38, New Braunfels 20
South Garland 35, Dallas Adams 7
South Grand Prairie 28, Dallas Carter 21
The Woodlands 24, Humble 12
Victoria 24, CC Carroll 20
Waco 37, Tyler Lee 33

Class 4A
Amarillo Caprock 32, Amarillo River Road 2
Amarillo Palo Duro 31, Lubbock Estacado 7
Austin Anderson 34, Wimberley 22
Austin Reagan 34, Marble Falls 17
Azle 19, Aledo 6
Boerne 35, SA Jefferson 0
Caney Creek 9, Huntsville 0
Cedar Park 28, Austin McCallum 8
Clint 23, EP Cathedral 10
Clovis (N.M.) 14, Borger 0
Conroe Oak Ridge 35, Vidor 18
Dallas Madison 28, FW Diamond Hill-Jarvis 6
Denton 51, FW Paschal 28
Dickinson 31, Crosby 0
EP Burges 27, EP Montwood 20
EP Mountain View 41, Santa Teresa N.M 0
EP Riverside 38, EP Socorro 22
FW Boswell 22, Burleson 21
FW Eastern Hills 24, Cleburne 23
FW Trimble Tech 17, Dallas Wilson 16
FW Western Hills 49, Dallas Spruce 28
FW Wyatt 28, Wichita Falls 24
Fabens 34, EP Parkland 21
Floresville 25, SA Alamo Heights 20
Fredericksburg 33, Austin Travis 7
Friendswood 31, Brazosport 17
Galena Park 13, Houston Austin 0
Granbury 41, FW Brewer 9
Greenville 21, Denison 7
Harker Heights 38, Bastrop 28
Henderson 18, Palestine 14
Hereford 21, Frenship 14
Hewitt Midway 33, Round Rock 22
Highland Park 60, Carrollton Smith 7
Jacksonville 31, Nacodoches 7
Jasper 18, PA Lincoln 12
Joshua 45, Birdville 24
Justin Northwest 19, Midlothian 10
Katy Taylor 9, Tomball 0
Killeen Shoemaker 19, Del Valle 7
Kyle Hays 35, Austin LBJ 28
Lampasas 21, San Angelo Lake View 13
Lancaster 42, Garland Namaan Forest 28
Lockhart 60, Austin Johnston 7
Mesquite Poteet 41, Dallas Molina 0
Paris North Lamar 17, Athens 6
Pecos 62, Presidio 8
Pflugerville Connally 14, Round Rock Stony Point 11
Pleasanton 28, CC Tuloso-Midway 7
Port Lavaca Calhoun 27, CC West Oso 7
Richardson Pearce 30, Richardson Berkner 0
SA Roosevelt 28, SA Holmes 28 (tie)
SA Southside 33, SA Burbank 6
San Marcos 46, New Braunfels Canyon 7
Sherman 33, McKinney 30
Smithson Valley 49, South San Antonio 13
Sulphur Springs 12, Longview Pine Tree 7
Terrell 33, Dallas Samuell 0
Waller 47, Diboll 39
Waxahachie 28, Corsicana 10
West Mesquite 49, Dallas Jefferson 33
Wylie 48, Kaufman 9

Class 3A
Abilene Wylie 21, Big Spring 20
Alvarado 27, North Crowley 24
Atlanta 33, Paris 0
Ballinger 42, Colorado City 7
Bandera 57, Devine 0
Barbers Hill 33, Stafford 14
Bellville 33, Needville 7
Bonham 20, Sanger 14
Bridge City 14, Silsbee 3
Brownfield 14, Lubbock Cooper 12
Bullard 21, Mineola 20
Burnet 42, Rockdale 14
Canton 24, Grand Saline 21
China Spring 48, Teague 7
Commerce 42, Cooper 0
Crane 7, Seminole 0
Denver City 35, Dimmitt 6
Eastland 14, Goldthwaite 13
Emory Rains 31, Kemp 12
Everman 45, WF Rider 14
Ferris 21, FW Castleberry 0
Forney 40, Lindale 7
Fort Stockton 35, Levelland 21
Gainesville 35, Iowa Park 28
Giddings 24, Yoakum 0
Goliad 27, George West 0
Graham 45, Breckenridge 13
Groesbeck 30, Lorena 2
Hallettsville 28, Edna 20
Hearne 19, Fairfield 0
Hitchcock 34, Houston Kashmere 0
Ingram 21, Mason 13
Kennedale 34, Mineral Wells 21
La Grange 39, Gonzales 0
La Vernia 23, Pearsall 0
Lake Dallas 23, Princeton 7
Lake Worth 38, Decatur 0
Liberty Hill 12, Salado 0
Madisonville 28, Navasota 13
Manor 52, Smithville 21
Marion 42, Comfort 6
Mexia 28, Hillsboro 15
Midland Greenwood 45, Kermit 6
Muleshoe 42, Friona 24
Newton 14, Corrigan-Camden 0
Perryton 10, Spearman 7
Rains 31, Kemp 12
Sanford-Fritch 20, Canadian 14
Sealy 21, Cuero 13
Shallowater 36, Tahoka 16
Sweeny 42, El Campo 14
Sweetwater 24, Lamesa 6
Tarkington 42, Huntington 0
Taylor 23, Llano 21
Van 14, Quitman 7
Vernon 28, Springtown 7
Waco Connally 35, Waco Robinson 7
West 28, Malakoff 0
White Oak 35, Center 10
Winnsboro 19, Gilmer 14
Zapata 28, Laredo Martin 12

Class 2A
Abernathy 32, Sudan 14
Albany 41, Archer City 8
Alto 19, Elysian Fields 13
Amarillo Highland Park 21, Gruver 7
Arp 33, Timpson 7
Axtell 19, Dawson 6
Bangs 30, Clyde 12
Big Sandy 18, New Diana 12
Blanco 28, Eldorado 6
Brackett 21, Nueces Canyon 13
Caddo Mills 45, Paris Chisum 14
Celina 30, Dallas Pinkston 18
Clifton 14, Glen Rose 13
Comanche 25, Dublin 14
Community 21, Prosper 7
Crossroads 23, Elkhart 20
Danbury 34, Bay Area Christian 0
Deweyville 13, High Island 7
Dilley 38, La Pryor 0
Electra 51, Alvord 0
Floydada 20, Springlake-Earth 19
Forsan 41, Sterling City 7
Freer 56, Cotulla 7
Garrison 46, Trinity 7
Hamlin 28, Quanah 6
Hawkins 26, Frankston 0
Hemphill 43, West Sabine 0
Hennetta 26, Holliday 16
Hubbard 33, Palmer 6
Idalou 12, Seagraves 0
Italy 15, Dallas Christian 14
Jarrell 34, Holland 22
Little Elm 25, Bowie 15
Lone Oak 60, FW SW Christian 14
Mart 30, Marlin 12
Maypearl 56, Blooming Grove 0
McCamey 47, Rankin 14
Morton 33, Whiteface 21
Natalia 21, Somerset 14
New Deal 20, Lockney 14
Nixon-Smiley 28, Woodsboro 6
Olney 32, Millsap 16
Ozona 45, Rocksprings 0
Paradise 26, Aubrey 13
Pettus 22, Bruni 16
Post 21, Coahoma 14
Pottsboro 42, Royse City 0
Refugio 20, Aransas Pass 14
SA Cole 39, Yorktown 6
Salado 12, Liberty Hill 0
Skidmore-Tynan 21, Agua Dulce 0
Somerville 50, Franklin 12
Sonora 28, Alpine 7
Stockdale 35, Falls City 31
Trinity 28, Lake Highlands 7
Universal City Randolph 55, San Marcos Academy 49
Valley View 34, Tom Bean 28
WF City View 46, Crowell 6
Wall 42, Winters 8
Weimar 6, Shiner 2
Whitewright 20, Collinsville 13
Winona 38, Union Grove 0

Class 1A
Bartlett 20, Bruceville-Eddy 14
Beckville 34, West Rusk 16
Benavides 14, Charlotte 12
Booker 28, Clarendon 22
Bosqueville 53, Frost 18
Boys Ranch 51, Shamrock 0
Bryson 72, Blum 13
Celeste 21, Blue Ridge 7
Christoval 28, Grape Creek 12
Crosbyton 30, Olton 18
Fruitvale 58, Rowlett Christian 12
Garden City 35, Irion County 0
Granger 29, Lago Vista 22
Happy 28, Trinity Fellowship 0
Hart 56, Claude 7
Kress 7, Meadow 6
Little River Academy 35, Riesel 0
Medina 23, Johnson City 14
Menard 13, Junction 0
Meridian 45, Santo 0
Mount Enterprise 40, Apple Springs 0
Muenster 13, Callisburg 3
Nazareth 26, Farwell 7
Perrin-Whitt 43, Gorman 0
Petersburg 8, Hale Center 7
Petrolia 35, Jacksboro 18
Ranger 63, Watauga Harvest 6
Rice Consolidated 19, Columbus 0
Robert Lee 41, Eden 0
Roby 46, Bronte 0
Sabinal 34, Leakey 6
Saint Jo 61, WF Notre Dame 6
Stratford 23, Sunray 14
Throckmorton 42, Rising Star 14
Union Hill 27, Tenaha 22
Valley 50, Fort Elliott 30
Vega 46, San Jacinto 13
Wheeler 28, Memphis 22
White Deer 50, Panhandle 6
Windthorst 34, Seymour 7
Wink 36, Tornillo 6

Six-Man
Abbott 48, Trinidad 35
Benjamin 59, Paint Creek 12
Blanket 52, Paint Rock 6
Bynum 64, Buckholts 30
Coolidge 67, Aquilla 24
Follett 64, Samnorwood 18
Gordon 36, FW Masonic Home 15
Grady 35, Dawson 0
Groom 66, Miami 20
Guthrie 52, Harrold 13
Hedley 66, Higgins 19
Ira 46, Ropesville 6
Iredell 81, Star 8
Lazbuddie 64, Southland 14
Meadow 7, Kress 6
Milford 46, Brookesmith 0
Morgan 53, Penelope 6
New Home 50, Amherst 21
Newcastle 47, Jayton 28
Oglesby 54, Walnut Springs 12
Patton Springs 66, Vernon Northside 0
Richland Springs 56, Irving Emmanuel Baptist 7
Sanderson 48, Buena Vista 0
Sands 39, Borden County 14
Silverton 51, McLean 0
Spade 40, Plain View Christian 20
Strawn 62, Lubbers-Avoca 22
Three Way 43, Wellman 8
Zephyr 66, Cherokee 30

Private Schools
Addison Trinity 14, Howe 7
Aledo Trinity 47, Austin Hilltop 0
Arlington Grace Prep 14, Denton Liberty 0
Austin St. Michael 18, SA Antonian 8
Austin St. Stephen's 49, SA Texas Military 14
Calvary Academy 39, Ambassadors 13
Dallas Greenhill 28, FW Country Day 7
Dallas Jesuit 38, Dallas White 28
Dallas St. Mark's 7, Bellaire Episcopal 0
Dallas Tyler Street 42, Savoy 0
FW All-Saints Episcopal 48, FW Christian Temple 0
FW Nolan 48, Dallas Bishop Dunne 3
Galveston O'Connell 26, Houston Lutheran North 25
Houston Kinkaid 34, Tulsa Holland Hall 7
Houston St. Thomas 28, Wharton 26
Houston Strake Jesuit 14, Magnolia 7
Irving Cistercian 34, Oakridge 20
Midland Trinity 15, Marfa 7
Rockwall Heritage Christian 70, Eastlake 18
SA Central Catholic 35, Lyford 32
Texas School for the Deaf 28, Faith West 0
Tyler Gorman 47, Overton 0
Victoria St. Joseph 55, Houston Christian 0

Smith chasing Payton's record

IRVING (AP) — Connie Payton first noticed the similarities when she was invited to Dallas by someone she hardly knew to be part of a news conference launching a fund-raising campaign benefiting kids.

The night before the event, she dined with her host, his wife and his mother. As they approached a table, she was reminded of her late husband, Walter.

"I said, 'OK, Emmitt, is there anywhere you want to sit?' And he said, 'I don't sit with my back to anybody.' That's why I asked — Walter was the same way," she said.

"Then, while we were eating, people came up to meet him and were in awe, so excited. They said they were sorry to bother him during dinner, but they wanted an autograph anyway. He politely smiled and signed for them. I was laughing because it was so familiar."

The more Connie Payton got to know Emmitt Smith, the more she was convinced that the right man is in line to replace her husband, who died in November 1999, as the NFL's all-time rushing leader.

One game into his 12th season with the Dallas Cowboys, Smith is 64 yards from passing Barry Sanders for No. 2 on the career rushing list.

With a big game Sunday against San Diego, Smith can catch Sanders and start working on the next 1,456 yards he'll need to overtake Payton's record of 16,726.

Although Smith is downplaying his run for the record, he's using it to anchor a charity drive called "Help Emmitt Help Kids." The goal is to raise $22 million in 22 months, like the 22 on his jersey.

"Emmitt seemed to really appreciate Walter and I feel he is carrying how Walter was," Connie said. "He's such a real, genuine person, down to earth and focused on what needs to be done. He can be fun, but when it comes to work ethic, he seems like a real no-nonsense person — just like Walter was."

While Smith is likely a season away from passing Payton, he's also still going strong. From 1998-2000, Smith ran for 3,932 yards.

"He's one of those special kind of guys who, on one hand, you love to watch play," Sanders said in videotaped remarks that were to have been played at the news conference. "You don't know whether to be in awe of him or try to shut him down."

Six years into the league, Smith already had built a Hall of Fame-caliber resume. He was the NFL's best running back, playing on the best team and running behind a line filled with All-Pros. He'd been named the MVP of the regular season and the Super Bowl.

But over the past five seasons, the Cowboys came crashing down and so did Smith's reputation.

Mediocre seasons in 1996 and '97 prompted talk that he was washed up.

Smith knew injuries were to blame, yet he refused to make excuses. He let the accusations drive him, as he'd done his entire life.

After a record-shattering high school career, Smith was supposed to be a flop at Florida. After three superb seasons there, he was considered too small and slow for the NFL. The Cowboys made him the 17th overall pick in 1990, but only after the guy coach Jimmy Johnson really wanted, linebacker James Francis of Baylor, went to Cincinnati.

"You can defy odds," Smith said. "If you believe what the critics are saying, then you become exactly what they said. If you believe in what you have and what you're working for, you have a great chance to create your own history."

Cowboys coach Dave Campo was an assistant in 1990, and had been following Smith since high school.

"I think running back is probably the hardest position to say what the longevity is going to be," Campo said. "Some running backs take only so many hits, then their career is over. I'm very pleased with him and somewhat astonished. He reached his potential and just kept going and going and going."

With flecks of gray dotting his beard, Smith is now the longest-tenured member of the Cowboys. It saddens him in some ways, because it means many of his friends have left the team and, mostly, the NFL.

Injuries forced out fellow "Triplets" Michael Irvin and Troy Aikman, as well as trusty fullback Daryl Johnston. Smith and safety Darren Woodson are the only remaining players from Dallas' championship teams in 1992, '93 and '95; only two other players were on any of those squads.

While Smith insists he's accustomed to saying goodbye to old friends and hello to new faces, it's different this time.

He's had to break in a new quarterback — and a rookie, at that. He's also become a more vocal leader, no longer content merely to set an example with his actions, such as working out at 5:30 a.m. during the offseason.

"When Troy and Michael were here, the pressure was dispersed," Smith said. "But now you're not looking for Troy, you're not looking for Michael, you're looking for the head coach and Jerry (Jones, the team owner) and myself."

Smith knows much of Dallas' success is still riding on him. The more yards he gains, the easier life will be for quarterback Quincy Carter. Defenses know it, too, so even though Smith is the NFL's second-oldest starting running back, he's still the focal point of every team Dallas plays.

"Until we can show some consistency throwing the ball downfield and converting on third downs, you won't see anything different," he said.

Again, Connie Payton can relate.

"In my heart, I knew why I was here," she said. "I thanked him for wanting to include me. He didn't have to do that. This is really his time. He's earned it, he deserves to celebrate it.

"The kids use the terms 'new school' and 'old school.' Emmitt is definitely old school. Walter would be very proud of him, and I am, too."

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

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

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

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

Monday's Game
Washington at Green Bay, 9 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 30
Green Bay at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at New England, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Washington, 1 p.m.
Miami at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at New York Giants, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Denver, 4:15 p.m.
Cincinnati at San Diego, 4:15 p.m.
Cleveland at Jacksonville, 4:15 p.m.
Seattle at Oakland, 4:15 p.m.
Dallas at Philadelphia, 8:30 p.m.
Open: Chicago, Detroit, Tennessee

Monday, Oct. 1
San Francisco at New York Jets, 9 p.m.

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SPORTS

Cards show resolve in 73-25 setback

LAMESA — After one quarter of play, it looked as if Hermleigh would be finished early. Then through the next three quarters, the Cardinals showed the resolve that Head Coach Harley Ethridge was looking for.

Hermleigh fell to Klondike, 73-25, in Friday night's six-man action, but registered a moral victory none the less.

The Cardinals turned the ball over three times in their first four offensive plays, and fell behind 30-0 in the opening quarter, but regrouped to keep things alive until the 45-point rule halted the game with 1:03 left in the fourth quarter.

"Our guys are trying to pull it together," Ethridge said. "We're inexperienced, but we have big hearts. Whether you're the state champions, or whether you're 0-3, you've got to have heart to make progress in this game. And our guys have it.

"They're determined to reach that next level. If I can just hold them together a little longer, things will start turning our way."

Things started turning the Cardinals' way in the second half Friday night when Ethridge made several key position changes.

The second-year Hermleigh coach shifted Blaine Minton from end to tailback. He moved Jimmy Luna from tailback to quarterback, and Terrell Culp from quarterback to end.

The changes proved beneficial as the Cardinals registered two quick touchdowns in the third period.

Luna, who had scored on a 10-yard run in the second quarter, hauled in a 6-yard pass from Minton, then ran in the extra point.

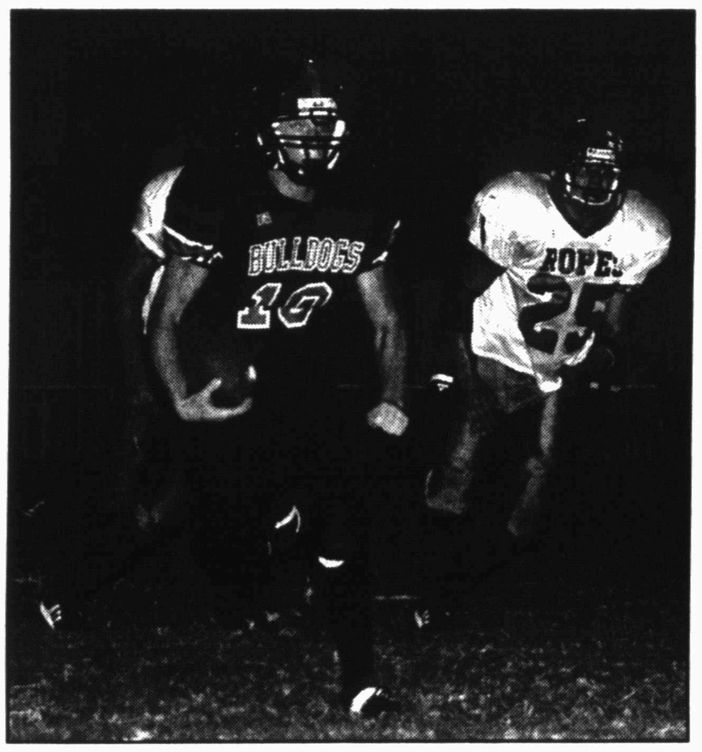
Minton, benefiting from his position change, broke loose on a 71-yard touchdown sprint, followed by a 46-yard scoring jaunt in the fourth quarter.

Minton finished the game with 181 yards on 15 carries. Luna added 23 yards, and Justin Williamson chipped in 12.

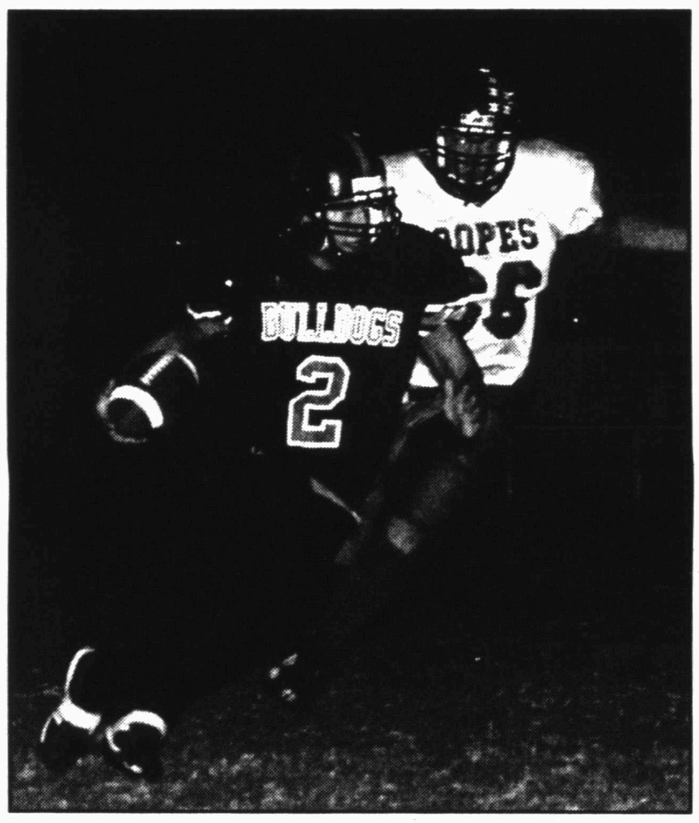
Through the air, Minton was 3 of 4 for 43 yards, while Jeremy Roemisch was 2 of 3 for 41 yards.

Defensively, it was Roemisch leading the way with eight tackles and a fumble recovery. Jose Granados tallied nine tackles, and Minton registered seven.

The Cardinals are in action again at 7:30 p.m. Friday when they visit Trent.



TOUGH TWOSOME — The running of Ira senior Nathan Smith, above, and junior Josh Gutierrez, below, was key to Friday night's 46-16 victory over Ropes. The Bulldog pair combined for 266 yards and four touchdowns as Ira pushed its non-district record to 3-0. Next up for the Bulldogs is a homecoming battle with Blackwell. (SDN Staff Photo)



Backfield tandem fuels Bulldogs' 46-16 victory

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

IRA — Ira's one-two punch of Nathan Smith and Josh Gutierrez kept the Eagles on the ropes, and the Bulldogs' defense delivered the knockout punch.

Smith and Gutierrez each rushed for over 100 yards and two touchdowns as the Ira Bulldogs improved to 3-0 with a 46-6 thumping of the Ropes Eagles in Friday night's six-man tilt.

The Bulldogs' backfield tandem continually pounded away at the Ropes defense, while Ira's defensive unit frustrated the Eagles' offense with four interceptions.

Eric Dickerhoff picked off three passes, and Jake Barnes snared the fourth in the endzone to put a cap on the 40-point victory.

"We knew we needed to slow down their running game, and then our plan was to put pressure on their passing game," said Ira coach Toby Goodwin. "Our kids did a good job of those things, and then our offense took care of the rest."

Smith rushed 19 times for 140 yards. Gutierrez picked up 126 yards on 11 tries, and second-quarter touchdowns by each ball carrier put Ira in control for good.

After Cade Tucker hauled in a 7-yard scoring pass from Dickerhoff in the first quarter, Gutierrez stretched the margin again on the first play of the period.

The junior took the ball heading left, then cut back against the grain and outran the Eagles 40 yards to the endzone. Another Jerry Jamison kick made it 16-0.

Smith, a senior, gave the Bulldogs a 24-point halftime cushion when he broke loose from 24 yards out with just over three minutes left in the second quarter.

The Eagles threatened in the closing seconds of the first half, moving to the Ira 7 before Dickerhoff picked off his third pass of the night.

Smith and Gutierrez combined for 116 first-half yards, compared to only 32 for rushing yards for the Eagles.

"We went to the T formation tonight and I think it helped, because it gave us more threats," Goodwin stated. "Ropes couldn't key on Nathan, because Josh would break loose if they did.

"The deeper we get in the season, the more we are going to have to do different stuff like that. With the way teams scout, your opponent knows just everything you do heading into a game. Sometimes you have to show a new wrinkle every now and then."

The Bulldogs maintained their scoring pace in the second half.

Gutierrez sprinted in from 10 yards out midway through the third, and Smith plunged in from the 3 early in the fourth quarter to put Ira up, 38-0.

The Eagles' only points of the night came two minutes into the final period when Jody Putnam showed his speed with a 55-yard scoring jaunt. The long run accounted for almost half of Ropes' rushing yards.

Barnes' interception was the final touchdown of the evening.

From their own 9-yard-line, the Eagles mishandled a pitch. Ropes' Matthew Harris corralled the ball in the endzone, but was hit as he tried to throw, and Barnes pulled the wobbling pigskin out of the air.

Jamison's fifth extra-point was true for the 46-6 final tally.

"This is exciting for our ballclub," Goodwin remarked. "We're 3-0, and we really have a lot of community support. I don't think I've ever heard these fans be this loud, and our kids fed off it."

The Bulldogs are in action again at 7:30 p.m. Friday when they host their homecoming game against Blackwell.

Game Summary

Ropes	00	00	00	06—06
Ira	08	16	06	16—46

First Quarter

Ira — Cade Tucker 7-yard pass from Eric Dickerhoff (Jerry Jamison kick), 3:42.

Second Quarter

Ira — Josh Gutierrez 40-yard run (Jamison kick), 9:46.

Ira — Nathan Smith 24-yard run (Jamison kick), 3:29.

Third Quarter

Ira — Gutierrez 10-yard run (kick failed), 4:43.

Fourth Quarter

Ira — Smith 3-yard run (Jamison kick), 9:13.

Ropes — Jody Putnam 55-yard run (kick failed), 8:16.

Ira — Jake Barnes interception in endzone (Jamison kick), 4:58.

	Rop	Ira
First Downs	8	13
Rushes-yards	30-125	36-264
Passing yards	106	81
Comp-Att-Int	10-27-4	5-11-0
Punts	1-53.0	0-0
Fumbles-lost	4-1	2-2
Penalties-yards	4-40	9-60
Time of poss.	23:28	16:32

RUSHING — Ropes: Jody Putnam, 3-66; Chris Cruz, 13-55; Matthew Harris, 9-24; Brandon Drury, 1-minus 4; Jerry Kimberlin, 2-minus 5; Roy Lara, 2-minus 11. **Ira:** Nathan Smith, 19-140; Josh Gutierrez, 11-126; Case Hardy, 1-5; Jerry Jamison, 1-3; Eric Dickerhoff, 4-minus 10.

PASSING — Ropes: Roy Lara, 5-9-77; Matthew Harris, 5-15-29-4; Jerry Kimberlin, 0-3. **Ira:** Eric Dickerhoff, 4-10-58; Nathan Smith, 1-1-23.

RECEIVING — Ropes: Chris Cruz, 2-36; Brandon Drury, 5-28; Jerry Kimberlin, 1-24; Jody Putnam, 2-18. **Ira:** Nathan Smith, 2-38; Jake Barnes, 2-36; Cade Tucker, 1-7.

District 6 Six-Man Football

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Ira	0	0	3	0
Westbrook	0	0	3	0
Brdn County	0	0	1	2
Highland	0	0	0	2
Hermleigh	0	0	0	3
Loraine	0	0	0	3

Friday's results: Klondike 73, Hermleigh 25; Ira 46, Ropes 6; Sands 39, Borden County 14; Aspermont 46, Loraine 24; Westbrook 47, Loop 26.

Saturday's game: Highland at Marathon.

Next week's games: Hermleigh at Trent; Blackwell at Ira; Wellman-Union at Borden County; Westbrook at Abilene Victory; Lueders-Avoca at Highland; Veribest at Loraine.

Mustangs 39, Coyotes 14...

Sands races past Borden County

ACKERLY — The Sands Mustangs used a second-half outburst to distance themselves from the Borden County Coyotes in Friday night's six-man action.

Sands scored 25 points over the final two quarters to knock off Borden County, 39-14.

The setback drops the Coyotes to 1-2 on the season, while the Mustangs improve to 2-1.

After Sands jumped out to an early 14-0 lead, Borden County trimmed the deficit to eight points when Jacob Zant broke loose on a 33-yard touchdown run with eight minutes left in the first half.

Sands stretched the margin to 20-6 late in the third quarter on Nathan Looney's second of three scoring runs.

The Coyotes final points came midway through the fourth. TJ. Sharp strolled in from 27 yards out, then booted the extra points to run the tally to 27-14.

The Mustangs tacked on two more touchdowns in the final minutes to cap the scoring.

Borden County is in action again at 7:30 p.m. Friday when it hosts its homecoming game against Wellman-Union.

At Portales rodeo...

Westerners charge toward short round

PORTALES, N.M. — Heading into Saturday morning's slack, Western Texas College had a whole slew of competitors in place to earn a spot in the final round of the Portales, N.M. rodeo.

Eleven members of the WTC men's team, along with two Lady Westerners were ranked in the top-10 prior to Saturday's slack.

While a few of the competitors were on the verge of being bumped out, other WTC riders were scheduled to try to take their place in the final competition before Saturday night's short-go.

"Our people are performing like you want them to. It's evident when you have that many team members with a chance at the short round," said Western Texas coach Greg Rhodes. "Plus we have a couple of calf ropers and a couple of breakaway ropers that are still scheduled to compete."

Leading the way for the WTC men were saddle bronc rider Sam Spreadborough and steer wrestler Joseph Gernentz who sat in third place prior to the final round of slack.

Gernentz was also ninth in the calf roping, while Clint Cooper was fourth.

Two spots behind Spreadborough in fifth place was Sean Prater, while J.W. Todd and Dalton Kraft shared seventh.

Justin Foltyn held onto fifth place in the bareback riding, with Tyson Thompson sitting in eighth.

Steven Turner was fifth in the steer wrestling, and Jonathan Cogar was seventh.

On the women's side, Randus London registered a time of 18.02 seconds to sit fourth in the barrel racing, only one spot ahead of teammate Dee Dee Chambers.

Sports Briefs

SHS girls' basketball meeting

Snyder High School coach Mike Martin will hold a meeting for parents of all SHS girls' basketball players at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at the SHS gym.

Western Texas MGA

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

Tuesday scramble and all-day MGA

The Men's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club holds its weekly scramble at 5:30 p.m. each Tuesday.

Also, an all-day MGA event is held each Thursday.

WGA play day

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

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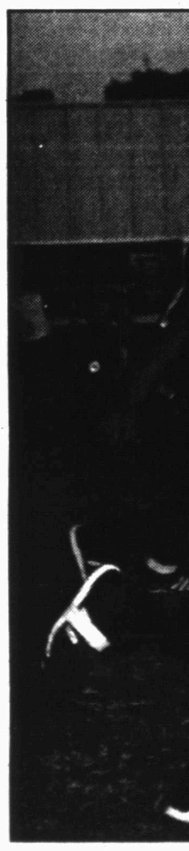
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SPORTS

Tigers' team captains accept leadership roles

The role of team captain is one of honor and prestige, so the Snyder Tigers waited three weeks into the season to make sure they chose the right players.

Unlike many squads that elect their captains the previous spring, the Tigers tallied their votes earlier this week, selecting seniors Riki Dorsett, Justin Pechacek, Stephen Ortegon and Jammall Pruitt.

While the four recognize the honor of being named as captain, they also believe that all players should take a role in leading the team.

"I'm not going to change my leadership now, because I think everybody should do their part in being a leader, not just the captains," said Dorsett, a Tiger split end and cornerback. "Everybody leads in their own way, and I don't think we should try to quiet them when they do."

Heading into Friday's district opener, the captains will be looked to for leadership, especially following last week's setback to state-ranked Abilene Wylie.

"In a way, I think we almost needed that loss to keep us from getting the big-head," said Pechacek, a two-year starter at linebacker. "We had beaten Monahans and Littlefield so convincingly, we thought we would do that again last week. We were prepared for the game, but maybe we weren't as focused on how we needed to do things to get the job done.

"Now we know what we have to do to compete in a tough district, and it's our job as captains to make sure everybody stays focused on those things for the rest of the year."

Like last year, the Tigers carry the same 2-1 record into district play. But all four captains admit there's a different attitude with this year's team.

"Our attitude is a lot different this year," Ortegon, a second-year starting tackle said. "I think we work better as a team. There aren't as many individuals out there. It's like we're all thinking and wanting to do the same things."

Pechacek referred to the squad as "one big family," and Dorsett added, "This year we've come together as a team. Last year it seemed like everybody was worried about their own individual performances."

The Tigers believe the new attitude will result in a postseason appearance.

"We expect to make the playoffs," said Pruitt, the team's leading rusher. "There may not be a lot of other schools who think we will, but that only makes it that much sweeter.

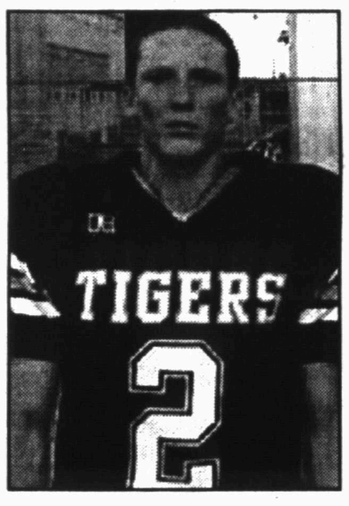
"Our goals are to make the playoffs and advance all the way to state. We set those goals a long time before the season even started, so we're going to keep working harder and harder to make sure we reach them."

Pruitt is looking forward to getting back on the field after missing a week of practice due to a sprained knee suffered late in the game against Wylie.

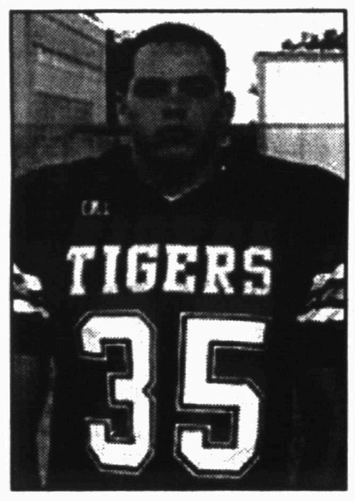
The senior halfback underwent an MRI on Thursday, and results of the test were positive.

"The doctor said there wasn't any major damage," Pruitt stated. "He said to just keep an eye on it to make sure I don't re-injure it before it gets back to full strength."

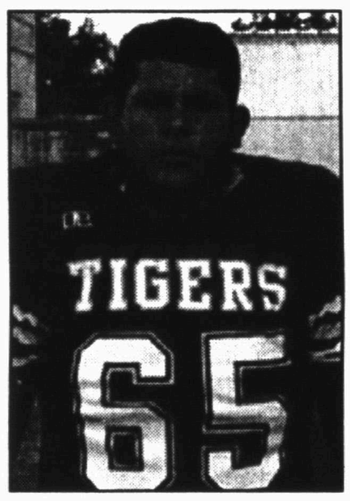
Pruitt is expected to play in Friday's district opener against Plainview at Tiger Stadium.



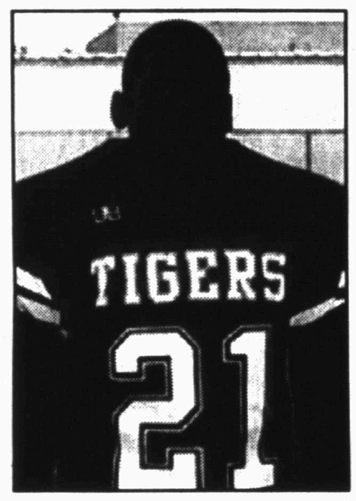
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District 4-4A Football

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

Thursday's result: Palo Duro 31, Estacado 7

Friday's results: Abilene Wylie 21, Big Spring 20 (OT), Lampasas 21, Lake View 13; Hereford 21, Frenship 14; Ft. Stockton 35, Levelland 21. Open: Snyder, Andrews and Plainview.

Next week's games: Plainview at Snyder; Andrews at Big Spring; Lake View at Levelland; Frenship at Estacado.

Cougars don't respect Simms

AUSTIN (AP) — Houston unleashed a verbal attack against No. 5 Texas. The Cougars can only hope their offense is as effective against the Longhorns.

Perhaps still harboring bad feelings toward Chris Simms for throwing deep late in Texas' 48-0 victory last season, or hurting from a season-opening loss to Rice on Sept. 1, Houston (0-1) has provided Texas (2-0) with plenty of bulletin board fodder leading up to the teams' clash Saturday night.

"I think they made a mistake by naming Simms as the starter," over backup Major Applewhite, Houston safety Hanik Milligan said. "Applewhite is more poised and smarter. Simms is just a running back out there. He's got a lot of receivers, so he's just pretty much playing street ball."

The Cougars' barbs are based on experience.

Simms started last year against the Cougars, but Texas' offense struggled Applewhite relieved Simms, who finished with two interceptions, one of which was returned for a touchdown.

"I'm not going to hit him (Simms) hard, I want him to stay in the game because if Applewhite gets in the game, he's smarter than Simms is," Houston defensive end Adrian Lee said.

The Longhorns rushed to Simms' defense.

"It's easy to do a lot of talking, but it's a lot harder to back it up," defensive tackle Maurice Gordon said. "Talking is easy. You can sit on the bench and talk. But if I'd gotten beaten 48-0, honestly, I wouldn't have much to say."

Simms has faced tough verbal attacks, some coming from Texas fans who believe Applewhite should be the starting quarterback.

Simms says he is comfortable with the progress of the Longhorns' offense, despite a passing game that has struggled in the first two games.

Texas, 2-0 for the first time under coach Mack Brown, has relied on a conservative rushing attack, a strong defense and special teams in its first two victories.

"We're just doing what we have to do," said Simms, who has completed half of his passes for 349 yards and two touchdowns. "And we haven't done a whole lot of it. We don't want to be peaking right now, anyway."

The Longhorns have made a commitment to establishing a running game, averaging 165 yards on the ground.

Rodriguez ties Banks in 9-8 win

ARLINGTON (AP) — Alex Rodriquez is pushing himself and his teammates, even in the final weeks of a disappointing season.

Rodriguez hit his career-high 47th homer, tying Ernie Banks' major league record for home runs in a season by a shortstop, and rookie Carlos Pena went 4-for-4 with five RBIs as the Texas Rangers beat the Anaheim Angels 9-8 Friday night.

"I expect a lot of my teammates and myself," Rodriguez said. "We want to play hard to the end and have it carry over to next season."

Rodriguez, who has six homers in his last nine games, also equaled the Rangers mark for homers in a season held by Juan Gonzalez (1996) and Rafael Palmeiro (1998).

Rodriguez has played in all 148 games and plans on playing the entire schedule. He's been refreshed by the recent break when baseball shut down in the wake of the terrorist attacks on the East Coast.

"I feel like it recharged my batteries," said Rodriguez, who tied Cleveland's Jim Thome for the AL home run lead. "I want to be in the lineup. I take pride in that. I just love the game so much."

Pena, who had career highs of hits and RBIs in a game, drove in three runs with his first career triple and added two doubles and an RBI single.

"He's swinging the bat great," said Rangers manager Jerry Narron. "He has great discipline at the plate."

Rodriguez homered into the right-field seats to lead off the fifth inning. The homer came off Ismael Valdes (9-11), gave the Rangers a 6-2 lead and matched Banks' record for shortstops set in 1958.

"It's a good feeling because I'm a friend of Mr. Banks'," said Rodriguez. "I've been kidding him that I'm chasing him and he kids me and says he's trying to run away from me. I finally got to catch him."

Rangers starter Rob Bell (5-4) won for the first time since July 27, giving up five runs and eight hits in 6 2-3 innings. Bell struck out two and walked two.

Wright draws start for Dallas

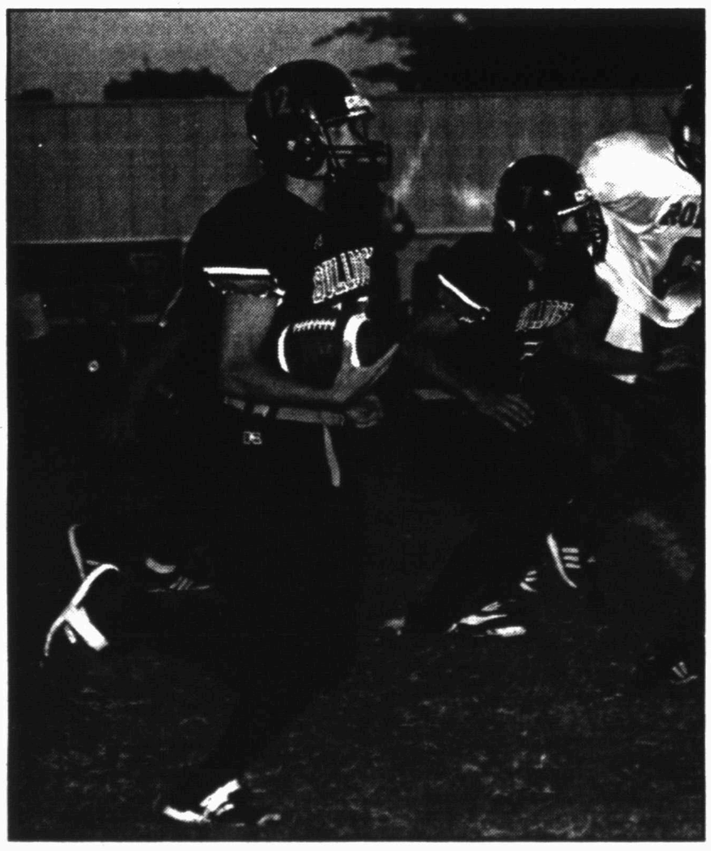
IRVING (AP) — Anthony Wright will be the starting quarterback against San Diego on Sunday, Dallas Cowboys coach Dave Campo said Friday.

Campo did not say who would be the second-string quarterback for the home game against the Chargers.

Wright replaces Quincy Carter, who hasn't practiced all week because of a sore thumb on his throwing hand.

Campo said Carter will return to the starting role as soon as he is physically able.

"It's Quincy's job. We made the decision that he is the guy that is going to go forward with us," he said. "We like Anthony, and we think he has an excellent future in the NFL. This is exactly why we have two quarterbacks because we have the opportunity to have a guy go out that I feel comfortable is ready to play."



AVOIDING THE EAGLES — Ira's Eric Dickerhoff gains yardage, while Todd Wall (7) provides the blocking Friday night at Bulldog Stadium. (SDN Staff Photo)

Major League Baseball

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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	79	68	.537	—
Philadelphia	79	69	.534	½
New York	75	73	.507	4½
Florida	68	79	.463	11
Montreal	63	85	.426	16½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	87	60	.592	—
St. Louis	84	64	.568	3½
Chicago	81	66	.551	6
Milwaukee	63	85	.426	24½
Cincinnati	60	88	.405	27½
Pittsburgh	55	93	.372	32½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	83	65	.561	—
San Francisco	81	67	.547	2
Los Angeles	79	69	.534	4
San Diego	73	74	.497	9½
Colorado	65	82	.442	17½

Friday's Games

Colorado 11, Montreal 9, 11 innings
St. Louis 9, Pittsburgh 5
Philadelphia 1, Florida 0
N.Y. Mets 3, Atlanta 2
Chicago Cubs 12, Houston 4
Cincinnati 5, Milwaukee 2
San Francisco 2, San Diego 0
Arizona 10, Los Angeles 0

Saturday's Games

Arizona (Johnson 19-6) at Los Angeles (Brown 10-4), 4:10 p.m.
Colorado (Elarton 4-8) at Montreal (Yoshii 3-5), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Smith 5-2) at Pittsburgh (Ritchie 11-12), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Acevedo 4-6) at Milwaukee (Quevedo 4-3), 7:05 p.m.
Florida (Clement 8-10) at Philadelphia (Person 15-6), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Maddux 17-9) at N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 9-12), 7:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Tapani 9-12) at Houston (Reynolds 11-10), 8:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Estes 8-8) at San Diego (Jones 8-18), 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Atlanta (Glavine 14-7) at N.Y. Mets (Leiter 11-10), 1:10 p.m.
Colorado (Neagle 9-7) at Montreal (Thurman 8-11), 1:35 p.m.
Florida (Dempster 15-11) at Philadelphia (Duckworth 2-1), 1:35 p.m.
St. Louis (Hermanson 13-12) at Pittsburgh (D.Williams 2-6), 1:35 p.m.
Cincinnati (Dessens 9-12) at Milwaukee (J.Wright 9-12), 2:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Lieber 18-6) at Houston (Redding 3-1), 2:35 p.m.
Arizona (Schilling 20-6) at Los Angeles (Adams 12-7), 4:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Ortiz 14-9) at San Diego (Herndon 2-4), 5:05 p.m.

American League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	88	59	.599	—
Boston	75	70	.517	12
Toronto	72	75	.490	16
Baltimore	57	89	.390	30½
Tampa Bay	52	95	.354	36

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	84	64	.568	—
Minnesota	79	69	.534	5
Chicago	76	72	.513	8
Detroit	58	89	.395	25½
Kansas City	58	89	.395	25½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	106	42	.716	—
Oakland	90	58	.608	16
Anaheim	74	74	.500	32
Texas	68	80	.460	38

Friday's Games

Boston 5, Detroit 2
Tampa Bay 7, Toronto 4
Baltimore 7, N.Y. Yankees 6
Texas 9, Anaheim 8
Minnesota 6, Cleveland 2
Chicago White Sox 8, Kansas City 7
Oakland 5, Seattle 1

Saturday's Games

Tampa Bay (Bierbrodt 1-4) at Toronto (Loaiza 10-11), 1 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Hitchcock 3-3) at Baltimore (Douglass 0-1), 1:25 p.m.
Cleveland (Woodard 3-3) at Minnesota (Radke 13-9), 1:30 p.m.
Seattle (Pineiro 5-1) at Oakland (Hiljus 3-0), 4:05 p.m.
Detroit (Cornejo 3-3) at Boston (Lowe 4-10), 5:05 p.m.
Kansas City (MacDougal 0-0) at Chicago White Sox (Garland 6-6), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Wise 1-3) at Texas (Myette 3-4), 8:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Detroit (Weaver 11-15) at Boston (Nomo 12-8), 1:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Kennedy 5-8) at Toronto (Escobar 6-6), 1:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Finley 7-6) at Minnesota (Milton 14-6), 2:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Durbin 7-15) at Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 13-8), 2:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Ortiz 12-9) at Texas (Helling 11-9), 3:05 p.m.
Seattle (Garcia 17-5) at Oakland (Mulder 19-7), 4:05 p.m.
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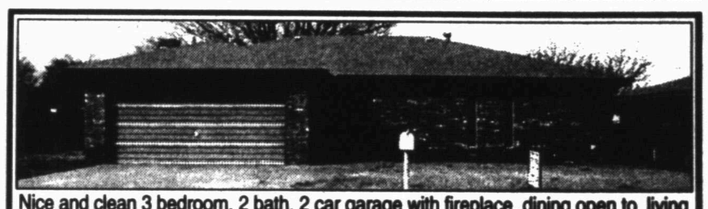
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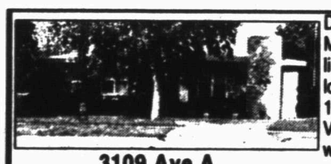
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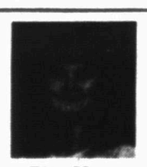
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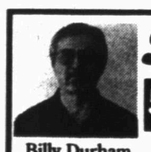
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3614 40th 4-2-2+RV stor. . .$94T
Pleasant Hill Rd. 3-2-2 . .$76.5T
3405 44th 3-2-2 ..... .$59.9T
318 36th 3-2-2cp, FP, RV stor. $59.9T
2104 40th 3-1 ..... .$32.9T
1202 26th 2-1-1, CH/A . .$22.5T

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5505 Cedar Creek 3-2½-2 . .$104.5T
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2705 35th 4-3-2 + office.....$87.5T
2510 Towle Park 3-2-2 .....$85T
2808 47th 3-2-2 ..... .$69.9T
3605 40th 3-2-2 ..... .$68.5T
2601 28th 3-2-2 ..... .$65.9T
3605 Jacksboro 3-2½-2 . . .$65T
1809 KSNY Dr. 3-1 Edge of town $41.5T
2401 40th 3-2-1-1cp $26.5T

3006 El Paso 3-3-2, storage . .$125T
Large family hm on 12 A's Close in . $110T
2803 34th 3-2-2, 2 Living areas, entertainment room/office, cellar $100's
3309 Irving 3-2-2 ..... .$109T
2708 48th 4-2-2 ..... .$88.5T
2200 30th Emmaculate 3-2½-2 w/2 living areas, enclosed porch . . .$84.9T
2301 43rd 3-2, living + den . .$69.5T
3310 Ave. V 3-2-2 ..... .$62T
2218 45th 3-2-1cp $59.5T
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3610 Ave. B 3-2-1 ..... .$42.5T
2805 Ave. V 3-1 ..... .$42T
3500 Irving 3-2-1 ..... .$42T
2404 42nd Brick, 2-1-2 . . . .$40's
6329 FM 1606 Ira 3-2-2cp$39.5T
3717 Avondale 3-1-1 ..... .$35T
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3-2½-2+4+RV Gar., Pool, Hot Tub, 2501 48th
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4-1¾-2cp Det. $28.5T w/$4000 Allow. Repairs
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Great Neighborhood 3-2½-2+1cp.....$65T
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321 35th Corner, 3-1-1 Det., Nice Storage
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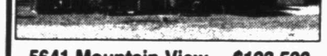
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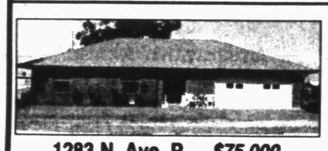
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In the Country 2 level brick home with landscaped yard has a unique living arrangement w/4-4½-3, all on about 5 A's. Features 2 living & 2 dining areas, isolated master w/FP, new appliances, sun porch, & large laundry room. Be in by the holidays!
5641 Mountain View ***$193,500***

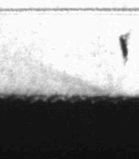


OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS! What a Buy! This brick home is a 3-2-2 w/barn, pens, storage and full fenced city block. The covered back patio is surrounded by a beautiful landscaped yard, and an enclosed porch that could be a study, 4th bedroom, or sitting room. Owner will sell income property for **$35,000** or all for **$95,000.**
1283 N. Ave. P ***$75,000***

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2300 32nd - Below Market 5-3, den, parlor, formal living & dining, pool .....$100's
4603 El Paso - Beautiful - 3-2-2, pool, formal dining, office .....$100's
2644 LCR 252 - Retreat 3-3-2, fp, 3 cp, dock ..$100's
1353 Laguna - C-City Lake Nice 3-2-2, shop $90's
2628 LCR 252 - Everything Goes! 3-1, boat house .....$90's
2906 Denison - Need Room? 3-2-2 ..$85T
3103 42nd -Real Honey! 3-2,cp, RV stg. $55T
2403 42nd - Appealing 4-2, stg. .....$50's
3600 Hill Ave. - Terrific! 4-2½-2 .....$70T
3403 Irving - Great Find 5-2-2LA's ...$60's
3010 Ave. U - Personality & Potential 3-1, study ..$40s
2017 40th - Fresh & Clean 3-1-1 ....$30's
4107 Avondale CUT TO THE BONE 3-1-1 $28T
3765 Sunset - Wants offer! 3-1½-1 ..$25T
2202 41st - CUTE 3-1, den .....$30's
2905 Ave. W - Charming 3-2 .....$30's
3002 37th - Comfortable 3-1, rear cp .$40's
3505 Irving - Assume 3-1-1 .....$40's
2312 40th - Super deal 3-1-1 .....$18T
305 34th - Why Rent? 2-1-1 .....$13T
2207 28th - Wants quick sale! 2-2-cp $18.5T
3609 Irving - Location 3-1¾-1 .....$40's
3741 Ave. V - Great Area! 4-2 w/storage $50's

NEW LISTINGS

3103 41st - Relax & Enjoy 4-3, patio, pool $60's
4301 Lubbock - Rates a Ten! 3-2-2 ..$60's
308 38th - Great Possibilities! 3-1-cp, 1.16A's
2907 Ave. W - Ready to Sell! 3-2-2 ..$55T

COUNTRY HOMES

2693 Pleasant - Close In 3-2, extras .$70's
8709 W. Hwy 180 - Stucco 3-2-2 w/5 A's .$60's
Hermleigh - Great Setup, 3-3½-2, 80 A's $100's
S. Hwy 84 - Enjoy 3-2-2 w/ 9 A's ...$100's
New Listing 3-2-2, barns, 40 A's ...$100's
2312 FM 1611 - Quality 3-2, loft ONLY $98T
4374 CR 254 3-2-2 w/rental .....$100's
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Lot - Prime Location, Colonial Hills ..$3,400
West - 78 + acres, barn, well .....$40's
Gary Brewer Rd. 80 Acre farm $75T
Dunn - Good 80 Acre farm, well $50T

Freedom week activities slated

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classes will read stories of freedom.

"In light of the tragedy that struck our nation on Sept. 11, we at Snyder Junior High School are proud to celebrate freedom," Kellye Starnes, principal said.

West Elementary

Besides celebrating freedom, West Elementary's activities are also in honor and respect of the victims of terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C.

Elaine Byrd's students will give a presentation about how Revolutionary War soldiers compare to modern soldiers.

Primary students and students in the classes of social studies teachers Beverly Robertson and Zack Williams are working on special projects. Many of the projects are posted on the middle hall and a special bulletin board pertaining to Freedom Week has been set up in the library.

Northeast Elementary

Northeast Elementary will have a busy week. All of the grades have been working on projects from making flags of all sizes to writing essays. The artwork and writings are on display in the halls and on the windows.

Students will read an Accelerated Book about the Constitution. They will also learn to recite the Preamble and to sign it. A special power point presentation will combine Norman Rockwell photographs with various speeches about such topics as freedom from fear, freedom from want and freedom to worship. The pictures were found in an old issue of a 1979 Saturday Evening Post.

Students will take turns reading short facts about the Constitution and important historical dates every day over the intercom. Students will also say the pledge and sing the National Anthem every day.

To raise money for victims of the terrorists' attacks, students will be able to purchase special passes that will allow them to chew gum for just one day.

East Elementary

East Elementary fourth graders are writing essays about *What Freedom Means to My Family.* Winners will be determined for each class, as well as overall winners for the entire school.

Younger students will color pictures of symbols of freedom.

Central Elementary

Central students are participating 100 percent. Some made posters, some drew pictures and others wrote essays. They will be on display at the school through the open house Tuesday night. Then the projects will be displayed at the local banks, starting Wednesday. West Texas State Bank is one of Central's adopt-a-school partners. Other banks participating include Snyder National Bank, American State Bank, First American Bank and Texas Savings Bank.

Stanfield

Stanfield has activities set all next week. Each child and adult will be given a flag pin to be worn Monday through Friday.

Snyder High School students will present a short patriotic concert at 2:15 p.m. Wednesday.

An all-school program will be presented at 8:45 a.m. Thursday. All children and adults are urged to wear red, white and blue. Reba Bailey, music teacher, has prepared a special program.

A flag dedication and a Celebrate Freedom reception is planned for Friday.

The pledge will be lead by a special person each day next week. Instead of the school pledge, everyone will read the Preamble each day.

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Fewer than half of the seniors surveyed at top universities across the nation can identify crucial events in American history, according to the Center for Survey Research and Analysis, and this situation has prompted Texas legislators and the Texas Education Agency to inaugurate the state's first *Celebrate Freedom Week.*

As a result HB 1776, the TEA encourage schools to develop a program for the celebration week that will impact the intent, meaning and importance of significant documents and events from our nation's past.

The survey polled 500 college seniors at 55 universities, including Yale, Northwestern and Smith, where students could not correctly answer questions considered basic to a general knowledge of American history. Many of the students participating in the survey could not identify the wars in which Americans have fought for their country.

HB 1776 states, "Instruction should include study of the intent, meaning, and importance of the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution, including the Bill of Rights, in their historical context. The study of the Declaration of Independence should include the relationship of the ideas expressed in that document to subsequent American history, including but not limited to the relationship of its ideas to the rich diversity of our people as a nation of immigrants, the American Revolution, the formulation of the United States Constitution, and the abolitionist movement, which led to the Emancipation Proclamation and the woman's suffrage movement.

The new law does not specifically mandate how districts should participate in the celebration.

State Rep. Rick Green, R-Dripping Springs, was the primary author of House Bill 1776, and state Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, sponsored it in the Senate.

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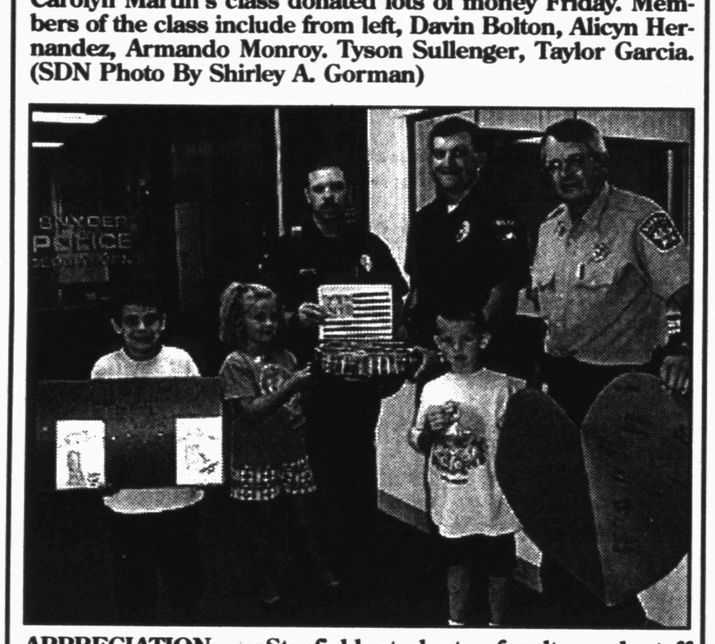
For questions regarding HB 1776, Cheryl Wright, director of Social Studies, in the Curriculum Division of TEA at 512-463-9580.

For a copy of HB 1776, visit http:www.capitol.state.tx.us.

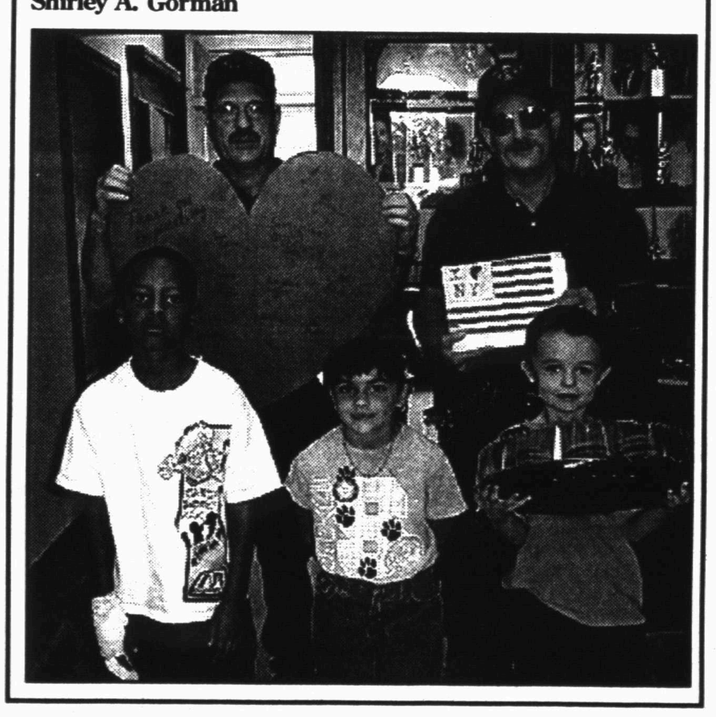
Stanfield Elementary



DONATIONS — Stanfield students are raising money for the victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York City. Carolyn Martin's class donated lots of money Friday. Members of the class include from left, Davin Bolton, Alicyn Hernandez, Armando Monroy. Tyson Sullenger, Taylor Garcia. (SDN Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



APPRECIATION — Stanfield students, faculty and staff showed their appreciation for local firemen and law enforcement officers Friday by delivering homemade cookies, posters, paper hearts and pictures of flags. Law enforcement officers in the photo above are from left, Cpl. Trey Wilson, officer Mike Ward and chief deputy Delwyn Davis. Students making the presentation are from left Chase Price, Audrey Miller and Ethan Head. Fire department personnel pictured below are from left, Darrell Craig, driver and firefighter; and Cy Posey, fire marshal. Students from left are, Jordan Peoples, Sabrina Castillo, Justin Haggard. (SDN Photos By Shirley A. Gorman



Dallas mayor is moving closer to run for Senate

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk says he'll form an exploratory committee to study a potential Senate campaign before making a decision on whether he will run for Texas Sen. Phil Gramm's seat.

Kirk said Friday that he will release the committee's membership next week.

"It allows me to determine the viable support I have to make this campaign and raise money," Kirk told The Dallas Morning News in Saturday's editions.

An exploratory committee allows Kirk to begin raising the money needed to build a campaign organization, without fully committing to the race.

If Kirk decides to run, he forfeits his job as mayor.

The Democrat said he would announce his plans by November.

Gramm, a Republican, announced this month that he will not seek a fourth term when his term ends next year.

Potential Democratic contenders for the job include Houston congressman Ken Bensen, Austin lawyer Ed Cunningham, former Texas Attorney General Dan Morales and 1996 Senate nominee Victor Morales.

Blood drives set here next week

United Blood Services is having a community-wide blood drive Tuesday and Wednesday in conjunction with a blood drive to benefit Jenna Neff who was in an automobile accident earlier this month.

Tuesday, the drive will be at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m.

On Wednesday, the drive will be in the mobile unit parked at Cogdell Memorial Hospital from noon until 5 p.m.

Appointments can be made for donations by calling Linda Longorio at 573-1300, or 573-8845.

Blood donors must be at least 17, weight at least 110 pounds and be in good health.

Births

Joey and Sherri Noyola of Snyder announce the birth of their daughter, Taegan Darlene Consuelo Noyola. She was born at 5:13 a.m. on Sept. 19 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed five pounds, two ounces and was also welcomed by a brother, Kye Joey Noyola.

Grandparents are Martha Noyola, Jr. Gonzales and Darlene Smith, all of Snyder. Great-grandparents are Jean Shaw of Snyder and the late Charles Shaw, and Manuel Prado of Big Spring and the late Consuelo Prado.

Counties served by 915 will get another area code, according to PUC officials

Plans are underway by the Public Utility Commission (PUC) to add another area code to all the counties presently served by 915.

"The increased use of cell phones, pagers and fax machines in the region has created a need for more numbers," said Terry Hadley of the PUC.

Area code 915 serves all of 44 counties and parts of 16 more in West Texas and it is estimated that all available phone numbers will be exhausted in the first quarter of 2004.

In six public meetings scheduled this week, the PUC will review eight proposed plans to introduce a new area code to the region. The plans involve either a geographic split or a number overlay.

The closest meeting sites to Snyder will be in Abilene, San Angelo and Midland.

The Abilene meeting is from 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday in Room 141 at Abilene High School. The San Angleo meeting will be from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Wednesday at Fort Concho officers quarters, while the meeting in Midland is from 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Midland City Council chambers.

Other meetings will be held in Llano, Odessa and El Paso.

Citizens unable to attend a meeting can contact the PUC by calling 1-888-782-8477, or by e-mailing the PUC at areacodes@puc.state.tx.us. They can write the commission at PUC Office of Customer Protection, Box 13326, Austin, 78711-3326.

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New York's calendar filled with events

NEW YORK (AP) — At the start of the second weekend since the World Trade Center attacks, everything in the city seemed to be tinged with reminders of how life has changed.

A star-studded telethon was broadcast Friday night to benefit relief funds, but organizers worried about security concerns did not disclose where it was held.

The New York Mets beat their rival Atlanta Braves amid tight security at Shea Stadium as baseball returned for the first time since the Sept. 11 attacks. On the miniature New York City skyline above the right-field scoreboard, a red, white and blue ribbon covered the darkened twin towers.

Candidates in the city's mayoral primary — postponed after two hijacked jetliners struck the Trade Center — began making campaign appearances Saturday morning, their first since the attacks. The primary is Tuesday.

But memorials and fund-raisers far outnumbered campaign events. Bagpipes skirled as the day's funerals — including services for at least five more firefighters — began.

The city also prepared for an invitation-only interfaith prayer service Sunday that was expected to draw more than 60,000 people to Yankee Stadium.

The number of people missing and feared dead beneath the Trade Center rubble is 6,333 — a number Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said could fluctuate after lists compiled by police and foreign consulates are checked. Of the 252 bodies recovered so far, the coroner's office has identified 183.

"You keep picking up pieces and hoping you find a whole body instead of parts," said ironworker Chris Howlett, as he reported for work Saturday morning. "That's what I hope for every day."

Overnight, rescue workers gulped bowls of gumbo ladled by volunteers from Louisiana operating out of a truck just outside ground zero.

"You can just tell they're all tired and overworked and down," said Shawn Bradley, who came from Norco, La., with enough gumbo to feed 1,000 rescue workers. "But they're keeping their spirits up, and just a little bit of cheer goes a long way."

On Friday, Attorney General John Ashcroft got his first look at the ruins.

Mayor requests enrivonmental review

EL PASO (AP) — With prominent smokestacks on both ends of town and a rock quarry on the flanks of its defining physical feature — the Franklin Mountains — no one would mistake El Paso for a pristine paradise.

Mayor Ray Caballero, in hopes of improving the city's image, has directed his staff to create a task force to evaluate environmental problems.

Caballero says he wants to transform El Paso and its reputation as a low-wage, industry town by attracting white-collar businesses that pay well and invest in their staff. Those businesses, he contends, want a good quality of life for employees they are trying to recruit or relocate.

"What we do often in El Paso ... is ignore environmental issues," Caballero said. "People were putting stuff in the ground before they knew it was bad stuff — we have a 114-year-old smelter."

Caballero's task force, however, has been viewed with suspicion by industry officials, and at least one of them has branded it as anti-business.

Caballero doesn't think industry should be so defensive.

"My view is that there doesn't have to be a train wreck when the government deals with environmental issues," Caballero said.

Larry Castor is general manager of the 114-year-old Asarco copper smelter with the distinctive smokestacks on the west side of town. The smelter has been shut down for the last few years while the company waits for copper prices to rise.

Castor said numerous soil and water studies done over the last decade by local, state and federal environmental agencies show that the smelter has been no threat to public health or safety.

Some soil samples collected recently by the federal Environmental Protection Agency in locations around the smelter showed high levels of lead and arsenic. However, the EPA determined that those isolated spots didn't pose a threat to public health.

Stanley Jobe runs Jobe Concrete Products, which operates the quarry east of the Franklin Mountains. He said the task force is "anti-business" because it doesn't include industry representatives.

But Caballero defends his choices. He said the members are knowledgeable about the environment and are qualified to evaluate the issues.

The members includes a doctor who was on the water utility board and a past president of the El Paso Medical Society, a professor of geology at the University of Texas at El Paso, and an environmental engineer who has represented both industry and environmental interests.

Tug company studies reveal shallow bottom; repairs set

PORT ISABEL (AP) — Studies by the company that owns the tug that pushed barges into the Queen Isabella Causeway causing its collapse indicate the channel was too shallow and that navigation lights malfunctioned.

At least five people died in the collapse last Saturday morning, and three more are missing.

"We grieve for the victims and their families and, out of respect for their losses and in the name of justice, we will continue to investigate the facts surrounding this tragic accident," said Stephen Mosher, president of Brown Water Towing I, Inc. of Rockport.

In the statement released to the press, Mosher said that high resolution seismic surveys in two and three dimensions as well as side scan sonar data were used to prove the tug touched bottom along the bouey line.

The Coast Guard has its own investigation underway and insists the channel was properly maintained at a 14-foot depth.

A preliminary investigation also found the operator, a relief captain, was not alcohol-impaired and had not been working an especially long shift, said Coast Guard spokesman Alan Grodecki. But Grodecki said there apparently was a strong current when the accident occurred.

Divers on Thursday found the wreckage of the last two vehicles that tumbled 80 feet from the bridge into a Laguna Madre channel that is part of the Intracoastal Waterway.

In France...

Rescuers look for survivors after chemical plant explosion kills 25

TOULOUSE, France (AP) — Rescuers picked through piles of concrete and twisted steel Saturday, searching for survivors after a huge explosion at a chemical fertilizer plant in southern France killed at least 25 people and injured 700 others.

Officials said more than 50 people among the injured were listed in "a very serious condition" after the blast Friday at the AZF chemical plant in Toulouse.

The site was leveled by the explosion — reportedly caused by workers improperly mixing chemicals — that had the strength of a 3.2 magnitude earthquake, the National Earthquake Surveillance Center said.

"More than 2,200 people passed through hospitals or clinics, and about 700 people are still hospitalized for treatment," said Christian Leveque, a health official in the Haute-Garonne region, on France-3 Television.

The force of the blast ripped walls and roofs off nearby homes, blew cars off the road and left a brown, acrid haze hanging over this city of nearly a million people and home to the country's aeronautics industry.

Much of the plant was in ruins. In some areas, only jagged metal beams covered with dust were left standing. The blast scattered debris over a wide area and carved a 150-foot-wide crater into the ground.

"It's as if there were several explosions and then a very big tornado," said Fire Chief Christian Pizzocaro, head of the rescue team. "The site is extremely dangerous."

Coming just 10 days after the catastrophic terrorist attack against the United States, many in Toulouse who heard the explosion first thought they were under attack.

"We all thought it was a bomb," said Guy Physsens, a truck driver who was delivering supplies to the factory.

Obituaries

Jealene Hodge

1935-2001

GAIL — Jealene Hodge of Clovis, N.M., a Borden County native, died Thursday, Sept. 20, in a Clovis hospital.

Graveside service for Mrs. Hodge, 66, is set for 2 p.m. Monday in the Gail Cemetery. The Rev. Clifton Igo will officiate.

Born Jan. 31, 1935 in Gail, she attended schools in Lamesa and Snyder. She was a homemaker.

Arrangements are under the direction of Branon Funeral Home of Lamesa.

Survivors include a son, Jerry Hodge of Clovis; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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Three arrested for public intoxication

•Arrests

Officers arrested two people in the 3300 block of College Ave. early Saturday. A 24-year-old woman was taken into custody for driving while intoxicated second offense. Also arrested, was a 36-year-old man on charges of public intoxication.

A woman in the 1200 block of 19th Street requested an officer at her residence in reference to a man standing in her yard that was not welcome there. Officers took the man into custody. The 18-year-old man was arrested for public intoxication.

•Assault

An employee at Cogdell Memorial Hospital requested an officer there in reference to a patient requesting to file assault charges after being admitted. An officer went to the hospital and advised an offense report for assault, family violence would be submitted.

•Theft

A woman requested an officer at Snyder High School Friday afternoon in reference to the theft of her wallet. Officers answered the call and the woman advised she would make sure it wasn't misplaced before filing a report.

•Prowler

Susie Gomez requested a deputy at her residence in reference to a possible prowler in her garage. She reported someone had entered her garage and moved her lawn mower. Officers were unable to locate anyone.

•Noise Disturbance

Dispatchers received several complaints of loud music Friday night.

A woman in the 3700 block of Ave. U requested an officer in reference to loud music from a car stereo. Officers made contact with another woman who advised she would comply and turn her stereo down.

A man reported loud music at the Fieldcrest Apartments at 11:30 p.m. Friday. Dispatchers then received a second complaint about the music there. Officers responded to the scene, but were unable to locate anyone.

Dispatchers were alerted to a music disturbance in the 1300 block of 23rd Street early Saturday morning. Officers made contact with a man and advised him of the complaint.

•Gas drive off

A clerk at Rip Griffin's Truck Stop reported a gas drive off in the amount of $19 Friday night. No description of the vehicle was available.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Disaster relief fund

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

Cowboy camp meeting

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

Library story time

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

Noon prayer service

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

Central book fair

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

Hermleigh booster club

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

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Significance of the Resurrection," followed by "Sabbath Changed to Sunday."

Cancer board meeting

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

Avenue D Baptist Church revival

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

Lord's Acre fish fry

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

Ira school pictures

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

FFA, Jr. FFA meeting

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

First Baptist Church

What does God say to us in tragedies? Don't miss this timely message from First Baptist Church at 3 p.m. on Thursdays on cable channel 2.

SHS military project

Snyder High School is asking parents or friends with current military people to bring a current photo with ID to be scanned and placed on a wall at the school in honor of all former graduates who are serving in the military. There are approximately 60 serving at this time. Bring photos to Larry Scott, principal. For more information, call 573-6301.

Ira cheerleaders fundraisers

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

GED testing

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

Girl Scout meetings

Because of vandalism at the Girl Scout hut, no meetings can be held there until further notice. Troops will meet at other locations. Contact your leader or JoAnn at 753-3926 or Judi at 573-7556.

Canyon community reunion

The Canyon community reunion will be held next Saturday at Ira Baptist Church's fellowship hall. Registration is at 9:30 a.m. and those attending are asked to bring a covered dish for lunch. For more information, call Louise Layne at 573-2012 or Lorita Keller at 573-3825.

SC military support group

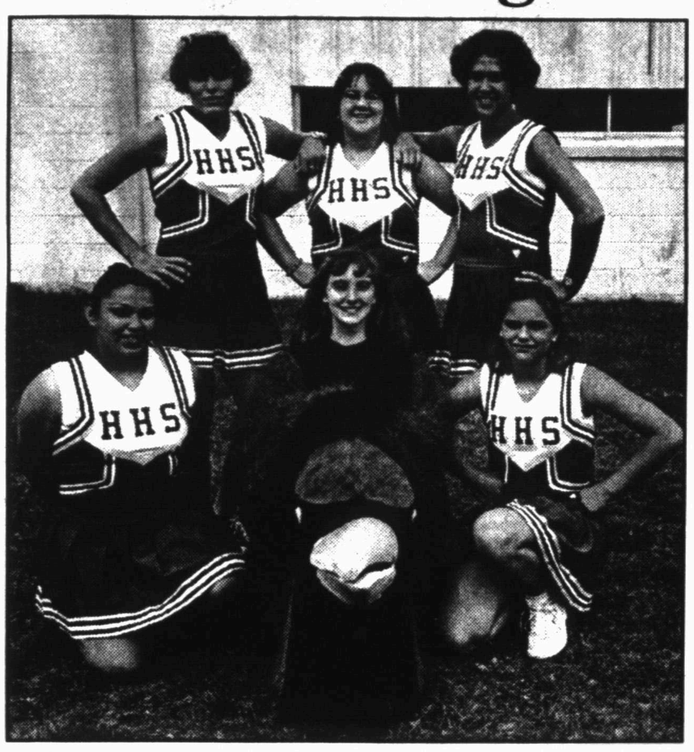
Family members, volunteers, friends, and active or inactive soldiers of Scurry County interested in forming a local Military Support Group are asked to contact Dale or Elaine Byrd at 573-8088 after 4 p.m., or e-mail dbyrd@nwol.net. The purpose of this group is to provide an avenue of mutual support,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

The PLAN

The PLAN will be given to Snyder High School sophomores on Tuesday, Oct. 2. PLAN, which is preparation for the ACT assessment, includes academic tests, a survey of interests and an assessment of study skills knowledge. It also provides an estimated ACT assessment score to assist the students with college and/or career planning. There is no cost to students.

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Hermleigh School



HIGH SCHOOL — Hermleigh High cheerleaders for 2001-2002 are back row from left, Sabrina Terry, Kendra Nachlinger, Brittany Jones; front row, Amelia Hermosillo, Valerie West, mascot; and Cassie Harbin. They attended a cheerleading camp in Snyder in August. Cheerleading sponsors are Joyce Lionberger and Vickie Harrison. (SDN Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



JUNIOR HIGH — Hermleigh Junior High cheerleaders for 2001-2002 are from left, back row, Courtney Etheridge, Alana Culp, Alicia Culp; front row, Meagan Kariainen; Brittany Kelley. They are wearing the tee-shirts they received at a cheerleading camp held in Snyder in August. Beth McDaniel is the sponsor. (SDN Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

Ira High School



IHS CHEERLEADERS — Ira High School cheerleaders for 2001-2002 are mascot, Rusty Josey; from left, middle row, Candace Sanchez, head cheerleader; Shea Allen, Sarah McCown, Brenda Torres, and Amber Sanchez. Kim Allen, sponsor, is pictured in back. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Fundraising activities underway

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

Proceeds will be used to purchase new uniforms and a mascot suit.

They also had a drawing for $100 in gas, which was won by Pat Jones.

During the summer, the cheerleaders attended the National Cheerleaders Association camp at Howard College, where they won a trophy and a spirit stick.

School Menus

IRA

All meals are served with choice of milk and breakfasts are served with juice.

BREAKFAST

Monday
Sausage & Biscuit
Gravy
Tuesday
Breakfast Pizza
Wednesday
Banana Nut Muffin
Thursday
Breakfast Burrito
Friday
Pancakes
Sausage

LUNCH

Monday
Pigs in a Blanket
Tater Tots
Pork & Beans
Banana or Apple
Tuesday
Fried Chicken, Ham or Chicken Fried Steak
Black-eyed Peas
Fried Okra
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Corn Bread
Jell-O
Wednesday
Chili Cheese Burritos
Corn
Salad
Pineapple
Thursday
Steak Fingers w/Gravy
Baked Potatoes
Green Beans
Bread
Peanut Butter Surprise
Friday
Chicken Spaghetti
Peas
Italian Bread
Orange

HERMLEIGH

All meals are served with milk.

BREAKFAST

Monday
Juice
Buttered Oatmeal
Toast
Tuesday
Fruit
Scrambled Eggs
Toast
Wednesday
Juice
Breakfast Pizza
Thursday
Fruit
Buttered Rice
Toast
Friday
Juice
Cinnamon Rolls

LUNCH

Monday
Chili Dogs/Cheese
Tater Tots
Relish Cup
Orange Slices
Tuesday
Taco Salad/Salsa Sauce
Spanish Rice
Tortilla Chips
Pink Applesauce
Wednesday
Chili Beans
Buttered Cabbage
Corn Bread
Pear Cobbler
Thursday
Barbecued Hamburger Patties
Mashed Potatoes
Tossed Salad
Hot Rolls
Chocolate Pudding
Friday
Stromboli
Potato Wedges
Relish Cup

SNYDER

Chilled Pears

All meals are served with choice of milk. All breakfasts are also served with juice.

CLASSROOM BREAKFAST MENU

(East, Northeast, Stanfield)
Monday
Cereal w/Teddy Grahams
Tuesday
Donut
Wednesday
Blueberry Toaster Pastry
Thursday
Cinnamon Roll
Friday
Hot Breakfast Pocket

(Other Schools)
Monday
Breakfast on a Stick
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Tuesday
Breakfast Soft Taco
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Wednesday
Pancakes & Sausage or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Thursday
French Toast Sticks w/Syrup
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Friday
Breakfast Burrito w/Salsa or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly

LUNCH

Monday
Quesadillas or
Nacho Grande
Spicy Pinto Beans
Spanish Rice
Chocolate Chip Cookie
Tuesday
Hot Turkey Sub w/Gravy
Or Crunchy Corn Dog
Corn Chips
Carrot Sticks w/Dip
Applesauce
Wednesday
"Fighting Tiger" Cheeseburger
or Chili Dog
Waffle Fries
Tossed Salad w/Ranch
Cherry Cobbler
Thursday
Barbecue on a Bun or
Turkey Caesar Wrap
Potato Salad
Baked Beans
Fruited Gelatin
Friday
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Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy
Seasoned Green Beans
Dinner Roll

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Edinburg airport named foreign trade zone

MC ALLEN (AP) — The Edinburg International Airport has been designated as a foreign trade zone by the U.S. Department of Commerce, city officials said.

The designation will mean more business, trade and investment opportunities for the area, they said.

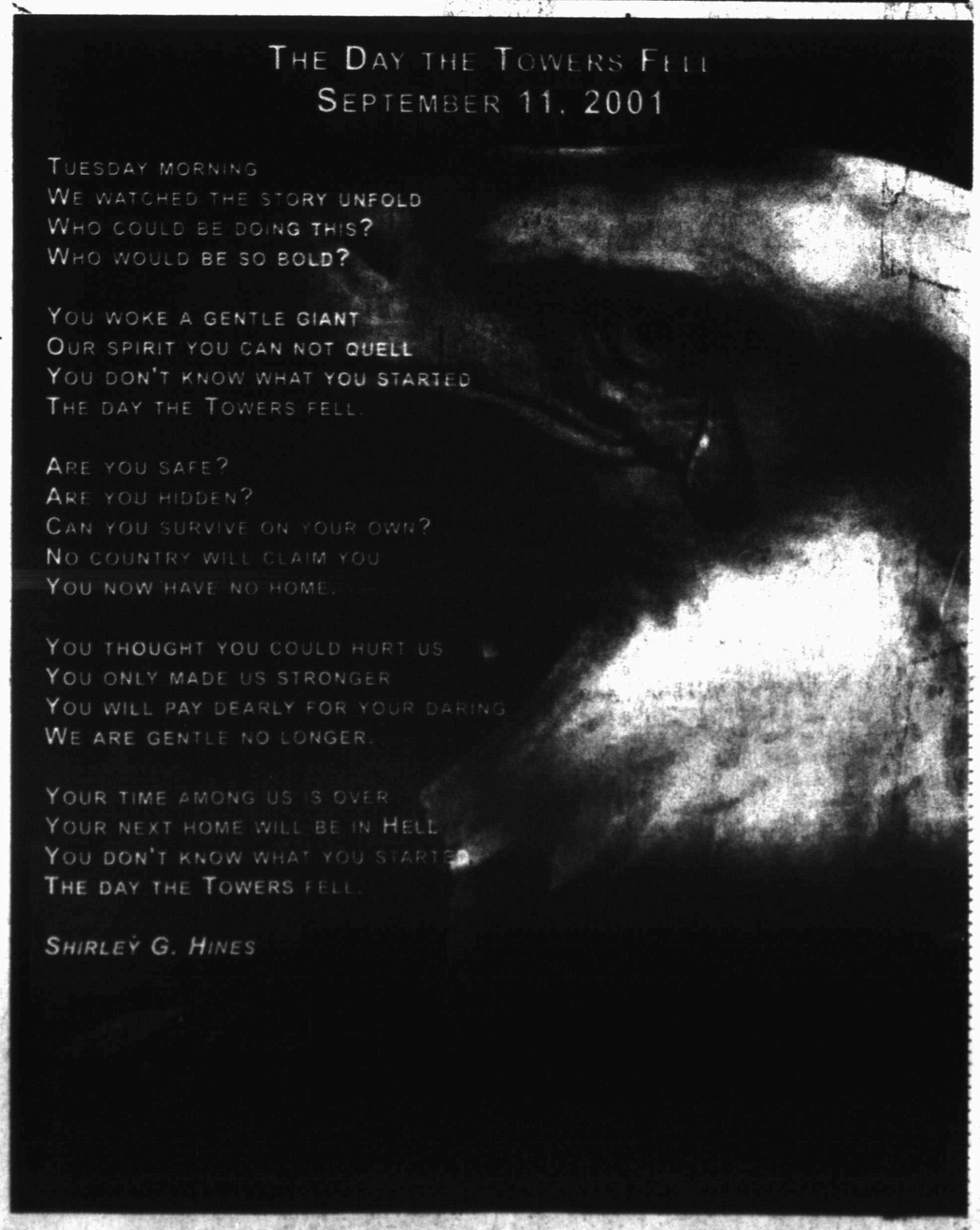
The city and the Edinburg Economic Development Corporation applied for the FTZ designation last year to increase international trade.

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American flag etiquette involves various rules

General Display

It is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flagstaffs in the open. However, when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed twenty-four hours a day if properly illuminateddur-ing the hours of darkness.

1. When displayed either horizontally or vertically against a wall, the union should be uppermost and to the flag's own right, that is, to the observer's left. When displayed in a window, the flag should be displayed in the same way, with the union or blue field to the left of the observer in the street.

No other flag or pennant should be placed above or, if on the same level, to the right of the flag of the United States of America, except during church services conducted by naval chaplains at sea...for personnel of the Navy...when the church-pennant may be flown above the flag.

No person shall display the flag of the United Nations or any other national or international flag equal, above, or in a position of superior prominence or honor to, or in place of, the flag of the United States at any place within the United States or any Territory or possession thereof; provided, that nothing in this section shall make unlawful the continuance of the practice heretofore followed of displaying the flag of the United Nations in a position of superior prominence or honor, and other national flags in positions of equal prominence or honor, with that of the flag of the United States at the headquarters of the United Nations.

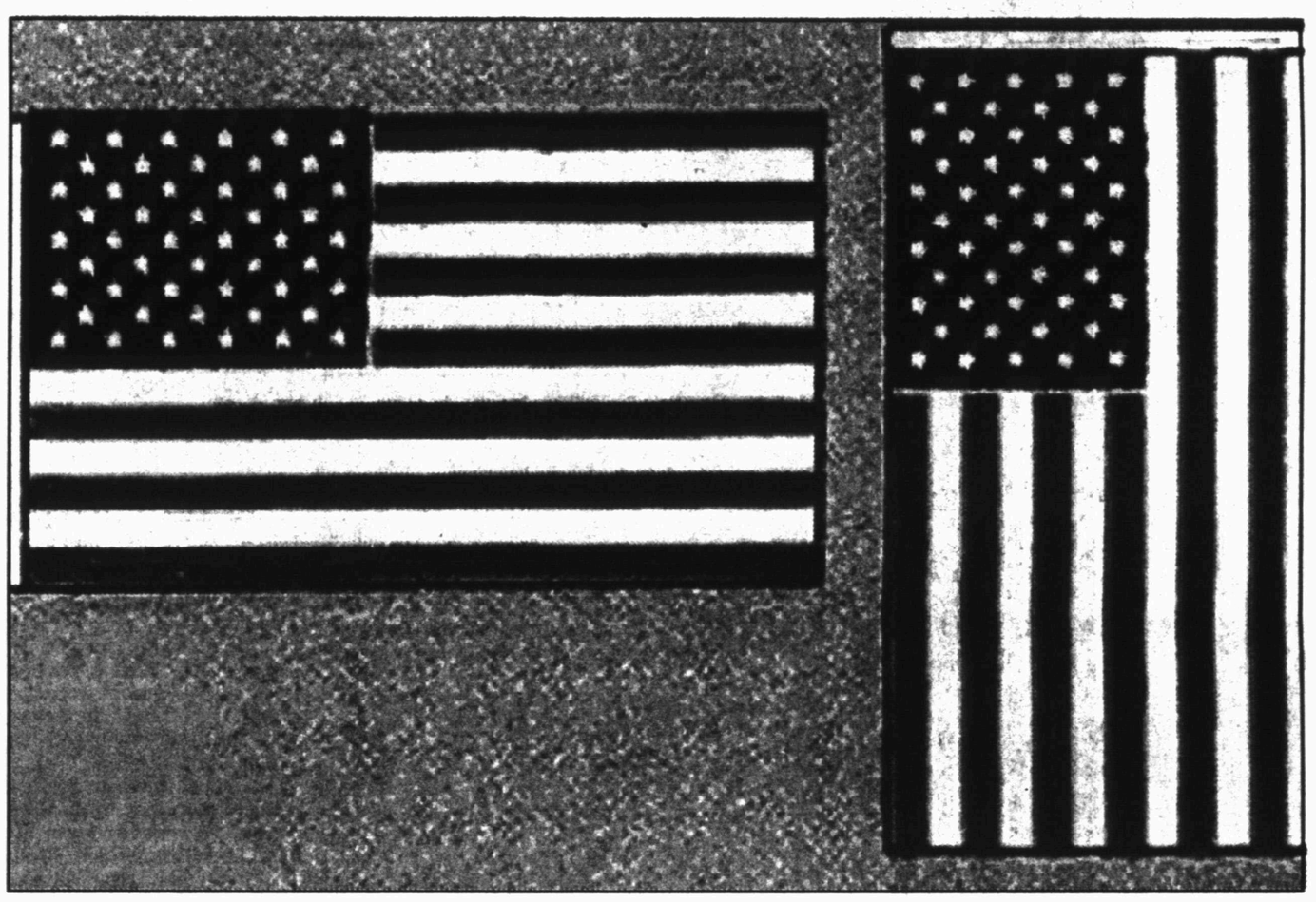
2. When flags of states, cities, or localities, or pennants of societies are flown on the same halyard with the flag of the United States, the latter should always be at the peak.

3. When the flags are flown from adjacent staffs, the flag of the United States should be hoisted first and lowered last. No such flag or pennant may be placed above the flag of the United States or to the United tes flag's right.

4. The flag of the United Stares of America, when it is displayed with another flag against a wall from crossed staffs, should be on the right, the flag's own right, and its staff should be in front of the staff of the other flag.

5. The flag of the United States of America should be at the center and at the highest point of the group when a number of flags of states or localities or pennants of societies are grouped and displayed from staffs.

6. When flags of two or more nations are displayed, they are to be flown from separate staffs of the same height. The flags should be of approximately equal size.



International usage forbids the display of the flag of one nation above that of another nation in time of peace.

Churches, Auditoriums

7. When used on a speaker's platform the flag, if displayed flat, should be displayed above and behind the speaker. When displayed from a staff in a church or public auditorium, the flag of the United States of America should hold the position of superior prominence, in advance of the audience, and in the position of honor at the clergyman's or speaker's right as he faces the audience. Any other flag so displayed should be placed on the left of the clergyman or speaker or the right of audience.

Half-Staff

The flag, when flown at half-staff, should be first hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff position. The flag should be again raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day. On Memorial Day, the flag should be displayed at half-staff until noon only, then raised to the top of the staff. By order of the president, the flag shall be flown at half-staff upon the death of principal figures of the United States government and the governor of a state, territory or possession, as a mark of respect to their memory. In the event of the death of other officials or foreign dignitaries, the flag is to be displayed at half-staff according to presidential instructions or orders, or in accordance with recognized customs or practices not inconsistent with law.

In the event of the death of a present or former official of the government of any State, territory or possession of the United States, the governor of that state, territory or possession of the United States, the governor of that state, territory or possession may proclaim that the national flag may be flown at half-staff.

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Flag rules at a glance

- Display the flag only from sunrise to sunset. If illuminated, the flag can be displayed at night for a special occasion to produce a patriotic effect.
- Don't display the flag during bad weather unless an all-weather flag is used.
- Hoist the flag briskly and lower it ceremoniously. Always show respect for the flag.
- Display the flag with the blue field up except as a distress signal.
- The flag should not touch anything beneath it such as ground, water or merchandise.
- Don't carry the flag flat or horizontally, always aloft and free. Allow it to hang freely. Do not gather it or use it as drapery.
- Don't attach insignia or pictures to the flag.
- When flying a flag at half-staff, raise it briskly all the way to the top, then lower ceremoniously to half-staff.
- When a flag is no longer fit to display, destroy it in a dignified way, preferably by burning.

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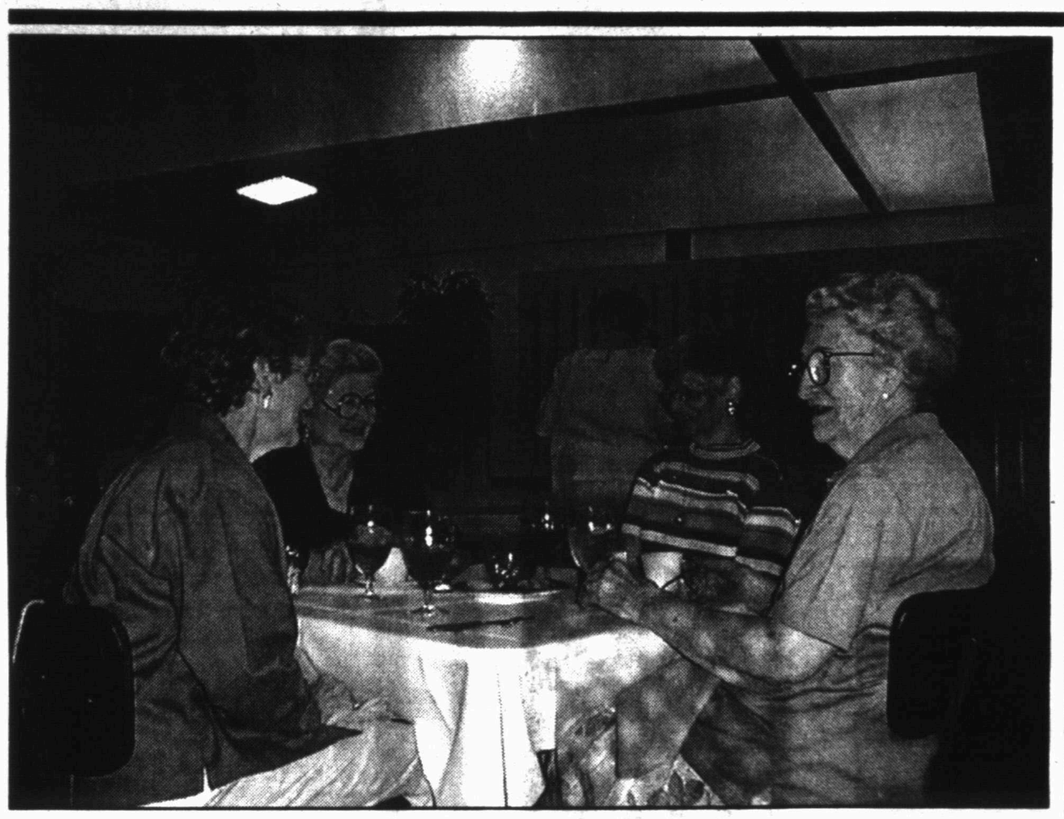
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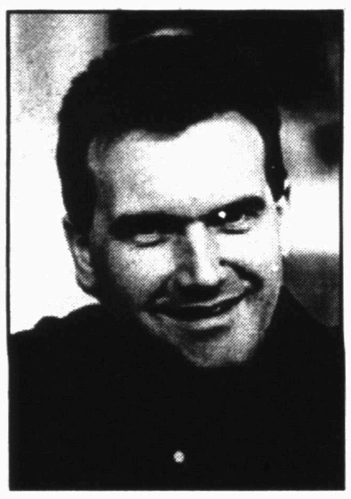


WEDNESDAY LUNCHEON, GAME DAY — Joyce Williamson, Jean Everett, Jessie Scarberry and Georgene Galloway, from left, enjoyed lunch together at last month's Martha Ann Woman's Club luncheon and game day. This Wednesday the buffet is set for11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., convenient for working women to eat and return to work on time. Games of choice will be played throughout the afternoon. The cost is $7.50 and reservations are necessary by 5 p.m. Tuesday by calling 573-3427. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Urquhart to perform in concert at Martha Ann Woman's Club

Lynn Baldwin's Studio of Music, in conjuction with Jent's House of Music, will present Mike Urquhart in concert this Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Martha Ann Woman's Club

The public is invited. There is no charge and refreshments will be served.



Mike Urquhart

Mike was born in Aberdeen, Scotland in 1963. As an only child, his family invested in rearing him in show business. At the ripe age of 2½, he did his first TV appearance singing on "Junior Showtime." Since that date — apart from playing drums and singing in his parents Scottish country dance band each week — he has appeared on numerous Scottish television, radio and stage shows across the British Isles that include "Opportunity Knocks," "A Night at the Auld Meal Inn," and a live televised appearance at the Royal Albert Hall, London.

He also fronted his own five-piece cabaret band called "Satellite Band," formed after his parents decided to retire their own band, "The Michael Urquhart Sound."

After college where he completed his license at Trinity College of Music, London, and a degree in music and percussion, he went on to teach percussion at Regional schools and colleges in Aberdeenshire. He later landed a position as the principal teacher of music and drama at the American International School in Aberdeen. During school vacations, he would travel over Europe giving music education seminars for music teachers belonging to the European Council of International Schools.

During school terms, Mike would produce, hire and conduct full orchestras for musical productions in Scottish theaters such as: "Guys & Dolls;" "Damn Yankees;" "The Boyfriend;" "My Fair Lady;" and "Grease;" "Showboat;" and "Gypsy." Also included was his personal favorite (where he met his wife, Jennifer, who had the lead part), Marvin Hamlish's "They're Playing Our Song."

Personal credits include albums in Britain such as: "Hey Mambo," by the Aberdeen Percussion Ensemble; "The Door is Always Open," by Satellite Band; "Simply Jennifer," Jennifer Urquhart's compact disk, and "Jist a Wee Drap That's A." Mike Urquhart's album was recorded at the Scottish Highland Games in Seattle, Wash.

The most passionate part of Mike's career to date is what you will see at this showcase.

He was first introduced to Roland Contemporary Keyboards in 1993, one year after arriving in the U.S. "When you combine my experiences with music, lessons, song and family fun over the past 35 years with Roland Contemporary Keyboards, we have an experience like the one we're about to be part of," said Urquhart.

Lynn Baldwin attended a Mike Urqauhart showcase and asked that he perform for her 32 piano students. He immediately found his first available time was Sept. 23 and agreed to come to Snyder to do a public show at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. He will be bringing his own piano.

The state bird of South Carolina is the Carolina wren.

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Lee, Spain marry in Abilene church

ABILENE — LaTrisha Faye Lee became the bride of Carl William Spain at 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 26, in the Highland Church of Christ. Mike Cope, pulpit minister, performed the double-ring ceremony.

The bride's parents are Lannie and Loretta Lee of Snyder and the groom's parents are Lucille Spain of Martin, Tenn., and the late Robert Spain.

Vows were pledged before white twinkle lights, white and purple tulle and grapevine leaves draped the front of the church. Two candle spirals and two baskets of fresh spring flowers also graced the setting. The white unity candle that was used in the bride's parents' wedding was lit by the couple using two purple and white tapers that were made for the bride in Fredericksburg. White flowers with gold ribbon surrounded the candles.

Candlelighters were Michael Daugherity and Jason Russell, both of Abilene.

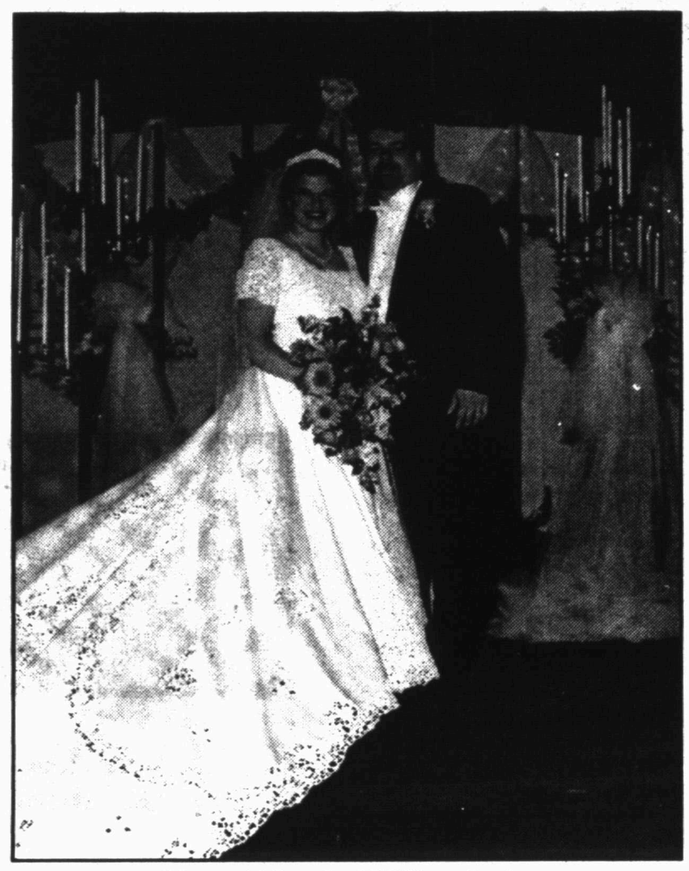
Classical musical selections included Vivaldi's "Four Seasons," Albinoni's "Adagio for Strings," Bach's "Cantata #140," Bach's "Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring," Pachelbel's "Cannon in D," Mozart's "Ave Verum Corpus," Mendelsohn's "Wedding March" and Handel's "Entrance of Queen of Sheba."

The father of the bride gave her in marriage. She wore a floor-length gown with a cathedral-length train made of Battenburg lace and accented with iridescent sequins and pearls. Her long veil fell from a tiara of pearls and sequins. She carried a cascading bouquet of fresh spring flowers.

Maid of honor was Charlotte Russell, former roommate of the bride. She wore a floor-length dress of blue brocade with a train and carried a blue iris.

All from Abilene, bridesmaids included Beth Daugherity, wearing a pink brocade floor-length dress with a train and carrying a pink Gerber daisy. Another bridesmaid, Julie Monroe wore a green brocade dress with a train and carried a yellow lily. The third bridesmaid, Rena Seay wore a matching dress of yellow brocade and carried a yellow lily.

Nacey, a yellow lab guide dog wearing fresh spring flowers in her harness accompanied Rena.



Mr. and Mrs. Carl William Spain (Photo by Wadleigh Studio)

Flower girl was Kaitlin Stewart of Snyder.

All men in the wedding party wore black tuxedos with peak collars. The groom wore a cutaway coat and white vest and tie. The groomsmen wore black vests with black ties.

Best man was Tim Spain, the groom's brother from Martin, Tenn. Groomsmen were Lyndell Lee, the bride's brother from Snyder, Ryan Maloney and Bob Nutt, both of Abilene. Ushers were Michael Daugherity and Jason Russell, both of Abilene.

Lisa Wiggins of Abilene registered guests at a table decorated with fresh spring flowers and a candle along with a picture of the couple.

The reception was held in the new atrium of the church.

The bride's table was covered with a white satin cloth accented with purple tulle. Fresh flowers encircled the cake and silver punch bowl. The four-tiered white wedding cake was decorated in the different colors of the bridesmaids' dresses. Fresh spring flowers topped the cake and also surrounded the base. Serving were Lisa Wiggins and Lisa Maloney, both of Abilene.

The groom's table, covered with a white satin cloth accented with purple tulle, held a chocolate cake covered with chocolate dipped strawberries. A silver coffee service imported from England was provided by a close friend of the bride's mother. Servers included Suzetta Nutt and Emily Burkhalter, both of Abilene.

After a nostalgic dance to music that was sung at the bride's parents' wedding, the couple left for a week in Staunton, Va.

Their new home is in Dallas where the groom is employed in the field of computer support services and the bride attends U.T. Southwestern Medical School.

The bride, a 1997 graduate of Snyder High School and a 2001 graduate of Abilene Christian University, graduated both times as valedictorian of her class. The groom is a 1987 graduate of Roxbury High School in Saccasunna, N.J., and a 1991 graduate of Freed Hardeman University in Henderson, Tenn.

Scurry County Library News & Views

By Janie Romine, Librarian

The Scurry County Library uses the power of the Internet to increase library holdings! People have always looked to Scurry County Library to find information and answers to homework questions.

But these days, more and more people are supplementing their research by going onto the Internet. Much of the information found on the Internet can be inaccurate, unverified and difficult to locate. Now the Scurry County Library, the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, and The Texas Telecommunications Infrastructure Board combines the best of both the library and the Internet by providing electronic sources of information called databases.

They can be accessed at both the library and in your own home or office, or anywhere there is an Internet connection.

Although this program has been available in recent years, it has been greatly expanded this year.

The current program extends the resources of your library by providing 60 databases at a cost of 10 million dollars. This "Library of Texas" allows a user to find full-text articles in encyclopedias, almanacs, journals, newspapers, and even allows a user to read entire books. Best of all, these services are reliable, credible, appropriate for children, and easily searched by subject, topic, keyword and various other ways.

The wide range of databases provides homework help for students, health information, business and financial data, and biography and genealogy information. In addition, the state has subscribed to electronic books with 19,000 books becoming available in 2002.

The "Library of Texas" also includes many literature databases, including 52,000 poems drawn from 750 volumes of 20th century American poetry. Some databases provide information about materials found in US archival libraries, including records and detailed indexes. One database even includes maps of Texas cities.

Do you want to know what was on the Snyder Square in 1911? You can look at it by going to the Texas Digital Sanborn Maps in the databases. You will find a sanitarium on the southeast corner of the square with an opera house two doors from it!

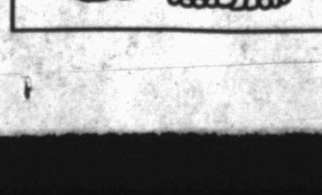
There are so many databases available to you. What does it cost? You cannot buy it. All you need is a Scurry County Library card! Come get your card this week at the Scurry County Library!

As the cornerstone of our freedoms, the Constitution of the United States of America was written to protect every American from the abuse of power by the government. Without restraint, the excesses of political power will cause our Republic to perish.

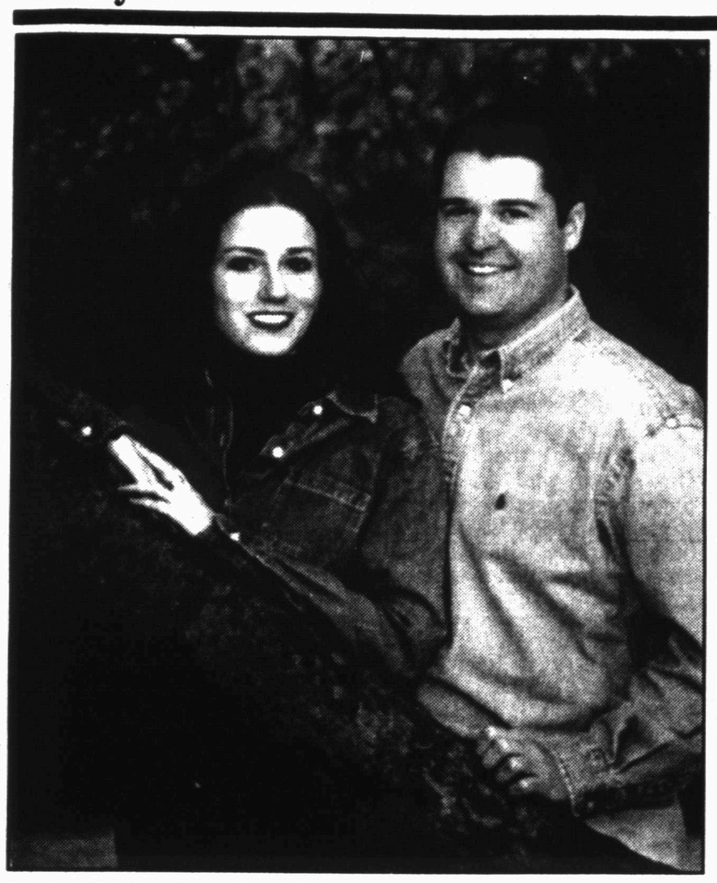
During Constitution Week, this week, the Martin Preuitt Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution asks you to consider the value of participating in public service.

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ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED — Parents of Hannah Cowan and Shane Smith, both of Fort Worth, announce their engagement and approaching marriage. Hannah's parents are Tommy and Sha Cowan of Austin. Shane's parents are Sandy Smith of Snyder and the late Olton Smith. The couple plan to marry at 7 p.m. on Jan. 12 in Robert Carr Chapel in Fort Worth. (Contributed Photo)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 09-22-01
♠ 9 7 5 4
♥ A Q
♦ 10 9 3
♣ Q 6 5 3

West
♠ K J 2
♥ J 8 5 3
♦ A 8 6 5 2
♣ J

East
♠ 10 8 6 3
♥ K 7 6 2
♦ K 7 4
♣ K 8

South
♠ A Q
♥ 10 9 4
♦ Q J
♣ A 10 9 7 4 2

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
		Pass	Pass
3 NT!	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ 5

Saturday, Sept. 22, 2001

A milestone, a swindle

By Phillip Alder

Today is a particular milestone for me, so I hope you will not mind my showing you the most outrageous result I ever obtained in a major event. I was 21 years old, playing in a big-money pair tournament in Monte Carlo in the summer of 1973. What a memorable experience it was.

After two passes, I opened the obvious three no-trump! (I do not know why, but when one is young ...) West asked my partner what my bid purported to show. North said that I was supposed to have a solid minor suit with no side ace, king, or void.

Against this opening bid, which is known as the gambling three no-trump, the textbook lead is an ace, to get a look at the dummy. However, the Frenchman sitting West found the incredible start of a low diamond. Now, when East won with the king, he should have shifted to a spade, and I would have had no chance. Yet he returned the diamond seven: queen, ace, nine.

A heart shift would have forced me to guess the clubs to get home. Yet thinking that his partner could handle a spade shift, West next led the spade king! I won with the ace, and continued with a low club to guarantee five club tricks. Shortly thereafter I claimed nine tricks: two spades, one heart, one diamond and five clubs.

Then there was a heated Gallic post-mortem.

You might think that plus 400 would have been a top, but no. We were beaten by the North-South pair who collected 500 from four spades doubled.

Contact Phillip through his Web site, http://www.phillipalderbridge.com.

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Mr. and Mrs. David Hayes
(Contributed Photo)

Bailey, Hayes pledge vows

Stella Bailey and David Hayes, both of Snyder, married at 3 p.m., May 27, in the Church of God. The bride's son, Vernon Groce, officiated.

Van Hayes of Abilene, son of the groom, was best man and pianist. The bride's other son, Gene Groce of Snyder, gave his mother in marriage.

Sandy Groce, daughter-in-law of the bride, was matron of honor. Shirley Groce, her daughter-in-law, was vocalist. Cindy and Vernon Groce were also other attendants.

Joey Groce, the bride's great-grandson, registered guests and ushers were Anson Luna and Weldon Hinson, both of Corpus Christi. Gina Luna of Kermit was in charge of wedding pictures.

Her grandson, Christopher Luna of Kermit, was ring bearer.

Flower girl was the bride's great-niece, Cristian Pyburn of Snyder.A reception was held following the ceremony in the church fellowship. The couple reside in Snyder.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

TUESDAY

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

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

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 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

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

Martha Ann Woman's Club luncheon and game day; serving begins at 11:30 and games of choice follow; reservations may be made by calling 573-3427.

Spiritual Solutions for Living Problems Book Study; Snyder Park Club; 574-1292; 6 p.m.

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal; Cathy Lubke of San Angelo will give a demonstration in watercolor; Lois Burney, hostess; bring pictures for library; 9 a.m.

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.

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

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

Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA; MAWC; 7 p.m.

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

Bridge Winners

Monte West directed all bridge games at the Snyder Country Club.

Friday, Sept. 14

A group
1. Nonnie Ward, LaVerne Hood.
2. Nona Morrison, Louise Thompson.
3. Linda West, Monte West.

B group
1. Nonnie Ward, LaVerne Hood.
2. Bobbie Taylor, Margaret Presswood.
3. Pat Floyd, ElWanda Nall.

Sunday, Sept. 16

A group
1. Linda West, Monte West.
2. Margaret Birdwell, Jane Hinton.
3. Barbara Yorgesen, Maribeth Vestal.

B group
1. Nina Nesbit, Dora Blakey.
2. Debra Hester, Richard Hester.
3. Pat Floyd, Margaret Presswood.

Tuesday, Sept. 18

A group
1. Margaret Birdwell, Billisue Stuard.
2. Jane Hinton, Louise Thompson.
3. Barbara Yorgesen, Dora Blakey.

B group
1. Nonnie Ward, Martha Fagin.
2. Pat Floyd, Robbie Floyd.
3. Christine Stuard, Dorothy Rosson.

Washington town up for sale

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP) — We cannot tell a lie: George, Wash. is up for sale.

Most of the little central Washington town, founded in the 1950s by an entrepreneur who thought the state ought to have a town called George, goes on the auction block this month.

Mayor Elliot Kooy says the No. 1 selling point is location.

"I think it has extremely good access to the freeway," he said Wednesday.

Most of the property is undeveloped, but it does include Martha's Inn Cafe, famous for — what else? — cherry pie, along with a gas station and a 10-acre mobile-home park.

Colliers International and Auctions Inc. is offering about 300 acres of the 330-acre town for sale.

"Since 1998, we've invested over $4 million in the city's infrastructure," said Pete Smith, the municipal public works director. "George is a fertile environment, poised for development and we welcome the growth."

One big improvement has been the installation of a sewer system for this town of 500, Kooy said.

A man named Charlie Brown developed the city of George with his wife, Edith, and planner M.R. Wolfe of the University of Washington.

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Thriftstore Cowboys carving own niche in music world

By Shirley A. Gorman
SDN News Editor

It's hard to put a name to the type of music the Thriftstore Cowboys play. Part country and part rock, Jeff Dennis, who plays the rhythm guitar, says it is "kind of a mixture of root sounds," perhaps alternative country.

However, they also admit to being influenced by such greats as Elvis Presley, Jimmy Rodgers, Bob Wills and Ryan Adams.

The six-member group, from the surrounding area, released its first CD in July, *No Where With You*, featuring 12 original songs.

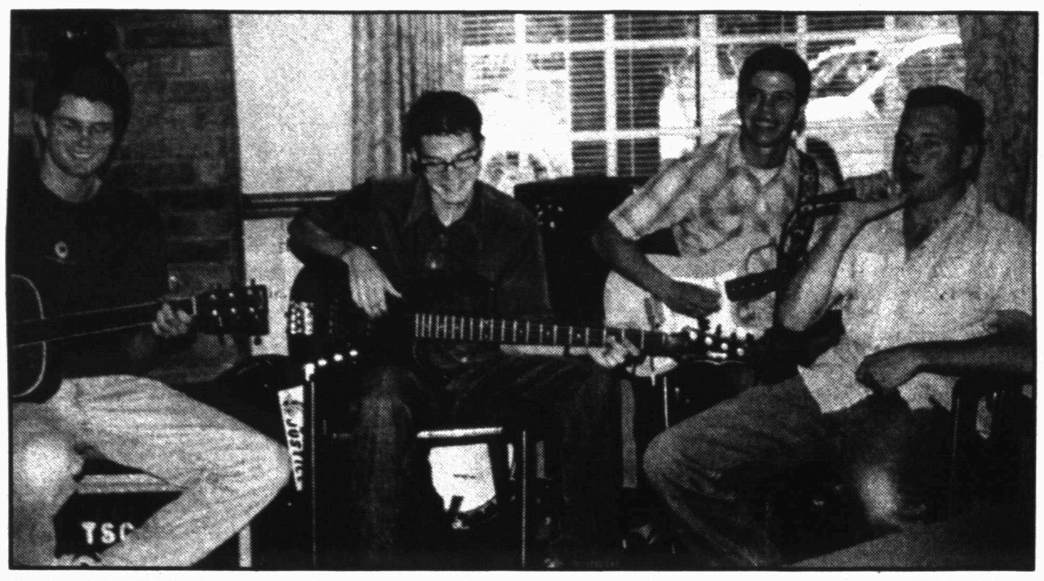
Two members, Dennis and Colt Miller, lead guitarist and acoustical guitarist, were interviewed in Fluvanna last month. Dennis lives on a ranch near Gail and Miller lives west of Fluvanna.

Other members of the group include Daniel Fluitt, vocals and lap steel; Amanda Shires, fiddle; Clint Miller (Colt's older brother), base; and Cody Banks, percussion. Fluitt calls Post home and the others are from Lubbock.

The Thriftstore Cowboys are self-taught musicians and song writers who enjoy what they do. Colt also likes meeting lots of new people.

All are attending area colleges, which makes it harder for them to get together and play clubs, which they had done during the summer.

Of the six, Dennis, a junior at Texas Christian University, is the one who lives farthest away. When he's unable to play, the Thriftstore Cowboys perform without him or they find a replacement.



JAM SESSION —Thriftstore Cowboys getting together for a jam session are from left, Jeff Dennis, Clint Miller, Colt Miller, and Daniel Fluitt. Not pictured are Amanda Shires and Cody Banks. (Contributed Photo)

Dennis and Colt attended school together and both graduated from Borden County High School. Dennis said he began to get serious about music while in high school. Colt, whose dad is Ben Miller a folk/country singer, began playing and then Dennis became interested. Overtime, the others joined the group, and about two years ago they settled on the name Thriftstore Cowboys.

They wrote the songs on the album themselves. Dennis and Colt Miller started writing several years ago, finding inspiration from growing up in the country, Dennis said. The 12 songs chosen for the album were recorded at Studio 84 in Lubbock over an 18-month period. Dennis said they tried to make each song "sound as good as it could," but at $60 an hour they knew they couldn't "stay all day."

A professor at South Plains College helped them through the process of getting the CD printed and mastered. In about three weeks, they received 1,000 copies.

The six stay together because its fun. But there hasn't been very many monetary rewards yet. But occasionally they earn a few bucks that is split six ways.

Thriftstore Cowboys have played gigs at Dallas, Plano, Fort Worth, Lubbock and for Fourth of July celebrations at Snyder and Post.

Dennis noted it's difficult to get clubs to let them play unless they are opening for a big group. To get as much exposure as they can, they send promo packets to clubs, consisting of pictures, biographies, and a complimentary CD.

Then they "call the club about 400 times till they get sick of us and decide to let us play," Dennis said.

Even though the Thriftstore Cowboys are good friends who enjoy being together, there are days when they "are at each other's throats." Once they step on stage though all of that goes away, Dennis said. All that matters is the reaction of their audience. The better it is the more they enjoy playing. On slow nights though, Dennis said they sometimes question "are we getting anywhere?"

With members still in school, Dennis said they have not really set any long term goals. But they plan to take their music as far as they can and will keep the Thriftstore Cowboys together as long as it remains fun. The young performers get a lot of support from their families. Usually, at least one parent tries to attend each gig.

Besides their own music, the Thriftstore Cowboys also perform a variety of covers from Bob Wills to Bob Marley.

The songs on the CD cover a wide variety of topics.

The Night The Café Burned touches on the loss of simpler times. *City Sure Looks Pretty* pokes fun at the newly-built prisons in West Texas. *Amanda* touches on the loneliness of driving on a dusty country road.



THRIFTSTORE COWBOYS — One of the Thriftstore Cowboys gigs was at Austin College. (Contributed Photo)

Swami River is about a man who is in the wrong place at the wrong time.

The album can be purchased from any group member, or from several sites in Lubbock including Hastings, both Ralph's Records and Tapes and the Buddy Holly Center.

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For bookings, call 1-806-781-6768 or 1-806-722-1293 or booking@thriftstorecowboys.net.

Houston Baptist opens museum of U.S. Bibles

HOUSTON — Houston Baptist University is putting out the Word at its Bible in America Museum.

The museum in the university's Moody Library has more than 500 rare American Bibles, a collection surpassed only by the American Bible Society's Library and Archives in New York, said Jerry Wiles, assistant vice president for church relations.

"The Bible has had greater impact than anything (else) ever written," Wiles said while surveying the climate-controlled area that was completed this summer. "It has been translated in more languages than any book that has ever been written, more than 2,200 languages. It is the world's best-selling book, throughout all of history, throughout the whole world."

The university purchased the collection in 1997 for $800,000 from Jonathan Byrd, an Indianapolis private collector. Its current appraised value is $1.5 million.

"(The collection) was a whole lot more than I thought it was," said HBU president Doug Hodo, who negotiated, with Wiles, the purchase.

The Bible was influential in the development of the United States and several key editions are in the university's collection, Wiles said. In early America, the Bible was integral not only in worship, but also in education, culture and forms of government.

Englishman John Eliot arrived in Massachusetts early in the 1630s. The Cambridge-educated minister was instrumental in printing the first book in North America, the Bay Psalm Book in 1640. He also translated the entire Bible into the language of the Algonquin Indians in 1663. The Eliot Indian Bible, which is part of the collection, was the first Bible printed in the region.

The collection's rarest edition is the Francis Bailey New Testament, published in 1780. The Revolutionary War-era Scriptures is the only known existing copy, Wiles said.

In 1782, the Continental Congress authorized Robert Aitken to print the first Bible in English in the new country, an act of defiance of the crown. "Prior to the Revolutionary War, the crown did not allow English Bibles to be printed outside the United Kingdom," Wiles said.

The museum has one of the fewer than 12 Aitken Bibles known to exist, Wiles said. In contrast, there are 48 known Gutenberg Bibles, making the American Scriptures rarer even than the world's first printed Bible.

The Bible collection will be more than just a museum display for the university.

David Capes, interim chairman of the school's Christianity department, is proposing a new biblical studies program that would focus in part on how Americans have read and interpreted the Bible over the centuries. The department, using the collection, already has a special topics course based on American history and the role the Bible played in the nation's development.

Capes said most of the books in the collection have not been examined by researchers. "We are really interested in the notes in the margins, the prefaces, anything handwritten, that would give us a greater picture, a greater historical record of what is going on in any particular moment," he said.

Wiles said that only a handful of scholars nationally have specialized in the history, translation, publishing and marketing of the Bible in America. The area is in need of research and scholarship, he said.

HBU students can earn credits toward graduation by touring and studying in the museum, said Kirby Hargis, assistant vice president for student affairs. Students earn some of the 90 points required in the spiritual life program by joining Bible studies, attending special programs and performing community service.

Wiles said at least one student decided to collect Bibles as a result of a tour.

The collection also will allow the university to educate scholars, students and the community on the struggles involved in writing, printing and distributing the Scriptures. HBU leaders hope the museum will stimulate interest in the Bible and its study, Wiles said.

"Most Americans have never read it once from cover to cover," he said. To be educated, men and women, whether religious or not, need to know the Bible.

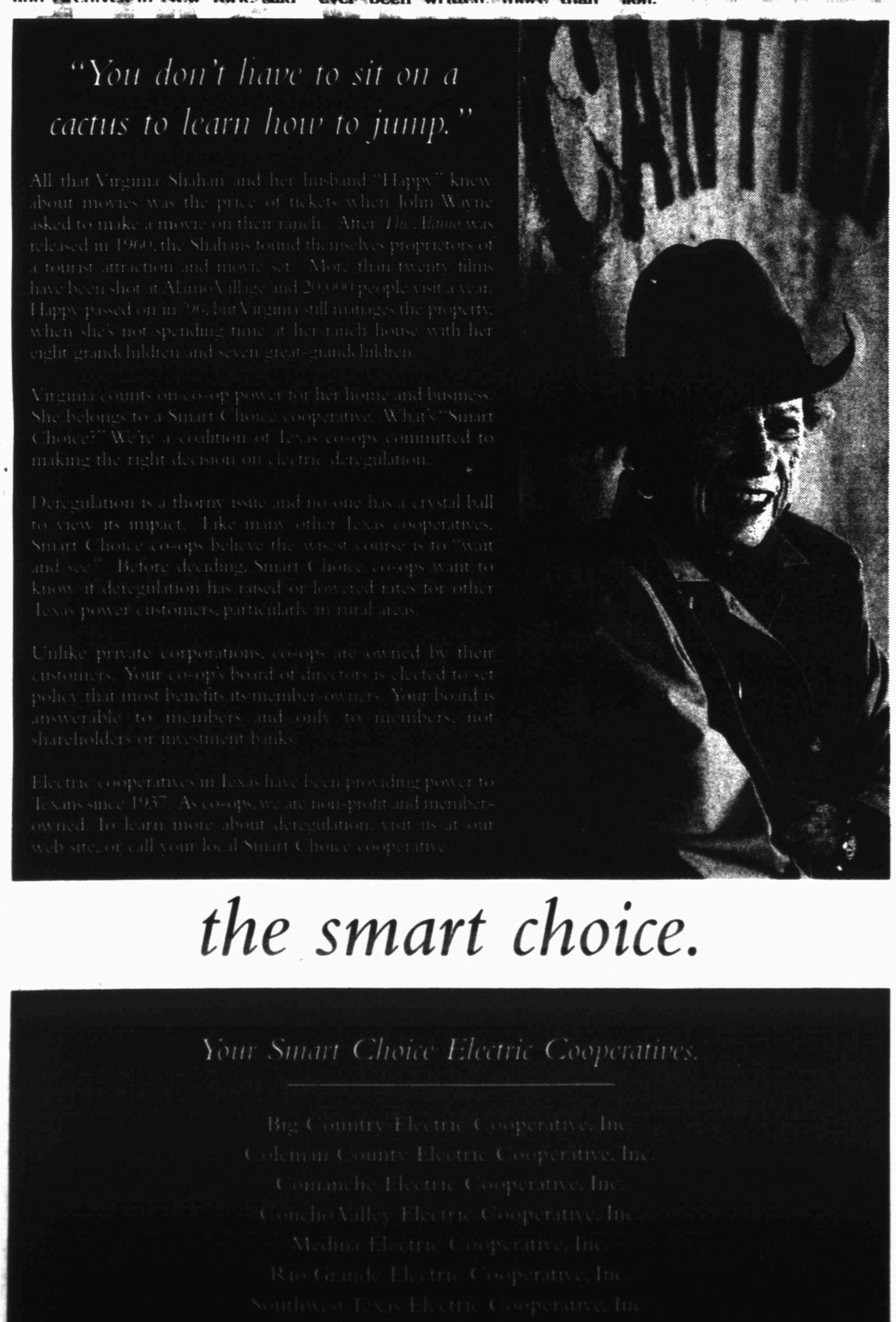
"From a literary, historical or art standpoint, people need to know this book."

Assests will go to children, relatives

HOUSTON (AP) — The assets of a millionaire who arranged the murder of his ex-wife while she was at home with her toddler quadruplets will be given to her children and other relatives, a judge ruled.

The order came Thursday as part of an out-of-court settlement of a wrongful-death claim by relatives of Sheila Bellush, 35.

Bellush was slashed and shot to death in 1997 in Sarasota, Fla., in front of her quadruplets, who were then 23 months old. Allen Blackthorne, 46, is serving two life terms in prison for paying for the murder.

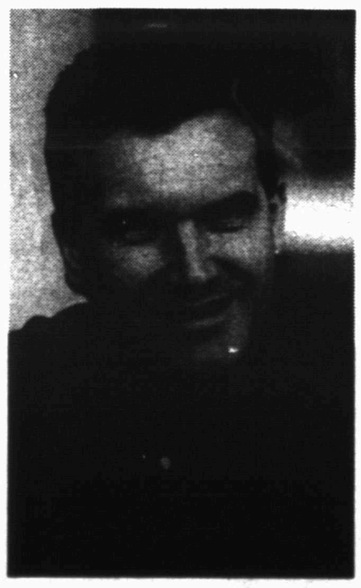


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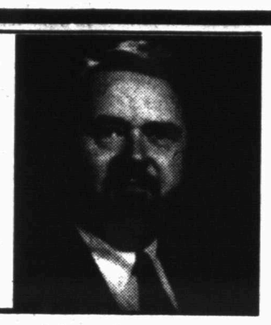


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Getting back on track when you hit a slump

It happens to everyone. We hit periods in our life where things slow down. We put out more effort, but we accomplish less. Our attitudes become negative, we do less work and in general experience the blahs.

The bad news is: no one is exempt. Consider the careers of great baseball stars like Mantle, Musial, Mays, and Aaron. They all hit slumps. They all experienced times when no matter how much they wanted to; no matter how hard they worked; no matter how much others depended on them; they couldn't get the job done.

The good news is: that we don't have to stay in a slump. There are things we can do to get back on track. Here are several tips if you're in a slow-down mode.

Be patent. Breaking out of a slump takes time, effort and a change of attitude. If one of these tips doesn't work try another. Most importantly, keep trying.

Breaking out of the slump

* **Eliminate physical causes.** The first thing to do in a slump is to determine if there is a physical reason. Are you eating right? Do you get regular exercise? Are you getting enough rest? Have you had a good physical checkup lately? Sometimes little things add up to a combined big thing. And, even little things matter when you're in a slump.

* **Tackle the tough stuff first.** If you have a dreaded task that you must do regularly, tackle it first thing. Often I find that doing it wasn't as bad as dreading it. When it's done, you'll often find the energy and time to get back on track.

* **Eliminate distractions.** Sometimes temporary slumps are caused by too many things vying for your attention. Pulling yourself out of the bog will require focus. Clean your workspace, move to a remote location, close your door or turn off your phone. Do whatever it takes to get your focus back.

* **Review your goals.** When you're experiencing the blahs you've got to remember what is really important. Review your objectives. What is really meaningful to you? Why is it meaningful? What is the reward if you achieve your goals? Remind yourself occasionally what it is you really want, and often you'll find a little extra resolve.

* **Don't wade into the time sinkholes.** When you're already behind, you've got to watch out for the time sinkholes. Resist going down the hall to see what a co-worker is doing. Don't call meetings without purpose. Don't play solitaire on your computer instead of working. These time sinkholes can mire you down even further.

* **Talk to a coach.** No, I'm not advocating that you hire a business or career coach. There are a lot of consultants out there who call themselves "coaches." (They've learned they can charge more as a "coach" than as a consultant.) I'd go to someone I knew and could trust. Someone who is successful and is willing to listen and work with you. Someone who can look at your situation objectively and give you unbiased feedback and advice.

A baseball player in a hitting slump doesn't seek advice on hitting from a football player. He goes to his hitting coach.

* **Redouble your efforts.** Yes, sometimes the only way out of a slump is to work your way out. When a hitter finds himself in a slump, he spends extra time in batting practice. When I find myself bogged down in writing, I force myself to write. Often, you'll find that a little extra effort gets your motivational juices flowing and you're back on track before you know it. Good luck and keep swinging.

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Radar spots plane headed straight for the Pentagon

WASHINGTON (AP) — The hijacked plane that smashed into the Pentagon changed course without threatening the White House or Capitol, according to a radar track of its flight path.

Though the White House and Capitol were evacuated, and some lawmakers speculated that one of those buildings was the eventual target of American Airlines Flight 77, the radar track shows the plane veering away from Washington before making a sharp turn and crashing into the Pentagon, a government source said.

The plane, with 64 people on board, had taken off from Dulles International Airport en route to Los Angeles. It was hijacked in mid-flight and turned back east. The transponder, which allows air traffic controllers to follow the flight, was turned off.

But a radar track shows the plane continuing to head toward Washington but veering away before entering the restricted air space in the nation's capital. The plane's average speed was an unusually fast 460 miles an hour.

At the White House, spokesman Ari Fleischer saw it a different way.

"That is not the radar data that we have seen," Fleischer said, adding, "The plane was headed toward the White House."

A senior law enforcement official who saw the radar readouts said investigators believe the plane was headed to the Pentagon. However, the official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the plane's circular course put it on a path to the White House at least twice during its run toward Washington.

Public Records

Marriage License

Michael Shane Carroll, Tracie Morris Proulx, both of Snyder.

Michael Anton Curley of Fort Worth and Sandra Garcia of Snyder.

Dennis Lee Martinez and Elisa Nichole Guerrero, both of Snyder.

Curtis Dean Sharp and Laurel Marie Leuck, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

American State Bank vs. Scrifes Tire and Auto Inc., dba Scrifes Tire and Auto, suit on sworn account.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Emilee Susanne Marrow and Joe Don Marrow, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Deborah Ann Hall and Billy Dean Hall, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Rachel Ann Baze and Victor Ward Baze, divorce granted.

Joe Henry Anderson vs. District Clerk Elois Pruitt, order of dismissal.

Deed Records

Richard Glenn Thompson, Bobby Dale Thompson and Larry Joe Thompson to Terry and Gayla Hanshew, the west one-half of Lot 4 in Block 49 of the Blankenship Addition.

Juan Dominguez, Genaro T. Dominguez, Lorenza Zuniga, Trinidad Dominguez, Sylvia Torres, Velia Dominguez, Mary Lou Gutierrez, Yolanda Adams and Olga Castaneda to Rebecca Ann Vera, all the east 50 feet of Lot 1 in Block 19 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

H.E. Lewis, individually and as attorney-in-fact for Vivian Lewis, to Joe and Rebecca Vera, the south 100 feet of the west 150 feet of Lot 4 in Block 80 of the Scarborough Addition.

Local Real Estate Management Inc. to Rent & Real Estate Inc., tract one being a 50x150-foot tract in the northeast one-quarter of Section 182, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being a 50x195-foot tract in the northeast one-quarter of Section 182, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Anita Gayle Sisemore and Randal Bruce Chandler to Hollis and Darlene Chandler, Lot 5 in Block 2 of the Martin Addition, 2nd Section.

Mollie Gail and James E. Shearer to Henry M. and Julia Juarez, Lot 3 in Block 27 of the Replat of the south one-half of Blocks 24-28 of the Colonial Hill Addition.

D. Paul Brown and Harold P. Brown Jr. to Robert McCann, the north 150 feet of Lot 1 in Block 13 and 30 feet of an abandoned street north of Lot 1 of the Lundy Park Addition.

Oma Houston to Bryan James and Karrie Lynn Brunson, Lots 10 and 11 in Block 4 of the Martin Addition, Section 3.

Rebecca Aragon Tobar and Carols Aragon to Gerardo M. Rubio, tract one being 1.0 acre in Tracts 37 and 41 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of Section 14, J.P. Smith survey; tract two being 0.45-acre tract in Tracts 37 and 41 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of Section 14, J.P. Smith survey.

Eva Bell Moore to Wanda Janelle Pollard, 140.4 acres in Track 58 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision in Section 38, Kirkland and Fields survey.

Janet and Rebecca Vera to Robert and Wyvonne Hicks, the south 100 feet of the west 150 feet of Lot 4 in Block 80 of the Scarborough Addition.

NW Airlines to shed 10,000 jobs

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Northwest Airlines announced Friday it will shed 10,000 jobs, nearly a fifth of its work force, joining other major airlines making cuts after the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington.

"The events of last week will have a lasting impact on all of us," chief executive Richard Anderson said. "Our thoughts and prayers go out to the thousands of innocent victims around the world and their families. We all agree, however, that it is imperative that our industry return to serving the needs of travelers and the global economy."

Northwest is the latest in a string of carriers to sharply reduce its work force and service since the Sept. 11 attacks. Airlines, along with aircraft maker Boeing, have announced layoffs of more than 100,000 workers.

Eagan-based Northwest — which has 53,000 employees, including 21,000 in Minnesota — had already announced shortly after the attacks that it would reduce its flight schedule.

Major carriers American, Continental, Delta and United have also trimmed their schedules by 20 percent since the attacks.

Northwest said its cuts, "necessary to maintain Northwest Airlines as a successful company," will be made through attrition, voluntary leaves, eliminating open positions and layoffs.

The airline said it would continue serving all mainline destinations, but the number of flights would be reduced. Internationally, it was suspending its Amsterdam-New Delhi service.

Northwest is continuing to revise its schedule, and won't be finished implementing the changes until Oct. 1, the company said. Before the cutbacks, Northwest had about 1,700 daily departures systemwide; the new schedule is about 1,400 daily flights.

One analyst estimated this week that Northwest was spending $22 million a day from reserves; the company's stock price closed Thursday at $11.10, down 43 percent since the attack.

The move came as Congress prepared to pass a $15 billion relief package aimed at helping the airline industry. The Minnesota Legislature has also pledged to help, perhaps by refinancing a $270 million loan Northwest received 10 years ago as part of a bailout package.

But Gov. Jesse Ventura said there was little the state could do to aid Northwest.

"These are private sector businesses that rely on customer service. What we can do is assure people that the skies are safe," he said.

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Scurry County Court

Thirteen cases were heard in Scurry County Court on Aug. 29. Included in those cases were a 23-year-old male who pleaded guilty to driving while license suspended. He was sentenced to six months deferred probation plus $235.25 court costs and a fine of $100.

A 48-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWI. He was sentenced to 10 days in jail, 90 days driver's license suspension and 210.25 in court costs.

A 41-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWI. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail, 90 days driver's license suspension plus $200.25 court costs.

A 19-year-old male pleaded guilty to criminal mischief. He was sentenced to 180 days in jail — probated for one year — plus he must pay $464.22 restitution and $235.25 court costs.

A 21-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWI. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail, 90 days driver's license suspension and $210.25 in court costs.

A 21-year-old male pleaded guilty to motion to revoke probation on an original charge of DWI. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail, 90 days driver's license suspension plus $235.25 court costs.

A 22-year-old male pleaded guilty to evading arrest. He was sentenced to six-months deferred probation, ordered to pay a $250 fine and $235.25 in court costs.

A 32-year-old male pleaded guilty to motion to revoke probation on an original charge of driving while license suspended. He was sentenced to 20 days in jail, $100 fine and $235.25 in court costs.

A 61-year-old male pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail plus $200.25 court costs.

A 68-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWI. He was sentenced to three days in jail, 90 days driver's license suspension and $210.25 in court costs.

A 28-year-old male pleaded guilty to public intoxication. He was sentenced to 45 days in jail plus $210.25 court costs.

A 21-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWI. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail — probated for one year — plus DWI school, a fine of $750 and court costs of $235.25.

A 23-year-old female pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana. She was sentenced to one-year deferred probation, a fine of $500 and $235.25 court costs.

Credit card delinquencies climb to highest number

WASHINGTON (AP) — Late credit card payments shot up in the second quarter, suggesting that more Americans were having trouble paying bills as the economy weakened and layoffs mounted.

The seasonally adjusted percentage of credit card accounts 30 or more days past due rose to 3.93 percent in the April-June quarter, up from 2.99 percent in the first three months of the year, according to a quarterly survey released Friday by the American Bankers Association.

The delinquency rate on credit cards in the second quarter was the highest since the association began tracking it in 1980.

"We're seeing the effects a stagnant economy and increased layoffs can have on consumer finances," said James Chessen, the association's chief economist.

The nation's unemployment rate worsened in the second quarter as the economy's growth nearly ground to a halt, expanding at a rate of just 0.2 percent, the weakest performance in eight years.

Even before the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon, the economy was struggling. The unemployment rate soared to 4.9 percent in August, the biggest one-month jump in more than six years.

Trying to stabilize the economy in the wake of the attacks, the Federal Reserve cut short-term interest rates Monday for the eighth time this year, pushing borrowing costs to a nine-year low.

"While lower interest rates have helped some consumers refinance their debt, it's clear that refinancing cannot solve all consumers' financial problems," Chessen said.

Meanwhile, the delinquency rate on a composite of other types of consumer loans, including auto loans and closed-end home equity loans, climbed to 2.51 percent in the second quarter, highest since the third quarter of 1997. In the first quarter, the delinquency rate on a composite of loans was 2.40 percent.

Some Americans might opt to use some or all of their tax-rebate checks, which were mailed starting in July, to pay off debt, economists said. But the Bush administration is counting on people to spend the money, which would help the economy.

Economists fear the country could fall into recession if consumers — who have been keeping the economy afloat — sharply cut back on spending in the face of the attacks.

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The British unconditionally surrendered Singapore to the Japanese Feb. 15, 1942, during World War II. It was a major blow to the Allies because the island controlled an important sea route. The Japanese had landed to the north and marched through the jungle to take Singapore.

Scurry County Service Men & Women

(Editor's Note: Citizens are invited to write their servicemen and servicewomen stationed stateside and overseas. Anyone having additions, changes or corrections to the list should submit them in writing to the Snyder Daily News, P.O. Box 949, Snyder, TX, 79550, or bring them by the office at 3600 College Ave. Sorry, no addresses will be accepted over the telephone.

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Psychologist testifies Yates made decision to drown kids

HOUSTON (AP) — A psychologist testified that a Houston woman accused of drowning her five children is mentally ill, but is competent to stand trial.

Dr. Steven Rubenzer, who testified Thursday for prosecutors during a competency hearing, performed a court-ordered competency report on Andrea Pia Yates after visiting with her eight times since June.

During testimony Friday, clinical psychologist Mary Alice Conroy supported Rubenzer's report.

Conroy said Rubenzer conducted his evaluations properly, but she said she couldn't say whether or not Yates is competent to stand trial.

"A person can have many disabilities but the...(question) is are they currently competent despite that disability," she said.

Under cross examination, Conroy said she's been in the courtroom throughout the hearing helping prosecutors formulate questions.

"You became part of the prosecution team so to speak," Parnham said.

"I certainly was assisting them. I was providing them professional advice," Conroy responded.

During two days of testimony in the hearing to determine if Yates, 37, is fit to stand trial for two charges of capital murder for the deaths of three of her children, her mental dexterity has continued to come into question. Closing arguments were expected Friday.

Defense attorney George Parnham says two psychologists have warned that Yates could slip back into a psychotic state when she hears details of her children's deaths.

Rubenzer said while Yates might be mentally ill, she meets the legal definition of competence.

"As far as I know, her psychotic features are in full remission. Her depression is not in full remission," Rubenzer said.

When cross-examined by Parnham, Rubenzer said Yates has not quite reached a point of being able to fully appreciate what she did.

The psychologist says Yates has passed all three parts of a competency tool used to evaluate inmates. At first, Yates only passed two parts of the test, but on Aug. 2 she passed the third section — appreciation — with a low score.

Rubenzer also testified Thursday that Yates told him on Aug. 2 that she decided to drown her five children the night before she committed the crime. He said he then asked her to tell him nothing more.

"I believed I had enough information to establish she was able to talk about these things," Rubenzer said. "I didn't want to pull out any more information than was necessary."

Yates has improved but her mental condition remains questionable, John Bayliss, a nurse who has cared for her at the Harris County Jail, testified Thursday.

Yates was arrested June 20 after police found the bodies of her five children. Police say Yates admitted killing them after officers arrived. The four youngest children — John, 5; Paul; 3; Luke, 2, and Mary, 6 months — were found wet on a bed under a sheet. Noah, 7, was dead in the bathtub.

Yates' husband said she suffered from depression after the births of her two youngest children. Medical records show that Yates attempted suicide twice after the birth of her fourth child and was warned by a doctor to carefully consider whether she should have any more children.

The 11 women and one man who make up the jury hearing the testimony will decide if she is fit to stand trial.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Third time is no charm for teen unlucky in love

DEAR ABBY: I am 18. I was involved with a guy for six years. I loved him deeply. I thought he loved me. One night he admitted he was only telling me he loved me because he thought that's what I wanted to hear. Our relationship ended.

I started dating another guy I had known for five years. Two months later, we slept together. Before I knew it, he left me and went back to his ex-wife. My third boyfriend cheated on me, and then lied about it.

Abby, my friends now want to hook me up with "Larry." He has had as much bad luck with relationships as I have. I am scared. I don't want to be hurt again. I have been hurt more in my life than loved. Larry seems like a nice guy, but I don't know what to do. Any ideas? — **THREE-TIME LOSER**

DEAR THREE-TIME: Accept the fact that dating is risky business, and most dating relationships do not lead to marriage. Then take a break from dating for a while. Concentrate on school, or on your career if you have completed your education. You need to rebuild your self-esteem before getting involved in another romance. In the meantime, make a friend out of Larry.

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DEAR ABBY: "Tired of Family Ties," the 33-year-old man who was adopted at the age of 3 weeks and never felt the need to search for his birth mother, asked how to discontinue contact without being cruel now that she has found him.

You advised that he has a right to his feelings, and he should explain to his birth mother that he's not ready to have a relationship with her now. I would like to second that advice.

Please urge "Tired" to have an honest discussion with his birth family. I am a birth mother. I have seen changes in my relationship with my daughter whom I lost to adoption. We were reunited 14 years ago. I wish she would verbalize it.

Thankfully, I have been involved in a wonderful support group for 17 years. It is called "Concerned United Birthparents," and it is for anyone who has been touched by adoption. — **DENVER BIRTH MOM**

DEAR BIRTH MOM: Thank you for the information. Concerned United Birthparents can be contacted by calling toll-free: 1-800-822-2777 or by visiting the Web site at www.CUBirthparents.org. While many reunions are happy ones, some are not. In those cases, everyone involved needs all the support they can get.

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DEAR ABBY: Last Saturday night I took my girlfriend out for a romantic dinner at an expensive restaurant. The people seated at the table behind us were extremely noisy and became even louder as the night wore on.

How should I have dealt with this situation? Asked them to quiet down? Asked the server to speak to them? Or requested another table?

Although it didn't ruin our night, it made conversation difficult. We rarely treat ourselves to such a special dinner out, and when we do we'd like to be able to hear each other's sentences!

Please let us know what to do should this happen again. Thanks, Abby. — **ANNOYED WITH THE NOISE, CARLE PLACE, N.Y.**

DEAR ANNOYED: Because complaining to the offenders could have sparked a confrontation, you should have asked your server to move you to a table in a quieter location.

Next time, request a quiet corner when you make your reservation.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been married to "Robbie" for 25 years. He has had numerous affairs during most of our marriage. His most recent one has devastated me.

Robbie tells me he is in love with another woman — but that he also loves me. Robbie is a good provider. I have everything I want or need. We are set financially. I have considered leaving him and starting over, but frankly, it scares me. I feel that he is staying because he doesn't want to "lose everything." I know in my heart he wants to be with the other woman.

We have been through counseling. I thought things were OK, but they weren't. I saw the signs again.

Now my other dilemma: I'm not sure I'm in love with Robbie anymore. I'm not sure if the reason I don't leave is because of him — or the financial security. If I stay, I'm not sure I can forgive or forget again. I know if it's not this woman, there will always be another and another.

Should I stay, or hold my head up high and go my separate way? — **HANGING ON IN INDIANA**

DEAR HANGING: You are asking intelligent questions. However, no one can answer them but you. Since marriage counseling couldn't resolve the problems in your marriage, it's time to talk to an accountant and an attorney to determine the financial reality of what separating from your husband would be. Armed with that information, you can then ask yourself whether your life would be better with or without him and arrive at a logical conclusion. This may be a new beginning instead of a sad ending. I wish you the best of luck.

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DEAR ABBY: I was going through my dear mother's Bible recently looking for my aunt's date of birth. As I opened it, I discovered one of your columns — a "recipe" submitted by Maxine D. Mother had clipped it without the date, but I believe it was from May 1961. The recipe was for happiness. That recipe is as timely today as it was 40 years ago. Perhaps you might reprint it for those who missed it before.

Interestingly, on the back of the recipe is an ad that advertises submarine sandwiches made with three meats, four sandwiches for a dollar. Can you believe it?

In April 1961, Mother was 48 years old. I have been without her for 20 years this year. — **JAN ROLLINS, CARROLLTON, TEXAS**

DEAR JAN: Thank you for reminding me of the recipe for happiness. You're right — it's due for a repeat. As for the ad offering four submarine sandwiches for a dollar — my, how times have changed! They cost $4 to $6 per sandwich today. I wonder how much they'll cost in another 40 years. Read on:

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2 handsful of generosity

Dash of laughter

1 headful of understanding

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Saturday, Sept. 22, 2001

Today is the 265th day of 2001 and the first day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1789, Congress created the office of Postmaster General.

On this day in 1943, U.S. Navy vessels landed Australian troops at Finschhafen, New Guinea.

On this day in 1985, in Champaign, Ill., Neil Young, Willie Nelson and John Mellencamp performed at the first Farm Aid concert.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Michael Faraday (1791-1867), scientist; Erich von Stroheim (1885-1957), director-actor; John Houseman (1902-1988), actor-producer-director; Tommy Lasorda (1927-), baseball manager, is 74; Debby Boone (1956-), singer, is 45; Joan Jett (1960-), singer, is 41; Scott Baio (1961-), actor, is 40.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1968, Cesar Tovar of the Minnesota Twins played all nine positions during a game against the Oakland A's. The Twins won 2-1.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Knowledge is always accompanied with accessories of emotion and purpose." — Alfred North Whitehead

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

Sunday, Sept. 23, 2001

Today is the 266th day of 2001 and the second day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1779, John Paul Jones and the crew of the Continental Navy frigate Bonhomme Richard captured HMS Serapis.

On this day in 1846, the planet Neptune was discovered by Johann Gottfried Galle and Louis d'Arrest.

On this day in 1976, a debate between President Gerald Ford and presidential candidate Jimmy Carter was broadcast on television and radio around the nation.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Augustus Caesar (63 B.C.-A.D. 14), Roman emperor; Victoria Woodhull (1838-1927), social reformer; Walter Lippman (1889-1974), journalist; Mickey Rooney (1920-), actor, is 81; John Coltrane (1926-1967), musician; Ray Charles (1930-), singer-pianist, is 71; Julio Iglesias (1943-), singer, is 58; Bruce Springsteen (1949-), singer-songwriter, is 52.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1926, in Philadelphia, Gene Tunney won the heavyweight boxing title by defeating Jack Dempsey.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The great social adventure of America is no longer the conquest of the wilderness, but the absorption of 50 different peoples." — Walter Lippman

TODAY'S MOON: Day before first quarter (Sept. 24).

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Chubby Checker selling beef jerky

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The man who introduced the nation to The Twist now has meatier goals.

Chubby Checker brought his new brand of beef jerky to several grocery stores Wednesday.

Fans had other things on the their minds, however. Checker spent most of his visit signing autographs, posing for pictures and chatting with fans.

"I went through the Twist, rock 'n' roll, the whole thing with him — all the way," said retired truck driver Joe Deloa. "I'm ecstatic."

Checker debuted "The Twist" — his cover of the song by Hank Ballard and the Midnighters — in August 1960. The following month, the song had topped the charts, eventually selling more than a million copies.

His 1962 re-release of "The Twist" became the only single to hit No. 1 on U.S. charts on two separate occasions. He hit the Top 40 again with a rap version of "The Twist" in 1988.

Jailed mayor of Waterbury pleads innocent to charges

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. (AP) — Jailed Waterbury Mayor Philip Giordano pleaded innocent Thursday to a 14-count federal indictment that includes charges of violating the civil rights of two children he is accused of sexually assaulting.

Giordano has been held without bond at an undisclosed location since his July 26 arrest. Federal prosecutors claim Giordano conspired with a Waterbury prostitute to gain access to the children.

The alleged victims are female cousins, ages 9 and 11, and are the daughter and niece of the alleged co-conspirator.

The civil rights counts were added to the initial charge against the mayor of using an interstate facility to entice a minor into sex. The civil rights charges carry a maximum sentence of life in prison and a $250,000 fine.

The indictment, unsealed Thursday, indicates the woman arranged for drivers to take the children to the mayor's law office, his city hall office and his home. In some cases, prosecutors charge, the 38-year-old mayor paid the woman to bring the children to him for sex.

Federal authorities learned of the alleged sexual misconduct while investigating allegations of municipal corruption in Waterbury.

The law under which Giordano is charged with civil rights violations applies to officials who act in their elected capacity, said U.S. Attorney John A. Danaher III. The indictment notes that Giordano carried a badge identifying himself as mayor, operated an unmarked police car and used cell phones provided by the city.

Authorities said wiretap surveillance picked up cryptic conversations on a cell phone — the interstate facility — between Giordano and the woman as early as February. The exact nature of the conversations did not become clear until July, authorities said.

The mayor answered with a loud "not guilty" as the first of the counts was read during the proceedings before Judge Alan Nevas. He smiled warmly at his wife, Dawn, who was among the family members in the courtroom.

The mayor's alleged co-conspirator pleaded innocent to a 12-count indictment at a separate arraignment Thursday.

She had been referred to as Jane Doe throughout the proceedings until Thursday. Nevas denied a motion by her attorney to have her name edited from the indictment, but also urged the media to practice restraint as the highly publicized case unfolds, because of the impact on the children.

The Associated Press is not identifying the woman to protect the identities of the children.

Giordano's attorney Andrew Bowman said later he will be making an application for bail and is considering a change of venue.

"An indictment is not evidence," said Bowman. "We are preparing to defend his case."

Giordano, a Republican serving his third two-year term, agreed last month to surrender the power and duties of mayor. He will retain the title until his term expires Dec. 31.

He also faces prosecution on state charges. The Waterbury state's attorney issued an arrest warrant last week charging Giordano with six counts each of sexual assault, risk of injury to a minor and conspiracy to commit sexual assault.

Danaher said he has reached an agreement with the state to complete the federal prosecution before the state prosecution. The state charges could lead to a 180-year prison sentence.

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Letters to the editor

A poem

Dear Editor:

I am writing to you in reference to my daughter's poem she has written about our country's tragedy. I felt she provided ample proof that this has affected many in our country and to what extent it has affected our children. I thought you might want to share her poem with others.

Sincerely,
Melinda Early

America Under Attack

What happened has affected me, even though it was far away.

I've gotten to where I pray each and every day.

I wonder if there are any survivors, anyone who lives, of all the people who were in the towers when the airplanes made them give.

Terrorism has moved into our country and our land.

Not only the Twin Towers, but the Pentagon partly stands.

Sadness overfills me as I think of what happened, it's bad.

They found people rejoicing in the streets, this really makes me mad.

They say we might go to war against Afghanistan,

I really don't want to; I'm not war's biggest fan.

So please Lord help us through this, without violent ways.

And be sure to protect this country in all the rest of its days.

Evilness is lurking

Dear Editor:

How completely sad this story is, only God knows. As I look at my Bible laying here beside me, I suddenly realized all that it tells me of the evilness lurking in the hearts of men. I really don't know how to put what I'm feeling into words... I am shocked. Even though I'm a prisoner within the state prison system, I feel helpless in a way I haven't quite experienced before.

I can't help but feel something moving deep in my spirit. Something I can only describe as resembling a shadow that cannot be identified, as it moves slowly across the wall. It's a spiritual war that we are in... from Satan's point of view; it is a war in which there is no concern for the situations or circumstances it produces within the worldly realm that we so temporarily dwell within.

In this heinous manifestation of his evilness, is it not readily apparent how willing he will snuff out the individual life of his servant, using destruction to reveal the true nature of his wickedness? How foolish it is for us as Christians not to understand that he's not only in control of individuals, but masses that will do his bidding.

God also deals with individuals. Indeed, it may seem at times that God takes little account of individuals, and regards humanity as a single man, but that's a construction of limited understanding, existing in the minds of those who don't know Him. It is true that we are continually, in this world, being judged collectively, as family, as nations and as churches. Rarely are we judged one of another in our individual standing or by the content of our character ... Oh, how wonderful it would be to dwell within the dream of Dr. Martin Luther King! But so far as we can apprehend it, it is chiefly in this world that such self-righteous judgment must be passed.

The God, of whom Saint John writes, "He loved the world," is the same God, of whom Saint Paul testifies, "He loved me and gave his life for me." It is one of the attributes of God that can both be broad and deep at the same time, yet it is one of the limitations of our humanity that we can not be both. The man, who claims to know everything, knows nothing thoroughly, and the man who claims to have affection for everyone, has never experienced the completeness of true love. But God is at once comprehensive and thorough. He never loses the individual in the crowd. He gathers his harvest of human souls from all the ends of the earth and he gathers his children one by one, preciously clutching them to his breast the moment they arrive home.

It's a sad day in America. Pray with me for the families and for the government of this nation...

Jeffrey Robert Adams
#632670
Price Daniel Unit

Someone needs help

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter because I know a father and son, a Mr. McKenzie and his son, Stephen, who could use everyone's help desperately.

Stephen came to my door awhile back to see if I needed roof work done. He was a tall, dark handsome boy and very friendly. I told him I needed some painting done if he could do that. So early next morning, he went with me to get the things I needed. He is 27 years of age and I have never seen a better or neater painter.

He was so neat with his work and such a likeable young man, so courteous.

Also his father came by and painted my fireplace. The father had been injured by falling off a roof and is just getting back on his feet and barely able to work. He has applied for disability, but has not yet received it.

About a month ago, Stephen was in an accident and is in University Medical Center in Lubbock, paralyzed from the next down this breaks my heart because our Rue Gambol, our former game warden, was my brother and I don't know how we would have managed without our Snyder friends.

The Game Warden Association even sold tickets and bought Rue a van. Others here in Snyder helped sell tickets also. A car dealer here in Snyder helped with the van. All showed so much love for Rue and I am sad to say we lost him a year ago in August, after 20 years of being paralyzed. He was so upbeat most of those years from all your visits and cards. So now we have Stephen who needs our help. I am sure his father could use money and food.

Perhaps the churches and other businesses could help. Also the VFW and American Legion could help, as I believe they were members there.

And I know Stephen would love for you to send him a card to University Medical Center in Lubbock, Room 495 West Wing.

I wrote Woman's World magazine about Rue and they even sent two people to Jayton to see if they could help with a way for him to communicate with a machine they had — also thousands of readers of that magazine wrote letters and sent cards to Rue.

I live at 1800 28th Street; my phone number is 915-573-3719 if you care to drop by any food (non-perishable) or even just a dollar. I would prefer if some churches would help with this. If so, please call me.

Sincerely,
Jean Malone

Sad about fight

Dear Editor:

I would like to commend Ricky Fritz and the commissioners' court for making a decision and sticking to it (well, some of them anyway). From what I understand the county only has so much money and there were many requests that didn't get funding at all. It is the courts' job to find the best possible way to take that money and allot it to the county as they see the need Is that right? Well, from what I saw, they did that. I am sorry that the Librarian did not get the raise that she so richly deserves, and I am sorry that some of the other requests were not funded. I am glad to see that they county is going to take an active interest in making our parks like they were when I was a little girl. I am also glad that the coliseum received the amount of money that it did. What I am sad about is that the fight over the coliseum came down to $30,000. And that all the bickering back and forth.

It is my understanding from reading the paper that the coliseum had X amount of dollars in a reserve account. I would assume that this reserve would be in the event of any emergency or in the event additional funding would be needed for a project. Did this not constitute an "emergency?" (That's the way they made it sound). Could the chamber have pulled $30,000 out of their reserve, made up the loss of their budget and kept the employees they said they would have to lose and save the county from having to go through this mess? I heard the chamber saying that it just couldn't run on the amount of money being offered, but never read where the chamber was trying to find a way TO run on the amount of money offered.

I attended commissioner's court the Monday after the news of the lawsuit by SDN to hear the commissioners and county judge and see what they would say about the issue. I would like to commend the judge and commissioners (some of them anyway) on their behavior and the way they took the criticism from the public. I don't think I could have done it. I stood in the back of the courtroom and watched as the librarians gave a wonderful testimony to the running of the library and listened to people speak of the travesty the court was causing at the coliseum, and I listened to the argument for the parks and recreation. I also watched as one chamber employee, who didn't speak, but laughed and snickered when anything was said negatively about the court or Judge Fritz. That wasn't very professional and certainly didn't make me feel any sympathy for the chamber.

I think the chamber has done an excellent job of running the coliseum. Anytime that I have gone to an event there I have just had a wonderful time. I also think that the $30,000 that is going to start us toward better parks and upkeep the baseball/softball fields is money well spent. The coliseum isn't what makes us a great place. It's all of Scurry County that makes us a great place and so as a county we should concentrate on all parts of our county not just the coliseum. Thanks to the commissioners and citizens for recognizing this.

Thanks you for your time.

Leslie Cooley



Freedom violated

Dear Editor:

America's freedom has been violated this week. As a member of the Snyder Fire Department I can say that my heart has been touched by the extended efforts of my comrades in the fire service. These individuals have met the challenge of carrying out their jobs under the most horrific conditions that any of us in can not imagine. As a fellow firefighter I would like to be able to tell all of these men and women thank you for your courage and strength to continue under such adverse conditions.

Prayer has been on the minds of America in the last four days more than it has been in several years. Prayer is something that everyone can do on a daily basis not only for the personnel in New York City and Washington D.C., but right here in Scurry County as well. When you are out and about and you see a patrol car, fire truck, ambulance or volunteer fire personnel, stop and say a prayer for these individuals.

These people may or may not be on a call, but sooner or later these same individuals will have to respond to some type of emergency call. A small prayer asking for the safe return of these individuals and the job at hand can be very reassuring.

GOD BLESS AMERICA AND REMEMBER TO PRAY!!

Albert "Snuffy" Canon
Captain/Chaplain/EMT-I
Snyder Fire Dept./
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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Amarillo Globe-News

American ideals must stand tall

Americans have been told repeatedly for the past several days that the nation is under attack.

That is true. It also is true that our ideals are under attack by an entity whose first priority appears to be to destroy all that the United States stands for.

Liberty and freedom are two concepts that must never fall victim to the terrorists' tactics.

What is going to happen in the weeks and months ahead?

It will be a bit more inconvenient to travel from Amarillo International Airport to points around the world. Airline employees will ask more questions. Passengers will have to forgo some of their luggage. The world is on a heightened state of alert. And as we all have come to realize through our pain, the greatest country on earth is every bit a part of an interconnected world where terror too often rules the day.

Our borders will be tightened some, as they should. No longer can we allow virtually unfettered entry into this country. A reexamination of our nation's immigration policy has commenced, and it must include tighter restriction for those seeking entry.

That all said, this nation never must succumb to the urge to create a closed society, one that surrenders people's personal liberties. Nor must we succumb to the urge to strike back at people merely because they look "different," or because they have a contrary world view.

We must remain a nation proud of our diversity.

We must allow Americans always to speak freely, even when they oppose their government.

We must remain vigilant, but must not live in fear.

The events of the past five days have given us all reason for concern. Our grief is palpable, and no one should apologize for that.

However, the United States of America remains the standard-bearer for freedom-loving people. Let us never lose sight of those special qualities that endow this nation with its greatness, and let us never hesitate to display those qualities around a world that needs them now more than ever.

The Dallas Morning News

Defense priorities not for profit

Congress moved quickly to approve $40 billion to help America rebuild and respond to Tuesday's attack. All agree that now is not the time to worry about the Social Security "lock box."

However, the Defense Department and other agency budgets are scheduled for mark-up in the next few weeks, and spending priorities some questionable to begin with must be reassessed. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld certainly must recognize this. The defense review he has been preparing no doubt has been damaged along with parts of the Pentagon. Yes, the country needs to prepare for tomorrow's threats, but it must first address today's. The country will need missile defense for the long run, but it also needs to keep terrorists out of airline cockpits.

The sad fact is that the U.S. government has long recognized the threat of terrorism, but has been hard pressed to change the way it functions and spends. Government studies have been going on for decades and continue. This month the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations opened a series of hearings on "homeland defense and protecting America's military forces" and the Congressional Research Service issued a report on terrorism.

But Tuesday's horrid attacks demonstrate that the threats are no longer hypothetical Hollywood stories. More than new studies are needed bureaucracies finally must change.

Harvard government professor Andrew Moravscik aptly notes the United States has spent 50 years building the best fighter-bombers but hasn't put that level of effort into addressing newer concerns. He asserts that although the Pentagon has been well aware of the changed threats, federal spending patterns haven't changed due to a "complicated relationship" between Congress and the Pentagon and what Dwight Eisenhower called the "military industrial complex."

State leaders also complicate matters by lobbying to maintain defense production industries. Military dollars generate a lot of income for states approaching $40 billion just in Texas. Closing bases or canceling military hardware often proves political anathema.

We should have changed spending priorities sooner. Now we must.

A new round of base closings paring more bases that were geared toward the Cold War struggle with the Soviet Union should be initiated.

The structure of the national defense strategic review should be changed. It should not be left just to the Defense Department. The need for more interagency and intergovernmental collaboration and competition for dollars has been boldly displayed. Funding for civil defense at all levels, for security in transportation and communication, for public health protection from biological warfare is as important as the next generation of Army artillery. Legislators must consider U.S. needs over parochial interests and bureaucratic inertia. It's just too bad it has to take a crisis to precipitate change.



North of Forty by Red Green

The price of happiness

I had a guy come and do some cement work at my house. I hired him because his estimate was the lowest. After two weeks of all of his junk lying around the place and him showing up sporadically, I told him I'd had enough and I needed the job finished in the next two days. He said it could be done, but he'd need twice the money to do it that quickly. I was so fed up, I agreed.

And that got me thinking about business transactions in general and wondering how many of them turn out like mine, where at some point you're paying a person whatever they want, just so they'll go away. That has to be the basis of most divorce settlements. Almost all sales are made that way. You buy the product just so the salesman will stop pestering you. And the same thing with panhandlers. The more offensive they are, the quicker I make a contribution to their favorite charity. I was told a long time ago that there are only two motivating forces for people — hope for gain and fear of loss. I think there's another one — getting away from people who bug you. I'd pay a fortune for a cheap way to do that.

THE BEST MAIL

I received a pleasant surprise in the mail yesterday. It was a pamphlet on some vacation spa somewhere. It wasn't very clear about where it was or specifically what it provided. No prices were mentioned.

At first I thought it was pretty useless, but then I realized that this was a piece of mail from a stranger that wasn't asking me to do anything. I didn't have to go anywhere or compare the price to something else, or even make a decision about whether or not I was ever interested in using whatever it was they were advertising at whatever price they were offering it.

What a great feeling. I could throw the pamphlet away with no guilt. I felt happy and younger. Just because I didn't have to do anything. This is the best vacation spa I've never gone to. I hope they're in business a long, long time.

HOOF-IN-MOUTH

After 50 years of putting my foot in my mouth, I have concluded that there are certain words that should never appear in the same sentence. Here's a partial list:

— "Chubby" and "wife."
— "My" and "fault."
— "Moron" and "boss."
— "Anniversary dinner" and "upchuck."
— "Politician" and "forthright."
— "Sexy woman" and "yes."
— "Drink" and "another."

MAKING A PASS

I was on the highway yesterday, and there was a car traveling in the passing lane, but not passing anybody. I followed him for a while. I flashed my lights. I tooted my horn, but in a friendly way. As if to say, "It would be great if you'd go into the other lane for a sec to let me by. There's no need to show me your firearm."

None of that worked, so finally I had to pass him on the right and then pull back in, in front of him. As soon as I did that, he sped up. If he had done that in the first place, none of this would have been necessary. Then I realized that these people who spend all day in the passing lane without passing anyone are actually prepared to go a lot faster, they just don't want to go first. They'd make great vice presidents.

QUOTE OF THE DAY: "To have a happy life, never be the only one laughing or not laughing." — Red Green

Red Green is the star of "The Red Green Show," a television series seen in the United States on PBS and in Canada on the CBC Network, and the author of "The Red Green Book" and "Red Green Talks Cars: A Love Story."

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Q & A

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

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

How to Help Children After a Disaster

SAMHSA's Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training program offers the following tips on how to talk to children in the wake of the September 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon.

Encourage children to talk about what they are seeing on television and to ask questions. Don't be afraid to admit that you can't answer all their questions.

Answer questions at a level the child can understand.

Provide ongoing opportunities for children to talk. They will probably have more questions as time goes on.

Use this as an opportunity to establish a family emergency plan. Feeling that there is something you can do can be very comforting to both children and adults.

Allow children to discuss other fears and concerns about unrelated issues. This is a good opportunity to explore these issues also.

Monitor children's television watching. Some parents may wish to limit their child's exposure to graphic or troubling scenes. To the extent possible, watch reports of the disaster with children. It is at these times that questions might arise.

Help children understand that there are no bad emotions and that a wide range of reactions is normal. Encourage children to express their feelings to adults (including teachers and parents) who can help them understand their sometimes strong and troubling emotions.

Try not to focus on blame. In addition to the tragic things they see, help children identify good things, such as heroic actions, families who are grateful for being reunited, and the assistance offered by people throughout the country and the world.

For children closer to the disaster scene, more active interventions may be required. Some children may know someone- a family member or a friend-injured or lost in the disaster, and some will be frustrated that they cannot help directly in the rescue work. Often, they will hold themselves responsible.

To help children recover emotionally from disasters, the family as a unit might consider counseling. Disasters often reawaken a child's fear of loss of parents (frequently their greatest fear) at a time when parents may be preoccupied with their own practical and emotional difficulties.

Separation anxiety experienced by children may cause them to regress to earlier behaviors such as clinging, thumb-sucking, bed-wetting, and unwillingness to go to sleep at night. Parents should be reassured that their children are behaving normally in response to an abnormal situation.

Families may choose to permit temporary regressive behavior, such as allowing children to sleep in the parents' bedroom for a preestablished time period so that they can feel secure again under their parents' protection. Several arrangements may help children separate gradually after the agreed-upon time limit: spending extra time with parents immediately before bedtime, leaving the child's bedroom door slightly ajar, and using a nightlight.

Many parents have their own fears of leaving a child alone after a disaster or other fears they may be unable to acknowledge. Parents often are more able to seek help on the children's behalf and may, in fact, use the children's problems as a way of asking for help for themselves and other family members. This implicit request should be respected and not confronted.

Parents can also help by encouraging children to paint, draw, and play with dolls or other toys, in order to act out their experiences and feelings, since younger children cannot directly verbalize their emotions. Spending time playing with their children enables parents and children to re-attach to each other and calms anxieties on both sides.

Teachers also can help children with similar art and play activities, as well as by encouraging group discussions in the classroom and informational presentations about the disaster. For example, presentations on the formation of tornadoes or hurricanes and the steps people can take to protect their property and lives give children a sense of mastery and control.

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

Man who held woman in chains given 223 years

TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES, N.M. (AP) — A man who authorities say held three women in chains in a backyard sex-torture trailer was sentenced Thursday to more than 223 years in prison.

David Parker Ray, 61, was arrested in March 1999 after a naked woman wearing only a dog collar and chain fled Ray's trailer in Elephant Butte, about 140 miles south of Albuquerque.

Ray's sentence stemmed from charges involving two victims, one tortured in 1996 and another in 1999. Both were present at Thursday's hearing. A third victim died of pneumonia last year; that case was dismissed as part of a plea agreement.

Before Ray was sentenced, Attorney General Patricia Madrid, representing the state, said it was necessary to "keep the animal in his cage. The animal can't live among us."

Ray, who had worked at Elephant Butte State Park, was convicted in April of kidnapping and torturing in the 1996 case.

He said he pleaded guilty in July to kidnapping, rape and conspiracy to kidnap in the 1999 case to prevent his daughter, Glenda "Jesse" Ray, from serving additional prison time as his accomplice.

His daughter also entered a plea agreement and was sentenced earlier this week to time served — 2 1/2 years — plus five years probation.

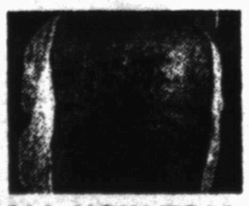
After her father was sentenced Thursday, she said, "Dad," and when he turned, she blew him a kiss.

The first victim, who came forward only after she was contacted in Colorado by investigators, testified last April that a knife was held to her throat during the 1996 encounter at Ray's trailer.

Police who searched Ray's trailer found torture devices including surgical tools and chemicals as well as video cameras.

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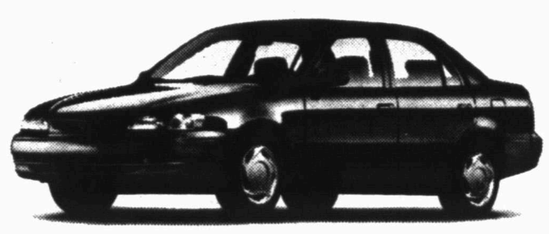
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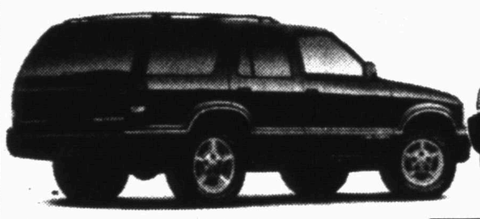
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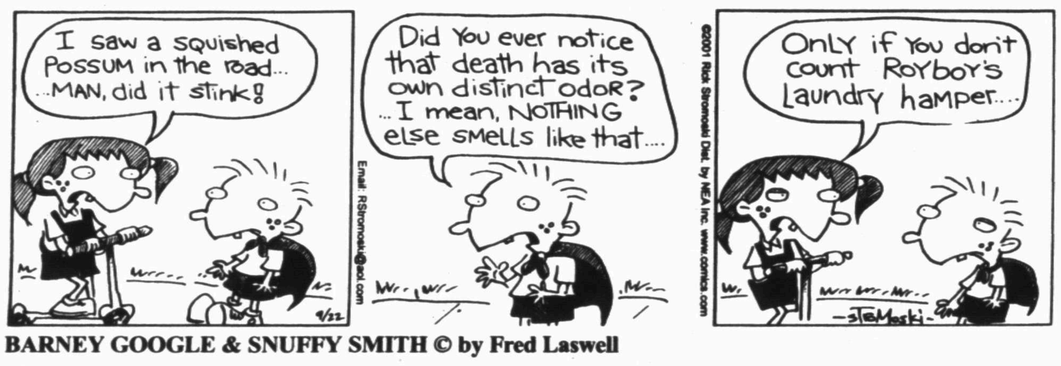
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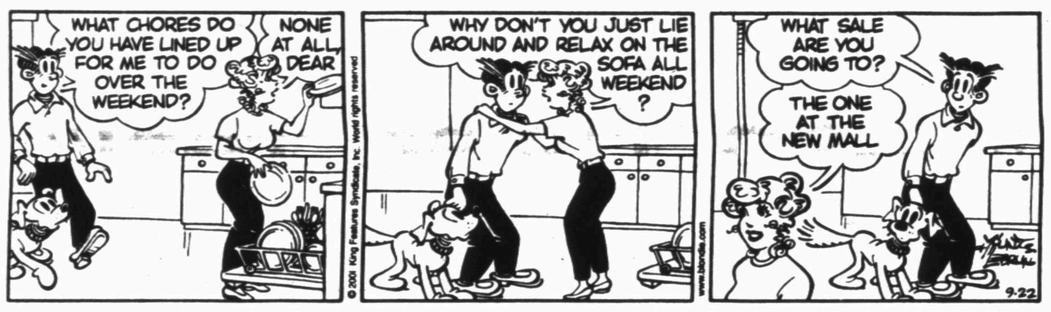
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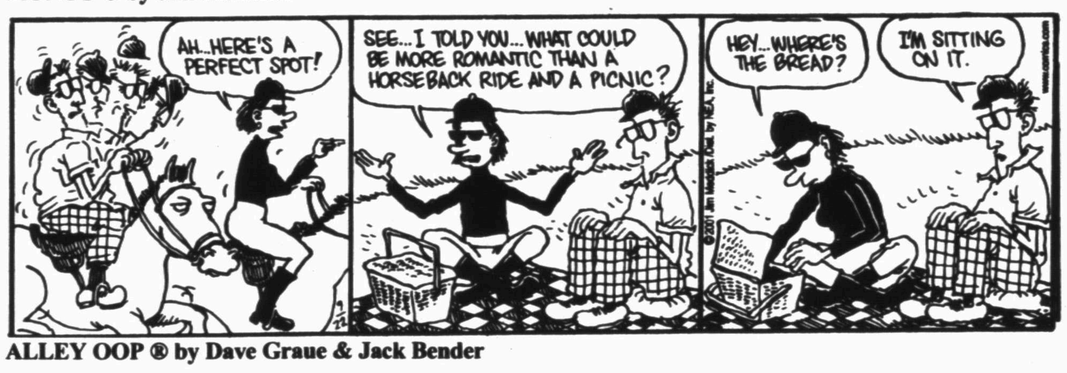
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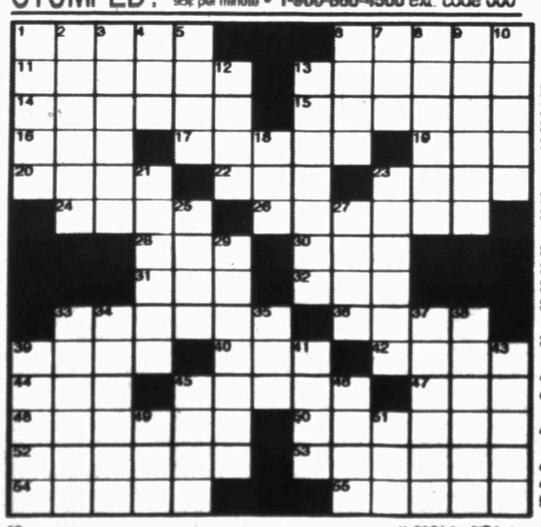
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By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, Sept. 23, 2001

The year ahead could attract a number of new cohorts who will introduce you to a plethora of new interests or ways of doing things that could pay off handsomely.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Just as Tom Sawyer was able to get others to pay him for the privilege of doing work he loved, you may have a similar gift today. Chores assigned to you will attract supporters and assistance. Libra, treat yourself to a birthday gift.

Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — The nice things being said about you today will be worth more than gold. No one would be able to give you a greater gift than those wonderful comments.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Try to do more listening today than talking when engaged in conversations with associates. The more they say, the more valuable information you can pick up.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — An important objective can be achieved today, provided you keep what you're doing to yourself. Without interference, you should be able to accomplish all you set out to do.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Check with a friend about how he or she resolved a complication that you now find yourself confronting. What worked for this person could work for you, too.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Your innate gift of piercing the veneer and seeing things for what they actually are will be quite relevant today. You can use it to your advantage both personally and professionally.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Although you like to call the shots, don't operate too independently today. You'll get better results with arrangements that call for sharing the brainwork with others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — What you accomplish today may be acknowledged more in the way of pats on the back than gifts in the paycheck. But give it time - eventually, you will receive financial rewards as well.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — That knack you have for getting others to feel comfortable and talk about themselves will make you a popular person to be around today. Your presence will enhance social gatherings.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - It will be all the little things you do for your loved ones today that will make a big impression on them. Your frequently displayed caring tells them how much they mean to you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Working on endeavors or activities that require lots of imagination or a creative touch will be your strong suit today, revealing your talent and know-how.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Instead of thinking that only a big hit will satisfy your pocketbook today, look for a series of smaller gains. Those pennies will stack up into dollars.

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Monday, Sept. 24, 2001

Things you've merely thought about doing could become realities in the year ahead. You'll no longer simply talk about what you want; you'll go after desires with a new vigor and enthusiasm.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Family concerns may preoccupy you today, but it won't necessarily involve problem solving. Chances are you'll be extremely busy sharing quality time with your loved ones. Major changes are ahead for Libra in the coming year.

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SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — You have the ability to kindle enthusiasm for your concepts and ideas at this time. If any important matter requires discussion with others, today's the day to do so.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Ambition and imagination can be effectively coupled today to provide you with possibilities for material gain. Use your energies toward these purposes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — There is nothing wrong with wanting to further your own interests today, provided you don't do so at the expense of others. Use your initiative and assertiveness in productive ways.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — This is one of those days when, if given the opportunity to isolate yourself, you can chew on confusing issues and pull things together. Try to get some time to yourself for a while.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Believe within yourself that victory is a foregone conclusion today and it will be. Positive thinking can be a powerful force when put to a productive cause.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — The intensity of your motivation is what will be responsible for of your success today. Give it everything you've got and there is no doubt that you'll be triumphant.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — This might be one of those days where you'll be able to put to practice what you've learned from experience. The lessons you've collected will serve you well.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Although there may be some changes or shifts today, the odds are slim that anything will go awry. You'll be on your toes and ready to spring into action when called.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Anything that needs to be negotiated or worked out with another should be tackled today. All parties are now in a convivial mood and ready to take on the hard decisions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Instead of this being a blue Monday, it's more likely to be a vigorous, spirited one. You're raring to start the week off with your sleeves rolled up and ready to take on the world.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Don't be surprised if your presence is more in demand today than usual. You have a way about you at this time that draws people who want to rub shoulders with you.

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Condit Country now extends through San Joaquin Valley

MODESTO, Calif. (AP) — The reshaped congressional district once known as Condit Country snakes its way more than 100 miles through the San Joaquin Valley.

From its tail in Fresno to its bloated midsection in Merced County to a tongue darting into Stockton, the curiously shaped district was tailored by Democrats for Democrats.

But a week after the borders were set, no Democrat has declared, and Democrat Rep. Gary Condit, of Ceres, first elected in 1989, has said little about his plans to run or step down.

Neither of the two Democrats considered likely to run in the district — Assemblyman Dennis Cardoza or Sen. Jim Costa — has criticized their longtime friend for his relationship with missing Washington, D.C., intern Chandra Levy. In fact, both politicians said they would run for Congress in 2002 only if Condit did not.

Without word from Condit's camp, all is publicly quiet among Democrats in the 18th Congressional District. The focus on the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks has wiped Condit from the national media spotlight. With the exception of his appearance at a national prayer vigil, Condit has been nearly invisible.

"He lucked out, he got off the hot seat and likely will stay off the hot seat for quite a while," said Bruce Cain, a political science professor at the University of California, Berkeley.

As a member on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Condit is busy monitoring national security, said Mike Lynch, his chief of staff.

Condit, Lynch said, will make an announcement on his plans for next year in "due course." Any candidate must file to run by Dec. 7.

The congressman's popularity waned as he remained silent for months about his relationship with Levy, a 24-year-old Modesto woman who disappeared in Washington in May.

Police sources say Condit admitted having an affair with Levy, but said he is not a suspect in her disappearance.

When Condit finally spoke in a series of interviews orchestrated to revive his career, his performance was universally panned and a majority of voters polled in the district said they would not vote for him again.

Legislators already planned to shore up Condit's district's share of Democrats, and they did so even more, redrawing the seat to bolster its Democratic voter registration and clearing the way for a Condit protege, such as Cardoza, who worked for Condit before being elected to the Assembly.

Currently, the turf is 46 percent Democrats and 39 percent Republicans, the district was reconfigured to 52 percent Democrats and 35 percent Republicans.

Despite the increase in Democrats, Cain said the new district would hurt Condit if he runs, because he'd face new voters who know him only from the Levy controversy.

The redrawn district includes a more urban area in Stockton, about 40 percent new voters, and eliminates much of Condit's support base in eastern Stanislaus County. It dips into Fresno County and takes in an almond orchard owned by Costa, giving him a claim to the territory.

Cardoza aide Doug White acknowledged his boss' interest in the Condit seat, but said he is not moving yet, in part because he's waiting to hear from Condit.

White said Cardoza is doing what a candidate normally does — rallying supporters. What he won't say is whether his boss is seeking endorsements for Congress or for the state Senate, which he could also run for.

Even the leading Republican hopeful, state Sen. Dick Monteith, had vowed not to run if Condit was in the race. He finally entered the race this week, saying he couldn't wait any longer for Condit to declare his intentions. Another Republican, Modesto City Councilman Bill Conrad, declared his intent to run for the seat when the Levy scandal was picking up momentum.

Democrats may soon follow suit if Condit doesn't move.

They need to raise money, line up supporters and get their names out in public. Both Cardoza, of Atwater, and Costa, of Fresno, cannot seek re-election to their current seats in the Legislature because of term limits.

Condit can only take people on their word and gave no time on when he might announce his plans, Lynch said. But if anyone else wants to run, "it's a free country."

Dozens sickened by bacteria at unchlorinated Iowa pool

ATLANTA (AP) — Dozens of people who visited a wading pool in Iowa this summer were sickened by an intestinal bacteria — the latest in a growing number of outbreaks nationwide tied to recreational pools, the government said Thursday.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention highlighted the outbreak in its weekly bulletin, identifying 69 likely infections of shigella, which causes diarrhea and fever and can lead to severe dehydration.

The wading pool at the center of the outbreak was inadequately disinfected, loaded up with city water each morning and drained each night but never treated with chlorine, the CDC said.

The outbreak is part of a rise in illnesses passed through public pools over the past decade, CDC epidemiologist Dr. Michael Beach said.

"I think it arouses thoughts with us that there's probably something we need to do," he said. "We want the public to understand that they share the water with everybody they're swimming with. You shouldn't be swallowing that water."

The CDC urged strict enforcement of local health codes for recreational pools around the country. It also said pool staff should be better educated about how bacteria like shigella can spread.

Shigella is found in the feces of an infected person, and other people contract it by eating contaminated food or drinking contaminated water.

The Iowa pool, in the eastern city of Dubuque, is used by small children, with 20 to 30 of them in the pool at one time, the CDC said.

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Dr. Gott

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COPD is permanent

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have chronic lung disease. What can you tell me about this condition? I was a three-pack-a-day smoker for 20 years.

DEAR READER: The term "chronic lung disease" encompasses such a wide variety of pulmonary problems that a simple answer is impossible. Asthma, pulmonary fibrosis and emphysema are common causes. In the developed world, cigarette smoking and air pollution have led to a frequent lung disorder called chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), which is probably your concern.

COPD is marked by destruction of the feathery air sacs (alveoli) that enable the lungs to excrete waste carbon dioxide and absorb oxygen from the air. In addition, COPD is associated with a tendency to reactive airways disease (basically, asthma) and, in many cases, some degree of pulmonary scarring. Patients suffering from this disorder have difficulty exhaling stale air; their lungs are overfilled with carbon dioxide and their blood is deficient in oxygen.

In its mildest form, COPD causes few if any symptoms: slight intolerance to exercise and some breathlessness. As the affliction worsens, as it always does in cigarette smokers and people in air-polluted environments, the symptoms become more pronounced: over-expanded chest, difficulty breathing at rest, weakness and cough. In its terminal stages, COPD is horrific: patients slowly suffocate, exercise is impossible, each breath takes enormous energy, oxygen supplements are necessary. Incredibly, many patients with COPD continue to smoke.

As part of my residency training, I spent several months taking care of lung patients at Bellevue Hospital in New York City, which was a foremost teaching program in those days. One of my patients had such severe COPD that he required an iron lung. This old-fashioned device, popular in the 1940s and 50s, consisted of a tank-like cylinder in which the patient lay, head exposed, while external pressure pulsations breathed for him. My patient was allowed out of his iron lung for a mere 30 minutes daily, at his request. The purpose? To have a cigarette! Thus, I learned at an early age nicotine addiction is both serious and irrational.

The fundamental treatment of COPD is immediate discontinuation of tobacco products. Air pollution, such as smog and industrial vapors, must be avoided. Many patients are helped by special breathing exercises, which involve the abdominal muscles in respiration. Medicine to reduce bronchial secretions and treat infection is often useful. Patients frequently benefit from using supplemental oxygen. COPD cannot be cured, but its progression can be halted. I believe that patients with moderate/severe forms of the disease should be under the care of pulmonologists, specialists in respiratory medicine.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: My aged mother, who resides in a nursing home, receives 17 medications daily. I know, because I've counted them. Is this reasonable?

DEAR READER: Perhaps — but perhaps not.

It is a generally accepted principle that elderly patients in assisted living facilities are often over-treated with prescription medications — all too frequently leading to serious, avoidable consequences.

I believe that each elderly person needs a periodic review of his or her medications. If the nursing staff is unwilling (or unable) to provide this service (and, I might add, this is the direct responsibility of the attending physician), then family members must insist on this function. Ask your mother's doctor about this and request a sit-down session to resolve the issue.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My wife died several years ago and after 40 years of marriage, I had to learn to cook for myself. Well, not exactly. I rely heavily on frozen dinners and processed foods. My belly has accumulated fat and my pants no longer fit me. Is liposuction the answer? I'm desperate.

DEAR READER: Liposuction, a technique to remove fat with a vacuum device, might rid you of your spare tire, but I suggest a simpler and cheaper alternative: Re-examine your goal of cooking for yourself, rather than relying on the microwave to heat up your meals. Stop eating processed food and frozen dinners. These products are rich in salt and calories, primarily because they contain high levels of fats and carbohydrates. With the help of a good cookbook (there are many excellent ones available) and prudent shopping, you should be able to shed pounds and improve your nutritional intake. Stick to fresh foods, pick lean cuts of meat (and trim off the fat), give up alcohol and sugary substances, cut down on your portions and avoid high-calorie snack foods.

After having had to learn to cook for myself after my divorce, I can assure you that the task is not as daunting as it seems. You're not aiming to be a gourmet chef — although that might be a possibility after you master certain basic cooking skills. Rather, you simply need practice in preparing well-balanced, nutritious meals, leaving the processed/frozen foods as a back up.

If, despite my suggestions, you continue to gain weight, see your doctor for additional advice.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What can you tell me about gallstones?

DEAR READER: Experts estimate that up to 20 percent of American adults have gallstones and, until the advent of non-surgical therapy, more than half a million patients each year underwent surgery to remove them.

Gallstones occur more frequently in women, in specific ethnic groups (such as American Indians), in conjunction with obesity and in the presence of a family history of the disorder.

Cholesterol, the major component of most gallstones, in excreted (in concentrated form) in the bile. Bile is manufactured by the liver and stored in the gallbladder where, in some people, the cholesterol crystallizes to form stones. The reasons for this are not completely understood.

Most gallstones cause no symptoms until they become wedged in the duct connecting the gallbladder to the intestine. Or such stones can cause trouble if they irritate the gallbladder lining. Then the real problem begins: severe colicky pain, nausea, vomiting and fever appear. If the obstruction or the inflammation is not relieved within a few hours, the blocked bile backs up into the liver, then into the bloodstream, causing jaundice.

The diagnosis is suspected by the physical examination (fever and upper right abdominal tenderness) and by blood tests showing liver inflammation; the diagnosis is confirmed by an ultrasound examination, a test using electromagnetic waves to document the number and location of gallstones, as well as secondary damage to the gallbladder and liver.

As I mentioned, surgery was once considered to be the only satisfactory treatment for gallstones, which were removed along with the gallbladder.

However, modern therapy includes ERCP (removing the stones through a tube introduced through the mouth), lithotripsy (breaking up the stones with sound waves) and drugs, such as Actigall, which dissolve gallstones. There are advantages and drawbacks to each form of treatment. For example, ERCP may be technically too difficult, in certain instances. Lithotripsy is not generally suited to small stones (or "sludge") and Actigall takes months to be effective — not appropriate if the patient is in agony with an acute attack of gallbladder colic. Further, gallstones may re-form after lithotripsy and drug treatment, necessitating surgery. Special diets and other non-invasive therapies are not generally useful.

In summary, gallstones are common. They do not require treatment unless they cause symptoms. The technique of ERCP is generally the first step in the management of acute attacks. If unsuccessful, this may have to be followed by gallbladder surgery, in the form of either a laparoscopic procedure ("band-aid" operation) or the more traditional approach. Lithotripsy and medication are reserved for specific patients with chronic gallbladder pain.

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Singer-songwriter Schneider looking for longterm success

AUSTIN (AP) — Singer-songwriter Bob Schneider says success for him doesn't necessarily mean selling hundreds of thousands of records tomorrow.

"I want a kid in 2022 to go to a record store and look under Bob Schneider and have there be 12 or 13 Bob Schneider records and have that kid buy all those records," says Schneider, a mainstay in the Austin music scene for 10 years whose 1999 album Lonelyland was rereleased nationally by Universal Records in March.

Commercial success won't put a dozen Bob Schneider albums on record shelves, but Schneider admits it could come in handy right about now.

"The record is not getting played on the radio," Schneider says. "It's a weird time for radio right now. It's difficult to get the kind of music that I play on the radio and I don't know why that it is."

Lonelyland is an album filled with rock, pop, some funk, a bit of blues and a hint of Latin. It's not quite hard enough for alternative radio or for many rock stations, says a program director at an Austin radio station where the album is played.

Both the album and Schneider have garnered good reviews across the country. In his hometown, Schneider swept the Austin Music Awards in March with eight honors, including musician of the year.

He's been touring ever since, and in August, he opened for Stevie Nicks in venues across the country. Starting in October, the once long-haired musician — who recently chopped off his brown locks because he was too hot — will start another national tour.

Fans in Austin say Schneider's energetic stage performances and songwriting draw them to his shows. They also like his tendency to tinker with his act, performing songs off his albums with slightly different twists.

Other people, however, suggest his name recognition is tied to his girlfriend, actress Sandra Bullock.

"I'm sure there are people who have never heard my music before, that they know the name Bob Schneider because of who I am dating," Schneider said. "I have no idea how many of those people there are out there. Is that the reason people come to the show, to see if Sandy is going to be there, or to find out who I am? ... I don't know."

Born in Michigan, Schneider spent much of his early life in Germany, where his father (who led the choir of the Oompah Loompahs in the Willy Wonka and the Charlie Factory movie) studied opera and taught Schneider to play piano and guitar, dressed him in leisure suits and took him to gigs.

Schneider returned to the United States and attended the University of Texas at El Paso to study graphic arts, but dropped out and moved to the so-called Live Music Capital of the World in 1988 to begin a career in music.

His first effort, the funk band Joe Rockhead, came close but never signed a major record deal. Schneider then started Ugly Americans, which toured with HORDE and Dave Matthews Band, before he created the Scabs, which packed Austin clubs.

But when he thought the music sounded too repetitive, Schneider launched his solo act and released Lonelyland.

"The one thing I never wanted to do is be in a cover band, even if it is a Bob Schneider cover band," Schneider said. "Because for me, the magic is about creating the work, creating the music. And if it becomes stagnant or if I am just playing the same old songs over and over again, it becomes uninteresting and that's not what I want to do."

He also professes to be a bit weary of fame and success.

"If you are a famous songwriter, you spend a lot of time doing interviews and being on shows, which takes up all your time, when really what you should be doing is writing songs or living your life," Schneider says.

Austin American-Statesman music critic Michael Corcoran said Schneider masks his ambition with a care-free attitude. "I think inside this guy always wanted to be huge," Corcoran said.

Friends and fans in Austin say Schneider belongs at the top of the music world.

"Is he gong to be Sting? I don't know," said Brad First, general manager at an Austin bar where Schneider frequently plays. "I think he has the talent. I think he has the songcraft. I think he has the stagecraft, but so much in this business is fate and good luck and the right thing happening and at the right time."

Corcoran says he's surprised Schneider isn't doing better nationally.

"He's made it in Austin. Austin is very discriminating when it comes to music.

