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MY TURN

by Leslie Schmidt

The words "Oh, say can you see?" along with the familiar music of the national anthem easily inspire tears to come to our eyes these days.

Try making small talk during the start of a pro-football game on TV with a big lump in your throat, while trying to hide shaky feelings. This is new for some of us. Until two years ago, there was a lot that we took for granted.

One time, back in 1985, Dad told us about the day that President John F. Kennedy was assassinated. Then suddenly, in the middle of the story, he broke down and cried. We were surprised, because it was uncharacteristic for him to be so emotional. It seemed odd, but we just let it pass.

Now, years later, we understand how he was so moved. Fear and horror were prevalent feelings that sprung from the Sept. 11 tragedy, but the one that stands out the most is feeling like someone had vacuumed all the joy and goodness out of life. The World Trade Center disaster had unfolded during our workday, and after we got home that day, we cried. I knew then how my Dad, and a nation, must have felt the day Kennedy was shot.

We had been at the office when one of the employee's wives called to ask if we had heard about an airplane crashing into a tower. We thought she meant a local incident, and we told her we hadn't heard anything on the scanner. She said, "No, turn on the television." We didn't want to turn on the TV. There was a sense of foreboding, maybe from the hysteria in the woman's voice. We tried to deny what was going on for as long as we could, believing ignorance is bliss, because we had the suspicion that we would never have the luxury to feel that way again. The boss finally came in and turned on the TV in the break room. We saw the second plane crash into the second tower. It was so unreal. Cold water replaced our blood. For the next few weeks, the absence of the sound of airplanes was haunting, almost enough to drive one to insanity. There was a tremor in the air as we waited to see what would happen.

Now when we hear people talk about Kennedy, the Cuban Missile Crisis, Vietnam or any of the stories that make up history, we don't feel so removed. We can understand better how it might have been for folks living through WWI and WWII. Also, after living for a year without Mr. Schmidt while he was with the National Guard, we're in awe of all the families who have had to share their husbands, wives or children with the nation as they carry out their military duty.

Good or bad, we are now living history, not just hearing about it.

One item on city agenda for tonight

Council again will discuss interlocal agreement as present pact expires Sunday

Snyder city council again will meet to discuss the proposed interlocal contract with the county at 6:30 this evening.

This meeting follows the Scurry County commissioners' court session Tuesday that produced the latest version of the new pact on a split vote.

The present agreement, drafted more than 10 years ago, expires Sunday.

Discussion Tuesday at the courthouse centered on six services the county provides and the one that the city provides – countywide fire suppression and rescue.

County services include:

- jail services for persons arrested by the Snyder police department.
- county-wide dispatching for the police and fire departments.
- space in the county law enforcement center for the city police department and will pay all utilities.
- a magistrate for arrests made by city officers.
- personnel and equipment for the city's annual seal-coating program.
- county-wide EMS services with the city paying the county $50,000 yearly with the funds restricted for repairs or replacement of ambulances. As part of this service, the city will receive any of these unspent funds if the EMS service ever reverts back to city operations.

The city also wants a two-year contract, and the ability to change certain portions of the document without changing the entire pact.

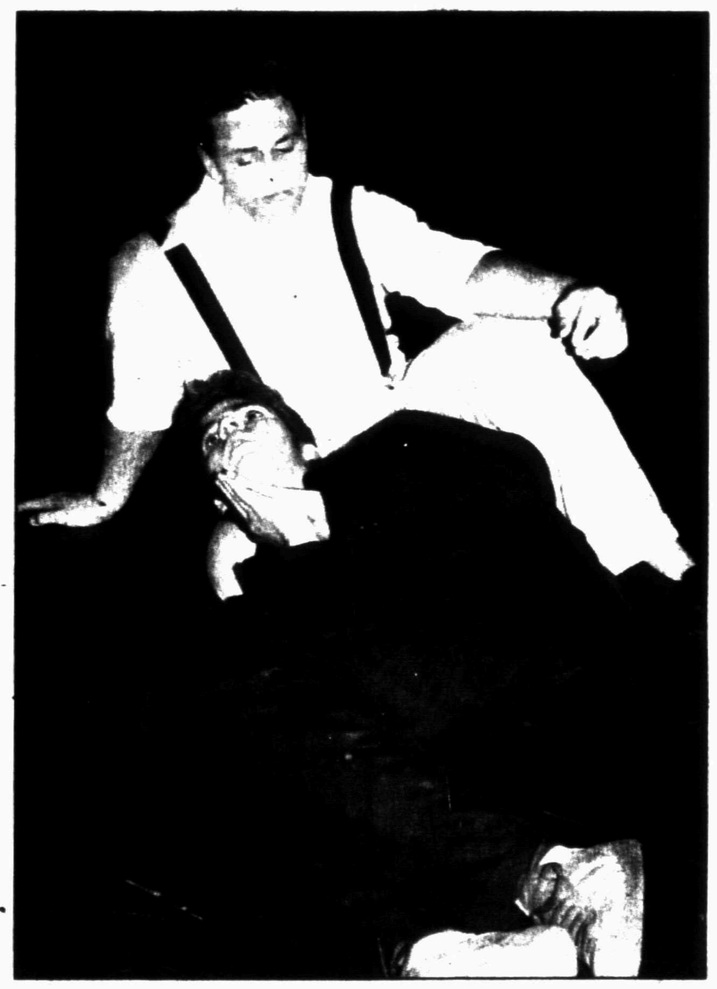
The county, however, is opting for a four-year contract and to remove the clause stating all shared services are to be considered separately.

These two points are expected to be at the center of the city councils discussion tonight.

In hopes of finalizing the agreement, the county also has posted an agenda 10 a.m. Friday.

In Tuesday's meeting, Precinct 3 Commissioner Howard Limmer voted against the latest proposal, while commissioners Chloanne Lindsey, Ralph Trevey and Jerry House voted for it.

PAYING TRIBUTE – Sara Hanson's fourth grade class at East Elementary takes a moment to remember those who died in the Sept. 11, 2001 World Trade Center and Pentagon tragedy in New York. (SDN Staff Photo)



IN THE BRIG — In this scene from *Anything Goes*, Moon Face Martin, in front, (played by Coleman Welch) tries to cheer up Billy (played by Logan Martin) who is in the brig. The musical opens at 7 tonight in Worsham Auditorium. Other performances will be at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Reserve tickets are $8 each. Call 573-6301. Tickets at the door are $6 for adults and $5 for students. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Local schools exceed fed's new progress evaluations

Snyder, Ira and Hermleigh ISD each exceeded standards of federally-mandated progress evaluations for school performance during 2002-2003, which were announced Wednesday for Texas.

The program named "Adequate Yearly Progress," or AYP, tracks a school's academic performance, ensuring its students are learning, "the three R's," properly.

Texas' definition of AYP includes a need for almost 50 percent of a school's students to pass the new Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills reading test.

Texas AYP also calls for one-third of students to pass the TAKS math test.

Snyder ISD overall math and reading scores were 85.2 and 81.2 percent.

Ira ISD math and reading were 94.6 and 88.5 percent overall.

Math and reading scores were 79.1 and 86.4 percent for Hermleigh.

Nearly 77 percent of Texas school districts have met AYP standards, according to a Texas Education Agency preliminary review.

Interim TEA director Robert Scott said a strong attempt to get a good education for children is being made.

"Improving reading and math skills, as well as graduation and attendance rates are top priorities," he said.

A high school graduation rate of 70 percent and an elementary/middle school attendance rate of 90 percent is used to determine AYP.

Snyder, Ira and Hermleigh ISD all had a graduation rate greater than 85 percent.

Failure on behalf of the following six subgroups to meet AYP results in failure for the school: black, Hispanic, white, poor, special education, and limited English proficient students.

Eight percent of Texas schools, accounting for 98 districts, failed to meet AYP.

Failure to meet AYP for three consecutive years requires a school to utilize a portion of its federal funding for after-school tutoring, weekend classes or other private academic help. Seven consecutive failing years can lead to the school's takeover by the state. The state will reopen its doors with a new staff or change the school into a private learning facility.

Rainfall Reports

Snyder	**Trace**
North of city	**.30**
East of city	**.80**
(Also quarter size hail)	
West of city	**.20**
Lake Thomas	**1.3**
(Also tennis ball size hail)	
Hermleigh	**.10**
Fluvanna	**.60**
Polar	**.30**
Loyd Mountain	**Trace**
Camp Springs	**.60**
Dunn	**.70**
Ira	**.40**
Dermott	**.25**
Union	**.40**
Gail	**Trace**

Totals as reported by area residents for Wednesday night.

SISD trustees will hold two closed sessions

Snyder ISD school board will meet in two executive sessions this evening as trustees hold their regular monthly meeting.

A personnel topic will be the subject of one of the closed sessions, while the other will center on a settlement offer with an insurance company over non-payment of a claim. The board will consult with its attorney during discussion on the insurance settlement.

Action items include granting permission for the Snyder High School band to attend the Winter Park, Colo. Music Festival Competition in April, and revisions to the district's student code of conduct.

Karen Waller, district's financial director, will present the monthly financial report, and if necessary, the board will act on contracts for new-hires as well as resignations.

The meeting is at 6 o'clock in the administration boardroom.

ASK US

Q—Is Snyder the opponent for Sweetwater's homecoming this season?

A—No. The Mustangs' homecoming is this weekend and the Tigers don't go to the Mustang Bowl until Oct. 10.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

James Harbin...

...has lived in Snyder over 55 years. He is the manager of Phillips Super Service and his wife, Neva, is the bookkeeper. They have four children, Robert, who lives in Houston, Kenny, Pete and Jamie, all who live in Snyder. They have seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. In their spare time they work on their farm.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Nothing is so fatiguing as the hanging on of an uncompleted task.

—William James

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Trap shoot fundraiser

A trap shoot fundraiser, sponsored by Lighthouse Assembly of God, will be held from 6:30 to 10 this evening, 1.3 miles east on U.S. 180. Look for signs on right. Cost is $25 and targets will be provided. For more information call Chris Thomison at 207-3520.

First Baptist support group

First Baptist Church is sponsoring a support group for people facing difficulties, including cancer, divorce, grief, etc. on the second Thursday of each month. The group meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first floor Adult 6 Department.

Girl Scout fundraiser

Snyder Girl Scouts are taking orders for their fall sale of nuts and calendars. To order, call Judy Martin at 573-7556.

Youth group car wash

First Asembly of God youth group will have a car wash beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday at United Supermarkets. Donations are from $5 up.

County, Gospel music

Country and Gospel music will be played starting at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Senior Citizens Center.

SCA demonstration

The Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) will hold a demonstration in Snyder Saturday. SCA is a non-profit group striving to recreate the Middle Ages with historical accuracy. Call 574-8019 for more information.

MAWC luncheon

Martha Ann Woman's Club will have a Sunday luncheon beginning at 11:30 a.m. The buffet meal will include an entree of turkey and dressing or ham. Tickets are $8.50 for adults and $4.25 for children under 10. Call Sandra Brace at 573-3427 for reservations. Proceeds help maintain the clubhouse, located just south of Cogdell Hospital.

Guest speaker

David Feese will be the guest speaker at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Word Is Life Deliverance Church, 312 Coliseum Drive. The public is invited.

AARP meeting

AARP members will meet at noon Monday at the Senior Center. Sheriff Darren Jackson will be the guest speaker.

TSA Booster Club

The Technology Student Booster Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the SHS shop building. All parents and industry leaders are invited.

Hermleigh Masonic meeting

The Hermleigh Masonic Lodge will hold its monthly stated meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday with a meal to follow. All Master Masons are welcome.

Drivers license office

The drivers license office is closed for vacation and will reopen Wednesday.

Cogdell auxiliary to meet

The Cogdell Hospital Auxiliary will meet at 9:30 a.m. next Thursday in the hospital boardroom. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer is invited.

Fajita dinner

Snyder High Band Boosters will sponsor a fajita dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, in the cafeteria prior to the Snyder-Midland Greenwood game. Tickets can be purchased from any band student for $5.

Canyon community reunion

The Canyon community reunion will be held Saturday, Sept. 20, in the fellowship hall of the Ira Baptist Church. Doughnuts and coffee will be served at 9:30 a.m. Meat, paper goods and drinks will be furnished for lunch. Bring vegetable or salad and desert. For more information cal Louise Layne at 573-2012 or Lorita Keller at 573-3825.

1950s dance contest

A '50s dance contest will be held Saturday, Oct. 11, in conjunction with the White Buffalo Festival. Judging for the $100 prize will be 50% costume and 50% dance skills. The White Buffalo Committee also solicits 1950s yearbooks for the display. For more information call Jackie at the coliseum at 573-9811.

Band fundraiser

SHS band boosters and students are spray painting Tiger Paws on sidewalks and driveways for donations. For information, call 573-5061.

Pick up Tiger's Lair

The 2003 Tiger's Lair yearbook can still be picked up in room 229 at Snyder High before and after school. Only students who paid for a yearbook or their parents may get the book. There are a few extra yearbooks for sale. They are $50 while supply lasts.

2003 Bulldog annuals arrive

The 2003 Bulldog annuals have arrived and have been delivered to those who purchased one. To purchase an extra annual at a cost of $22 each, contact Becky Hudgins at Ira School.

Adult basic education

GED and ESL classes at Western Texas College resume today. Classes are 8 a.m. until noon Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and 6-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Certified teachers and Spanish-speaking aides teach the classes. Call 573-8511, ext. 322 for more information.

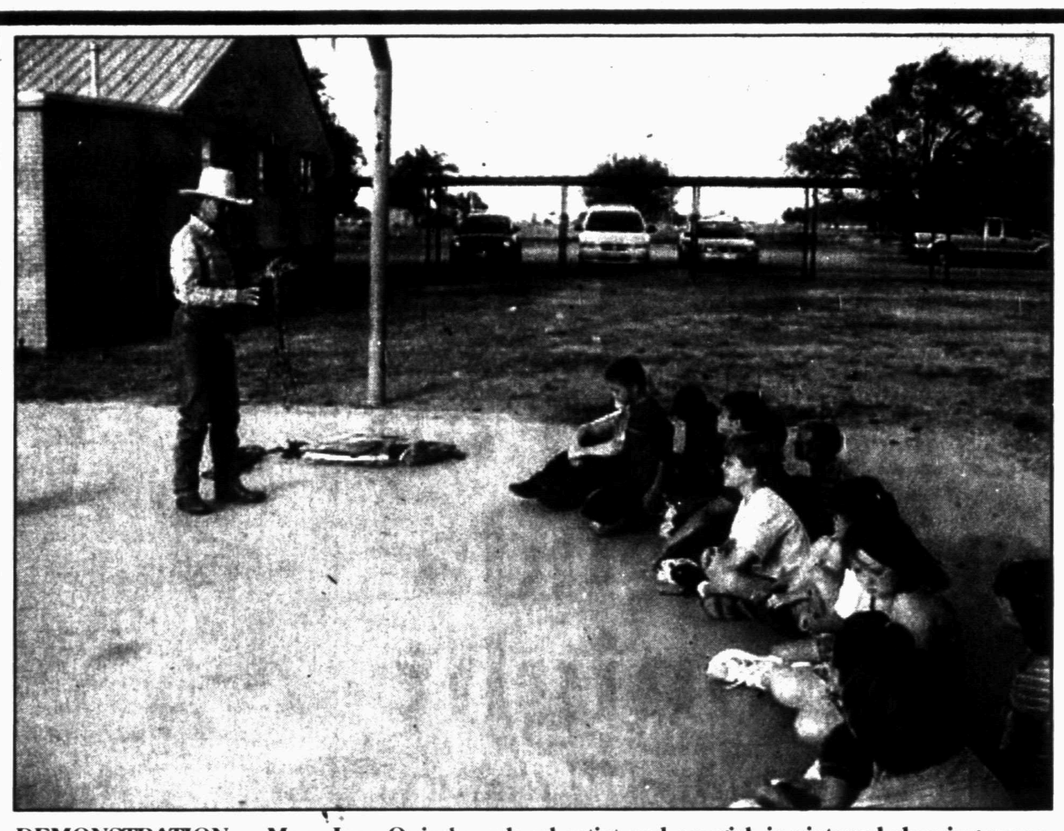
Republican whip engaged to lobbyist

WASHINGTON (AP) — Missouri Rep. Roy Blunt, the House Republican whip, is engaged to marry a tobacco lobbyist, his spokeswoman said Wednesday.

Blunt proposed over the weekend to lobbyist Abigail Perlman, said spokeswoman Burson Taylor. It is the second marriage for Blunt, 53, and the first for Perlman, 41, she said.

Perlman, who works for Philip Morris parent Altria Group Inc., does not lobby Blunt or his staff and will no longer lobby the House leadership, the spokeswoman said.

As majority whip, Blunt holds the No. 3 GOP leadership post in the Republican-controlled House.



DEMONSTRATION — Mary Jean Quimby, a local artist and cowgirl, is pictured showing ropes, bridles, spurs, and other cowboy equipment to Hermleigh third graders. The students recently read fictional and non-fictional stories about buckaroos and "charros." Students are Karsten Morrell, Felix Martinez, Ray Grice, Aaron Lane, Ricky Williams, Barney Ramirez, Jacob Beaty, Kendall Benitez, Larissa Nachlinger, Rita Coronado, Kyrstin House, and Catherine Witte. Not pictured is Jessica Sawyer, and Spencer Williams. Mrs. Quimby also performed several rope tricks for the students. She is the distant learning co-ordinator at Hermleigh ISD. The students are in Mrs. Lionberger's class. (Contributed Photo)

Toddler drives car into hotel room

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Authorities said a toddler slipped out of his mother's locked motel room, climbed into his family's car and accidentally drove it through the room's door and window.

Rex Davis, 2, was not injured in the accident Wednesday morning. The Hillsborough County Sheriff's office said his mother, Ginna Hopkins, was taking a shower at the Red Roof Inn when Rex left the room.

"It's almost unbelievable that a 2-year-old could have done that," said Hillsborough County sheriff's Lt. Rod Reder. One detective dubbed him "Little Houdini" after the accident.

Reder said while Rex's mother was showering, the youngster managed to get the car keys, unlock the motel room door, and go outside and enter the unlocked car.

Once he started the manual-transmission vehicle, it lurched forward about eight feet, crashing through the door and window of Room 133, Reder said. Hopkins had left the car in first gear, Reder said.

Reder said no one was in the room at the time and no one was hurt. Reder said a motel employee saw Rex climbing out of the passenger side of the car.

The accident caused about $2,000 in damage to the motel, Reder said.

Hopkins declined comment.

Kelley Johnson, spokeswoman for the Dallas-based Red Roof Inn chain, said motel officials will investigate the accident and decide whether anyone should be held liable for monetary damages.

"Right now we're just thankful that no one was injured," Johnson said.

While Deputy C.J. Cichon was investigating the accident, Rex left the locked motel room again and climbed back into the unlocked car.

Lopez, Affleck wedding postphoned

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The much-anticipated wedding of Jennifer Lopez and Ben Affleck is apparently off.

The couple said they didn't want any more publicity regarding their nuptials and have decided to postpone the ceremony, which was set to take place this weekend at a mansion in the Santa Barbara area.

"We began to feel that the spirit of what should have been the happiest day of our lives could be compromised," said a joint statement released Wednesday by Dan Klores and Ken Sunshine, Lopez and Affleck's respective New York-based spokesmen. "We felt what should have been a joyful and sacred day could be spoiled for us, our families and our friends."

Affleck and Lopez have become a romantic phenomenon that gossip columnists have dubbed "Bennifer" and chronicled relentlessly since they started dating last year.

"Due to the excessive media attention surrounding our wedding, we have decided to postpone the date. When we found ourselves seriously contemplating hiring three separate 'decoy brides' at three different locations, we realized that something was awry," the statement said.

Us Weekly magazine had reported that the vows and reception would occur at Sotto Il Monte, a private $29 million estate in the Montecito area. Guests including Matt Damon, Bruce Willis, Matthew Perry and Alec Baldwin were set to be shuttled to the wedding from nearby resort hotels.

Some celebrity journalists warn the postponement report could be a fake-out to dupe the press.

"I think it's a good possibility. I think it's at least 50-50 that the wedding will still take place this weekend but perhaps in a different location," said editor Bonnie Fuller, who oversees 14 magazines including the Enquirer, the Star and the Globe.

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Heat kills elderly in Italy

ROME (AP) — Some 4,175 more elderly Italians died in the summer heat wave that scorched Europe this year compared with the same period last year, the Health Ministry said today, offering their first official figures related to the searing temperatures.

The ministry said there were 34,071 elderly deaths during the period of July 16 to Aug. 15, as opposed to 29,896 in 2002 — a 14 percent increase.

The Health Ministry had initially refused to release any data on deaths during the heat wave, saying it was impossible to determine if weather was the cause. But it changed course after a public outcry erupted following the startling figures registered by France.

It was not immediately clear how directly the ministry was blaming the deaths on the heat, and officials were holding a news conference today to explain the data.

Several European countries have reported sharp increases in their death tolls compared to previous years, but France topped the list, with the government saying an estimated 11,435 people died because of the heat. The country's leading undertaker put the number at 15,000 on Tuesday.

In Italy, temperatures started rising in June and soared well into the 100s Fahrenheit in July and August in many parts of the country, leaving residents and tourists alike sweating under high humidity and a scorching sun.

The ministry launched an investigation late last month, following media reports that the death rate had risen dramatically during the first half of August, particularly among the elderly, the ill and people living alone.

Calls placed by The Associated Press to several Italian municipalities in the second half of August showed a significant increase in the numbers of deaths compared with the same time last year, although officials said the causes weren't certain.

In France, the death toll sparked a political uproar over who was to blame, with calls for the health minister to resign. The center-right government issued a report this week blaming the deaths on hospital understaffing during summer holidays.

events

LOTTO TEXAS
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RESULTS

Wednesday's Lottery Numbers
Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 4-8-18-28-34. Bonus Ball: 14.

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Number matching five of five: 4. Prize: $8,552.

Number matching four of five, plus Bonus Ball: 17. Prize: $1,826.

Number matching four of five: 764. Prize: $87.

Number matching three of five, plus Bonus Ball: 603. Prize: $98.

Number matching three of five: 27,340. Prize: $5.

Number matching two of five, plus Bonus Ball: 7,025. Prize: $5.

Number matching one of five, plus Bonus Ball: 30,411. Prize: $3.

Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: $16 million.

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 7-11-13-14-23.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: $38,630.

Winning tickets sold in: Brownsville, Brownsville Val-Mart LLC, 2804 Southmost Road.

Matching four of five: 210. Prize: $83.

Matching three of five: 5,669. Prize: $7.

Matching two of five: 49,655. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

Pick 3
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Date Book

Thursday, Sept. 11, 2003

Today is the 254th day of 2003 and the 83rd day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1609, Henry Hudson discovered the island of Manhattan.

On this day in 1910, in Hollywood, the first commercially successful electric bus line began operation.

On this day in 2001, the worst terrorist attack on American soil was committed when hijacked airplanes flew into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Thousands were killed.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: O. Henry (William Sydney Porter) (1862-1910), writer; Anne Seymour (1909-1988), actress; Moby (Richard Melville Hall) (1965-), musician, is 38; Harry Connick Jr. (1967-), musician, is 36.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1985, Cincinnati Reds' Pete Rose broke Ty Cobb's 57-year-old major league record for career hits.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Life is made up of sobs, sniffles, and smiles, with sniffles predominating." — O. Henry

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Sept. 10) and last quarter (Sept. 18).

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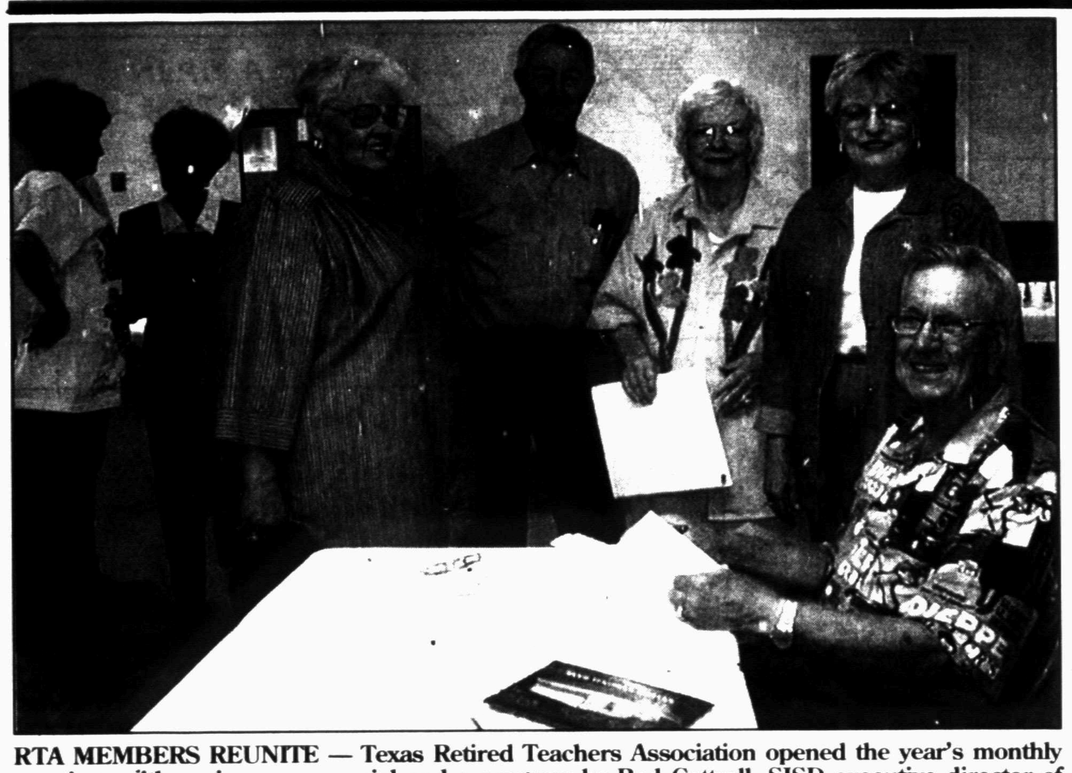

RTA MEMBERS REUNITE — Texas Retired Teachers Association opened the year's monthly meetings with an ice cream social and a program by Rod Cottrell, SISD executive director of instruction. RTA officers include, from left, Helen Mock, second vice president; James Littlepage, president; Geraldine Parker, secretary; Margaret Presswood, vice president; and Frank Miller, treasurer. Carol Miller and Martha Floyd are shown in background. The next meeting will be held at noon on Oct. 13 at The Shack. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

SHS class of '63 needs names and addresses

E-mail addresses or phone numbers are still needed for members of the Snyder High School class of 1963 to plan a reunion.

Information may be sent to t.dolan@mail.utexas.edu or call 325-207-1718 and leave a message.

Planners need information on Gail Bailey, Harrline Barnett, Phil Berry, Paula Borum, Deanna Carpenter, Linda Cartwright, Patsy Chunn, Marjorie Cole, Sharon Cook, Barry Elledge, Charlotte Gordon and Orabeth Henderson.

Others include Mary Howell, David Hughes, Carolyn Iveson, Nadine Jennings, Dovie Johnson, Jesse Kelly, Bob Pena, Marilyn Reed, Donna Selman, Larry Smith, Jimmy Taylor and Winnette Walker.

SUNDAY LUNCHEON PLANNED — Martha Ann Woman's Club will have a fundraising luncheon Sunday at the clubhouse just south of Cogdell Memorial Hospital. The cost is $8.50 for an adult and $4.25 for a child. Pat Floyd, left, and Dorothy Rosson were pictured enjoying the former luncheon. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

MAWC sets Sunday luncheon

Martha Ann Woman's Club will have a Sunday luncheon with serving to begin at 11:30. The buffet meal with an entree choice of turkey and dressing or ham, is $8.50 for an adult and $4.25 for a child under 10.

A choice of vegetables include mashed potatoes, green beans, broccoli and cheese, salads include spinach, pea and apple, completed by dinner rolls, assorted desserts, and tea or coffee.

Proceeds are used to maintain the clubhouse located just south of Cogdell Hospital.

Reservations are needed today by calling caterer Sandra Brace at 573-3427.

Other upcoming events include the fourth Wednesday luncheon and game day Sept. 24, a style show and luncheon on Oct. 18, a garage sale on Oct. 25 and a fall home tour on Nov. 2.

WEDDING SHOWER HELD — Mrs. Jose Barrera, nee Brandi Herrley, was honoree at a shower on July 25 at Calvary Baptist Church. The couple married Aug. 9 at Jack Greene's ranch. From left are Patsy Ashworth, grandmother of the honoree; the honoree; and Tammy Morton, her mother from Roby. (Contributed Photo)

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

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

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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Opening lead: ♦ J

Thursday, Sept. 11, 2003

Take the liberty to find safety

By Phillip Alder

Benjamin Franklin, in his 1759 "Historical Review of Pennsylvania," wrote, "They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

At the bridge table, you have the liberty to play as safely as possible. This deal occurred during a side game at the 1989 Fall Nationals in Lancaster, Pa. After West led the diamond jack, the play in four spades began the same way at almost every table, and nearly all the declarers went down. However, a couple of safe Souths got home. What were the two main scenarios?

This was the normal line of play: Declarer won with dummy's diamond ace and ran the spade 10, losing to West's queen. Winning the second diamond in hand with the king, South continued with the spade king. East won with the ace and played another diamond. After ruffing, declarer drew the last trump, then played on clubs. But when they broke 4-1, suddenly the contract was doomed. With no hand entry left, South couldn't establish and cash the clubs. Although the heart ace was onside, he lost two spades and two hearts.

The successful declarers delayed drawing West's last trump. Instead, they played a club to dummy's king and a club to the ace. If everyone had followed, they would have drawn the missing trump and claimed. Here, though, East discarded. (If he could have ruffed in, the contract was unmakable, declarer losing three spades and one heart.) Now it was an easy matter to ruff a club in the dummy, return to hand with a trump, and run the clubs.

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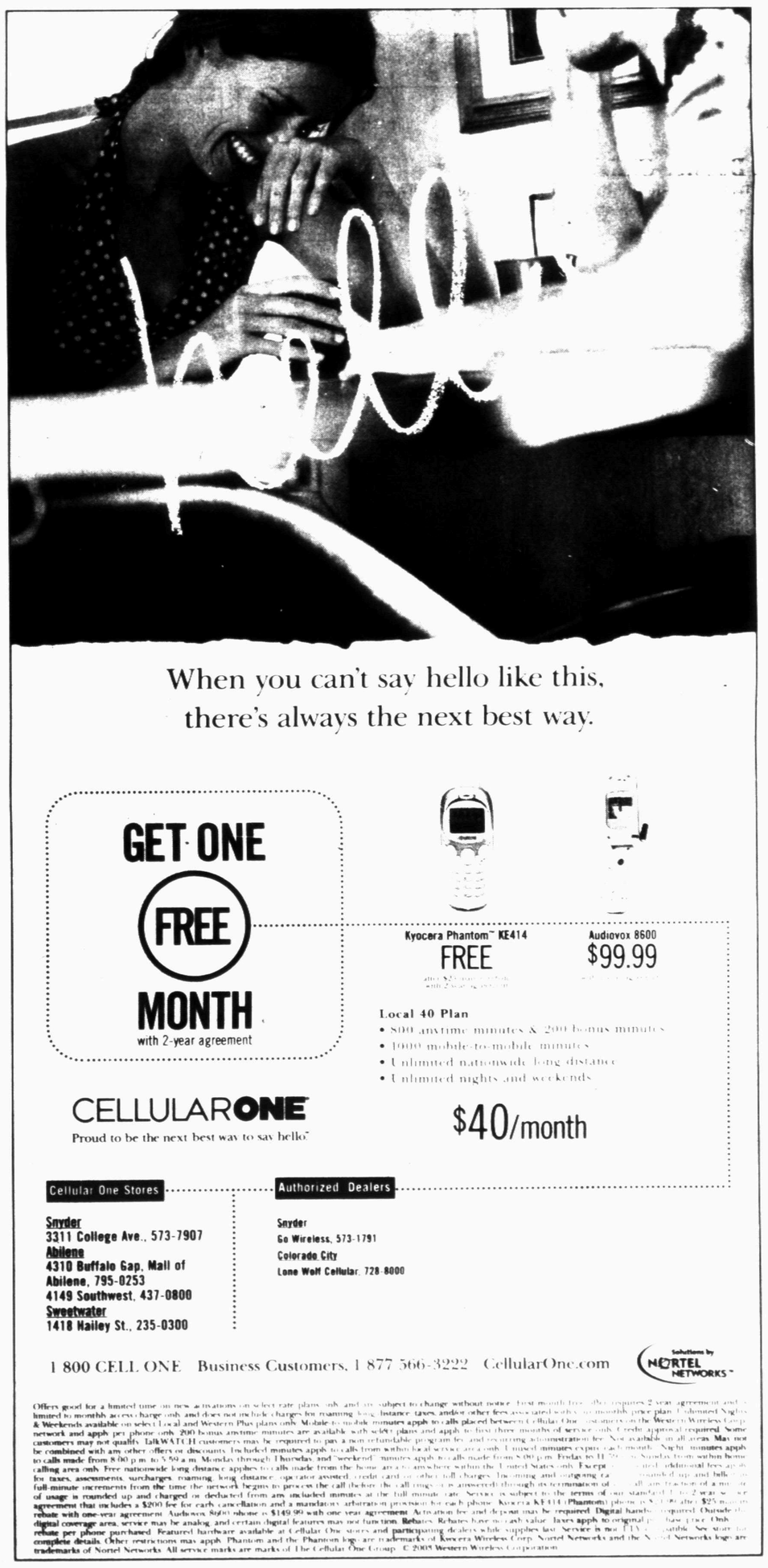

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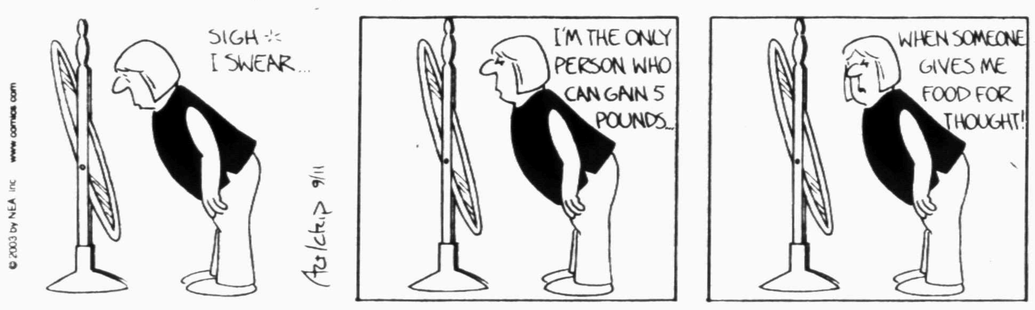

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1 Monastery
6 Seashore
11 Bright bird
12 Well-behaved
13 Lead shot
14 Broken in, as a horse
15 Reserved
16 NYC eatery
17 Screenwriter James —
19 Estrada of "CHiPs"
23 Hindu Mr.
26 Coffee servers
28 Hagen of "The Other"
29 Without bias
31 Relieve
33 Delhi coin
34 Harangues
35 Citrus drink
36 Yves' girlfriend
39 Put in a kiln
40 Ricci or Foch
42 Pot opener
44 Makes after taxes
46 Inert gas
51 Different
54 Flowering tree
55 Picked on
56 Dismount
57 Receded
58 Vice —

DOWN

1 Field of study
2 Cheat
3 Trunk
4 "Maria —"
5 Still
6 Mattress part
7 Chuck Berry tune
8 Assist
9 Fr. holy woman
10 Agent's percentage
11 Decide on
12 Strut with pride
16 German title start
18 Chap
20 Yardstick
21 Monaco neighbor
22 Boyle and Kyser
23 Kuwaiti neighbor
24 Age, as cheese
25 Dudgeon
27 Exhaust
29 Gridder — Tarkenton
30 Grassy field
32 Kitchen topper
34 Television receiver
37 Sorted socks
38 — and outs
41 Flavoring in pastis
43 Napoleon's fate
45 Squeaked by
47 Mideast VIP
48 Egg drinks
49 Labor Dept. division
50 — "King" Cole
51 All-purpose vehicle
52 Omaha's st.
53 Chem room
54 Dallas cager

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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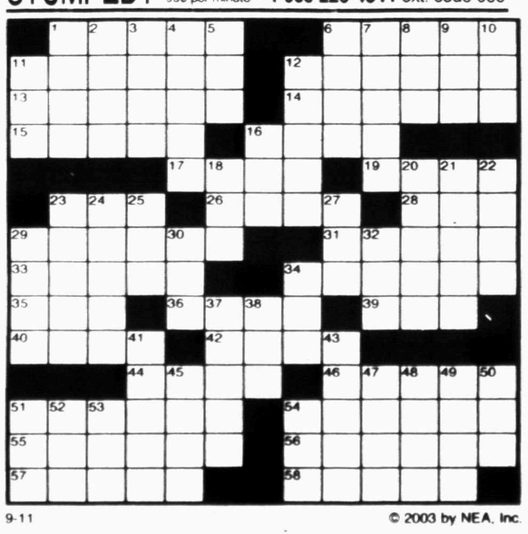

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"IF HE'S BRAND NEW, HOW COME HE'S SO TIRED ALREADY?"

SPORTS

Bulldogs get back to basics for Benjamin

By John Dunn
SDN Staff Writer

Ira Bulldog head coach Toby Goodwin is focusing on getting his orange-and-black team back to what he calls "the fundamentals of the game."

After last week's one-sided loss to Whitharral, Goodwin said the keys to returning to form Friday against Benjamin are simple — "block and tackle, block and tackle."

Goodwin

Goodwin spent two hours with his players in the locker room Monday reviewing the film from the first half of Friday's game, summing up the reason for the shocking loss in one word — execution.

Paramount in Goodwin's eyes are his players and their ability to work together as a team, and he wants to enhance their enthusiasm on the field. He added that attention to detail has been a focal point this week.

Goodwin called for a need for the team and the coaches to tighten up the discipline on the playing field. "We need to get back to playing fundamentally-sound football," he said.

"When a coach is speaking, all players should be paying attention."

Goodwin experimented with a new practice routine players last week, adding an early morning run to the team's afternoon contact drills and conditioning.

He said he felt this change in routine may have offset their capabilities and has returned his players to their standard practice times this week.

Goodwin said there is no doubt they are physically prepared.

"Just being out there on the field is not enough," he said, "We'll have to prepare mentally."

Last season, Ira got healthy against Benjamin after dropping the first game of the 2002 campaign, topping the Mustangs, 57-0, in one half of football.

Ira was 6-for-6 passing, for 83 yards and four touchdowns, with a total of 281 yards.

Ira kicker, Wes Kellner launched six touchback kicks disallowing special team movement on Benjamin's behalf last season.

Benjamin has a new head coach this year, Danny Copeland.

Goodwin is also looking ahead to next week and is gearing up for Borden County.

"I want my players to dominate the game," Goodwin said,

"They can do this with increased hustle, enough heart, desire, enthusiasm and proper execution."

Kickoff is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Clarett suspended for season

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Maurice Clarett's suspension left Ohio State coach Jim Tressel wondering if he could have done something to prevent it.

Clarett was suspended for the season Wednesday for violating NCAA rules, tarnishing the Buckeyes' first national title in 34 years and clouding the talented running back's future.

"Maybe we should have hoisted some red flags that we didn't," Tressel said Wednesday night.

Tressel said he spent more time with his record-setting tailback than any other player on the team over the past two years, yet was unaware that Clarett had accepted thousands of dollars in improper benefits.

"The question would be could I have spent more time with him, could I have done a better job in some areas," Tressel said. "Those are things I think about often ... perhaps I didn't do as well as I could have done."

Earlier Wednesday, athletic director Andy Geiger said Clarett was guilty of 14 violations of the ethical-conduct bylaw for lying to investigators and two violations of receiving preferential treatment or benefits because he is an athlete.

"This is a sad day," Geiger said.

Even though the infractions date to 2002, the school is not in jeopardy of being stripped of its national title.

Clarett will remain on scholarship this school year. His attorney, Scott Schiff, wouldn't speculate if Clarett's Ohio State career was over.

"He's considering his options right now," Schiff said.

Clarett had been suspended from the team while the NCAA and Ohio State investigated his finances. Ohio State has been working for more than two weeks on a response to "several pages" of allegations sent by the NCAA to the university regarding Clarett.

Geiger said Clarett would be required to make a donation to a charity of his choice equal to the amount he received in benefits, which Geiger termed as "thousands of dollars," if he wants to be reinstated.

Ohio State can appeal for Clarett's reinstatement after the season-long suspension is complete.

Should Clarett decide to transfer to another Division I-A school, he would have to sit out a year in addition to any suspension or ineligibility handed down by the NCAA. Clarett could play immediately in a smaller division after he is reinstated.

Schiff said he was troubled that under NCAA rules only Ohio State — and not Clarett — could appeal NCAA penalties.

"The most important thing I think is that the inherent problem with the NCAA procedures is the lack of due process and the lack of any procedure for the student-athlete himself to appeal the NCAA findings," Schiff said.

Clarett, a sophomore, could also mount a legal challenge to the rule that requires players to wait three years after high school to enter the NFL draft. The Canadian Football League, which has no such rule, is a more immediate option.

Geiger said Clarett accepted some benefits during his freshman year — before Ohio State won the national title in the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 3. Geiger said the NCAA has determined that Ohio State was not at fault in any of Clarett's violations. He said the bowl victory was not in jeopardy.

Because the NCAA is not in charge of the bowl system, it does not have the power to strip a school of a national title.

Clarett's final carry for the Buckeyes last season ranks among the most memorable in school history. He scored on a 5-yard run in the second overtime to give Ohio State a 31-24 victory over Miami in the Fiesta Bowl.

Astros keep pace with victory

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Jeriome Robertson and the Houston Astros are trying to keep things simple in the tight NL Central race.

"I went out there and tried to locate my pitches, nothing spectacular," Robertson said after Houston beat Milwaukee 3-1 on Wednesday night to move a game ahead of second-place Chicago.

Robertson (14-7) matched the Astros' rookie record for victories, set when Roy Oswalt went 14-3 two years ago.

"He pitched well," Houston first baseman Jeff Bagwell said. "We needed it. We got the three in the first, but didn't do anything else after that."

Since July 8, the Astros have been alone or tied for first place except for four games when they slipped to second.

"You have to be concerned with what you do with your own team," Bagwell said. "You can't worry about what anybody else did. We go out and win games. We're doing what we're supposed to be doing."

Robertson worked out of bases-loaded jam in the second and allowed his only run when Eddie Perez homered in the fifth.

"Fortunately, we pitched good enough and played good enough defense that those runs held up," manager Jimy Williams said.

Parcells: Facing old team 'nothing new'

IRVING (AP) — Bill Parcells is a Jersey guy and darn proud of it.

So, should he be excited about his first road game as coach of the Dallas Cowboys at his old stomping grounds in the Meadowlands? On a Monday night? Against the New York Giants, the team he coached to two Super Bowl titles?

Fuhgeddaboutit.

"It's pretty much the same to me, to tell you the truth," Parcells said Wednesday. "I have coached other teams against the Giants before. It's not new for me."

But this time, in East Rutherford, N.J., he's representing a division rival.

Parcells wouldn't bite, saying only that "division games are important."

"Eventually, it will quiet down," he said. "I don't get a sense that it is that big of a deal."

Oh well. So much for the Jets or Patriots planning any video tributes when Parcells and the Cowboys play at their stadiums later this season.

And if fans in Tampa Bay were ready to razz Parcells for turning down their coaching job last year, only to win a Super Bowl without him, they might want to save their breath.

"You have to play somebody," Parcells said of the quirky scheduling. "It's a coincidence."

Regardless of what happens Monday night, the Giants will always be special to Parcells.

He became their defensive coordinator in 1981, then was promoted to head coach when Ray Perkins left to replace Bear Bryant at Alabama after the strike-shortened 1982 season.

Parcells' first year was terrible. New York went 3-12-1 after he picked Scott Brunner as his quarterback over Phil Simms. Another mistake Parcells readily admits in "trying to be a head coach" instead of being himself. He also endured the deaths of his parents and an assistant coach who was a close friend.

Everything changed in 1984. The Giants went 9-7 and made the playoffs, turning Parcells into a fan favorite. New York won Super Bowls after the 1986 and '90 seasons, then he left in the spring of 1991, citing health problems.

Local golfers in Muleshoe

Several local golfers are participating in the Western Lone Star Senior Ladies' Tournament in Mulseshoe, which is slated to run through Friday.

At the matches Tuesday, Snyderite Anita Talbott topped Sherry Sargent while Vivian Norwood was upended by Alice Durham in the first flight.

In the second flight, Suzy Reed was defeated by Wanda Nazworth, while Peggy Hardin lost a showdown with Charlene Sherwood in the third flight.

Juanita Hester won her match in the fourth flight, and fifth flight participants and Snyder residents Jo Sterling and Esther Guelker stopped Joyce Eppwood and Pat Kirk, respectively.

Rangers suffer power outage in Seattle

SEATTLE (AP) — Joel Pineiro had all his pitches working to perfection in a four-hitter Wednesday night as the Seattle Mariners beat the Texas Rangers 3-1 in a game delayed 34 minutes by a power outage.

The delay — caused when a tractor-trailer struck a power pole south of the ballpark — was a concern.

"You could tell he had his good stuff," manager Bob Melvin said. "You'd hate to waste something like that if we got down to a time where we were uncomfortable sending him back out there."

Bret Boone hit a two-run home run in the fourth inning, shortly after the lights came back on and drove in all of Seattle's runs to help the Mariners snap a three-game losing streak and stay 2½ games behind Oakland in the AL West.

"It was nice to get a big hit tonight," Boone said. "It was nice to get a win, and it was nice to see Joel pitch well."

Pineiro allowed Rafael Palmeiro's two-out homer in the ninth, but won for the first time since July 31 as Seattle also remained two games behind Boston in the wild-card race.

During the delay, he made sure he stayed warm.

"I was able to throw in the cage for 10 minutes, stay loose," said Pineiro (14-10), who snapped a five-game skid.

Sports Briefs

Alumni hats

The SHS football booster club will be selling hats for Snyder alumni for $30 for homecoming week. The caps will feature the name, class and organization, if any. All orders should be put in by Sept. 26 for the Oct. 3 homecoming game against Levelland. Contact Mike Tyrrell at 207-2315 for more information.

Club championship

The Scurry County Golf Course will host its club championship Sept. 20-21. Tee time is 1 p.m. both days with a $20 entry fee. Contact Rick Mammolite at 573-7101 for more information.

15th annual Blowout Partnership on tap

The Scurry County golf course will host the 15th annual Blowout Partnership Sept. 27-28. Cost is $300 per team, and all participants must be 21 or older. The field is limited to 56 and the first 56 paid teams will determine entries.

Shotgun will start at 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. both days of the tournament, with scramble being the first round format and lowball the format for the final round. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top four teams. There also will be a welcome and registration date on Sept. 26, with a practice round available. Call Rick Mammolite at the pro shop at 573-7101 for more information.

TIGER NOTEBOOK

•The Tigers have put Friday's loss to Wylie behind them, with several players feeling the game would have had a different outcome were it not for five turnovers.

Snyder out-gained Wylie in total offense, 319 to 306.

Rogers said he wants the team to learn from the loss, but not dwell on it.

•Rogers said Tuesday's practice was, "very intense. They were mentally challenged, and our mental toughness increased." Wednesday also saw plenty of effort and attentiveness, something that Rogers said doesn't always happen during an open week. "We've done a lot of good work this week."

•The team has been working almost exclusively on defense and special team this week, and Rogers said the defense is "starting off better than we did last year."

•Rogers said the plethora of mistakes Friday were the result of breakdowns in both in execution and preparation.

"Anytime you make mistakes you want to learn from them," he said, while giving credit the Wylie defense. "Their defense created some of those turnovers."

•Since Greenwood also runs the wishbone, Rogers said the team must try to avoid turnovers to come away with a victory. "We have got to win the turnover battle," he said.

•INJURY REPORT

Quarterback Boicy Martinez has had some soreness in his non-throwing shoulder, but he has missed no practice time, and he said the soreness has not hampered any part of his game.

Hunter Shipp is still at least three weeks away from returning to action, but he is champing at the bit to get back into the fray. "I'm feeling a lot better," the defensive tackle said. "I'm ready to hit somebody."

Area Sports Calendar

TODAY	
Football:	Lubbock Cooper at Snyder freshmen, 7 p.m.
Tennis:	Snyder varsity at Big Spring.
FRIDAY	
Football:	Ira at Benjamin, 7:30 p.m.
Football:	Borden County at Ropes, 7:30 p.m.
Football:	Moran at Hermleigh, 6 p.m.
Volleyball:	Snyder JV at Lamesa tournament.
Golf:	Snyder boys at Ft. Worth
Golf:	Snyder girls at San Antonio
SATURDAY	
Volleyball:	Veribest/Colorado City at Snyder, 11 a.m.
Volleyball:	Snyder JV at Lamesa tournament.
Golf:	Snyder boys at Ft. Worth
Golf:	Snyder girls at San Antonio

Major League Baseball

American League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	88	56	.611	—
Boston	85	60	.586	3½
Toronto	73	72	.503	15½
Baltimore	66	79	.455	22½
Tampa Bay	58	85	.406	29½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	78	67	.538	—
Minnesota	77	68	.531	1
Kansas City	74	70	.514	3½
Cleveland	63	83	.432	15½
Detroit	37	107	.257	40½
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	86	60	.589	—
Seattle	83	62	.572	2½
Anaheim	70	76	.479	16
Texas	65	80	.448	20½

Today's Games

Cleveland (Westbrook 6-9) at Kansas City (May 8-7), 1:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Radke 11-10) at Chicago White Sox (Loaiza 19-6), 12:05 p.m.
Toronto (Halladay 19-6) at Tampa Bay (Gonzalez 6-8), 1:15 p.m.
Anaheim (Shields 4-4) at Oakland (Harden 4-4), 2:35 p.m.
Detroit (Cornejo 6-14) at N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 13-9), 6:05 p.m.
Texas (Callaway 1-6) at Seattle (Meche 14-10), 9:05 p.m.

National League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	92	54	.630	—
Florida	81	65	.555	11
Philadelphia	80	66	.548	12
Montreal	73	73	.500	19
New York	62	83	.428	29½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	78	67	.538	—
Chicago	77	68	.531	1
St. Louis	76	70	.521	2½
Pittsburgh	66	78	.458	11½
Cincinnati	62	83	.428	16
Milwaukee	62	83	.428	16
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	88	55	.615	—
Los Angeles	77	67	.535	11½
Arizona	74	72	.507	15½
Colorado	66	80	.452	23½
San Diego	58	86	.403	30½

Thursday's Games

Pittsburgh (D'Amico 8-14) at Cincinnati (Serafini 0-3), 11:35 a.m.
Chicago Cubs (Prior 15-5) vs. Montreal (Ohka 8-12) at San Juan, 12:35 p.m.
Colorado (Oliver 10-11) at St. Louis (Hitchcock 2-0), 12:40 p.m.
Houston (Villone 6-3) at Milwaukee (Sheets 10-12), 1:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Myers 13-7) at Atlanta (Maddux 14-10), 6:35 p.m.
Los Angeles (Od.Perez 12-10) at Arizona (Capuano 1-3), 8:35 p.m.
San Francisco (J.Williams 6-4) at San Diego (Eaton 8-10), 9:05 p.m.

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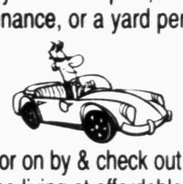

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Justice Department again defies district judge in Moussaoui case

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — The Bush administration is risking dismissal of charges against Zacarias Moussaoui by refusing for a second time to obey a court ruling that allows the terrorism defendant to question senior al-Qaida prisoners.

The Justice Department on Wednesday acknowledged that U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema could respond by dismissing the case, but asked her to postpone any punishment pending an appeal.

Moussaoui is the only person charged in the United States as a conspirator in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. If his case is dismissed, the government has the option of sending the French citizen's case to a military tribunal.

In court papers and past hearings, Moussaoui has pledged his loyalty to Osama bin Laden but denied involvement in planning the Sept. 11 airplane hijackings in which more than 3,000 people died.

Allowing him to question terrorist colleagues "would needlessly jeopardize national security at a time of war with an enemy who has already murdered thousands of our citizens," the government said in a written notification to the court of its position.

"Consequently, the government cannot, consistent with the interest of national security, comply with the court's order" of Aug. 29.

The order granted Moussaoui's request to question Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, who is considered the mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks, and Mustafa Ahmed al-Hawsawi, a suspected paymaster for al-Qaida.

In January, Brinkema granted a similar request by Moussaoui to question an al-Qaida planner of Sept. 11, Ramzi Binalshibh. The government also refused to make him available.

The government said it was "exercising its right not to disclose classified information" that could be revealed by the al-Qaida prisoners.

Brinkema's other options include exclusion of government evidence, barring the death penalty and dismissing some counts in the case.

The dispute between the Bush administration and the judge has delayed a trial for Moussaoui. Prosecutors previously warned of grave consequences if Moussaoui was allowed to interrupt interrogations of prisoners who may be providing information on terrorism operations.

Brinkema concluded in the January and August rulings that Moussaoui's constitutional right to potentially favorable witnesses outweighs the national security concerns. She ordered use of satellite communications to connect Moussaoui with the prisoners, who are being held in undisclosed locations.

A panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which has heard oral arguments on Moussaoui's request for access to Binalshibh, previously said it was ready to decide that case.

FBI agent helps clear records of men detained after attacks

EVANSVILLE, Ind. (AP) — An FBI agent who helped arrest eight Egyptian men in the weeks after the Sept. 11 attacks became the driving force behind clearing their names, an arduous process that eventually led to a rare public apology from the FBI.

FBI Agent Thomas Van Wormer said he felt a responsibility to help the men, whose names cropped up on a far-reaching database — paired with the word "terrorism" — even after they were cleared of suspicion.

The database had nightmarish consequences for the men: One missed two flights home from an overseas trip when his name showed up on a no-fly list. Others had problems getting public housing and immigration cards.

"I want to commend them for the way they acted," Van Wormer said from his office in downtown Evansville. "It made it so you wanted to help them. Their demeanor was to their benefit."

Van Wormer began investigating the men after one of their wives called a law-enforcement hotline set up after Sept. 11, 2001. She said one of the men "would be traveling to Chicago's O'Hare airport, was going to engage in a suicide crash, and that he would be dead on Oct. 12, 2001," according to federal documents.

The woman passed a lie-detector test, but her husband — using an interpreter to take the test — showed some signs of deception, although he did not blatantly lie, Van Wormer said.

The woman then alleged other men were also involved. Authorities became more suspicious when they learned one of the men, Tarek Albasti, had taken pilot lessons.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Avoid foot surgery if possible

DEAR DR. GOTT: I was told by a podiatrist that I need surgery to remove part of the metatarsal head pressing against the ball of my foot. This recommendation was given without benefit of X-rays. Is there a possibility that I can wear pads to cushion the foot, and thereby avoid surgery?

DEAR READER: On occasion, the bones of the foot become painful because of an outgrowth of calcium deposits, associated with arthritis, injury or other foot problems. Such deposits often press on sensitive structures or act like a stone in the shoe to cause pain. Under these circumstances, doctors attempt to pad the tender area or, in more advanced cases, remove part of the offending bone.

I'm surprised that your podiatrist failed to X-ray your foot. In my opinion, such testing should be performed to define precisely the cause of your discomfort.

I'm also surprised that the foot doctor recommended surgery without first trying an orthotic sole insert. Podiatrists are usually quite skilled at designing and fitting these inserts, which are cheaper than surgery and often relieve symptoms permanently. Ask your podiatrist about this approach. If he or she insists on an operation, I suggest you obtain a second opinion from an orthopedic specialist. In my opinion, an operation should not be performed until other options have been exhausted.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 79-year-old father has been experiencing frequent, sometimes sustained nosebleeds for a month. Why would this happen? Is there a solution?

DEAR READER: Nosebleeds (epistaxis) are caused by injury to the delicate blood vessels within the nostrils, particularly those lying on the septum, the thin plate of cartilage separating the nostrils.

In most cases, the bleeding is the result of trauma to those vessels. For example, a blow to the nose often ruptures the veins or small arteries, as can nose-picking and forceful nose-blowing.

Also, irritation and infection — such as allergies and the common cold — can erode the thin septal lining, exposing the blood vessels, which then seep blood. These causes of epistaxis are generally trivial; the bleeding ordinarily stops of its own accord or after firm pressure (pinching) on the nostrils. In troublesome or recurring nosebleeds, the temporary use of over-the-counter nose spray — such as Mild Strength (0.25 percent) Neo-Synepherine — will shrink the nasal lining and shut off the bleeding.

Some people with high blood pressure will experience epistaxis when the pressure within the thin-walled vessels literally bursts them. This is a serious event because the nosebleed may serve as a warning of more serious future problems, such as stroke. Also, uncontrolled hypertension will lead to heart strain.

In a man of 79, I worry that hypertension or some other serious affliction, such as a blood-clotting disorder, could lead to epistaxis. Therefore, I urge your father to seek medical attention from his doctor, who can diagnose the reason for the nosebleeds and suggest treatment, including a referral to an otolaryngologist if necessary.

Severe, uncontrollable nosebleeds may require cautery, during which the specialist uses an electric current to coagulate the offending blood vessel.

Your father needn't put up with frequent nosebleeds. Therapy is always successful once the cause has been identified.

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

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Although couple apart for six years, both get lottery winnings

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A San Antonio man and his common-law wife who have been estranged for six years face the prospect of splitting an $800,000 winning lottery ticket.

Herman Mancillas and Patricia Trinidad likely will divide the winnings evenly when formal divorce proceedings take place in a few weeks. They broke off their relationship in 1997.

Trinidad, 39, sued to split the money from last year's winning lottery ticket because the couple had not divorced.

"I'm just happy to be divorced," Trinidad told the San Antonio Express-News after Wednesday's Bexar County jury verdict. "I hadn't really thought about the lottery money, but I'm not going to turn down half."

Mancillas told jurors his relations with Trinidad had been casual. Mancillas never introduced Trinidad as his wife to people, attorney Lucio Valdez argued, contrary to her claims.

"She's doing this to get the money!" Mancillas testified.

Valdez painted a picture of Mancillas as a good Samaritan who helped Trinidad when the woman and her four children were in danger of being evicted.

Drew Richman, Trinidad's attorney, argued that his client was married by common law to Mancillas the day she signed her previous husband's divorce papers.

Because Texas is a community property state, state District Judge John Gabriel must divide the couple's assets and debt in half when the parties meet again in the next few weeks.

Settlement reached in lawsuit

BOSTON (AP) — A day after opening arguments began, AAA settled a lawsuit with the family of a woman who was murdered after she accepted a ride with a stranger instead of waiting hours for a tow truck driver, both parties said.

Terms of the settlement were not disclosed by AAA, AAA Southern New England and the family of Melissa Gosule. The suit claimed Gosule died because the auto club did not provide the kind of emergency service it promises members. Tow truck driver John Cubellis, a defendant in the lawsuit, was also was a party to the settlement, said Harry King, a AAA spokesman.

"All parties involved in this lawsuit over the course of the past three years agree that Melissa Gosule's death was a tragic event. But reliving this tragedy in a lengthy and expensive court proceeding is not in anyone's interest," the parties said in a joint statement Wednesday.

The 27-year-old elementary school teacher was raped and stabbed to death on July 11, 1999 by motorist Michael Gentile after Cubellis told her to wait with her disabled car and she accepted a ride from a stranger.

Michael Paris, an attorney for Gosule's family, had indicated he would put on trial AAA's reputation and its promise to bring peace of mind to motorists in trouble.

The defendants' lawyers said they would focus on Gosule's actions that evening.

Today's chuckle

Big bust turns out to be protein plants

GULFPORT, Miss. (AP) — Narcotics officers thought they had made a big bust when they seized 500 suspicious plants from Marion Waltman.

Authorities say the plants looked like marijuana, but they turned out to be protein plants used to bulk up deer.

Waltman says the kenaf plant does look like marijuana.

"But it has seven leaves at the top and okra-looking leaves at the bottom," he said. "Marijuana only has five leaves. Any drug officer should have been able to figure it out."

Now Waltman's angry and he wants authorities to compensate him for his loss.

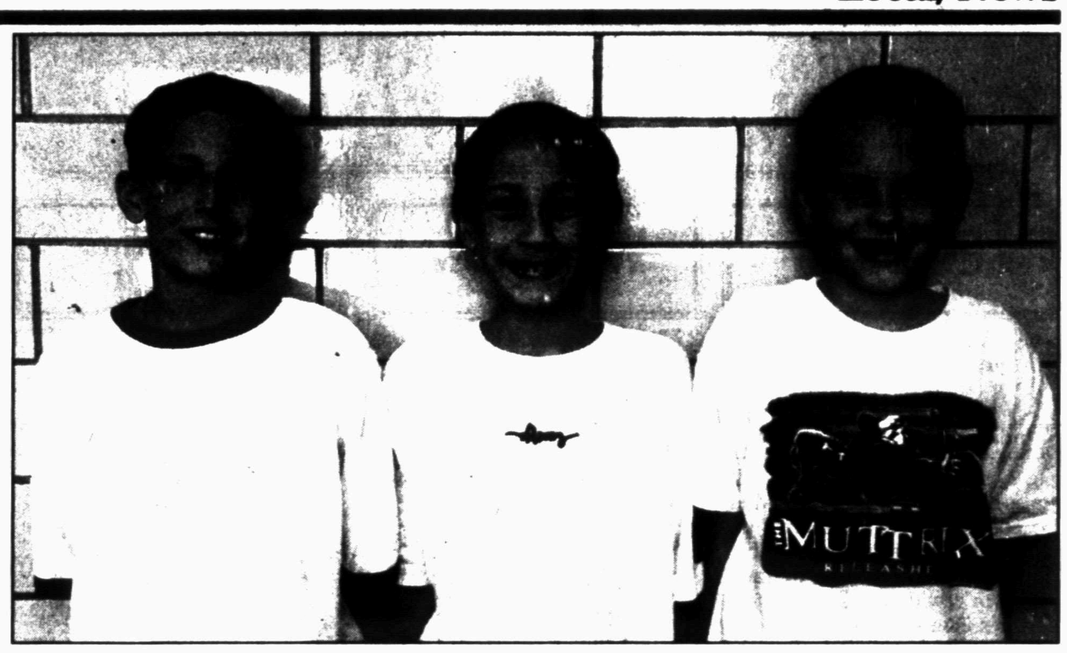
Harrison County Sheriff George H. Payne Jr. says he never reported the plants were marijuana, only that they appeared to be the illegal weed.

"We knew we were going to be criticized, whatever we did," Payne said. "We decided it was in the best interests of the public to remove it and test it. We had received complaints of people going out there and pulling off the leaves."

Waltman, president of the Boarhog Hunting Club, says he planted the kenaf, a high-protein plant that reportedly attracts deer and increases their size, in three fields the club leases from a timber company. He says he paid $2,000 for a ton of kenaf and hemp seeds.

Waltman blames the sheriff's department for tearing up the land and destroying his investment in plants.

"I want him to fix the road and compensate me for the plants," said Waltman, 53. "They drove heavy equipment right down the center of my field. That crop would have been good until the second hard freeze."



SHORT STORIES PUBLISHED — Anthony Taylor, Logan Tabor and William Davis (from left) have had their short stories published in *The Anthology of Short Stories*. The boys wrote their stories last year while in Lorinda Hardin's fourth grade class at East Elementary. They now attend Northeast Elementary. (Contributed Photo)

Swedish foreign minister dies of multiple stab wounds today

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Swedish Foreign Minister Anna Lindh, touted as a future prime minister, died today from stab wounds, the second Swedish politician to be murdered in the Scandinavian country in 17 years in a rare act of violence.

Lindh died at 5:29 a.m. after 10 hours of surgery for severe internal bleeding and wounds to her stomach and liver after she was knifed in an upscale Stockholm department store by an unknown assailant.

Police didn't believe the attack was politically motivated, despite the fact it came just three days before Swedes were to vote in a referendum on adopting the euro. Lindh was a leading campaigner for replacing the Swedish krona with the common currency — an issue that had inspired vehement opposition.

In the wake of her death all campaigning for the referendum was canceled, Prime Minister Goeran Persson said, but the vote would go ahead as scheduled on Sunday.

"We want to encourage everyone to vote on Sunday," he said, adding that government leaders had considered postponing the referendum for a month, or even a year.

Lindh's death cast a pall across the Scandinavian country of 9 million, whose residents have always enjoyed easy access to their leaders. Lindh, like slain Prime Minister Olof Palme, had no bodyguards. Only Persson and King Carl XVI Gustaf have permanent security details.

Choking on his words as he announced Lindh's death, Persson said the country's tradition of openness was forever damaged by the killing.

"The attack against her also hurt the society we've built up and in which we want to live in," he said.

The Swedish security agency, known as SAPO, conceded that security could have been better around Lindh, but stopped short of accepting blame for the incident.

"There was no threat picture against Anna Lindh and that's why she didn't have any body guard protection," acting SAPO chief Kurt Malmstroem told Swedish radio. "It is of course a failure in that this has happened. The future will have to show whether there has been an erroneous judgment."

Some criticized the agency, noting emotions were running high in the country because of the referendum.

"To put it mildly, how the hell can you say that there wasn't a threatening picture in a politically inflamed situation?" said Jerzy Sarnecki, a Stockholm University criminology professor.

The attack sent a chill through Sweden and neighboring Nordic countries, where government officials called it a threat to the kind of open and mild-mannered societies they've tried to nurture.

"Our country is known for its openness, known to be a democratic society and the closeness is and should be great between people and elected officials," Persson said. He called Sweden "a tolerant society, unique in its context, and Anna Lindh was a good representative of all that."

Finnish Prime Minister Matti Vanhanen called it "a major setback and shock" to the region's culture of openness.

In Sweden's Riksdag, or parliament, lawmakers held a moment of silence, while Swedish flags flew at half-staff across the country. Churches were to be kept open in many parts of the country and a memorial service was scheduled tonight in the 15th century cathedral in Uppsala, just north of Stockholm.

Agneta Blidberg, the lead police investigator, said every resource was being used to track down the attacker, who was last seen fleeing the store. Borders with Norway, Finland and Denmark were being monitored closely and ferry traffic between Sweden and the Baltic states also was being watched.

"We are using all the means at our disposal," she told The Associated Press, but added no arrests had been made.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, speaking in Geneva, said he "was shocked and deeply saddened" by the news of Lindh's death.

"Sweden has lost a successful and a great foreign minister, a great Swede and a great European. I have also lost a close friend and so has the United Nations," said Annan, whose wife, Nane, is Swedish.

Lawmakers in Germany's lower house of parliament fell silent as Parliament President Wolfgang Thierse interrupted a budget debate today with news of Lindh's death.

"I can only express our revulsion at this deed," Thierse said. British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw called her death a "terrible tragedy."

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

9/11 anniversary offers us chance to reflect on sacrifice

DEAR READERS: I am sure that everyone is aware that today marks the second anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. I hope you will take just a moment to offer up a prayer for those people who lost their lives there, and in the field in Pennsylvania on that horrific day — and for the grieving families and friends who will live with their loss for the rest of their lives.

Let us also not forget the brave young men and women who have put their lives on hold as they serve in the U.S. armed forces under the most stressful conditions imaginable. One way to show our appreciation for their dedication is to go to the Web site OperationDearAbby.net, and send a message of encouragement and support. Let them know that they are in our thoughts today — and every day.

I am proud to say that more than 2 million of my caring, generous readers have sent messages to our troops so far. Please continue your support. They need us now more than ever as this conflict drags on.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 15-year-old girl from a financially secure family. My best friend, "Audrey," is in the opposite situation. Her parents are divorced. Her mother works full time to support the family.

I used to get annoyed at Audrey when she'd hesitate after I'd suggest we do something fun together. She finally admitted she didn't have the money. I feel awful because money has never been a problem for me, and I thought it was not a problem for any of my friends.

I love being with Audrey. I don't want her financial situation to put a damper on our friendship. I am more than willing to pay for things like admissions to amusement parks, movies and other events — and even buy her clothes when we go shopping together. The problem is, she is very sensitive about money. She never takes me up on my offers.

How do I get to do fun things with Audrey without making her feel she is accepting charity? — **NOT A PRINCESS IN PASADENA, CALIF.**

DEAR NOT A PRINCESS: Stop offering to buy her clothes. Do offer to do things with her that don't cost a lot of money — listen to music, rent videos, exercise, or do homework together. Include her in some group activities (movies or amusement parks), but always let her reciprocate in some way. Respect her decisions, and remember that the burden of gratitude can sometimes hang very heavy, so try to keep a balance.

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DEAR ABBY: I frequently host small dinner parties and get-togethers in my home for co-workers and friends. Most guests bring their spouse or a date. "Jane," a young lady with whom I work, has recently been corresponding with an inmate I'll call Al. Al was sentenced to eight years in prison, but will be released in a few weeks. Jane plans to bring him to my next dinner party.

Abby, Jane has dated abusive men in the past. When I asked her what Al was in prison for, she flipped out. She said, "Al has paid his debt to society! You shouldn't ask rude questions." When I gently inquired of Jane if Al had committed a violent crime, she hesitated. Then she said, "Well, sort of," and refused to elaborate.

Don't you agree that I have the right to know whom I am inviting into my home? Am I out of line or overly cautious? — **ALARMED HOST IN ALABAMA**

DEAR ALARMED: Not at all. It's true that Al has paid his debt to society; however, you have the right to know whom you're entertaining in your home.

Arrange for Jane to introduce you to Al a few days before the party. It may put your fears to rest. But if it doesn't, cancel the event and schedule something else another time.

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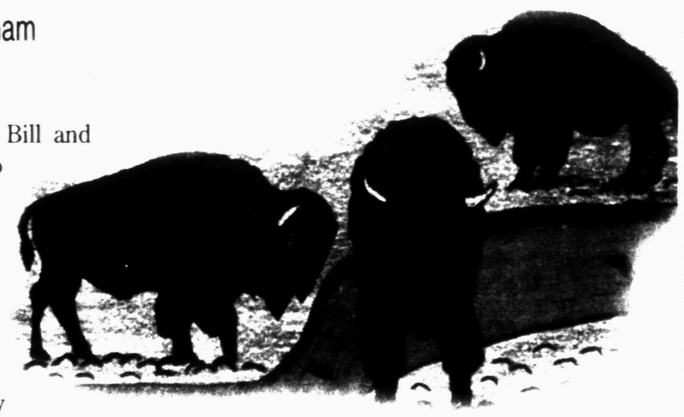

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Ceremonies mark second 9-11 anniversary

NEW YORK (AP) — The voices of children marked the profound horror and grief of Sept. 11, joining in song at ground zero inside and reading the names of 2,792 loved ones who died there exactly two years ago.

Two hundred children and young adults, each of whom lost a relative in the most devastating terrorist assault in U.S. history, approached the microphones in pairs and began reading the names as hundreds of victims' relatives listened. Many in the crowd hugged one another and prayed.

"I love you, Daddy. I miss you a lot. Richard Anthony Aceto," Christina Marie Aceto, 12, said as she read her father's name aloud.

Two bagpipers and a drummer opened the ceremony, marching onto the site of the World Trade Center with an American flag that once flew over its ruins. A children's choir sang The Star-Spangled Banner.

Minutes later, the anniversary ceremony at ground zero paused for a moment of silence — the first of four commemorating the times when each jetliner crashed into a tower and when each skyscraper collapsed.

"We come here to honor those that we lost, and to remember this day with sorrow," said Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

Across the nation, bells tolled, firefighters stood at attention, and in many places, moments with no words at all were held for the second anniversary of the terrorist assault that killed more than 3,000 people.

On the White House lawn, President Bush bowed his head in silence at 8:46 a.m., the moment that the first terrorist-hijacked plane struck the World Trade Center.

He left the lawn without speaking, but earlier, he described his thoughts after a morning church service.

"We remember the lives lost," Bush said. "We remember the heroic deeds. We remember the compassion, the decency of our fellow citizens on that terrible day.

"We pray for the husbands and wives, the moms and dads and the sons and daughters and loved ones ... we pray for strength and wisdom."

Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld presided over a somber ceremony at the Pentagon and attended a wreath-laying ceremony at nearby Arlington National Cemetery. Solicitor General Ted Olson, whose wife, Barbara, died in the attack, told Justice Department employees that an unrelenting fight against terrorism is the best way to honor the memory of those who perished.

"Their suffering and deaths must fuel our dedication to stamp out this cancer," Olson said.

In rural Pennsylvania, church bells began tolling solemnly shortly after 10 a.m., marking the moment hijacked Flight 93 crashed in a field near Shanksville as passengers tried to fight off their hijackers. The plane was believed to be headed to the nation's capital.

In New York, families began arriving at the World Trade Center site well before the ceremony, many wearing ribbons of white or black, symbolizing mourning, or yellow, for hope. They carried flowers — daisies, petunias and roses to leave on the bedrock during the ceremony.

Man arrested for PI today

•Arrest

Today at 3:23 a.m., a 30-year-old man was arrested in the 2900 block of Ave. C for public intoxication.

•Assault

Wednesday at 2:44 p.m., a woman reported that another juvenile was assaulting her son. A report for Class A assault was filed.

•Suicide attempt

At 6:23 a.m. Wednesday, a woman requested an ambulance in reference to her son taking too many Tylenols. A report for attempted suicide was submitted.

•Threats

At 10:22 p.m. Wednesday, a close patrol was requested in the 1000 block of 26th after a man reported that two other men had threatened to burn his house down. Police found all subjects to be intoxicated after making contact.

•Gas drive off

Wednesday at 8:53 p.m. a Town and Country east employee reported a gas drive off worth $29.84.

Three dead, two hurt in shooting

HOUSTON (AP) — Three girls were killed and their mother and another child were wounded in a shooting at the family's southeast Houston home this morning.

One of the girls who survived the shooting told officers her jealous boyfriend, Anthony Quinn Francois, had shot the family, Houston Police spokesman John Cannon said.

The five were shot around 5:50 a.m. CDT in their two bedroom, cream-colored brick home, located in a low-income neighborhood.

Police identified the girls who were killed as Brittany Patterson, 10, and her sisters Ashley, 11 and Nakisha, 15. The mother, Sheila Patterson, 34, and her 16-year-old daughter Shamika were in surgery Thursday, Cannon said.

Nakisha Patterson died at the scene, while the other two girls died later.

Cannon said Shamika Patterson told the police officer who first arrived at the scene that it was her boyfriend Anthony that ha shot them.

"She might have perhaps been dating someone else in his eyes," Cannon said.

Family members who arrived outside the home, which had two older, somewhat beat-up cars parked in its driveway and yard, said the boyfriend had been upset with the 16-year-old girl.

"He wanted her and she didn't want him — point-blank. Why did he have to come and kill them? It's just not right," Tiffany Patterson, 20, the girls' cousin said as she sobbed.

Another cousin, Nicole Nellums, 23, said the two had recently broken up.

"He's just mad because she didn't want to be with him anymore," she said.

Investigators were looking for Francois, who is 35.

Alfaro convicted

After deliberating from 5 p.m. Wednesday to almost 5 a.m. today, an 8-woman, 4-man jury found Javier F. Alfaro of Snyder guilty of burglary of a building to commit sexual assault.

Alfaro, 28, of 3501 Irving entered the residence of a neighbor last September and climbed into bed with the woman during the early morning hours.

The woman's husband was out of the house at the time, but her children were in the house according to testimony.

The jury began the punishment phase of the trial shortly after 10 a.m. this morning.

The punishment for the first degree felony ranges from life to a period of not more than 99 years or less than five years.

In addition, the jury may fine Alfaro up to $10,000.

District Attorney Dana Cooley and asst. DA Ben Smith are prosecuting the case and Alfaro's defense attorney is Novert A. Morales of Midland.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong is presiding.

Obituaries

Susan Rogers

1951-2003

Susan Elaine Rogers, 52, passed away in the early morning hours of Sept. 11, in the presence of her family, after a tremendous battle against breast cancer.

Service for Mrs. Rogers is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in the First Baptist Church with John Fenton officiating. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Susan Rogers

Born June 30, 1951, she married John Rogers on June 6, 1969 in Snyder. She was a 1969 graduate of Snyder High School and had been employed by Midwestern Services as payroll clerk and bookkeeper since 1995. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, John Rogers of Snyder; one daughter, Jennifer Rogers of Snyder; two sons, John Rogers Jr. of Snyder and Judd Rogers of Austin; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Shelby and Tommy Clayton of Snyder, Sharon and Terry Gray and Sammye and Wayne McClure, all of Midland; her stepmother, Beth McDaniel of Hermleigh; a stepsister, Bridgett Thompson of Snyder; a stepbrother, Brian Brunson of Midland; and three grandchildren, Briana Bryant, Anna Rogers and Hanna Rogers.

Family visitation will be held from 7-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

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Ree Milner

1963-2003

HAMLIN — Barbara "Ree" Milner, injured in a school bus wreck near Snyder in 1978, died Monday, Sept. 8, in Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Service for Mrs. Milner, 40, is set for 1 p.m. Saturday in the Hamlin First Baptist Church. Arrangements are under the direction of Foster-Adams Funeral Home.

Born July 20, 1963 in Hamlin, she was a 1981 graduate of McCaulley High School. While a student there, she was on a bus carrying 25 students to a basketball playoff game in Hermleigh when the bus was in collision with an oilfield service truck on U.S. 180 east of Snyder. She was severely injured and required a blood transfusion.

In 1995, she was hospitalized with pneumonia and medical tests revealed she had cirrhosis of the liver caused by hepatitis. Scars on the liver were at least 15 years old, leaving doctors to believe cirrhosis began soon after the bus wreck. She received a liver transplant in 1996.

Mrs. Milner also was a graduate of the Western Texas College nursing program and she worked as a food and nutrition supervisor at Hendrick Medical Center. She also attended Cisco Junior College and became a licensed childcare provider.

Survivors include her husband, Bobby Milner of Hamlin; her mother, Mary Ann Coleman of Hamlin; two daughters, Dorothy Williams of Denton and Regina Colomb of Abilene; three sisters, Diana Mayes of St. Roberts, Mo., Jonell Mayes of Abilene and Arlene Bell of Abilene; an aunt, Bobbie Nichols of Abilene; her Godparents, A.C. and Edna Thompson of Snyder; and three granddaughters.

Steve Wells

1917-2003

LINDEN — Steve Vance Wells, father of Joan Tate of Snyder, died Tuesday, Aug. 26, in a Linden hospital.

Service for Mr. Wells, 86, was held last Thursday at Reeder-Davis-Schindler Funeral Home Chapel with Don Phelps officiating. Burial followed in Bear Creek Cemetery.

Born July 8, 1917 in Linden, Mr. Wells was retired from Red River Arsenal and Linden-Kildare Schools. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Lois Wells of Linden; a son-in-law, Barney Tate of Snyder; another daughter and son-in-law, Donna and Ronald Yates of Atlanta, Texas; one brother, Carl Wells of Hammond, La.; four grandchildren including Sheila Collier of Snyder; nine great-grandchildren including Kasey Collier of Austin and Ty Collier of Snyder; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Bud Freeman

1943-2003

ROTAN — Bud Freeman, a former resident of Snyder, died June 4 in Rotan.

Services for Mr. Freeman, 60, were held June 7 in the Foursquare Church in Rotan. Burial followed in the Cottonwood Cemetery.

Born April 15, 1943 in Santa Domingo, N.M., he married Jackie Hardin on May 27, 1975 in Albuquerque, N.M.

Mr. Freeman was a mechanic for 47 years. He was shop foreman for Thomas-Stanfield Chrysler-Plymouth in Snyder for five years and he also owned and operated Freeman's Radiator Shop in Snyder. He returned to Rotan in 1990 and was a member of the Assembly of God.

Survivors include his wife, Jackie Freeman of Rotan; two sons, Keith Hardin and Ebbin Freeman Jr.; a stepson, Paul Dale Freeman; four daughters, Sahala Hardin, Cindy Freeman, Lisa Freeman and Jamie Freeman; a stepdaughter, Susie Freeman; three brothers, Lloyd Freeman, Rusty Freeman and Charles Freeman; a sister, Mary Anttila; 15 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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Sunshine along with some passing clouds. High 79F. Winds N at 5 to 10 mph.	Sunny. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 50s	Few showers. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 50s
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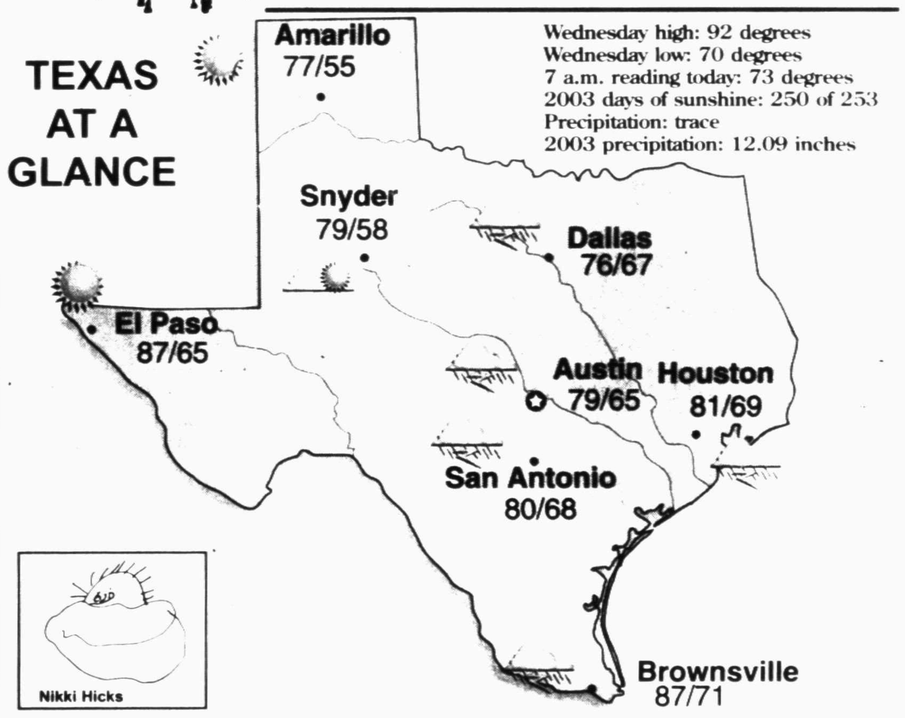

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City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	79	61	t-storm	El Paso	87	65	sunny	Midland	82	61	sunny
Amarillo	77	55	sunny	Fort Stockton	83	61	mst sunny	Raymondville	88	69	t-storm
Austin	79	65	t-storm	Gainesville	75	63	t-storm	Rosenberg	81	68	t-storm
Beaumont	81	69	t-storm	Greenville	75	64	t-storm	San Antonio	80	68	t-storm
Brownsville	87	71	t-storm	Houston	81	69	t-storm	San Marcos	81	65	t-storm
Brownwood	81	62	t-storm	Kingsville	85	68	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	76	64	t-storm
Corpus Christi	84	70	t-storm	Livingston	80	66	t-storm	Sweetwater	79	59	pt sunny
Corsicana	77	66	t-storm	Longview	77	67	t-storm	Tyler	77	68	t-storm
Dallas	76	67	t-storm	Lubbock	81	57	pt sunny	Weatherford	76	62	t-storm
Del Rio	85	68	t-storm	Lufkin	79	69	t-storm	Wichita Falls	79	63	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	81	59	mst sunny	Houston	81	69	t-storm	Phoenix	101	77	sunny
Boston	68	58	pt sunny	Los Angeles	85	63	sunny	San Francisco	84	60	sunny
Chicago	83	64	pt sunny	Miami	86	76	t-storm	Seattle	67	48	pt sunny
Dallas	76	67	t-storm	Minneapolis	78	56	t-storm	St. Louis	81	66	t-storm
Denver	72	48	mst sunny	New York	71	63	cloudy	Washington, DC	69	65	rain

Moon Phases

Full	Last	New	First
Sep 10	Sep 18	Sep 26	Oct 2

UV Index

Fri 9/12	Sat 9/13	Sun 9/14
High	High	High

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, Sept. 12, 2003

You're heading into an opportune cycle in the year ahead, so it's time to raise your sights a bit. Don't waste your valuable time and talents on petty objectives; go after projects that are large in scope.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Something profitable could be in the offing for you today, but it may be in an unfamiliar area. You mustn't let that stop you, however; just handle it with caution and prudence and you'll do fine

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — It's all in the attitude you project on others that will determine the responses you get from them today. Good things can happen when you are courteous, thoughtful and cooperative.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — A sense of accomplishment, as well as material rewards, will be greater for you today if your efforts are spent on behalf of those you love and not just on yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Persons with whom you're involved today would be wise to let you lead and organize activities — whether they are just for fun or all business. Your executive qualities are especially keen.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — If you are involved in negotiating a delicate matter today, keep in mind that everything comes to those who wait. With victory in your mind at all times, be patient and at peace until it is yours.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Use your curiosity constructively today when involved with a group that contains many successful individuals. Start asking in-depth questions about their accomplishments. They'll love giving you the answers.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — There might be two special areas where providence could play a role in your affairs today and provide for you. One may be financial, but the other is concerning an ambition.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Your luck comes into play today when you do something large in scope and importance, so don't let the size of a venture cause you to be dubious and feel uneasy about your involvements.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Be particularly cognizant of your hunches or premonitions today, especially those that involve a commercial situation. The ones that are of a positive nature will be right on target.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — When there is harmony or purpose in a joint endeavor today, with everyone involved singing off the same song sheet, the chances for success can escalate to new levels. Set the example.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — There may be something you've been overlooking that can be of great personal significance to you. Fortunately, today you will begin to see things for what they are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — A valued relationship that has meant a lot to you but which has suffered a setback and not been up to par lately can be mended today and put back on track. It'll make your day.

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Latest tape vows new attacks on Americans

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Intelligence analysts were looking for clues to Osama bin Laden's whereabouts in a new videotape that shows him in Afghan garb, walking past wildflowers and tufts of green grass on a rocky mountainside.

Afghan officials said Thursday the tape reinforced their belief that bin Laden is hiding across the border in Pakistan, and said it was calculated to boost the morale of al-Qaida militants on the second anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks.

The footage was broadcast Wednesday by Al-Jazeera television and is the first new video of bin Laden in nearly two years.

In it, the al-Qaida leader is accompanied by his chief deputy, Ayman al-Zawahri, as he hikes over boulders scattered across a hillside of lush green grass. In some scenes, the men carry walking sticks and assault rifles.

The landscape resembles the border region between Afghanistan and Pakistan, where U.S. officials believe bin Laden is hiding out.

In an eight-minute audiotape accompanying the video footage, a speaker identified as bin Laden praises the "great damage to the enemy" on Sept. 11 and mentions five hijackers by name. On a second tape, a voice said to be that of al-Zawahri threatens more attacks on Americans and calls on Iraqi guerrillas to "bury" U.S. troops.

Al-Jazeera said the tapes were produced in late April or early May, but it did not say how or when it obtained them.

Intelligence experts in Washington were reviewing the tapes to try to determine their origins, officials in Washington said.

Afghan officials claim that al-Qaida and Taliban are staging incursions from Pakistani soil. Pakistan denies the charge.

"Our intelligence sources have told us that al-Zawahri is in Pakistan's tribal areas ... Americans know where he is but Pakistan should help as well," said Bismillah Khan, Afghanistan's deputy defense minister.

A Western diplomat in Kabul said that bin Laden is believed to be active in the border region. He said, however, that the most recent covert operations of U.S. special forces and Pakistani troops may have forced the al-Qaida leader to try to cross back into Afghanistan.

However, Pakistani Information Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed said there was no proof bin Laden was hiding in Pakistan.

"We do not know where he is. If somebody knows, he should let us know," Rashid said.

In the audiotape, the voice identified as bin Laden calls the Sept. 11 hijackers true believers who should serve as models for other Muslims.

"Those men caused great damage to the enemy and disturbed their plans," the speaker says.

The voice said to be al-Zawahri threatens more attacks on Americans.

"What you saw until now are only the first skirmishes," al-Zawahri allegedly says in a 12-minute tape. "The true epic has not begun."

A religious song could be heard in the background of the alleged bin Laden audiotape. Both tapes were translated from the Arabic by The Associated Press.

The video image of bin Laden appeared to be the first since he was shown at a dinner with associates on Nov. 9, 2001, in Afghanistan. That tape was made public a month later.

"This tape will be a morale boost for (Taliban) fighters," Khan said. "It shows that their leader is alive."

The tape follows several attributed to other al-Qaida figures who made a point of saying bin Laden was still active in the fight against the West. The last such message, attributed to an al-Qaida spokesman, was aired on the Arab television station Al-Arabiya Sept. 7. In August, an audiotape attributed to al-Zawahri also stressed that bin Laden was alive and well.

Bin Laden was last heard from on April 7, exhorting Muslims in an audiotape obtained by AP to rise up against Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and other governments he claimed were "agents of America."

The videotape broadcast Wednesday shows bin Laden and al-Zawahri dressed in loose-fitting Afghan clothing and flat caps known as pakuls.

In one shot, bin Laden, in his late 40s and more than 6 feet tall, is assisted by a walking stick in his right hand and wears a blanket over his left shoulder. He shows signs of age since his last video image two years ago; his beard is whiter.

The two climb to the hilltop and sit resting, looking out over trees and rocky outcroppings, the camera behind them. The video appeared well-planned and well-shot, likely with bin Laden's full cooperation, as he glances over his shoulder at the camera several times.

Neither bin Laden nor his aide speak on the video, which appeared to be shot in one day. The light and bin Laden's clothing is the same in each segment. He appears to allow the cameraman time to move ahead to get a series of shots, and at one point he waves at the camera.

In one scene a small cluster of wildflowers can be seen, suggesting — given the apparent high altitude at which the video was shot — that the videotape was made in early summer. At such an altitude wild flowers would not be blooming in early September.

In the audiotape, the speaker said to be al-Zawahri refers to U.S. troops in Iraq — an indication that it was made after American troops entered Iraq last March.

"We salute the mujahedeen brothers in Iraq and press on their hands and ask Allah to bless their sacrifices and valor in fighting the crusaders," the speaker says.

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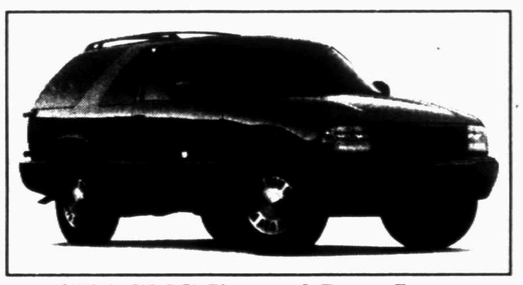

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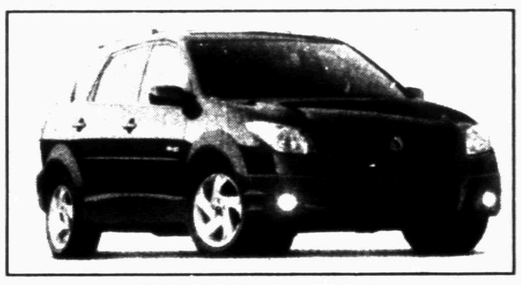

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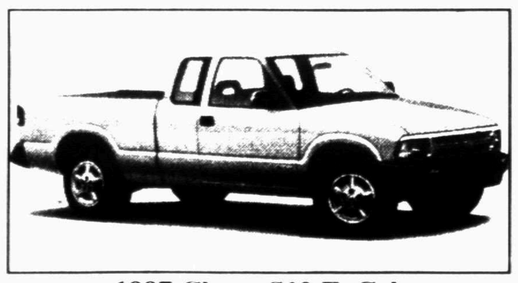

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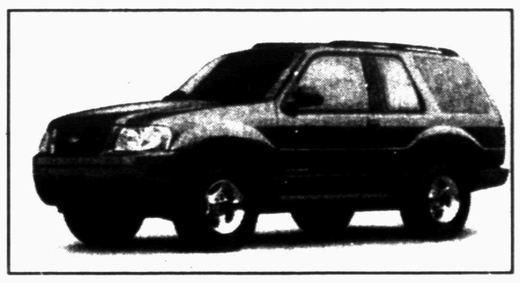

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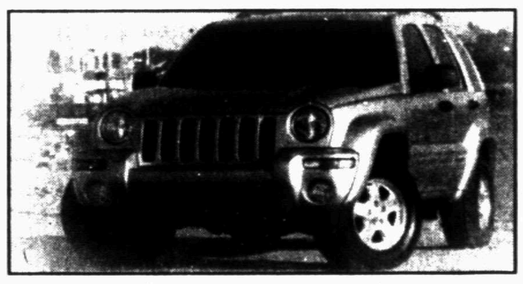

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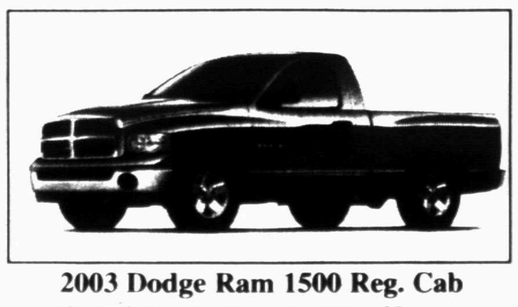

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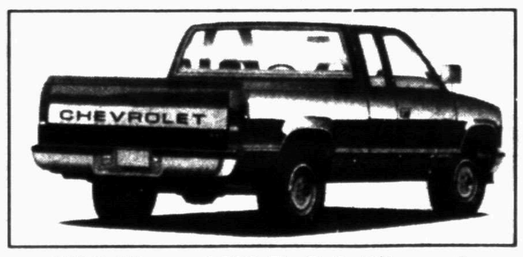

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