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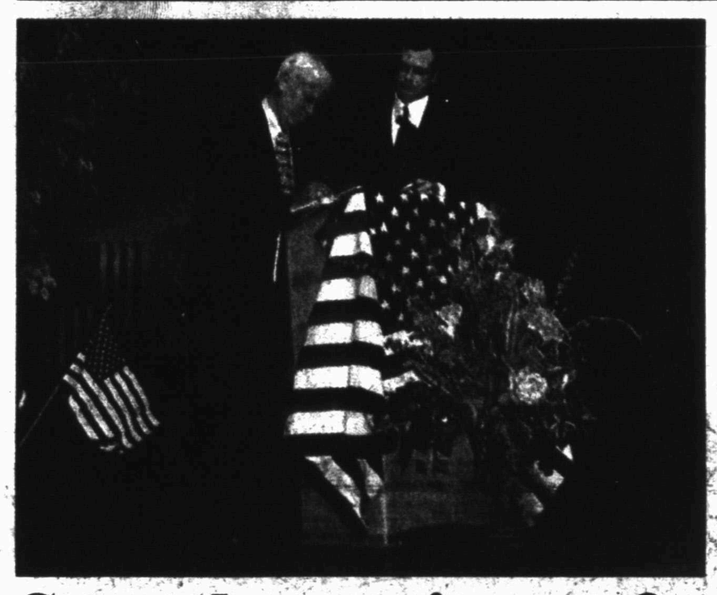

HONORED VETS — Jaci Smith and Will Davis, dressed in 1940s wartime era attire, and Rep. Charlie Stenholm visit prior to the patriotic program honoring veterans Monday at Snyder High School. Snyder's senior Boy Scout Troop posted the Colors and president of the Student Council, Craig Bowen, led the pledge of allegiance. The choir presented patriotic songs. In the other photo, Rep. Stenholm autographs *America at War* and *America's Heroes* for the SHS library as Principal Larry Scott looks on. (Staff Photos by Jo Ann Nunley)

Bid floor is raised...

WTC board adopts three policy changes

By Brian Brisendine
SDN Staff Writer

The Western Texas College trustees approved revisions to three board policies at its regular monthly meeting Monday night.

The policy changes will allow greater efficiency and require less paperwork, such as lengthy bid processes.

Before Monday night's revisions, the college was required to bid on any item priced higher than $5,000. The board approved the change, increasing that amount to $10,000.

"With the price of items increasing, we felt this is necessary in order to keep the college from having to place bids as often," WTC president Dr. Greg Williams said. "We will continue to search for the best prices. This just gives us more flexibility. The maximum dollar amount allowed by the state without a bid is $25,000, so we're still very conservative."

Another revision will allow more flexibility in the college's fund-raising efforts and the manner in which gifts to the foundation will be handled, Williams said.

All funds raised under the original policy were used exclusively for student scholarships. The change in policy will allow the college to use funds raised in other ways, such as campus improvements.

The final policy revision approved deals with depreciation of assets. New state guidelines require the college to report depreciation figures on all capital equipment, Williams said.

The revision will allow WTC to depreciate only items valued at more than $5,000, rather than the previous amount of $1,000.

"This policy also will serve to save the college some time and work," Williams said.

In other business, a representative from the Sweetwater CPA firm May and Hrbacek presented the annual audit.

The college's total assets equal $17,350,837. Total revenue for the year was $8,292,440, with $15,643,457 in the fund balance.

The board also approved a change in student travel policy, requiring stricter guidelines to include driver's license classification and mandatory seatbelts.

The board also heard an update on construction of a new dormitory on campus.

College officials will meet with representatives from Pamkin Development Corporation of Los Angeles Thursday for a presentation.

The company will finance and construct the facility, which will house between 100 and 120 students.

"We think this is a good option for the college, because we won't incur any indebtedness and the dorm will pay for itself," Williams said.

If the board elects to proceed, construction would begin next spring and take 9-12 months. The dorm could house students for the spring, 2003 semester.

The trustees also heard information about a snack bar to open on the WTC golf course by the end of November and an update on the city-wide survey from Mike Thornton, dean of continuing education.

Williams told the trustees the college's colors and mascot will not change and also reported that candidates for baseball and softball coaching positions are being interviewed.

The board elected to forego its regular December meeting and meet instead at 7 a.m. Dec. 4 to hear the administration's recommendations concerning the new dormitory.

Lee Presswood presided and all board members were present to include Jay Kidd, Eddie Peterson, Carolyn Barbee, Jackie Greene and Drew Bullard.

Search continues for recorder at site of Monday's disaster

NEW YORK (AP) — Investigators scoured the wreckage of a Dominican Republic-bound jetliner for the flight data recorder today as relatives of the more than 260 victims gathered in hopes of recovering their loved ones' remains.

"I still don't know if they found her," said Guillermina Roy, 18, whose mother was among those missing in the crash that happened just three minutes after takeoff from Kennedy Airport. "I hope I can find out some information."

Roy, wiping away tears, was one of about two dozen people huddled on a chilly morning outside a family-assistance center set up at the Jacob Javits Convention Center.

Digna Roy, 44, was a resident of Santo Domingo, and had come to New York last week to visit an eye doctor, her daughter said.

American Airlines Flight 587 crashed after raining debris on the Rockaways section of Queens, initially raising the specter of another terrorist attack.

Authorities said early signs pointed to an accident, basing their assessment partly on communications heard on the cockpit voice recorder. But they did not rule out sabotage or other causes.

"We're not going to exclude that possibility until the investigation goes much further than this," George Black, a member of the National Transportation Safety Board, said Tuesday on NBC's "Today" show.

Investigators still had not found the flight data recorder — the plane's other "black box" — which tracks speed and actions of the engine and instruments.

"The communications from the cockpit were normal up until the last few seconds before the crash," said NTSB head Marion Blakey.

All 260 people aboard the European-made Airbus A300 were killed, the airline said. In addition, five people were reported missing in the Belle Harbor neighborhood, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said.

The mayor said today that 262 bodies had been recovered along with 180 parts of bodies. According to police, the bodies included a man found holding a baby.

Working in the glare of klieg lights, the recovery continued through the night as firefighters and dogs went through the rubble.

The crash happened two months after two hijacked planes — one an American Airlines jet — leveled the World Trade Center, leaving more than 4,000 missing or dead.

Monday's crash initially renewed terrorism fears. The Empire State Building was evacuated, and bridges, tunnels and all three of the New York area's major airports were closed for a time.

"The assumption the police had to make and I had to make was that there was going to be another attack, and so we had to close down parts of the city," Giuliani said Tuesday on "Today."

Giuliani said he spoke to President Bush from the scene.

"He said, 'New York City is really being tested. It's a shame.' I said, 'Mr. President, New York City is up to the test.'"

Wardens' meeting here

The Price Daniel Unit will host the Region V wardens' meeting beginning at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Willow Park Inn.

Texas Department of Criminal Justice personnel from Huntsville will be here for the meeting, as well as wardens from Plainview, Dalhart, Pampa, Colorado City, Wichita Falls, Lamesa, Brownfield, Lubbock, Amarillo, Tulia, Abilene and Childress.

Special Olympics coordinators from the units will also be recognized for their efforts.

Among the awards to be presented are for the outstanding correctional officer, non-security employee, correctional supervisor, non-security supervisor, correctional administrator, and for the maximum security supervisor and maximum security line officer.

Awards will be presented during the noon luncheon.

Area sales tax rebates

City	Nov. '01	Nov. '00	+/-	Year '01	Year '00	+/-
Abilene	$2,682,327.60	$2,527,273.89	6.13%	$23,525,851.62	$22,771,814.04	3.31%
Big Spring	$398,211.39	$377,225.42	5.56%	$3,463,034.33	$3,313,943.97	4.49%
Colorado City	$46,927.17	$45,728.13	2.62%	$402,744.18	$402,218.21	0.13%
Lamesa	$101,918.81	$96,486.77	5.62%	$828,637.82	$802,282.60	3.28%
Lubbock	$2,792,102.36	$2,580,579.07	8.19%	$26,340,944.19	$25,124,391.86	4.84%
Post	$28,620.23	$26,189.19	9.28%	$275,469.15	$244,247.31	12.78%
Roby	$3,349.62	$3,088.77	8.44%	$21,412.61	$25,538.57	-16.15%
Rotan	$18,142.97	$19,315.98	-6.07%	$125,235.17	$122,544.99	2.19%
Snyder	$153,430.34	$140,570.27	9.14%	$1,332,299.07	$1,326,411.92	0.44%
Sweetwater	$204,825.80	$191,432.79	6.99%	$1,760,674.46	$1,711,473.09	2.87%

SALES TAX REBATES — The sales tax rebate to the city of Snyder for the month of November is up 9.14 percent compared to the same month in 2000. Snyder's check is $153,430.34 compared to $140,570.27 last November.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Old generals never die, they become TV commentators."

After the terrorists attacks of Sept. 11, there has been a rise in patriotism as well as people wanting to sign up for the Armed Forces.

However, Uncle Sam doesn't want you as badly as they used to.

New military recruits can't:

—Be a single parent with custody of a child.

—Be 17 without consent of both parents.

—Be overweight.

—Be pregnant or get pregnant until training is complete.

—Have cold, rash, sores, runny nose or be on any medications - including Prozac, inhalants or ADD drugs.

—Have used marijuana more than 10 times.

—Have used cocaine or similar illegal drugs ever.

—Have any metal plates or screws in the body.

—Have any tattoos above the neck or on hands; or tattoos considered racist, obscene or gang-related.

—Wear braces.

—Have any missing body parts.

—Have any drug charges, violent crime convictions or domestic charges.

—Be on probation.

Such guidelines would have made our basic training company look entirely different back during the draft days of the Vietnam era.

Hooray for the creative judge in Tennessee.

Judge Larry Ross has sentenced two small-time crooks hoping to cash in on the Sept. 11 attacks in New York and Washington, D.C.

The two were sentenced to two days in a local shopping mall and ordered to wear a sign that read, "I stole from the victims of the World Trade Center."

The judge ordered 20-year-old Brandon D. McClure and his underage accomplice to carry out the unusual sentence after the two were convicted of impersonating Red Cross Workers.

The young partners-in-crime collected only $1 before being apprehended.

The judge is to be commended for recognizing the punitive powers of shame. The judge commented, "I think there may be more good in doing this than in going to jail."

We agree. Some of the young thugs who tear up Girl Scout huts, deface property and bust pumpkins ought to be publicly shamed.

Frankly, we think standing on a street corner with a sign or even putting their pictures in the paper might just cut down on some of those juvenile offenses.

ASK US

Q—How many square feet is in Patterson-UTI's new office building?

A—Approximately 12,000.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 71 degrees; low, 53; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 59; no precipitation; total for 2001, 15.98 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy, 30% rain chance, low 50-55; SE winds 10-20 mph. Wednesday, mostly cloudy, 50% rain chance; high mid 60s; SE winds 10-20 mph.

Macey Rodriquez
Rain Chance

Sunset:
547 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:11 a.m.
Of 316 days in 2001, the sun has shone 304 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

If you don't invest very much, then defeat doesn't hurt very much, and winning is not very exciting.

—Dick Vermeil

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Four convicted in '86 disco bombing

BERLIN (AP) — A Berlin court convicted four people today in the 1986 bombing of a West Berlin disco that killed two U.S. soldiers and a Turkish woman. The United States blamed the attack on Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi.

The court said the bombing was planned by members of the Libyan secret service and workers at the Libyan Embassy in then-East Berlin. Judge Peter Marhofer said prosecutors failed to prove Gadhafi ordered the attack due to the refusal of the German and U.S. secret services to provide evidence.

Marhofer said "the limited willingness" of the German and U.S. governments to share intelligence was one of the disappointments of the trial.

The court said four defendants plotted the attack but found only Verena Chanaa, a 42-year-old German, guilty of murder. She was sentenced to 14 years in prison.

Yassir Chraidi, a 42-year-old Palestinian accused of being the main organizer, was convicted of multiple counts of attempted murder and as an accessory to murder, as were Musbah Abdulghasem Eter, 44, a Libyan, and a Lebanese-born German, Ali Chanaa, 42. Chraidi was sentenced to 14 years; Eter and Ali Chanaa, who is Verena Chanaa's ex-husband, to 12 years each.

Prosecutors had sought life sentences for all four, and launched an appeal.

A fifth defendant, Verena Chanaa's sister, Andrea Haeusler, 36, was acquitted for lack of evidence.

The April 5, 1986, explosion at the La Belle disco killed Sgt. Kenneth T. Ford, 21, and Nermin Hannay, a 29-year-old Turkish woman, immediately. Sgt. James E. Goins, 25, died later of his injuries, and 229 people were wounded.

The United States blamed Libya and launched retaliatory airstrikes on two cities there. After years of investigations and often murky testimony, the four-year trial became a lesson in the difficulty of trying to prove terrorist ties.

Chief prosecutor Detlev Mehlis argued that proving his charge of Libyan "state terrorism" would strengthen the signal sent by the U.S. war on terrorism in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks — that its sponsors will not go unpunished.

Stanfield elects student council

Students Council members who attended the first meeting are from left, Jessica Guardado, Monica Glover, and Alex Rivera.

Student Council members pictured at the first meeting are from left, Cole Etheredge, Tyler Clanton, Alicyn Hernandez, and Kaitlin Stewart.

Stanfield Elementary School's Student Council recently held its first meeting of the 2001-2002 school year.

Mayor Francene Noah helped preside over the meeting. Amber Steelman was elected president and Hunter Cox was elected secretary.

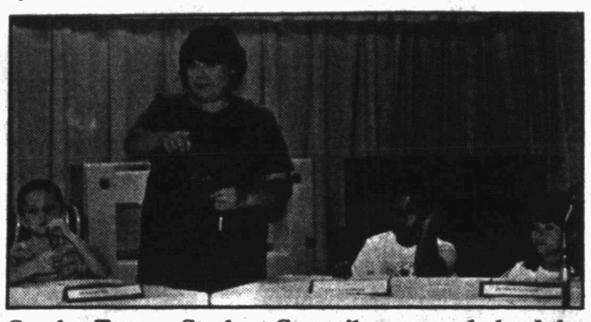
Members voted to discuss how to solve the problem of trash on the playground at the next Student Council meeting.

Besides Cox and Steelman, other Student Council members are Jessica Guardado, Damian Donaldson, Alex Rivera, Monica Glover, Cole Etheredge, Kaitlin Stewart, Alicyn Hernandez, Tyler Clanton.

Carolyn Torres is the sponsor. The Student Council will meet once a month.

Forming the Student Council is an Accelerated Schools Project. This is the first year of a three-year grant Stanfield has been awarded.

Amber Steelman was elected president at the first meeting of the Student Council.



Carolyn Torres, Student Council sponsor, helped the students with their first meeting. Members pictured from left are Hunter Cox, Jessica Guardado and Monica Glover.

Mayor Francene Noah helped preside over the first meeting. Student Council members pictured are Damian Donaldson, left, and Hunter Cox, who was elected secretary.

SDN Photos By Shirley A. Gorman

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RESULTS

Pick 3

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

9-9-1

Cash Five

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

3-10-13-18-31

Economic stimulus package designed to help farmers...

Senate plan includes $2B for crop relief

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress poured billions into the federal crop insurance system last year to make the coverage more affordable and do away with the need for emergency disaster assistance. But farmers would get $2 billion in disaster aid this year under the Senate Democrats' economic stimulus plan.

The legislation that passed the Senate Finance Committee last week would offer payments to farmers both for weather-related crop damage and "quality losses" caused by diseases.

"If producers suffer setbacks because of drought providing immediate assistance for them is something that's not only stimulative but recognizes the role agriculture plays in our economy," said Mike Siegel, a spokesman for Sen. Max Baucus, the Montana Democrat who chairs the Senate Finance Committee.

Baucus is up for re-election next year, and wheat growers in Montana and other states are expected to be the main beneficiaries of the program, if enacted.

Congress last year agreed to put $8.2 billion over five years into the federal insurance program to lower premiums and expand coverage.

At the time, the Clinton administration said the extra money for crop insurance could pay for itself by making farmers less dependent on federal disaster assistance.

Farmers, however, count on Congress to offer disaster relief every year, said Art Barnaby, a Kansas State University economist.

"There's no question that it cuts into the demand for crop insurance," he said. "Right now, I don't think people believe there won't be some kind of financial assistance with crop losses."

On one popular insurance policy for wheat, the government is now paying nearly 60 percent of the premium.

The future of the Democrats' $67 billion stimulus package is far from certain. Like a Republican version that is based on President Bush's tax relief proposals, the Democratic measure doesn't appear to have the votes to pass the full Senate. The Democratic plan passed the Finance Committee last week on an 11-10 party-line vote.

In addition to the disaster program, the Democratic bill also provides $220 million for government purchase of a variety of agricultural commodities, including bison meat, cauliflower, wild blueberries, eggplants and watermelons.

There's another $3 billion to clear a backlog of rural development projects such as wastewater plants. Also included is an extension of a tax break for turning chicken manure into fuel for power plants.

Under the disaster program, farmers could qualify for assistance regardless of whether they had insured their crops, but the payments would be higher for growers with insurance than those without it.

"Rural America is in as much need of economic stimulus as anywhere else and in this way we can provide support to hard-hit farmers and the communities where they live," said Dusty Tallman, president of the National Association of Wheat Growers.

On the Net:
Senate Finance Committee:
http://finance.senate.gov

Berry's World

"I'D LIKE YOU TO SIGN THIS. IT HAS TO DO WITH MY HITTING YOU ON THE KNEES WITH A LITTLE RUBBER HAMMER."

Date Book

Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2001

Today is the 317th day of 2001 and the 53rd day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1868, the American Philological Association was organized in New York City. It is the principal learned society for classical studies in North America.

On this day in 1940, Walt Disney's "Fantasia" was released.

On this day in 1982, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was dedicated in Washington, D.C.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Saint Augustine (354-430), Christian church father-philosopher; Edwin Booth (1833-1893), actor; Robert Louis Stevenson (1850-1894), writer; Louis Brandeis (1856-1941), U.S. jurist; Joe Mantegna (1947-), actor, is 54; Whoopi Goldberg (1949-), actress, is 52.

TODAY'S SPORTS: 1982, Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini knocked out lightweight Duk Koo Kim in the 14th round. Kim died several days later of head injuries he had received in the fight.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Complete abstinence is easier than perfect moderation." — St. Augustine

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Nov. 8) and new moon (Nov. 15).

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"So Many Heroes"

History is filled with heroes. Men and women whose acts of unselfish courage inspire those around them are heroes. It is often incredible to learn that ordinary human beings can act like heroes act. How do they do it? Where does the courage come from to risk or give their lives to save others? We know that we ourselves can struggle to have the courage to face much less dangerous situations. How do they find this courage? For many the answer will simply be a mystery. Their stories tell us that people can do great and good things in life, even if we do not know how they did it.

The Bible is also filled with heroes. These are men and women whose faith strengthened them to obey God, serve others and give of themselves unselfishly. Heroes in the Bible are people of faith. Hebrews 11 lists these heroes and tells us their names. In short statements it points to their acts of faith. Faith and obedience mark the lives of these heroes. How did they do what they did? "By faith" is the answer of Scripture. By faith they "conquered kingdoms, administered justice, shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of flames and escaped the edge of the sword," Hebrews 11: 33, 34. They did great things, by faith. The point of the chapter is important. It is not written to immortalize these human beings. Instead, it is written to encourage us. We can be heroes too, in the eyes of God. We all have our battles. Faith can give us the courage to face our fears, trust God and obey. When we do, we are heroes in the eye of God.

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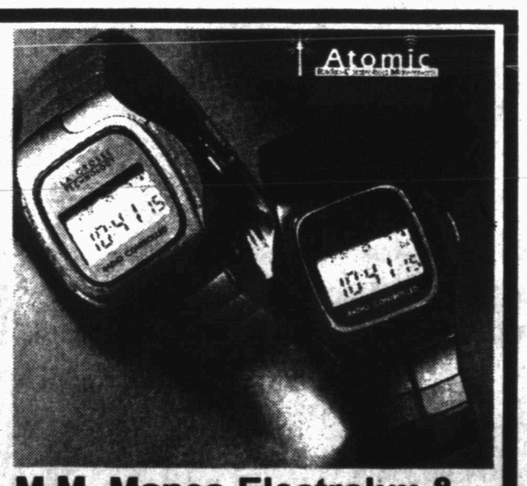

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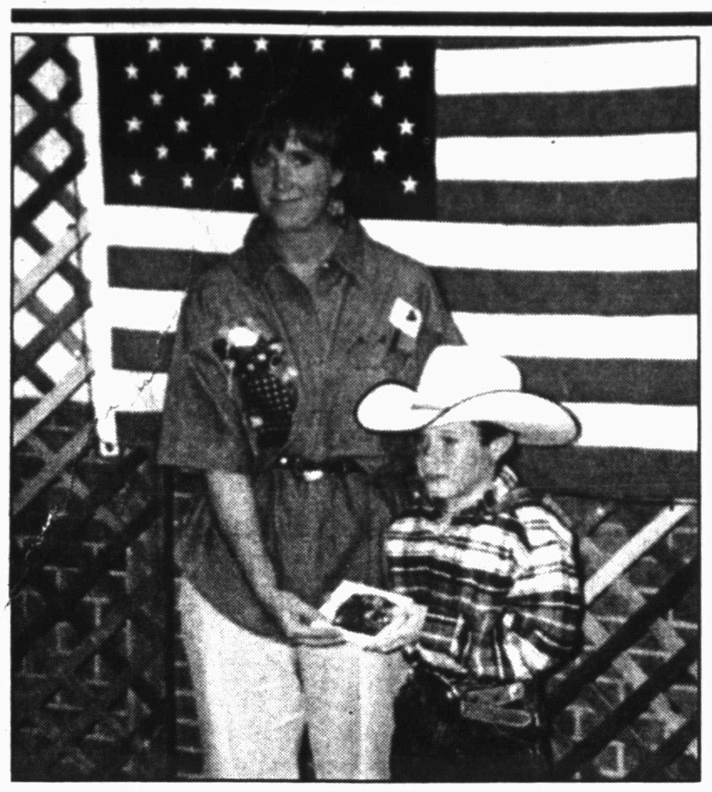

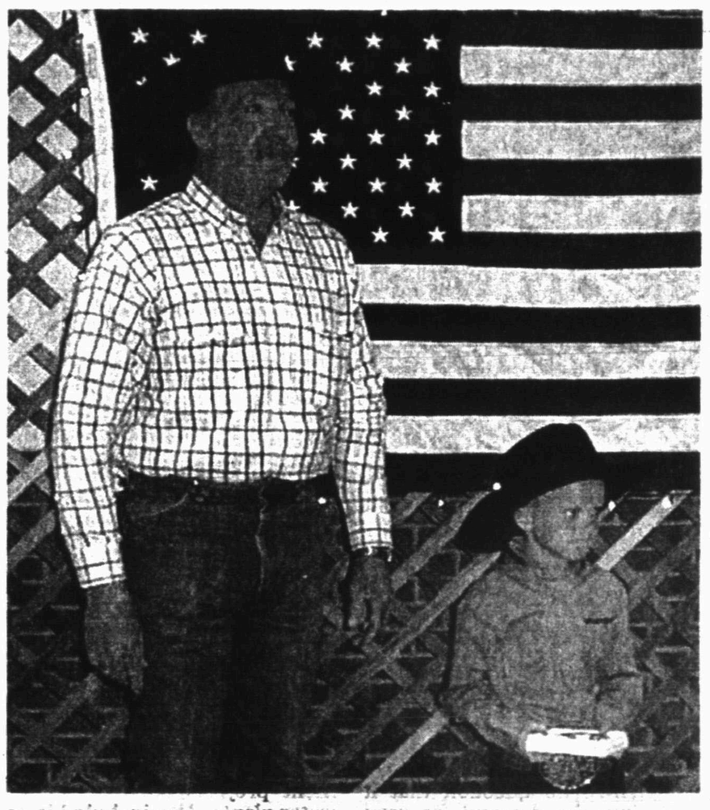

AWARDS PRESENTED — An awards dinner was held in Wesley Hall of First United Methodist Church for high point members of the 4-H Horse Club. High point winners for eight years old and under group were Garrett Hale, 1st , Rowdy Mhoon, 2nd, and Ethan Head, 3rd. In the top photo Garrett is presented his buckle by his mother, Becky Hale, donated by Texas Savings Bank. Center photo, Rowdy accepts his buckle from Wilson Motors by Randy Williams. Bottom photo, Ethan receives his buckle from his mother, Randi Head, from American State Bank. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley).

Births

Jeremy Brady and Kally Berkley of Hermleigh are parents of a seven-pound, 11½ ounce son, Colton Seth, born at 10:54 p.m. on Nov. 8 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Maternal grandparents are James and Rosa Swigert of Hermleigh. Paternal grandparents are Leon and Dianne Brady of Hermleigh. Great-grandfather is J.B. Davidson of Andrews. Great-great-grandmother is Dena Rankin of Levelland.

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Community Calendar

TUESDAY

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

Atheneum Study Club dinner meeting; MAWC; program by Barbara and Mac Ashby on their trip to Germany; 7 p.m.

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

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

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

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

Altrurian Daughters Club; MAWC; program by Marge Mathis, "How I Became a Country Girl;" hostesses, JoAnn Peek, JoAnn Littlepate and Margaret Weaver; 11:30 a.m.

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

Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary; board room, all members are urged to attend; 10 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.

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

Beta Sigma Phi; meeting/social; Snyder Country Club; program "Thanks for Our Web of Friendship;" 6/7:30 p.m.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 573-1141; 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.

Home for Holidays event set November 9

The annual Scurry County Home for the Holidays event will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, in Wesley Hall of First United Methodist Church.

The program will feature food, crafts, door prizes and entertainment for the holidays. The cost is $5 at the door, but reservations must be made by Nov. 21 by calling the Scurry County Cooperative Extension office at 573-5423.

The event will be limited to the first 75 reservations.

The Texas Cooperative Extension officers of Scurry, Borden, Mitchell, Lynn and Garza Counties sponsor Home for the Holidays.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR VISITS — Lions Club 2T2 District Governor Wendell Dunlap of Plainview and his wife, Theresa, visited with Peggy Vernon, Snyder Lions third vice president, after installation of new members during last Tuesday's meeting at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. New members inducted included the Rev. Tom Woodward, Cy Posey, Brian Brisendine, Larry Thompson and Doyle Kerr. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Bridge

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♥ A K Q 7 2
♦ A 9
♣ 8 7

West
♠ 2
♥ J 10 9 4
♦ 10 7 5 4 3 2
♣ Q 5

East
♠ 10 8 5 4
♥ 8 3
♦ K Q 6
♣ J 9 4 2

South
♠ A 9 7 6
♥ 6 5
♦ J 8
♣ A K 10 6 3

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

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

Opening lead: ♦ 4

From America to Israel

By Phillip Alder

Bridge Today magazine, a bimonthly in a small-page format, began life in Jamaica, Queens. But for the last few years it has been edited by Matthew Granovetter in Netanya, Israel. In a varied content aimed squarely at tournament players, it includes an unusual bidding panel, which is moderated by Al Roth. He marks the readers' and experts' calls based on what would have worked at the table.

This deal was described by Martin Hoffman. How would you plan the play in six spades after West leads a diamond? Would your line work if you switch the East-West hands?

Note that North did not start with a strong jump shift because he had a two-suiter and partner opened in neither suit. A strong jump shift is made either with a two-suiter when partner has opened in one of your suits, or with a one-suiter.

At the table, declarer won with dummy's diamond ace, then cashed the king and queen of spades. The contract was now unmakable. South continued with dummy's ace-king of hearts, then ruffed a low heart, but East discarded a diamond. Declarer couldn't do it all and went one down.

There are other ways to get home, but the simple approach works with this layout and with the opposing hands swapped. Immediately start with dummy's top three hearts and discard your diamond loser. Suppose they try to cash a high diamond. Ruff, play a trump to dummy, ruff a heart (with the spade ace if necessary), draw trumps, and claim.

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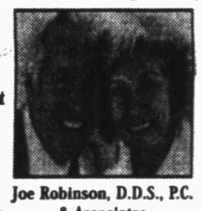

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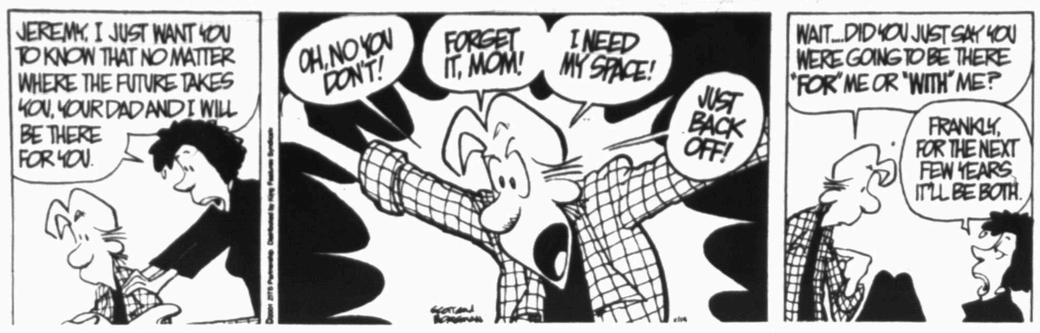

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ACROSS

1 Holiday drink
4 Kept back
8 Middle Eastern garb
11 Hockey great Bobby
12 New Haven school
13 Eat out
15 Crack pilot
16 Adds to a sound track
17 Division word
18 Comic-strip Viking
20 Sponsor-ship
21 Battle
23 Gymnast Mary — Retton
24 Squashed circle
27 Run — (go wild)
29 Plant crops
32 Put on — (act snooty)
33 Vain one
34 Extinct bird
35 Muscular spasm
36 — banana
37 Snug
38 Not mine
39 Holiday
40 Birthday counts
41 Down in the dumps
42 Wear
44 Vegas machines
47 Filter
51 Kind of pool
52 Greenish-blue
55 Old French coin
56 Head, in Montreal
57 "The Cherry Orchard" girl
58 Dutch airline
59 Retina cell
60 Places to hibernate
61 Maple-sugar base

DOWN

1 Wordster Webster
2 "Free Willy" whale
3 Bicyclist LeMond
4 Nine-headed monster
5 — de cologne
6 Lawyer's degree
7 — Moines, IA
8 Good-bye, in Cannes
9 Type of cherry
10 Con
14 Other Aurora
19 Cobblers' tools
20 Slangy approval
22 Rode the rapids
23 Pruned off branches
24 Pledge
25 Two before X
26 Circle parts
28 Debatable
29 Pollution
30 Soft mud
31 Habits
37 Sugar source
39 Scale notes
41 Dobbin, once?
43 Earthenware pots
44 Mil. officer
45 Smirk's kin
46 Glom —
48 Requests
49 Dr Pepper
50 Bison feature
52 Skosh
53 Hydrocarbon suffix
54 Rand of "The Fountainhead"

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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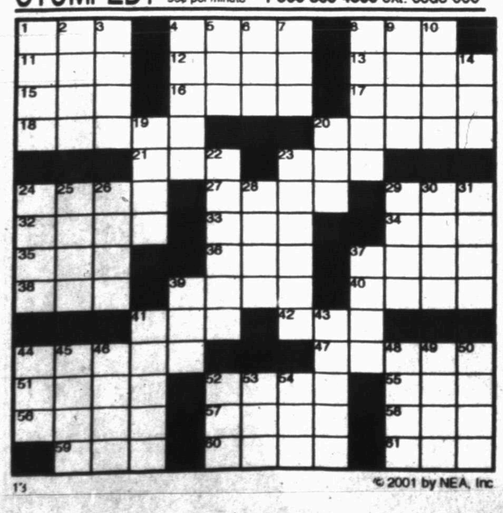

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SPORTS

Loss to Falcons takes toll on Cowboys

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys are as beaten up off the field as they are on it.

It took coach Dave Campo almost as long Monday to read the injury list and discuss the ailments as it did to explain how the Cowboys (2-6) again blew a halftime lead and lost.

Three linebackers, including starters Dat Nguyen (right knee) and Dexter Coakley (left knee), were injured in Sunday's 20-13 loss at Atlanta. While Nguyen is the most likely to be able to play next weekend, MRI tests were planned for Coakley and backup linebacker Orantes Grant (right knee).

Also injured were kicker Tim Seder (right ankle), who was also to haven an MRI, tight end Jackie Harris (right hamstring strain), running back Troy Hambrick (right shoulder/neck strain) and fullback Johnny Huggins (right shoulder bruise).

"We're certainly not in too good a shape from an injury standpoint," Campo said.

And his list didn't even include Emmitt Smith, the NFL's second-leading career rusher who sat out Sunday with a sprained right knee. It is the first time in Smith's 12-year career that he missed consecutive games because of injury.

Hambrick was replacing Smith. That forced Huggins, a converted tight end, to move into the fullback spot that Hambrick had taken over from Robert Thomas, who had season-ending ankle surgery. Campo indicated that Hambrick and Huggins could play next week.

Ryan Leaf on Sunday became the fourth starting quarterback this season for the Cowboys. He signed after rookie Quincy Carter tore his left hamstring and before Anthony Wright had season-ending knee surgery.

Leaf, the No. 2 overall pick by San Diego in 1998, completed 14 of 22 passes for 114 yards and a TD in his first Cowboys start. It came a month after he joined the team.

"My only expectation was to go out and get a win," said Leaf, now 4-15 as an NFL starter. "For me, the only positives you can take from it are educational — the learning experience from what happened and then trying to get better as the week goes on and the next few games."

The Cowboys have plenty of bodies and spirits to mend before playing at home Sunday against Philadelphia.

Since their modest two-game winning streak, the Cowboys have lost at the New York Giants and Falcons after leading both games at halftime. Next up are the Eagles, who beat Dallas 40-18 in September.

"The last two weeks, we felt that we should have won both games and didn't get it done," Campo said. "We'll see how much progress we've made as far as the character of the team, playing against a very tough team."

The Cowboys will first have to figure out who will be available to play.

Seder wore a cumbersome boot-like cast that extended to just below his knee. His leg bent under him when he got tackled hard after chasing down an errant snap on a field goal attempt.

"I don't know much about it. We'll wait and see," Seder said, adding that his whole foot was sore.

Depending on what the MRI tests reveal, Campo said he could go look for another kicker. Or the Cowboys could use punter Micah Knorr for those duties.

Knorr, who handles kickoffs, hasn't attempted a field goal since 1996, his senior season at Utah State. He made 39-of-62 field goals in his college career, and missed nine of 47 extra point attempts as a senior.

The only healthy linebackers at Valley Ranch on Monday were rookies Jamal Brooks and Markus Steele, a starter since the release of Darren Hambrick.

Final District 4-4A Statistical Leaders

Offense	Rushing	Passing	Total	Average	Points
Frenship	2,542	1,583	4,125	412.5	320
Plainview	2,728	1,035	3,763	376.3	284
Big Spring	1,714	1,864	3,578	357.8	253
Snyder	2,568	327	2,895	289.5	232
Lake View	1,595	1,233	2,828	282.8	138
Levelland	1,499	1,323	2,822	282.2	160
Estacado	2,262	511	2,773	277.3	183
Andrews	1,704	1,064	2,768	276.8	227
Defense	**Rushing**	**Passing**	**Total**	**Average**	**Points**
Frenship	1,748	794	2,542	254.2	152
Andrews	1,506	1,063	2,569	256.9	158
Plainview	1,695	1,070	2,765	276.5	217
Snyder	1,924	1,069	2,993	299.3	182
Lake View	1,986	1,067	3,053	305.3	240
Estacado	1,853	1,397	3,250	325.0	250
Big Spring	2,803	697	3,500	350.0	276
Levelland	2,699	960	3,659	365.9	354

Rushing	Carries	Yards	Average	TDs
Brylon Bradic, Plainview	193	1,802	9.3	22
Christian Coronado, Levelland	185	1,188	6.4	7
Juamar Hall, Lake View	201	1,144	5.7	13
Eric Robins, Frenship	194	1,129	5.8	12
Matt Gardner, Andrews	190	966	5.1	17
Tremaine Carr, Estacado	113	871	7.7	9
Bryson Davis, Plainview	111	754	6.8	7
Josh Matthews, Big Spring	104	720	6.9	6
Jammall Pruitt, Snyder	121	697	5.8	7
T.J. Jones, Snyder	102	685	6.7	8

Passing	Comp.	Att.	Yards	Int.	TDs
Tye Butler, Big Spring	99	176	1,854	4	20
Kris Kelley, Frenship	83	161	1,583	5	18
Eric Fornter, Levelland	106	206	1,292	10	8
Brant Dendle, Lake View	107	194	1,096	6	3
Kyle Miller, Plainview	47	110	944	10	7
Ryan Newbrough, Andrews	58	128	916	8	6
Daryl Wilkerson, Estacado	39	122	421	4	4
T.J. Jones, Snyder	20	60	322	7	8

Receiving	Catches	Yards	Average	TDs
David Thomas, Frenship	41	790	19.3	10
Brandon Mendoza, Big Spring	29	574	19.8	5
Clarence Wilkins, Big Spring	24	566	23.6	6
Chance Jordan, Levelland	29	478	16.5	4
Jouric Wideman, Plainview	16	431	26.9	3
Matt Owen, Lake View	26	325	12.5	0
Larry Thompson, Big Spring	17	277	16.3	3
Christian Coronado, Levelland	26	236	9.1	3
Ryan Lancaster, Lake View	17	224	13.2	1
Jeff Harris, Frenship	14	212	15.1	2

Kicking	FGM/FGA	XPM/XPA	Points
Chris Mandrell, Frenship	5-9	33-36	48
Joe Barnes, Andrews	5-7	21-23	42
Tye Bawcom, Levelland	7-10	14-16	35
Justin Jones, Estacado	4-6	22-23	34

Punting	Punts	Yards	Average
Kris Kelley, Frenship	22	846	38.5
Tye Bawcom, Levelland	39	1,478	37.9
Dustin Wright, Lake View	46	1,674	36.4
Joe Barnes, Andrews	31	1,079	34.8

Punt returns	No.	Yards	Avg.	TDs
David Thomas, Frenship	17	258	15.2	0
Brandon Mendoza, Big Spring	9	125	13.9	0
Riki Dorsett, Snyder	10	134	13.4	0
Tremaine Carr, Estacado	4	53	13.3	0

Kickoff returns	No.	Yards	Avg.	TDs
David Kessler, Andrews	13	389	29.9	1
Rodney Moore, Estacado	9	231	25.7	0
Perry McDaniel, Frenship	9	220	24.4	0
Billy Pena, Snyder	11	262	23.8	0

Scoring	TDs	Points
Brylon Bradic, Plainview	23	138
Matt Gardner, Andrews	18	109
Jumar Hall, Lake View	14	84
David Thomas, Frenship	13	80
Eric Robbins, Frenship	12	72
Christian Coronado, Levelland	10	60
Bryson Davis, Plainview	9	60
Tremaine Carr, Estacado	9	54
Jeff Harris, Frenship	9	54
Jammall Pruitt, Snyder	8	48
T.J. Jones, Snyder	8	48
Chris Mandrell. Frenship	0	48

Interceptions	No.	Ret. Yds	TDs
Jouric Wideman, Plainview	7	69	0
Chris Richburg, Frenship	5	24	0
Butch Avery, Estacado	3	75	0
Colby Driggers, Snyder	3	51	0
Kortney Powell, Lake View	3	18	1

Defense	Tackles	Avg./Game
Justin Pechacek, Snyder	130	13.0
Calvin Scholten, Plainview	128	12.8
Josh Britton, Frenship	124	12.4
Brant McAdams, Plainview	119	11.9
Michael Nevarez, Levelland	104	10.4
Dustin Beauchamp, Big Spring	100	10.0
Brody Wright, Frenship	99	9.9
K.C. White, Andrews	91	9.1
Mike Smith, Big Spring	87	8.7
Colby Driggers, Snyder	86	8.6
Corey Clay, Snyder	84	8.4

Wild ending lifts Ravens past Tennessee, 16-10

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The officials gave Tennessee one final chance at the end zone, and the Titans knew they would put the ball back into the hands of quarterback Steve McNair.

So did the Baltimore Ravens.

This time, the Ravens stopped McNair short of the goal line with no time left Monday night, preserving a 16-10 victory that will rank among the wackiest finishes ever.

"We knew that's the only thing they wanted to do," Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis said. "They weren't going to put the ball in someone else's hands. If you watch film on them, you know that they run quarterback sneaks an awful lot."

McNair thought he had scored the winning touchdown on just such a sneak minutes earlier on a hurried play with the clock ticking down. Officials signaled a touchdown, but confusion then reigned over an offsides penalty.

Officials talked with each other, then Tennessee coach Jeff Fisher and Baltimore coach Brian Billick.

Finally, referee Bernie Kukar said the offsides penalty had been a dead ball foul, moved the ball about a foot from the goal line and gave the Titans one last play.

"Who wouldn't sneak it on the 1-yard line?" Baltimore linebacker Jamie Sharper said. "Our big dogs up front, Goose (Tony Siragusa) and Sam (Adams) blew up the middle, and he couldn't get any push. Then he tried to come around the outside, and me and Corey (Harris) smacked him."

The Ravens started sprinting toward the locker room, a few bottles and cups flew onto the field and Titans receiver Derrick Mason threw his helmet down and kicked a pylon.

The Titans could have thrown the ball, but Fisher said he thought McNair would find a way to score.

"We thought we'd jam it in, and the game was going to be over," he said.

McNair, playing with a sinus infection, was weak and not as sharp as he needed to be. He was 27-of-48 for 256 yards passing and a touchdown. He also ran six times for 19 yards.

"They stopped us. I can't explain it ... things happened so fast. I felt myself not penetrating, so I tried to go the right and it wasn't there," he said.

Now the Ravens (6-3) have won three straight overall and five of the last six in this series. They couldn't feel any better about themselves with five of their final seven games at home.

"(Winning) on the road in an environment like this has got to mean something," Baltimore coach Brian Billick said. "I don't know what."

The Titans (3-5) find themselves in serious danger of missing the playoffs after winning an NFL-high 13 games last season. They only have themselves to blame.

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Atlantic Division				
New Jersey	5	1	.833	—
Boston	4	2	.667	1
Orlando	3	5	.375	3
Miami	2	4	.333	3
New York	2	5	.286	3½
Washington	2	5	.286	3½
Philadelphia	1	5	.167	4
Central Division				
Milwaukee	4	1	.800	½
Indiana	6	2	.750	—
Detroit	4	2	.667	1
Toronto	4	3	.571	1½
Charlotte	3	3	.500	2
Chicago	1	5	.167	4
Atlanta	1	6	.143	4½
Cleveland	1	6	.143	4½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Minnesota	6	0	1.000	—
Dallas	5	2	.714	1½
Houston	5	2	.714	1½
San Antonio	5	2	.714	1½
Denver	3	4	.429	3½
Utah	3	5	.375	4
Memphis	0	7	.000	6½
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	6	0	1.000	—
Sacramento	5	2	.714	1½
Golden State	5	3	.625	2
Portland	4	4	.500	3
L.A. Clippers	3	4	.429	3½
Phoenix	3	4	.429	3½
Seattle	3	5	.375	4

Monday's Games
Golden State 86, Memphis 79
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Tuesday's Games
New Jersey at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Sacramento, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Houston at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Chicago at Denver, 9 p.m.
Phoenix at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Indiana at Boston, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Washington, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Utah at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Chicago at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Toronto at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Sports Whirl

By SDN Sports Editor Eric Drennan

While some high schools are heading indoors for tonight's basketball season opener, others are busy preparing for this weekend's opening round of the football playoffs.

Here are some notes from the gridiron.

The Ira Bulldogs (10-0) are one of 46 teams that finished the regular season undefeated. The Bulldogs face Ropes (7-3) in a six-man bi-district tilt at 7:30 Friday night at Klondike.

Of the 46 unbeaten squads, 44 of them are 10-0 with the other two standing at 9-0. Eight of the perfect teams are in the six-man playoff bracket, including Sanderson. Ira would face Sanderson in the second round if things hold to form.

The Snyder Tigers finished tied for third in District 4-4A, but missed the playoffs on the tiebreaker despite a 6-4 record.

Sixty-four other 6-4 teams made the postseason, while 43 made it with only five wins. Twenty-two squads qualified with only four victories, and 10 advanced with just three wins.

Football fans who don't make the trip to Klondike on Friday can watch Snyder native Richard Gorman coach the Post Antelopes against Colorado City in a Class 2A contest at 7:30 at Tiger Stadium. Richard is the son of former SISD assistant superintendent Jack Sr. and Durelle Gorman.

One of the most interesting first-round match-ups could be Saturday afternoon in Amarillo when Plainview (6-4) takes on Amarillo Palo Duro (9-1).

Palo Duro coach Steve Parr was fired by Plainview two years ago, and has since resurrected a miserable program on the northeast side of Amarillo.

It might be pay-back time.

Three members of last year's Snyder Tiger coaching staff are assistants at other schools this year.

Of the three, only Chris Henson's Fort Stockton Panthers made the playoffs. Irving High, where Joe Granato coaches the secondary, and San Angelo Central, where Steve Medley heads the defensive line, both missed out on the postseason.

Bob Wood, who left his assistant's post at SHS three years ago to take the head job at Coahoma, directed the Bulldogs to a district title. Coahoma (9-1) faces Idalou (9-1) Friday at Denver City.

As for Snyder's other departed coaches, former head coach David Baugh is enjoying retirement, but still talks football every chance he gets.

Ben Reed, who served as the Tigers' assistant basketball coach for several years, makes his debut as the Anna Coyotes head coach tonight against Community (Nevada) High School.

And former Lady Tiger basketball coach Sam Tipton, who now serves as executive director of the TGCA, is still shaking hands and kissing babies like the consummate politician that he is.

Snyder cagers in action

Snyder High School tips off basketball season tonight when the Tigers host San Angelo Central and the Lady Tigers visit Midland Lee. Both games are scheduled for 7:30.

Both coaches hope the opening contest will be a good learning experience for their inexperienced squads.

"These are all new starters and almost an entirely new team from last year," said SHS girls' coach Mike Martin. "I'm sure there will be some nerves before hand, but that's to be expected. We just have to keep our composure and execute."

The Tigers will have one returning starter on the floor in senior Chris McLeod, along with a few other players who saw playing time a year ago.

Other than an athletic Bobcat squad, the Tigers biggest obstacle might be conditioning since seven Snyder players have only one workout under their belts since finishing up the football season.

"Those guys aren't in basketball shape yet, but they should see some playing time," said Snyder boys' coach Bud Birks. "They're all good athletes, and they're not out of shape. They just need to get in basketball condition."

Local Schedule

TODAY

Basketball: Snyder JV and varsity girls at Midland Lee, 6 and 7:30

Basketball: San Angelo Central at Snyder JV and varsity boys, 6 and 7:30

Football: Snyder third/fourth grade all-stars vs. Andrews at Andrews, 6 p.m.

Football: Snyder fifth/sixth grade all-stars vs. Wink at Andrews, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Basketball: Snyder JV girls and boys at San Angelo Lake View tourney

FRIDAY

Football: Ira vs. Ropes at Klondike, 7:30

Football: Colorado City vs. Post at Tiger Stadium, 7:30

Basketball: Clyde at Snyder varsity girls and boys, 6:30 and 8 p.m.

Basketball: Snyder JV girls and boys at San Angelo Lake View tourney

SATURDAY

Basketball: Snyder JV girls and boys at San Angelo Lake View tourney

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"The whole room blew apart. The next thing we knew, the walls were blowing off," he said. The impact tossed McKeon and his daughter into the backyard and his wife into the living room of their home in the Rockaways section of Queens.

A section of wing ended up in the basement of the family's home while the engine piece ripped through the back of his three-story house and entered his garage, a separate structure that caught fire.

"I've seen better days," said McKeon, who by the afternoon was in a garage across the street, marveling at the charred dollars in his wallet and thankful that he and his family suffered only bruises and scratches.

The McKeons were among several families on the ground who escaped the falling debris from the ill-fated plane. Deputy Police Commissioner Joseph Dunne said 265 bodies had been recovered and at least six people in the Rockaways were missing.

Yellow crime scene tape stretched across the area where the section of engine rested after striking the home, the garage and a boat in the driveway — just feet from a children's swingset.

Neighbors said the plane part arrived with a thunderous explosion that shook the ground and filled the air with black smoke.

"We thought it was a gas explosion," said Katherine Lucez, who lived next door. She and her fiance grabbed what they could and got out.

"I'm glad to be alive. I'm moving out of New York on Dec. 1. Maybe this is God's way of saying, 'You better move along,'" Lucez said.

Nearby, 15-year-old Jason Shorr had been enjoying the Veterans Day holiday by sleeping in. He awakened suddenly to a house quaking as pieces of the downed airplane crashed into it.

Shorr said he had no idea what was going on, but knew he had to get out. He searched for his glasses, but couldn't find them, so he just grabbed his pants and ran.

"I feel pretty lucky; it's overwhelming," he said.

More evidence shows that genes are involved in SIDS

CHICAGO (AP) — Genes may be linked to more cases of Parkinson's disease than previously thought, and may help confirm that some sudden infant death syndrome cases are due to an uncommon heart defect, new research suggests.

Researchers have long debated whether genetics, the environment or a combination play a role in both SIDS and Parkinson's. The studies — two on Parkinson's and one on SIDS — support theories that genes are a culprit in at least some cases.

The studies appear in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

The Parkinson's studies, from Duke University, offer evidence of a genetic link to late-onset Parkinson's disease — cases that develop after age 50 and the most common form of the nervous-system disorder. Most previous genetic research has suggested genes play a role in the much rarer cases that begin earlier in adulthood.

The SIDS study, led by researchers from Mayo Clinic and Baylor College of Medicine, found evidence that a gene defect linked to a heart condition known as long QT syndrome may be involved in about 2 percent of U.S. cases, or at least 50 of the nearly 3,000 SIDS deaths nationwide each year.

That's fewer than suggested in an attention-grabbing Italian study published in 1998 that linked long QT syndrome with SIDS. But the earlier study was disputed by many SIDS experts and, unlike the new research, did not involve molecular evidence, said Dr. Henry Krous, a San Diego pathologist and prominent SIDS researcher.

Parkinson's, which results from nerve-cell damage in the brain, causes muscle tremors and stiffness and affects more than 1 million Americans. Some have suggested that environmental factors may trigger the damage, including infections and certain chemicals and pesticides.

The new research focuses on genes that also may be important, said Duke scientist Dr. Jeffery Vance, who was involved in both studies.

One found evidence that three genetic variations in the tau gene could make some people prone to developing late-onset Parkinson's. Tau is a protein that helps maintain brain cell structure and defects have been linked to Alzheimer's and some rare Parkinson-like ailments.

The scientists examined blood samples from 1,056 people from families with at least one case of the disease.

The other Duke study, involving 174 families with several afflicted members, suggests that many genes may be linked to late-onset Parkinson's. It also bolsters earlier suggestions that a gene is linked to early-onset cases.

Dr. J. William Langston, scientific director of the Parkinson's Institute in Sunnyvale, Calif., called the research "very solid" but said it's unclear if the conclusions would apply to the 80 percent of Parkinson patients without a family history of the disease.

Dr. Robert Nussbaum, a National Institutes of Health geneticist, said the studies "represent important contributions to the overall goal of understanding Parkinson's disease."

"It is long, long overdue that we stop arguing about genetic versus environment. The disease is almost certainly the result of both kinds of factors," Nussbaum said.

SIDS, the unexplained death of an otherwise healthy baby, has been linked to stomach-sleeping. The incidence has dropped dramatically since a mid-1990s campaign urging parents to put their infants to sleep on their backs.

Some researchers think subtle brain-stem abnormalities may make some babies more susceptible to stomach-sleeping risks. Whether long QT syndrome does, too, is uncertain, Krous said.

Long QT syndrome can cause abnormal heart rhythms and sudden cardiac arrest, and has previously been linked to a gene called SCN5A. It can be treated with beta blocker drugs.

Markets

Midday Stocks

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	17.30	16.70	16.90	+ .41
AOL Timewrn	37.90	37.16	37.23	+ .80
AT&T Corp s	16.44	16.05	16.41	+ .37
Albertsons	32.70	32.20	32.47	—.12
Alltel	61.40	60.60	61.29	+ .50
AmEl Pw	44.70	43.87	43.94	—.21
AndarkPtr	58.75	57.41	57.99	—.53
ATMOS Egy	21.30	20.76	20.76	—.42
Aviall	5.25	5.05	5.20	+ .13
BP PLC	48.96	48.69	48.90	+ .40
BakerHughes	37.60	36.60	37.32	+ .13
Bank of Amer	64.05	63.35	63.80	+ .78
BellSouth	39.20	38.70	39.20	+ .62
vjBeth Steel	.37	.34	.37	+ .03
BurlNoSFe	28.25	27.86	28.14	+ .24
Caterpillar	48.98	48.40	48.95	+ 1.17
ChevronTex	89.74	88.30	89.68	+ .45
Citigroup	49.30	48.64	49.25	+ 1.05
CocaCola	49.54	49.14	49.35	+ .03
ColgatePal	57.54	57.10	57.44	+ .64
ComclMetals	31.99	31.50	31.58	+ .09
CooperIn	39.00	38.63	38.93	+ .55
DaimlrChry	37.59	37.13	37.49	+ .77
DeltaAirl	24.60	24.05	24.19	+ .92
Dillards Inc	14.15	13.99	14.07	+ .15
DowChem	36.28	35.76	36.10	+ .81
DuPont	43.19	42.75	43.19	+ 1.21
EastmanChem	37.60	37.00	37.60	+ 1.10
EstKodak	27.14	26.48	26.52	+ .26
EDS Corp	68.10	67.50	68.00	+ 1.03
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ExxonMobil s	40.30	39.90	40.17	+ .11
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Goodrich	23.36	22.70	23.01	+ .15
Goodyear s	19.53	19.01	19.39	+ .38
GtAtlPac	19.00	18.80	18.89	+ .17
Halliburtn	23.25	22.37	22.93	+ .14
Hanson ADS	33.29	32.94	33.00	—.30
HarteHanks	24.62	24.24	24.61	+ .38
HomeDepot	43.33	42.16	43.22	+ 2.10
Honeywellintl	31.39	30.95	31.22	+ .70
IBM	116.80	115.70	116.72	+ 1.86
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LockheedM	47.50	45.75	46.17	—1.23
Lowes Cos s	41.00	39.79	40.59	+ 1.20
Lubys	6.30	6.20	6.30	+ .07
LucentTech	7.06	6.95	6.98	+ .14
MayDeptStr	35.70	34.97	35.66	+ .94
Medtronic	42.05	41.40	41.80	+ .53
Motorola	17.99	17.73	17.97	+ .39
NCR Corp	39.05	38.45	38.59	+ .25
Navistar	36.20	35.50	36.05	+ .93
Penney JC	25.05	24.00	24.65	+ .90
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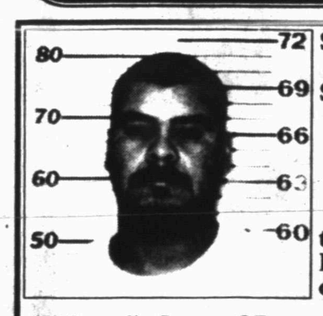

SNYDER POLICE DEPARTMENT
COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION
SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION
November 9, 2001

NOTICE

The following person has registered with the Snyder Police Department as a convicted sex offender.

(1) Locadio Luera, 27 years of age, male, 2811 Avenue X, Snyder, Texas 79549, convicted of "Sexual Assault". Victim was a female child 15 years old.

NOTIFICATION

El siguiente persona se a registrado con el Departamento de Policia de Snyder, y fue convicto de una offensa sexual.

(1) Locadio Luera, Un hombre, 27 anos de edad, 2811 Avenue X Snyder, Texas 79549, convicto de "Asalto Sexual". La victima era nina, quince anos de edad.

(s) Stephen W. Warren
Chief of Police

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Neighborhood hit with more tragedy

NEW YORK (AP) — For two months, Monsignor Martin Geraghty presided over funeral after funeral for the firefighters and bond traders who lived in the Rockaways and died in the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center.

When an American Airlines jet crashed Monday near Geraghty's reeling parish — as he was saying Mass at St. Francis de Sales Church — he found himself blessing bodies lined up on the neighborhood streets and counseling traumatized rescue workers.

"We'll get through this together," he said.

All 260 people aboard Flight 587 were killed after the jet crashed while taking off from nearby John F. Kennedy International Airport. At least six other people were reported missing on the ground. Six houses were destroyed and six others sustained serious damage.

The tightly knit Queens neighborhood, on a sandy peninsula that separates Jamaica Bay from the Atlantic Ocean, is home to many police and firefighter families clustered in modest, middle-class homes. Some of those firefighters died in the Sept. 11 trade center attacks. And many of the neighborhood's young men worked for Cantor Fitzgerald, the bond firm that lost nearly 700 of its 1,000 employees on Sept. 11.

In all, the area lost about 70 people in the terrorist attack, said Kevin Ryan, a spokesman for Rep. Anthony Weiner. Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said he had been to about 10 funerals at St. Francis since Sept. 11.

"The idea that Rockaway was the victim of this — I mean, anyplace it happened, obviously, is awful — but it had a special significance to it," the mayor said.

Rockaway residents responded quickly Monday to the new horror: Off-duty firefighters ran from their homes to the wreckage. Neighbors pulled out garden hoses to douse the flames. Grade schools turned into triage centers.

And Bill Egan, a caterer, set up his propane stoves at home and started cooking soup and Chinese chicken for workers, victims — whoever needed help.

Some of the food went to the Lawlor family, whose home was hit by the wreckage and who had relatives among the missing.

"It's terrible," Egan said. "At their house, there's just bodies all over the lawn."

Some residents thought at first that the neighborhood was under attack — "I thought we were being bombed," said Janet Barasso — and many couldn't help thinking back to Sept. 11.

"Just on the heels of one horror, another," said Fern Liberman.

Milena Owens was putting up Thanksgiving decorations two blocks away. "I just thought, 'Oh, no, not again,'" she said.

Dolores Ravanno said she saw construction workers screaming as they ran down the street to help. Other people hugged in the street.

"The black smoke just rushed down the block and all over," said Eileen Dolan, who was walking her dog when the jet hit.

Some of the neighborhood's young widows said they immediately thought of the husbands they lost in the trade center attack.

"My husband would be thinking about the victims, about what he could do to help, about what this would do to the community," said Veronica Hynes. Her husband, Fire Capt. Walter Hynes, helped save others at the trade center before losing his own life there.

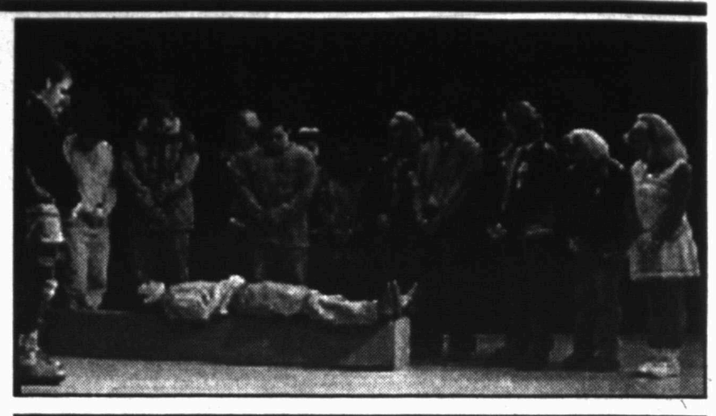
Kim Moran's husband, John, was a battalion chief who died Sept. 11. Her brother-in-law, Michael Moran, challenged Osama bin Laden to "kiss my royal Irish ass" during a nationally televised benefit concert last month.

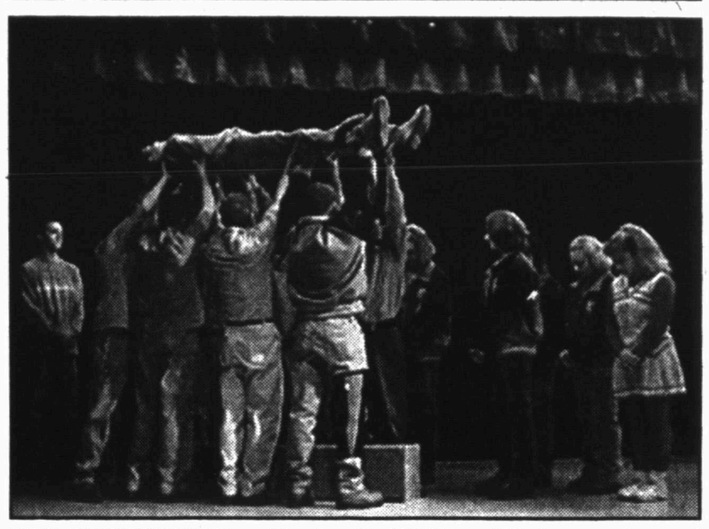
"I thought of my husband and I thought of his brother," she said Monday. "I would hate for this to mean there will be more heartbreak here. ... This is a beautiful, tight-knit neighborhood and it's just devastating."

The neighborhood has held many fund-raisers, clothing drives and food drives for families of the Sept. 11 victims, said Gary Toms, associate editor of the community weekly The Wave.

"We were still trying to bury a number of our heroes," he said. "This is going to compound the devastation a lot of people have to deal with."

Hours after the crash, Gail Allen stood outside her home in a Fire Department jacket, holding a picture of her firefighter son, Richard, whose memorial service was held Friday.





RED RIBBON SKIT — During Red Ribbon Week, members of Ira High School's Student Council presented a skit, sponsored and directed by Mrs. Tracy Dickerhoff. (Contributed Photos)

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Tamoxifen reduces risk for some women

CHICAGO (AP) — The drug tamoxifen may help prevent breast cancer in healthy women with BRCA2 genetic mutations but not in women with BRCA1 defects, new research suggests.

The abbreviations stand for defects involving Breast Cancer Gene 1 and Breast Cancer Gene 2 that are strongly linked with breast and ovarian cancers.

The new findings show tamoxifen can reduce breast cancer risk by 62 percent in women with the BRCA2 mutations. They also underscore how rare the mutations are — present in only about 7 percent of women studied — and help clarify conflicting results in previous studies on tamoxifen's effectiveness.

Tamoxifen inhibits growth of cancer cells that are sensitive to the hormone estrogen. Evidence suggests that most BRCA2-linked tumors are estrogen-positive and that most BRCA1 tumors are estrogen-negative, or not fueled by the hormone. This explains the new findings, said University of Washington geneticist Mary-Claire King, the lead researcher.

She emphasized that the study did not address treatment of existing breast cancer with tamoxifen, which has been shown to help reduce a recurrence in women with estrogen-positive tumors who have BRCA1 or BRCA2 mutations.

The findings appear in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

King and colleagues analyzed blood samples from 288 women aged 35 or older who took tamoxifen or a placebo for five years in a national breast cancer prevention study that started in April 1992.

Only 19 women had BRCA1 or BRCA2 mutations.

Three women with BRCA2 mutations who used tamoxifen developed breast cancer during the study, compared with eight taking the dummy drug. Among BRCA1 women, breast cancer developed in five tamoxifen patients and in three placebo patients.

King said the results will help high-risk women who decide to undergo genetic testing "make an informed decision about what kind of preventive medicine they ought to follow."

The study is important because it helps solidify previous evidence that tamoxifen is preventive and a "viable option" for some women, said Dr. Lynn Hartmann, a Mayo Clinic breast cancer researcher.

Some women who learn they have the BRCA mutations decide to have their breasts removed in hopes of preventing the disease.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Guest at wedding discovers source of bar bill's inflation

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing this for the couple who questioned the bar bill from their wedding. The caterer claimed they had served seven drinks per person.

I attended an elaborate wedding. I am diabetic, can't drink alcohol and have a bad foot, so dancing was out. I spent the entire evening at the table while everyone else danced. Each time guests returned to our table, a server would take new drink orders. After a few sips, the couples would head back to the dance floor. The server would then clear the drinks from the table. Abby, some of the guests had taken only one sip.

I told the server the people would be coming back to the table. She replied that she was instructed by the bartender to remove all drinks when people were not at the table. I'm sure that's the reason the bar bill was so high for the physician's wedding. — **OBSERVER FROM NORTH CAROLINA**

DEAR OBSERVER: You could be right. Thank you for an eyebrow-raiser of a letter. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: Years ago when I organized functions featuring a hosted bar at high-end hotels, I noticed that as the events drew to a close, the barmen would crack the seals on several bottles of the good stuff. We would then be charged for the open bottles. Presumably, the barmen and their friends would have an extremely pleasant evening — and be credited with ringing up additional revenue for the hotel. Seven drinks per guest wouldn't be out of the ballpark.

Once I discovered this game, I made a point of monitoring the barmen more closely. I instructed them not to break any seals during the last half-hour of the function and to collect opened bottles before the barmen left. After each event, we used the remaining liquor to throw a thank-you party for the secretarial and administrative staff who had helped to organize the function but hadn't been able to attend, a gesture that was much appreciated.

I can understand the sticker shock. The host probably paid for numerous full but "opened" bottles. — **KENNETH B., CLAREMONT, CALIF.**

DEAR KENNETH B.: What you are describing is fraud and the exception to the rule in the hospitality industry. But thank you for the warning. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: As "social director" for the firm I work for, I have encountered many instances of caterers inflating a liquor bill, or guests from other parties crashing our open bar.

While it's highly unusual, I don't blame the couple at all for double-checking on their guests' consumption. Seven alcoholic drinks per person is certainly questionable. Could the man and his wife have consumed seven drinks each and driven home? I think not! And I can't imagine other guests making up the difference — unless they all had to be carried home.

I applaud the couple's refusal to assume the bill was correct. I'm sure they struggled with the decision to contact their guests, but considering they were talking about a bar bill of approximately $3,500 for 100 people, how can anyone blame them for not wanting to pay for a caterer's or bartender's mistake? — **NO LONGER RIPPED OFF IN ATLANTA**

DEAR NO LONGER RIPPED OFF: While I agree with you, it was clear from the signature ("Appalled") that the writer was very put off by the host's request. Personally, I always double-check my bills, because they sometimes contain errors. And darn it, I have yet to see one that's in my favor.

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

Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $5 (U.S. funds only) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Teen kills himself

CARO, Mich. (AP) — A 17-year-old student wielding two shotguns took a teacher and a classmate hostage for more than four hours before freeing his captives and killing himself, authorities say.

The standoff took place Monday at the Caro Learning Centre near Caro, about 75 miles north of Detroit. Authorities would not release the name of the alleged gunman.

School officials and students fled the building after the 17-year-old took the teacher and a 15-year-old girl hostage, according to Undersheriff Jim Jashinske. Authorities soon surrounded the school.

After negotiations with police, the boy released the girl in exchange for a pack of cigarettes. Several hours later, he also freed the teacher but refused to surrender. Neither hostage was injured.

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PARADE PARTICIPANTS – In the top photo, Gerald and Ruth Jackson are shown on the float carrying the White Buffalo that Ruth painted, and the bottom photo shows S.D. and Judy Hays in front of the buffalo. The four were part of the White Buffalo Festival parade in October. (Contributed Photos).

If requested, ARC will return donations

WASHINGTON (AP) — The American Red Cross, under fire for its use of money raised since the terrorist attacks, said it will return donations to any contributor who requests a refund.

The emergency relief group, which has collected about $500 million since Sept. 11, touched off a controversy last month by announcing that not all of the funds would go to victims of the attacks.

More than $200 million will be held in reserve in case it is needed for other terrorist attacks, the group said Monday.

"This has not been a big issue for us," said Devorah Goldburg, a spokeswoman for the Red Cross. "If people have a question about how donations are used, we talk with them and go through the whole process. If they still have a problem, then we honor a request for the donation to be returned."

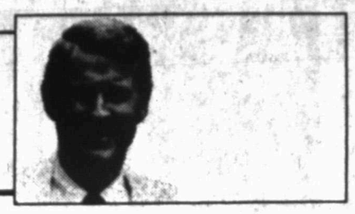
The organization also reiterated that it honors the wishes of contributors who request their money be used for a specific cause.

"If a check has a specific request on it, then we honor that as well," Goldburg said.

The question of how the money should be used played a part in Red Cross director Berna-

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Spinal stenosis may need surgery

DEAR DR. GOTT: My mother, 66, a fiercely independent widow, has been diagnosed with spinal stenosis. She is in constant pain, despite medication and a regular exercise program. What can we do to alleviate this situation? The quality of her life is seriously affected. She is not a candidate for surgery.

DEAR READER: Spinal stenosis means that a portion of hard tissue — such as a disc or a bone spur — is pressing against the spinal cord, leading to constant pain. Eventually, the situation can progress to weakness or partial paralysis that could have an enormous impact on your mother's independence.

Without seeing her MRI report and other medical data, I wouldn't presume to advise her. I can, however, give a generic answer to your question.

Spinal stenosis is a common affliction. Although it may be secondary to trauma and back injuries, older patients may experience the disorder from herniated discs or arthritis of the vertebral bones. Obviously, treatment depends on the cause.

In its initial stages, spinal stenosis produces cyclic back pain, which may radiate into the buttocks or down a leg. Physical therapy (using special exercises, ultrasound and heat treatments) may be of benefit. Also, chiropractic manipulation can help. Finally, analgesic medication (up to and including narcotics) often relieves symptoms.

Moderate degrees of spinal stenosis that cause chronic pain (and, on occasion, tingling and numbness) need more aggressive treatment, such as transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (TENS, using small electric shocks to interfere with perception of pain) and epidural steroid injections (to reduce the nerve swelling and inflammation caused by whatever is pressing on the spine).

In its most severe form, when constant and incapacitating pain is present — or when obvious nerve malfunction such as weakness is a problem — surgery must be considered.

You don't explain why your mother is not a "candidate" for surgery. If an MRI scan shows significant spinal cord compression and her symptoms are disabling, an operation may be her sole remaining option — even if she has a disease, such as a heart disorder, that increases the risk of surgery. With modern medical therapy, these risk factors can be minimized. Again, the decision about the appropriateness of surgery depends not only on the severity of her symptoms, but even more so on the MRI finding. If the two criteria are inconsistent, your mother should have a myelogram, which is a special X-ray examination to diagnose the severity of the stenosis and compression.

Further, I should add that there is considerable variety in surgical procedures, ranging from back fusion to simple repair of the offending tissue.

Thus, I advise your mother to seek an opinion from a neurosurgeon — providing she has had a lack of success from the alternative therapies I discussed. In my experience, nobody has to suffer the discomfort and restrictions associated with spinal stenosis. Help, both surgical and non-surgical, is advisable.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Managing Chronic Pain." 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: For years, I have had a lump the size of a golf ball on the back of my neck. Should I be concerned?

DEAR READER: Non-enlarging growths of the kind you describe are most likely to be benign sebaceous cysts or lipomas (fatty tumors). To be sure that this is nothing to worry about, check it out with your doctor.

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Rapid diagnosis, agressive treatment drops mortality

WASHINGTON (AP) — Doctors who recognized the recent cases of inhaled anthrax and treated them aggressively with antibiotics have shown the disease is treatable and not a sure death sentence, experts say.

An analysis of the cases, published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, shows that if doctors speedily give patients a constellation of antibiotics, along with aggressively treating symptoms such as the accumulation of fluid in the chest, there is a high rate of survival. The cases appeared in four eastern U.S. cities in the past few weeks.

"The fact that six of these patients have survived gives hope that the published mortality rates of 86 to 97 percent for inhalational anthrax may not be accurate in the year 2001," Dr. Anthony S. Fauci and Dr. H. Clifford Lane, both of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease, said in a JAMA editorial last week.

The rate of survival — 60 percent for the recent inhalational cases — could well improve for future infections because doctors across the country now are so aware of anthrax and its symptoms.

"The signs and symptoms of inhalational anthrax are way up on the radar screen of virtually all health care providers now," Fauci, the NIAID director, said in an interview.

Prior to Oct. 4, when a Florida man was hospitalized with the first recognized U.S. case of inhaled anthrax since 1976, the disease was relatively unknown to most American doctors. In medical terminology, inhaled anthrax was not high on the "index of suspicion" in making a diagnosis.

With the intense publicity given the anthrax-by-mail crisis and the publication in journals of specific medical details of the 10 cases, inhaled anthrax has become an infection that doctors will probably consider.

If doctors are practicing in an area where there already is anthrax illness, the possibility of the disease would be at or near the top of the "index of suspicion" for workers who match an existing pattern of infection, said Fauci. In the current pattern, postal, media and Capitol Hill workers were the most likely to be infected with anthrax.

Fauci said the 10 cases also have added important new details about inhaled anthrax infection — symptoms previously unrecognized but which doctors may now consider.

"If you read the textbooks, the disease is not exactly what we are finding," he said.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

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Significant developments could be in store for you in the year ahead regarding your personal financial status. Most of them will be due to past accomplishments that are now being acknowledged.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Something you didn't think you could afford may come your way today through the generosity of a person who thinks a great deal of you. This relationship will take on new legs. Trying to patch up a broken romance? **The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167.**

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Your constructive ability to face issues squarely and deal with life realistically will help you make a monumental problem seem easy to take care of today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — This could be a red-letter day for you financially, provided, of course, you take advantage of the opportunities handed to you. They can open up new avenues of revenue.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Don't leave any important matters up to ineffective peers today. You're the only one who should be in charge because of the competent way you can handle people and situations.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Something is happening today that will further your interests, but it may be happening behind the scenes. Even so, you'll still be the primary benefactor.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Just when you think nobody appreciates you, kudos could come your way today for the wonderful way you conducted yourself with your peers. It may start something new.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Your career and finances may both get a big boost today, yet there may not be a relationship between the two. Each success could come about independently of the other.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — A situation you handled well in the past may serve as the blueprint for something that needs tending today. Social elements may be involved.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Things you competently manage for yourself and others today could spill over into other areas of your life. Long-term benefits may come about as the result of your efforts.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Your ability to see things from the other guy's perspective is what makes you such a masterful negotiator today. You will focus primarily on the past and the future.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Two important, ambitious objectives may merge together to provide propulsion for each other. Once the first one is nailed down tight, the other will quickly follow.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Credit your charm and charisma today for winning over to your side someone who is very special to your present plans. It pays to be a nice guy/gal.

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Fire marshal criticized for hiring private crew for blaze

HOUSTON (AP) — Private firefighters who usually battle oil well blowouts were called into service to help battle a blaze in a 10-acre wood pile.

The Harris County fire marshal who hired Boots & Coots International Well Control of Houston is taking heat for the decision. The blaze continued to burn today.

County officials say they were committed to paying as much as $750,000 for services of Boots & Coots, with ties to famous oil well firefighter Red Adair, because of Fire Marshal Fred Windisch's decision.

Earlier, Windisch's bosses at the County Commissioners Court had agreed the blaze was an emergency and approved a $500,000 contract. Now, the fire marshal is in jeopardy of losing his job.

At least one commissioner, Steve Radack, wants Windisch to be fired and some other members are described as furious.

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SCURRY COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION SURVEY

This survey is being distributed to the citizens of Scurry County for the purpose of gathering information on public opinion about our Parks and Recreation Facilities. The information will be used to make recommendations for improvements and additional facilities.

The facilities that come under the Parks and Recreation Department include, but are not limited to the following:
Boys and Girls Club, Coliseum, Community Centers, Towle Park, North Park, Winston Park, Sports Fields (Soccer, Baseball, Softball), Swimming Pool, Kiddie Park, Senior Center, Park Pond

Suggested additional facilities:
Walking Paths, Skate Park, Sand Volleyball, Pool Enclosure/Water Slides, Additional Pond, Golf Courses

1) Which facilities do you use the most?
A)_____ B)_____ C)_____

2) How often do you use them?
____Daily ____Weekly ____Monthly ____Yearly ____Do not use

3) Rate the condition of the Parks and Recreation areas.
____Excellent ____Good ____Fair ____Poor

4) How interested are you in seeing improvements/additions to the Parks Department?
____Very ____Some ____No Opinion

5) Which new facility would you like to see added? List your suggestion here that may not be listed above.
_____

6) Are you a resident of Scurry County? ____Yes ____No If yes, how long?_____yrs.

7) Age Group ____18 or under ____19-25 ____26-45 ____46-60 ____60+

8) Would you attend a town meeting and support the decisions made? ____Yes ____No

9) Name (Optional)_____

Thank you for your participation, please drop off the completed form at any of the following locations by November 30th.

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Jack's Used Cars
Patterson/Uti
Sonic Drive-In
American State Bank
First American Bank
West Texas State Bank
Snyder National Bank

Please add your comments and suggestions in the space below:

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Taliban forces retreat from Kabul

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. warplanes kept up their aerial assault on Afghanistan today as defense officials monitored the Taliban's retreat from Kabul for signs of retribution killings by advancing rebels.

Victoria Clarke, spokeswoman for Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, said thus far the feared blood bath of opposition forces in cities captured by the northern alliance had not materialized.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said President Bush "is very pleased with the progress of the war and with the latest developments."

The U.S. bombing campaign, meanwhile, continued apace and the Pentagon approved a request by the U.S. war commander to send another three-ship Amphibious Ready Group, with 2,100 Marines aboard in the Mediterranean Sea, into the Arabian Sea to join a similar number aboard the USS Pelileu. The two Marine groups are capable of a variety of missions, including airborne assaults.

Today's bombing plan included about 60 to 65 carrier-based Navy strike aircraft, about eight Air Force long-range bombers and several Air Force fighter-bombers, a senior defense official said. Their targets included caves thought to be hiding places for al-Qaida leaders, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Another U.S. official, also speaking on condition of anonymity, said the Taliban is collapsing in disarray. Many of their field commanders have fled on their own, without supplies, reinforcements, or meaningful contact with the senior leadership, the official said. Some are switching sides to the northern alliance.

U.S. intelligence believes that Taliban forces are also abandoning Konduz, their last stronghold in northern Afghanistan. They are moving south, through alliance-controlled territory, the official said.

On reports that the alliance is executing people, Fleischer said veteran diplomat James Dobbins is on his way to the region to give northern alliance officials a message from Bush "about respecting human rights."

Deliberations underway in case involving Big Tobacco

WHEELING, W.Va. (AP) — Jurors began deliberating a class-action lawsuit today aimed at forcing four of the nation's largest tobacco companies to pay for a medical monitoring program for 250,000 healthy West Virginia smokers.

The lawsuit, the first of its kind to be tried in the United States, is set up as a product liability case with the medical monitoring as the proposed remedy.

Plaintiffs say they deserve the medical monitoring because tobacco companies made and sold a defective product with no regard for their customers' health.

Soon after deliberations began, jurors asked for a large easel and writing pad, which they got. Ohio County Circuit Judge Arthur Recht refused their request for cigarettes and a cutting tool, saying the cigarettes were visual aids in the trial, not evidence.

During the trial, several witnesses dissected cigarettes to show how they're designed and manufactured.

Recht also refused to give them a large copy of a 1954 newspaper ad in which cigarette makers promised to put the health of smokers above all other concerns. He instructed jurors to use the smaller version of the ad that is part of the evidence.

The smokers are demanding a screening program they say could lead to lifesaving early detection of lung cancer, emphysema and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

Philip Morris, R.J. Reynolds, Lorillard and Brown & Williamson say the tests the smokers want have not been proven to detect disease soon enough to make a difference in the outcome.

Plaintiffs attorney Scott Segal told jurors in closing arguments Monday that tobacco companies did not do enough to make sure their product was safe.

"Almost never did they test the actual product they were going to sell to the consumer. Almost never," Segal said. "If you want to fulfill your obligation, you've got to work on it. You've got to try."

Instead, the companies expanded brand lines and created "product stewardship" programs that were intended solely to maintain the status quo, Segal charged.

Philip Morris attorney Sam Klein, however, said the tobacco companies have done all they can to make their products safer. Although cigarettes are inherently risky, he maintains they are not defective.

Researchers trying to remove dangerous compounds from cigarettes found themselves with a difficult scientific challenge that could not always be met by spending more money, he said. Sometimes, technology wasn't available to solve the problem.

"Money can't buy an idea, and it's a sad but true fact that money can't buy a scientific breakthrough," Klein said. "The money couldn't have gotten us there any quicker."

On the Net:
Tobacco Control Resource Center: http://www.tobacco.neu.edu
R.J. Reynolds: //www.rjrt.com/TI/Pages/TIcover.asp

Three persons arrested here on Monday

•Arrests

DPS troopers arrested a 35-year-old man on U.S. 350 Monday morning on a Nolan County warrant for theft by check.

A 22-year-old woman was taken into custody at 3:40 p.m. Monday on a warrant for failure to appear at a hearing regarding motion for enforcement of child support.

At 9:30 Monday night a DPS trooper arrested a 29-year-old man on a Dallas County warrant and transported him to the county jail.

•Criminal mischief

Officers responded to a report of criminal mischief in the 300 block of 32nd Street Monday morning. An offense report for criminal mischief was submitted in reference to damage done to a vehicle there.

Ryan Fritz requested an officer at 4510 Garwood Monday night in reference to his tires being slashed. An officer was dispatched and submitted a report for criminal mischief.

•Close patrol

Larry Price requested officers in the 4200 block of Lubbock Ave. Monday afternoon in reference to someone letting the air out of his daughter's tires.

A woman requested a close patrol on Coleman Street Monday evening in reference to a man harassing a woman and her boyfriend.

Halbert, with one miss, wins contest

Janet Halbert of 4506 Galveston had only one miss in the last SDN Football Contest of the season, and won the first place $50 prize.

A field of five had two misses each, so the tie breaker procedure was used to determine the second and third place winners.

R.B. von Roeder of 2207 45th St. won the second place $25 by predicting Snyder to win and a total of 37 points (actual points was 35).

Two contestants picked 42 total points so they will split the $15 third place money. They are Jake Smith of 4708 El Paso and Christi Williams of 4514 Galveston.

Honorable mention goes to Geral M. Greene and Bobby Beard who also had two misses, but lost out on the point totals.

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Obituaries

Roy McCowen

1925-2001

ABILENE – Roy E. McCowen, a native of Scurry County, died Sunday, Nov. 11, in Abilene.

Funeral service for Mr. McCowen, 76, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Wylie Baptist Church with the Rev. Oscar Fanning and Dr. Don Williford officiating. Burial will follow in the Elmwood Memorial Park under the direction of Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home.

Roy McCowen

He was born Sept. 7, 1925 in Snyder to Sherrod Edmond and Edna E. McCowen, the fifth of 10 children. He attended school in Dunn and Snyder.

Mr. McCowen was in the U. S. Navy during World War II, serving in the pharmacy corp in the Pacific Theater and as an EMS driver in New Guinea for 26 months.

He married Wilda M. Allen on May 8, 1949 in Snyder. Mr. McCowen began his career with Southwestern Bell Telephone in 1948 in Snyder, transferring to Sweetwater in 1949 and to Abilene in 1952 where he retired after 38 years.

Mr. McCowen served on the Telco Federal Credit Union board for 45 years and as a member of the Wylie school board for five years, including three terms as president. He also was a youth baseball coach and a member of the Wylie Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Kyle McCowen, in 1983; a brother, Lloyd McCowen; and a sister, Loyce France Thompson.

Survivors include his wife, Wilda McCowen of Abilene; two daughters, Karen Leverts of View and Kelly Farmer of Abilene; a son, Kerry McCowen of Thornton, Colo.; three sisters, Marie Schell of McKinney, Larue Haney of Lubbock and Shirley Bratton of Victoria; four brothers, Clint McCowen of Snyder, Don McCowen of Midland, Alton McCowen of Slaton and Glenn McCowen of Corpus Christi; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Family visitation will be held from 6:30 to 8 this evening at the funeral home at 5701 Hwy 277 South.

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Leona Smallwood

1909-2001

Leona Smallwood, a native of Scurry County, died Monday, Nov. 12 in Kerens Care Center.

Funeral service for Mrs. Smallwood, 92, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Ira Church of God with the Rev. Rocky Alexander, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in the Ira Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Smallwood

Born Sept. 19, 1909 in Scurry County, she married H.F. "Sam" Smallwood on Dec. 19, 1926 in Big Spring. He died in September, 1965. She also was preceded in death by a son, Joneil Smallwood in 1998; two brothers; and one sister.

Mrs. Smallwood was a homemaker and a member of the Ira Church of God.

Survivors include a son, Dolwin Smallwood of Kerens; a sister, Anice Wallace of Snyder; four sisters-in-law, Nora Lee Clark and Lucille White of Ira, Lois Clark of Dallas and Katherine Weir of Sundown; a brother-in-law, J.W. Smallwood of Big Spring; five grandchildren, Dorinda Padgett of Beaumont, Dana Higgs and Timothy Smallwood of Amarillo, Kenneth Smallwood of Kerens and Sammy Smallwood of Canon City, Colo.; five great-grandchildren, Kallie Higgs and Kyle Higgs of Amarillo, Scott Padgett of Houston, Steven Padgett of Port Neches and Hunter Smallwood of Canon City; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Ramiro Salazar

1950-2001

COAHOMA – Ramiro Salazar, the brother of Gilberto Salazar of Snyder, died Saturday, Nov. 10.

Funeral service for Mr. Salazar, 51, was set for 2 p.m. today in the St. Joseph Catholic Mission with the Rev. Jeremiah McCarthy officiating. Burial was to follow in the Coahoma Cemetery.

Born April 5, 1950 in Elsa, he married Delia Padron on June 26, 1969 in Big Spring.

A musician, he had served in the Job Corps and was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Mission. Mr. Salazar had lived in Stockton, Calif., Los Angeles, Colorado City and Big Spring before moving to Coahoma.

Survivors include his wife, Delia Salazar of Coahoma; a son, Patrick Salazar of Odessa; a daughter, Evelyn Tovar of Austin; his mother, Juanita Salazar of Big Spring; another brother, Leopoldo Salazar of Big Spring; five sisters, Esperanza Munoz of Michigan, Rosa Angeles and Frances Garcia of California, Lydia Del Bosque of Big Spring and Gloria Gomez of Abilene; and two grandchildren.

events WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Korean War display

The Scurry County Museum is honoring veterans of the Korean War with displays of memorabila through Dec. 4.

Alzheimer's support group

Alzheimer's support group will meet at 6 p.m. today at Snyder Oaks Care Center.

Scurry County 4-H horse club

The 4-H horse club will meet at 7 this evening at East Elementary.

SHS football booster club

The booster club will meet at 7 this evening in the field house film room. All parents of players from the seventh grade to the varsity are urged to attend.

AARP board meeting

AARP board breakfast board meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday at Rudy's.

Central Thanksgiving dinner

Central Elementary will host its annual Thanksgiving Dinner Thursday beginning at 10:45 a.m. Call in reservations early at 573-8592. Tickets are $2.50 for adults and $1.50 for non-school age children.

SHS drama production

Snyder High School's drama department will present *Our Country's Good* at the Ritz Theatre Thursday and Saturday, at 2 p.m. Sunday and 7:30 p.m. Monday. Ticket prices are $4 for students and $5 for adults.

Ira booster club

Ira booster club will have a meal and bonfire from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday at the Ira baseball field. The bonfire will immediately follow the meal. Cost is $5 for adults and $3 for children.

Hermleigh booster club

The Hermleigh booster club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the school cafeteria.

Bulldogs annuals on sale

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

GED testing

GED testing will be held Friday and again Nov. 30 at Western Texas College. For more information, call Emily Hataway at 574-2112 or Molly Kattes at 573-2919.

Scurry Masonic Lodge

Scurry Masonic Lodge #706 will meet at 7:30 p.m. Friday for work in the Fellowcraft degree.

Hermleigh Beta Club garage sale

Hermleigh Beta Club will have a garage sale beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday at the Hermleigh Community Center. If you would like to donate items, call Mary Spieker at 863-2245, or bring them by the school.

Dunn Cemetery Association

The Dunn Cemetery Association will have a work day and annual meeting at 9 a.m. Saturday. Attempts will be made to identify unmarked gravesites, plus some curbing, weeding and fencing will be done. Call 573-4336 or 728-5590 for more information.

Trash pick up

Scurry County Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts will pick up trash along their adopt-a-highway from 10 a.m. until noon Saturday. The group will meet in the WTC parking lot.

FFA turkey shoot

The Snyder FFA booster club will host a turkey shoot at the Canyon Reef Gun Club from 10 a.m. until dark on Saturday.

St. Elizabeth rummage sale

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, 3005 Ave. A, will have a rummage sale from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Parish Hall Saturday.

Community Thanksgiving service

A community-wide Thanksgiving Service will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday at the First United Methodist Church.

VFW membership drive

The VFW is currently conducting its annual membership drive. Membership is restricted to veterans who served overseas in times of conflict or war. For more information, contact the post commander Jim Bailey at 573-5338.

Head Start registration

Registration for Scurry County Head Start will continue from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. weekdays during November. Children must be three years old and meet income guidelines or have a disability. Bring a certified birth certificate, immunization record, child's social security card and proof of income.

Ira playoff T-shirt

Ira football playoff t-shirt orders are being taken by any booster club member or by calling the school at 573-2628. Short-sleeve shirts are $12, long-sleeve are $15.50 and sweatshirts are $17.50.

Noon prayer service

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

Mesquite Country Writers Guild

The Mesquite Country Writers Guild is now accepting submissions for the winter issue of *Bards of a Feather*. The deadline is Dec. 15. The theme is open. Mail submissions to Pam Mauldin, Box 237, Ira, 79527 or e-mail to upside@nwol.net.