

Poll: Bush, Dewhurst sure bets; all others too close to call

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There are only two sure bets in Tuesday's statewide balloting, the governor's race and the next land commissioner, according to a poll by *The Dallas Morning News* and *Houston Chronicle*.

However, the races for lieutenant governor, attorney general and comptroller remained too close to call, the pollsters said.

Gov. George W. Bush is backed by 70 percent of likely voters, to 23 percent for Democrat Garry Mauro, the poll found. The rest of the respondents were undecided.

Bush expressed satisfaction with the poll, but cautioned supporters not to become complacent.

"It's important that for this poll to become reality that my supporters go to the polls," Bush said.

Mauro rejected the findings. "I promise you it's wrong," he

said. "My polls have me at about 10 down and closing."

In the land commissioner race, Republican David Dewhurst had a 47-31 percent lead over Democrat Richard Raymond, according to the poll.

Dewhurst said voters responded to his promise to use "my extensive business experience to earn more money from our state lands."

Raymond was philosophical about his 16-point deficit.

"If that poll is accurate, I'm not going to win," he said. "If it's not accurate, then I might."

The statewide telephone poll of 967 likely voters was conducted last Sunday through Friday by Blum & Weprin Associates Inc. of New York.

It had a margin of error of three percentage points, which made three races almost a statistical dead heat since either candidate's total could vary by that many points. However, Republicans have the edge because of the expected size of

Bush's victory, said pollsters Michelle Blum and Julie Weprin.

"That (expected Bush landslide) is a real problem for the Democratic Party," Weprin said. "On the down ballot races, it's much closer, but that Bush victory is likely to carry most of those Republicans in."

Republican Rick Perry had an apparent 46-41 percent lead over Democrat John Sharp; Republican John Cornyn, who had trailed in earlier polls, had 45 percent to Democrat Jim Mattox' 41 percent; and Republican Carole Keeton Rylander had 43 percent to Democrat Paul Hobby's 42 percent, the poll found.

Perry attributed his slight lead to what he called a "positive message" sticking to the issues of education, crime and economic opportunity. Sharp said he believes that his campaign is "moving in the right direction."

Mattox said he did not believe

he had lost his earlier 13-point lead since Labor Day. "We're confident that Texans want a law enforcement attorney general who is pro-consumer, pro-environment and pro-average citizen," Mattox said.

Cornyn said voters have been exposed to his record as a conservative judge. "They think my record and my qualifications are exactly what we should have in the next attorney general," he said.

Rylander also slipped in the poll, but said she said voters will have a clear choice. "I am the conservative candidate. He (Hobby) is the liberal candidate," she said.

Hobby said voters "are turning their backs on vicious politics and broken promises."

Voters also were asked whether Bush should run for president. Fifty-six percent of respondents said yes and 69 percent said they were not bothered by his waiting to make a decision until after the election.

In other political news:

• Texas will have a low voter turnout on Tuesday, based on early voting totals, Secretary of State Alberto Gonzales said.

"I am very concerned by the early voting numbers," he said. "It appears that we are headed toward a disappointingly low turnout unless the voters of Texas wake up and discharge their civic responsibility next Tuesday."

Only 30 percent of the state's 11.5 million registered voters will cast ballots for the general election, Gonzales predicted.

He said voter apathy and recent bad weather are largely to blame.

Texans cast 600,286 ballots in the 15 most populous counties during early voting, which ended Friday. That was down 24 percent from 788,400 early ballots in those counties during the last governor's race.

Early voting typically represents about one-third of the total turnout during gubernato-

rial and presidential elections, Gonzales said.

Between 3.3 million and 3.6 million voters are expected to hit the polls, compared with 4.4 million in 1994, when 50 percent of registered voters cast ballots.

Some statewide races are not attracting voter interest because political analysts have predicted large victories, he said. And many county races are not contested.

But in counties with controversial local elections, turnout was up for early voting.

Of the 15 most populated areas, turnout was up in Harris, Jefferson, Lubbock, Montgomery and Nueces counties.

Early turnout was down in Dallas, Bexar, Tarrant, Travis, El Paso, Collin, Denton, Hidalgo, Fort Bend and Galveston counties.

Voters likely were hampered by recent storms and flooding in south and central Texas, Gonzales said.

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HOUSTON — A grandmother died after pushing relatives from the path of a speeding car during Halloween trick-or-treating.

Joyce Zacharias, 67, died shortly after the car hit her Saturday night.

Her daughter, Melanie Farmer-Camario, tried to comfort her before officers arrived.

"I laid down next to her to tell her she was going to make it because we loved her. She didn't make it. She was too badly hurt," Ms. Farmer-Camario told the *Houston Chronicle*. "It wasn't because the ambulance didn't come soon enough. She was just too badly hurt to make it."

The driver, 26-year-old Jose Dimas Cruz, has been charged with manslaughter and failure to stop and render aid. Harris County Sheriff's Department officials said Cruz's wife and child were with him in the car during the accident.

NEW BRAUNFELS — Here come the Men in Blue.

Better known as the Air/Land Emergency Resource Team (ALERT), the volunteers in their blue hard hats have been helping flood victims recover from last month's disaster.

ALERT, a Christian-based, non-profit, community service and disaster relief orga-

nization based in Michigan, expects to spend another week in Texas.

New Braunfels Mayor Jan Kennady and Comal County Commissioner Jack Dawson asked ALERT to for help in the aftermath of the deadly Oct. 17-18 flood.

"With all the cleaning up and recovery still left to do, I thought anything that could make the lives of local residents a little easier would be good for New Braunfels," Dawson said.

DALLAS — In a victory for Texas veterans, more than two decades of planning for medical needs of almost a half-million military personnel is paying off today.

U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs Togo D. West Jr. was invited to dedicate a \$108.8 million clinical addition to the Dallas VA Medical Center.

With the expansion, the government is hiring 200 more doctors, nurses and other personnel, said Alan Harper, director of the VA North Texas Health Care System.

Harper said the expansion project is the largest for any VA medical center in the nation. But the effort to upgrade the medical center, which began in 1972, had to overcome numerous funding obstacles and bureaucratic hurdles, as well as shifting the objective from more hospital beds to outpatient care.

"Once we did that, we were able to garner enough support to make it happen," Harper said Sunday. "That takes a lot of community support, congressional help and organizational support and we are pleased with the end project."

DALLAS — Some candidates on Tuesday's ballot hope voters watched "60 Minutes" Sunday night.

The CBS news program revisited the Supreme Court in Texas, one of eight states where justices are elected, not appointed, and where some of the biggest contributors are lawyers and corporations who have cases before the court.

Correspondent Mike Wallace first examined the court in 1987, and asked whether justice was for sale in Texas. On Sunday, he reported the faces have changed, but the system remains the same.

The broadcast was especially timely because several Republican candidates in Tuesday's election are current or former Supreme Court justices.

Democrats Jim Mattox and David Van Os had a "60 Minutes" watching party Sunday night at an Austin restaurant. Mattox is running against former Justice John Cornyn for attorney general and Van Os is challenging Justice Greg Abbott for Place 3 on the high court.

Port Arthur technician performed doctor's duties

BEAUMONT (AP) — For five years, a heart-lung machine operator at Park Place Medical Center in Port Arthur performed doctor's duties without a physician's license, state health department investigators say.

The allegations against the employee are a violation of hospital and state regulations and could jeopardize the hospital's state Medicare funding, the Beaumont Enterprise reported.

In September, the Texas Department of Health recommended the Health Care Financing Administration strip Park Place of its Medicare certification after someone complained the hospital employee was "acting like a doctor."

Some patients even believed the employee performed their surgeries and many called him "doctor," according to the complaint. The health department found the circumstances were

a "potential serious threat to patient health and safety."

Since no criminal charges have been filed against him, his name is being withheld.

The cardiac perfusionist operates a heart-lung machine while patients undergo open-heart surgery. Licensed in 1983, he was hired in 1990.

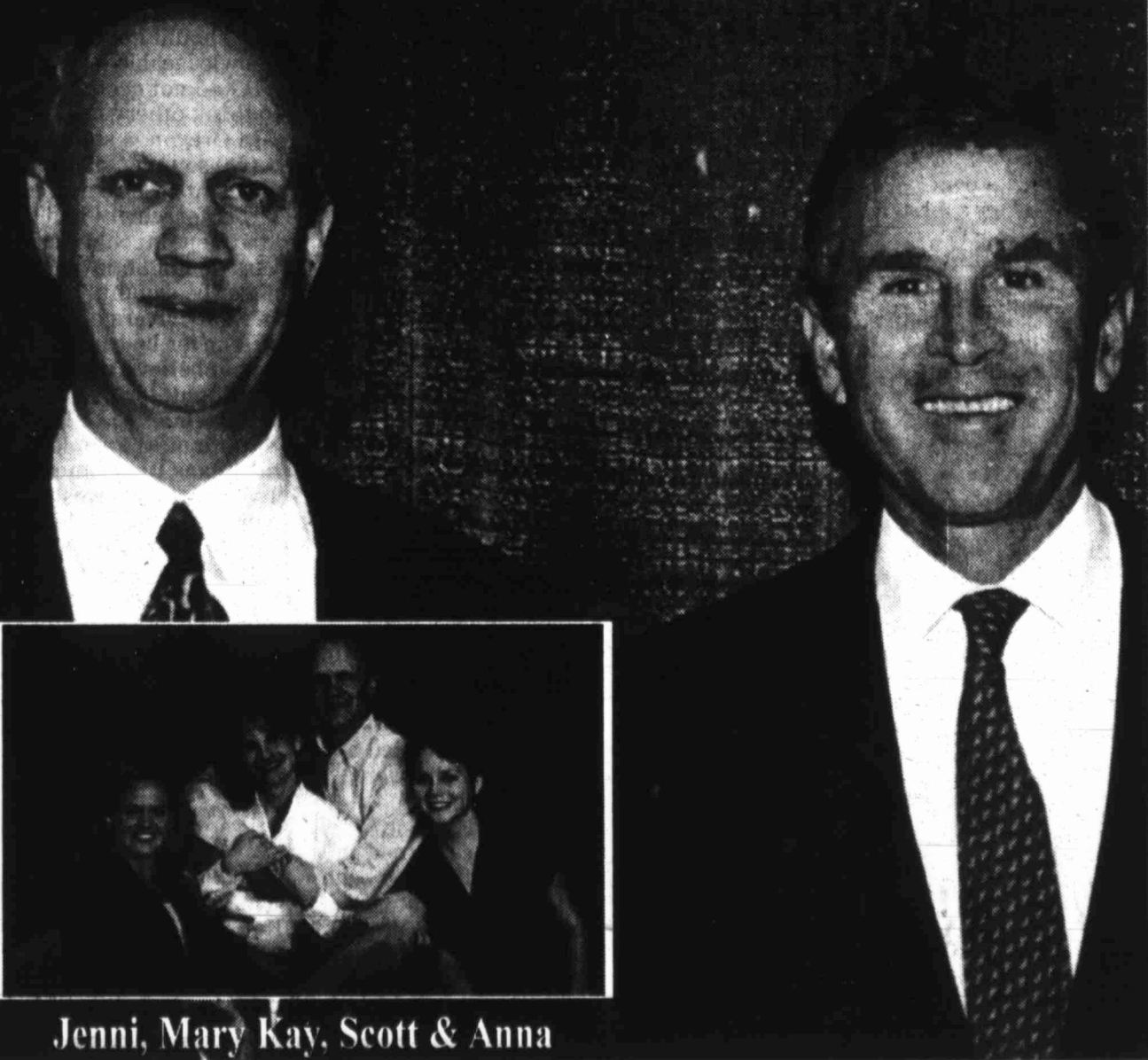
No complaints have been filed against the employee with the state board that licensed him. In 1993 during a routine evaluation, the employee was praised as "excellent," but was warned he was "practicing outside his job description."

The technician's actions did not cause any injuries.

"There is a process in place to address any issues that need to be corrected," said Gayle Rhoads, a Park Place spokesman. "We are taking immediate action to correct whatever is necessary."

Rhoads said the hospital was conducting an internal investigation.

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British defense secretary says international forces still in place in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The latest Iraqi crisis is developing with alarming familiarity. In defying the U.N. Security Council, Iraq says it does not want a confrontation but only its rights. The U.S. hopes to act with U.N. allies to resolve the crisis, but will not rule out a military strike on its own.

The 250-member National Assembly — dominated by Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein's Baath Party — today gave an expected unanimous endorsement to the government decision Saturday to halt all work of U.N. arms inspectors in Iraq.

Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz told the parliament the U.N. Special Commission in charge of arms inspections was being "used by the United States and Israel to execute

their aggressive schemes against Iraq." He said Iraq would not reverse its stand unless the U.N. Security Council ensured that a promised review of Iraq's weapons systems would lead to a lifting of punishing trade sanctions on the country.

Saadoun Khalifa, a member of the National Assembly, told reporters the government's action had the people's backing. "I am sure that all Iraqi people are in full support with this decision," he said.

Aziz's rhetoric and parliament's vote showed the crisis that began Saturday with Iraq cutting off all links to U.N. arms inspectors are a repeat of last winter's confrontation.

The only difference is that the United States is not rushing

warships and planes to the Persian Gulf.

The next step may come after President Clinton meets with his foreign policy team today in Washington to discuss the Iraq situation.

National Security Council spokesman David Leavy said Sunday that "all options remain on the table." Defense Secretary William Cohen said Washington prefers to act with its allies, but will not rule out unilateral military action.

Britain said today that Iraq must back down "or face the consequences." Defense Secretary George Robertson said international forces assembled in February, when Saddam last openly defied the United Nations, remained in place.

For now, there seemed little

chance of an immediate military response.

On Sunday, Clinton expressed satisfaction that Russia and France joined the Security Council in denouncing Saddam's latest defiance.

"I personally am very pleased that the U.N. Security Council, including some people I thought had been a little tolerant with him in the past, strongly condemned what he did," he said.

A Russian parliamentary delegation was to meet Saddam today and hand over humanitarian aid and medicines to Iraq, news reports said. Few details were released.

In Baghdad, officials already are saying Iraq can withstand a U.S. attack.

"Iraq does not fear the threat of the United States because it

has been threatening Iraq for the past eight years," Vice President Taha Yassin Ramadan told reporters Sunday.

His comments echoed last January's mood when the United States and Britain sent forces to the Gulf in preparation for an attack. That crisis ended with U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan reaching a compromise with Iraq.

Saddam's government had hoped that pact would lead to the lifting of the sanctions, which have limited Iraqi oil sales and destroyed the country's economy. They were imposed after Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

On Sunday, Aziz laid out Iraq's demands for renewing cooperation with the arms inspectors who must ensure

that Iraq has eliminated its weapons systems before the sanctions can be lifted.

Along with a promise that sanctions will be lifted, Iraq wants the U.N. Special Commission reconstituted and commission chairman Richard Butler fired, Aziz said.

He renewed charges that the arms inspectors were "a subsidiary" of Israeli and American intelligence, a reference to recent revelations that inspectors consulted both Israel's Mossad and the CIA in seeking Iraq's weapons sites.

Aziz said that Iraq would not order the arms inspectors to leave Iraq. In New York, Butler said he had no intention of pulling his teams out and suggested a compromise was still possible.

Court to consider who should pay for attendant for quadriplegic student

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa (AP) — Garret Frey loves his world history class and dreams of being a basketball coach.

Not much different than a lot of other 16-year-old high school sophomores, except Frey is a ventilator-dependent quadriplegic whose mother is taking the Cedar Rapids ISD to the U.S. Supreme Court.

When the justices meet Wednesday, lawyers for Charlene Frey will ask them to uphold a lower court's ruling and order the school district to pay thousands of dollars annually for an attendant to provide her son's health care needs during the school day.

"We both have a conviction that we're going to see it to the end because I still think we're right," she said. "I've tried to ingrain in Garret that we're going through this in hopes that no other family has to."

Under the federal Individuals With Disabilities Education Act, states are required to see that all children with disabilities receive a "free, appropriate public education."

By law, schools must provide various "special education and related services," but an exception is made for medical services. And the school district maintains that Garret's needs, relating to injuries received in a motorcycle accident when he was 4 years old, are so extensive that only a nurse can do the job.

"It is the district's position that when the statute says that schools are not responsible for medical care, that one-on-one exclusive nursing is medical care," said Sue Seitz, a Des Moines attorney representing the school district.

"It takes a nurse, we know that," Seitz said. "Whether it could be a licensed practical nurse or a registered nurse may have some difference in cost, but Cedar Rapids' historically hires registered nurses."

Mrs. Frey says the school district should delegate an attendant, but not necessarily a nurse, for Garret. His daily health care needs include urinary catheterization, suctioning his tracheotomy, providing food and drink, repositioning him in his wheelchair, monitoring his blood pressure and being familiar with the alarms on his ventilator.

Through most of his schooling, Garret has been assisted by a licensed practical nurse, paid through an insurance policy and funds from the \$1.3 million settlement with the motorcycle company involved in the acci-

dent.

In 1993, Mrs. Frey asked the school district to pay for an attendant. An administrative law judge ordered the district to reimburse Mrs. Frey for nursing costs accrued in the 1993-94 school year and to provide for his future care.

The district has repeatedly appealed and decided to ask the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn a decision by the U.S. 8th Circuit Court of Appeals ordering the district to pay.

If the Supreme Court lets the lower court rulings stand, the school district could owe more than \$285,000 in legal fees and nursing costs.

"It's been very difficult and we're looking for it to be over," Mrs. Frey said. "Garret's gotten kind of sick of all the attention. The thing that gets me is the cost they've accumulated in lawyer fees."

"The irony is they probably could have provided maybe even Garret's whole education with an aide for the cost that they're fighting over," she said.

Costs said hiring a nurse would cost the district \$30,000 to \$40,000 a year. The district now provides a teacher associate for Garret at a cost of \$10,000-\$12,000 a year.

Douglas Oelschlaeger, the Freys' attorney, says those estimates are inflated. If a registered nurse took over the duties of the teacher associate, it would cost the district \$18,000 a year, he said.

"In a district with the size and resources of our district, it is a minimal amount," he said.

The case is being closely watched. A ruling, expected in three or four months, could affect how districts budget their money and deliver services.

"School districts have to understand the extent of their obligation to children with disabilities. We know that we are obligated to provide children with an 'appropriate' education, and we're trying to define what that is," said Julie Underwood, general counsel for the National School Boards Association.

Health plans control access to medical technology

NEW YORK (AP) — The Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Maryland has hoped for years for a more convenient test to make sure the blood thinners she takes don't raise her risk of stroke or internal bleeding.

The 49-year-old Baltimore sales representative leaves work early and drives to a laboratory once a month and waits several days for the results. Three million Americans get their blood tested regularly for the same reasons as Beaudry.

She thought her wish had come true in February 1997, when the FDA approved the first home blood testing kit for patients on Coumadin.

But Beaudry's health plan, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Maryland, refuses to cover the home test, and she can't afford the \$2,000 test kit on her own. "It is ridiculous," she said. "It's just completely capricious on their part."

Amid the incessant development of new medications and devices that promise to improve health, Beaudry's experience shows how consumer access to the latest medical technology is increasingly restricted by health insurers — both government programs such as Medicare and private plans.

Cost-conscious insurers are scrutinizing drugs or medical devices, and rejecting expensive new therapies that fail to meet their stringent criteria. As a result, just as drug and device companies have started marketing directly to consumers, many patients are cut off from these latest innovations.

A Blue Cross of Maryland spokeswoman said the insurer limits its coverage of the home Coumadin blood test to people who have just been released from the hospital because they would benefit the most from the device. Beaudry did not qualify for that reason.

Not long ago, medical device and drug manufacturers only had to worry about obtaining FDA approval to assure consumer access to their products. The agency judges whether products are safe and effective.

Managed care companies, credited with wringing out billions in medical costs by slashing fees to doctors and hospitals and limiting access to special-

ists, have added their own criteria. Before providing coverage of new technology, health plans want proof the products are cost-effective, work better than existing technology and improve or extend life.

Health plans defend their role in reviewing new technology, saying they need to wisely spend limited dollars. Efficient use of new technologies, they say, means more money will be available for other services.

The Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association, which reviews new technologies for its 55 member plans as well as other insurers, generally approves about 60 percent of applications. The association's voluntary recommendations are necessary because the FDA looks only at safety and effectiveness, said Dr. Wade Aubry, chairman of the association's medical advisory panel.

The panel only considers cost when plans ask for it.

But the price of new technology seems to have increasingly become a factor because many devices and drugs offer "marginal benefit at substantially higher cost," said Dr. Arthur Levin, Prudential's vice president of technology.

Health plans' increasing role in assessing technology has

forced drug and device makers to rethink their strategies — and given some manufacturers

fresh incentives to introduce new products abroad before attacking the U.S. market.

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NFL STANDINGS

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TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL: American League NEW YORK YANKEES—Exercised the 1999 contract option on C Joe Girardi. FOOTBALL: National Football League INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Waived DB Ric Mathias...

Broncos improve to a perfect 8-0; Redskins and Panthers post wins

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NFL zeros are down to one. Going into Sunday's games, Denver and Minnesota were undefeated, while Washington and Carolina had 0-7 records.

Buerlein completed 13 of 17 passes for the Panthers, who snapped a nine-game losing streak. He threw scoring passes of 31 yards to Raghbi Ismail and 1 yard to Mulsin Muhammad.

Plummer was benched in the fourth quarter when Arizona (4-4) lost to the New York Giants in the Cardinals' last game.

Jaguars 45, Ravens 19 Jacksonville broke the team scoring record of 40 points in a game with 42 in the first half at Baltimore.

The Jaguars led 42-13 at halftime after getting three touchdowns off Baltimore fumbles and another on a blocked punt. The Ravens (2-6) had more yardage and held the ball twice as long as Jacksonville (6-2) in the first half, yet committed five turnovers.

Mark Brunell was 13-for-20 for 237 yards and three touchdowns. Fred Taylor scored twice and finished with 87 yards rushing.

Oilers 41, Steelers 31 Steve McNair's three touchdowns passes and Eddie George's 153 yards rushing carried Tennessee to victory at Three Rivers Stadium.

The Oilers (4-4) led 41-15 until Mike Tomczak replaced Kordell Stewart in the fourth quarter and led two touchdown drives. The Steelers (5-3) lost at home for the first time in 11 games.

Patriots 21, Colts 16 Drew Bledsoe burned Jeff Burris on a 63-yard touchdown pass to Tony Simmons as New England won at Indianapolis.

Peyton Manning completed a season-high 30 passes for 278 for the Colts, including two touchdown passes. But the last two Indianapolis drives ended with interceptions by Lawyer Milloy, Manning's NFL-high 15th and 16th.

Falcons 37, Rams 15 Jamal Anderson rushed for a career-high 172 yards and scored three touchdowns and Chris Chandler, sidelined last week by a shoulder injury, threw for 236 yards and two scores for the Falcons (6-2).

Chandler also threw an interception that Ryan McNeil returned 37 yards for a touchdown for St. Louis (2-6).

Packers 36, 49ers 22 Brett Favre threw three more interceptions, giving him 14 in the last five games, but he connected with Antonio Freeman for touchdown plays of 80 and 62 yards.

After blowing a 16-0 lead and falling behind 22-19, the Packers regrouped in the second half with a blitzing, opportunistic defense. Reggie White had three of Green Bay's nine sacks.

Freeman caught seven passes for a career-best 193 yards.

Bills 30, Dolphins 24 Doug Flutie led Buffalo to its fifth straight victory, throwing three touchdown passes against the NFL's top-ranked defense.

Steve Christie kicked three field goals for the Bills (5-3), who trailed by 10 in the fourth quarter.

Dan Marino nearly succeeded in winning the game for visiting Miami (5-3) after Christie's second field goal in the final two minutes made it 30-24. Marino's desperation pass to O.J. McDuffie was completed 4 yards short of the end zone.

Cardinals 17, Lions 15 Jake Plummer threw two touchdown passes and Joe Nedney kicked a 53-yard field goal with 2:46 remaining, lifting Arizona to victory at Detroit.

Lions rookie Charlie Batch, who was intercepted three times and lost one fumble in the first half, was benched for veteran Frank Reich to start the

Terrell Davis, who rushed for 149 yards, ran 2 and 5 yards for fourth-quarter touchdowns and Elway converted Vaughn Hebronn's blocked punt into a 25-yard touchdown pass to Ed McCaffrey.

Before Davis' final touchdown with 58 seconds left, the Bengals (2-6) tied it at 26 with Neil O'Donnell's third touchdown pass, a 1-yard throw to Marco Battaglia, and a 2-point conversion with 2:54 left.

"I thought we might have scored too early," Cincinnati coach Bruce Coslet said, referring to Elway's fourth-quarter history.

"It's been a while since we've had one like this," said Elway, who completed all four of his fourth-quarter passes for 86 yards. "It's something we probably needed. We hadn't been in that situation. When you're not playing well, you've got to find a way to win."

Elsewhere, it was Carolina 31, New Orleans 17; Washington 21, New York Giants 14; Arizona 17, Detroit 15; Jacksonville 45, Baltimore 19; Buffalo 30, Miami 24; New England 21, Indianapolis 16; Atlanta 37, St. Louis 15; Tennessee 41, Pittsburgh 17; New York Jets 20, Kansas City 17; and Oakland 31, Seattle 18.

Bucs 27, Vikings 24 Tampa Bay had a team-record 246 yards rushing, and took the lead on Mike Alstott's 6-yard touchdown run with 5:48 to go. "A lot of people were saying we needed a new quarterback or we needed some offensive linemen," said Alstott, who ran for a career-high 128 yards. All we had to do was go out there and execute."

Warrick Dunn gained 115 yards, giving Tampa Bay (4-4) two 100-yard runners in a game for the first time in franchise history. Randall Cunningham was outstanding in defeat for visiting Minnesota (7-1), completing 21 of 25 passes for 291 yards and two touchdowns.

Redskins 21, Giants 14 At Landover, Md., Skip Hicks carried five times for 50 yards, including a 4-yard TD run, in the opening drive of the second half to give Washington (1-7) a 21-7 lead.

Trent Green, re-promoted to the starting job after Gus Frerotte's dismal game two weeks ago, was 21-of-31 for 225 yards and scored the Redskins' first touchdown on a 1-yard bootleg.

Panthers 31, Saints 17 Steve Buerlein threw for two touchdowns in Carolina's first victory.

NHL

Saturday's Games Carolina 2, Boston 0; N.Y. Islanders 3, Philadelphia 2; Ottawa 5, Montreal 1; Buffalo 6, Toronto 3; New Jersey 3, Florida 1; Dallas 3, Detroit 2; Nashville 3, Colorado 2; Anaheim 2, St. Louis 2; Edmonton 4, Pittsburgh 1; San Jose 5, Tampa Bay 3.

AP Top 25

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses and records through Oct. 31.

COLLEGE SCORES

Table with columns for Team, Score. Includes games like Virginia 7-1, Notre Dame 6-1, Nebraska 7-2, etc.

AREA SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, NOV. 6 Big Spring at Sweetwater, 7:30 p.m.; Duquesne at Pears, 7:30 p.m.; Forsan at Junction, 8 p.m.; Stanton at Tehoka, 7:30 p.m.; Fort Hancock at Garden City, 8 p.m.; Borden County at Hermleigh, 7:30 p.m.; Sands at Grady, 7:30 p.m.

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Saturday's Games Abilene 3, Austin 2, 50

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now." First, Sutton had to crawl out of a deep hole. After his 10-year exemption expired for winning the 1983 PGA Championship, he had to use his one-time exemption for being in the top 50 in career money just to stay on tour.

At East Lake Golf Club, Sutton found himself facing equally long odds.

He trailed Singh by one stroke going into the 18th hole, a 244-yard par-3 to a treacherous pin tucked to the back of yet another slick green. Unsure whether

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yards rushing from fullback Ja'Mar Toombs to beat the Cowboys 17-6.

In a battle of last place teams, Oklahoma (3-5, 1-4) started its fourth quarterback of the season and beat Iowa State 17-14 for its first conference win.

The Cyclones (2-6, 0-5) had a four-point lead before Jake Sills threw a 44-yard touchdown pass to Gerald Williams with 1:12 remaining. Sills, a redshirt freshman, was the first Oklahoma quarterback to play the entire game this season.

Baylor (2-6, 1-4) was hammered 27-3 in a nonconference game at No. 13 Notre Dame, and Colorado (6-2, 3-2) was idle. Despite their inactivity, the Buffs dropped from No. 25 out of the national rankings.

he had the right club, he took a little off his 4-wood and heard the groans as it dropped into a bunker.

Then he watched Singh lace a 3-iron that climbed high and headed right for the pin.

"I kind of looked away saying, 'That's perfect. Great shot.' I looked down and started walking," he said.

Only when he arrived at the green did he realize Singh's ball took a hard bounce into the rough.

"We're in the ball game," Sutton told his caddy.

Sutton blasted out to 3 feet for par. Singh's chip caught the ridge and rolled 30 feet away. He two-putted for bogey to set the stage for a playoff.

This time, Sutton knew his 4-wood was the right stick.

"When I stayed with it, I knew it was going to be just right," he said.

And it was. The ball landed to the side of the hole and stopped 6 feet behind it. Singh hit another 3-iron that failed to climb the ridge and settled 25-feet behind the cup. After his birdie putt came up short, Sutton sank his for the win.

Defending champion David Duval shot a 31 on the back nine for a 68. He tied for eighth but, more importantly, beat out Tiger Woods for the Vardon Trophy, awarded for the lowest scoring average on tour. Duval also won the money title with a record \$2,591,031. Singh finished second at \$2,238,998.

Sutton never would have believed he would be holding the championship crystal at the end of the week. He had dinner with PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem on the eve of the tournament and told him East Lake favored a high-ball hitter.

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NBA lockout talks resume on what would have been eve of season

NEW YORK (AP) — With the NBA regular season originally scheduled to begin Tuesday night, this was supposed to be the last chance for diehard basketball fans to get a good night's sleep.

Instead, hoops junkies are facing a month — or maybe more — of going cold turkey.

The only basketball action taking place this week will be in a boardroom of some law firm or a conference room of some cookie-cutter hotel as owners and players — and, of course, their attorneys — continue the fight over how to divide \$2 billion.

Today's installment of the 125-day-old lockout features the dueling Jeffs — Mishkin for the owners, Kessler for the

players — trying to outfox each other in negotiations that will one day lead to a settlement and a season.

Not exactly "Fan-tastic," eh?

"This thing is pretty much in David Stern's hands, and I'm not unduly optimistic," said agent Steve Kaufman, a member of the union's agents advisory committee said of the commissioner.

"To me, there's two windows to get it done. One is right now. You get the season started by Dec. 1, satisfy TNT and possibly enable a full schedule. But if it's not done in next week to 10 days, you're looking at a Christmas or New Year's scenario for starting the season. And I don't think either side will make a bad deal just to reach the Dec. 1 goal."

League and union lawyers are to meet today, and the full negotiating teams won't meet until Wednesday.

The two sides made more progress last week than they had in the previous 4 months, agreeing on a loose framework for an agreement.

The biggest hurdle is an agreement on what percentage of revenues will be devoted to salaries by the time the new system has been in place a few years. The owners want to pay 50 percent (a movement off their previous demand for 48) and the players want to receive 60 percent (a move from 63 percent).

If the sides split the difference, it would give the players 55 percent of revenues. But the players received 57 percent last season, and there's a feel-

ing among many agents that the union shouldn't drop to 55 percent because it has already given the owners numerous concessions.

The owners have been asking for a maximum salary equal to 30 percent of the salary cap, and revised that demand last week by setting \$12 million as the maximum salary for players who have been in the league 10 years or more and \$8 million for players with six years' or less of experience.

The owners also moved off their demand for the elimination of the \$1 million exception, which allowed every team, even if over the cap, to sign an extra player for \$1 million once every two years.

They proposed an exception starting

at \$1.5 million and growing to \$2 million in three years, while the union has stuck to its demand for an exception available every season for the amount of the average salary, which was \$2.6 million last season.

Clearly, there has been some compromise already, and more is expected.

The question now is whether the sides will wrap this up quickly or drag the dispute into a sixth month.

"The owners are right and the players are right," Dennis Rodman said. "There is no happy medium. They should just cancel the whole season and let everybody get a real job. Then you'll see how they really feel. I bet then they'll come to an agreement real quick," Rodman said.

Female kicker voted homecoming queen at Houston Westbury

HOUSTON (AP) — This year's homecoming queen at Westbury High School credits her on-the-field performance for raising her profile. But it wasn't cheerleading that caused Cindy Wright's stock to rise.

It was Ms. Wright's success as a place kicker for her school's varsity football team.

Last month, Ms. Wright became the first female to score in a Houston Independent School District game. On Friday, her classmates voted to crown their gridiron hero, homecoming queen.

"I think the only reason I was homecoming queen was because I was playing football — but that's fine with me," Ms. Wright said of Friday night's homecoming activities.

Since joining the team, Ms. Wright has kicked 15 points after touchdown for the Rebels.

As a result of her on-field exploits, Wright said her popularity has soared. At the urging of friends she entered the school's homecoming competition and, to her surprise, won.

At games her friends have lobbied for the female kicker. Some told her to be as "tough as a crown" and "Cindy kicks balls" to the game.

She's loving every minute of

it, walking onto the football field one moment as a focused football player and the next as homecoming queen. It has made for a special senior year.

"I get to keep the crown and the flowers," she said. "But most of all I get to keep all the memories. It was fun."

A straight-A senior, Ms. Wright plans to attend a major college such as University of Colorado or University of Texas next year and major in pre-med. She wants to eventually combine her love for children and interest in medicine by becoming a pediatrician or a dentist. She also plans to continue playing soccer in college.

Her venture into high school football began last spring when Westbury soccer coach Matthew Caulkins asked her about kicking a different kind of ball. Football coach George Campbell saw her hit a 40-yard field goal and asked her to join the team.

She accepted — despite initial protests from her parents, who worried about possible injuries.

"My dad thought I was crazy and my mom thought I was psycho," Wright said.

But no injuries have occurred — she said the guys on the team are very protective — and her parents have come around.

NFL loaded with players from Lone Star state

HOUSTON (AP) — Bud Adams only thought he was leaving Houston without a pro football team when he spirited the Oilers away to Possum Holler.

Actually, Adams just left Houston without a franchise. We still have a team. In fact, if you toss in Beaumont, Galveston and a few random points to the west and southwest, Houston has a homegrown team-and-a-half for this NFL season.

Twenty-five players on the 1998 opening-day rosters listed Houston as their hometown, more than any city in the nation. Counting the 11-county area that hugs the Gulf Coast from Beaumont to Matagorda County, the number grows to 63. That's more players than hail from any of 44 lesser states of the Union.

Only California, with 202 players on the 1998 opening-day rosters, Florida (136) and Pennsylvania (80) have provided more NFL talent this season than has Greater Houston. Ohio and Georgia each have 63 representatives.

If you toss in the remaining 243 counties outside the upper Gulf Coast, there are 161 products of Texas high school football on NFL rosters for today's kickoffs. And if you speed-read through the 17,000 names that appear on the NFL's all-time roster, you'll find at least 1,500 who played high school ball in the Lone Star State.

Texas has turned out its share of coaches, too. One of the very

best was Bum Phillips, who coached his share of Texas players in high school, colleges and the pros. The very best, he said, had one thing in common.

"They were restless — just like the Old West, hell-bent for leather, let's go get the job done," Phillips said. "They didn't hold back. That's why the whole country recruited here. When they got a Texas kid, they knew they had someone who would lay it on the line. That's the way it's always been done here."

"Texas means football," said Jerry Gray, the former defensive back from Lubbock Estacado, the Texas Longhorns and the LA Rams who now coaches for the Tennessee Oilers. "Everyone loves Friday night football, and everyone wants to play on the next level."

"You grow up in Texas playing in front of 10,000, 15,000 people on Friday night. If you make it to a championship game, you'll play in front of 30,000. With that kind of background, you're exposed to what big-time football means and you're ready to adjust to the pressures of being in the NFL."

Each of the 30 NFL teams has at least one player who played high school football in Texas. Detroit is on the low end with a single player; ironically, the leader with 12 Texans is the aforementioned Bud Adams' Tennessee Oilers. The defending Super Bowl champion Denver Broncos have 10.

Eleven high schools nationwide have at least four players currently in the NFL, and five

of those are Texas schools — Galveston Ball, Richardson Lake Highlands and Beaumont West Brook with five each, Dallas Carter and Fort Bend Willowridge with four each, Long Beach (Calif.) Polytechnic is the overall leader with six.

Willowridge's senior representative is Thurman Thomas, who played on Willowridge's state title team in 1980. Ball's representatives include Kimble Anders and Eric Hill, who were high school seniors in 1984-85.

West Brook's first player in the NFL, Jerry Ball of the Vikings, played on the first varsity team in school history. That team went on to win the 1982 state championship under the late Alexander Durley.

The other four players — Michael Batiste, Calvin Collins, Earl Dotson and Frank Middleton — all played for Jerry Hentschel at West Brook.

"We were the football capital of the world back in the 1970s, you know, and it was just a tradition that we always provided a lot of people who went on to play pro ball," Hentschel said.

"It has to do with tradition and family background, but it also has a lot to do with talent. I just gave them some knowledge when they were in high school, and they developed from there."

Coaching, in fact, is the common denominator throughout Texas that has made the state such a productive breeding ground for the NFL.

"We have the best coaching in the country, from grade school through youth football," said King Hill, the former Rice and

Philadelphia Eagles quarterback. "It's been that way for years. Coaching is a socially accepted business in Texas, so good people get into the business and stay in it."

As coaches have left their imprint on players, players have left their imprint on the NFL. There's a better than 1-in-10 chance today that any given linebacker or defensive back you see in an NFL uniform will have played high school ball in Texas. It's the same for running backs and offensive linemen and considerably less for quarterbacks and wide receivers.

And that fact, Phillips said, harkens back to the way Texans play high school football.

"Texas is a win-first state, and to win means you develop a running game and don't throw the ball a lot," he said. "The high school coaches are under intense pressure to win. That's No. 1 with them, and it's easier to find 11 kids who can run the ball than 10 kids who can run the ball and one who can throw."

Seven Texas high school products started in last year's Pro Bowl, and only one — Oakland's Tim Brown of Dallas Wilson — played on offense. The rest were defenders — Michael Strahan (Houston Westbury) and Jessie Armstead (Dallas Carter) of the Giants, Merton Hanks (Richardson Lake Highlands) of the 49ers, Aaron Glenn (Aldine Nimitz) of the Jets, John Randle (Hearne) of the Vikings, and Darrell Green (Houston Jones) of the Redskins.

Collins arrested, charged with drunken driving

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — New Orleans quarterback Kerry Collins was arrested and charged with drunken driving early today, hours after a game against his former Carolina teammates, a television station reported.

Collins, arrested by a Highway Patrol trooper, was taken to Mecklenburg County Jail and released after posting a \$1,000 bond, WSOC-TV said.

Collins, claimed off waivers by New Orleans last month after telling Carolina coach Dom Capers his heart was no longer in the game, was involved in an August 1997 incident in which he reportedly used an offensive racial term in reference to former teammate Muhsin Muhammad.

The quarterback apologized for what he said was a remark made in jest, but the incident prompted speculation about a possible drinking problem. He has denied having an alcohol problem.

On Sunday afternoon, he was booed and taunted by Carolina fans during the Panthers' 31-17 victory, and refused to talk to reporters after the game.

"What are you going to tell him? He expected it," said Saints starting quarterback Billy Joe Tolliver. "When somebody leaves a team and comes back, you're going to get heckled. He handled it, never opened his mouth and went about his business."

Collins, the first pick of the expansion Panthers in 1995, stood on the sideline in a baseball hat with arms folded and never appeared to be close to entering the game against his former team.

"I know he definitely wanted to get out there," said Saints safety Chad Cota, a former teammate of Collins, who is listed as the Saints backup. "It sounded like the fans did, too. But they didn't get him out there, so he'll have to wait his time."

Collins' return drew some mixed reaction from his former teammates.

"I told the guys in the locker room that there's a guy on the other sideline that didn't think you guys were good enough to

play with," Panthers fullback William Floyd said.

But Steve Beuerlein, who took over as the Carolina starter when Collins departed, hugged his friend at midfield after the game.

"He is a guy who was a part of this family from the beginning and you just can't cut loose with those feelings and emotions,"

Beuerlein said.

Only a "Good Luck Kerry" placard remained in Collins' locker when reporters entered the locker room, and New Orleans coach Mike Ditka wasn't in much of a mood to talk about Collins.

When asked if it ever crossed his mind to play Collins, Ditka said: "I don't have a mind."

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What are the facts?

The Birth of a Dream. The return to Zion had for 2,000 years been the dream of Europe's dispersed Jews, the only hope in their miserable lives. "Next year in Jerusalem" had always been the watchword. But nothing was done to bring this dream to reality. Theodor Herzl organized the first Zionist Congress in Basel (Switzerland) in 1897 and political Zionism was born.

The concept of creating a new nation in what was then a sparsely-settled country was something totally new, never before attempted in the history of mankind. But Herzl's vision fired up world Jewry and especially the Jews of eastern Europe, who were despairing under the yoke of Russian oppression and recurring pogroms. Energized by Zionist aspirations, British Foreign Secretary Lord Balfour issued his famous Declaration in 1917, by which Palestine was established as a national home for the Jewish people.

In 1922, the League of Nations entrusted Britain with the Mandate for Palestine. Regrettably, and contrary to the Balfour Declaration and the requirement of the Mandate, Britain decided that the provisions for setting up a Jewish national home would not apply east of the Jordan River. That area constituted three-fourths of the territory of the Mandate and eventually became the Hashemite Kingdom of Transjordan. Only one-quarter of Palestine remained to fulfill the Jewish dream.

A Nation is Born and Succeeds. The modern state of Israel was founded in May 1948, almost exactly fifty years ago—fifty years after Herzl formulated the concept. Immediately upon its creation, the country was invaded by the armies of five Arab countries. With a total Jewish population of only about 650,000, and with limited armaments and resources, the ragtag army of Israel defeated the combined might of the aggressors and established itself firmly within its boundaries. Transjordan (now renamed Jordan) stayed in possession of Judea/Samaria (now known as the "West Bank") and the eastern part of Jerusalem. Egypt occupied the Gaza Strip. The price was very high. In this bloodiest of wars imposed on Israel, over 6,000 citizen-soldiers died — over 1% of the population. It is as if the United States were to suffer a loss of close to 3 million people! It was not the only war that its neighbors visited on Israel. In the Six-Day War of 1967, Israel once again prevailed; it repossessed Judea/Samaria (the "West Bank"), the eastern part of Jerusalem, and conquered the vast Sinai Peninsula and the Golan Heights. And once more, in 1973, the Arabs tried to destroy Israel in the Yom Kippur War. Once more, they suffered defeat.

Despite being under constant attack and siege and having suffered over 20,000 dead in those defensive wars, Israel created social and political systems and an economy that continues to amaze experts worldwide. Israel is the only truly democratic country in the entire Middle East, with governmental structure and institutions comparable to those of the United States. Its economy—despite the enormous defense expenditures mandated by the aggressiveness of its neighbors and despite the effort and expense of having absorbed more than 2.5 million immigrants (four times the population at the creation of the state)—can only be described as a miracle of human accomplishment. Virtually everything—infrastructure such as roads, railroads, ports, airports, water carriers, electricity stations and distribution networks—had to be built from a minimal base. Today, Israel's economy is booming. It is a leader in high-tech technology; it has created one of the most advanced agricultural systems in the world; it is one of world leaders in economic growth rate; it has one of the highest per-capita incomes in the world; and it is the world leader in exports per capita.

We have in this century seen the demise of many "isms", the most prominent failures being those of Communism and Nazism. But Zionism, the national movement of the Jewish people, has flourished despite incredible obstacles—to an extent that the visionary Theodor Herzl could not have possibly imagined 100 years ago. One would think that the world, especially the emerging nations, would wish to learn from Israel's example, so as to emulate its achievements. Unfortunately, almost the exact opposite is the case. Goaded by the Arab nations, inalterably hostile to Israel and single-mindedly dedicated to its destruction, the United Nations has offered more than 100 resolutions censuring and condemning Israel's actions.

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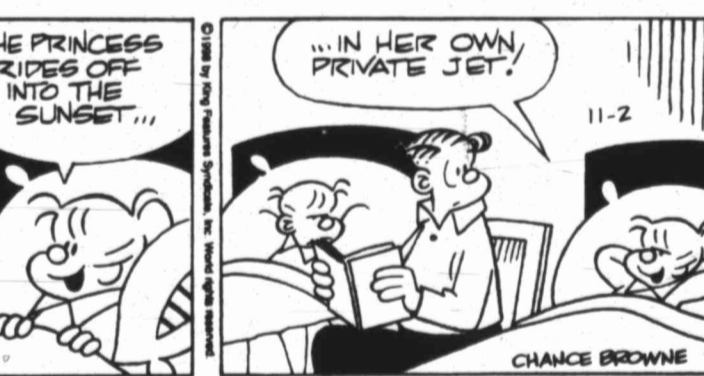
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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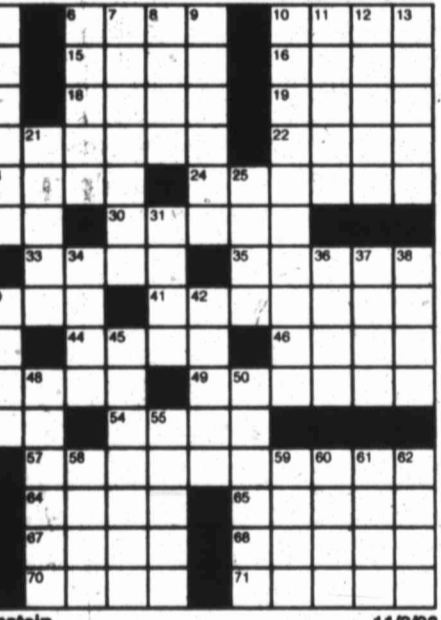
Today's Highlight in History:
On Nov. 6, 1860, former Illinois congressman Abraham Lincoln defeated three other candidates for the presidency.
On this date:
In 1861, Jefferson Davis was elected to a six-year term as president of the Confederacy.

In 1888, Benjamin Harrison of Indiana won the presidential election, defeating incumbent Grover Cleveland by gaining the required number of electoral votes, even though Cleveland led in the popular vote.

THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

- ACROSS**
- Add up
 - Oriental nursemaid
 - Blake
 - Worship
 - Zany Imogene
 - Actor's part
 - Rich veins
 - Ripped
 - Scandinavian capital
 - Poison symbol
 - Penn or Young
 - British nobleman
 - Exam compositions
 - Long way
 - Loater
 - Word before friendly
 - Swear word
 - Glowing embers
 - Concentrate anew
 - Stop-sign shape
 - Lariat
 - Davenport's location
 - Moore of "Ghost"
 - Fountain orders
 - Winter apple
 - Look over casually
 - Garden plots
 - Child's building toy
 - Rifle sights
 - State with conviction
 - Paddles
 - Flynn of films
 - Took to court
 - Have supper
 - Spanish cowboy's lariat
 - Hardy heroine
 - Biblical garden
 - Part
- DOWN**
- After-shower powder
 - Scent
 - Commotion
 - God of war
 - "Children of a God"
 - Thespian
 - Like a bright night
 - Piece of land
 - Gretel's brother
 - Intersections
 - Old Testament book
 - Set to rest
 - Unskilled laborers
 - Louisiana backwater
 - Fringe group
 - Roll up
 - On the waves
 - Umps' cohorts
 - Some puzzles
 - Ship with a lateen sail
 - Largest continent
 - Bronze and Iron, e.g.
 - Togo's capital
 - Tizzy
 - Pigeon sounds
 - Jokers
 - "Luther" dramatist
 - Read spy reports
 - Theater escorts
 - Strong gust
 - Ziegfeld Follies, e.g.
 - S-shaped moldings
 - City on the Ruhr
 - Sudden attack
 - Region
 - Nest-egg \$\$
 - Decomposes
 - Kill



By Carol R. Blumenstein Chattanooga, TN 11/2/98



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In 1893, composer Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky died in St. Petersburg, Russia, at age 53.

In 1900, President McKinley was re-elected, beating Democrat William Jennings Bryan.

In 1913, Mohandas K. Gandhi was arrested as he led a march of Indian miners in South Africa.

In 1928, in a first, the results of Herbert Hoover's election victory over Alfred E. Smith were flashed onto an electric sign outside the New York Times building.

In 1956, President Eisenhower won re-election, defeating Democrat Adlai E. Stevenson.

In 1976, Benjamin L. Hooks was chosen to be the new executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, succeeding Roy Wilkins.

In 1977, 39 people were killed when an earthen dam burst, sending a wall of water through Toccoa Falls Bible College in Georgia.

Ten years ago: Andrei D. Sakharov, the father of the Soviet dissident movement, arrived in the United States for a two-week trip, less than two years after he was freed from internal exile in the Soviet Union.

Five years ago: Heavyweight boxer Evander Holyfield defeated Riddick Bowe in a 12-round fight in Las Vegas; the match was interrupted in the seventh round when an intruder, using a paraglider, tried to fly into the ring.

One year ago: The Clinton administration warned Iraq it could face military action or economic sanctions if it continued to bar U.N. weapons inspections. Former President George Bush opened his presidential library at Texas A&M University; among the guests of honor was President Clinton, the man who'd sent him into retirement.

Today's Birthdays: Director Mike Nichols is 67. Country singer Stonewall Jackson is 66. Singer Eugene Pitt (The Jive Five) is 61. Singer P.J. Proby is 60. Singer-musician Doug Sahm (Sir Douglas Quintet; Texas Tornados) is 57. Country singer Guy Clark is 57. Actress Sally Field is 52. Pop singer-musician Glenn Frey (The Eagles) is 50. NBC newswoman Maria Shriver is 43. Actor Lance Kerwin is 38.

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