

Health department looks at multiple sclerosis cases

EL PASO (AP) — A possible high incidence of multiple sclerosis cases in two neighborhoods has spurred the Texas Department of Health to begin a study.

The health department has mailed about 1,000 survey forms to people who were children in the Kern Place and Mission Hills neighborhoods and attended Mesita Elementary School from 1947 to 1970, the El Paso Times reported Thursday.

The forms seek a variety of information, including whether the recipient has been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, a chronic, often disabling disease of the central nervous system that affects twice as many women as men.

Fourteen cases have been identified within the 5,000 students who attended the school and lived in the Kern Place and Mission Hills areas during the study time frame, said Matthew

Garabedian, a Department of Health epidemiologist.

Judy Weiser, who suffers from multiple sclerosis, noticed many of her Mesita schoolmates also had the disease. She brought the cluster issue to the attention of her neurologist and the state health department.

"I gave them over a dozen names of people suffering from neurological symptoms, if not directly from multiple sclerosis, and they all attended Mesita," said Ms. Weiser, now a high school teacher. "There were just too many people I knew and it just seemed strange."

Preliminary evidence suggests a higher incidence than normal, Garabedian said, but further study is needed.

The most recent figures show the national rate of multiple sclerosis at 167 per 100,000 people.

Initial calculations would put the rate in the study group at

280 per 100,000.

Although causes of the disease are unknown, some people suspect environmental factors are to blame.

"I remember going to Mesita and playing on the playground and tasting sulfur all the time," said Ruth Ellen Jacobson, who attended the school for seven years in the 1960s. "It's kind of a scary thing thinking that all these people have the same thing. It's too many to ignore."

Ms. Weiser suspects a number of environmental issues, including a connection to Asarco Inc. Asarco smelted lead at the plant in West El Paso, near the school, until 1985. Asarco officials were made aware of the TDH study, plant environmental manager Tom Martin said.

The company has cooperated with inquiries, but Martin stressed that no link has been made between the environment and multiple sclerosis.

In fact, no studies have linked environmental factors to causing multiple sclerosis, according to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Several lawsuits were filed against Asarco after the discovery in 1972 that Asarco emissions contributed to high levels of lead in the blood.

Shortly after, the residential area near Asarco, known as "Smelter Town," was dismantled due to pollution and contamination concerns.

But linking Asarco or other area plants to multiple sclerosis is unfair because of a lack of evidence, said TDH regional director Dr. Miguel Escobedo.

"A lot of things affect the nervous system — pesticides, autoimmune diseases, infectious diseases," he said.

The most probable cause for multiple sclerosis has been identified as a virus affecting the central nervous system.

Girls persuaded to run away to avoid doomsday predictions

LAKE JACKSON (AP) — Two people have been arrested on charges that they persuaded two teenage girls to run away to Mexico to escape turn-of-the-century doomsday predictions.

Tara Burmeister, 22, and her husband, James Nelson, 28, face two misdemeanor charges each of harboring a runaway and enticing a child.

They were arrested in Dallas on a routine traffic stop and then taken to Lake Jackson, authorities said.

The five-week disappearance of the teen-agers led citizens to tie yellow ribbons around oak trees to show their concern after the girls' parents said they believed the teen-agers were abducted by religious cultists.

The FBI assisted in returning the girls to Texas after they called their parents from

a pay telephone in Parral, Mexico.

The 15-year-old girls left behind handwritten letters telling their parents that God told them to leave.

After being brought back home, the girls told authorities the adults told them of an impending nuclear holocaust and the potential for a Y2K disaster.

The girls, described as churchgoing Christians, said they were told Mexico was considered a safe refuge and that there was the possibility of doing missionary work.

The class A misdemeanor charge of harboring a runaway could result in a one-year jail term and a \$4,000 fine for each of them. Enticing a child is a class B misdemeanor carrying a possible 180 days in jail and a \$2,000 fine.

Judge expected to rule today on subpoena for "60 Minutes II" outtakes

JASPER (AP) — A judge today is expected to decide whether or not to force a producer for "60 Minutes II" to turn over the unedited outtakes of a broadcast interview with the third man charged in the dragging death of a black man.

Prosecutors want the outtakes of Shawn Allen Berry's interview with CBS News anchor Dan Rather, which aired on Sept. 28.

State District Judge Joe Bob Golden on Monday ordered Dallas-based CBS producer

Mary Mapes to appear in his court today with copies of the videotapes. Prosecutors subpoenaed Mapes and the interview outtakes earlier, but she missed her scheduled appearance on Monday.

Jasper County District Attorney Guy James Gray said he wants to compare Berry's statements in the outtakes to others he has given during the investigation into the June 7, 1998, dragging death of James Byrd Jr.

In the interview, Berry said

he tried to stop the attack on Byrd, but backed off when one of his alleged accomplices, John William King, threatened him. King and Lawrence Russell Brewer, white supremacists who became buddies in prison, were convicted and sentenced to death earlier this year in separate trials.

Mapes' attorneys want the subpoena thrown out, on the grounds that Mapes never had custody or control of them, and is protected constitutionally even if she did.

"Compelling journalists to produce their non-broadcast resource materials will clearly compromise their ability to gather and report the news," one of Mapes' attorneys, Thomas Leatherbury, wrote in a motion to quash the subpoena.

Today's hearing is the first of two battles between CBS News and prosecutors over the interview. On Tuesday, prosecutors initiated proceedings to require Rather to testify about his interview with Berry.

CBS News president Andrew

Heyward said the company would challenge both subpoena requests.

Under the process to obtain a subpoena for a witness who lives outside of Texas, prosecutors were required to make their request to Golden, who certified that Rather is "material and necessary witness."

The certified request was sent to New York authorities, and a judge there will decide whether or not to compel Rather to testify in Texas after conducting a hearing on the matter.

"I haven't got word yet as to whether they've set a hearing date," said Brit Featherston, an assistant U.S. attorney helping Jasper County prosecutors.

CBS spokesman Sandy Genelius said Thursday that the network has not been contacted about any hearing on the subpoena yet.

Featherston said the request has been sent to the New York County District Attorney in Manhattan. A spokesman there could not confirm the request had arrived.

Bush skips debate so he can see wife receive honor

DALLAS (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush carried through with his pledge to be at his wife's side while she received an award instead of attending a debate in New Hampshire with fellow GOP presidential hopefuls.

"I love my wife. I'm glad I'm with her," Bush said Thursday as he accompanied Laura Bush into a Dallas hotel ballroom where she was honored along with three others as distinguished Southern Methodist University alumni.

"I'm glad you're with me, too," Mrs. Bush told her husband.

During an interview with WMUR-TV, which co-sponsored the debate with CNN, Bush stressed that he was not taking New Hampshire for granted and would campaign there next week.

"At every stop I answer questions and lay out my vision for America, and it seems to me that the people of New Hampshire accept my vision and want me to be the nominee," Bush said.

About 1,000 people attended the formal event in Dallas, where a video shown on two giant screens described Mrs. Bush's upbringing in Midland, Texas, and life afterward.

The first lady received a standing ovation when she walked onstage to receive the award, and she joked about her time at the university.

"In my four years at SMU, I never thought about the 'distinguished' half of the equation. I was just worried about the 'alumni,'" she said, smiling broadly. "I think I might have married into the 'distinguished' part."

Mrs. Bush is founder and honorary chairwoman of the Texas Book Festival, a gathering of Texas authors and book lovers that has raised nearly \$600,000 for the state's public libraries.

She also promotes women's health through the Governor's Spouse Program of the National Governors Association.

Other honorees were the Rev. Kirbyjon H. Caldwell, pastor of Windsor Village United Methodist Church in Houston; and Larry R. Faulkner, president of the University of Texas at Austin.

Convicted killer of 94-year-old Dallas woman put to death

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Ten injections propelled Domingo Cantu to a cocaine high and inspired him to rape and fatally beat a 94-year-old Dallas woman.

More than 11 years later, two needles carrying lethal drugs Thursday night took his life for the murder.

Cantu, 31, was executed for fatally attacking Suda Eller Jones as she watered flowers outside the Dallas home where she had lived for 60 years.

Speaking in German to his German-born wife, in Spanish and then in English, Cantu expressed love and asked that

his family stay united in brief final comments to relatives assembled in the death chamber.

"I'll be waiting for you on the other side," Cantu said. Then he began praying repeatedly: "Jesus mercy, Jesus mercy," as the drugs began taking effect.

Nine minutes later, he was pronounced dead.

Cantu insisted he was innocent. On an Internet site dedicated to him, the half-Hispanic, half-Apache former painter called himself "an American Indian warrior held hostage in my homeland."

"I cannot and will not lay

down systematically for this barbarity and 'madness' called justice," he wrote in a letter posted on the Italy-based Web site.

His execution, however, was carried out peacefully.

His sister, among the witnesses, carried an eagle feather into the chamber and made the sign of a cross and a circular motion with the feather as Cantu lost consciousness.

Cantu long had sought DNA tests which he said would exonerate him of the crime and appeals attorneys successfully petitioned a court this month to conduct the tests, which were

unavailable in 1988. The results, however, showed the blood on his shirt and underwear matched the victim's blood.

Evidence showed about 8 a.m. on June 25, 1988, Cantu grabbed Ms. Jones in the front yard of her home and dragged her across her patio into the back yard, then hauled the 97-pound woman over a 4-foot-high chain-link fence, beat, raped and sodomized her.

Alerted by a neighbor who called police, officers caught Cantu near the scene within minutes. He was covered with blood and feces and was trying to run down an alley.

In his late teens, he had a juvenile criminal record and went to prison for burglary.

At the punishment phase of his trial, Cantu testified he had injected himself with cocaine more than 10 times the night before the murder.

During jury selection at the murder trial, he bolted from the defense table and tried to run out a back door of the courtroom. The door was locked.

Six years ago, prison officials said he stabbed and wounded a fellow death row inmate in the throat with a 13-inch stiletto fashioned from a typewriter key.

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Clinton proposes protections for medical records, patient rights

WASHINGTON (AP) — Picking up where Congress failed, President Clinton is proposing regulations to keep electronic medical records from the prying eyes of employers, marketing firms and others who often see patients' most sensitive information without their consent.

"I will use the full authority of this office to create the first comprehensive national standards for the protection of medical records," Clinton said in a

prepared statement.

"The new rules I'm proposing would apply to all electronic medical records and to all health plans. It represents an unprecedented step toward putting Americans back in control of their own medical records," the president said in advance of a formal announcement scheduled for today.

The proposed regulations, administration officials said, would restrict the use and release of private health infor-

mation transmitted or maintained by computers. Congress debated the issue for years, but failed to meet a self-imposed Aug. 21 deadline for legislating new protections.

Existing laws protecting medical privacy vary widely from state to state. Currently, there are no federal guarantees that private information won't be passed to employers, sold to pharmaceutical companies or talked about in insurance company offices.

The administration will publish the proposal next week. It has until February 2000 to issue a final proposal, with the rules to take effect in 2002.

The new federal rules would go beyond the weaker protections of some states, but would not override those with more restrictive laws.

The rules would apply only to electronic information, including computer records that have been copied to paper.

Only congressional action can

protect the large amount of medical information that has existed only on paper, said Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., who wrote a bipartisan privacy bill before the August deadline.

"I can only hope that the administration's action will light a fire under Congress, so that we can deal with this critically important issue in a serious, bipartisan and comprehensive way," he said.

Under the proposal, doctors, hospitals or health plans would

not release a patient's information for purposes unrelated to treatment and payment without written consent. Private information can now be released to financial institutions, direct marketing firms and others without a patient's knowledge or consent.

When required to release medical information, health organizations would have to limit the disclosure to the minimum necessary for each case instead of a patient's entire record.

Conoco oil tank fire injures two, scatters debris

PONCA CITY, Okla. (AP) — An oil tank at the Conoco refinery burst into flames Thursday morning, injuring two people and scattering charred pieces of foam-like debris that one man said resembled "movie rocks" across the city.

Schools rushed children off playgrounds as a plume of thick black smoke billowed up and over the northern part of the city. Emergency management officials monitored the air for potential hazards.

Kenneth Ray, director of external affairs for the Houston-based Conoco, said the smoke was non-toxic but could be an irritant to people with respiratory problems. No evacuations were ordered and the fire was extinguished late Thursday

afternoon.

Smoke was visible from 15 to 20 miles away. Nicholas Spencer, refinery manager, gave a preliminary damage estimate of \$1.5 million.

"It was kind of a boom. It didn't sound like nothing normal," said Boaz Parker, who was working at Pioneer Rental, directly across from the field of tanks that included the burning vessel. "I went outside to see what it was."

He said he saw smoke and then a lot of flames.

The fire Spencer described as violent began around 11:30 a.m. in a tank of gas oil, which he said was about the thickness of motor oil, on the west end of Conoco's tank farm. More than an hour later, flames still were

visible above the collapsing walls of the burning tank. Ray said the fire probably would be allowed to burn out, and there was no danger of flames spreading to other tanks.

Ray said the 80,000-gallon tank contained about 50,000 barrels of fuel. Spencer said the fuel was used to feed the part of the refinery where fuel is turned into gasoline.

Two Conoco employees were injured while inspecting insulation in a lift near the top of the tank.

The injured workers were flown to Integris Baptist Medical Center in Oklahoma City. Eric Lowe, 49, was in critical condition Thursday evening with second- and third-degree burns over 16 percent of

his body, said Damon Gardenhire, a hospital spokesman.

Mike Rowe, 25, was also in critical condition with second- and third-degree burns over 16 percent to 20 percent of his body. Rowe also suffered hip and lower back fractures.

The men were placed in a hyperbaric chamber that creates an oxygen-rich environment that reduces swelling and prevents second-degree burns from converting to third-degree burns, Gardenhire said.

"We do not understand what caused this," said Richard Severance, general manager of Conoco's Mid-Continent Business Unit in Ponca City. Spencer said finding a cause may take a couple of weeks.

Cleveland mayor orders high school closed because of threat

CLEVELAND (AP) — Authorities ordered a high school closed today after they uncovered an apparent plot by students to stage "violent acts" there.

According to a published report today, several South High School students admitted planning an attack with guns and explosives, similar to the one carried out by two students at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., last April.

"We're talking about a plan to disrupt the school with violent acts," Mayor Michael R. White said Thursday night at a news conference at City Hall.

A South High student learned of the plot Wednesday morning and alerted her parents. One of the parents notified the school. The Plain Dealer reported today, citing a source close to the investigation. The school has 1,500 students.

On Thursday, some students dressed in black got the attention of school security officers. They were questioned about the rumored attack and were sent home with parents, the newspaper said.

At Columbine, Eric Harris, 18, and Dylan Klebold, 17, killed 13 people and wounded 23 others at the school on April 20 before killing themselves.

South High's homecoming game and dance scheduled for tonight were canceled.

Police and school security checked the high school locker by locker Thursday night for weapons and explosive devices, White said. None were found.

White said some "documents" that were found Thursday appear to be evidence of a planned attack. He refused to specify what those documents were. Eleven students at the school face possible disciplinary action, the mayor said.

The Plain Dealer reported that some students gave written statements to police. The statements said they planned to use guns, which were to be obtained from a gang, and homemade

explosives to kill teachers, administrators and fellow students, the newspaper said. It was unclear whether the students had already obtained any weapons, the paper said.

According to the statements, the massacre was planned for just before noon today, with students opening fire in the school cafeterias and the principal's office. The students planned to conclude with a suicidal shootout with police in a courtyard, the newspaper said.

"This is a matter that is literally unfolding minute to minute," White said.

"We have an obligation to only communicate what we know to be true and to keep the conjecture and rumors at bay until we know what is going on."

As a result of the investigation, security at all 120 schools in the 77,000-student district was being increased today.

South High School is to reopen Monday with additional security officers and hand-held metal detectors to scan students before they enter, he said.

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No-weapons policy means senior's picture cut from yearbook

NEVIS, Minn. (AP) — A high school is refusing to allow a picture of a student sitting on a 155 mm howitzer to appear in a yearbook.

Nevis High officials said the photo of senior Samantha Jones violates the school's "zero-tolerance" policy toward weapons. The policy prohibits images of guns, knives or other weapons on shirts, hats or in pictures. It also bans squirt guns.

The snapshot shows Ms. Jones, who is joining the Army in June, perched on the small cannon outside a Veterans of Foreign Wars post.

"Whether it's in military, recreational or sporting form, anything shaped like a gun or knife is banned," said Superintendent Dick Magaard.

Ms. Jones' mother, Sue Jones, petitioned for a vote by the School Board, which deadlocked 3-3 this week on publishing the photo.

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Mexico to delay proposed car fee deposit

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Faced with mounting criticism from U.S. border states who fear damaged trade and tourist relations, the Mexican government announced Thursday that it would postpone and revise a program to collect refundable deposits from U.S.-registered cars driving over the border.

"The measure is going ahead in a few weeks time, but we are changing some of the logistics to make it easier for people to comply with the measure," said Treasury Department spokesman Marco Provencio.

The measure, initially slated to take effect Nov. 1, will charge drivers of U.S.-registered automobiles \$400 for cars produced in 1994 or earlier, \$600 for models from 1995 to 1998, and \$800 for those made this year or later, Mexican officials said. The fees will be refunded when the cars return to the United States.

Provencio said the program is being delayed to allow officials to make two major changes: Drivers who were going to be required to pay the deposit in cash may use a credit card voucher instead, and they can collect their refund at any border post, regardless of where they entered the country.

"So you could come in through Tijuana (on the California border) and leave through Matamoros (bordering Texas), and still receive your deposit," Provencio said.

He said while the changes will delay the program, it still will go into effect before the end of the year. "I cannot respond at the moment whether it will be two weeks, four weeks, six weeks, but it's going to be this year," he said.

U.S. officials have expressed fears that the program would damage tourism, trade and investment from the United States, as well as discouraging families from visiting relatives in Mexico.

The co-chairmen of the U.S. Congressional Border Caucus, Reps. Solomon Ortiz, D-Texas, and Henry Bonilla, R-Texas, this week drafted a letter to the Mexican ambassador in Washington asking for reconsideration of a policy they termed "counterproductive to the cooperation between the United States and Mexico."

Ortiz worried that opponents of the North American Free Trade Agreement may seize on the new policy as a way of undoing the pact between the United States, Mexico and Canada.

Mexican officials have defended the measure as necessary to discourage people from selling U.S.-registered vehicles in Mexico, depriving the Mexican treasury of duties on new car sales and creating registration confusion.

Provencio noted that of the 14 million cars in Mexico, about 1 million are illegal. He said the issue is important in Mexico, where the auto industry represents 2.5 percent of the country's gross domestic product, provides roughly 1.5 million jobs and represents 20 percent of Mexico's total exports.

"In terms of exports, the auto industry is three times larger than our oil industry," Provencio said.

Regarding the car-deposit proposal, "We have heard some of the comments against the logistics of the measure coming from border towns and people in the southern parts of the United States, and we are responding to the concerns," he said.

Blue Angels jet crashes in Georgia

MOODY AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. (AP) — A jet from the Navy's Blue Angels precision flying team crashed during a training flight Thursday while trying to land under clear skies. Both people aboard were killed.

The F/A-18 Hornet went down around midday on a farm near Moody Air Force Base in southernmost Georgia.

"They were coming in to land, practicing arrival maneuvers, when this happened," said Pentagon spokesman Ken Bacon in Washington. "We don't know what caused it."

Killed were Lt. Commander Kieron O'Connor, 35, of Burtonsville, Md., and Lt. Kevin Colling, 32, of Castle

Rock, Colo., according to Cmdr. Patrick Driscoll, flight leader of the Blue Angels.

"They are two of the best naval aviators I know. This is a tragic loss to the families, to the Blue Angels and the U.S. Navy," Driscoll said.

The Blue Angels have canceled their participation in this weekend's show.

The precision flying team, based in Pensacola, Fla., has six F/A-18 Hornets that execute high-speed acrobatics. Several stunts involve the jets moving in tight formation, such as the four-plane diamond maneuver and the six-jet delta.

Since the Blue Angels were formed in 1946, the group has performed for more than 322 million people.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
***You wake up smiling, and perhaps you're up for some Halloween mischief. Finishing touches to a costume, decorations for the house or perhaps extra treats make you feel childlike. Make an important call to another at a distance. Spend a little and don't worry as much about funds. Tonight: Where the party is, you are.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
***Make calls and ask others to pitch in on a last-minute Halloween project. A get-together proves to be high-spirited and full of fun. Let a partner give you feedback; he really does want to be a bigger part of your life. Together, you share some wonderful ideas. Tonight: A must-show.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***You might not always have the right ideas about spending, but right now, you couldn't care less as you deck the halls with pumpkins and witches. Bring friends together and don't stand on ceremony. Reach out for that special partner. Tonight: Bob for apples.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
***You naturally beam in what you want with your big smile and fun attitude. Another might not be sure exactly what to do to pitch in. Ask for what you need; another happily complies. Communication flourishes. Sort through friends' calls and invitations. Tonight: Going way overboard.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***Take some time for yourself, perhaps with a loved one, before you jump into the

Halloween festivities. A child could be overly excited, though you gain a great deal of satisfaction by indulging him. Plan on costuming and going out, as well. Tonight: The hit of the party.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
***Friends beat a path to your door. Others ask you for help and feedback. Take time to touch base with someone at a distance. Take in a movie or rent an old favorite. Despite the holiday fun, you might need some downtime with a family member. Tonight: Haunt your own castle.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***Another doesn't always agree with you, but that isn't important. However, you could be thrown off by this person's festive manner; he is really into the Halloween ghouls and goblins. Share your real feelings. Holding back brings nothing. Tonight: Making the party circuit.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
***Reach out for others. Don't do anything halfway, presently. Your sense of humor comes through with a partner; this could concern an expenditure. Last-minute revisions, plans and customs work out well. Be careful with a child - he could be deluding you. Tonight: Out and about.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
***Making special time with a loved one is essential if you want to keep this relationship flourishing. This morning offers an opportunity for closeness and sharing. Your happiness is contagious, and it comes out in everything you do. An offbeat idea proves to be delightful. Tonight: Do something very different.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***Others clearly dominate plans. Take a back seat and allow others to make Halloween what they want. Get into the chatter and fun. Share an idea, even if it appears to be a bit weird. A loved one wants to lasso you in and haunt only with you. Tonight: Who says the party can't be just for two?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***Pace yourself. You could easily be overwhelmed with all that you have to do. Clear out priorities, then touch base with a family member before solidifying plans. Your vagueness could upset others. Try to explain what you are thinking. Tonight: Where your friends are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
***Others are inspired by your happiness. Bring friends together; maybe invite others over for a spontaneous Halloween hoot. A phone call brings important information. Celebration and throwing a party are your specialties. Tonight: Enjoy indulging your friends.


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HALLOWEEN Safety Tips



Trick or Treat



1. If possible, all trick or treating should be done while it's still light outside.
2. Be aware of masks that obstruct vision. Non-allergic makeup is a fun and inexpensive alternative.
3. Always carry a flashlight when trick or treating after dark.
4. If masks are a must, they should be worn on top of the head while walking to a destination.
5. Be sure to clear your yard and front walk of any obstacles that could cause a fall.
6. Instruct your child that no treats are to be eaten until they return home. A light snack before departure may help.
7. Inspect all treats thoroughly. Wash and cut fruit; discard any unwrapped candy.
8. Visit only well-lit familiar homes.
9. Cross only at corners. Never dart between parked cars or in the middle of the block. Don't forget to look both ways!
10. Accept treats only at the front door. Never go inside a stranger's house for any reason.
11. Plan a route and make sure the family knows the plan. Set a curfew and stick to it.
12. White clothing or reflective tape will increase visibility after dark.
13. Wigs and costumes should be made of non-flammable materials.
14. Children under ten should always be accompanied by an adult.
15. Know who your child will be trick or treating with and never let a child of any age trick or treat alone.
16. Sharp or pointed toy weapons are unsafe and should be discouraged.

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Coahoma boosts meeting

The Coahoma Booster Club will meet Monday at 7 p.m. Monday at Elementary School. Members will discuss short business meeting highlighting Bulldogs' game.

BSHS baseball slate meeting

The Big Spring Boosters Club will meet Monday at 7 p.m. Monday at Athletic Training Center. Schedules for season for varsity, junior and freshman to be distributed during meeting.

Boosters will discuss facility improvements.

Parents of all baseball players and any other fans are urged to attend.

YMCA offering racquetball lessons

The Big Spring YMCA is currently offering free racquetball lessons for adults and young adults.

The hour-long lessons are offered on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. through Nov. 20.

Jim Wright, a member, will be teaching lessons on the newly renovated courts.

For more information, call the YMCA at 267-1111.

Rangers cut release Shave

ARLINGTON, Texas — The Texas Rangers cut relief pitcher Eric Shave from their roster.

Both players were right-release was Gundersen was on the 15-day disabled list since May 9, then missed the season after surgery on his right shoulder.

Shave appeared for the Rangers in 2008, batting .288 with 13 home runs, four stops, four games and one at third base.

Nixon doesn't leave Braves

NEW YORK (AP) — The Braves shifted immediately to business mode in Atlanta following the World Series. Atlanta's Otis Nixon, one of the 20 players on the free agency on the market.

Cincinnati's Vaughn, who was traded to the Braves and drove in 11 runs, was the top prospect.

Five players on the AL West champion Rangers, including Yankees in the second base, left-hander Jeff Loria, infielders Tom Kelly, Roberto Kelly, and Todd Zeile.

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SPORTS EXTRA

AP TOP 25

Table listing AP Top 25 college football teams with rankings and records.

SCHOOLBOY POLL

Table listing schoolboy football poll results for various classes.

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NFL STANDINGS

Table showing NFL Standings for American and National Conferences.

NBA PRESEASON

Table showing NBA Preseason games and results.

SCHOOLBOY SCORES

Table listing schoolboy scores for basketball and football.

LOCAL BOWLING

Table listing local bowling results for various leagues.

MILS PLAYOFFS

Table listing MILS playoffs and semifinals.

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Pain, Payne focus at Tour Championship

HOUSTON (AP) — A woman wore knickers. The plane pulled a banner. Black ribbons were everywhere. The memory of Payne Stewart was so pervasive in the first round of the Tour Championship that Davis Love III quit trying to avoid it.

When he tapped in for a bogey at the end of a sad, strange and sometimes shocking first round Thursday, Love found himself at 7-under 100 through 27 holes and in the lead by one stroke over Tiger Woods.

And he couldn't have cared less. "The focus is not on us, not on the tournament and not on the scores," Love said. "It's on the loss of a lot of fathers and husbands."

Three days after Stewart and five others were killed in a freak plane crash, the top 29 players on the PGA Tour tried to get back to work on at Champions Golf Club.

And that's just what it was. "It just didn't excite me," Love said. "The fun doesn't last very long. It was more like work."

That might not be the hard part. The most gut-wrenching day of the \$5 million Tour Championship could come today when no golf is played. Instead, most of the field planned to be in Orlando, Fla., for Stewart's memorial service.

"It's going to be tough to come back on Saturday," Tom Lehman said. "Thursday was tough enough. The fog lifted and unveiled a

first round that was unforgettable. Woods hit through a rock the size of a baseball and left the course at the end of his round holding his left wrist in pain.

Bob Estes hit the shortest drive in PGA Tour history. And before the first shot was struck, a lone bagpiper emerged from a ghostly fog playing "Going Home," in a brief service for Stewart on the first tee.

Spurrier for 100th at Gator

Steve Spurrier is his 100th victory coach, and fittingly come against rival Georgia.

No. 5 Florida (6-1) and No. 10 Georgia (6-1) Saturday. Southeastern Conference game berth likely. The winner takes the SEC East.

In the 25-year Spurrier became coach went 8-17 in the rivalry in the history-year-old series. Georgia 1) beat the Gators them out of SEC contention.

"Ever since he everyone has said, 'beat Georgia,'" offensive coach. "That has carried years. People put pressure on him and he put pressure on himself to win that because they lost times before he got Florida has defeated in eight of the last 10 games, but that one tough to take.

The Gators' 37-17 Georgia ago was Spurrier's as a coach. "That hurt us a lot. Darrell Jackson said getting ready for that. That loss broke our hearts and hurt our hearts. We were the better team. I didn't play like it."

Spurrier was par heart-breaking loss in 1966, his senior Florida's quarter Gators blew a 10-3 lead.

"He talks about sports information Norm Carlson said way he is, he remembers whole game. He could tell you what happened in from beginning to tell you about the when Georgia ran down our throats a minutes. He can tell you how they did it."

Spurrier, 99-19-1 said backup quarterback Palmer needs to replace Doug Johnson. Spurrier have been seemingly all seasons quarterback's decision.

"I've just got to get upset at some things," Spurrier said. "We've got to go back the way we coached since I've been there. That is, if one guy is you put another guy in."

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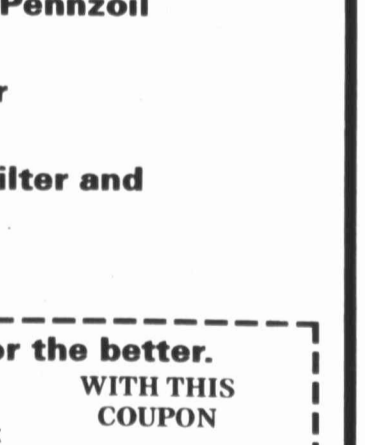
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That was made clear last week by the Steers third-place in the boys' division at Andrews where they managed just 10 points, while Pecos ran away with a 64-point win and Andrews followed with 28.

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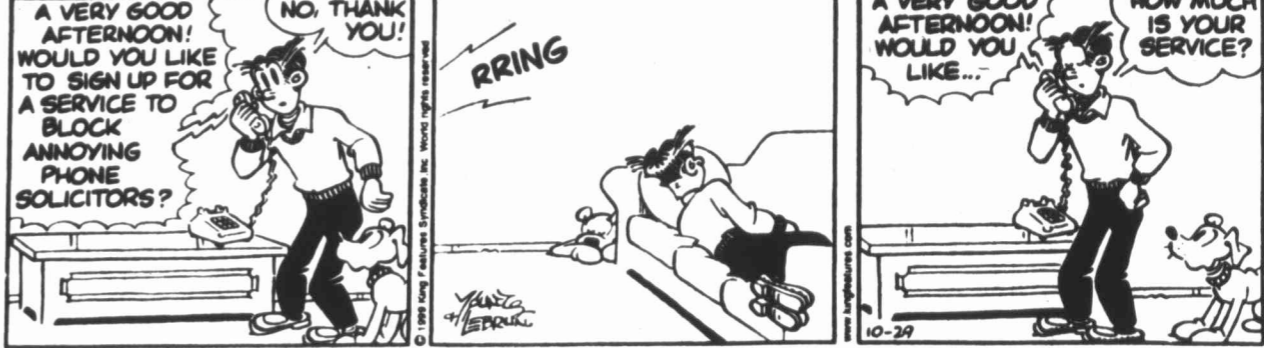
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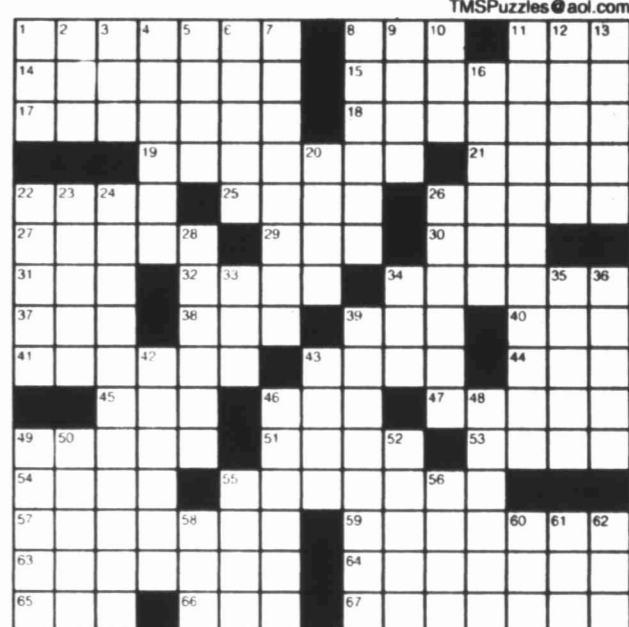
The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Friday, Oct. 29, the 302nd day of 1999. There are 63 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Oct. 29, 1929, Black Tuesday descended upon the New York Stock Exchange. Prices collapsed amid panic selling and thousands of investors were wiped out as America's Great Depression began.

On this date: In 1682, the founder of Pennsylvania, William Penn, landed at what is now Chester, Pa. In 1901, President McKinley's assassin, Leon Czolgosz, was electrocuted. In 1911, American newspaperman Joseph Pulitzer died in Charleston, S.C. In 1923, the Republic of Turkey was proclaimed. In 1940, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson drew the first number - 158 - in America's first peacetime military draft. In 1947, former first lady Frances Cleveland Preston died in Baltimore at age 83. In 1956, during the Suez Canal crisis, Israel launched an invasion of Egypt's Sinai Peninsula. In 1956, "The Huntley-Brinkley Report" premiered as NBC's nightly television newscast, replacing "The Camel News Caravan." In 1966, the National Organization for Women was founded. In 1979, on the 50th anniversary of the great stock market crash, anti-nuclear protesters tried but failed to shut down the New York Stock Exchange.

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On this date: In 1966, the National Organization for Women was founded. In 1979, on the 50th anniversary of the great stock market crash, anti-nuclear protesters tried but failed to shut down the New York Stock Exchange. Ten years ago: At least 20,000 East Berliners observed a minute of silence for those killed while attempting to flee over the Berlin Wall, the first such public mourning since Communist Party authorities built the wall in 1961. Five years ago: Francisco Martin Duran of Colorado Springs, Colo., fired more than two dozen shots from a semiautomatic rifle at the White House while standing on Pennsylvania Avenue; Duran was later convicted of trying to assassinate President Clinton and was sentenced to 40 years in prison. One year ago: Sen. John Glenn, at age 77, roared back into space aboard the shuttle Discovery, retracing the trail he'd blazed for America's astronauts 36 years earlier. The government cleared the powerful drug tamoxifen as a way for healthy women at very high risk of breast cancer to cut their odds of getting a tumor. South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission condemned both apartheid and violence committed by the African National Congress. Sixty-three people were killed when fire broke out during a disco party in Goteborg, Sweden. Today's Birthdays: Country singer Lee Clayton is 57. Rock musician Denny Laine is 55. Singer Melba Moore is 54. Musician Peter Green is 53. Actor Richard Dreyfus is 62.