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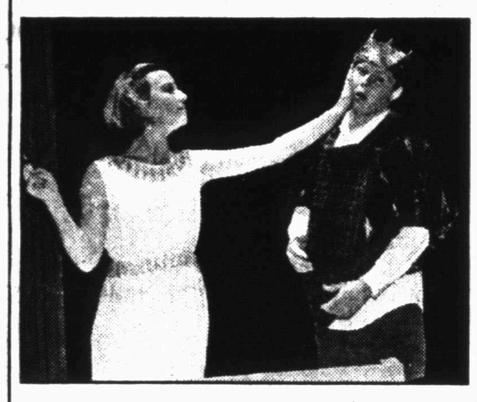
Full drama menu...

DOES THE SLIPPER FIT? — Biff, played by Jason Hook, tries to put the glass slipper on Cinderella's foot (Claire Pollard) as the prince (Casey Pierce) holds her hand, and Cinderella's cat, Ashes (Blake Robertson) looks on. "Cinderella of Loreland" opens at 7 tonight at Snyder Junior High School's auditorium. Another performance is set Tuesday evening at 7. Tickets are $3. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



AN ACTOR'S NIGHTMARE — Sarah (Malorye Miller) tries to wake George (Caleb Durham) from his nightmare by slapping him. The final performance of Snyder High School's "An Actor's Nightmare" is 7:30 tonight at Worsham Auditorium. Tickets are $3. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Early voters set steady pace for general election

Early voting for the November general election got off to a fast start this morning as 99 people had cast ballots by 11 o'clock.

County Clerk Joan Bunch said voters arrived at the clerk's office as the office opened, and there has been a steady stream ever since.

"There has been a line of seven or eight people since we opened," said Bunch.

Interest in the Nov. 7 election has been generated with Texas Gov. George W. Bush and vice president Al Gore competing for the presidency, and the local race for Scurry County Sheriff.

Citizens have the choice between a former sheriff and three write-in candidates for the position of sheriff.

A sheriff's race developed when Sheriff Darren Jackson was declared ineligible to be placed on the ballot as the Democratic nominee. Jackson voted in the Republican Primary that featured a race for Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace.

Former sheriff Keith Collier was nominated by the local Democratic Party executive committee to be that party's candidate with hopes that if he wins, the Scurry County Commissioners' Court would then appoint Jackson to the post since Collier has said he will not take office.

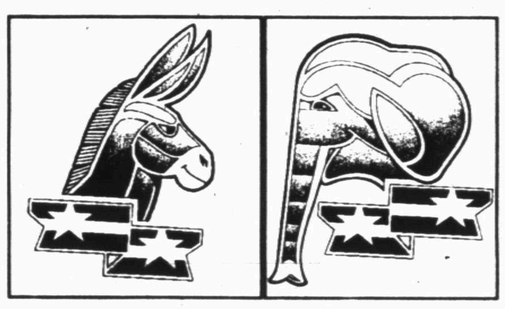
The sheriff's race generated three write-in candidates.

Fluvanna farmer and rancher Cole Herring, former DPS trooper and current personal fitness trainer Joe Salinas, and Kwik Kar Lube and Tune manager Kirk Taylor, are write-in candidates for the office.

There is also a contested race for Precinct 3 commissioner.

Incumbent Republican commissioner Howard Limmer is being challenged by Democrat Donna Gray.

There is also a contested race for Justice of the Peace in Precinct 2 where Republican Travis Brackeen faces independent candidate Pam Bryant.



Local candidates unopposed in seeking reelection include 132nd District Judge Ernie Armstrong, District Attorney Dana Cooley and County Attorney Michael Hartman. All three are Republicans.

Diana Williamson, Democrat, is unopposed for the county tax assessor-collector post. Rona Sikes, who currently holds the office, chose not to seek another term. In addition, Democrat Ralph Trevey is unopposed for county commissioner in Precinct 1.

Justice of the Peace Deborah Boyd and Precinct 1 Constable Pat Alexander also are unopposed. The two, both Republicans, won their bid for the posts in their party's primary and were then appointed by the Scurry County Commissioners' Court to fill in the vacant positions.

Listed on the Presidential ballot along with Bush and Gore, are Libertarian Harry Browne, Green Party candidate Ralph Nader and independent Pat Buchanan.

There are also three write-in candidates seeking the oval office, including Howard Phillips, James "Jim" Wright and David McReynolds.

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchinson, a Republican, has drawn three opponents, including Democrat Gene Kelly, Libertarian Mary J. Ruwart and Green Party candidate Douglas S. Sandage.

Democrat Charlie Stenholm, longtime U.S. Representative for District 17, has three opponents. Republican Darrell Clements, Libertarian Debra M. Monde and write-in candidate Pete Julia are all hoping to unseat Stenholm.

David Counts, Democratic state representative for District 70, is running unopposed.

Bunch reminds voters to bring either their voter registration card or their driver's license to the courthouse in order to facilitate the voting process.

Early voting continues Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Nov. 3 in the county courtroom on the third floor of the courthouse.

Second day of strong wind delays landing

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — A second day of strong wind prevented space shuttle Discovery and its seven astronauts from landing in Florida on Monday, and had NASA considering a California touchdown.

The forecast for the backup landing site at Edwards Air Force Base called for low clouds and a chance of rain — unacceptable for a shuttle touchdown. The outlook improves Tuesday in California, but not in Florida.

"Our next focus is going to be at Edwards" on Monday afternoon, Mission Control informed commander Brian Duffy and his crew.

Gusts of up to 28 mph at the Kennedy Space Center forced Mission Control to pass up Monday's landing attempts there. The crosswind limit is 17 mph.

On Sunday, gusts of up to 22 mph whipped across the 3-mile-long landing strip.

Shuttle managers always prefer to bring space shuttles down at Kennedy, since landing at Edwards comes at the cost of $750,000 and a week's time to ferry the spacecraft back to Florida. Discovery's planned return to the space station in February could be delayed by a touchdown in California. NASA last landed a shuttle at Edwards in 1996.

Discovery has enough fuel and power to stay aloft until Wednesday.

Its space station construction mission — the 100th flight in space shuttle history — began back on Oct. 11.

After a week of exhausting work at the international space station, the astronauts are eager to come home. Duffy and his crew installed a new docking port and an aluminum framework on the 240-mile-high complex, a job that required four spacewalks on four consecutive days.

Their successful work paved the way for the planned arrival of the space station's first permanent crew, scheduled for just 11/2 weeks.

American astronaut Bill Shepherd and two Russian cosmonauts are scheduled to blast off from Kazakstan on Oct. 31. They will spend four months aboard the space station, activating all its systems and working on a pair of bad batteries.

Propane blast kills one

LONGVIEW (AP) — One man has died and another remained missing on Monday after a series of explosions at a propane storage facility in East Texas that seriously injured another person and forced evacuations of nearby homes.

A tanker truck carrying 8,000 gallons of liquid propane exploded Sunday between Kilgore and Interstate 20. Residents living within three miles of the Martin Resource Management Corp. yard were ordered to leave their homes Sunday afternoon.

Law officers feared that a nearby propane tank holding as much as 30,000 gallons of fuel could also explode.

Shannon McCaslin of the Gregg County Sheriff's Department confirmed the death but said other details remained sketchy.

Stubborn flames were expected to continue burning through Monday, keeping away residents who have been evacuated from their homes until the fire is extinguished.

"Right now, we can't get in there," Gregg County Sheriff Bobby Weaver told the Longview News-Journal. "We don't know for sure if there are any deaths."

An eyewitness told the newspaper the line exploded while the 18-wheeler was transferring its load. The first blast was followed by a larger explosion when the tanker truck caught fire.

"I thought it was thunder at first and then I turned around and the truck exploded," said Dean Hensley, whose family owns 80 acres next to the plant. "The two guys in between the truck and the storage tank were completely gone. They never got out."

The burning truck was about 15 feet away from the storage tank, Gregg County Fire Marshal Jerry Pierce said.

Law officers don't know how much propane was in the tank at the time of the explosion.

About 200 residents living within a three-mile radius of the blast were evacuated, Weaver said. A four-mile stretch of I-20 between Texas 42 and Texas 149 was closed and traffic was diverted around the blast scene.

Firefighters monitoring the resulting blaze said they planned to let the fire burn itself out.

"The safest way to fight this — and most environmental — is to let it burn," said Pierce. "There is no way to fight it until we know the cause and volume involved."

He said it could take as long as 30 hours to burn off the fuel and evacuees would not be allowed to return to their homes until the blaze was extinguished.

FUND-RAISER — The "Be Nice to Bryce" fund-raising event held Sunday at the Scurry County Coliseum netted $10,353 to go towards 7-year-old Bryce Doty's medical expenses. In the top photo, Bryce (left), Blake Cain and Alisa Cain listen to the music. A few of the attendants taking part in the lunch are pictured right. (SDN Staff Photos)

ASK US

Q—Does the City of Snyder have a e-mail address?

A — Yes. cityofsnyder@ci.snyder.tx.us. The web page is ci.snyder.tx.us.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 70 degrees; low, 59; high Sunday, 77; low, 59; 7 a.m. Monday, 67; .06 of an inch precipitation; total for 2000, 17.27 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy, 30% rain chance, low 60-65, E-SE wind 5-15 mph; Tuesday, mostly cloudy, patchy fog, 30% rain chance, high lower 70s.

Nathan Manley
Cloudy

Sunset: 7:04 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:54 a.m.
Of 296 days in 2000, the sun has shone 293 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

No man was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave.
—Calvin Coolidge

Band receives superior rating

Snyder High School's band came home with a Superior rating from Saturday's Region 16 UIL marching contest held at Jones SBC Stadium.

The band received number one ratings from all three judges.

Other bands marching in Snyder's classification were Levelland, Plainview and Frenship. All these bands received superior ratings as well.

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Some issues put candidates on tiptoes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mark Grebner's political consulting office overlooks bars in East Lansing, Mich., where drunken fights spill outside and someone recently was killed yards from his door.

The notion that people should pack a pistol for safety is ludicrous in teeming neighborhoods like that, he says. For one thing, "if you shoot somebody, you hit somebody else."

In the Michigan countryside, it's a different story. If an angry, estranged husband comes calling, it could take 45 minutes for the sheriff to show up. "The police really are almost like a theoretical resource," said Grebner, also a county commissioner. The idea that people should not carry guns for protection may seem equally insane.

No wonder Al Gore tiptoes on gun control these days.

Both major presidential candidates have emotional issues to deal with as they fight for a shrinking pool of undecided voters in swing states. For Gore, it's guns. For Republican rival George W. Bush, it's abortion.

In states such as Michigan, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois and Florida, pro-choice can mean both having an abortion and getting a gun. And there may be more to lose than to gain in making an issue out of it.

"The people who are on the fence are also the people who have mixed feelings about exactly those issues," said Grebner, who parses voter lists to help politicians, mainly Democrats, get their message to the right people.

Neither issue can be ignored. Both are being pushed by the campaign's slippery slopers — activists who dismiss arguments about "common sense" gun control or measured steps against abortion, and assert that all is lost if anything is lost.

In full apocalyptic roar, Charleton Heston cut a swath through some battleground states last week to warn the like-minded that Gore would "hammer your gun rights into oblivion."

To the discomfort of Democrats, the National Rifle Association president drew sizable contingents of Gore-aligned union members to some of his rallies.

Gore, who played up his gun-control proposals to fellow Democrats in the primaries and previously joined President Clinton in a verbal tussle with the NRA, hasn't risen to Heston's bait.

Indeed, he picked his words delicately in a debate with Bush, emphasizing his determination not to take guns from law-abiding citizens.

Although he has spoken against laws permitting concealed weapons, Gore has not proposed taking that right away. Most states, including Michigan, Pennsylvania and Florida, allow concealed weapons to be carried under varying conditions or in certain counties.

Instead, Gore has proposed that remaining restrictions on concealed weapons not be loosened. He would require future handgun buyers to carry photo-ID licenses, toughen background checks and hold people to one handgun purchase a month. Bush favors tougher enforcement of existing gun laws.

On abortion, Planned Parenthood has opened a $7 million advertising campaign to tell women that Bush "says he wants to ban abortion," as one ad running in seven states puts it. In debate, Bush mounted a labored defense against Gore's charges that he'd stack the bench with anti-abortion judges.

Although Bush is against abortion rights in most circumstances, he has not proposed moving to take them away.

He wants to ban a procedure called partial-birth abortion by its opponents. He favors parental notification requirements before minors get abortions and lamented federal approval of the abortion pill RU-486 while saying he probably could do nothing to roll that back. Gore favors unrestricted abortion rights.

Pol's generally give Gore a modest edge when people are asked whom they favor on abortion; he was 43-36 percent over Bush on that in a recent Newsweek poll. Americans are evenly divided on who best would handle gun laws.

Still, it's possible to get tailored messages to specific audiences without splashing it over the media for all to see.

Actors' strike may be coming to end

NEW YORK (AP) — Nearly six months into the longest talent strike in Hollywood history, negotiators for actors and the advertising industry have announced a tentative agreement on a new contract.

If a joint board of the Screen Actors Guild and the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists endorses the deal in plenary session in Los Angeles on Oct. 28, actors could be back at work as early as Oct. 30, SAG spokesman Greg Krizman said Sunday in Los Angeles.

Details of the agreement reached late Sunday were to be announced at a news conference Monday afternoon in New York, where the negotiations took place.

Union sources told the Los Angeles Times that the ad industry agreed to demands involving payment rates for advertising on cable television and jurisdiction over ads made exclusively for the Internet.

In exchange, SAG and AFTRA, which claim a combined membership of 135,000, agreed to a three-year contract.

The deal would end Hollywood's first major walkout in 12 years, and one of the most painful in industry history.

The strike, which began May 1, cost the Los Angeles-area economy an estimated $125 million in lost production, drove commercial work to Canada and Europe and illustrated the increasing strain of labor relations in the entertainment industry. Next year, actors and writers will negotiate separately with the major Hollywood studios, producers and TV networks.

Both sides in the advertising strike entered negotiations seeking wholesale changes in the way actors are paid for ads.

The industry, citing the fragmentation of network audiences, asked that actors give up receiving payments, or residuals, every time an ad runs on network TV and instead accept a flat fee, as they are paid now for cable ads.

Actors, citing the boom in cable TV, demanded that they receive residuals whenever ads ran on cable instead of their flat fee.

The biggest breakthrough came last month when both sides dropped those demands. And in the end the status quo remained, although with higher pay rates.

The new deal will pay actors a maximum flat fee of $2,460 in the third year of the contract for unlimited use of ads on cable TV, sources told the Times. That's the amount actors had asked for when negotiations broke down last month before resuming last week.

On the Net: SAG: http://www.sag.org
AFTRA: http://www.aftra.org

Suspect was beggar and petty criminal

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The attorney for Joseph Cornelius, the man accused of killing and sexually mutilating an 11-year-old boy, said his drifter lifestyle and criminal history do not substantiate the charges against him.

The 47-year-old homeless man has a past dotted with arrests for minor crimes and problems with alcohol, acquaintances said. His troubles apparently began in Uniontown, where he was born, continued through six other states, and ended in Pittsburgh, where he was arrested Sept. 27 in the death of Scott Drake.

"Joseph Cornelius' lifestyle exhibits no aberrant behavior that would lend itself in any way or corroborate that he would do this to Scott Drake," John Elash, Cornelius' attorney, told the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette for Sunday's editions.

Police said Cornelius confessed to strangling the boy on Sept. 24 after forcing him to perform a sex act. Cornelius allegedly said he killed Scott because the boy tried to steal his radio and he mutilated the body so the murder would look like the work of a pedophile.

But Cornelius' confession was coerced, and he is innocent, Elash said.

Cornelius was born July 3, 1953 in Uniontown to James V. Cornelius and Mary Gaffney Cornelius. The couple had four children before they separated.

Cornelius attended three high schools and served time in a juvenile detention center. Records obtained by the Post-Gazette show that he was in the detention center during his mid-teens, but the documents do not give a reason.

Records also show Cornelius was a resident of the Ward Home for Children, a residential facility for troubled teen-agers.

Cornelius attended Penn State's Fayette campus from 1972 to 1974. During that time, he was arrested in Uniontown for being drunk and disorderly. He received a fine and has no other criminal record in Fayette County.

During this time, Cornelius married for the first time. In the next decade he would marry at least three more times, but none of the marriages lasted more than two years.

In late 1974, Cornelius enlisted in the Air Force where he entered active duty at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. He was discharged on Aug. 25, 1977.

Records show Cornelius continued to live and work as a construction worker and truck driver in San Antonio after he was discharged from the Air Force.

But Cornelius eventually moved to Florida in 1983, and police records show that he was arrested that year in Jacksonville, Fla., for soliciting a prostitute. He was fined $19 and spent two days in jail.

By late 1984, Cornelius returned to Texas. During the next year, he was arrested for fighting and on an outstanding warrant for urinating in public.

By 1989, Cornelius was living in Elkland, Mo., and worked as a truck driver.

Norman, Okla., police Lt. Mike Freeman said his department began gathering information about Cornelius after they learned of Drake's death. The slaying is similar to an unsolved 1990 crime in which a 10-year-old boy survived a knife attack.

Police in Topeka, Kan., also asked Pittsburgh police for information on Cornelius in connection with a 1979 slaying and mutilation of an 11-year-old boy there.

Cornelius worked for a bus company in the late 1980s in western Pennsylvania and appeared to drift in the early 1990s, with records showing a 1993 arrest in Kentucky and a 1995 stay in a Mississippi homeless shelter.

But acquaintances said Cornelius spent most of the last year in Pittsburgh. On Feb. 5, he pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct charges and spent 15 days in jail.

AT&T to mull split into four parts

NEW YORK (AP) — Board members of AT&T Corp., the nation's largest long-distance telephone service and cable television provider, intend to consider dividing the company into four distinct businesses, according to reports.

The split would create business, broadband, consumer and wireless divisions, The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal reported in today's editions. The board meets today.

The company's biggest and most profitable unit, the Business Services department, which caters to corporate customers, would become the new AT&T and would create brand-licensing and commercial agreements with the three other businesses.

AT&T officials declined to comment on the proposed plan.

If the plan, called Project Grand Slam, is approved, an announcement could be made as early as Wednesday. Other options the board were to consider include leaving AT&T intact or spinning off one or more new businesses.

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By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2000

There's always a price to pay for fulfilling one's ambitions, and in the year ahead, that means applying more effort than usual to get what you really want. Hard work pays large dividends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) It may take a whole lot of patience and tolerance to deal with a sensitive friend today. However, by bolstering up his or her ego, you may achieve an important breakthrough for yourself. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Take on those tasks or assignments today that you thought were too tough or distasteful. What you couldn't stomach before won't seem so bad today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Deeds can speak volumes what words cannot convey, so if you've had a hard time telling the one you love how much she or he means to you, do something nice today that shows appreciation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Positive changes can be made today concerning things that haven't been running too smoothly in your household recently. The key is to make certain what's done serves everybody's best interests.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) The best way to get what you want is through team effort. What you can't achieve independently can be accomplished with cooperation and give-and-take.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) An opportunity could pop up out of the blue today that could produce a sustained earning rate for you over a long period of time. It'll be within your area of expertise.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Treat light events as something that should be enjoyed, but if any serious issues pop up today, don't forget to take them seriously. They are not one and the same.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Should you be called upon to make a small sacrifice today on behalf of someone for whom you're responsible, do so with a smile. It'll make the offering painless.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Turn to old friends for whom you've come through when they needed help. Be frank about your needs; you'll be surprised by their desire to help.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Any meaningful objective is worth striving for today, even if it requires hard work and diligence. With the proper motivation, it'll seem like child's play.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Because of your ability to appraise matters realistically, your chances for success are excellent. Your sound judgment will help you weave your way around obstacles.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Make a concerted effort to induce positive changes today and you can negate negative conditions that have dominated an important issue. If you strengthen your resolve, the unworkable will work.

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Cotton crop yield said down by 40 percent due to drought

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Alabama's continuing drought has cut overall cotton yield almost in half.

"Overall, statewide, the cotton yield is down about 40 percent from normal due to the drought," said Ronnie Murphy, deputy commissioner of the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries.

Murphy said cotton farmers are suffering the most from the drought in south Alabama. In the Tennessee Valley, cotton is running from 350 pounds per acre to 750, he said. In the central area from the Tennessee Valley down to Autauga County, but not including Autauga, yields are in the 250-pound to 500-pound range.

From Autauga south farmers are fortunate if they can average 250 pounds, Murphy said.

"And the Wiregrass is out of luck," he told the Montgomery Advertiser for a story in Sunday's editions.

Wood Till of Sardis has been farming cotton for 33 years. Till said the success of this year's cotton crop depended on irrigation.

"I've got a little cotton irrigated and I will make about 950 pounds an acre there," he said. "But my cotton on dry land with no water will make only about 250 pounds."

Rainfall for the year is down all across Alabama. The Montgomery area has received 26 inches of rainfall this year, more than 17 inches below normal.

Murphy said a national government computer system monitors the drought on a weekly basis and classifies its severity from least-severe rankings of D1 to most-severe at D4.

"Alabama has more D4 than any place in the country — more than Texas and more than western states where they had all the fires," Murphy said. "That also explains reasons the water table and springs and wells are low. The drought is prolonged and we went into this year from a drought last year."

Hard-hit farmers will receive some relief from the government, Murphy said. Earlier this year, Congress approved payments totaling more than $10 billion for farmers.

"Thank goodness for it. That's the only way you can stay in business," Till said. "I'm 68 years old and I don't want to quit farming, but it is hard to keep going."

"It's bad all over," said Autauga County Extension agent Leonard Kuykendall. "Locally, we've probably had more than a 50 percent loss, due to heat and drought."

Autauga is not one of the state's top producing counties, but has about 10,000 acres of cotton, he said.

"Average yields in the county normally run around 600 pounds per acre, but we are looking at somewhere around half a bale or 250 pounds to 300 pounds of cotton lint per acre," Kuykendall said.

Kuykendall said this year's poor crop will effect next year's crop.

"There will be some who won't plant next year. Economics would dictate that. Some may not be able to go and some by choice will not farm," he said. "We will lose cotton farmers. We have lost some in each of the last five years and that was just due to high production costs and low yields."

No federal money for stem cell research

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress will wait until next year before deciding whether to remove key restrictions on federal funding for embryonic stem cell research that advocates say could lead to cures for Parkinson's, Alzheimer's and other diseases.

A final attempt to get a bill through the Senate late last month was blocked by Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan., a leading abortion opponent. He said embryonic cell research is "illegal, is immoral and it's unnecessary."

Supporters of the research, including Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee's Health and Human Services panel, argue that it can save lives.

"Stem cells have such a remarkable opportunity to cure many of the most difficult maladies and diseases which confront America and the world today," Specter said.

He said Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., has promised his measure will get an early hearing in the Senate next year.

"There are strong and passionate feelings about it on both sides in terms of what it can do for some health problems and there are others who obviously think this is an improper use," Lott said. "I am sure it will be a good debate whenever it is debated and wherever it is debated."

Embryonic stem cells are the master cells that in very early embryos generate all the other tissues of the body. Scientists think those cells possibly could cure such diseases as Alzheimer's, diabetes or Parkinson's, or even repair broken spinal cords by replacing ravaged cells in the body.

The federal government has not funded any research into embryonic stem cells because of a congressional ban on any research that destroys human embryos. Taking stem cells from embryos — which at the time are no bigger than the period at the end of a sentence — does destroy them, which opponents of the bill say is immoral.

Opponents want scientists limited to using stem cells from adults. But researchers say adult stem cells are far more scarce and may not grow as well as those found in embryos, so trying both approaches is crucial.

VISIT FIRE STATION — Two Discovery School classes at First United Methodist Church recently visited the fire station. Evelyn Liccardi's and Nancy Candanoza's class (top photo) are back row, from left, Maurillio Fajardo, Aaron Stellman, Sloan Boren, Allie Claxton, Kole King, Jared Smith, Rowdy Mhoon, Jaylen Boon and fireman Kyle Cox; middle row, Braedan Groat, Kyla Daniels, Andrew Ramirez, Austin Merrick and Regan Lindsey; Front row, Hannah Smith, Akasha Barber, Paige Brasuel, Elizabeth Varela, Luke Stephens, Jake Guerrero and Sabrina Jones. Gail Jones' and Carey Cox's class (bottom photo) back row, from left, Harriet Braziel, Fireman Kyle Cox, Nathan Olsen, Hannah Jones, Nancy Stellman; middle row, Michelle Aguilar, Sierra Southern, Hayley Gray, Taylor Feinsod, Avery Price; front row, James Merrick, Hudson Hearn, Hannah Downing, Boocker Brasuel. (Contributed Photos)

Asian-American war heroes honored

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — A Hawaii lawmaker who lost his right arm to German gunfire during World War II was one of 22 Asian-Americans whose sacrifices in battle a half century ago were warmly recalled.

"We're just ordinary people," said U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye, wearing a red flower lei and his Medal of Honor, at a celebration Sunday in a glitzy hotel ballroom.

The 22 men, whose combat decorations were upgraded to the military's highest award following a three-year review, helped preserve democracy and freedom in a "debt (that) can never be fully repaid," said Veteran Affairs Acting Deputy Secretary Edward Powell.

The seven surviving honorees signed autographs and commemorative G.I. Joe figures.

Twenty of the 22 honored had belonged to the 100th Infantry Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team, made up mostly of Japanese-Americans. Both units saw fierce fighting in Europe and were among the bravest in U.S. military history, receiving more than 18,000 honors.

"If I had received the medal when I was that young, I wouldn't have appreciated it," said Rudolph Davila, as a trio sang 1940s boogie-woogie tunes on stage. Davila is the third Filipino-American ever to receive a Medal of Honor.

In 1996, U.S. Sen. Daniel Akaka, D-Hawaii, persuaded Congress to direct the Pentagon to review the service of 104 soldiers. Three years later, the Army recommended an upgrade of medals for Davila, one Chinese-American and 20 Japanese-American soldiers.

Lauren Hutton fractures leg in accident

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Lauren Hutton was being treated for multiple leg fractures, scrapes and bruises following a motorcycle crash during a group ride with other celebrities in southern Nevada.

Hutton, 55, was in serious condition after her motorcycle ran off the roadway and crashed near Lake Mead National Recreation Area on Saturday.

The National Park Service said she had been wearing a helmet and the cause of the crash is under investigation.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Var Buren

Traveling in RV offers no recreation for wife

DEAR ABBY: Ten years ago, my husband decided that we would purchase a motor home and travel.

Biggest mistake I ever made. He refuses to look at a map. I am supposed to give the exact directions to all places, and if I get us lost, he goes totally berserk. We spend our nights in dirty truck stops; we do not "see the sights" because he passes everything by. I am supposed to do all the cooking, cleaning, etc. And to top it off, I get to do the laundry in the seediest Laundromats — with no help from him.

We spend two or three months a year cooped up in this tiny space while he watches TV (his channels). I have no place to carry a few hobby-type things to keep me from getting bored. Most of the time he's in a rotten mood, and I can't get away.

Ladies, please think twice before your better half talks you into an RV. I would love to stay home, but he's so unreasonable, he won't hear of it. I try to tell him my feelings, but he doesn't want to hear them. How do I handle this situation? I simply hate this lifestyle. It is not fun. It is claustrophobic and inconvenient. — **RV PRISONER IN LAS VEGAS**

DEAR PRISONER: It's time to parole yourself. You have tolerated this situation far longer than most women would have. RVing is not for everyone. Turn up the volume and inform your jailer that you've served your time. Either he immediately begins pulling his fair share of the "housekeeping" chores and sharing the remote control, or you're on the next plane home. Then do it.

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DEAR ABBY: I just finished reading the letter from "Fuming in Ridgefield, N.J.," who was upset because she didn't receive a thank-you letter from her friend's daughter after sending a wedding gift.

A few months following my wedding, a friend of mine was married and I sent a gift. During the time that her thank-you notes would have been written, I moved to another address. Although I had my mail forwarded, I know of several pieces I did not receive. Because I didn't receive a thank-you note from my friend, I assumed it was lost in the mail, and I have never mentioned it to her. While I agree that it is unacceptable not to send a thank-you for a gift, I thought this might shed some light on why some people may not receive one. — **THANKFUL IN PENNSYLVANIA**

DEAR THANKFUL: If an acknowledgment of a gift is not forthcoming, the giver should diplomatically ask if the gift was received. Let me share a story with you:

One day I was talking with the late David Orgell, a brilliant retailer in Beverly Hills, whose store was patronized by celebrities and other wealthy folk. What he told me was an eye-opener. He said that finding delivery people he could trust was an ongoing problem, because packages were sometimes stolen by store couriers. He said florists and other retailers experience the same frustrating problem. He was emphatic that if acknowledgment of a gift is not received, the sender should follow up by asking if the package ever arrived. He also suggested that when instructing a store to deliver a gift, proof of delivery should be requested — meaning that someone must sign for it.

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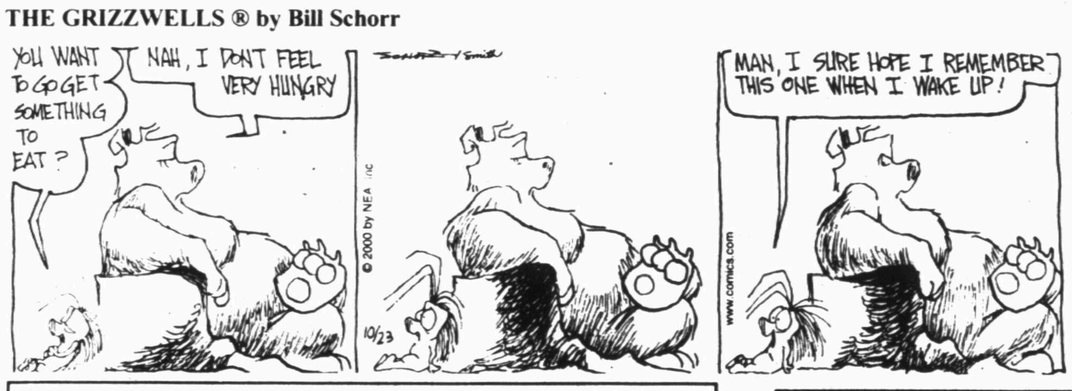

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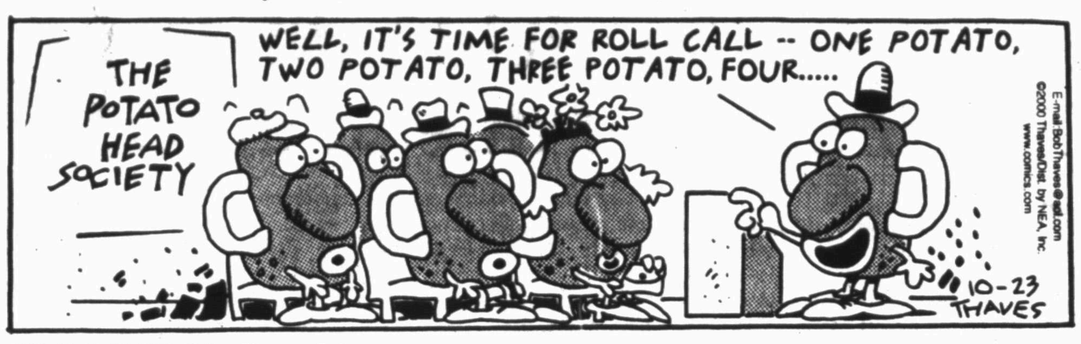

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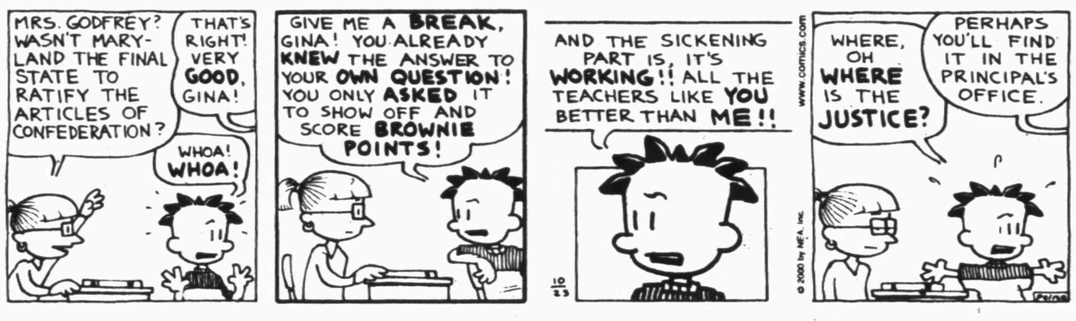

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ACROSS

1 Museum worker
7 Submissive
13 Actor Estevez
14 Smoother
15 Writing master
16 Type of salad
17 Aged
18 Everyone
20 Avail oneself of
21 Pour
23 Maui garland
24 Raised
25 Waiter's item
27 Shows one's green side?
29 View
31 German one
32 Nocturnal bird
33 Nahoor sheep
34 Actor Ted —
37 History chapters
40 Smooch
41 Pecan, e.g.
43 Cry of pain
45 CIA's predecessor
46 Wildebeest
47 Fed. org. concerned with security
48 Aviator Earhart
51 — on (spoiling)
54 Not overt
55 Citrus fruit
56 French region
57 Mountain chains

DOWN

1 Railroad station
2 Breakfast dish
3 Ash
4 Shade tree
5 TV's Peeples
6 Of sound
7 Refuses an invitation
8 Eggs
9 Average mark
10 Take out a policy for
11 Charters
12 Made a mistake
19 Robert E. —
22 Construction workers
24 Twofold
26 Hedge plants
28 Twining stem
30 Grow in length
34 Dreary
35 Items of property
36 Religious sister
38 Assisting
39 Absorbent object
40 Cuddly animal
42 Architecture style
44 Boundaries
49 Grassland
50 Business abbr.
52 Man-mouse connector
53 Hosiery shade

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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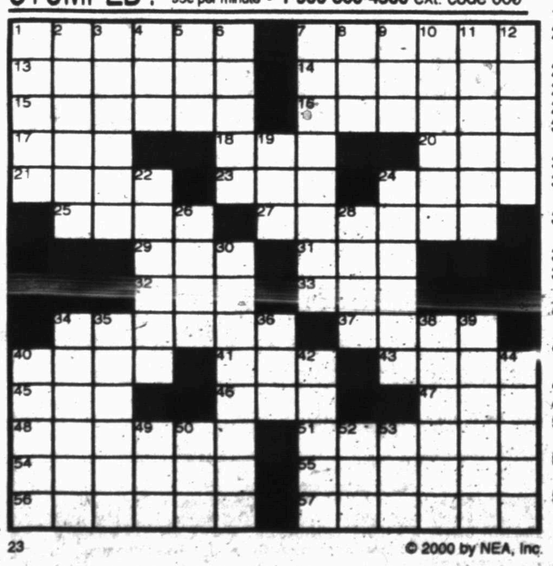

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SPORTS

Lady Tigers fall to Andrews

ANDREWS — The Andrews Lady Mustangs got their revenge, but the Snyder Lady Tigers will get a rematch.

Andrews avenged an earlier loss to Snyder with a 15-12, 15-11 victory in Saturday's District 4-4A finale to pull even with the Lady Tigers in the league standings.

The two squads finish as district co-runners-up and will square off at 7:30 Tuesday in Lamesa to determine playoff seeding.

"Andrews came out ready to play," said Snyder coach Patty Grimmett. "It seemed like they blocked just about everything we hit in the first game. And in the second game, we got off to a good start, then started playing defensively."

After dropping the opening game, the Lady Tigers raced to an 11-2 lead in Game 2.

Andrews took over from there, shutting out Snyder for the remainder of the match.

Ashley Delce paced the Lady Tigers' attack with nine kills and five blocks, while Rina Geiger added five kills and five blocks.

Snyder and Andrews finished the regular season with matching 10-4 records. Lake View took the district title with an unblemished 14-0 mark.

The winner of Tuesday's match advances as the district's second seed and will face the loser of Tuesday's Dumas-Canyon Randall contest in Saturday's bi-district round. Tuesday's loser will take on the Dumas-Randall winner.

"We're going to work on some different things in practice to get ready for Tuesday's match," said Grimmett. "We have to stay on the offensive, and we have to get our timing down on our blocks.

"We would've liked to finish things on Saturday, but the girls aren't hanging their heads. It's always a good match when we play Andrews, so the girls are looking forward to it."

Andrews def. Snyder 15-12, 15-11

Snyder service points: Rina Geiger, 7; Cameron Mackey, 6; T'Leah Eicke, 5; Kameron Kallemeyn, 3; Whitney Webb, 2. **Kills:** Ashley Delce, 9; Geiger, 5; Katie Voss, 4; Kallemeyn, 2. **Blocks:** Delce and Geiger, 5; Voss, 2; Kallemeyn and Kallie Billingsley, 1.

District 4-4A Volleyball

Team	District W	District L
Lake View	14	0
Snyder	10	4
Andrews	10	4
Big Spring	7	7
Plainview	5	9
Frenship	4	9
Levelland	4	9
Estacado	1	13

End of regular season

Tuesday's match: Snyder vs. Andrews, playoff for district seeding at Lamesa, 7:30

WTC gets tough breaks in finals

LUBBOCK — After strong showings in both days of preliminary-round competition, things didn't exactly go Western Texas' way in the finals.

The Western Texas men finished fifth, while the Lady Westerners grabbed fourth place over the weekend at the Texas Tech collegiate rodeo.

WTC, which seemed to have things rolling on Thursday and Friday, failed to capitalize on a few opportunities and was victimized by a few bad breaks in the short round.

"The best way to describe the short round is to say that it was comical," said WTC coach Greg Rhodes. "A lot of the coaches were talking about the way things were handled in the short round.

"We had some chances we missed out on, but we also had some bad breaks. We were one step away from dominating the rodeo. But then in not making that one step, things just fell apart."

Tyson Thompson led the WTC men with a third place finish in the overall standings of the bareback competition, while Houston Hutto and his partner were fourth in the team roping.

J.W. Todd registered a score of 70 on Saturday to take third place in the short round of the saddle bronc event. Todd finished fourth in the average.

Jennifer Freeland was the lone Lady Westerner to post a top finish in the short round.

Freeland crossed the line in 15.14 seconds to secure second place in the finals, and fourth place overall.

Western Texas will be back in the arena Nov. 2-4 at the Eastern New Mexico rodeo in Portales, N.M.

Lady Tiger linksters capture second place

Andra Lancaster

EL PASO — Andra Lancaster fired the lowest score of the tournament, but it wasn't enough to carry her Lady Tiger squad to the top spot.

Snyder carded rounds of 362 and 363 to capture second place Saturday at the Far West Texas Classic in El Paso.

The Lady Tigers finished 22 strokes off the pace of El Paso Coronado, despite the stellar play of Lancaster.

The SHS junior opened with an 82 and closed with a 76 to secure top medalist honors.

"We had some girls who were playing in their first invitational, and it showed," said Snyder coach Matt Glenn. "We had the top medalist and still got beat by 22 strokes. Our girls are capable of shooting lower scores, they just have to go out and do it. We're going to continue to work hard, and the more these girls play in tournaments, then the more comfortable they will become with the pressure."

Christan Curry carded a 98-92—190, while Kara Harrison turned in a 91-99—190.

Katie Kerley finished with a 91-101—192, and Hailey Putnam came in with a 106-96—202.

Kellie Dodson, competing as an individual, shot a 93-90—183.

The Lady Tigers' next invitational tournament is Dec. 1-2 at San Antonio.

Yankees secure 2-0 lead

NEW YORK (AP) — Roger Clemens didn't throw a ball at Mike Piazza this time. Just a bat.

And when the benches emptied in the very first inning, it was clear this Subway Series had a definite mean streak, fueled by a beaning that was far from forgotten.

Clemens set the tone right away and pitched eight shutout innings and the New York Yankees held off the Mets' five-run ninth for a 6-5 victory Sunday night and a 2-0 lead in the World Series.

Piazza seemed to unleash all his fury in the ninth, hitting a two-run homer off reliever Jeff Nelson. Jay Payton hit a three-run homer off Mariano Rivera, but it could not stop the Yankees from posting their record 14th straight World Series victory.

Scott Brosius homered off loser Mike Hampton and hit a sacrifice fly, and Paul O'Neill, Derek Jeter and Tino Martinez each had three hits for the Yankees.

For the second straight night, the Mets looked lost at Yankee Stadium, this time making three early errors as a sellout crowd of 56,059 hooted.

Now, when the Series shifts to Shea Stadium for Game 3 Tuesday night, the Mets must hope Rick Reed can somehow beat Orlando Hernandez, the only pitcher ever to win his first eight postseason decisions.

His cap pulled down low and his glove held high to shield all but his eyes, Clemens held the Mets to two singles.

The Rocket was clearly revved up from the start, bouncing all around the diamond to congratulate his fielders. He hardly needed a lot of help as he struck out nine and walked none.

Nelson took over to start the ninth and gave up a single to Edgardo Alfonzo, Piazza's homer high off the left-field foul pole and a single to Robin Ventura.

At that point, Rivera relieved and closed it out.

Snyder cagers ready for first workouts

It's time to hit the hardwood.

Snyder High School begins basketball workouts this afternoon, with the Tigers and Lady Tigers both looking for return trips to the postseason.

The Tigers begin practice as back-to-back district champions, and return three players from last year's squad that reached the regional quarterfinals. Jamaal Wofford, Heath Pinkerton and Jared Thornhill are back for their senior seasons under Head Coach Bud Birks.

The Snyder boys open non-district action Nov. 7 at San Angelo Central.

The Lady Tigers are also in search of their third consecutive trip to the playoffs, after finishing second in last year's district race.

Coach Sam Tipton, in his second season on the Snyder sideline, will send an experienced squad to the floor.

Eight Lady Tigers return, led by post players Kameron Kallemeyn and Ashley Delce.

Also back are T'Leah Eicke, Cameron Mackey, Callie Bane, Kristen Murray, Rina Geiger and Katie Voss.

The SHS girls begin their season Nov. 7 at Midland Lee.

Cowboys break out of slump

IRVINC (AP) — Considering how unimpressive they looked in their first six games, the Dallas Cowboys deserve some time to savor their most lopsided victory since 1980.

Time's up.

As impressive as Dallas looked in a 48-7 victory over the Arizona Cardinals on Sunday, the Cowboys took advantage of a team while it's down.

Whether this was one great game or the start of a streak won't be known for at least a week — and the Cowboys know it.

"I caution about reading too much into the game," said Troy Aikman, who was 9-for-15 for 154 yards and two second-half touchdowns. "We just have to move on."

Even team owner Jerry Jones, who blamed himself for setting expectations too high, tempered his praise.

"We know we can't win them all," Jones said. "But I think this shows we have the chance to be in games and be competitive. You could say, 'It's the Arizona Cardinals,' but any time in the NFL you can have a close game or get beat."

The Cowboys know it because they lost 32-31 to the Cardinals in the second week of the season. And both teams came into the game 2-4.

The storyline for Dallas centered on how Aikman would rebound from a five-interception game.

But his bad back and a running attack that was trampling the second-to-worst run defense — better only than the Cowboys — took matters out of his hands.

Aikman didn't complete a pass until 3:10 before halftime, but it didn't matter because Dallas already was up 21-0. The lead ballooned to 48-0 before Arizona scored its only touchdown.

Freshmen outlast Mustangs

ANDREWS — Snyder's freshman volleyball team wrapped up its season Saturday with another victory.

Snyder outlasted Andrews, 15-9, 10-15, 15-6, to finish the season with a record of 20-5.

Sharday McKinney served up 13 points to lead the Lady Tigers, while Ashley Martinez added six more.

Erin Burleson tallied five points. Desiree Braziel registered four, and Acee French, Dominique Braziel and Misha Wofford notched three apiece.

Sara Thornhill, Kelsi Johnson and Kelby Drum finished with one point each.

JV closes season with victory

ANDREWS — Snyder's JV volleyball squad maintained its stellar district record with a season finale victory on Saturday.

Snyder avenged an earlier loss to Andrews with a 15-6, 15-5 victory over the Lady Mustangs to cap the Lady Tigers' 13-1 district record.

Loryn Brown served up nine points to pace the Lady Tigers, while Leticia Martinez added eight more.

Amber Alexander tallied five points, and Dara Chambers notched four. Shelley Fisk and Chaelyn Robinson chipped in two points apiece.

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Buffalo	3	4	0	.429	140	153
New England	2	6	0	.250	143	171
Central	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tennessee	6	1	0	.857	145	97
Baltimore	5	3	0	.625	134	89
Pittsburgh	4	3	0	.571	121	78
Cleveland	2	6	0	.250	95	197
Jacksonville	2	6	0	.250	142	190
Cincinnati	1	6	0	.143	68	164
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Oakland	6	1	0	.857	192	128
Kansas City	4	3	0	.571	188	147
Denver	4	4	0	.500	238	178
Seattle	2	6	0	.250	121	200
San Diego	0	7	0	.000	117	204

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	6	2	0	.750	149	115
N.Y. Giants	5	2	0	.714	120	105
Philadelphia	5	3	0	.625	181	110
Dallas	3	4	0	.429	174	174
Arizona	2	5	0	.286	121	210
Central	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	7	0	0	1.000	184	137
Detroit	5	2	0	.714	143	134
Green Bay	3	4	0	.429	148	139
Tampa Bay	3	4	0	.429	164	125
Chicago	1	7	0	.125	110	202
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
St. Louis	6	1	0	.857	296	228
New Orleans	4	3	0	.571	131	117
Carolina	3	4	0	.429	144	116
Atlanta	2	6	0	.250	149	238
San Francisco	2	6	0	.250	214	258

Thursday's Games

Detroit 28, Tampa Bay 14

Sunday's Games

Dallas 48, Arizona 7
New Orleans 21, Atlanta 19
Cincinnati 31, Denver 21
Indianapolis 30, New England 23
Kansas City 54, St. Louis 34
Philadelphia 13, Chicago 9
Tennessee 14, Baltimore 6
Carolina 34, San Francisco 16
Minnesota 31, Buffalo 27
Oakland 31, Seattle 3
Pittsburgh 22, Cleveland 0
Washington 35, Jacksonville 16

Monday's Game

Miami at N.Y. Jets, 9 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 29

Carolina at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Miami, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
New York Jets at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
St. Louis at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
New Orleans at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at New York Giants, 4:05 p.m.
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Monday, Oct. 30

Tennessee at Washington, 9 p.m.

Local Sports Schedule

TUESDAY

VOLLEYBALL: Snyder vs. Andrews, at Lamesa, 7:30

THURSDAY

FOOTBALL: Levelland at Snyder JV, 6 p.m.

FOOTBALL: Snyder freshmen at Levelland, 6 p.m.

FOOTBALL: Snyder Black 7th grade at Colorado City, 5 p.m.

FRIDAY

TENNIS: Snyder at regional tourney, Wichita Falls

FOOTBALL: Snyder at Levelland, 7:30

FOOTBALL: Ira at Westbrook, 7:30

FOOTBALL: Hermleigh at Borden County, 7:30

Saturday's Major College Football Scores

EAST

Army 21, Tulane 17
Brown 56, Cornell 40
Buffalo 35, Ball St. 44
Columbia 49, Dartmouth 21
Duquesne 56, Iona 28
Georgetown, D.C. 41, Marist 17
Harvard 35, Princeton 21
Hofstra 38, Elon 27
La Salle 39, Shenandoah 14
Lafayette 28, Holy Cross 13
Lehigh 21, Bucknell 14
Massachusetts 21, American International 0
Miami 45, Temple 17
Monmouth, N.J. 34, Stony Brook 7
Notre Dame 42, West Virginia 28
Penn St. 39, Illinois 25
Pittsburgh 42, Boston College 26
Rhode Island 38, Northeastern 24
Robert Morris 41, Cent. Connecticut St. 3
Rutgers 28, Navy 21
Sacred Heart 35, Albany, N.Y. 28, OT
Siena 19, Canisius 14
St. John's, NY 15, St. Peter's 13
St. Mary's, Cal. 37, Colgate 20
Villanova 49, New Hampshire 42
Virginia Tech 22, Syracuse 14
Wagner 35, St. Francis, Pa. 6
Yale 27, Penn 24

SOUTH

Appalachian St. 42, Wofford 16
Auburn 38, Louisiana Tech 28
Austin Peay 42, Kentucky Wesleyan 31
Clemson 38, North Carolina 24
Davidson 20, Randolph-Macon 12
Delaware St. 20, Morgan St. 12
E. Illinois 27, Tennessee Tech 16
E. Kentucky 27, Tenn.-Martin 0
ETSU 23, Furman 21
Florida A&M 42, Norfolk St. 14
Florida St. 37, Virginia 3
Gardner-Webb 36, Samford 17
Georgia 34, Kentucky 30
Georgia Southern 27, The Citadel 10
Georgia Tech 45, Duke 10
Grambling St. 33, Jackson St. 30
Hampton 40, S. Carolina St. 37
Houston 33, Memphis 30, 3OT
Howard 17, N. Carolina A&T 16
James Madison 28, William & Mary 14
LSU 45, Mississippi St. 38, OT
Marshall 34, Kent St. 12
Maryland 37, Wake Forest 7
Morehead St. 56, Bowie St. 14
Northwestern St. 37, McNeese St. 34
Richmond 17, Maine 6
South Carolina 30, Vanderbilt 14
South Florida 44, Liberty 6
Southern U. 30, Alcorn St. 14
Stephen F.Austin 27, Nicholls St. 20
Tennessee 20, Alabama 10
UAB 14, Middle Tennessee 9
UCF 55, Louisiana-Monroe 0
VMI 40, Charleston Southern 7
Virginia-Wise 24, Jacksonville 14
W. Carolina 41, Chattanooga 36
W. Kentucky 52, Tennessee St. 14

MIDWEST

Bowling Green 20, E. Michigan 6
Connecticut 38, Akron 35
Dayton 41, Drake 13
Illinois St. 64, Prairie View 0
Indiana 51, Minnesota 43
Kansas 23, Colorado 15
Kansas St. 28, Texas Tech 23
Michigan 14, Michigan St. 0
Murray St. 38, SE Missouri 28
N. Iowa 49, Indiana St. 17
Nebraska 59, Baylor 0
Ohio 52, Cent. Michigan 3
Ohio St. 38, Iowa 10
Purdue 30, Wisconsin 24, OT
SW Missouri St. 27, S. Illinois 9
San Diego 38, Butler 37
St. Joseph's, Ind. 34, Valparaiso 23
Texas A&M 30, Iowa St. 7
W. Illinois 24, Youngstown St. 10
W. Michigan 52, N. Illinois 22

SOUTHWEST

Arkansas St. 29, New Mexico St. 35, 2OT
Kentucky St. 34, Ark.-Pine Bluff 30
Rice 38, Hawaii 13
SW Texas 28, Jacksonville St. 24
TCU 17, Tulsa 3
Texas 46, Missouri 12
Texas Southern 30, MVSU 24
Troy St. 23, Sam Houston St. 21
UTEP 23, Fresno St. 13

FAR WEST

Arizona St. 23, Washington St. 20, OT
Boise St. 59, North Texas 0
CS Northridge 24, Montana St. 12
Colorado St. 24, Utah 17
Montana 17, N. Arizona 7
New Mexico 29, Air Force 23
Oregon 14, Arizona 10
Oregon St. 44, UCLA 38
S. Utah 62, Idaho St. 24
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GOP and Democrats hurl accuations

AUSTIN (AP) — Twenty-eight Republican governors opened a 25-state barnstorming tour on Sunday designed to help put George W. Bush in the White House. Gov. Bush called it "the good beginning of the final sprint."

Al Gore also campaigned in his rival's home state as both sides dispatched surrogates to rally support in the homestretch.

Some of the exchanges became nasty, as Democrats waged a coordinated attack on Bush's competency and Republicans pressed their challenge of Gore's trustworthiness. The vice president, resuming attacks on this front, accused Bush of making a "reckless proposal" to diminish U.S. peacekeeping in Europe.

The race remained tight in some polls, with Bush maintaining an edge in others. He had 44 percent to 42 percent among likely voters in a CBS News-New York Times poll released Sunday. An ABC News tracking poll gave Bush 48 percent to 45 percent for Gore. The latest CNN-USA Today-Gallup survey on Sunday showed Bush 9 points ahead.

Even in polls where the race remains close, Bush had a decided advantage in enthusiasm of his supporters, which has increased since the debates. The enthusiasm of Gore's supporters dropped off and that can affect voter turnout.

All but one of the nation's Republican governors joined Bush here to launch the cross-country tour. The governors, traveling in seven teams, will visit 48 cities in 25 states this week.

Missing: West Virginia Gov. Cecil Underwood, who had conflicting campaign events as he wages a difficult re-election effort.

"Simply put, George, we believe in you," said Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge at the ceremony.

"It's going to be the good beginning of the final sprint. And I'm glad I'm sprinting with these good folks," Bush said.

The Bush campaign hopes the traveling GOP governors — who encouraged Bush to run and supported him throughout the campaign — can help rally undecided voters and address Democratic statements belittling Bush's experience as a two-term governor of Texas.

Groups of both Republicans and Democrats were hitting the road this week to appeal to a dwindling — but electorally critical — band of independent voters.

Gore strategists said they'll cap the campaign with "a relentless focus" on the issues in a series of seven speeches on topics ranging from health care to the environment.

"Right up until the last minute of the last day, he'll be talking about the issues," said spokesman Chris Lehane even as aides debated in Nashville whether Gore should intensify his criticisms of Bush.

On Saturday, Gore criticized Bush for advocating a diminished U.S. peacekeeping role in Europe, saying it demonstrated a "lack of judgment and a complete misunderstanding of history."

He renewed that line of criticism Sunday evening aboard Air Force Two. "Governor Bush has made a reckless proposal," Gore said. "Without U.S. leadership, NATO has a hard time acting. If we're not willing to participate, we lose our ability to provide leadership."

At Potter's House Ministries in Dallas, Gore shared the stage with Coretta Scott King and delivered a scripture-packed speech focusing on his agenda for families.

"An abundance of prosperity in the spirit cannot be measured in dollars and cents," Gore said. He said he was underscoring "something more basic than all our budget debates."

His running mate, Joseph Lieberman, attending fund-raisers in Pennsylvania Sunday night, boasted about the strong economy.

"Today we can honestly say we are the party of fiscal responsibility," he said at events that netted $700,000 for the Democratic National Committee.

Democrats intensified efforts on the Sunday talk shows to challenge Bush's competency. The Republican held a 20-point lead over Gore in the CBS News-New York Times poll among those who put a candidate's personal qualities ahead of where they stand on issues.

Bush record attacked in new video

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a new attack on Gov. George W. Bush's record in Texas, the Democratic National Committee is releasing a 10-minute video aimed at undercutting the Republican presidential nominee's claims on health care, education, the environment and low-income neighborhoods.

The video features a half-dozen Texans who detail the problems and argue that as governor, Bush has done little to fix them.

"We've got 1.4 million kids without health insurance in Texas. That's not a few children. That's a massive problem," pediatrician Krenie Stowe says in the health care section. "Governor Bush ... doesn't care about health care. I don't think it's a priority of his. I think tax cuts are a priority of his."

Democrats plan to release the video at 90 news conferences in 23 states, most of them today. It dovetails with a series of DNC television ads that have attacked Bush's Texas record on health care, the environment and other issues, and with a "Texas Truth Squad," a group of Texans who travel the country to assail the Bush record.

Democrats hope the video will both persuade undecided voters to support Democrat Al Gore for president, and motivate those who already support Gore to get to the polls. Bush supporters have been more enthusiastic than Gore's backers in recent days.

Many of today's news conferences were being headlined by high-profile Democrats on the same day Bush began visiting battleground states with most of the nation's Republican governors in tow.

Housing Secretary Andrew Cuomo was releasing the video in Des Moines, Iowa; DNC Chairman Ed Rendell was in Milwaukee; and Bill Bradley, who ran against Gore in the primaries, was in Louisville, Ky.

The DNC also was making the video available over satellite, hoping that local TV stations show clips on their news programs, and it was being e-mailed to thousands of people on the party's distributions list. Volunteers who knock on doors before Election Day planned to carry the video with them and offer to show it to voters. And local Democrats were inquiring about buying time on local cable access stations to broadcast it in swing states.

"This is Texans in their own words," said DNC spokeswoman Jenny Backus. "It's a way to show what kind of leader this guy is."

The video opens with depressing images of the colonias, ghetto-like communities along the Mexican border.

Nutrition By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

Getting the facts on flax

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I read several years ago that flaxseed is the most concentrated vegetable source of omega-3 fatty acids. I sprinkle 1 to 2 tablespoons of ground flaxseed on my cereal every morning. Now, I read that raw flaxseed is toxic until heated, but flaxseed oil is not toxic until it's heated. I'm confused! Should I be baking my ground flaxseed in muffins, breads, etc., instead of eating it raw? Should I stick to flaxseed oil? — **S.J., San Francisco**

Dear S.J.: Let's see if I can help you out with the "flax" on these two issues. The answer is "no" in both cases, but some explanation is needed.

The fats in flaxseed are particularly susceptible to oxidation. This means that they are more likely to turn rancid (not toxic) than other fats. Exposure to air (oxygen) and heat can speed up the process. Because ground flaxseed has an increased surface area and the protective seed coat is no longer intact, it is even more at risk. These should be in airtight containers and stored in the refrigerator once opened.

Is flaxseed toxic until heated?

This question relates to the fact that flaxseed contains cyanogenic (cyanide producing) compounds. Their mere presence does not make flaxseed dangerous — it all comes down to the dosage and the consumer's diet. Cyanogenic compounds are present in a number of other foods, and they cause problems primarily in individuals who are malnourished — particularly those who have an inadequate protein intake. The cyanogenic componds in flaxseed are more of a concern for livestock, which consume large amounts. Heat, or processing, provides a remedy because it helps to break down the compounds into harmless substances.

If you were to take flaxseed oil, you would get the omega-3s but not the fiber or phytochemicals naturally present in flax. You would avoid the cyanogenic compounds, but the risk of rancidity would remain. Flaxseed oil, particularly when purchased as a liquid, should be stored in the refrigerator or freezer.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I am a vegetarian. I eat a healthy, well-balanced diet with the exception of meat. I have heard many things concerning the lack of proteins and the lack of one kind of vitamin B. Do these stories have any validity? Should I be taking a certain supplement in addition to my multivitamin? Thanks. — **A.H., Portland, Ore.**

Dear A.H.: Health statistics for groups of vegetarians include lower rates of heart disease, obesity, obesity-related diabetes, colon cancer, lung cancer, breast cancer, hypertension, osteoporosis, kidney stones, gallstones and diverticular disease. Though some gains are connected to the lifestyle that's frequently adopted along with the new eating habits, these findings are certainly impressive. Getting enough protein is rarely a problem for vegetarians eating a varied diet. When one decides to give up meat, fish and dairy, traditional sources of essential nutrients such as calcium, iron, zinc, vitamin B-12, vitamin D and riboflavin (vitamin B-2) are less available. Becoming a successful vegetarian means learning which foods are required for a complete diet. These food selections and combinations become very important — especially with children and pregnant or lactating women. There is no doubt that you can get all of these nutrients in foods, but if you want a supplement for added insurance, these would be the vitamins and minerals to look for.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: Are there any sources of calcium fluoride? I read somewhere that a possible reason for extremely dry skin could be a lack of calcium fluoride. I had never heard of it before, and so I was wondering what foods or supplements could be used to help. — **S.B., Arlington Heights, Ill.**

Dear S.B.: Why would you want to take calcium fluoride? If you are interested in fluoride, such as that needed to help strengthen teeth, there are better sources, such as sodium fluoride or sodium monofluorophosphate. (Only small amounts are taken, so the sodium content is negligible.)

If you are looking for a calcium supplement, there are safer sources, as you would have to consume toxic amounts of calcium fluoride to get the calcium you need. I have no idea what you might have heard as regards dry skin, but the calcium fluoride connection sounds questionable. I was trying to think what might sound like "calcium fluoride," but I couldn't come up with anything. My advice is to stay away until you learn more.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Ask nurses about bedsores

DEAR DR. GOTT: My elderly grandmother is bed-bound at home, with suitable help. However, she is beginning to get bedsores. Her doctor has not found an antidote. Should I ask the visiting nurses about her problem?

DEAR READER: By all means. In my experience, patients with this affliction often receive more effective advice from nurses than from doctors, because nurses are more likely to be involved in the day-to-day care of bedsores.

These potentially dangerous complications of prolonged inactivity, which are often called pressure sores or decubiti, commonly occur in elderly patients who are confined to bed. The constant pressure caused by lying on a part of the body — usually the lower back and buttocks — eventually may result in ulceration of the skin and underlying tissues, leading to chronic sores that become infected.

Treatment of early decubiti consists of frequently changing body positions and using soft, protective mattress covers, such as synthetic sheepskin and foam-rubber "egg crates." Also, the skin must be assiduously cleaned frequently to reduce the threat of bacterial contamination. Such patients must be turned regularly and encouraged to sit in soft chairs for several hours a day.

If, with this therapy, the ulcers progress or do not heal, more aggressive treatment is in order. Because many inactive old folks may have nutritional deficiencies, such as inadequate protein and vitamin intake that can lessen the body's healing potential, careful attention to diet is important. To make certain that such patients are not nutritionally deprived, protein supplement drinks (Ensure and others) should be offered in addition to regular meals.

Further, topical treatment through a stepped approach (such as the Scott system), coupled with scrupulous hygiene, will usually enable patients to heal their decubiti.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My doctor diagnosed me with rosacea. What's the best treatment for me?

DEAR READER: Rosacea, also known as "adult acne," is a chronic skin inflammation, marked by reddish swollen areas interspersed with pustules (pimples). The cause is unknown, but the disorder — if not treated — is progressive and can lead to disfiguring overgrowths of skin.

Treatment with antibiotics, notably tetracycline, is almost always effective; doses as small as 250 milligrams (one capsule) a day will control the disease and produce few, if any, side effects. Isotretinoin (Accutane) may be used for recalcitrant cases but should be avoided by women who may become pregnant (because the drug can cause fetal abnormalities).

In patients with severe disease, cosmetic surgery may be required to improve appearance.

If your skin problem has not responded to the customary therapy, you should have the diagnosis confirmed by a dermatologist, who will be familiar with new approaches in therapy.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Eczema and Psoriasis." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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Chevron	83.63	81.88	82.31	—1.13
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Coastal	76.75	75.50	75.56	—1.19
CocaCola	54.88	53.88	54.56	—.38
ColgatePal	50.62	50.04	50.19	—.43
ComclMetals	24.13	23.88	24.06	+ .31
CooperIn	35.38	34.31	35.19	+ .75
DaimlrChry	45.25	44.78	45.05	—1.30
DallSemicn s	37.50	36.38	37.25	+ .69
DeltaAirl	42.56	41.50	42.50	+ .81
Dillards Inc	9.94	9.75	9.81	—.13
DowChem s	24.25	23.63	23.88	—.19
DuPont	40.38	39.63	40.00	—.75
EastmanChem	37.13	36.63	37.00	—.06
EstKodak	39.06	37.44	39.00	+ 1.50
EDS Corp	48.25	45.88	48.00	+ .50
Entergy	37.69	36.69	37.69	+ .69
ExxonMobil	88.81	87.13	88.50	+ .50
FstBksAm	14.00	14.00	14.00	
Flowers	19.00	18.50	18.63	—.50
GenDynam	68.94	66.81	68.75	+ 2.06
GenElec s	59.75	49.00	49.63	—2.88
GenMills	38.50	37.56	38.31	+ .63
GenMotors	57.88	57.31	57.56	—.75
GaPacGP	22.56	22.00	22.13	—.50
GlobalMar	30.94	29.19	29.38	—1.38
Goodrich	38.94	36.88	38.94	+ 1.94
Goodyear s	17.10	16.76	16.99	—.16
GtAtlPac	9.44	9.25	9.31	—.19
Halliburtn	43.31	41.25	41.25	—2.81
Hanson ADS	23.38	23.25	23.31	—.06
HarteHanks	28.00	27.94	27.94	—.06
HomeDepot s	41.63	40.06	41.06	+ 1.63
HoneywellIntl	53.44	48.88	49.81	+ 2.81
IBM	95.00	92.25	92.81	—1.94
IntlPaper	30.19	29.25	29.69	—.63
JohnsonJn	93.38	92.00	92.94	+ 1.00
K mart	5.81	5.75	5.75	
Kroger Co	20.88	20.56	20.69	—.31
Litton	53.00	51.00	52.25	+ 1.88
LockheedM	37.50	33.57	36.30	+ 2.29
Lowes Cos	41.31	40.38	40.94	—.19
Lubys	5.44	5.13	5.19	—.13
LucentTech	23.88	21.19	23.63	+ 1.00
MayDeptStr	21.88	21.44	21.81	+ .50
Medtronic	51.69	50.75	51.63	—.13
MorganJP	140.31	137.50	139.56	+ .56
Motorola s	24.50	23.00	24.19	+ .75
NCR Corp	42.94	42.31	42.56	—.25
Navistar	34.75	33.00	34.75	+ .75
Penney JC	10.06	9.75	9.88	—.06
PepBoys	4.63	4.44	4.50	+ .06
PepsiCo	47.13	46.13	46.56	
Pharmacia	52.50	51.00	52.50	+ 1.75
PhelpDodge	41.88	40.81	41.81	+ 1.00
PhilipPet	65.81	63.81	64.63	—.63
PilgrmPrd B	6.31	6.25	6.31	—.06
Polaroid	9.19	8.94	9.19	+ .19
Praxair	32.44	31.44	31.69	—.50
ProctGamb	72.69	71.13	71.63	—1.25
PubS NwMx	26.81	26.19	26.75	+ .69
RadioShack	47.94	46.06	47.56	—5.81
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SBC Comm	53.38	50.31	52.94	+ 1.94
SaraLee	19.75	19.63	19.69	
Scripps EW	57.00	55.78	57.00	+ .81
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Unocal	36.25	35.50	36.00	
Venator Grp	13.06	12.81	12.88	—.19
VerizonComm	49.19	47.69	48.94	+ .95
WalMart	47.13	45.56	47.13	+ .13
WellsFargo	42.69	42.06	42.31	
WstnGasRs	25.13	24.88	25.06	—.06
WinnDixie	17.38	17.19	17.31	+ .19
Xerox Cp	9.25	8.63	9.13	+ .5

Government to pay U.S. victims of terrorism

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Treasury will pay Terry Anderson and other American terrorist victims and their families hundreds of millions of dollars in legal damages owed by Iran, according to White House and congressional officials.

President Clinton is expected to sign legislation — already approved by Congress — that would pay a limited group of victims with U.S. funds and then make the government responsible for collecting the claims through an international court or negotiations with Iran, an administration official said Sunday, speaking on condition of anonymity.

If signed, the new law also would allow the government to use frozen Cuban assets to pay the families of pilots shot down off the coast of Florida by Cuban fighter jets in 1996.

The measure will satisfy judgments from cases brought to trial under a 1996 law that allows American victims of terrorism in foreign countries to sue in U.S. courts if the State Department lists those nations as sponsors of terrorism.

In addition to Iran, lawsuits have been filed against Iraq by Americans used as human shields during the Persian Gulf War and against Libya on behalf of the victims of the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103.

Out of about $400 million available for the cases against Iran, eight families who have won lawsuits will receive more than $213 million plus interest. The remainder would be available for cases still pending against that nation. The victims will be paid within 60 days of the president signing the legislation.

"I am elated for the families. They have finally received the justice they deserve," said Sen. Connie Mack, R-Fla., who sponsored the legislation in the Senate. "The message is clear to terrorist nations — there is a price to pay for killing Americans."

Mack, along with Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., and Rep. Bill McCollum, R-Fla., negotiated an agreement with the administration on the bill, which passed the Senate this month. The House approved a similar measure earlier this year.

White House spokesman P.J. Crowley said the bill supports victims and serves the country's national security concerns.

"This compromise allows us to demonstrate that support without compromising diplomatic protocols that might result in retaliations by other governments against the United States," Crowley said.

A message left at Iran's mission to the United Nations was not immediately returned Sunday.

Among those benefiting from the measure would be Anderson, a former chief Middle East correspondent for The Associated Press, who was held captive in Lebanon for nearly seven years. He and his family would receive $41.2 million in compensatory damages within the next several months.

Embryo abnormalities found earlier

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Most human embryos possess genetic defects just days into their development, a finding that researchers say may explain why many pregnancies fail shortly after conception.

Researchers who studied all 46 chromosomes in 3-day-old embryos said Sunday they believe a new test can improve success rates for infertile patients by allowing doctors to choose embryos with normal sets of chromosomes for implantation into a mother's womb.

The technology could also decrease the number of multiple births to women undergoing in-vitro fertilization because less embryos would have to be inserted into the womb to lead to a successful pregnancy.

"This is a technique that allows an unprecedented amount of chromosomal information to be gained from looking at a single cell," said Dagan Wells, one of the University College in London, researchers in charge of the study.

The results indicate that uniform cell development often didn't occur in the first few days after conception.

Wells said cells instead would often divide unevenly, with chromosomes sticking together in destructive clusters or not dividing at all. Almost all human cells have 46 chromosomes, 23 from each parent.

Wells and colleague Joy Delhanty studied 12 embryos at 3 days old. Only three contained complete sets of chromosomes. Abnormality occurred in nine of the embryos, including broken or hybrid sets of chromosomes. Three of the embryos had no normal cells at all, Wells said.

He added that while the study reveals many embryos aren't viable, the results shouldn't be interpreted to mean that all embryos are flawed, as previous researchers had speculated using less sophisticated tests.

"There have been cases where early tests have shown a chromosomal abnormality in an embryo, but when the baby is born, it doesn't have the abnormality," Wells said. "So, theories suggest it is possible for the embryos to fix themselves in some cases."

Wells is doing research at the Institute for Reproductive Medicine and Science in West Orange, N.J., to improve the testing process.

Date Book

Monday, Oct. 23, 2000

Today is the 297th day of 2000 and the 32nd day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1824, John Stevens of Hoboken, N.J., built the first locomotive capable of pulling a train along a track.

On this day in 1850, in Worcester, Mass., the first national woman suffrage convention was held.

On this day in 1980, film and television producers reached an agreement with the Screen Actors Guild and the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, ending a 95-day actors strike.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Sarah Bernhardt (1845-1923), actress; Johnny Carson (1925-), comedian, is 75; Chi Chi Rodriguez (1935-), golfer, is 65; Michael Crichton (1942-), novelist, is 58; Pele (1940-), soccer star, is 60; "Weird Al" Yankovic (1959-), parodist, is 41.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1968, George Foreman won a gold medal by defeating Ionas Chepulis in the Olympic super-heavyweight boxing competition.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Enthusiasm is everything. It must be taut and vibrating like a guitar string." — Pele

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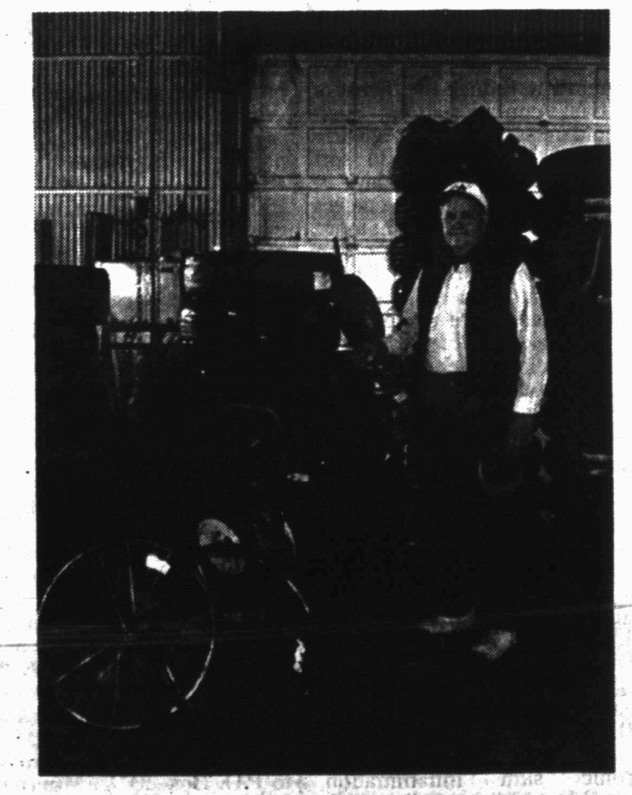

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Gulf War Syndrome answers still elusive

ABILENE (AP) — Despite a firm grip on his ever-present walking cane, Chris Yarger has trouble getting around his home. Household chores can take the Gulf War veteran hours and leave him exhausted. His memory has grown weak, and he hasn't held a job in some five years.

"I forget where I put things within two minutes and my concentration is only good for about 10 minutes," said Yarger, 43, who once learned three foreign languages to join a top-secret Army unit. "I'm not as sharp as I once was."

Nearly a decade after Yarger and more than 100,000 other U.S. soldiers returned from the Middle East, a debate still rages over whether Gulf War Syndrome exists and what the government should do about it. Texas researchers, meanwhile, have been gathering evidence that some troops may have suffered a form of brain damage.

Veterans say they suffer from a strange assortment of woes characterized as Gulf War Syndrome: memory loss, anxiety, severe nausea, balance disturbances, and chronic muscle and joint pain.

The Pentagon and the Department of Veterans Affairs, after a slow start, have acknowledged a serious health problem exists but insist no single illness is behind Gulf War Syndrome.

The Texas researchers, however, believe they have developed a strong theory that no one has refuted.

"It's not a bunch of disconnected symptoms as we once thought since we are finding more and more evidence of real brain damage," said Robert Haley, chief epidemiologist for the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

Meanwhile, the political currency on the issue has dwindled, taking its place behind concerns that the Clinton administration is not doing enough about America's dependence on foreign oil.

At a Senate hearing earlier this month, Dallas billionaire Ross Perot, who has funded Haley's research, said the controversy about Gulf War illness "is Agent Orange revisited," alluding to the defoliant used during the Vietnam War that the Pentagon once claimed would not harm those exposed to it.

Perot said the failure to pinpoint a cause and treatment was due to the Pentagon's unwillingness to retreat from early theories that the sicknesses were stress-related.

Bernard Rostker, head of the Defense Department's Gulf War illness investigations, denied that government research is focused on stress. He suggested that Haley's findings need to be replicated with a larger group of veterans.

"We don't draw a conclusion on Dr. Haley's research. We are perfectly willing to support it," Rostker said. "But we don't again want to see Dr. Haley lobbying in place of the peer review, competitive research process."

Scores of other university- and government-sponsored studies along with congressional hearings have failed to establish why some Gulf War veterans came home sick. Some point to chemicals in the battlefield air, anti-nerve gas pills, vaccinations or rare infections.

Initially, Haley was among the skeptics. But after poring over the medical histories of more than 2;000 sick veterans who had asked Perot for help, he became convinced more research needed to be done.

Haley's team six years ago focused on veterans with the most dramatic and inexplicable symptoms. The result was a 1997 study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association that concluded some soldiers suffer from distinct symptom clusters caused by chemical poisoning and that some may have suffered neurological damage from nerve gas or pesticides.

"Once you're confronted with that kind of scientific evidence, you can't help but aim for the truth," Haley said.

Texas Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison has secured $5 million for Gulf War illness research in next year's defense spending bill. The money is expected to go to UT Southwestern. The center is seeking another $25 million to expand its research.

The data for Haley's work was gathered from the ranks of a Naval Mobile Construction Battalion whose troops traveled throughout the Gulf War theater and were exposed to a variety of desert camps.

Not only did UT Southwestern researchers find subtle brain damage, but they say they've made a strong link between brain cell loss near the brain stem and abnormal overproduction of dopamine. Dopamine is a neurochemical that plays a key role in degenerative brain diseases, including Parkinson's.

For Yarger, the main issue is the government's responsibility to allocate the resources to find the source of the illness — regardless of the cost.

"The bottom line is there are too many people that are sick and this has been going on for 10 years," the former rancher said. "We've got to find some answers."

On the Net:
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas' Gulf War illnesses site:
http://www.swmed.edu/home—pages/epidemi/gws/
Department of Defense's Gulf War illnesses site:
http://www.gulflink.osd.mil

Comedy reigns at weekend box office

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Audiences went to "Meet the Parents" and were bemused by "Bedazzled" as the box office turned healthy after a midsummer slump.

The Robert de Niro and Ben Stiller comedy "Meet the Parents" was the No. 1 movie for a third weekend with $16.3 million in ticket sales, according to studio estimates Sunday. Its total take climbed to $81 million in just 17 days.

"Bedazzled," starring Brendan Fraser as a man who sells his soul to Satan (Elizabeth Hurley), debuted in second place with $13.7 million.

The tearjerker "Pay It Forward," starring Kevin Spacey, Helen Hunt and Haley Joel Osment, premiered at No. 3 with $10.2 million. The movie centers on a boy who develops a plan to spread good deeds.

Despite its star power, it barely edged out Denzel Washington's "Remember the Titans," which held strong with $10 million for fourth place. The football drama has taken in $77.4 million in just over three weeks.

"Pay It Forward" received mixed reviews, with many critics faulting it as maudlin and manipulative. But studio executives were pleased with the debut.

"It's a very special kind of film," said Dan Fellman, head of distribution for Warner Bros., which released "Pay It Forward." "Considering the movie plays mainly to older audiences, and considering you had the World Series this weekend, we were pleased it did as well as it did."

Jackie Chan's "The Legend of Drunken Master," a 6-year-old action flick making its U.S. debut, opened in fifth place with $3.7 million.

With four films grossing $10 million or more, the overall box office took a healthy upturn. The top 12 movies took in $72.6 million, up 14 percent from the same weekend last year.

Though Hollywood had been in a box-office slump since midsummer, revenues for 2000 are about even with the record pace of last year, when the industry took in $7.5 billion.

A wave of potential hits rolls into theaters starting this weekend with "Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2."

The following weekend brings "Charlie's Angels," and "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas" arrives the weekend before Thanksgiving.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at North American theaters, according to Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. Final figures were to be released Monday.

1. "Meet the Parents," $16.3 million.
2. "Bedazzled," $13.7 million.
3. "Pay It Forward," $10.2 million.
4. "Remember the Titans," $10 million.
5. "The Legend of Drunken Master," $3.7 million.
6. "The Contender," $3.6 million.
7. "Lost Souls," $3.3 million.
8 (tie). "The Exorcist," $2.9 million.
8 (tie). "The Ladies Man," $2.9 million.
10. "Dr. T and the Women," $2.5 million.

George Eads dreamed of being actor

LOS ANGELES (AP) — George Eads, who plays a forensic investigator on the CBS series "C.S.I." dreamed of being an actor even while he was a middle school drama teacher in Waco, Texas.

"I think my father's skepticism fueled me to work harder. I didn't have any visions of grandeur," Eads said Sunday, adding that his father and sister are both attorneys, and his mother is a high school principal.

Eads used to only try out for parts in shows that filmed in Dallas and found himself losing out to Los Angeles-based actors. He moved to Los Angeles in 1994, and got a part in a short-lived Aaron Spelling series, "Savannah." He also appeared in "Grapevine" as a sportscaster, and on several episodes of "E.R."

"I like the diversity of L.A., and the adventure of the job, but I still try to keep everything in perspective," Eads said. "It was the right time in my life to do this."

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 10-23-00
♠ A Q 8 3
♥ K 8 5 4
♦ J 8 6
♣ 6 2

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

East
♠ K 9 6 5
♥ A 9 3
♦ Q 2
♣ A 9 7 4

South
♠ 4
♥ J 10 7 6 2
♦ A K 10 9 4
♣ 10 8

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
	Pass	Pass	1 ♣
1 ♥	Dbl.	3 ♣	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ K

Monday, Oct. 23, 2000

What makes an award-winner?

By Phillip Alder

Every year, the International Bridge Press Association gives awards in four categories: the best-bid, best-defended, and best-played deals of the year, and the best performance by a junior. Fine, in theory, but there are two snags: Occasionally, an excellent deal is overlooked; and the winners are usually unsuitable for newspaper columns because they are too complicated.

Still, let's have a look at some of this year's candidates. Here is an imaginative defense by Stelio di Bello, from Italy.

North's three-club jump cue-bid is called a mixed raise over here (I have no idea why), showing four-card support for partner's suit with some 8-10 points. South took a shot at game because of his hidden diamond suit.

Declarer must lose one heart and two club tricks. So, it appears that he will get home if he guesses the trump suit correctly. South will probably start with the jack, covered by the queen, king and ace. On the second round, he must finesse East for the nine — a tough proposition, but not impossible.

Still, di Bello found a way to push South off course. West led the club king. Immediately di Bello overtook with the ace and switched to the diamond two! Now South, thinking he had a diamond loser, went for a desperate shot. After winning with the diamond ace, he finessed the spade queen. However, unsurprisingly, given his opening bid, East produced the king, then continued with the diamond queen.

Finally declarer attacked trumps, but on winning with his ace, di Bello put his partner on lead with a club and received a diamond ruff for two down.

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13 government Web sites still tracking Internet users

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite a White House prohibition, 13 government agencies are secretly using technology that tracks the Internet habits of people visiting their Web sites, and in at least one case provides the information to a private company, a congressional review has found.

The agencies range from the Federal Aviation Administration to the federal offices that provide disaster relief and administer Medicare, the General Accounting Office found in a study obtained by The Associated Press.

"How can this administration talk about protecting privacy when its own agencies jeopardize some of the public's most private information?" asked Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., chairman of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee.

Thompson's committee has jurisdiction over the 1974 Privacy Act and other laws that dictate the government's privacy practices.

At issue is the use by the 13 government Web sites of small text files called "cookies" that record information about an Internet user's browsing habits when they visit a site.

In June, the White House Office of Management and Budget advised all federal agencies that they are not allowed to use such text files without approval from the agency head. If they are used, the OMB directive said, Web site visitors must be given "clear and conspicuous notice" of such use.

But the GAO, the investigatory arm of Congress, found that 13 agencies were using the technology to track visitors, although their formal Internet policy claimed they weren't doing so, and none of the Web site visitors were advised the technology was being used.

The study found all 13 tracked consumers' path during their visit to the site, and some were employing "persistent" text files that could be read for years after the initial visit.

In addition, the U.S. Forest Service's International Programs site was found to be using so-called "third-party cookies" that transmit the visitors' activities to a private company which had been hired to compile reports for the agency.

Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Rocker A Operating Co. will drill the No. 75 M.A. Fuller in the Lozone field, five miles northeast of Fluvanna. Planned for a depth of 2,800 feet, drill site is in Section 603, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Rocker A Operating will drill the No. 76 Fuller in the Lozone field, five miles northeast of Fluvanna. Also planned for a depth of 2,800 feet, location is in Section 603, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 3-R M.M. Boyd in the Diamond M field, 10 miles west of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 4,000 feet, drill site is in Section 214, Block 97, H&TC survey.

RK Petroleum Corporation will drill the No. 1-R Davidson, a 7,500-foot wildcat located 14 miles east of Snyder. Location is in Section 74, Block 2, H&TC survey.

Borden County

Devon Energy Producing Co. will drill the No. 204 Canon Ranch unit in the Jo-Mill field, 16 miles southwest of Gail. Planned for a depth of 8,262 feet, location is in Section 26, Block 33, T5N, T&P survey.

Devon Energy will drill the No. 621 Canon Ranch unit in the Jo-Mill field, 15 miles west of Gail. Planned depth is 7,450 feet, and drill site is in Section 34, Block 33, T5N, T&P survey.

Devon Energy will drill the No. 613 Canon Ranch unit in the Jo-Mill field, 13 miles west of Gail. The venture will be drilled to a depth of 7,299 feet, and location is in Section 34, Block 33, T5N, T&P survey.

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Albright, North Korean leader meet

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) — Putting aside a half-century of acrimony, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and North Korean leader Kim Jong Il engaged in unprecedented talks Monday aimed at laying the groundwork for a visit by President Clinton to one of the last bastions of the Cold War.

With a firm handshake, Albright and Kim moved their two nations — one democratic, the other a famously cloistered communist state — a bit closer together.

Toasts at a lavish guest house captured the sense of promise, yet awkwardness, in the tentative thaw. Albright said "the road to fully normal relations remains uphill," but her visit is a start.

Kim's top aide, Vice Marshall Jo Myong Rok, offering a toast to Albright, saying improved relations with Washington are "very important to the security of the Korean Peninsula and the Northeast Asian region as well."

"I am really very happy," Kim said earlier in welcoming the first ever visit by a U.S. secretary of state.

Responded Albright, "I'm very glad to be here in your beautiful city."

The two spoke for three hours, with a 15-minute break, and during the meeting Albright gave Kim a letter from Clinton anticipating further developments in bilateral relations. Later they attended the dinner hosted by Jo, who initiated the diplomatic opening with a visit to Washington two weeks ago.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said Albright's trip is a historic step but there are "a lot of things that have to be discussed, a lot of issues that have to be dealt with."

"Being able to deal successfully with these issues is the key to having a successful visit by the president," he said. North Korea's missile program is one such issue, and Washington also wants the regime to break any remaining links with terrorism.

Albright arrived to a low-key arrival ceremony that belied the significance of her visit. Asked if the United States was moving too quickly in the relationship with North Korea, she said.

Clinton signs bill to lower drunken driving standards

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton, after a three-year struggle with Congress, signed a bill today that would set a tough national standard for drunken driving and, according to proponents, prevent 500 highway deaths a year.

"For me this is a very good day for the United States," the president said. He said the measure was "the biggest step to toughen drunk driving laws and reduce alcohol-related crashes since the national minimum drinking age was established a generation ago."

The new law requires states to implement a 0.08 percent blood alcohol content standard as the legal level for drunken driving by 2004. States that fail to impose that standard would begin losing millions of dollars a year in federal highway funds.

The provision was tucked into a compromise $58 billion transportation spending bill that was stuffed with pre-election highway, mass transit and aviation projects for every state.

Clinton said the 0.08 standard was a "common-sense nationwide limit" that will save an estimated 500 lives a year and prevent thousands of injuries.

A 170-pound man could consume approximately four drinks in an hour on an empty stomach before reaching 0.08 limit, according to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration statistics cited by Mothers Against Drunk Driving. A 137-pound woman could have three drinks in an hour before reaching 0.08.

The president was joined in a Rose Garden ceremony by Millie Webb, national president of MADD, Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater, Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., Rep. Nita Lowey, D-N.Y., and representatives of highway safety, civic and health organizations.

Opponents of the 0.08 standard, including the restaurant and alcohol industries, say the measure would penalize social drinkers while ignoring the bigger problem of repeat offenders who drink heavily.

Nineteen states and the District of Columbia already have 0.08 laws, and in Massachusetts a level of 0.08 is considered evidence but not proof of impairment. Thirty-one states define drunken driving as 0.10 percent blood alcohol content.

In 1999, 15,786 traffic deaths were attributed to drunken driving, including more than 2,200 children.

Unrest continues in the Middle East

JERUSALEM (AP) — Prime Minister Ehud Barak today launched talks with the hawkish opposition on the terms of joining his teetering government,

The start of the formal coalition contacts came a day after the prime minister announced that Israel was taking "time out" from peace talks, to the chagrin of President Clinton and dovish members of Barak's center-left government.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat was outright contemptuous, saying Barak could "go to hell."

In the West Bank town of Nablus, two Palestinian teenagers, ages 15 and 17, died today after being shot in the head during earlier clashes with Israeli troops. The deaths brought to 123 the number of people killed in 26 days of fighting. All but eight of those killed have been Arabs.

Obituaries

Ruby Nations

1921-2000

ROSCOE – Ruby Ida Nations, the sister of Iona Zinke of Hermleigh, died Sunday, Oct. 22, in a Roscoe nursing center.

Funeral service for Mrs. Nations, 79, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the First Salem Lutheran Church with the Rev. Glenn Dittmer officiating. Burial will follow in the Roscoe Cemetery under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home.

Born April 14, 1921 in Nolan County, she attended the Brownlee school and was a graduate of Roscoe High School.

She married Anton J. Watzl in 1944 in Hermleigh. He died in 1958. She married Bob Nations on Jan. 5, 1961 in Sweetwater.

A lifelong resident of Nolan County, she was a homemaker and had operated Roscoe Garden Center.

She also was preceded in death by a son, Ronald Watzl, in 1991; and a brother, Troy Rannefeld, in 2000.

Survivors include her husband, Bob Nations of Roscoe; a son Ricky Watzl of Sweetwater; a daughter-in-law, Becky Watzl of Midland; two other sisters, Teresa Weiss of Vera and Gladys Bownds of Thorndale; and four grandchildren.

Mason Gamble

1921-2000

ABILENE – Mason Gamble, longtime Abilene auto dealer, died Saturday, Oct. 22, in an Abilene nursing home.

Funeral service for Mr. Gamble, 79, is set for 3 p.m. Tuesday in the Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home Chapel. Eddie Sharp, minister of the University Church of Christ, will officiate. Burial will follow in Elmwood Memorial Park.

Born Oct. 9, 1921 in Taylor County, he was a graduate of Abilene High School and Abilene Christian University. He married Mildred Clark in 1942. A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, Mr. Gamble operated Mason Gamble Motors for 40 years.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred Gamble of Abilene; a son, Guy Gamble of Abilene and formerly of Snyder; two brothers, John Gamble of Wyoming and Bill Gamble of Tulsa; and two grandchildren.

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Vehicle reported as stolen located in Runnels County

• ***Stolen vehicle***

A vehicle reported stolen early Sunday morning was recovered just a couple hours later in Runnels County.

Elisa Martinez of 108 Canyon called police at 5:46 a.m. Sunday to report that her 1997 Ford Taurus was missing. She also filed a runaway report for her 15-year-old son.

A report for runaway and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was filed.

Runnels County Sheriff's Office contacted local authorities at 7:23 a.m. Sunday to report that the vehicle had been recovered.

The juvenile has not been located.

• ***Attempted suicide***

A 23-year-old man was transported to a treatment facility in Sweetwater Saturday after cutting his arm several times and threatening suicide.

The man was transported to Cogdell Memorial Hospital by an officer around 11:41 a.m. Saturday where he was treated. MHMR was contacted, and he was later taken to Sweetwater.

• ***Barbecue pit found***

Linda Davis contacted officers at 12:57 p.m. Saturday to report that the barbecue pit she had reported stolen had been found. It was not stolen, a relative had borrowed it.

• ***Family violence***

An offense report for family violence was filed at 5:49 p.m. Saturday.

• ***Wallet stolen***

Delores Sarabia notified officers at 7:47 p.m. Saturday that her wallet had been stolen Friday night while she was at the American Legion.

• ***Criminal mischief***

Jessie Carrisalez spoke to police at 10:59 p.m. Saturday about his vehicle being spray painted. An offense report was to be filed, but other information was not available this morning.

• ***Arrests***

Outstanding warrants for no liability insurance, expired driver's license, no seat belt and three counts of failure to appear landed a 43-year-old man in jail at 11:30 a.m. Saturday.

A 23-year-old man was taken into custody at 5:07 p.m. Saturday on warrants for public intoxication, failure to appear and misdemeanor motion to revoke probation.

At 7:25 p.m. Saturday, a 47-year-old man was arrested on a civil warrant from Nolan County for contempt of court for failing to pay child support.

City police took a 25-year-old woman into custody at 1:23 a.m. Sunday and a 17-year-old male into custody at 3:08 a.m. Sunday for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Outstanding Department of Public Safety warrants for speeding and failure to appear sent a 24-year-old man to jail at 9:38 p.m. Sunday.

At 6:10 a.m. today, officers arrested a 21-year-old man in the 1300 block of 25th Street for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

• ***Accidents***

At 1:45 a.m. Saturday, a two-vehicle mishap occurred in the 3300 block of Beaumont involving a 1997 GMC pickup and a parked, unoccupied 1999 GMC Sierra owned by Torch Energy.

Cody Kellner, 17, of Ira was the driver of the 1997 GMC, which is registered to Franklin and Dixie Harris of Floydada.

An offense report for leaving the scene of an accident was filed, as Kellner did not immediately report the mishap.

He did not contact officers until 11:59 p.m. Sunday.

Officer investigated a two-vehicle accident at 2:20 p.m. Sunday in the 4300 block of College. Involved were a 1996 Mercury Mystique driven by Haley Ann Stepp, 17, of Colorado City and a 2000 GMC Sierra pickup driven by Macky Wayne Holladay, 46, of Ira.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Lusiano Martinez.

DISMISSALS: Nellie Davis, Karen Gruben, Roberto Vera and Tommy Wilson.

CENSUS: 35 (Med./Surg.-8, Long-term Care-25, OB-1 and Nursery-1).

Light rainfall reported in area

Rainfall was light in Scurry County over the weekend.

Reports from east of Snyder were light showers and heavy sprinkling around Lake J.B. Thomas. No measurable rainfall was reported at Camp Springs, Ira and Gail.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Lamb and goat validations

Lamb and goat validations will be held today and Tuesday at Ira, from 4-7 p.m. For more information, contact Jay Waller, Ira ag instructor, at 573-2628 or Greg Gruben, county agent, at 573-5423.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "Learning to Forgive," followed by "Why Do Righteous People Suffer?"

Cancer society board meeting

Directors of the Scurry County Cancer Society will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the Cogdell Hospital board room.

West family night out

West Elementary will have its Family Night Out Tuesday evening at Burger King and Grandy's in the Rip Griffin's Food Court. Bring letter and tell them you are from West.

GED exams

GED exams will be administered at Western Texas College from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday. For more information, call Emily Hataway at 574-2112, or Molly Kattes at 573-2919.

Lions Club speaker

John Grant, manager of the CRMWD, will talk about the future of water availability at the Lions Club's noon meeting Tuesday at Martha Ann Woman's Club. All Lions are encouraged to attend and guests will need to call David Holt at 573-3255 on Monday for reservations. The complete meal is $7.

Stanfield 2nd grade play

The second grade classes of Mrs. Hamby, Mrs. Rosson and Mrs. Doolittle will present The Sound of America play at 8:45 a.m. Wednesday for parents, and at 8:45 and 9:30 a.m. Thursday for the school, parents and the public.

AARP open house

AARP Chapter 2063 will have an open house at the Senior Center from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Friday. Val Vicente from Wichita Falls, the associate state community coordinator, will attend.

Stanfield fall festival

The annual fall festival at Stanfield Elementary will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday. The parent council invites all students and their families to enjoy the fun. There will be games, food booths and raffle drawings donated by local merchants.

Snyder Healthcare spook house

Snyder Healthcare Center will sponsor a Halloween spook house from 7-9 p.m. Saturday. Everyone is welcome.

First Baptist fall festival

The First Baptist Church fall festival will be from 4-6 p.m. Sunday in the Family Life Center. Suggested donation is one bag of candy per child.

MAWC's fall luncheon

Martha Ann Woman's Club's fall luncheon is set, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday. Turkey and dressing and ham will be served. Tickets are $8.50 for adults and $4 for children under 12. For tickets call 573-3427 or 573-6443.

Senior citizen swimnastics

Snyder Senior Citizen Center swimnastics will be held from 10-11 a.m. on Monday, and 1-2 p.m. on Thursdays. For additional information, call 573-4035.

Fall carnival

North College Avenue Baptist Church will have its fall carnival on from 6-9 p.m. on Halloween night, Oct. 31. There is free admission and there will be games, door prizes, a concession stand and all items are 25 cents. Wear your Halloween costume and join the fun.

Tiger Times yearbook

The 2000-01 Tiger Times yearbook are on sale at the junior high until Nov. 21 in room 110 or the office. The full $14 may be paid now, or a deposit of $7 may be paid with the balance due in the spring. Checks must be made out to Snyder Junior High School. No extra copies will be available.

Glory Room open

The Glory Room, a Christian library located at Trinity United Methodist Church, is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Everyone is asked to return materials so that others may check them out. If other hours are needed, contact the church at 573-3988.

Ira 2001 annuals

The 2001 Bulldog annuals are on sale. The cost is $26 with your name on the cover or $22 without. They will be offered for sale until Nov. 21. The supply is limited. To order, contact Ira ISD's principal's office at 573-2628.

Bulldog quilt

Ira High School seniors will raffle a quilt made by Doris Henderson. Tickets are $1 and can be purchased from any senior or at the school. The raffle will be held Nov. 3 during halftime of the Ira-Loraine football game.

Veterans Day Program

Ira School will have a special Veterans Day program Nov. 10. Anyone who has any information about veterans buried in Ira Cemetery is asked to contact Mike Duke, principal, at 573-2628.

Pick 3

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

1-6-3

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated $13 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were: 2-4-22-29-31-32.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $18 million.