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Oil show Saturday to display latest technology and history

Over 600 tickets were sold for Saturday's Oil Appreciation Banquet to be held in Scurry County Coliseum.

Those attending the banquet at 6 p.m. will enjoy a chicken-fried steak meal and all the timmings, but those who will miss the banquet can enjoy viewing numerous exhibits of the oil patch all day Saturday.

Over 50 oil-related businesses or individuals will have displays at the coliseum which will be open to the public beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Also, a reception honoring those in the oil industry will be held at the Scurry County Museum on Saturday from 2-4 p.m.

There is no cost to see the displays on the coliseum grounds or inside the coliseum on Saturday.

Scheduled to have exhibits are Pennzoil, Chevron USA Production Co., Inc., Mobil Exploration and Production, E.D. Walton Construction Co., Weatherford, Pool Co. Inc., BJ Services, Reef Chemical, Halliburton, Sun Pipeline Co., Mapco Pipeline, Dresser Industries, Tuboscope, Patterson Drilling, Red Man Supply and the EMS rescue team.

Others are ESP, Eddins Walcher, Yale E. Key, Cooper Cameron Ind., Production Pump, Dickens County Electric Co-Op, Sulsur Pump, Diamond D, Midwestern Service and LSI.

Also having displays will be Excel Inspection Service, Honeywell, Leamco, Musselwhite Trucking, TU Electric and Ira Pump and Supply.

Also, 5-R Management, Aline Parks, Western Texas College, Mesquite Oil Tool, Texas Railroad Commission, RichCo, Arrow Completion Systems, York Vacuum Trucks, WSI Cased Hole Specialists, Torch Energy and KVI USA.

Still others are the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Big Country Chevrolet, Midwest Electric Co-Op, Permian Communications and John's Pump and Supply.

The deadline for puchasing tickets is Wednesday.

Espy Price, vice president of Chevron USA, will deliver the keynote address at the banquet.

The celebration is honoring three historic events in Scurry County — the first oil well in the county brought in on Oct. 9, 1923 in the Sharon Ridge field, the 50th anniversary of the Canyon Reef well brought in on Nov. 19, 1948 and the billionth barrel of oil produced on Oct. 8, 1973.

Celebration sponsors are Pennzoil, Chevron, SACROC, Sun, Mobile Salt Creek, Exxon, Reda Pump, ODI, TU Electric, Texaco and Torch Energy.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "There are no shortcuts to any place worth going."

The late Harry Reed, founder of Southern Electric, collected a lot of things about the oil patch in this area.

Reed, who moved to Scurry County almost 50 years ago from Kilgore where he owned a Western Auto Store, saw his company grow with the area. Along the way, Harry Reed collected some publications about the oil patch.

In one it told about J.J. Moore's wife, on whose land the discovery well in Scurry County was drilled.

Mr. Moore was never too sure that they were going to hit oil until the well actually came in. But Mrs. Moore had an even more skeptical view of the drilling process, which she claimed interfered with her chores.

When asked what she intended to buy with the royalty money when the well blew in, she replied in all seriousness:

"The only thing I want out of it is a new axe. The one I have now is just about worn out and it's getting so I can't chop enough wood to keep the kitchen stove going."

And there was the wildcatter from Odessa, who was overly superstitious and happened to be prospecting in the Snyder area.

He reportedly found a horseshoe in a field and decided that would be a good spot to drill, so he started back to Odessa to get his rig.

En route, he stopped to make lease arrangements with the landowner. In the course of the conversation, the oil man told the rancher about finding the lucky horseshoe.

"That ain't no horseshoe," drawled the rancher. "That's a muleshoe."

The superstitious wildcatter called off the whole deal and headed back to Odessa.

Another wildcatter, however, didn't put as much stock in horseshoes. He later sunk a well there and brought in the first gusher in the Canyon Reef.

Yesterday's story about the late Bill Atwood's experience in the cafe business during the hectic boom days prompted a telephone call from a very nice lady.

Buena Shultz said she enjoyed the story, but as a matter of clarification, the cafe mentioned in the story was not the one owned by her father, the late Elmer Bentley. The cafe no longer operates, but is still owned by the family.

Scurry County residents have unclaimed dollars

State Comptroller John Sharp will publish his office's unclaimed property list on Sunday that contains names which have been reported to the state within the last year.

The names of people who have at least $100 coming to them are being published.

The money comes from forgotten bank accounts, abandoned safe deposit boxes, uncashed checks, uncollected wages and other sources, said Sheila Clancy of the Comptroller's office.

The public can call 1-800-654-3463 to inquire about unclaimed money.

The list to be published includes 42 names from Snyder and three each from Hermleigh and Ira.

Those from Snyder are Lloyd Ainsworth, Steve A. Amato, Buddy Baldridge, Juanita F. Benenek, George Boring, C&S Investments, Wilma West Carson. H.H. Cary, Hoyle H. Cary, John D./David Chandler, Terry Cheatham, Damien C. Clayton, C. Crayton, D.M. Cogdell Memorial Hospital, Mary Jo Dennis, Katie L. Disheroon, Wayne W. Dodson, Ronnie/Julie Doggett, Billy Jay Eiland, Carol Eiland, Hugh Boren & Son, Ins. Agency and Samantha Keller.

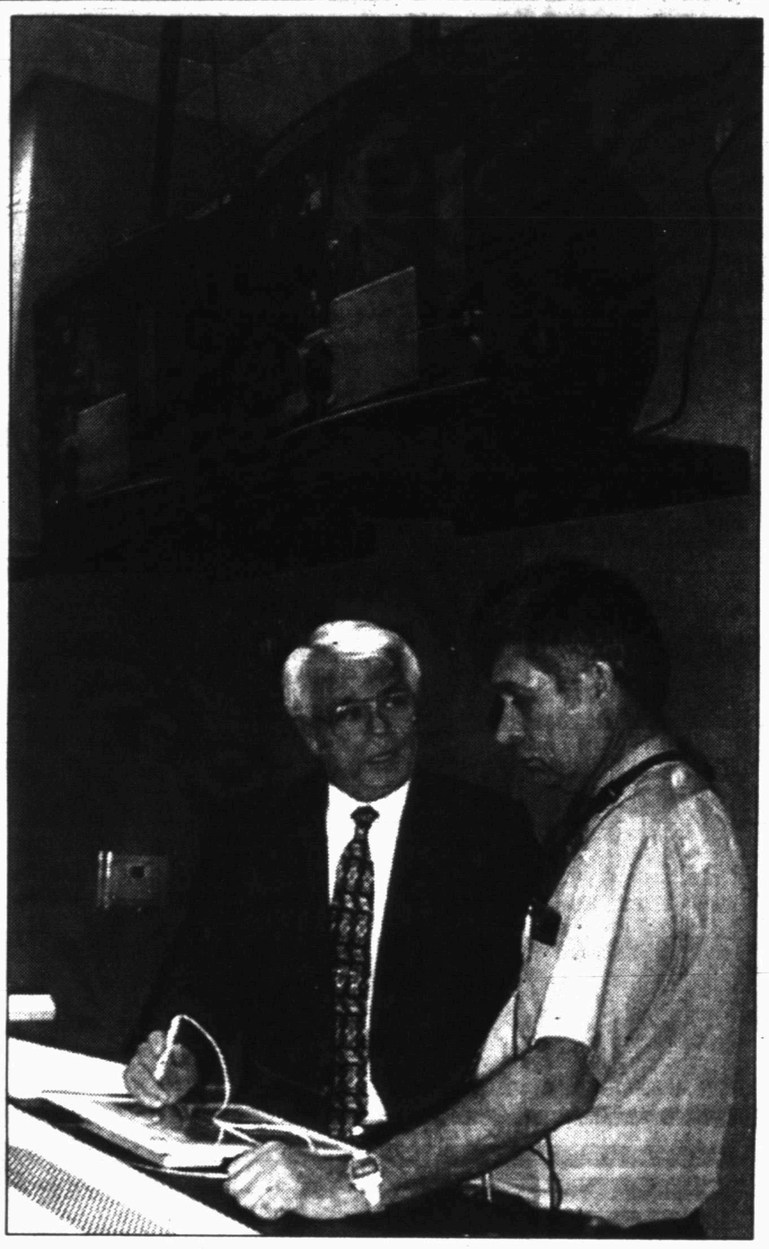
Others are Line-Line Distributors, Paul Milford, Virgie Morgan, C.V. Morris, Bob Norman, Dwinn A. Ortiz, Eleanor N. Rutland, Linda K. Schwarz, Lee Smith, Guy L. Sullivan, Jared Thornhill, Sara Thornhill, Hilary S. Walker, Bobby Dwayne Wall, J.L. Webb, Gillie Wells, David L. Williams, George L. Wilson, Ethel York and Yamanakaand Yuriko.

There are three names on the list from Ira, and three from Hermleigh, as well,

Residents of Ira on the unclaimed property list are Michael David Barnes, Ivean I. Bell and Joni Gainer.

Those from Hermleigh are Mary Lou Griffin, Larry Don Nachlinger and Lela M. Williams.

A total of 97,000 people or businesses are on the list with over $56 million in unclaimed money and other assets.



DISTANCE LEARNING TOUR — Western Texas College Director of Technology Britt Canada shows State Rep. David Counts the new distance learning equipment. WTC was sponsoring David Counts Appreciation Day today. Along with the tour of the distance learning facility, Counts addressed students, faculty and staff and attended a reception in his honor. (SDN Staff Photo)

Compromising on education, agriculture...

Deal to finalize 1999 budget considered

WASHINGTON (AP) — White House and congressional negotiators, bolstered by compromises on the major issues of education and agriculture, were closing in today on a deal on the 1999 budget. But Democrats, largely on the sidelines in the talks, said they wouldn't accept the $500 billion budget package without careful scrutiny.

"You cannot short-circuit and push all 535 people out of the room and make the decision between two or three people," said House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri. "We are not going to let them run over people's right to understand what's in the bill."

"We're not moving anywhere right now," White House chief of staff Erskine Bowles, the head negotiator for the administration, said as he emerged from Gephardt's office to resume talks with House Speaker Newt Gingrich.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said there only a "few small issues" left and they were in the final phases of the talks. He predicted that the talks could wrap up this afternoon.

After differing on hundreds of issues over the course of a week of intense talks, bargainers couldn't agree on what problems remained to complete work on the fiscal 1999 budget. But both sides indicated the momentum was there for a deal today.

Bowles said there still were serious disagreements over the 2000 census, family planning and the environment. Gingrich, R-Ga., said there were only a few minor loose ends, such as an Internet anti-pornography bill, standing in the way of a budget deal that would allow Congress to adjourn and go home for the Nov. 3 elections.

Even if the talks conclude today, it could take at least a day to write up the massive bill, reducing hopes that a bill could get to the House and Senate floor by Friday. That would still be more than two weeks after the fiscal year began on Oct. 1 and a week after the originally scheduled adjournment, eating away at valuable time for lawmakers to campaign for the election.

A fourth temporary spending bill had to be passed Wednesday, this one running through Friday, to keep government agencies open.

With the deals on education and agriculture, both sides could go home armed with something to brag about. Republicans also touted defense and anti-drug money in saying they said fulfilled their promises to the nation.

Republicans agreed to a Democratic plan announced by President Clinton in his State of the Union address in February to provide $1.1 billion to hire 100,000 new elementary school teachers. "Our Democratic priorities clearly prevailed, and I welcome the decision by our Republican colleagues to accept ther ' said Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass.

Republicans claimed victory by saying their key principle — that educational funding should go directly to local schools rather than through a Washington bureaucracy — was maintained. "It is a huge win for local educators and parents who are fed up with Washington mandates, red tape and regulation," said Rep. Bill Goodling, R-Pa., who is chairman of the House Education and the Workplace Committee.

The measure gives local communities the funds to recruit, hire and train teachers. It does not address a ban on proposed federal testing wanted by the administration, and House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri said he was "chagrined and sorry" that another Democratic priority, money for school construction, was not forthcoming.

Democrats could claim the edge with the decision to provide $6 billion in disaster aid for the nation's farmers.

'SLEEPY HOLLOW' PLAY — Josh Knox, Catherine Whitworth and Caleb Durham, from left, rehearse a scene from "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" to be performed by Snyder Junior High School drama classes Saturday and next Tuesday, both at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Call 573-6356 for reserved seats, tickets are $3. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

ASK US

Q—In reference to Midwestern State University which will teach distance learning classes at Western Texas College, where is that school located?

A—In Wichita Falls. For registration information, one may call 1-800-842-1922.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 88 degrees; low, 61; 7 a.m. Thursday, 63; no precipitation; total for 1998, 7.08 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, increasing cloudiness, breezy; 20% chance of storms. Low 60-65. S wind 15-20 mph, gusty. Friday, mostly cloudy, windy; 20% chance of storms. High around 80. S wind 20-30 mph, gusty.

Christian Tippens
Mostly cloudy

Sunset: 7:12 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:47 p.m.
Of 287 days in 1998, the sun has shone 285 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"Consider the postage stamp. Its usefulness consists in the ability to stick to something until it gets there."

Josh Billings

Century defined, in strictly American terms

NEW YORK (AP) — "It's a piece of impertinence," Harold Evans acknowledged, "to characterize a century as belonging to a country."

He should know. He's the latest to do so.

Evans, the editorial director of the Daily News and U.S. News & World Report, wore another hat Wednesday evening: author of the just-published "The American Century," a formidable tome surveying the 100 years (1889-1989) he considers most closely associated with the global ascent of the United States.

He was trying to figure out just what made that century tick and the lessons it provided the world. So he invited a few friends.

There they were, some of the nation's best minds — William F. Buckley Jr., Mario Cuomo, Lani Guinier and Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr. among them — matching wits for an evening at the Newseum/NY at Evans' behest to discuss the legacy of America's eponymous epoch.

Policy was wonked. Figures were bandied about. Complex ideas were exchanged. Confrontations were had. Optimism was preached, albeit sparingly.

But talk kept turning to divisiveness — racial conflict, economic disparity, bleak ruminations about where the dream blurred. At times, the discussion seemed little more than a thinking person's dirge for a nation once ascendant.

"There is a myth at work that we're tremendously successful in this country. We're not," said Cuomo, who served three terms as governor of New York. "The real Americans, the vast majority of them, are still in the struggle of their lives."

"We're too secure in our freedoms," said Anita L. Allen, a law professor and ethics specialist at the University of Pennsylvania.

The panel discussion — funded by the Freedom Forum, an international organization that supports journalism and free speech — began upbeat. Robert Hughes, an Australian and Time magazine's art and culture critic, painted a picture of an America that believed its own destiny was to be first among nations, always transcending.

That notion faded fast. Cuomo and Schlesinger lamented a nation that allowed self-righteousness to distract it from ensuring all its people prosper. "The myth of American exceptionalism," said Schlesinger, a Pulitzer Prize-winning historian, "is a treacherous and dangerous myth."

Harvard University Law Professor Lani Guinier, whom President Clinton dropped as his nominee to run the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division when opponents called her writings "anti-democratic," mourned a nation she said had turned money into a religion. She told of reading recently that the recovery of the stock market — and thus the s nation — would hinge upon eithern fear or greed.

"I don't want to live in a society in which those are the only choices," Guinier said.

They shared more gloom. About people not voting because they don't think their vote matters. About television separating candidates from would-be constituents and turning campaign managers into political consultants. About unfettered capitalism (though Buckley, a conservative standard-bearer, would surely beg to differ).

The Rest of the Story...

With the truth coming out, Commissioner Idom changes his story every time a new paid political ad comes out.

The $223,298 from the consolidated budget and the $250,122 for his salary (including a raise to himself) are omitted from the precinct cost in his advertisement. The bottom line is more than $473,420 of expenses was excluded from precinct costs itemized in his paid political ad.

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Man receives life in prison for 7-year-old girl's slaying

LAS VEGAS (AP) — He blamed an incompetent therapist, his birth mother's schizophrenia, adoption officials in California and a former girlfriend.

Jeremy Strohmeyer, a former high school honor student who pleaded guilty to molesting and killing a 7-year-old girl in a casino bathroom, blamed how he turned out on a number of factors, including drugs and alcohol.

Asking for forgiveness Wednesday before he was sentenced to life in prison for killing Sherrice Iverson, the 20-year-old Strohmeyer even blamed Nevada casinos for allowing children to play at arcades.

Strohmeyer read a 22-page typed statement detailing the night at the Primadonna Casino in Primm, saying he was in a "drunken and drugged haze" when he took Sherrice into a women's restroom, sexually assaulted her and then strangled her to "stop her pain."

"Can you imagine the fear, the panic, the sickness that rushes over you as you realize that somehow, you have done something to this little girl to cause her to be dying, yet you don't remember anything?" Strohmeyer read. "This is what happened to me."

State District Court Judge Myron Leavitt sentenced Strohmeyer to three consecutive life prison terms without the possibility of parole — one each for first-degree murder, first-degree kidnapping and sexual assault on a minor.

Strohmeyer was also given life in prison with the possibility of parole after 20 years for a fourth count of sexual assault on a minor. The judge, however, said that as far as parole was concerned, "that will never happen."

Strohmeyer apologized to the girl's parents, Yolanda Manuel and Leroy Iverson, "and to every person who ever knew and loved Sherrice Iverson."

"I am truly sorry. If I were given the opportunity to exchange my life for Sherrice's and bring her back I would not hesitate, not even for a second," he said.

Strohmeyer also criticized David Cash Jr., his close friend at the time of the May 1997 slaying, saying "he makes me sick. David was offering me praise for what had happened."

The victim's family and others have criticized Cash, now a student at the University of California, Berkeley, for failing to take action to save the girl when he walked in on the assault.

The Los Angeles girl had been left in the casino arcade with her older brother while their father gambled during the early morning.

Earlier, the victim's mother called Strohmeyer a demon and a devil during a 10-minute statement she made to the court from her wheelchair.

Four guilty pleas heard

Four persons pleaded guilty Tuesday in 132nd District Court — three for driving while intoxicated and one for burglary of a building.

Ramon Castellanes Herrera, 54, of Hermleigh pleaded guilty to a May 24 burglary.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong assessed a two-year prison sentence, probated for five years. Herrera was also fined $500 and ordered to pay restitution totaling $95.

Jose Maria Alvarado, 35, of 2301 Ave. I pleaded guilty to a Sept. 27 DWI offense.

Alvarado was sentenced to five years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, probated for five years. The defendant was also ordered to pay a $500 fine and participate in a court-approved substance abuse program.

Juan Rodriguez Ramos, 61, of 2011 Ave K pleaded guilty to DWI, an Aug. 17 offense. In addition to a five-year probated prison sentence, Ramos was fined $1,000 and was ordered to serve 240 hours in the Scurry County Jail.

Frank Bariones Alarcon, 58, of 2409 29th, Apt. C, pleaded guilty to a July 1 DWI.

Alarcon was assessed a five-year probated prison sentence, fined $1,000 and ordered to serve 240 hours in the Scurry County Jail.

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Date Book

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Today is the 288th day of 1998 and the 23rd day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1948, Gerald Ford married Betty Bloomer. He later became president of the United States.

On this day in 1955, "Grand Ole Opry" debuted on television, with Les Paul and Mary Ford as guests.

On this day in 1990, Mikhail Gorbachev won the Nobel Peace Prize for his role in ending the Cold War.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Virgil (70 B.C.-19 B.C.), poet; Friedrich Nietzsche (1844-1900), philosopher; John L. Sullivan (1858-1915), boxing great; P.G. Wodehouse (1881-1975), writer; Arthur Schlesinger (1917-), historian, is 81; Mario Puzo (1920-), writer, is 78; Lee Iacocca (1924-), auto executive, is 74; Jim Palmer (1945-), baseball great-broadcaster, is 53; Penny Marshall (1943-), director, is 55.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1970, the Baltimore Orioles won the World Series by defeating the Cincinnati Reds 9-3.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "May the countryside and the gliding valley streams content me. Lost to fame, let me love river and woodland." — Virgil

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1880, a violent early blizzard raked northwest Iowa and adjacent Nebraska, South Dakota and Minnesota.

SOURCE: 1998 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Oct. 12) and new moon (Oct. 20).

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CLUB VIEWS ROSE GARDEN — Atheneum Study Club met Tuesday at the home of Wilson and Joy Howell to learn how Wilson Howell grows prize winning roses. He has won many awards with his large variety of roses over the years and is entering roses in another show this weekend. A business session was held at the Martha Ann Woman's Club following the tour. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

More women in corporate world

By MAGGIE JACKSON
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Women have made progress in winning seats on top corporate boards in the last year. They'll probably have as many seats as men — in another six decades or so.

That's how slow the rate of change is for women entering the boardrooms of the nation's top 500 corporations, the research organization Catalyst reported today.

The number of women sitting on Fortune 500 boards rose to 11.1 percent this year from 10.6 percent last year, echoing similar increases over the previous five years, Catalyst said in its annual survey.

At that rate, an equal number of men and women will be on top corporate boards by the year 2064. Catalyst said of 6,064 board seats in the top 500 corporations, women hold 671 of them.

"It's slow progress, and slow progress is better than none, but it's slow," said Sheila Wellington, president of the New York-based group, which is devoted to helping women advance in business.

She noted that in 1993, women held only 8.3 percent of board seats, and only 69 percent of Fortune 500 companies had one or more female directors.

Today, 86 percent of corporations have at least one female director. Four companies — Avon Products Inc., Golden West Financial Corp., Beverly Enterprises Inc. and Gannett Co. — have 40 percent or more female directors.

Still, top female executives interviewed this week see little push for change in this arena among the nation's top companies.

"Men feel more comfortable with their counterparts," said Martha Seger, an economist and member of the boards of Amoco Corp. and Xerox Corp., among others. "These are people they see at the club, they golf with — and there's a comfort level."

She and Ms. Wellington said women don't get many chances to win board seats because of slow turnover on boards, which have about 10 to 12 members. Most boards allow members to serve until they are age 70; vacancies don't come up often.

Many boards of directors and corporate leaders also seek candidates who hold top corporate titles — positions that few women in business have.

"People love to get active CEOs, particularly of premier companies," said Susan Kropf, executive vice president and president of Avon North America, and one of the six women directors on Avon's 13-member board. "Yet there are fewer women (than men) in these positions."

Still, Catalyst reported that more than one-third of female directors have corporate experience, compared with 27 percent last year — a trend that may show that more qualified women are entering the pool of board candidates.

The bigger the company, the more women sit in the boardroom, Catalyst found. The nation's top 100 companies in terms of revenue are twice as likely to have multiple female directors as those that rank between 400 and 500.

Catalyst didn't study reasons for this trend. But Ms. Wellington had a hunch.

"It may well be that those are the companies that are open to new ways," she said. "And that's what's demonstrated to be important in this economy."

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

Just for Today NA; Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762; 7 p.m.

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

New Horizons AA; closed meeting; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointments; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

Just for Today NA; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

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

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

Just for Today NA open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m.

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

Just For Today closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238, or 573-8018; 5 p.m.

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Pneumonia vaccine saves lives

By The Associated Press

The good news about the pneumonia vaccine is that it's a simple shot that could prevent thousands of deaths each year.

The bad news is that so few people who could benefit ever get it.

"The sad fact is that many people whose lives could be saved by the pneumonia vaccine do not get inoculated because they are unaware of it, and they are not pressured by their physicians to take it," says Dr. Daniel M. Musher, infectious-disease expert at Baylor College of Medicine and Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Houston.

Fewer than a third of the most vulnerable group — the elderly — get the vaccine, estimates Dr. Michael Kollar, internal medicine specialist at Loyola University Health System's Family Health Center at North Riverside, Ill.

"We are talking about a vaccine that offers most individuals a lifetime of protection with only one injection," says Kollar.

The vaccine is recommended for all those 65 or older and those between 50 and 65 with risk factors that make them more susceptible to bacterial infections. Others who should have the vaccine include people with lung disease, heart disease, an immune-system disorder such as HIV, or who have had their spleens removed.

"People who have had their spleens removed are especially susceptible to pneumococcal infection and must be vaccinated," says Musher. "The spleen helps clear bacteria from the blood, and its absence leaves a person prey to pneumonia infections."

Citing VAMC research, Musher recommends renewal of the vaccine at five- to 10-year intervals. People without spleens should repeat every five years.

The vaccine, which is covered by Medicare and most medical plans, can be given any time. Side effects, if any, are minimal. Some soreness, redness and swelling may occur at the injection site. Some people might develop a low-grade fever (less than 101 degrees) within 24 hours after the injection.

"Everyone 65 years of age and older should be vaccinated," says Kollar. "There is no good reason not to be."

Cow's milk not for all children

By The Associated Press

Children with chronic constipation may be allergic to cow's milk and may get relief by switching to soy milk, according to research published today in the New England Journal of Medicine.

The study looked at 65 children under 6 who were taken to gastrointestinal experts for chronic constipation. All were drinking cow's milk or milk-based infant formula, or eating other dairy products.

The children were fed soy milk for two weeks, then switched to cow's milk for two weeks, or vice versa. Two-thirds of the children improved while drinking soy milk and became constipated when they drank cow's milk.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 10-15-98
♠ Q
♥ A 8 7 5 4
♦ 9 8 5 2
♣ 5 4 2

West
♠ J 9 8 4
♥ 10 9
♦ K 10 7
♣ 10 9 6 3

East
♠ 10 5 2
♥ K Q J 3 2
♦ A Q J 6
♣ 7

South
♠ A K 7 6 3
♥ 6
♦ 4 3
♣ A K Q J 8

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
			1 ♥
2 ♥	Pass	2 NT	Pass
4 ♣	Pass	5 ♣	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ 10

Showing the minor

By Phillip Alder

What did Nubar Gulbenkian, the late oil millionaire, think was the best number for a dinner party? And who were they?

So far, we have looked at Michaels Cue-Bids that show a major two-suiter. But if the opening bid is one of a major, an immediate overcall of two of that major shows at least 5-5 in the other major and either minor. If you are the advancer (the cue-bidder's partner), don't like the other major, and would like to know which minor your partner holds, what do you do? Answer: Bid two no-trump. (Instead, bidding three clubs or three diamonds is natural, showing a long suit of your own and telling partner you don't care for either of his suits.)

Here, North didn't like spades, so he asked for the minor with two no-trump. Because South had a strong hand, he jumped to four clubs. North might have passed, but judged that his two honor cards would prove useful — and there was a vulnerable game in the offing.

How would you plan the play in five clubs? West leads the heart 10 in answer to his partner's opening bid.

As dummy's trumps were so low, declarer decided to assume a 4-3 spade split but cater to a 4-1 trump break. So, he won the first trick with dummy's heart ace, unblocked the spade queen, played a trump to hand, ruffed a spade in the dummy, drew the remaining trumps, and ran the spades. He lost only two diamond tricks.

Nubar Gulbenkian said, "The best number for a dinner party is two — myself and a dam' good head waiter." I would have thought a talented chef and an excellent wine cellar wouldn't hurt, either.

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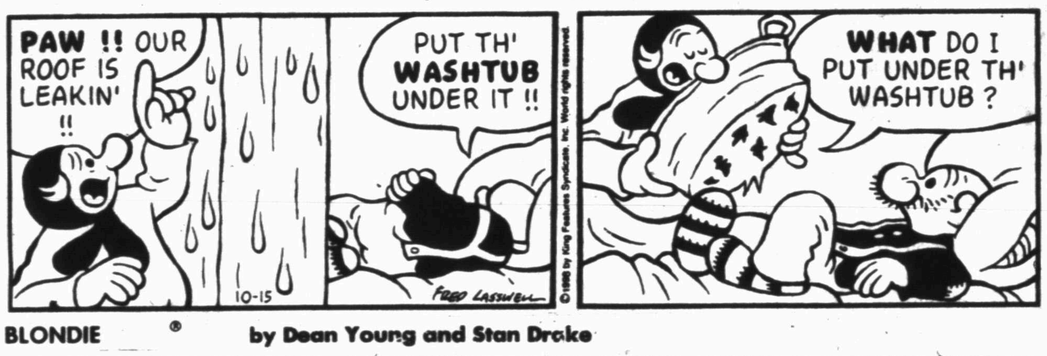

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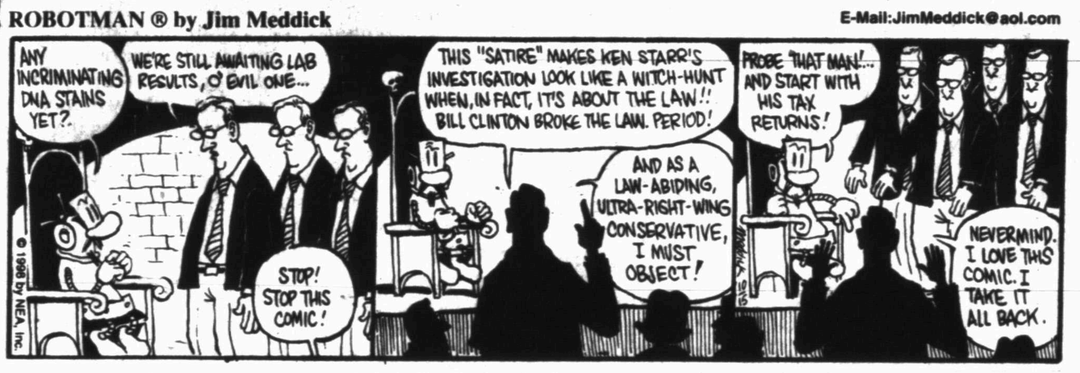

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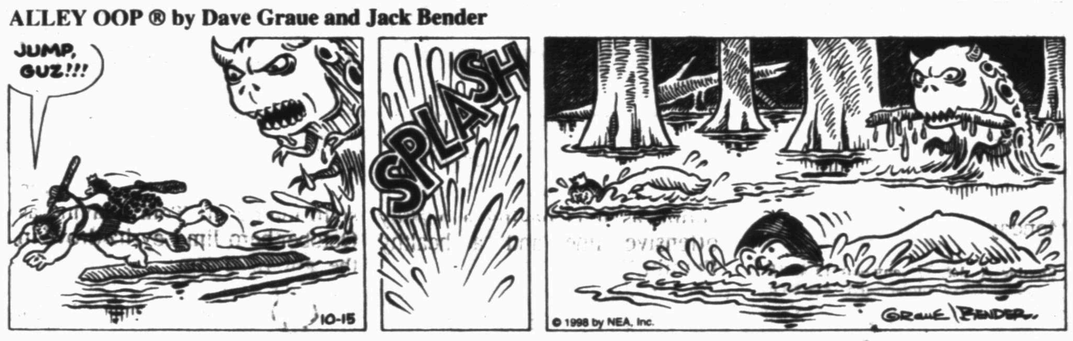

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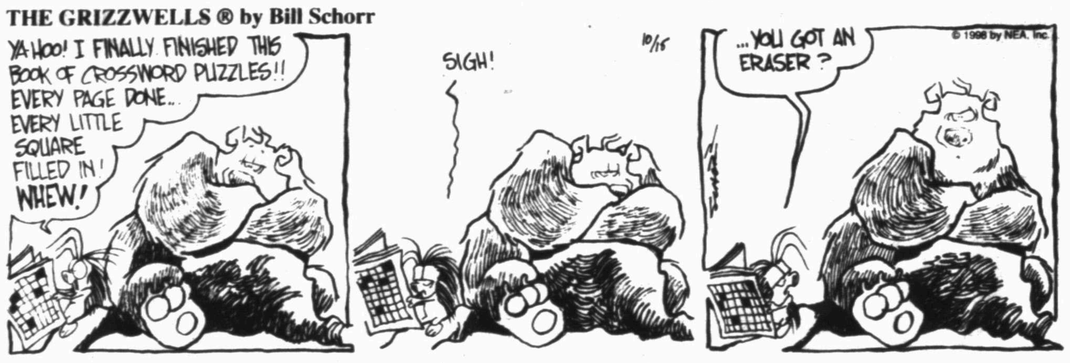

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7 Saudi city
12 Unconcerned, ethically
13 Expire (2 wds.)
14 Deer
15 Agnes Moorehead role
16 Club —
17 Draft agcy.
18 Use a chair
21 Contradict
23 Comedian Caesar
26 — — the Mood for Love
28 Ornamental pattern
29 Author Umberto —
30 Alley
31 Certain nonconformist
33 Mean
36 Places
37 Fair grade
38 Wings
40 Calm period
41 State further
42 The Thinker sculptor
44 Golf mound
45 Doll, e.g.
46 Nautical rope
48 Be copiously supplied
51 Headwear maker
55 Cheek cosmetics
56 Friend of Jerry
57 Have life
58 Hunted rodents

DOWN

1 Uncooked
2 Actress Thurman
3 Clean (a floor)
4 — and proper
5 Tardier
6 Suppresses vowel sounds
7 Member of a TV family of misfits
8 Terminates
9 Bill and —
10 Mongrel
11 One day — — time
13 Job-seeker's need
18 Quartz ingredient
19 Pictured
20 Covered with metal
22 Decapitate
23 Begin (2 wds.)
24 Frozen water column
25 Submissive
27 Prefix for natal
32 House wing
34 British nobleman
35 — of London
39 One or the other
43 African antelope
45 Hauls with effort
47 Coup d' —
48 Exist
49 Crate
50 French yes
52 Small bird
53 Compass pt.
54 Scarlet

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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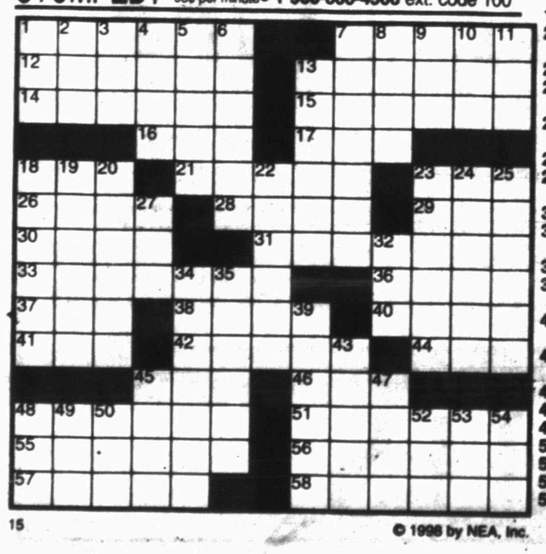

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"Who's calling? D'you know what time it is?"

"...BUT MOST OF ALL, I'M THANKFUL MOM BURNED THE LIVER 'N' ONIONS."

SPORTS

Smith, Irvin carry load for Cowboys

IRVING (AP) — Emmitt Smith by ground, Michael Irvin by air. To opponents of the Dallas Cowboys once again it all seems so unfair.

Smith and Irvin, thought by some to be in the sunset of their careers, have thrived under new coach Chan Gailey's system and have helped carry the Dallas Cowboys to a 4-2 record and command of the NFC East.

"It's a system that's helping take some of the heat off me," Irvin said. "Chan knows what he's doing. At first I wasn't sure where Chan was coming from. Now, I can see what this offense can do."

Gailey, offensive coordinator for the Pittsburgh Steelers when owner Jerry Jones decided to hire him to replace Barry Switzer, has designed both a new running and passing attack for the Cowboys who had become as predictable as the sun setting in the West.

"Teams have no idea what we're going to do now," said Irvin, who has come out of the backfield and the slot positions in Gailey's shell game of "Try to Find Irvin."

Irvin hasn't scored a touchdown but he's caught 33 passes, third best in the NFL. He is second in the NFL with 516 yards receiving. Irvin is ahead of the pace last year in which he caught 75 passes.

The emergence of Ernie Mills and Billy Davis as receivers opposite Irvin helps spring him open.

"Teams can't double Michael all day and get away with it because of the talent we have at our other receiver positions," Gailey said.

Mills and Davis have combined for 32 receptions for 622 yards and six touchdowns. They average almost 20 yards per reception.

"Those guys are doing a great job," Irvin said. "And putting Deion (Sanders) in there also creates some room for me."

Sanders has caught only four passes for 71 yards but draws a lot of attention.

Smith, hampered by injuries last year, is averaging 88.1 yards per game and his 529 yards places him third in the NFL. He has had back-to-back 100 yard games this season for the first time since 1995.

"Emmitt is finding more places to run this year," said fullback Daryl Johnston. "People are saying he has a new spring in his step this year. It's not as much spring as it is having a healthy offensive line and a healthy Emmitt."

Johnston, who has recovered from neck surgery, has also played a big role in Smith's resurgence, knocking linebackers out of Smith's path.

Eighth graders nab three wins

Snyder's eighth grade volleyball squad continued its domination of Greenwood Monday night.

After winning the first meeting between the two schools during the Lady Tigers' fourth-place run at the Greenwood tourney, Snyder claimed three more victories on Monday.

Hailey Putnam and Shelly Fisk posted seven points in Snyder A's 15-4, 15-11 win.

Tiffany Gomez served up the most points of the night, accounting for 20 in Snyder B's 15-5, 11-15, 15-5 victory.

For Snyder C, it was Valerie Hernandez and Ira Gonzales leading the way with six points apiece in a 15-11, 15-6 win.

Snyder visits Lamesa at 5:30 Monday.

Snyder A def. Greenwood 15-4, 15-11
Snyder: Hailey Putnam and Shelly Fisk, 7; Afton Schwertner and Kayla Beck, 5; Wendy Profitt, 4; Chaelyn Robinson and Jackie Alvarez, 1.
Snyder B def. Greenwood 15-5, 11-15, 15-5
Snyder: Tiffany Gomez, 20; Rachel Cave, 9; Olivia Barrera, 5; Katie Kerley, 3; Jessie Keller, 2; Magan Riley and Holly Lee, 1.
Snyder C def. Greenwood 15-11, 15-6
Snyder: Valerie Hernandez and Ira Gonzales, 6; Blanca Hernandez and Jacinda Judah, 5; Ashlee Grantham and Cindy Nachlinger, 4.
Greenwood Tournament
Midland def. Snyder 10-15, 17-15, 15-11
Snyder: Profitt and Beck, 9; Fisk, 8; Schwertner, 4; Zipporah Peoples and Dara Chambers, 3; Putnam and Robinson, 2; Shastade Hill, 1.
Snyder def. Greenwood 15-0, 15-3
Snyder: Profitt, 15; Hill, 8; Beck, 4; Chambers, 3.
Snyder def. Sweetwater 15-4, 15-9
Snyder: Fisk, 10; Schwertner, 9; Profitt, 8; Peoples, 2; Robinson, 1.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	2	0	0	4	5	1
Pittsburgh	2	0	0	4	7	4
N.Y.Islanders	1	2	0	2	5	7
NewJersey	0	2	0	0	2	5
N.Y.Rangers	0	3	0	0	3	12

Northeast Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	2	0	1	5	9	3
Montreal	2	0	0	4	8	1
Ottawa	2	0	0	4	8	4
Toronto	2	0	0	4	5	3
Buffalo	1	1	0	2	4	4

Southeast Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	2	0	0	4	5	1
Washington	1	1	0	2	3	3
Carolina	0	1	1	1	6	7
TampaBay	0	2	1	1	5	10

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
St.Louis	1	0	1	3	7	5
Chicago	1	1	0	2	3	4
Detroit	1	1	0	2	4	4
Nashville	1	1	0	2	3	3

Northwest Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Calgary	1	0	1	3	8	6
Vancouver	1	1	0	2	5	6
Edmonton	1	2	0	2	7	6
Colorado	0	3	0	0	3	10

Pacific Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	2	0	0	4	7	2
LosAngeles	1	1	0	2	4	5
SanJose	0	1	1	1	6	8
Phoenix	0	1	0	0	1	4
Anaheim	0	3	0	0	1	6

Tuesday's Games
Montreal 1, Anaheim 0
Detroit 3, Washington 2
Nashville 3, Carolina 2
Dallas 3, Chicago 1
Toronto 3, Edmonton 2
Wednesday's Games
N.Y. Islanders 2, Tampa Bay 0
Pittsburgh 3, New Jersey 1
Boston 3, Colorado 0
Edmonton 4, Vancouver 1
Thursday's Games
Dallas at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Colorado at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Friday's Games
Montreal at Washington, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, 7:05 p.m.
Florida at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Detroit, 8 p.m.
Toronto at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Boston at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Seventh grade sweeps matches

After claiming the consolation prize at the Greenwood 7th grade volleyball tourney, Snyder swept three more matches from the school on Monday.

Desiree Braziel served up 11 points to lead Snyder A over Greenwood, 15-8, 15-1.

For Snyder B, Leann Shankles posted 13 points in the Lady Tigers' 15-9, 15-4 victory.

Snyder C, behind seven points from Megan Fletcher and Katie Chandler, completed the sweep with a 15-8, 15-5 win.

Snyder will be back on the court Monday at Lamesa, beginning at 5:30.

Snyder A def. Greenwood 15-8, 15-1
Snyder: Desiree Braziel, 11; Laura Arellano, 6; Gretchen Hollis, 4; Kelby Drum and Ashley Martinez, 2; Erin Burleson, Molly Mason, Beth Clements, Misha Wofford and Sharday McKinney, 1.
Snyder B def. Greenwood 15-9, 15-4
Snyder: Leann Shankles, 13; Acee French, 6; Sara Crawford, 4; Sara Thornhill, 3; Whitney Criswell and Paige Smith, 2.
Snyder C def. Grenwood 15-8, 15-5
Snyder: Megan Fletcher and Katie Chandler, 7; Laura Calmes, 6; Gerrico Greenly, 5; Jordan Donelson and Callan Lee, 2; Sara Bradberry, 1.
Greenwood Tournament
Big Spring def. Snyder 15-3, 2-15, 15-9
Snyder: Arellano, 8; Burleson, 7; Clements and Jessica Sollis, 3; Drum and Kelsi Johnson, 2; Martinez and Mason, 1.
Snyder def. Greenwood 15-2, 15-0
Snyder: Burleson, 13; McKinney, 5; Desiree Braziel and Martinez, 4; Sollis, 2; Dominique Braziel and Melissa Vasquez, 1.
Snyder def. Water Valley 15-0, 15-13
Snyder: Drum, 9; Dominique Braziel, 4; Hollis and Martinez, 3; Mason, Clements, Arellano, Johnson and Desiree Braziel, 2; McKinney, 1.

Snyder's Pigskin Prognosticators

STANDINGS

Rodriguez	92-48	.657
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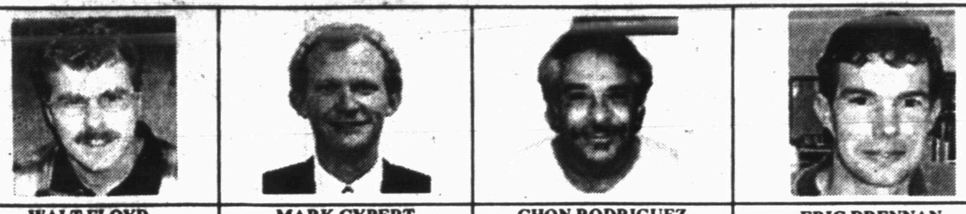

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Grady at Ira	Ira	Ira	Ira	Ira
Sands at Borden County	Borden County	Borden County	Borden County	Borden County
Lake View at Andrews	Andrews	Andrews	Andrews	Andrews
Sweetwater at Ft. Stockton	Sweetwater	Sweetwater	Sweetwater	Sweetwater
Texas Tech at Colorado	Colorado	Colorado	Colorado	Colorado
Oklahoma at Missouri	Missouri	Missouri	Missouri	Missouri
Texas A&M at Baylor	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M
Oklahoma St. at Kansas St.	Kansas St.	Kansas St.	Kansas St.	Kansas St.
TCU at SMU	SMU	TCU	TCU	TCU
Purdue at Penn St.	Penn St.	Penn St.	Penn St.	Penn St.
Stanford at Arizona St.	Arizona St.	Arizona St.	Arizona St.	Arizona St.
Clemson at Florida St.	Florida St.	Florida St.	Florida St.	Florida St.
New Orleans at Atlanta	New Orleans	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta
Dallas at Chicago	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas
Cincinnati at Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee
Carolina at Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay
Arizona at NY Giants	Arizona	Arizona	Arizona	NY Giants
Philadelphia at San Diego	Philadelphia	San Diego	Philadelphia	San Diego

Padres bury the hatchet...

San Diego blanks Braves, gets shot at NY

ATLANTA (AP) — So much for all that talk about the San Diego Padres blowing it.

The surprising Padres reached the World Series for the first time since 1984, shutting down the Atlanta Braves' comeback bid behind MVP Sterling Hitchcock for a 5-0 victory Wednesday in Game 6 of the NL championship series.

The Braves had won two in a row, fueling speculation they might become the first team in baseball history to overcome an 0-3 deficit in the postseason. But the Padres won the series 4-2, wrecking that plan with a five-run sixth inning off Tom Glavine as October hero Jim Leyritz drove in the go-ahead run.

Now it's the Padres, given little chance at the start of the playoffs, who will travel to meet the New York Yankees in Game 1 of the World Series on Saturday night.

For Tony Gwynn, at 38 the last remaining member from the Padres' only other trip to the Series — a five-game wipeout by Detroit — the win meant his first-ever visit to Yankee Stadium. The eight-time batting champion contributed two hits in the clincher.

For the Braves, the loss meant the end to yet another disappointing year. Despite having reached the postseason a record seven straight times, they have just one World Series championship to show for it — with 106 victories, they are the winningest team to fail to reach the Series.

Hitchcock, forced to move up a day in the rotation because of Kevin Brown's relief appearance in Game 5, again came through. Just 9-7 in the regular season and with a history of pitching poorly on three days' rest, improved to 3-0 with a 1.13 ERA in postseason wins over Houston's Randy Johnson and Atlanta's Greg Maddux and Glavine.

Hitchcock, a former Yankees starter, allowed only two hits in five innings and struck out eight. Leading 5-0, he left after a pair of leadoff walks to start the sixth and then Brian Boehringer — also formerly of the Yankees — relieved and got three quick outs.

With the game scoreless, Glavine and the Braves ruined themselves in the sixth.

The inning began innocently enough when Gwynn grounded out. Greg Vaughn, back in the starting lineup for the first time since leaving the opener because of a strained left quadriceps, singled and ran to third when Ken Caminiti grounded a broken-bat single through the vacant hole on the right side.

Up stepped Leyritz, whose three-run homer for the Yankees in Game 4 of the 1996 World Series at Atlanta sent them on to the title. He didn't hit the ball out of the park, though his RBI groundout put the Padres ahead.

Wally Joyner followed with a single and Glavine pitched around No. 8 hitter Chris Gomez, loading the bases with a two-out walk. Hitchcock hit a low liner that seemed to confuse Danny Bautista, and the left fielder got a bad break in toward the ball.

Bautista made a late dive and it was no good. The ball clanged off his glove and the Braves could only watch as two runners scored. That finished Glavine, and Quilvio Veras greeted John Rocker with an RBI single for a 5-0 lead.

The big inning quieted the crowd of 50,988, which had come hoping the Braves could force a Game 7 showdown between Maddux and Brown. The Padres relied on their strong bullpen to close it out the combined two-hitter, with relief ace Trevor Hoffman getting the final three outs.

Having already beaten Houston (102 wins) and Atlanta (106), the 98-win Padres will try to do it again against the Yankees, who set an AL record with 114 victories.

With a combined 212 wins, the Yankees and Padres have the most victories among World Series opponents. The previous mark was 210 by Baltimore (108) and Cincinnati (102) in 1970.

Neither team did too much in the first five innings.

Glavine began the game with a four-pitch walk to Veras, but Gwynn grounded into a double play. The Padres left two runners on base in the second, and Glavine struck out Caminiti to strand two more in the third.

Hitchcock walked Andres Galarraga to begin the second, and two wild pitches moved him to third, but Bautista struck out looking to end the inning.

A pair of singles put runners on first and third with two outs in the Atlanta fourth before Andruw Jones popped out.

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
American League
Tuesday, Oct. 6
New York 7, Cleveland 2
Wednesday, Oct. 7
Cleveland 4, New York 1, 12 innings
Friday, Oct. 9
Cleveland 6, New York 1
Saturday, Oct. 10
New York 4, Cleveland 0
Sunday, Oct. 11
New York 5, Cleveland 3
Tuesday, Oct. 13
New York 9, Cleveland 5, New York wins series 4-2

National League
Wednesday, Oct. 7
San Diego 3, Atlanta 2, 10 innings
Thursday, Oct. 8
San Diego 3, Atlanta 0
Saturday, Oct. 10
San Diego 4, Atlanta 1
Sunday, Oct. 11
Atlanta 8, San Diego 3
Monday, Oct. 12
Atlanta 7, San Diego 6
Wednesday, Oct. 14
San Diego 5, Atlanta 0, San Diego wins series 4-2

WORLD SERIES
(FOX)
Saturday, Oct. 17
San Diego (Brown 18-7) at New York (Wells 18-4), 8 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 18
San Diego at New York, 7:55 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 20
New York at San Diego, 8:20 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 21
New York at San Diego, 8:20 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 22
New York at San Diego, 8:20 p.m., if necessary
Saturday, Oct. 24
San Diego at New York, 8 p.m., if necessary
Sunday, Oct. 25
San Diego at New York, 7:55 p.m. EST, if necessary

Switzer denies rumors of his return as Sooner head coach

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Former Oklahoma football coach Barry Switzer is again fending off questions about rumors of his return to the Sooner head coaching position.

Reports have circulated recently some boosters are putting together a financial package designed to lure Switzer out of retirement and get him to take over Oklahoma's struggling program.

In an appearance on a sports show during the 10 p.m. newscast on Oklahoma City television station KWTV Wednesday, Switzer noted that the job is not even open.

But if it were to come open, "they need to have the best, and Barry Switzer is not the best for them at this time," he said.

John Blake, who was endorsed by Switzer when Blake was hired in December 1995, is in the third year of a five-year contract. His team is 2-3 this year; his overall record is 9-19.

Blake has come under especially heavy criticism as the result of Oklahoma's 34-3 loss to Texas on Saturday.

As he has in other discussions about a possible return, Switzer cited recruiting limitations as one reason he wouldn't want to coach in college again.

"The game is different today," he said. "You can't outwork those people today. You get one shot, one visit (with a recruit), and I need more than that to sell myself."

Switzer was Oklahoma's head coach from 1973 through 1988.

Local Sports Schedule

TODAY
Rodeo: WTC at Texas Tech.
Football: Snyder 7th & JV at Big Spring, 5 p.m., 5:30.
Football: Big Spring at Snyder 8th & 9th, 5 p.m., 5:30.
FRIDAY
Football: Big Spring at Snyder, 7:30.
Football: Hermleigh at Westbrook, 7:30.
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Nuke secrets by boxload nearly made public; some already leaked

WASHINGTON (AP) — Documents containing highly classified nuclear weapons information have been mistakenly made public and many more were on the verge of appearing on archive shelves when a Department of Energy review discovered mismarked and misplaced files.

The discovery led Congress to hastily assemble legislation now awaiting President Clinton's signature that boosters say will protect national security but critics contend will slow down the release of Cold War documents to a crawl.

Energy officials wouldn't say what has already been made public but said some material they discovered in a spot check of files slated for release would advance the capabilities of emerging nuclear states such as Pakistan and India.

A Pentagon review turned up similar examples of nuclear-related files in boxes of material about to be made public.

White House officials were alerted this summer in a letter from Kenneth Baker, a senior official in the Energy Department's Office of Nonproliferation and National Security. The letter concerned the discovery of pages marked "Restricted Data" or "Formerly Restricted Data," in boxes of 25-year-old classified documents slated for release without page-by-page review.

The government applies those designations to material on the design, production, performance and use of nuclear weapons.

A 1995 executive order by Clinton requires automatic declassification by the year 2000 of national security documents more than 25 years old. The order, designed to eliminate a huge backlog of material awaiting declassification, does provide for the continued secrecy of restricted data. But the order contains no provision to search every document in every box — a task involving billions of pages and as many as 67 different agencies.

"This problem poses a great national security risk" because it involves the potential release of "the nation's most sensitive secrets," Baker wrote. "Some of the compromised information found in these file series involved design information of special value to proliferants seeking to weaponize their nuclear devices, such as India and Pakistan."

Those two countries tested nuclear weapons earlier this year and are developing ways to deploy nuclear weapons on planes and missiles.

An Energy Department official, who spoke Wednesday on condition of anonymity, said "there have been some examples" of classified documents on nuclear weapons-related data being made public inadvertently.

For security reasons, DOE won't describe those instances, some of which happened in the past three years. The documents have since been removed from public archives but it is unclear whether the information irretrievably leaked out.

Enormous amounts of material on how to build nuclear weapons are publicly available — enough that college undergraduates have written credible papers on how to build the bomb. But highly sensitive secrets remain about weapons design, particularly the control of explosive yield and techniques of miniaturizing a nuclear weapon for use as a missile warhead.

"A terrorist state or rogue nation doesn't need a sophisticated 1990s-era weapon," said the DOE official in explaining why even decades-old nuclear weapons data must remain classified. "Fifty-year-old information on how to design a bomb is every bit as dangerous, in fact it's probably more dangerous because a proliferant is not going to build a weapon with sophisticated materials."

Giant wave warnings improved

WASHINGTON (AP) — For centuries great waves rose out of the ocean to sweep away coastal communities, killing untold numbers of people. Modern warning systems can help when a wave threatens from afar, but when it originates nearby there's little time to flee.

Now a team of scientists in Mexico has worked out a system that may give some coastal residents a few more minutes to head inland or seek higher ground when the giant earthquake-generated walls of water threaten.

Hawaii, Mexico, Japan, South America and Indonesia are among areas that have been hit hard by the great waves, called tsunami. The most recent was in July when more than 2,000 died in the Pacific nation of Papua New Guinea.

The system "may provide a reliable tsunami warning very rapidly," said Nikolai Shapiro of the Universidad National Autonoma in Mexico City.

Indeed, warnings could be given as quickly as five minutes after a quake, compared with the 10 minutes to 20 minutes now necessary, according to Shapiro's report in today's edition of Geophysical Research Letters.

That could be a lifesaving difference in cases where a quake generated a tsunami near a populated coastal area.

The university's scientists devised a seismic ratio that can help determine whether a quake will produce devastating waves. The system uses data generated by relatively simple and affordable seismograph stations.

Tsunami, once known as tidal waves, result from earthquakes, landslides or volcanoes beneath the ocean. They generate deep waves spreading out in all directions.

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Jake and Rosemary Silva of Snyder announce the birth of their son at 12:55 p.m. on Oct. 14 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed eight pounds, two ounces.

Abilene Wylie wins SHS speech contest

Abilene Wylie, with 296 points, claimed first place in Saturday's speech tournament, hosted by Snyder High School's Forensics Team. It was the first speech contest the school has hosted since 1969.

Seminole finished second with 274 points; and Brownfield was third with 267 points.

Individual awards are listed below.

Duet acting: Haynes/Stravs, Wylie, first; Harriman/Graves, Seminole, second; Gryder/Ewing, Brownfield, third.

Bible reading: Josh Harriman, Seminole, first; Braid Sharp, Wylie, second; Matthew Graves, Seminole, third.

Impromptu: Katie Haley, Merkel, first; Shea Roth, Wylie, second; Stephanie Hedrick, Plainview, third.

Prose: Jason Holloway, Wylie, first; Scott Gryder, Brownfield, second; Sara Ewing, Brownfield, third.

Duet improv: Holloway/Pickens, Wylie, first; Hardy/Shirley, Ira, second; Harriman/Graves, Seminole, third.

Cross-X Debate: Erik Redding/Scott Pickett, Brownfield, first; Gaydos/Cowley, Post, second; Sanders/Pearce, Andrews, third; Sykes/Bickel, Ballinger, third.

Solo Parlimentarian: Amanda Stewart, Brownfield, first; Ben Morgan, Merkel, second; Davidson, Greenwood, third; Alex Pickett, Brownfield, third.

LD debate: Tiffany Wilson, Brownfield, first; Chris Neighbors, Andrews, second; Michael McCorkle, Plainview, third; Zack Bloom, Andrews, third.

Declamation: Haley, Merkel, first; Hendrick, Plainview, second; Graves, Seminole, third.

Brown bag: Greenwood, first; Ballinger, second; Ballinger, third.

Poetry: Brandi Lee, Merkle, first; Emily Shirley, Seminole, second; Kayla Whisenlavnt, Wylie, third.

Persuasive: Katie Haley, Merkel, first; Amanda Stewart, Brownfield, second; Chelsea Payne, Merkel, third.

Informative: Stephanie Hedrick, Plainview, first; Lee Boyer, Seminole, second; Kevin Narag, Wylie, third.

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AMR Corp s	51 15-16	49 9-16	50 11-16+ 9-16
AT&T Corp	60⅞	59⅝	60 11-16+ 7-16
AirTouch	48 13-16	48 7-16	48⅝— ⅜
Albertsons	53¾	53⅛	53 7-16— 5-16
AlldSignal	36⅝	36	36⅝— 1-16
Alltel	45 15-16	45 9-16	45 13-16— ⅛
AmOnline s	98⅜	95 5-16	98 7-16+2 13-16
AmStores	30 15-16	30 11-16	30⅞— 1-16
Ameritech s	50⅝	50	50 3-16— ⅜
Amoco s	55 3-16	54⅛	54⅞— ⅜
AndarkPtr s	37⅞	36⅞	37⅞+ ⅜
ArmcoInc	4 11-16	4 7-16	4 11-16+ ¼
AtlRichfld	68⅞	67 13-16	68 3-16—13-16
ATMOS Egy	29⅝	29 1-16	29⅝+ 3-16
Aviall	10 9 15-16		10 + 3-16
BakerHughes	18 11-16		18⅝ 18⅝
BankAmerica	46 11-16	45⅝	46 7-16— 1⅜
BellAtl s	50 11-16	49 5-16	50⅝+ 9-16
BellSouth	79⅝	78⅝	79⅝+ ¼
BethSteel	7⅝	7 5-16	7 7-16— 1-16
BritPet	87 9-16	86¾	87⅜—1 5-16
BurlNoSFe s	30⅝	30 1-16	30 5-16— ⅛
CBS Corp	21⅛	20 7-16	21⅛+ ⅜
Caterpillar	46	44⅝	44 15-16—1 1-16
CenSoWst	29⅛	29⅛	29⅛
Chevron	84⅛	83⅛	83⅛— ⅜
Chrysler	44	43⅛	43⅞+ ⅛
Citigroup s	36 7-16	35	36⅛+ ⅜
Coastal s	35 7-16	35	35 7-16— ⅛
CocaCola	64 9-16	63⅞	64⅜
ColgatePalm	79⅝	76⅝	78⅛+ 1⅛
ComclMetals	23⅛	22⅝	23 + ⅞
CooperIn	38 13-16	38 1-16	38⅜+ ⅛
CyprusAmax	12¼	12 1-16	12¼
DallSemicn	26⅛	25⅝	26 7-16+ ⅜
DeltaAirl	88⅛	85⅛	87 3-16+11-16
Dillards Inc	30	29 11-16	29 13-16— 3-16
DowChem	87⅛	85⅞	86⅛+ ⅛
DuPont	57⅞	57 1-16	57 13-16— ⅛
EastmanChem	54 3-16	53 5-16	54 1-16+ 7-16
EstKodak	74⅛	72 9-16	74 + 1⅛
EDS Corp	34⅛	34 1-16	34⅜— ⅛
Entergy	30⅞	30	30 13-16+13-16
Exxon	74 3-16	73 9-16	73 15-16— 1-16
Flowers	21 7-16	21 5-16	21 5-16— 3-16
FordMotor s	46 3-16	45¼	45⅜— ⅛
GTE Cp	57 15-16	56	57 15-16+ 3-16
GenDynam s	51 11-16	50 1-16	50⅞—1 1-16
GenElec	78 3-16	76 11-16	78 + ⅜
GenMills	69 7-16	68 5-16	69 3-16+ ⅜
GenMotors	53 3-16	52 7-16	53⅜+15-16
GaPacGP s	49⅞	48 9-16	49⅜— ⅛
GlobalMar	9⅞	9 9-16	9⅝+ ⅛
Goodrich	32	30	31⅞+ 2
Goodyear s	49	48⅜	48 15-16+ 5-16
GtAtlPac	22⅛	22	22 7-16
Halliburtn	29	28⅜	28 13-16+ ⅛
Hanson ADS	31 13-16	31⅜	31⅜
HarteHanks s	20 11-16	20⅛	20 11-16+ 5-16
HomeDepot	38⅛	37⅞	38 1-16—11-16
HoustonInds	32⅛	31 13-16	32⅛+ 5-16
IBM	133⅜	11 9-16	132⅞+ 2⅜
IntlPaper	44 11-16	44	44 9-16— ⅛
JohnsonJn	80⅝	79 3-16	80 5-16+ 7-16
K mart	12 9-16	12	12 7-16+ ⅜
Kroger Co	50⅛	50	50 5-16—11-16
Litton	62⅛	61⅜	61⅞
LockhdMart	108 11-16	106 9-16	108 9-16— ⅜
Lowes Cos s	31 11-16	30 11-16	30⅝—1 3-16
Lubys	13 13-16	13 9-16	13⅜+ 1-16
LucentTech s	69 66	13-16	68 9-16+1 13-16
MayDeptStrs	57⅛	55⅞	57⅛+ ⅛
MediaOne	42	40 13-16	41 7-16+ ⅜
Medtronic	59 15-16	58⅜	59⅜+1 3-16
Mobil	77 15-16	77	77 11-16— ⅜
Monsanto	34⅜	33⅜	34⅛+ ⅛
MorganJP	86⅛	84 1-16	85 — 1⅜
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Sprint	74¼	73 9-16	73 15-16—11-16
SunCo	30 7-16	30	30 — 5-16
TNP Ent	33⅜	33 1-16	33⅜+ ⅛
Tandy	41⅛	38⅞	41⅛+ 1⅛
TempleInland	48⅞	48⅛	48 13-16+ 1-16
Tenneco	32⅜	31⅜	31⅜— ⅛
Texaco	62⅛	61 1-16	61 5-16— ⅞
TexInd	21⅛	20 5-16	21⅛+1 5-16
TexasInst s	53 1-16	51 11-16	52⅛+ 7-16
TexUtil	46 11-16	45⅜	46 11-16+ ⅞
Textron	62 5-16	61⅛	62 3-16— ⅛
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US West Inc	55⅜	54 9-16	55 11-16+ ¼
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UnitedTech	77 9-32	77	77 3-16— ⅛
Unocal	34	33 3-16	34 + ⅛
Venator Grp	7⅛	7 7-16	7 13-16+ ⅜
WalMart	63 1-16	60 13-16	63 1-16+1 15-16
WstnGasRs	7⅛	6 15-16	7 1-16— ⅛
WinnDixie	32	31⅜	31⅜— 7-16
Xerox Corp	91⅞	90⅛	90⅞+ ⅛

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Scientists now more optimistic about life on other planets

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — New theories and new understanding about how life can evolve and flourish have led to new optimism among scientists that there may be microbes and, perhaps, even intelligent beings living on other planets or moons.

"There have been key discoveries that suggest life is simple, straightforward and easy if you have the right conditions," Bruce M. Jakosky, a University of Colorado planetary scientist, said at a meeting this week of the American Astronomical Society. "There is a remarkable change among scientists from just 20 years ago."

In this solar system alone, there are at least four places besides Earth where life could have evolved. And beyond the sun, untold numbers of stars could be shining on planets teeming with life of some form.

"There has been a revival in the serious search for life," Stanford University scientist Chris Chyba said. "There is a substantial higher optimism for the existence of life beyond the Earth."

This optimism is based, in part, on this new knowledge:

—At least a dozen planets have been found in orbit of distant stars. All are the size of Jupiter or larger, and none is "Earth-like." But their existence strongly suggests the existence of smaller planets more friendly to life. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration is now considering 30 proposals to search specifically for "Earth-like" planets.

—Biologists now know life is more robust than once believed. Microscopic organisms have been found to thrive in extreme conditions, from the ice of the Arctic to boiling vents at the bottom of the ocean to solid rock deep within the Earth. Microbes, it is now known, can live without the sun, thriving on chemical energy alone.

"The biomass deep beneath the Earth is now estimated to equal all the biomass living on the surface," Chyba said. "That makes the possibility for life on Mars, for instance, more credible."

—Fossil studies show that life developed very quickly on Earth, probably within the first 200 million years after the planet formed.

"We don't understand yet how, but we see that it happened quickly," said Chris McKay, a planetary scientist at NASA's Ames Research Center. "That supports the notion that it could have happened quick somewhere else."

In Earth's solar system, experts now believe that life could have evolved on Mars; on Europa, a Jupiter moon thought to have an ocean; on Ganymede, another moon of Jupiter; and on Venus, now a torrid planet but a place that once had more pleasant temperatures.

Despite the new optimism, scientists also have found new limits on conditions that make life probable.

Not every star or planet can promote life, said David Koch of NASA Ames. Some burn too brightly, overheating planets. Some have a lifetime too short to allow life to evolve. And double star systems — 60 percent of all stars — are less likely to have a stable family of planets.

"Even if there is only one star in a thousand that could harbor life, that's still a billion stars in this galaxy alone," McKay said.

Nevertheless, other factors also come into play. Planets can be battered so often by asteroids that life has no chance to evolve or sustain itself. Except for early in its history, Earth has been protected by Jupiter and Saturn, giants that swept up most of the threatening asteroids around.

Life also is most likely on planets within the "habitable zone" about a star. This is an orbit where sunlight keeps temperatures mild enough for water to remain liquid.

Yet even with new optimism that life is out there, many scientists believe the evolution of intelligent life remains highly uncertain.

For single-cell animals to evolve into modern humans took 4 billion years on Earth and required a process that remains largely a puzzle.

Fossil evidence, for instance, shows that 30 million years ago, the dolphin had more brain power than did ancestors of modern humans. What happened to allow humans, and not dolphins, to evolve intellectually is not understood, Chyba said.

"Despite the new optimism, the prospects for finding intelligent life is unchanged," he said. "We don't understand very well how intelligent life can evolve."

N. York widow sues Viagra maker for husband's death

NEW YORK (AP) — A widow has filed a $15 million wrongful death lawsuit against the makers of Viagra, claiming her husband died as a result of taking the impotence drug.

Eileen Mastroianni alleged that her husband Charles, 57, died of a heart attack on June 10 as a result of taking the anti-impotence drug. She has sued the drug's manufacturer, Pfizer Inc., in state Supreme Court in Manhattan.

Andrew McCormick, spokesman for Pfizer, said Wednesday that he was aware of the Mastroianni lawsuit and "four or five others by that attorney."

McCormick insisted Pfizer is "marketing the drug responsibly and we believe we will prevail in litigation."

Viagra tablets have been prescribed to 3.5 million men since the compound became available in April. Pfizer has encountered no problems other than those already noted in Viagra's labeling, McCormick said.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, Oct. 16, 1998

Although a number of beneficial things could develop for you in the coming year, you must follow through in order for them to come to fruition. Remember that nothing comes to bear with half-hearted effort.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Put yourself in the shoes of others before evaluating what you can expect from them today. By realizing how you would react in their place, you'll understand them as donors. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Because friends will want to treat you kindly today, they might tell you what they think you want to hear rather than the truth. Lack of honest criticism will hurt you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Be extremely careful about talking about confidential matters when out in public today. Someone within earshot could be a friendly ally to your competition.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Just because your grand ideas went over well with your listeners yesterday, it doesn't mean they will today. Try to keep this in mind when addressing a new audience.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Unless you carefully monitor a joint venture, the profits you're anticipating today might end up coming out of your own pocket.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) It's not like you to be an opinionated person, so don't start today. A closed-mind handicaps you from evaluating constructive suggestions offered by others.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) It's best not to promise anything today unless you are truly sincere about it. It can be all too easy to make a commitment, but living up it is another story.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You'd better be prepared to go it alone today. Don't rely on others to bail you out should something go wrong. Others may not be in the life boat with you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) In-laws should not be allowed to interfere with your family affairs today. Their input could cause your designs for a horse end up looking like a giraffe.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Stories you've embellished in the past could now come home to roost. Much to your embarrassment, don't deny the truth, live up to it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Subdue inclinations to spend money today you merely hope will be blessing your bank account. Should they not be forthcoming, it could put you in a tight bind later.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Because you might be a bit more gullible than usual today, you need to take extra care not to put too much credence in what a hotshot has to say.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Three main causes of chronic cough

DEAR DR. GOTT: Other than pneumonia and bronchitis, what are the most common causes of chronic cough in the elderly?

DEAR READER: To begin with, pneumonia doesn't cause a chronic cough in most instances. This lung infection is acute; patients either get better or worse, so coughing would either disappear or be accompanied by other symptoms.

Causes for chronic cough are varied. Long-standing bronchitis can usually be diagnosed by an X-ray; this infection is more prevalent in people who smoke or who are constantly exposed to air pollution. Also, prescription drugs, called ACE inhibitors, that are used to treat hypertension and heart ailments can cause a chronic, raspy cough in up to 10 percent of users. Further, congestive heart failure — the build-up of excess fluid in the lungs from a weak heart — often causes cough, as well as difficulty breathing.

However, the most common causes of coughs lasting more than three weeks are asthma, post-nasal drip and reflux. According to an article in the *Archives of Internal Medicine* (June 8, 1998), these causes accounted for all the coughs of 30 elderly patients studied — and specific therapy eliminated the cough for all of them.

Asthma is associated with spasm of the muscles lining the bronchial passages. Along with cough, asthma causes wheezing and shortness-of-breath. The disease is treated with a variety of medicines, both pills and inhalers.

Post-nasal drip is a mucous secretion at the back of the throat. Seen most often in the presence of allergies or air pollution, post-nasal drip — while harmless — may cause an intermittent, dry, troublesome cough. The affliction often responds to antihistamines with or without decongestants.

Reflux refers to the backwash of stomach acid into the esophagus. Heartburn, indigestion and gas are common consequences, but chronic cough can also result, because esophageal irritation stimulates the nerves that cause coughing. Medicine, including H2 blockers and others, brings about profound relief.

The value of the *Archives* study lies in its proof that lung disorders are far from the only basis for cough. Those patients with chronic cough must have their hearts, throats, upper intestinal tracts and drug programs evaluated, as well as their lungs tested.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Living with Chronic Lung Disease." 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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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Carelessness With Cell Phone Causes Death of Beloved Boss

DEAR ABBY: On Sept. 8, one of the dearest men I have ever known was killed in a tragic accident. A woman trying to pick up her ringing cell phone crossed the median of the interstate and hit him head-on.

Not a day has passed that I haven't thought of the joy this man brought to my life, or how quickly that joy turned to sadness. He was not my husband, my father or even a family member. He was my boss.

Stephen T. McGill was a brilliant attorney who always tried to create a win-win situation for everyone. I can't begin to tell you how impossible he is to replace. He treated me with respect, and his praise gave me a newfound confidence in myself. His kindness, compassion and generosity taught me what it really means to have class. He never gave me orders or treated me as a subordinate. He referred to me as his "partner" and we worked side-by-side for two wonderful years.

If something is to be gained from the loss of this great man, I hope two lessons will be learned. First, treating others with respect is the only way to be respected by others. Second, everything we do has the potential to affect those around us. If our behavior isn't governed by the effect it has on those around us, "sorry" may not be enough to repair the damage.

We are short one hero in Nebraska.

CAROL RUSHING, OMAHA

DEAR CAROL: You have written a heartfelt eulogy for a most remarkable man. Indeed, there are lessons to be learned from his sterling example. I have another thought: Perhaps it's time to amend the traffic laws to require drivers to pull over if they're going to use a cell phone.

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DEAR ABBY: I must respond to "Want My Privacy in Phoenix," the woman who didn't want her picture taken at family gatherings. My sister was one of those who hated having her picture taken. She said she didn't photograph well. She died suddenly in a car accident nearly 11 years ago. In the scramble to put together a memorial service, the only recent picture of her we could find was a 2-year-old Polaroid. Now, all these years later, all I have of my sister is a scant handful of photos, most of them taken before she turned 20.

I am the photo historian in my family. I also teach people how to preserve their photos in safe scrapbooks. Many of my customers also hate to have their pictures taken. I used to feel the same way. I am a plus-size woman who doesn't look in a lot of mirrors. When I saw an occasional photo of myself, it was always a shock. Did I really look like that? I guess I figured if no one took the pictures, I would "look" better.

One day I realized that I may see myself only occasionally, but my family and friends see me looking like this every day, and they love me anyway. I now make sure that at least one photo is taken of me at every family gathering.

"Want My Privacy" may have more of a vanity problem than a privacy issue. I hope she will stop depriving her family and friends the privilege of remembering her in a realistic way after she is gone. All I have left of my sister are memories.

PHOTOBUG
FROM CONNECTICUT

DEAR PHOTOBUG: I hope "Want My Privacy in Phoenix" sees your letter. Photos of friends and family are precious. They can provide hours of pleasure, as well as moments of quiet reflection. Put your ego aside, step in front of the camera, and keep your pictures current. If nothing else, an annual informal family portrait will be a valuable pictorial history.

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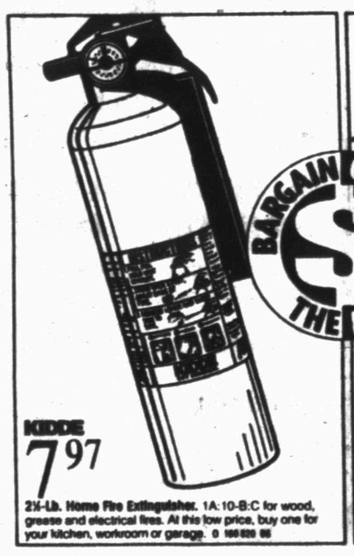

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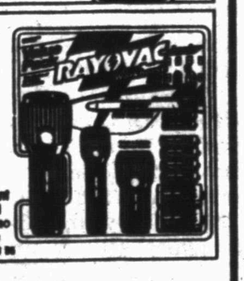

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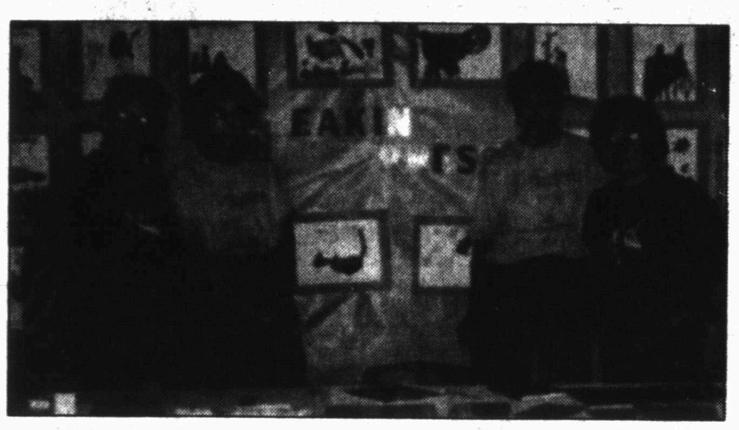

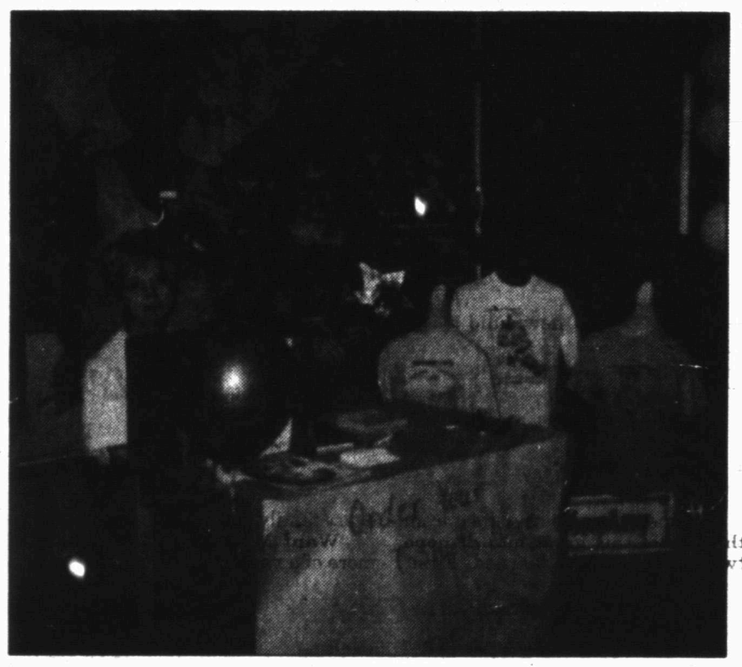

READING CELEBRATION — Snyder Independent School District's second annual Reading Celebration was held Oct. 3. Stanfield students (top photo) performed "A-Z." The parade (second photo) featured the Reading Celebration and White Buffalo Festival. Frances Agnes Johnson (third photo), read her story "How The Sandbur Came to West Texas," while Jackie Gulledge Zweiger illustrated. Also shown at the booth are Patty Palmer and Mary Ann Caldwell. Shown at the donation and tee shirt booth (bottom photo) are Judy Moss, Kathy Brooks and Paula Bowden. (Contributed Photos)

People, young and old, crowded into the First Baptist Church Family life Center recently to celebrate the second annual Reading Celebration, hosted by Snyder Independent School District.

A parade, held in conjunction with the White Buffalo Festival parade, kicked off the event. Stanfield Elementary students performed the music, "A-Z," in front of the Ritz Theatre. The performance continued at the FLC shortly after the parade.

Gayle Lomax, superintendent, and Dr. Melissa Jones, assistant superintendent, gave the welcome. Junior high drama students, under the direction of Janeen Patterson, performed "The Paperbag Bandit."

Every 30 minutes, storytellers/authors read their stories including Frances Agnes Johnson who wrote "How the Sandbur Came To West Texas."

As she read her story, Jackie Gulledge Zweiger drew the illustrations. Jean Everett read from her latest book, "Pioneer Profiles," and Charles Anderson read his story, "In Search of the Buffalo."

Other storytellers included elementary counselor, Debbie Brunson, who read "Feliciana Faydra Leroux," and Gayle Northcott told the story of "Goldilocks and the Three Bears."

High school contest winners in the tee shirt design contest were Laura Greenwood, first and third places, and Joe Salinas, second place.

Junior high winners include Tyger McClain, first; Ashley Darnell, second; and Clarissa Sauceda, third.

Winners in the elementary category were Hadley Hirt, first; Brittany Scott, second; and Stacey Williamson, third.

Winners were also named in the costume contest for ages birth through third grade. Elenor Ashley, east first grader, and her younger brother, Samuel, received the Best Book Scene Award. They were dressed as Little Red Ridinghood and the Woodsman and the wolf.

Jesse Conner, Stanfield second grader, won the Most Unique Portrayal of White Buffalo Days Award. The Judges Choice Award was presented to Shelby Ezzell who dressed as Pippi Longstocking.

Several students won in the fourth through sixth grade division including, Best Book Theme Award to Tyler Ezzell, Northeast fifth grader, who was dressed like Sherlock Holmes, and Terann Ragland, East fourth grader, who dressed like "Little House on the Prairie."

Brandon Robbins, East fourth grader, received the Most Unique Portrayal of White Buffalo Days Award. Katlyn Greenlee and Allie Brewster received the Judge's Choice Award. The two East Elementary students were dressed as the Fairy Godmother and Cinderella.

Several Book Fairs were also held including Scholastic, Troll, Eakin Press and Books are Fun. From the profits, the district's schools received more than $500 in books or cash awards.

Other booths included Western Texas College, Accelerated Reader display, Jean Everett, Joy School, Charles Anderson, Kings Kids, SHS drama. Children's Day Out and Donate A Book.

Carol Bullard displayed art work, created by students across the district.

"Reading Celebration 1998 would not have been possible without the support of all our schools, the administration and the Snyder Community," said Mary Ann Juarez, SISD home and community liaison, said. "It's obvious that the people in our community are genuinely concerned about the education of our children and are willing to show their support by taking part in events such as this."

National Parent Involvement Day will be held on Nov. 12. Parents are encouraged to visit their children's schools on this day.

Research indicates chemical could be bulimia risk factor

PITTSBURGH (AP) — People who suffer from bulimia may be born with a brain chemistry imbalance that leaves them prone to eating disorders, according to a new study.

The findings could help identify people at risk for bulimia so that intervention could start before the cycle of bingeing and purging, said Dr. Walter Kaye, the author of the study and a professor of psychiatry at the Western Psychiatric Institute in Pittsburgh.

The study, released Wednesday, was published in the October issue of the Archives of General Psychiatry.

Researchers already know that the brains of bulimics contain altered levels of serotonin, a chemical that affects mood and contributes to obsessive behaviors. Drugs such as Prozac regulate serotonin and have been prescribed as a sometimes-successful treatment for bulimia and anorexia over the last few years.

But researchers don't know whether bulimics are born with normal serotonin levels that are disrupted by the erratic eating habits of the disorder or whether serotonin levels are already altered — possibly from birth — to put a person at higher risk for the disorder.

Kaye's study suggests that serotonin may be out of whack long before a bulimic person begins the cycle of bingeing and purging. With further study, such findings could allow doctors someday to identify people at risk biologically and determine the best treatment.

"It's welcome research," though not particularly surprising, since many researchers are examining the role of serotonin, said Claire Mysko, administrative director of the American Anorexia-Bulimia Association in New York.

"It's a complicated disorder and there are factors coming from all sides, psychological and biological. In terms of looking at the biological side of it, it offers some hope in terms of treatment," she said.

About 5 million Americans suffer from eating disorders, or about 5 percent of women and 1 percent of men, the association estimates. Anorexics tend to starve themselves and exercise obsessively, while bulimics typically binge on food, then vomit or use laxatives to "purge" themselves.

"People kind of associate these kind of problems with vanity," Ms. Mysko said. Research showing a biological link "would blow that argument out of the water."

Kaye's group compared 31 healthy women with 30 women who once suffered from bulimia but had returned to normal eating habits for at least a year.

By measuring spinal fluid, he found that the recovered bulimics had abnormally high levels of serotonin. Also, the recovered bulimics showed more symptoms associated with high levels of serotonin, including bad moods and obsessions with perfectionism.

Because all of the women in the study had healthy eating habits, the findings indicate that diet alone cannot account for the altered serotonin found in women who are in the throes of bulimia.

Study finds different HIV strains in blood and semen

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — The AIDS virus can mutate into separate strains in a patient's semen and blood, researchers say, suggesting that the infection may be much harder to treat than thought.

The findings challenge the widely held belief that an individual can harbor only one strain of the AIDS virus. The researchers urged the development of drugs that attack blood- and semen-based viruses separately.

The research involved 11 HIV-infected men in North Carolina and Switzerland. Some of those who were treated prior to the study had AIDS strains that had mutated and developed resistance to antiviral drugs.

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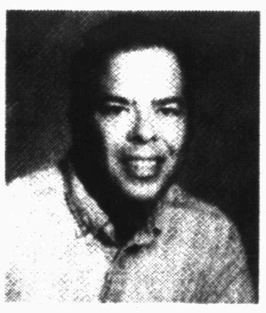
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Clinton kicks off Mideast peace summit

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton kicked off a Mideast peace summit today by calling on the Israeli and Palestinian leaders to "break the logjam" over a U.S. proposal for a West Bank settlement.

"We must remember as we come together again that, in the end, peace is more than a process; it is, in the end, a destination," Clinton said in a statement in the Rose Garden after meeting privately for 42 minutes with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

Flanked by the two leaders, Clinton said the negotiations beginning this afternoon at a rustic retreat on Maryland's Eastern Shore were being undertaken with a sense of urgency after a year and a half of stalemate. Clinton was flying there to convene the talks' formal opening, then returning to the White House, leaving Secretary of State Madeleine to oversee the weekend talks. Aides said Clinton was not scheduled to rejoin the negotiators but would do so if it would help.

"This week's talks at Wye River offer the chance for the parties to break the logjam and finally take the next essential steps for peace," Clinton said. Although there was no timetable, officials said the talks most likely would run through Sunday.

In separate remarks to reporters, Netanyahu and Arafat pledged their best efforts at compromise, while cautioning that neither side should enter the negotiations with unrealistic expectations.

In Kosovo...

Withdrawal of more Serbs forces sought

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) — World leaders and a wary NATO pressured Yugoslavia's president today, warning that he must withdraw many more Serb forces from Kosovo before Saturday's deadline.

About halfway through the four-day grace period given President Slobodan Milosevic, NATO's chief said Milosevic was making progress toward ending his crackdown on separatists in the southern province but still had far to go. That came amid new accusations by refugees of Serb police intimidation.

NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana and two top commanders flew to Belgrade to sign an air surveillance deal for Kosovo and restate concerns that the Yugoslav president is not yet complying with an accord reached this week with U.S. envoy Richard Holbrooke.

"I will send (Milosevic) a very clear message. And that is that the solution to the problem is not signing papers but to comply with agreements that have been achieved," Solana said before leaving Brussels, Belgium.

Just in case, NATO is continuing preparations for air raids against the Yugoslav Serbs. NATO warplanes are being moved to bases in Italy, just across the Adriatic Sea from Yugoslavia.

The White House said today that Milosevic had to do more to comply with the new accord.

"I don't think there's anyone who believes that he has come into compliance," said Joe Lockhart, President Clinton's spokesman. "The message that will be delivered today is we need to see substantial progress by the deadline."

International officials huddled in Paris and Vienna today as part of the assessment process to make sure Milosevic is keeping his word.

In Paris, the Balkans Contact Group of five leading Western nations and Russia fully endorsed the agreement on Kosovo but maintained its support for airstrikes if Milosevic fails to comply.

Hundreds of people have been killed and an estimated 300,000 forced from their homes by Milosevic's seven-month military operation in Kosovo, a province in Serbia, the main republic in Yugoslavia.

Many are crammed into houses with relatives and other refugees; tens of thousands of others are camped out in the open in the hills of Kosovo, too afraid to go back to their villages but suffering from the increasingly cold weather.

The U.N. refugee agency today delivered more aid to the displaced people. In the town of Kisna Reka, refugees living in a makeshift camp of 3,000 people in a nearby gully carted off 110-pound sacks of flour, bags of clothing, cooking oil and other supplies.

Asked how long they could stay in the woods, a man who gave his name only as Rexhep said, "Until we die. We don't know how much we can take. We are afraid to go back."

The refugees complained that Serbian security forces fired machine guns, mortars and other weapons throughout the night, apparently to intimidate them from returning to their villages.

"There's nobody there" in the villages, said Fatmir Nuhaj, 27, his arms wrapped around his young son's shoulders. "It's only to keep us from our homes."

Obituaries

Lillian Dunn

1908-1998

Lillian Dunn, 90, died Wednesday, Oct. 14, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Service is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Lighthouse Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Danny Williams, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in Snyder Cemetery.

The service is under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Mrs. Dunn was born June 18, 1908.

Isabel Perez

1928-1998

Isabel Perez of Snyder died Wednesday, Oct. 14, in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital.

Service for Mr. Perez, 69, is set for Saturday in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. The time of service has not been set. Burial will be in the Snyder Cemetery.

Rosary is set for 7 p.m. Friday at Wright Colonial Home Chapel.

Mr. Perez was born on Dec. 8, 1928 in San Angelo.

He was preceded in death by one sister and one brother.

Survivors include his wife, Lorenza Gutierrez of Snyder; one sister, Vicky Gomez of Denver, Colo.; three stepsons, Santos Gutierrez and Rosalio Gutierrez, both of Snyder, and Jose Gutierrez of Salem, Ore.; five stepdaughters, Esperanza Renteria and Consuelo Coallegos, both of Snyder, Hilaria Gutierrez of Hermleigh, Maria Aguilar of Palmview, Lorenza Jimenez of Eagle Pass and Delores Gutierrez of Conroe; five nieces; and several step-grandchildren.

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FFA may order insulation be replaced on all aircraft fleet

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fire concerns growing out of the Swissair Flight 111 crash investigation prompted the Federal Aviation Administration today to begin work on an order requiring eventual replacement of insulation aboard the entire U.S. aircraft fleet.

While investigators still are not sure what caused the Sept. 2 accident, which killed all 229 aboard, the pilots reported smoke in the cockpit minutes before their MD-11 aircraft plunged into the sea off Nova Scotia. The plane was insulated against cold and noise with insulation blankets coated with Mylar.

The plastic material, while approved by the FAA, had been implicated previously in fires on at least four other airliners. The McDonnell Douglas Corp., which manufactured the plane, recommended in 1997 that airlines replace the Mylar blankets with more-fire-retardant material at "the earliest possible maintenance interval."

FAA Administrator Jane Garvey said Wednesday her agency would develop within six months a new test specification for insulation aimed at increasing fire safety.

"In addition to the new standard for testing insulation, the FAA will require that existing materials be replaced with insulation that can pass the new test," she said.

The agency asked Boeing, Airbus, Fokker, other airplane makers and airline representatives "to take advantage of any reasonable maintenance opportunity to replace existing insulation materials."

Peggy Gilligan, the FAA's deputy associate administrator for regulation, told reporters the step expedites the existing test schedule from a year to six months.

She said the number of aircraft involved and the cost of replacing existing insulation are not yet known but will be determined in the process of issuing regulations.

Swissair, which is not registered under the rules that apply to U.S. aircraft "would not necessarily be covered," she said.

Fire tests to this point do not implicate the insulation material itself, she said, but rather the water-resistant material with which the insulation blankets are wrapped.

"Testing has found it is the wrapping material that can propagate the fire," she said. "Fire can travel along that material."

Suspect in officers' killings will get mental examination

WASHINGTON (AP) — A government psychiatrist will examine the suspect in the fatal ambush of two Capitol police guards to see if he is mentally fit to stand trial, lawyers on both sides of the case agreed today.

Russell E. Weston Jr. sat in a wheelchair a few yards from the front row of courtroom seats where the widows of officers Jacob J. Chestnut and John Gibson sat side by side. It was the first time the women had seen Weston, who was arrested shortly after the July 24 shooting spree inside a crowded Capitol hallway.

Mrs. Chestnut dabbed at her eyes with a handkerchief and leaned against Mrs. Gibson's shoulder during the brief hearing in federal court. The two women were scheduled to attend a ceremony to add their husbands' names to a Washington memorial to fallen law enforcement officers later today.

The families of both officers and their Capitol Police escorts declined comment after the hearing, which formally begins the process of testing whether Weston, a diagnosed paranoid schizophrenic, can understand and participate in a trial.

Weston's lawyers would not discuss his mental state outside court today, but have acknowledged that the issue will be key to the case.

"We'll know more," after the doctor's review, defense lawyer Barry Boss said.

Weston was badly injured in the exchange of gunfire with officers, and was hospitalized under heavy guard until last weekend. He is now jailed in a treatment center in Washington.

Weston's plea to federal murder charges will await the outcome of the psychiatric review by the top federal prison psychiatrist.

The observations of neighbors and family and Weston's own writings indicate he believed the federal government was watching him through a neighbor's satellite dish. He once reportedly harangued a CIA guard with oddball stories that he and President Clinton were clones.

Insanity as a legal definition is different from the medical diagnosis of mental illness and is defined by someone's ability to separate right from wrong.

Three subjects taken into custody

Local law enforcement personnel took three subjects into custody Wednesday.

Department of Public Safety troopers arrested a 24-year-old female at 3:31 p.m. on U.S. 84 for driving with no license.

A 42-year-old female was taken into custody at 5:03 p.m. in the 3200 block of College for driving while intoxicated and failure to control speed.

At 6:32 p.m., deputies arrested a 32-year-old female on outstanding warrants for misdemeanor motion to revoke probation on an original charge of driving while intoxicated.

In other activity, officers filed an offense report for forgery at 3:15 p.m.

An offense report for threatening suicide was filed at 1:33 this morning.

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ONGOINGS

Stanfield Parent Council

Stanfield Elementary Parent Council will meet at 7 this evening in the cafeteria. All Campbell soup labels and General Mills box tops for education may be dropped off at Lawrence IGA stores.

Choir boosters

The Snyder ISD choir boosters will meet this evening at 6:15 in the choir room to finalize plans for the reception following the Oct. 19 concert.

Basketball booster chili supper

An all-you-can-eat chili supper sponsored by the boys basketball boosters is set from 5-7 p.m. Friday at the Snyder High School cafeteria prior to the Big Spring football game. Tickets are $5 and can be purchased from basketball players or their parents by calling Carolyn at 573-1252, Debra at 573-0835 or Richard at 573-2553.

Area-wide women's conference

The 4th annual area-wide Women's Conference will be held in Snyder beginning at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the Sound of Jubilee, 908 E. Hwy 180. Mercy & Truth will be leading the music, and Barbara Collins of Dallas is the guest speaker. For more information or to pre-register call 1-800 658-6216 or 573-8401.

Class of 1958 reunion

The SHS Class of 1958 will have its 40th runion Friday and Saturday. Teachers, friends and classmates are invited to a coffee at the Ritz at 10 a.m. Saturday. Other activities are planned at the Sweet's Shop and Martha Ann Woman's Club. For further information, contact Janelle Pollard at 573-9076.

Car wash

The Snyder Springers will host a car wash Saturday from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Wal-Mart. It will benefit the competition team.

Ennis Creek reunion

The annual Ennis Creek reunion will be held at 10 a.m./ Saturday in the Towle Park Barn. Residents and former residents of Ennis Creek, as well as their guests, are welcome.

Varsity football Tiger moms

The varsity Tiger Moms will meet at 2 p.m. Sunday in the SHS student center.

Quarterback club meeting

The quarterback club will meet Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the SHS student center. The coaches will review the previous games and discussion will be held on the sports tunnel construction.

Short courses at WTC

WTC short courses at Western Texas College include introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint, Basic which will begin Monday. Call 573-8511, Ext. 390 for additional details.

East Parent Council

The East Elementry Parent Council will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the school auditorium.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV Channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "Be Not Troubled," followed by "Faith and Discovery."

Parkinson's support group

The Parkinson's disease community support group will meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Cogdell Hospital board room. Richard Stout, physical therapist, will be the speaker.

Diabetes support group

The Snyder diabetes support group meet at 7 p.m. next Thursday at 5301 Trinity Blvd. The speaker will be a glucose meter representative. Bring your meter to the meeting and any questions you have about blood testing.

Support group ministry

Support groups for divorce recovery, cancer/grief and caring for aging parents are available to adults and meets the second and fourth Thursday each month at First Baptist Church. L.I.F.E. (learning to improve the family experience) is for teens and parents. Child care is provided.

JV cheerleader's fund raiser

Snyder JV Cheerleaders are sponsoring a Beanie Baby raffle of one set of bears. These bears, donated by Landes Home Furnishings, include Glory, Fortune, Erin, Princess, Peace, Valentino and Curly. Tickets are $1 and may be purchased from any JV cheerleader or by calling 573-0440.

Pick 3

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

3-0-0
(three, zero, zero)

Lotto Texas

By The Associated Press

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas, state lottery officials said.

The winning numbers were worth an estimated $37 million.

Numbers drawn from a field of 50 were: 2-16-19-33-34-41.

If sales continue as expected, Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $50 million.