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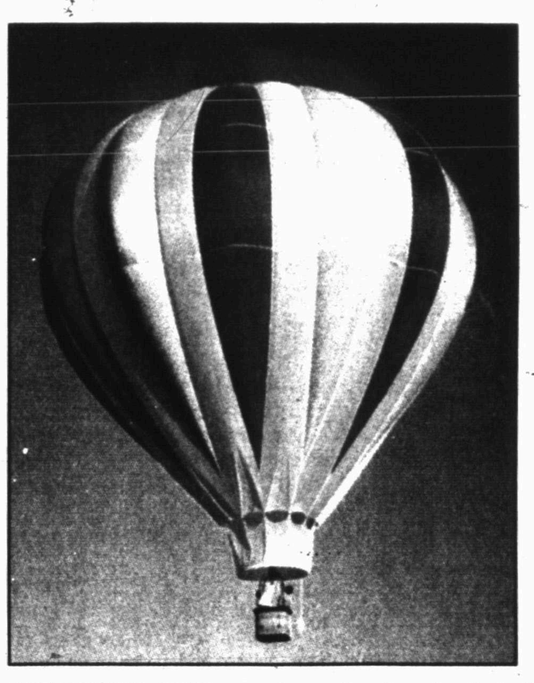
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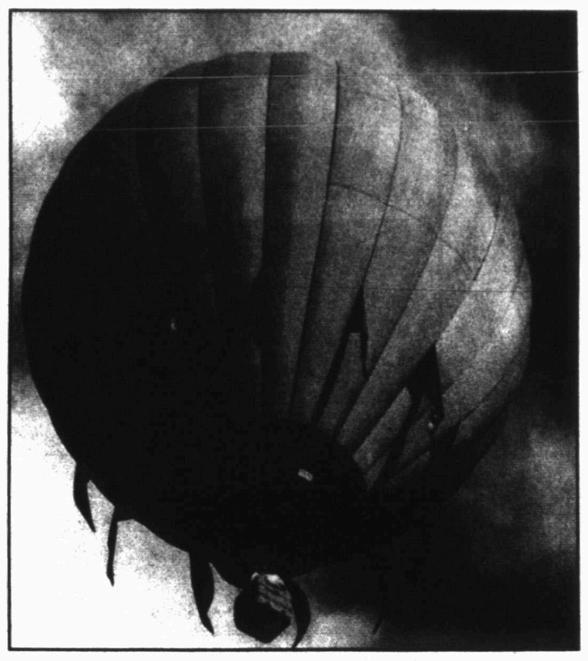
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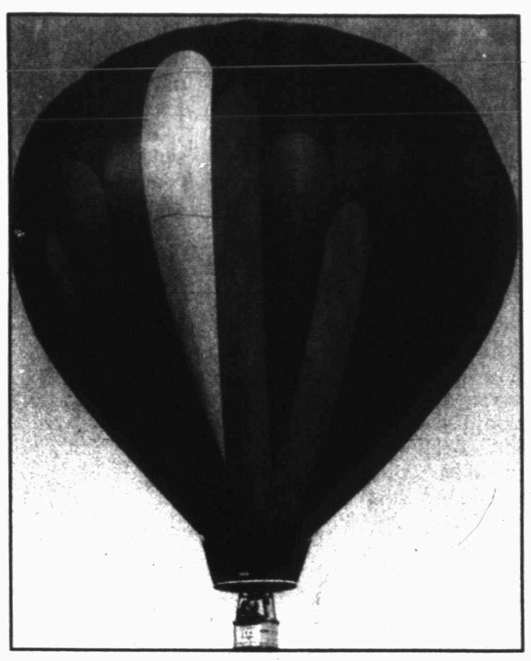
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Home of Donna Dupree

Hot air balloons to be featured at festival...







READY TO FLY — A revised scheduled has been released for the hot air balloon flights and the balloon glow at Winston Field in conjunction with the White Buffalo Festival this weekend. The balloon flight Saturday morning will get underway at 7:52, and the fire concert and balloon glow Saturday evening will begin at 7:30.The balloon flight on Sunday morning will be at 6:52. Snyder ISD will be providing school buses to run from several locations for the activities at Winston Field Saturday evening. Buses will begin running at 6:30 from the parking lot at 42nd and College Ave., Colonial Hill Baptist Church parking lot, the Scurry County Coliseum parking lot and the parking lot at Varsity Square Shopping Center at 30th and College Ave. (Contributed Photos)

Court says requiring ad buyers to be identified is against the constitution

AUSTIN (AP) — A state ban on anonymous political ads is unconstitutional because it violates free speech, a state appeals court in Dallas has ruled.

"Freedom of speech includes the right to engage in the dissemination of ideas without being publicly identified," Justice Joseph Morris wrote in the 2-1 ruling joined by Justice Michael O'Neill.

Unless overturned on appeal, the ruling opens the door to legally publishing and broadcasting political attacks on candidates and officeholders without identifying the attacker.

Suzy Woodford, executive director of Common Cause of Texas, said the ruling will deprive the public of its right to know who is trying to influence elections.

"This decision has just set back finance disclosure laws in Texas by about 100 years," Woodford said in today's editions of the Austin American-Statesman.

Steve Tokoly, an assistant district attorney for Dallas, said no decision had been made on whether to appeal to the Court of Criminal Appeals.

The Dallas district attorney had brought a misdemeanor charge against "John Doe," who was accused of anonymously publishing a flier that harshly criticized former Dallascity council member Steve Salazar during his 1997 re-election campaign.

Doe had paid a company to distribute a bulk mailing about 1,000 copies of a flier that described Salazar as a "puppet who can't tell the truth."

Salazar won re-election in 1997 despite the flier but was defeated this year.

After that election, the Dallas County district attorney filed a Class A misdemeanor charge against Doe for allegedly violating the Texas Election Code by failing to include his name and address in the flier.

The Election Code says that anyone who arranges for "the printing, publication or broadcasting of a political advertisement must identify himself or the person he represents within the advertisement."

The trial court ruled that the ban on anonymous ads violated free speech rights and on Oct. 16, the Dallas appeals court agreed. The appeals court cited a 1995 U.S. Supreme Court decision in a case from Ohio that said it was unconstitutional to ban an individual from putting out anonymous political speech using only his or her own resources.

The Dallas appeals court said the state's interests in avoiding corruption and other problems in elections and election campaigns would be protected by campaign finance disclosure laws.

In a dissent, Justice Sue Lagarde said corporate interests could hide their identities behind an anonymous individual who arranges to purchase advertising.

Spice processor...

DCOS board to meet with Farmsource about job creation incentives

The Development Corporation of Snyder will meet at 4 p.m. Wednesday to discuss economic development incentives for Farmsource Inc., a spice company planning to start production in Snyder.

The board is expected to go into closed session to discuss any incentives it might offer.

Snyder resident Jerry Baird is heading the project and the company recently purchased the Walls building.

Farmsource is in the process of retrofitting the facility for a fully-automated spice blending and packaging plant.

Baird said earlier that the company would produce and blend his 'Jerry Baird's Champion All Purpose Seasoning' and other spices.

Products include gourmet salt and pepper, plus a chili mix.

The company has contracted to sell its products to United Supermarket and Sam's Club.

The plant will initially employ six to eight people.

The DCOS board meets in the American State Bank building.

Contest winner has five losses

Upsets were the rule in last week's SDN Football Contest, with the winner missing five games, and the second and third place winners wrong on six games.

Maritza Aguire of 507 29th St. won the $50 first place money.

Three entrants had six misses, so the tie-breaker procedure was used to determine their order of finish.

Zach Cain of 4112 Jacksboro won the $25 second prize, and Bob Roemisch Sr. of 2208 44th took the $15 third prize.

Honorable mention goes to Ann Everett who also had six misses.

Winners will be mailed their checks. Another contest appears in today's edition.

Profits up for Patterson-UTI

Patterson-UTI Energy Inc., headquartered in Snyder, today reported better than expected third quarter profits but said demand for its rigs continues to slow.

Patterson-UTI is the second-largest operator of land-based oil and natural gas drilling rigs in North America.

Net income for the quarter surged to $60.4 million, or 77 cents per share, from $10.3 million, or 14 cents per share, a year earlier.

Revenue for the quarter was $289.1 million, compared to $149.1 million for the third quarter of 2000.

Analysts had expected earnings per share ranging from 58 cents to 70 cents, according to Thomson Financial/First Call, which put the consensus at 63 cents.

The merger of Patterson Energy Inc. and UTI Energy Corp. was treated as a pooling-of-interests for accounting purposes and historical results shown above have been restated to reflect the combined results of the companies, analysts noted.

"From an operational standpoint, the third quarter began at a record pace, and then began declining in August and continued through September," said Cloyce Talbott, chief executive officer. "In September, there was a sudden downward shift in demand which resulted in a commensurate steep decline in rig utilization."

Against Levelland...

Tickets on sale for Friday night's homecoming game

Tickets for the Snyder Tiger's homecoming match-up with the Levelland Lobos are on sale at the Snyder ISD administration building until 2 p.m. Friday.

The Tigers (4-3, 2-2) look to notch another win Friday evening in the 7:30 tilt against the Lobos (0-7,0-4).

The presentation of this year's homecoming queen will be made at halftime.

Queen candidates are Loryn Brown, Stormy Clark, Kasey Crill, Vanessa Freeman and Ashley Owen. All are seniors.

ASK US

Q—Are any plans being made for a celebration of Winston Field's 50th anniversary in December?

A—Yes. Airport manager Rodger Sullenger said a celebration will take place, but a date has not yet been chosen.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 88 degrees; low, 56; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 57; no precipitation; total for 2001, 15.97 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, low near 55; SW winds 5-15 mph. Wednesday, partly cloudy, high upper 70s. Wednesday night, partly cloudy, high upper 70s.



Tiffany Stack
Partly Cloudy

Sunset:
7:04 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:54 a.m.
Of 295 days in 2001, the sun has shone 283 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Success is failure with the dirt brushed off.
—Mamie McCullough

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "In a lot of small towns, there is no such thing as secret sins."

Former Snyder resident Tracey Horne now lives in Lubbock and works as a church secretary. She recently sent the following to her brother, Snyder Fire Chief Perry Westmoreland.

Tracey is the daughter of Foy and the late Mary Westmoreland. The subject was "actual writings on hospital charts."

—She has no rigors or shaking chills, but her husband states she was really hot in bed last night.

—Patient has chest pains if she lies on her left side for over a year.

—On the second day the knee was better, and on the third day it disappeared.

—The patient is tearful and crying constantly. She also appears to be depressed.

—The patient has been depressed since she began seeing me in 1993.

—Healthy appearing, decrepit 69-year-old male, mentally alert but forgetful.

—The patient refused autopsy.

—The patient has no previous history of suicides.

—Patient has left white blood cells at another hospital.

—Patient had waffles for breakfast and anorexia for lunch.

—She is numb from the toes down.

—The skin was moist and dry.

—Occasional, constant infrequent headaches.

—Patient was alert and unresponsive.

—Rectal examination revealed a normal size thyroid.

—She stated she had been constipated for most of her life until she got a divorce.

—I saw your patient today, who is still under our car for physical therapy.

—The lab test indicated abnormal lover function.

—The patient was to have a bowel resection. However, he took a job as a stock broker instead.

—Patient was seen in consultation by another doctor who felt we should sit on the abdomen and I agree.

These sort of fit with the sign seen at the front gates of a rural cemetery in central Texas:

"Persons are prohibited from picking flowers from any but their own grave."

And we liked the story about the dieter who sought divine guidance.

He explained to his frowning wife: "This is a very special cinnamon roll. I drove by the bakery this morning and it smelled so good. I felt this was no accident, so I prayed, 'Lord, if you want me to have one of those delicious rolls, let me have a parking place directly in front of the bakery.'

"Sure 'nuf, the eighth time around the block, there it was."

Free tank of gas to a lucky subscriber

The price of a gallon of gas is down considerably, but the Snyder Daily News is offering you a chance for a free tank of gas.

Just purchase a new six-month subscription to the newspaper and your name will go into the hopper for the weekly drawing.

This offer is good for new subscribers only, and for a maximum of 20 gallons.

The six-month subscription price is $44, down from the regular $47.70.

Winners have been Tim Owen, Georgie Upshaw and John Hancock.

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Convicted killer executed after losing final appeal

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A convicted killer who was 17 at the time of the murder was executed after losing an appeal that attempted to make his age a rallying point for keeping him from the death chamber.

Gerald Mitchell, 33, had spent nearly half of his life on death row before the Monday execution, which marked the 19th time since 1976 a U.S. inmate was put to death for a murder committed when the killer was younger than 18.

He apologized to the victim's mother and told his family and friends to be strong. His sister, Marsha, sobbed and slid to her knees on the floor of the witness area.

"I am sorry for the life I took from you," Mitchell said, looking at Diane Marino, whose son Charles was killed. "I sincerely apologize."

By the time he was arrested for shooting three people in 1985, killing two of them, the 17-year-old Mitchell had a history of robbery and theft and had been expelled from an alternative school.

Mitchell was accused of killing Charles Anthony Marino, 20, who was shot with a sawed-off shotgun after he and his brother-in-law, Kenneth Fleming, tried to buy $1 worth of marijuana from Mitchell in Houston, court records show.

Fleming was seriously wounded and left for dead, and Marino was robbed of his car. The same day, Mitchell shot and killed Hector Munguia, 18, while trying to rob him.

"I just can't relate, even after all these years," said Diane Marino. "I just don't understand why people do what they do."

The execution came about two months after fellow inmate Napoleon Beazley was spared before he was to have been put to death for killing the father of a federal appeals court judge at age 17.

Mitchell's case didn't attract the attention of Beazley's, partially because of last month's terrorist attacks.

His lawyers had asked the Supreme Court to block his execution, arguing that the penalty would violate international law. The high court on Monday turned down the request to delay the execution.

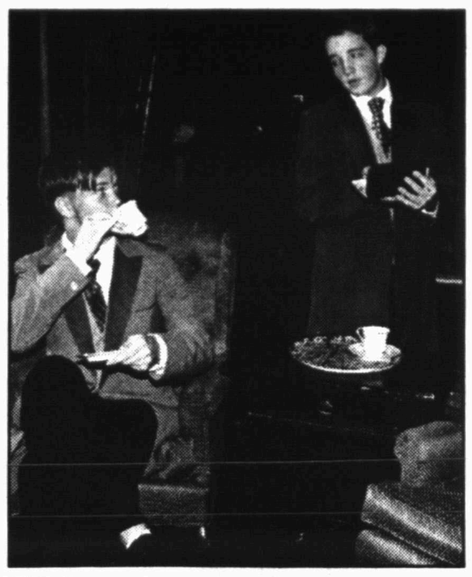
"It is impossible to ignore this widespread recognition by applicable international bodies and officials," his lawyers wrote in their petition to the high court.

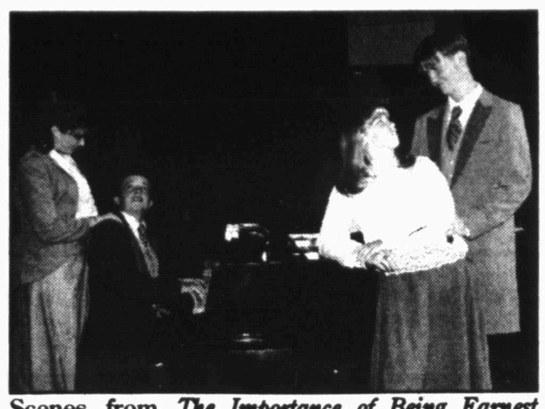
London-based Amnesty International criticized what it called the United States' "pick-and-choose approach to international human rights standards."

"On the one hand the USA is seeking to build an international coalition in response to the crimes of (Sept. 11), while on the other it is set to break an overwhelming global consensus that the crimes of children must never result in the death penalty," the organizaiton said.

Texas law allows the death sentence to be imposed on those convicted of capital murder at age 17. He was the 10th such executed inmate in Texas, the nation's most active death-penalty state.

Final SHS *Earnest* performance.....





Scenes from ***The Importance of Being Earnest*** include (left photo) Shawn Adkins, left; and Rankin Hardin; and (above, from left) Callan Lee, Rankin Hardin, Melissa Jerome and Shawn Adkins. The final performance is set for 7:30 tonight at Worsham Auditorium. Tickets are $4 for students and $5 for adults.



In addition to ***Earnest***, the JV drama students are also performing ***Behind The Scenes***, written by Tanner Beard. Actors pictured are (from left) Hunter Shipp, Kerissa Shipp, Tanner Beard and Josh Proctor. (SDN Staff Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

16-year-old pleads guilty to lesser charge

CANON CITY, Colo. (AP) — A 16-year-old accused in a triple slaying pleaded guilty Monday to reduced charges and agreed to cooperate with the investigation of a circle of teens suspected of orchestrating the killings.

Isaac Robin-McCain Grimes pleaded guilty to one count each of second-degree murder and conspiracy to commit second-degree murder. He was originally charged with first-degree murder, robbery and racketeering in the deaths of Tony Dutcher, 15, and his grandparents, Carl and JoAnna Dutcher.

They were stabbed and shot to death at the grandparents' trailer home.

Investigators said Grimes fell under the sway of Simon Ewing Sue, a charismatic older teen who formed a wannabe paramilitary organization called the Operations and Reconnaissance Agents.

Study looks at what kind of effect newscasts have on kids

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Local newscasts give scant coverage to key children's issues such as education while creating a "climate of fear" by exaggerating crime dangers for kids, a study says.

The study for Children Now reviewed a month of local evening newscasts from July 1-31, 2000, on stations in the major media markets of New York, Los Angeles, Atlanta, Boston, Seattle and Des Moines.

Forty-five percent of all stories about children on the ABC, NBC and CBS owned or affiliated stations focused on crime, usually violent crime, according to the study released Tuesday.

By comparison, 24 percent of stories were about health and 9 percent about education, said Children Now, a nonprofit children's advocacy group based in Oakland.

More than a third of all stories about children depict them as victims of crime, "contributing to a climate of fear for children's safety by portraying them in grave danger ... " the study said.

Government reports, however, say crime is declining. U.S. Department of Justice figures show that rates for children victimized by violent crime and for juvenile offenders dropped by half in the '90s, Children Now said.

TV news portrayals of endangered youth are potent, said Frank Gilliam, the University of California, Los Angeles professor who conducted the study. Parents and lawmakers are induced either to "bubble-wrap our children to protect them or support punitive measures against them," Gilliam said.

The networks or their local stations in Los Angeles declined comment on the report Monday because they had not seen it.

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Cash Five

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

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Big Choices

There are times when we know for certain that we are making a big choice in our lives. When we sign the dotted line on our enlistment papers, we know we are making a big choice. We do not know the future, but we know that this choice is going to affect our life in a significant way. Other choices may seem small, but may be bigger than all our other choices. The choice we make whether we will do something we know is wrong is a big choice. It may be something that no one else will ever know about, except for us. The choice to tell the truth when it will get us in trouble is a big choice. It is just easier to choose to tell a lie and not have to face the consequences of telling the truth. All of the *little* choices that we make go into making up our life and character.

The choices we make prepare us to hear the gospel and either believe or reject it. John 3:19-21 follows the familiar scripture, John 3:16. The choice of faith is a big choice. Jesus teaches in verses 19-21 that people reject him because they love darkness and evil deeds. To come to Jesus is to come into the light. When we have chosen deeds of darkness, we avoid the light. All sin can be forgiven, and Christ can help us overcome any evil in our life, but Jesus teaches here that our choices make a big difference in how we respond to Him.

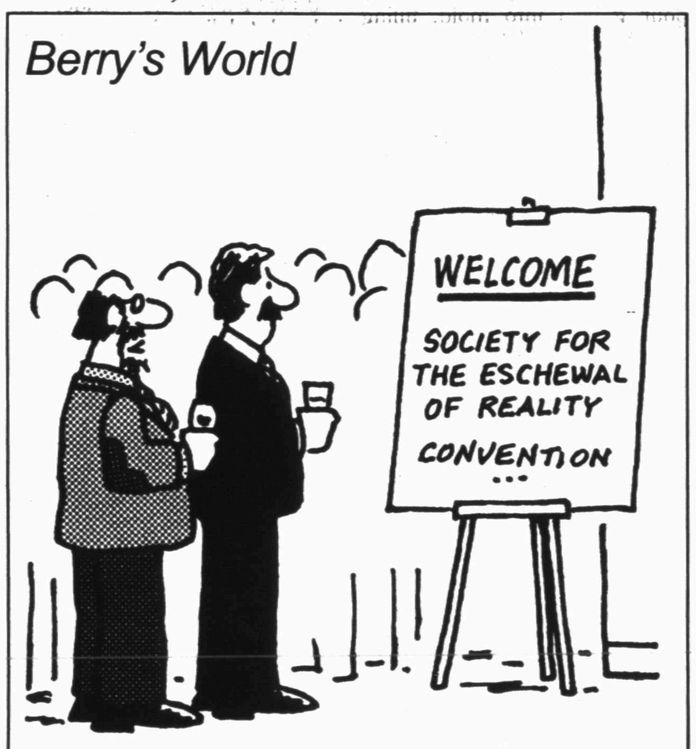
Good choices make a difference. In John 7:16, 17 Jesus taught that His teaching was not His own. It came from God. Jesus goes on to say:

> If anyone chooses to do God's will, he will find out whether
> my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own.

Choices shape our life and character. In the end they prepare us to believe or reject Jesus. We need to choose well. Some of the *little* choices of life are really big.

Dale Huff

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Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2001

Today is the 296th day of 2001 and the 32nd day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1884, in Bryn Mawr, Pa., Bryn Mawr College opened.

On this day in 1947, Dr. Carl Cori, Dr. Gerty Cori and Dr. Bernardo Houssay won a Nobel Prize for Medicine.

On this day in 1987, the U.S. Senate rejected the nomination of Robert Bork to the Supreme Court. The vote was 58-42.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Sarah Bernhardt (1845-1923), actress; Johnny Carson (1925-), comedian, is 76; Chi Chi Rodriguez (1935-), golfer, is 66; Michael Crichton (1942-), novelist, is 59; Pele (1940-), soccer star, is 61; "Weird Al" Yankovic (1959-), parodist, is 42.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1975, Bill Willoughby of the Atlanta Hawks became the youngest player in the history of the NBA. He was 18 years old.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Better a little fire to warm us than a great one to burn us." — Thomas Fuller

TODAY'S MOON: First quarter.

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Plan for Halloween fun...

Treats for scary goblins

RYE BROOK, N.Y. — It's that spooky time of year when ghosts, goblins and goodies abound. As your costumed crusaders look forward to the excitement of trick-or-treating, surprise them with frightfully delicious snacks and drinks. Ghosts and ghouls will gobble up these delightful creations fit for the scariest of Halloween parties.

GRAVEYARD GELATIN DESSERT
Prep: 30 minutes
Refrigerate: 3 hours

2¼ cups chocolate wafer cookie crumbs, divided
½ cup sugar, divided
½ cup (1 stick) butter or margarine, melted
1 pkg. (8 oz.) Philadelphia Cream Cheese, softened
1 tub (12 oz.) Cool Whip topping, thawed, divided
2 cups boiling water
1 pkg. (8-serving size) or 2 pkg. (4-serving size each) Jell-O brand orange flavor gelatin
½ cup cold water
Ice cubes
Assorted rectangular-shaped sandwich cookies, decorator icings, candy corn and candy pumpkins

Mix 2 cups of the cookie crumbs, ¼ cup of the sugar and batter in 13x9-inch pan. Press firmly into bottom of pan. Refrigerate.

BEAT cream cheese and remaining ¼ cup sugar in medium bowl until smooth. Stir in ½ of the whipped topping. Spread evenly over crust.

STIR boiling water into gelatin in medium bowl 2 minutes until completely dissolved. Mix cold water and ice to make 1½ cups. Add to gelatin, stirring until slightly thickened. Remove any remaining ice. Spoon slightly thickened gelatin over cream cheese layer.

REFRIGERATE 3 HOURS OR UNTIL FIRM. Just before serving, spread remaining whipped topping over gelatin. Sprinkle remaining ¼ cup cookie crumbs over whipped topping. Decorate sandwich cookies with icings to make "tombstones." Stand tombstones on top of dessert with candies to resemble a graveyard. Cut into squares. Store leftover dessert in refrigerator. Make 15 to 18 servings.

Helpful Hint: Microwave completely unwrapped cream cheese on HIGH 15 to 20 seconds to soften.

Great Substitute: This recipe easily can be made for any other time of year by simply substituting another flavor of Jell-O gelatin and using different garnish.

GOBLIN GOO DRINK
Prep: 15 minutes
Refrigerate: 4 hours

2 cups boiling water
1 pkg. (8-serving size) or 2 pkg. (4-serving size each) Jell-O gelatin, grape or orange flavor
2 cups cold water
1 qt. Cold prepared Kool-Aid grape or orange flavor soft drink mix

STIR boiling water into gelatin in large bowl at least 2 minutes until completely dissolved. Stir in cold water.

REFRIGERATE 4 hours or until firm.

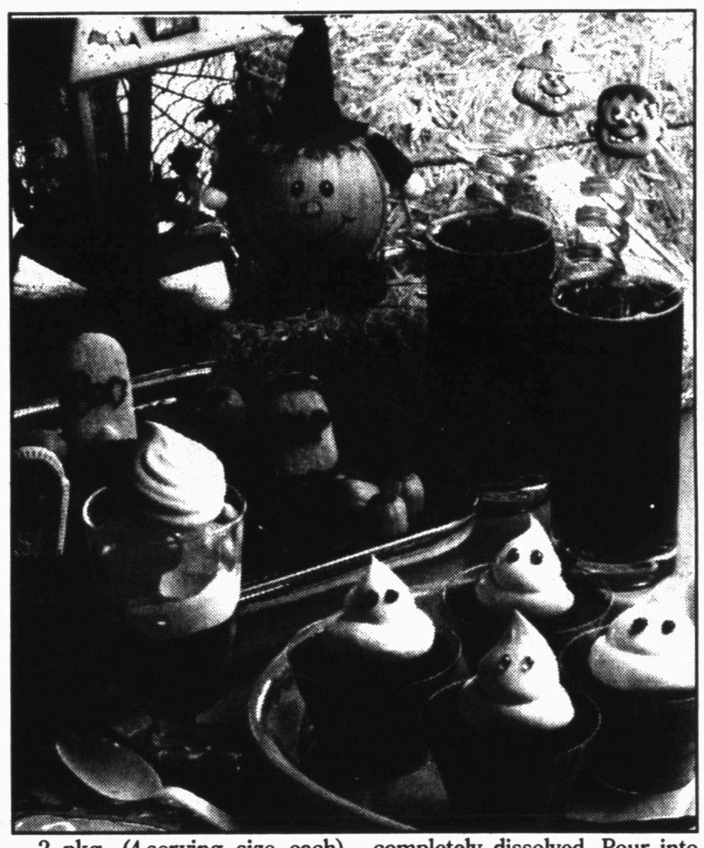
BREAK gelatin into small flakes with fork. Spoon about ½ cup gelatin into each of 8 tall glasses. Pour ½ cup cold soft drink over gelatin in each glass. Serve immediately with a straw to sip gelatin pieces and soft drink. Makes 8 servings.

Two Color Goo: Prepare 1 pkg. (4-serving size) each Jell-O Brand Grape and Orange Flavor Gelatin as directed on package in separate bowls. Refrigerate and break into flakes as directed above. Layer ¼ cup orange gelatin flakes then ¼ cup grape gelatin flakes into each glass. Pour ½ cup cold orange soft drink over gelatin in each glass.

Fizzy Goblin Goo: Just before serving, prepare Kool-Aid as directed, substituting cold seltzer for water.

BOO CUPS
Prep: 10 minutes

1 pkg. (16 oz.) Oreo Chocolate Sandwich Cookies
3 ½ cups cold milk



2 pkg. (4-serving size each) Jell-O Chocolate Flavor Instant Pudding & Pie Filling
1 tub (12-oz) Cool Whip thawed, divided

Crush cookies in zipper-style plastic bag with rolling pin or in food processor; set aside.

Pour milk into large bowl. Add pudding mixes. Beat with wire whisk 2 minutes or until well blended. Let stand 5 minutes.

Stir in 3 cups of the whipped topping and ½ of the crushed cookies. Layer pudding mixture and remaining crushed cookies in 12 to 16 paper or plastic cups. Drop remaining whipped topping by spoonfuls into each cup to make ghosts as desired. Makes 12 to 16 servings.

Special Extra: Substitute Halloween Oreo Chocolate Sandwich Cookies for regular Oreo Chocolate Sandwich Cookies.

HALLOWEEN JELL-O BEAN PARFAITS
Prep: 15 minutes
Refrigerate: 30 minutes

No stick cooking spray
1¼ cups boiling water or juice (Do not add cold water).
2 pkg. (4-serving size each) Jell-O Brand Orange Flavor Gelatin
1 tub (8 oz.) Cool Whip, thawed

Lightly spray inside of bean mold. (Or, dip paper towel in vegetable oil and lightly wipe inside of bean mold). Place mold, fill-side up, on tray.

Stir boiling water into gelatin in bowl at least 3 minutes until completely dissolved. Pour into liquid measuring cup. Slowly pour gelatin into mold, filling each bean completely.

Refrigerate 30 minutes or until firm. Tilt mold on slight angle over plate. Using moist fingertips, gently scoop beans out of mold.

Layer Jell-O Beans and whipped topping in alternating layers, into 8 dessert glasses. Garnish with additional whipped topping, if desired. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Makes 8 servings.

How to Make Black Jigglers —Prepare as directed using 1 pkg. (4-serving size) each Jell-O Brand Orange and Grape Flavor Gelatin.

Note: Chew beans, Do not swallow whole.
Seat and supervise children under 5 while they eat.

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

American Cancer Society; boardroom of Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 5 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Bridge

North 10-23-01
♠ J
♥ J 6 2
♦ 7 5 4 3
♣ Q J 10 9 8

West
♠ 9 7 4 2
♥ 9 8 3
♦ 2
♣ 7 6 4 3 2

East
♠ A K 10 8 6 5
♥ K Q 10
♦ J 10 9
♣ 5

South
♠ Q 3
♥ A 7 5 4
♦ A K Q 8 6
♣ A K

Dealer: East
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
			1 ♠
Dbl.	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Dbl.	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ 2

By Phillip Alder

Straight to the deal today. Look only at the North-South hands. How would you try to make five diamonds? West leads a spade, East winning with the king and continuing with the ace.

After you have decided upon your line of play, study all 52 cards and determine if it works. If not, do you see how to get home?

The modern bidding is a nightmare for a columnist! Over South's takeout double, West's pre-emptive jump to three spades just promised four trumps and fewer than nine points. However, it's not often done with a perfect Yarborough (no card above a nine). After East bid game, South had to double again with his rock-crusher. Luckily, though, North didn't pass, because East would surely have guessed the hearts correctly to make his contract. North's four no-trump showed length in two unbid suits.

In five diamonds, you have 11 tricks via one heart, five diamonds and five clubs. But after the ace-king of clubs have been unblocked, how do you get into the dummy? That will be no problem if the trumps split 2-2. However, what if diamonds are the more likely 3-1? Then there's only one solution. Do not ruff at trick two! Instead, discard a heart from the dummy.

If East leads a third spade, ruff in hand and discard another heart from the dummy. Draw trumps, unblock the clubs, cash the heart ace, ruff a heart in the dummy, and run the clubs. Alternatively, if East shifts to the heart king, win with the ace, draw trumps, unblock the clubs, and overtake the diamond six with dummy's seven to gain access to the clubs.

'Baggy pants' law sought

EAST CLEVELAND, Ohio (AP) — A city councilman wants to take the sag out of baggy pants by fining offenders who don't hike up their trousers.

Councilman Nathaniel Martin has been trying to get his proposal before the council for the past month, but he said it's in limbo "because the city law director doesn't think it can be enforced."

Members of the nonprofit organization Black on Black 2000 has raised concern about young men wearing their pants so low that, in some cases, they fully expose underwear-clad backsides.

The proposed law would impose a $25 fine for a first offense and a $50 fine for a second offense.

Art McKoy, director of Black on Black, said the organization isn't trying to play the role of moral and fashion police.



CROCHETED FLAG — Lorraine Bruns of Snyder crocheted an American Flag afghan, about 45x70 inches. When she was nine years old, her grandmother in Kansas taught her to crochet. Lorraine spent 35 years working in hospitals during which time she married a West Texan and settled in Snyder. Since her retirement she crochets for her 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Her daughter sends her pattern books and she took the flag from an older one that just had 48 stars on it. She made adjustments and got the 50 stars on her afghan. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



QUILT PROJECT — Stargazers TEEA Club members, formerly called extension homemakers, are making a nine-patch quilt to be given away at their booth during the White Buffalo Festival Saturday. Tickets may be purchased from Sheila McCormack at West Texas State Bank, or Pauline Walton at McLeod's Jewelers. From left are Walton, McCormack, Ellen Riley, Dale Neves and Joy Early. Not pictured are Verlene White and Mildred Rogers. (Contributed Photo)

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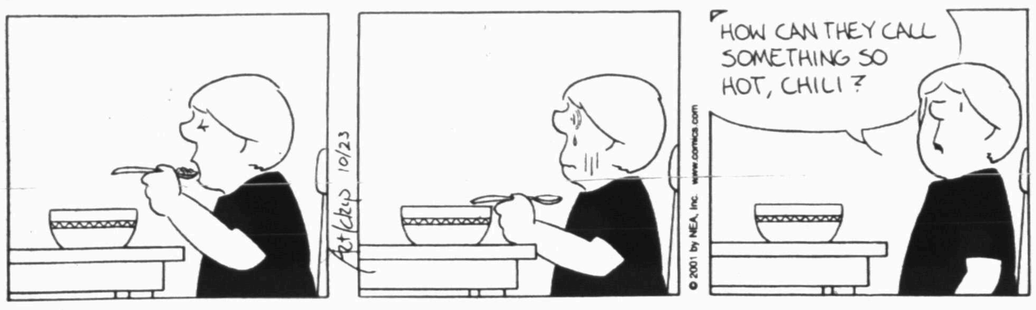
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ACROSS

1 Fellow
4 Writer of verse
8 Hightailed it
11 Pvt.'s superior
12 Folksinger Burl
13 Party cheese
15 "— hands on deck!"
16 Srs.' group
17 Despise
18 Already occupied
20 City official
21 German name part
23 Actor Newhart
24 Reed instrument
27 Emanation
29 Mayo holder
32 Witticisms
33 Fraternity letter
34 Japanese sash
35 Cassius Clay, now
36 Fed. building agcy.
37 Walk
38 Home, in the phone book
39 Eye makeup
40 Dot in the sea
41 Be rude to (slang)
42 MIT grad
44 Do a CPA's job
47 Freshman-course word
51 Santa Fe's st.
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58 German article
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60 Give a "G" to
61 Humorist George

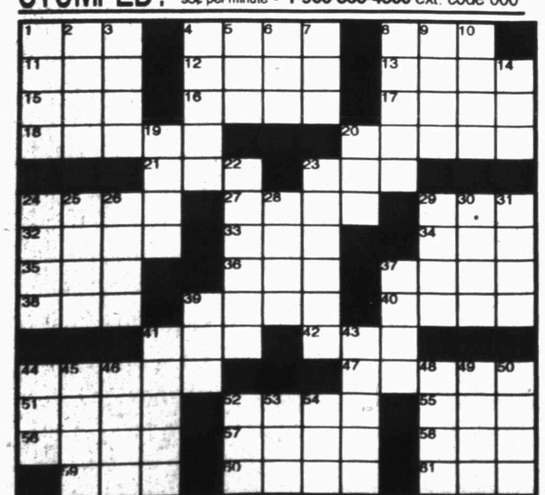
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1 Pesky insect
2 Pac-10 team
3 Egg yolk
4 Chopin's instrument
5 Eggs, to Ovid
6 "Ballad" finish
7 Kitchen meas.
8 Fix up a building
9 "Queen for — —"
10 Mil. alliance
14 Mal de —
19 12/24 and 12/31
20 Extinct bird
22 Tex-Mex snacks
23 Harness
24 Sharif of the movies
25 Tree trunk
26 Author Cornelia — Skinner
28 "Nope"
29 Makes a note
30 Director Ferrara
31 Mellow
37 Gesture
39 Set of tools
41 Mason- — line
43 Sib's child
44 Literary collection
45 Refs' kin
46 TV's Ricky
48 Mock fanfare
49 Wished undone
50 Scary character
52 VW or BMW
53 — — mode
54 Old soldier

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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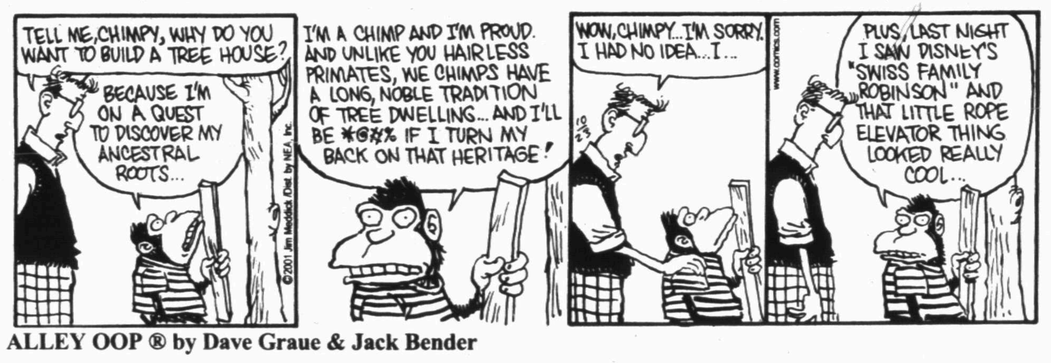
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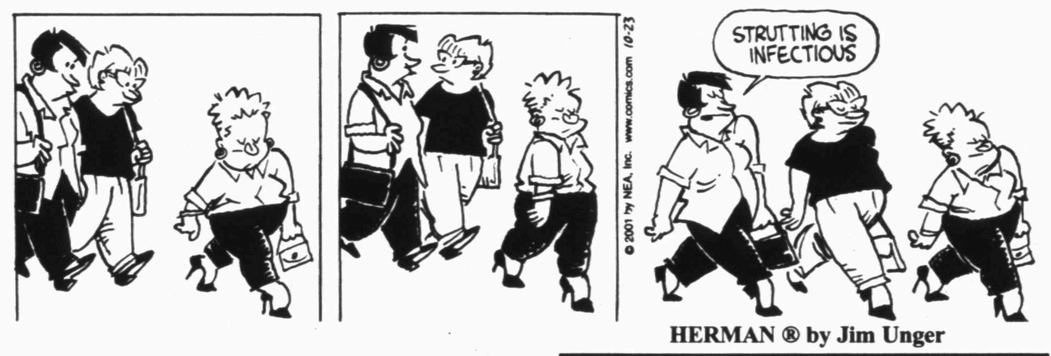
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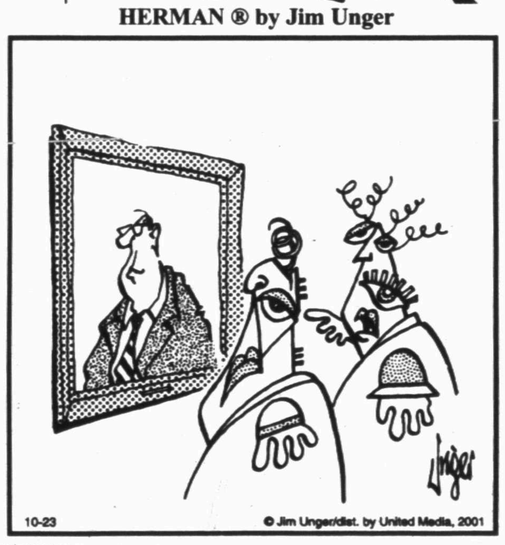
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District 4-4A Statistical Leaders

Offense	Rushing	Passing	Total	Average	Points
Frenship	1,696	948	2,644	377.7	175
Plainview	1,697	709	2,406	343.7	177
Big Spring	1,076	1,246	2,322	331.7	159
Lake View	1,209	827	2,036	290.9	109
Levelland	975	891	1,866	266.6	109
Snyder	1,651	186	1,837	262.4	154
Andrews	987	705	1,692	241.7	125
Estacado	1,347	333	1,680	240.0	104
Defense	**Rushing**	**Passing**	**Total**	**Average**	**Points**
Andrews	990	494	1,484	212.0	90
Frenship	1,317	376	1,693	241.9	103
Lake View	1,126	649	1,775	253.6	130
Plainview	1,080	783	1,863	266.1	125
Snyder	1,170	766	1,936	276.6	127
Estacado	1,134	986	2,120	302.9	152
Big Spring	1,921	537	2,458	351.1	203
Levelland	1,826	635	2,461	351.6	226

Rushing	Carries	Yards	Average	TDs
Brylon Bradic, Plainview	141	1,036	7.3	12
Juamar Hall, Lake View	132	846	6.4	11
Eric Robins, Frenship	138	735	5.3	10
Christian Coronado, Levelland	115	708	6.2	4
Bryson Davis, Plainview	76	517	6.8	5
Matt Gardner, Andrews	102	438	4.3	8
TJ. Jones, Snyder	60	424	7.1	6
Jammall Pruitt, Snyder	90	410	4.6	5
Daryl Wilkerson, Estacado	87	407	4.7	2
Ramone Ford, Big Spring	53	367	6.9	4

Passing	Comp.	Att.	Yards	Int.	TDs
Tye Butler, Big Spring	74	135	1,235	2	11
Kris Kelley, Frenship	53	114	948	4	10
Eric Fornter, Levelland	73	139	866	8	6
Brant Dendle, Lake View	77	125	690	3	2
Kyle Miller, Plainview	36	84	654	7	4
Ryan Newbrough, Andrews	41	99	615	5	4
Daryl Wilkerson, Estacado	32	106	333	3	2
TJ. Jones, Snyder	11	34	181	4	5

Receiving	Catches	Yards	Average	TDs
David Thomas, Frenship	27	553	20.5	7
Brandon Mendoza, Big Spring	24	456	19.0	3
Chance Jordan, Levelland	24	367	15.3	3
Clarence Wilkins, Big Spring	16	347	21.7	2
Jouric Wideman, Plainview	12	340	28.3	2
Larry Thompson, Big Spring	14	226	16.1	3
Matt Owen, Lake View	19	217	11.4	0
Ryan Lancaster, Lake View	16	212	13.3	1
Christian Coronado, Levelland	19	209	13.8	3
Robert Robinson, Lake View	19	166	8.7	1

Kicking	FGM/FGA	XPM/XPA	Points
Chris Mandrell, Frenship	5-9	16-17	31
Joe Barnes, Andrews	4-6	15-15	27

Punting	Punts	Yards	Average
Tye Bawcom, Levelland	30	1,158	38.6
Kris Kelley, Frenship	16	608	38.0

Punt returns	No.	Yards	Avg.	TDs
Brandon Mendoza, Big Spring	6	86	14.3	0
Riki Dorsett, Snyder	10	134	13.4	0

Kickoff returns	No.	Yards	Avg.	TDs
Rodney Moore, Estacado	5	155	31.0	0
David Thomas, Frenship	5	129	25.8	0

Scoring	TDs	Points
Brylon Bradic, Plainview	13	78
Jumar Hall, Lake View	11	66
Matt Gardner, Andrews	9	65
Eric Robbins, Frenship	10	60
David Thomas, Frenship	9	54
Christian Coronado, Levelland	7	42
Bryson Davis, Plainview	6	40
TJ. Jones, Snyder	6	36
Chris Mandrell. Frenship	0	31
Jammall Pruitt, Snyder	5	30

Interceptions	No.	Ret. Yds	TDs
Jouric Wideman, Plainview	6	61	0
Chris Richburg, Frenship	4	24	0
Kortney Powell, Lake View	3	18	1
Colby Driggers, Snyder	2	51	0
Butch Avery, Estacado	2	48	0
Wade Pinson, Snyder	2	42	1
Tremaine Carr, Estacado	2	2	0

Defense	Tackles	Avg./Game
Justin Pechacek, Snyder	89	12.7
Josh Britton, Frenship	85	12.1
Calvin Scholten, Plainview	83	11.9
Michael Nevarez, Levelland	82	11.7
Brody Wright, Frenship	76	10.9
Dustin Beauchamp, Big Spring	74	10.6
Brant McAdams, Plainview	67	9.6
K.C. White, Andrews	64	9.1
Isaac Ramon, Snyder	62	8.9
Alan Snell, Estacado	62	8.9
Zach Tubb, Andrews	62	8.9

OU, Nebraska top BCS poll

By RICHARD ROSENBLATT
AP Football Writer

Miami, No. 1 in the AP media poll and the coaches' poll, was fourth in rankings that determine which teams will play for a national championship at the Rose Bowl in January.

The Hurricanes, thanks to a first-half schedule ranked 92nd of 117 teams, were behind Oklahoma, Nebraska and UCLA in the first Bowl Championship Series standings released on Monday night.

Unbeaten Miami is on the outside looking in because its first five opponents have a combined 8-19 record against major colleges. The second-half schedule gets tougher, with season-ending games against Washington (5-1) and Virginia Tech (6-0).

"I don't need a computer. Teams are going to fall," Miami coach Larry Coker said. "The month of November is as critical as December. We saw three undefeated teams fall last week. The only thing we can control is to make sure we're not one of them."

BCS Standings List
Through Oct. 20

1. Oklahoma
2. Nebraska
3. UCLA
4. Miami
5. Virginia Tech
6. Texas
7. Michigan
8. Maryland
9. Tennessee
10. Washington St.
11. Florida
12. Washington
13. Oregon
14. Stanford
15. South Carolina

The BCS rankings are based on a formula that incorporates the AP poll plus the USA Today/ESPN coaches' poll, eight computer rankings, strength-of-schedule and number of losses.

New this year are bonus points for a win over a team in the BCS' top 15. Final standings will be released Dec. 9, with the top two teams playing in Pasadena on Jan. 3.

With the standings out a week later than originally planned, the timing couldn't be better for the BCS — the Sooners (7-0) visit the Cornhuskers (8-0) on Saturday.

Oklahoma and Nebraska are ranked 2-3 in the AP poll and coaches' poll this week.

Virginia Tech is fifth in the BCS standings, followed by Texas, Michigan, Maryland, Tennessee and Washington State. Rounding out the top 15 are Florida, Washington, Oregon, Stanford and South Carolina.

Oklahoma still has games left against Tulsa, Texas A&M, Texas Tech and Oklahoma State before a Big 12 title game, where a rematch with Nebraska is possible.

"With our schedule, if we win out we don't have to worry about what the BCS is doing," Sooners coach Bob Stoops said. "We just put our emphasis on winning."

Says Nebraska coach Frank Solich: "If you're able to play great football and win every game, you'll be there in the end."

Expect lots of shuffling in next week's standings.

Besides Oklahoma-Nebraska on Saturday, UCLA (6-0) visits Stanford (4-1); Florida (5-1) plays Georgia (5-1) in Jacksonville, Fla.; South Carolina (6-1) is at Tennessee (4-1); Maryland (7-0) at Florida State (4-2); and Oregon (6-1) at Washington State (7-0).

Oklahoma had 3.06 points in the BCS standings — 2 for poll average, 1.50 for computer-rank average, 0.56 for strength-of-schedule, zero for losses and a 1-point bonus deduction for its win over Texas on Oct. 6.

The bonus award it based on a sliding scale from 1.5 points for beating a first-place team down to .1 for a win over the 15th-place team.

Nebraska had 6.40 points — 3 for poll average, 3 for computer rank average, .40 for strength-of-schedule, zero for losses and no bonus-point deduction.

UCLA had 8.34 points, Miami 12.01 and Virginia Tech 13.88.

The Sooners are first in four of the eight computer rankings; Nebraska and UCLA split the four remaining first-place spots.

Miami is second in two computers with a low ranking of 13th from another.

The BCS, chaired again by ACC commissioner John Swofford, was created three years ago to create a national title game without instituting a playoff.

Champions of six conferences — the ACC, Big East, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-10 and SEC — qualify for a BCS game, and two at-large teams are selected to fill out the field.

SHS hoops coaches pleased with practice

Neither workout resembled mid-season drills, but Snyder High School coaches were pleased following Monday's first official basketball practices.

New SHS girls' coach Mike Martin and 12th-year boys' coach Bud Birks kept things simple Monday, but expect to pick up the pace over the next few days.

"We went over some very basic stuff," said Martin. "It will probably take us four or five practices to get into a regular routine."

Twenty-three Lady Tigers took part in the first workout, while Birks had 10 boys on the floor. The practices were limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors, with the freshmen going through drills in the morning.

The small number of players at the Tigers' workout was due to football practice. The SHS gridders have three district games remaining, then a possible berth in the playoffs. It could be close to four weeks or more before Birks has his full squad on the floor.

"We have quite a few guys that are still in football," said Birks. "We went over a lot of the drills that we'll do during the season to make sure the guys remember how to do them, and we worked on fundamental things like blocking out and man-to-man defense."

Both squads have two weeks before their first scrimmages. The Lady Tigers host a scrimmage Nov. 6 with Ballinger, while the Tigers visit Abilene High.

The Snyder boys host their season opener Nov. 13 against San Angelo Central, while the SHS girls tip off the season at Midland Lee.

UIL proposes an additional physical exam

AUSTIN (AP) — High school athletes would be required to get an additional medical physical exam under a plan approved by University Interscholastic League officials.

If approved by the state education commissioner, student athletes would be required to get a physical in their third year of high school. Athletes already are required to receive physicals upon entering their first year of junior high athletics and their first year of high school. The change would start next school year.

Yanks nab another AL pennant

NEW YORK (AP) — There was no need for suitcases when the New York players arrived at the Yankee Stadium for Game 5.

In a quiet form of bravado, the Yankees knew a cross-country flight wouldn't be necessary.

"Why put any thoughts in your head when we have the opportunity to go out and play the game we did to win it here," Paul O'Neill said.

Winning another AL pennant was nothing new, but even the low-key Yankees said this one was special.

They came from two games down to beat Oakland, knocked out the team with the best record in baseball and gave their city something to cheer about.

"This ballclub will be remembered by me forever," manager Joe Torre said.

The Yankees wrapped up their fourth straight trip to the World Series with a 12-3 victory over the Seattle Mariners in Monday night's Game 5 of the AL championship series.

A team that looked old and tired and was a home run swing away from being swept by the Athletics, the Yankees showed a resiliency that endeared them more than ever to their fans in this shaken city. As unlikely as it seemed two weeks ago, the Yankees have a chance to win their fourth straight championship and fifth in six years.

"Down 2-0 to one of the best clubs in baseball, you never, never, never doubted yourselves," Torre said in a toast. "This city needed something like this. We needed something like this."

MVP Andy Pettitte took a shutout into the seventh inning, Bernie Williams, Paul O'Neill and Tino Martinez homered and the Yankees put the bumbling Mariners away early and made a liar of their manager, Lou Piniella, who guaranteed the series would return to Seattle.

Next up for New York is Game 1 of the World Series against aces Curt Schilling, Randy Johnson and the Arizona Diamondbacks at Bank One Ballpark on Saturday.

The Yankees jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the third inning — thanks to third baseman David Bell's error and Williams' third homer in as many days.

The rest was just a formality as the Yankees brought a swift ending to Seattle's record-tying 116-win season and won their 38th pennant.

"To get to this point is very gratifying," Martinez said. "I like to think it's destiny. The city's gone through a lot, the country's gone through a lot, but mainly the city. We try to represent New York City well."

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani was among the 56,370 fans cheering so loudly the stadium shook. The win was a wonderful distraction from the heartache and devastation endured by this city following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"The Subway Series was terrific, but that was normal times," Giuliani said. "This was very needed. It was very important. I think some of the Yankees felt that pressure."

After Shane Spencer's sliding catch ended the game, Giuliani and Torre walked arm in arm to the mound to congratulate the celebrating players.

Afterward, a simple toast by Torre replaced the usual, raucous party in the winning clubhouse, a gesture of respect to the victims of the attacks.

"It's an emotional time for the whole city," owner George Steinbrenner said. "This was a great victory for New York."

Local Schedule

TODAY

Football: Levelland at Snyder seventh grade, 4 and 5:30

THURSDAY

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

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

Football: Snyder eighth grade at Levelland, 4 and 5:30

FRIDAY

Tennis: Snyder at Region I-4A tourney at Wichita Falls

Football: Levelland at Snyder, 7:30

Football: Borden County at Hermleigh, 7:30

Football: Westbrook at Ira, 7:30

SATURDAY

Tennis: Snyder at Region I-4A tourney at Wichita Falls

MLB Playoffs

By The Associated Press
All Times Eastern

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

American League

Wednesday, Oct. 17
New York 4, Seattle 2

Thursday, Oct. 18
New York 3, Seattle 2

Saturday, Oct. 20
Seattle 14, New York 3

Sunday, Oct. 21
New York 3, Seattle 1

Monday, Oct. 22
New York 12, Seattle 3, New York wins series 4-1

National League

Tuesday, Oct. 16
Arizona 2, Atlanta 0

Wednesday, Oct. 17
Atlanta 8, Arizona 1

Friday, Oct. 19
Arizona 5, Atlanta 1

Saturday, Oct. 20
Arizona 11, Atlanta 4

Sunday, Oct. 21
Arizona 3, Atlanta 2, Arizona wins series 4-1

WORLD SERIES

Saturday, Oct. 27
N.Y. Yankees at Arizona, (n)

Sunday, Oct. 28
N.Y. Yankees at Arizona, (n)

Tuesday, Oct. 30
Arizona at N.Y. Yankees, (n)

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Weather change ends threat of anthrax for state animals

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A change in the weather likely signals the end of the state's naturally occurring anthrax outbreak this year, believed to have killed more than 1,600 animals.

"It's been a severe year," said Dr. Terry Conger of the Texas Animal Health Commission.

Anthrax, causing concern nationally as an agent of bioterrorism, has been a source of trouble for Texas ranchers for years.

The bacteria are endemic to the Southern states.

Animals typically become infected by grazing and picking up the microscopic anthrax spores from the soil. Once inside a body, the bacteria multiply and release deadly toxins.

Grazing livestock are more likely to become ill than other animals.

Anthrax in the wild is most common during the summertime. The spores are rarely found by autumn.

In cattle country, the means by which animals are infected with anthrax are both cyclical and historical.

The disease is caused by a spore-forming bacterium that can remain dormant in the soil for many years, but mainly during cool weather. Warm temperatures and significant rain can bring them out of dormancy.

"The spores can percolate to the surface," Conger said. "Those spores are buoyant and they'll float to the surface." When that happens, grazing animals like cattle and sheep can inhale or ingest the spores.

Anthrax is fairly widespread because of 19th Century cattle drives, Conger said. During the drive to market, some infected cattle would die along the way and contaminate surrounding soil.

The animal health commission recommends thoroughly burning carcasses to prevent ground contamination. Vaccines are also available for livestock.

Additionally, the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks have produced the call for extra vigilance in the agricultural community.

The commission is advising ranchers and veterinarians to be wary of suspicious people or activities around livestock that could result in disease being introduced into the state.

However, McMullen County rancher Johnny Nichols doesn't believe terrorists would strike America through its cattle supply.

"I would think they'd go for people... before they'd go for cattle," he said.

Earlier this year, a Del Rio area ranch worker contracted the state's first confirmed case of human anthrax since 1988 from handling the skin of an infected buffalo. He recovered.

Lawsuit may jeopardize plans for bridge

McALLEN (AP) — Plans for a new international bridge that could provide a free trade corridor have been challenged in court in a move planners say could derail the project.

Leaders had hoped to connect the border towns of Donna and Mercedes, alleviating long waits for commercial vehicles, and completing a free trade corridor to San Antonio, according to an agreement between city officials.

But a lawsuit filed in 93rd state District Court against the city of Donna contends municipal leaders violated their contract with Christie Bridge Corp. of Austin by negotiating with other entities for construction of the bridge.

"I have sole authority to build the bridge," said Joe Christie, owner of Christie Bridge Corp. in Austin, which holds the concession to build the bridge.

At a workshop the city of Donna held Friday at Villa de Cortez in Weslaco with the Mercedes representatives and San Antonio Mayor Ed Garza, city leaders discussed the building of the international bridge.

Although Garza said he supports participating in the bridge project, the San Antonio City Council has taken no official action.

In September 1993, Christie purchased a concession to build the bridge. The city of Donna filed a lawsuit against Christie in August for failing to comply with his contract with the city.

In his countersuit filed Friday, Christie contends that "there have been secret negotiations between one or more of the third-party defendants."

Donna City Attorney Javier Villalobos said Christie has done nothing to build the bridge.

"He's had the concession since '93," Villalobos said. "Nothing has occurred. He's got to pay for the building of the bridge, do the feasibility studies and communicate with state and fed officials."

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



What is syndrome X?

DEAR DR. GOTT: I was recently diagnosed with metabolic syndrome X. My doctor hasn't explained it to me. What is it, and what can be done about it?

DEAR READER: The combination of four major cardiovascular risk factors — diabetes, obesity, hypertension and excess levels of blood fats (hyperlipidemia) — has been termed syndrome X. The exact cause of this serious affliction is poorly understood, but the components appear to be related.

Many diabetics are insulin-resistant, meaning that they produce enough insulin but, somehow, the insulin is not metabolized efficiently. Patients with high blood pressure are prone to insulin resistance. Insulin itself lowers blood fats. Obese people are more likely to suffer from modest elevations of blood sugar and hypertension. Thus, the four factors of the syndrome are intimately related, probably because of genetic influences.

In this case, medications are necessary to bring syndrome X patients into a better metabolic balance. Customarily, this approach involves oral anti-diabetes medication (rarely, insulin injections), a weight-loss diet with the emphasis on omitting "empty" calories, such as sugar), a regular exercise program, drugs for hypertension and medicine to lower the levels of cholesterol and triglycerides (the major fats in the blood).

Recent small clinical studies have shown that a new type of anti-diabetes medication, called thiazolidinediones, has a major influence on syndrome X, by reducing insulin-resistance, blood fats and blood pressure. This means that such patients may be able to take a single drug, in addition to diet and exercise, which will control the syndrome and reduce the risk of heart attack and stroke.

Although long-term benefits of this therapy have yet to be proven, the concept is exciting because it has the potential for revolutionizing the treatment — not only for syndrome X — but for diabetes, hypertension and hyperlipidemia. Ask your doctor about this.

You might be interested in learning that type 2 diabetes (the form that does not require insulin) is increasing in the United States, especially among young adults. Some theorists believe that this could be caused by "thrifty genes" that were necessary for early human evolution (when hunting and food-gathering were strenuous activities and required long periods of fasting), but are disadvantageous today because food is relatively easy to obtain, humans are more sedentary and young people often consume high-calorie, high-fat, junk food diets.

Most of us would definitely benefit from more prudent consumption of low-calorie foods. Childhood obesity, for example, is rapidly becoming a national health issue. Kids need to eat sensibly and exercise regularly. (So do many adults!) Whether syndrome X and other metabolic abnormalities could be controlled with diet, exercise and the judicious use of a single medication remains to be seen.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Diabetes Mellitus." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title.

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AOL TimeWm	33.80	31.80	33.00	+ 1.35
AT&T Corp s	18.31	18.00	18.05	—.25
Albertsons	33.70	33.19	33.31	+ .06
Alltel	59.26	58.25	58.69	—.11
AmEl Pw	43.60	42.80	42.95	—.84
AndarkPtr	57.30	55.69	56.99	+ .61
ATMOS Egy	21.48	21.43	21.43	—.05
Aviall	5.51	5.00	5.40	+ .20
BP PLC	49.00	48.32	48.80	+ .32
BakerHughes	34.39	32.20	34.18	+ 1.36
Bank of Amer	59.90	58.72	59.85	+ 1.44
BellSouth	37.60	36.40	36.65	—.82
vjBeth Steel	.60	.50	.54	+ .04
BurlNoSFe	27.82	26.43	27.51	+ .76
Caterpillar	47.06	46.51	46.85	+ .28
ChevronTex	89.35	87.20	88.79	+ .04
Citigroup	48.35	47.85	48.19	+ 1.18
CocaCola	48.98	48.32	48.68	—.30
ColgatePal	59.26	58.81	58.84	—.57
ComclMetals	31.50	30.80	31.49	+ .59
CooperIn	37.25	34.56	36.99	—.62
DaimlrChry	37.01	36.36	36.67	+ 1.64
DeltaAirl	25.23	24.05	25.00	+ 1.19
Dillards Inc	13.35	12.85	13.29	+ .08
DowChem	35.00	34.51	34.83	+ .13
DuPont	42.46	41.71	42.27	+ .41
EastmanChem	35.34	34.75	35.22	—.17
EstKodak	34.72	33.89	34.65	+ .29
EDS Corp	61.55	60.40	61.55	+ .97
Entergy	37.40	37.02	37.22	+ .52
ExxonMobil s	41.52	40.50	41.34	+ .22
FstBksAm	32.45	32.45	32.45	
GenDynam	84.95	83.50	83.86	—.94
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Praxair	48.16	46.80	47.15	—1.04
ProctGamb	72.84	71.85	72.24	—.21
PubS NwMx	28.32	26.11	26.21	—.11
RadioShack	29.25	27.66	29.15	+ 2.35
ReliantEngy	29.39	28.31	28.31	—.51
RoyalDut	51.89	50.63	51.62	+ 1.00
SBC Comm	40.45	38.80	38.86	—2.52
SaraLee	21.57	21.35	21.57	+ .17
Scripps EW	65.11	64.85	65.05	+ .49
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TylerTech	3.10	3.02	3.05	+ .05
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USX-USS	14.90	14.23	14.71	—.03
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UnitedTech	53.55	53.10	53.30	+ .54
Unocal	33.29	32.40	33.23	+ .40
Venator Grp	16.15	15.65	16.10	+ .34
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Xerox Cp	7.65	7.40	7.51	+ .19

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Two new findings may help doctors to treat anthrax

By The Associated Press

Two new findings may someday help doctors deal a one-two punch against inhaled anthrax, targeting not only anthrax bacteria with drugs like Cipro but also the poison those bacteria pump out.

It's the toxin that kills, and by the time a person shows symptoms of inhaled anthrax, antibiotics become less effective because they don't deal with the toxin already produced by the germs.

The new work, announced Tuesday, may help scientists find ways to neutralize that toxin. Any new medicines, though, would be years away.

In one study, researchers at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Harvard Medical School said they had identified the chemical foothold that anthrax toxin uses to get inside cells and kill them.

In the other, researchers at The Burnham Institute in La Jolla, Calif., Harvard and elsewhere said they have determined the detailed structure of a protein that does the toxin's dirty work, a discovery that aids in the search for substances to block it.

The findings, which follow other recent advances toward countering the toxin, will be published online by the journal Nature on Tuesday and printed in its Nov. 8 issue.

Anthrax bacteria create three proteins that team up to make its toxin. One, called protective antigen or PA, latches onto a specific target on the surface of cells and paves the way for the other two proteins to enter.

Until now, nobody has known what the target was.

That "has been sort of a holy grail for anthrax research for quite a while," said Nicholas Duesbery of the Van Andel Research Institute in Grand Rapids, Mich. Duesbery, an expert on anthrax, wasn't involved in the findings announced in Nature.

The mystery was solved by John Young of the University of Wisconsin-Madison with colleagues there and at Harvard Medical School. They named the cell-surface protein they identified ATR for "anthrax toxin receptor."

They also found that artificial versions of ATR could keep the toxin from killing cells in a laboratory dish, by acting as decoys that diverted the toxin from binding to the cells, Young said.

So treatments with bogus ATR might someday be able to protect people who have been exposed to anthrax, he said in a telephone interview. However, the idea hasn't been tested on animals yet.

Survivors of sunken refugee boat are left traumatized after hundreds drown

BOGOR, Indonesia (AP) — Traumatized survivors of a boat sinking compared the tragedy to the film "Titanic" and one said 200 people, mainly women and children, were trapped in the vessel's hull as it sunk off the Indonesia coast.

Others drowned after floating in the water for hours. Officials say the death toll may pass 350.

"I held onto a woman's body for two days. I was very tired," said Amal Hasan, a 47-year-old woman from Iraq. "I wanted to die. I saw children die quickly, including beautiful girls."

The wooden boat, which was reportedly carrying illegal immigrants to neighboring Australia, sank Friday. U.N. officials said only 44 survivors were pulled from the water out of a reported 421 on board. News of the catastrophe was only made public on Monday.

By today some survivors were recovering in a refugee camp, said Kemala Ahwil, spokeswoman for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees in Jakarta.

Underscoring the clandestine nature of people smuggling and the difficulties Indonesian authorities have in controlling it, spokesmen for the police and navy could not confirm reports of the sinking.

In the Wisma Palar refugee camp in Bogor, a town about 38 miles south of Jakarta, dozens of people were milling about, many of them still dazed by their experience.

Hasan recalled 200 people trapped in the vessel's hull.

Bahram Khan, from Jalalabad, Afghanistan, said he lost four brothers in the disaster. He said the 19-meter vessel set sail from a fishing port in southern Sumatra after the refugees had paid $4,000 each for the journey.

"About 2 p.m. the hull sprang a hole. The mechanic could not fix it and the boat sank," Khan said, adding that he had spent 20 hours clinging to a piece of wood before being picked up by Indonesian fishermen.

A survivor who refused to give his name said it was "just like the film, 'Titanic,'" with the boat going down immediately once the problem started.

The International Organization for Migration reported in Geneva that most of the immigrants were Iraqis, but that there were also Afghans, Palestinians and Algerians on board.

Thousands of migrants head for Australia every year from Southeast Asia. Leaky, unseaworthy vessels overloaded with passengers and cargo routinely leave Indonesian ports without working radios or enough lifejackets.

The ship left on Thursday, IOM spokesman Jean-Philippe Chauzy said. Later that day 21 passengers asked to get off the boat and were put ashore on an Indonesian island.

Early the following morning, the captain announced that the engine had stopped and the ship, with 400 passengers aboard, was taking on water.

"The boat sank in 10 minutes," Chauzy said.

Maritime disasters, with large loss of life, are common in Indonesia, a chain of more than 13,000 islands between the Pacific and Indian Oceans.

Sea safety is often lax and shipping laws are ignored and rarely enforced.

Criminal gangs with links to corrupt Indonesian authorities routinely pack hundreds of people into leaky fishing boats for the one-way run to the nearest Australian territorial waters, about 220 miles south of Java.

In April 2000, up to 350 asylum seekers were feared drowned off northern Australia, although their deaths were never confirmed. In December of that year, unconfirmed reports said that two boats carrying up to 163 people sank in bad weather en route to Australia's Ashmore Island.

Indonesia, a developing country with massive economic problems, does not have a coast guard. Its navy is badly equipped and has minimal search-and-rescue capability.

The Australian government has recently tried to crack down on asylum seekers from the Middle East as well as Central and South Asia. Australia has demanded that Indonesia do more to stop the migrants, and has refused to let many land on its territory.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Swift action against bullies makes schools safer for all

DEAR ABBY: I am writing about the letters you have printed about bullying. If an adult attacks an adult, the victim can call the police. If an adult attacks a child, the child can call the police. But if a child attacks or bullies another child, no adult will step in. The adults stand back and say things like, "They'll work it out," or, "It's part of growing up," or, "The bully must come from a broken home."

All violence is wrong. Kids will NOT work it out. Talking to bullies doesn't deter them any more than talking to fish stops them from swimming. Child psychologists need to remember that bullies do it because they enjoy it. Bullies bully because society allows them to. — **VETERAN OF THE SCHOOLYARD WARS**

DEAR VETERAN: I agree that bullying must not be tolerated and must be dealt with on a proactive basis. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: I have zero tolerance for bullying. As a mother, foster mother and grandmother, when it happened in my family, a call to the principal describing the problem and insisting on a meeting with the bully's parents usually ended the problem. I always explained, both to the principal and the parent, that if the problem wasn't taken care of, I would press civil charges, and I meant it. If my child was causing the problem, I would see that it stopped.

Only once this didn't work — when the bully's father was a policeman. On the second interview, I suggested to him, in my sweetest voice, that he was seriously damaging the chief of police's public relations program. That was the end of the problem. — **CAROL IN PASCO, WASH.**

DEAR CAROL: Good for you. Making sure the school principal is aware of the problem is a must. Also, taking the time to document each incident is helpful should legal action be necessary. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: I grew up in one of the most affluent cities in the country. My high school was one of the top 15. While I was bright academically, I was a loner. I was teased, taunted and physically bullied. Had I been wired just a little differently, I could have caused a bloodbath at my high school.

Instead, I turned all my anger inward and became bulimic and suicidal. My parents and the 12-step program of Overeaters Anonymous saved my life at age 16. I was lucky to find in O.A. a place filled with unconditional acceptance.

During those years, my high school saw two suicides and several suicide attempts, all from bright but alienated students. While teachers and administrators offered counseling about the suicides, they never addressed the core issues of bullying, teasing and labeling. Those suicides, like the homicides of the past several years, could have been prevented if people in authority had taken a stand for the health and well-being of the entire student body.

Since high school, I have become a much happier person. I have traveled in 30 countries, met and spoken with world leaders, enjoyed financial prosperity, friendship and love.

Please let your readers know that the various 12-step programs can be lifesaving resources not only for adults, but also for young people. They offer acceptance to alcoholics, drug users, obese teens, bulimics, anorexics, and even those with emotional difficulties but no substance addiction. — **FORMER OUTCAST**

DEAR FORMER OUTCAST: Your letter illustrates that while the teen years may feel like a life sentence for some, there really is an end in sight — a bright new beginning filled with hope. I'm pleased to spread your message. Twelve-step programs can be an excellent resource for teens and cost nothing to join.

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

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2001

Totally dedicate yourself to your endeavors and you could be luckier than usual in the year ahead in finalizing matters to your satisfaction. They could yield a hefty profit.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Take upon yourself today any matters that aren't being handled properly, instead of waiting around for those who are in charge to figure things out. Scorpio, treat yourself to a birthday gift. **Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper. P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167.** Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Your judgment is quite keen today, because you look at things from a no-nonsense perspective. You can realistically assess how things should be handled.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Give priority today to work or tasks that can be rewarding to you materially. You have what it takes to complete the assignments and cash in on the returns.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Should an endeavor in which you're presently involved be in dire need of an effective leader, step forward and take the reins. You're the person who can fix this lack.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Victories in several areas of your life are likely today, but not so much from what you do, but from what others do for you. They're merely reciprocating your past good deeds.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Friends and associates will welcome your companionship today, because there is an air of stability about you. You know when to be light and when to be serious about things.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Be alert for a profitable development today that up until now might not have been available to you. It involves an investment that could have long-term benefits attached to it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — A situation similar to one you handled successfully in the past might pop up again today. The factors involved haven't changed; do exactly what you did previously.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — People who know you and like you will bend over backward to help you today if they know you can use some assistance. Don't hold back from accepting their aid.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Any type of partnership arrangement or the forming of a team that is made today will work out better than you can anticipate at this time. Try to finalize details now.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Step boldly and meet any challenges head-on instead of trying to dodge them. Any type of opposition you encounter today will awaken your stronger qualities and your resolve to win.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — It takes more energy to find something to do than it does to follow existing plans. Sign up for as many activities you can today; you're up to handling a full schedule.

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California lawmaker wants Condit's job

MODESTO, Calif. (AP) — A California lawmaker said Monday that he is running for Rep. Gary Condit's seat in a public split between longtime friends and political allies.

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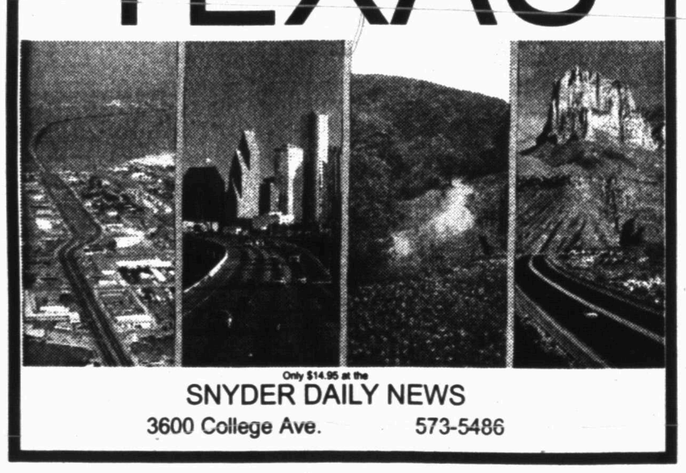
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Bomb may have injured civilians

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon is investigating the possibility that an American bomb that struck in the western Afghan city of Herat may have caused unintended civilian casualties at a hospital or senior citizens home near where the bomb landed, a U.S. defense official said today.

The official, who discussed the matter on condition of anonymity, said there was no evidence that the bomb struck the civilian facility but that it may have sustained collateral damage from the nearby explosion.

The official said the Pentagon had no way of estimating how many people may have been killed or injured there.

In Pakistan, United Nations spokeswoman Stephanie Bunker, citing independent U.N. sources in Afghanistan, said a bomb hit a military hospital within a military compound on Harat's eastern edge. U.N. officials did not know whether the hospital was being used at the time, or whether any civilians or military personnel were hurt, Bunker said.

The ruling Taliban government has claimed that the United States bombed a hospital in Herat, killing 100 people.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Monday there was no evidence that a hospital had been hit.

Meanwhile, warplanes that started attacking Taliban frontline troops north of Kabul over the weekend may have to keep up the pounding for weeks to dislodge the dug-in embattlements, military analysts said.

American warplanes have increasingly focused on Taliban troops and equipment on the front lines of the civil war between the Taliban militia and a loose network of opposition forces.

Despite the airstrikes, however, the opposition northern alliance needs more military help before moving on the Afghan capital, the alliance's Washington representative, Haron Amin, said Monday.

"It is better than other days, but a lot more of it is needed for us to make ground moves," Amin said.

Military analysts agreed that airstrikes against Taliban forces could continue for weeks.

U.S. Senate returns to work today

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate returned to work today and the House was expected to follow soon afterward, despite the fact congressional office buildings are still closed for anthrax testing.

Senators immediately headed to the chamber to vote, with Republicans blocking consideration of a foreign aid appropriations bill in the Democratic-controlled Senate to protest the number of President Bush's judicial nominees considered by the Senate.

The closings because of the anthrax scare slowed legislative work. Sen. Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., asked Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., who chairs the Judiciary Committee, about the status of two U.S. attorney nominees from his state that are pending on the Senate calendar.

"I normally would be able to tell you, but the committee room is over in Dirksen, which is still closed, and my files are in my office, which is in Russell, which is still closed," Leahy replied.

Police have confirmed anthrax "hot spots" at four locations around the Capitol.

Israelis will not withdraw until militants are crushed

JERUSALEM (AP) — Defying the United States, Israeli officials said today that they will not pull military forces out of six West Bank towns until they have crushed militant Palestinian groups responsible for attacks on Israelis.

In unusually blunt language, the United States urged Israel Monday to withdraw immediately from Palestinian territory and launch no more raids.

In the West Bank town of Nablus, thousands of Palestinians joined the funeral procession today for Ayman Halaweh, a bombmaker who was killed when his car exploded Monday. The crowd chanted "revenge, revenge." Palestinian security officials blamed Israel for the blast.

Without acknowledging involvement, Israel said Halaweh topped its most-wanted list. It said 48 people were killed and 295 injured in suicide bombings Halaweh was involved in, including a June blast outside a Tel Aviv disco that killed 22.

In the biblical town of Bethlehem, dozens of clergymen from the major Christian denominations in the Holy Land led a march of 6,000 Palestinians from an Israeli military checkpoint to the Church of the Nativity, built over the grotto where tradition says Jesus was born.

"God of peace, give our land peace," the crowd chanted as Israeli troops and tanks moved aside.

The march followed fighting that erupted overnight in Bethlehem between Palestinian gunmen and Israel troops patrolling in tanks. The Holy Family Hospital, a maternity hospital and orphanage run by the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent, came under fire, but no one was injured.

Three Israeli tank shells hit the laundry room and an empty guest house, and bullets shattered several windows, including a stained-glass window in a chapel in the compound.

Sister Munira Jabali said the firefight lasted for seven hours and that the 60 children sleeping in the orphanage were moved into the hallways for safety.

Obituaries

Ray Fulford

1911-2001

Ray Henry Fulford, a longtime Scurry County resident, died Sunday, Oct. 21, at his home in Lubbock.

Service for Mr. Fulford, 90, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Fluvanna Baptist Church with the Rev. Thomas Hall, retired Baptist minister, officiating. Burial will follow in Fluvanna Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Aug. 6, 1911 in Pervis, Tex., he married Cleone Kinsey on Jan. 7, 1939 in Clariot, Tex. She died Sept. 26, 2000.

Mr. Fulford, a member of the Fluvanna Baptist Church, was a retired oilfield pumper and also worked as a trucker. He also was a retired farmer-stockman and windmill man. A longtime resident of Fluvanna, he had moved to Lubbock in 1998.

He also was preceded in death by two sisters, Velma Bley and Juanita Landman; and three brothers, Sid Fulford, Ezra Fulford and Nolan Fulford.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Victor and Frances Fulford of Lubbock; two sisters, Ovela Lamb of Sweet Home, Ore., and L.Z. Walton of Fort Worth; three grandsons, Lance Fulford, Xan Fulford and Jai Fulford; and three great-grandchildren, Hagen Fulford, Braxton Fulford and Candra Fulford.

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Freddie Lowrey

1973-2001

Graveside service for Freddie Eugene Lowrey was set for 11 a.m. today in the Snyder Cemetery. The Rev. Bobby Woods, pastor of the Church of God in Snyder, was to officiate. Arrangements were under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Lowrey, 28, died Sunday, Oct. 21, at his home in Snyder after an epileptic seizure.

Born Aug. 2, 1973 in Snyder, he was a 1993 graduate of Snyder High School and played the guitar.

Survivors include his mother, Nelta Lowrey Stephens Graham of Snyder; his father, Fred Lowrey of Pageland, S.C.; a sister, Sharon Howard of Snyder; and his grandparents, Mary and W.E. "Slim" Graham of Snyder; his godmother, Josephine Stewart of Snyder; and three aunts, Judy Kay Graham, Diane Lois Graham and Ruby Ann Graham, all of Snyder.

Patricia Corkran

1914-2001

ARTESIA, N.M. – Patricia Shelton Corkran, the mother of Gerald Corkran of Snyder, died Thursday, Oct. 18, in Ann Arbor, Mich., following a lengthy illness.

A memorial service for Mrs. Corkran, 87, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the First Presbyterian Church in Artesia.

Born March 17, 1914 in Roaring Springs, she married Crusy M. Corkran on Oct. 2, 1932. He died June 2, 1983.

Survivors include another son, Charles Wesley Corkran of Austin; a daughter, Judith Hommel of Ann Arbor; a sister, Bettie Russell of Katy; and six grandchildren, Colleen Miller and Keith Corkran, both of Austin, Jeff Corkran of Dallas, Andrea Corkran of San Angelo, and Erika Boenke and Leslie Katch, both of Ann Arbor.

Marvin Jackson

1951-2001

Marvin Lee Jackson, former Snyder resident, died Sunday, Oct. 21, in Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene after a sudden illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Jackson, 53, is pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Sept. 8, 1951 in Tyler to L.T. and Edna Jackson, he was a car detailer and a lifelong Snyder resident. Mr. Jackson was a graduate of Union High School in Terry County and attended Western Texas College where he played basketball. He was a member of Galilee Baptist Church in Abilene.

Survivors include his children, Michael and Marvina Jackson of Abilene; his stepchildren, Marta and Robert Durst of Abilene, Rozyln Johnson and Marva McCarson of Arlington, Tyrone Jackson of Snyder, Zna Selmon of Dallas; two brothers, William Jackson of Snyder and David Jackson of Victoria; five sisters, Virginia Anderson, Lettie Ogbonna, Terri Ollison and Linda Jackson, all of Arlington, and Debra Tippens of Snyder; three brothers-in-law, Willie Tippens and Arthur Ollison of Snyder and Victor Ogbonna of Arlington; seven grandchildren; a special friend, Rose Durst of Abilene; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Man arrested on warrants

Arrests

A DPS trooper arrested a 33-year-old man just before 7 p.m. Monday on U.S. 84 on outstanding warrants for no valid inspection certificate, no liability insurance and failure to appear before a judge.

A 19-year-old man was taken into custody in the 1400 block of Ave. T for consuming alcohol as a minor.

Criminal mischief

Jerry Schulze requested an officer at the Beacon Lodge in reference to a window being damaged there. An officer responded and advised an offense report for Class B criminal mischief would be submitted.

Disturbances

A woman reported a disturbance and loud subjects in the 1500 block of Ave. T at 11:15 p.m. Monday. Officers were dispatched to the location and advised a party was in progress, but everyone was leaving the residence.

At 2 a.m. today a woman requested officers at the Park Village Apartments in reference to a noise disturbance in one of the residences. Officers were unable to locate a noise disturbance and made contact with a resident in the apartment, who appeared to be sleeping.

Low flying aircraft

Rudy Chavez called police at 2:20 a.m. today to report a low-flying aircraft in the area of Avondale Street. An officer responded and advised the Aerocare helicopter was circling and then landed at Cogdell Hospital.

Dog bite

A Cogdell Hospital emergency room employee requested an officer in response to a dog bite Monday evening. An officer responded and made contact with the owner of the dog. An offense report for dog bite was submitted and the animal was transported to the shelter.

Gas drive off

A clerk at United Fuel requested officers attempt to locate a brown Oldsmobile Bravada Monday morning in reference to the driver of the vehicle not paying for $15.70 in gas.

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ONGOINGS

Cancer board meeting

The Scurry Unit board of the American Cancer Society will meet at 5 p.m. today in the Cogdell Hospital board room.

Hospice caregivers dinner

Community Care Hospice staff and volunteers will host a caregivers dinner at 5:30 p.m. today in the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

Masonic meeting

Scurry Masonic Lodge 706 will have a called meeting for work in the E.A. Degree at 7:30 this evening.

MAWC luncheon, game day

Martha Ann Woman's Club monthly luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday. Games of choice will follow. Reservations must be made by 5 p.m. today by calling 573-3427.

SHS homecoming parade

Snyder High School's student council is accepting entries for the homecoming parade Thursday. Entry fee is $10. Entries can be turned in at the high school office or by calling 573-6301.

Park 'n eat fajita dinner

First Christian Church's fifth annual homecoming park 'n eat fajita dinner will be from 5-7 p.m. Friday at the church at 2701 37th St. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

SJHS hamburger supper

Snyder Junior High's choir department will have a hamburger supper from 5-7 p.m. Friday in the high school cafeteria. Tickets are $5 and may be purchased from choir members or at the door, or by calling Marci Dennis at 573-6356.

GED testing

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

Lions selling peanuts

The Snyder Lions Club will sell peanuts from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday at Wal-Mart.

White Buffalo Festival

The annual White Buffalo Festival will be Friday and Saturday with a balloon flight set for 6 a.m. Sunday. There will be arts and crafts, games, food, talent show and many other events. For more information on an 88 tournament, call Rhonda Anderson at 573-7107. Rules may be picked up at the senior center.

Girl Scout mobile shop

The Girl Scout mobile shop will be at the Girl Scout Hut from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday. There will be a uniform style show and other scouting items on display.

Ira chili supper

Ira's junior class will have a chili supper from 5:30-8 p.m. Saturday during the Fall Festival.

Hermleigh booster club

The Hermleigh booster club meets at 7:30 p.m. each Monday in the school cafeteria.

Red Ribbon trick or treat

Snyder's Red Ribbon Week celebration will come to a close with Trick or Treat the Square Wednesday, Oct. 31, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. All merchants on the square have an opportunity to "tie one on" by attaching a red ribbon to their front door to let local trick or treaters know they are participating. Local law enforcement and groups from area junior highs and high schools will assist the goblins around the square safely.

Compay G reunion

The 27th annual reunion of Company G of the 142nd Infantry will be held Nov. 1-3 at Willow Park Inn. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call Wernette Smith at 573-1415.

To honor veterans

Snyder High School's Student Council will honor current and retired veterans in Scurry County at the last football home game Nov. 9. To submit names, call 573-6301 and leave message for Roc Ann Rogers, sponsor.

The social studies classes are also seeking the names of all veterans in Scurry County, living or dead, for a Veterans Day project. Call 573-6301 to submit names.

NE Elementary fundraiser

Northeast Elementary is selling lapel and hat flag pins for $2 each. Call 573-2643 or stop by the school.

Noon prayer service

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

SHS yearbooks on sale

Orders are still being taken for the 2002 Tiger's Lair at SHS. Cost is $45 for which a deposit of $20 is required. Balance is due Feb. 1. If additional options are purchased, the deposit is $30. For information call 573-6301, ext. 35.

Korean War display

The Scurry County Museum is compiling a list of Scurry County men and women who served in the armed forces during the Korean War, 1950-1953. The museum is also asking local residents to loan Korean memorabilia for a display in the museum from Nov. 13-21. Call 573-6107 or 573-8511, ext. 210 or 339 for more information.

Hermleigh homecoming

The bi-annual Hermleigh homecoming will be Nov. 2-3. The homecoming committee is requesting that new addresses for Hermleigh exes should be called in to Jerry Gannaway at 863-2334, or Carole Haynes at 573-7874.

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To avoid splitting the prize money a TIE-BREAKER slot will be provided on each entry blank. Pick the total points of the score for that game and in case of a tie the one who picks the winner and nearest number of total points will receive the prize money. The same formula will apply to second and third place winners. In case of a perfect score, the formula would apply for the $250 cash prize. To win the $1000 cash prize, all twenty games must be picked correctly, plus the exact score must be predicted on the tie-breaker.

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