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County to get \$423,283 in tobacco deal

By JEFF WEST
Staff Writer

With an agreement finally signed between the tobacco industry and the State of Texas, Gray County is in line for \$423,283.

The attorney general's office said the money is to be distributed to Texas counties and hospital districts for costs associated with indigent health care.

The settlement agreement is in the hands of U.S. District Court in Texarkana which will distribute it 30 days after final approval.

Every county and hospital district in Texas is eligible for a part of the settlement proceeds based on population. An initial payment of nearly \$400 million will be deposited with a total of \$1.279 billion to be paid this year.

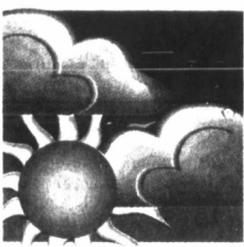
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The total amount of the settlement was

raised another \$2.275 billion above the original pact due to a provision in the original settlement that allows enhancement of the Texas deal if other states obtain more favorable terms. Minnesota recently negotiated a more favorable settlement.

Gray County Judge Richard Peet said he has not received notice whether the money must be used exclusively for indigent care or whether it will be seen as payment for past money expended for the care and could therefore be placed in the general fund and used on other county expenses.

The rest of the money that is to be paid to the state is to be put in a trust fund and the interest distributed to the counties. The amount of the payout will depend on interest rates and a county's population, according to the attorney general's office.



High today mid 90s
Low tonight 68
For weather details see
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PAMPA — Commissioner of Agriculture Rick Perry, the Republican candidate for Lt. Governor will speak tomorrow at the Gray County Courthouse at 4:15 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend.

PAMPA — A 33-year-old Pampa man was sentenced today to four months in the Gray County jail on assault charges.

Joe Reyes Solis pled guilty in 31st District Court today to assault charges in connection with a fight at a Halloween party last fall.

Authorities said today the charges stem from a fight on Oct. 16, 1997, at a party in Pampa.

Judge M. Kent Sims sentenced Solis to 120 days in Gray County jail.

One ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated \$7 million.

The ticket was sold in Irving.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 10, 13, 15, 19, 27 and 43.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$4 million.

- Maggie Rush, 81, homemaker.
- Ione Pate Cartee, 93, retired U.S. government employee.
- Herman Wisdom Oldham, 75, retired farmer.
- Randy Sumner, 80, retired Sante Fe Railroad employee.

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A little quality time...



Colten Kates (left) and Kade Johnson get a helping hand on Pampa swings from "grandpa" Jim Hash during a visit from Canadian to attend a family gathering here.

(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

Two drown in Lake Greenbelt

Donley County authorities were awaiting the results of autopsies today in the unrelated drownings at Lake Greenbelt of two Amarillo men.

Richard Clayton Adams, 17, drowned about 9 p.m. Saturday while swimming in the lake. Curtis Fields, Jr., 58, drowned Saturday night while fishing from shore.

Lake Patrol Officer Faylon Watson said Adams and three or four friends were swimming about 9 p.m. Saturday some 40 yards off shore when Adams was apparently caught in an undercurrent. Adams body was recovered shortly after 2 a.m. Sunday.

Officers said the water was between 10 and 15 feet deep where Adams body was found.

Fields was reported missing by his wife early Sunday morning.

Richard Clayton Adams, 17, and Curtis Fields Jr., 58, drowned in separate incidents.

officials said. Watson said the couple had come to the lake to fish. Fields was fishing from a chair Saturday night on shore when his wife went to sleep in the couple's car. She told officers that when she awoke about 6 a.m. Sunday, he was gone.

Authorities recovered Fields' body about 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Fields said it was about 30 feet from the chair on the shore in shallow water. Autopsies are planned for both men, Watson said.

National Night Out Pampa event, Aug. 4

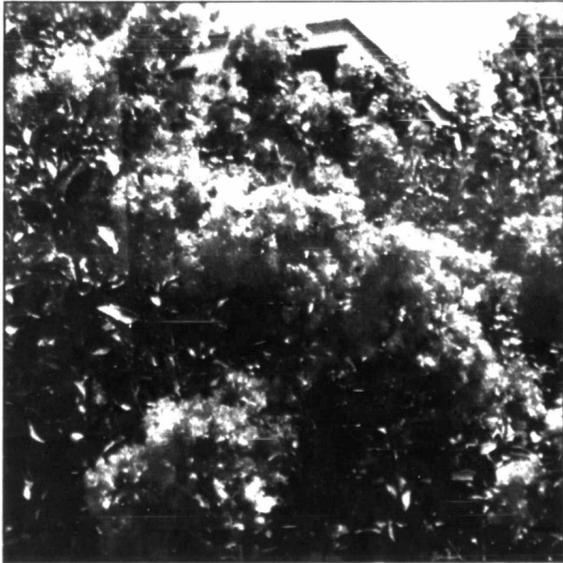
On Tuesday, Aug. 4, neighborhoods throughout Pampa are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the 15th Annual National Night Out (NNO) crime/drug prevention event.

National Night Out, which is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) and co-sponsored locally by the Pampa Police Department and local neighborhood crime watch groups, will involve over 9,250 communities from all 50 states, U.S. Territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world. In all, over 30.5 million people are expected to participate in "America's Night Out Against Crime" on August 4th.

National Night Out is designed to (1) heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) generate support and participation in local anticrime efforts; (3) strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community relations; and (4) send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Residents in neighborhoods throughout Pampa from 7 to 10 p.m. are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police. Many neighborhoods throughout the nation and Pampa will be hosting a variety of special events such as block parties, cookouts, parades, visits from police, flashlight walks, contests, youth activities and anticrime and drug rallies.

National Project Coordinator Matt Peskin said, "National Night See NATIONAL, Page 2"



Bright pink crepe myrtle blooms grace the garden of Doug Smith, 726 Lefors.

(Pampa News photo by Danny Cowan)

Hearing is today in brutal beating

A 32-year-old Pampa man charged with aggravated assault in the brutal beating of a convenience store clerk last fall was expected to be in court today as his attorney argues pretrial motions before Judge M. Kent Sims.

Dewayne Gordon "Dax" Hickman is charged with aggravated assault in the beating of a 46-year-old clerk at the Minute Mart early on the morning of Oct. 21, 1997.

"This was a particularly brutal attack," said Pampa Police Chief Charlie Morris.

Officers claim Hickman was inside the Minute Mart at 1106 Alcock when the clerk came to open the store about 4 a.m., Oct. 21, 1997. Law enforcement officials said she came to the store earlier than usual and apparently surprised a would-be burglar. Hickman is accused of attacking the woman and beating her. She suffered two broken arms. Authorities said it took 80 stitches to close gashes in her head and body.

"It was a heinous crime," said Pampa Police Sgt. Terry Young.

Hickman was arrested without incident at his home, 2116 Coffee, on Oct. 25, 1997. He was held on \$250,000 bond on the assault charge and without bond for parole violations.

Hickman's attorney, Harold Comer, filed pretrial motions in 31st District Court including motions for a speedy trial, to suppress evidence, to voire dire character witnesses and expert witnesses, to suppress extraneous transactions, to suppress exculpatory and mitigating evidence.

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Man gets 125 days for drugs

A 39-year old Pampa man is free after being sentenced to time served in a drug possession case.

Stephen Lee Spencer, free on \$5,000 bond, was sentenced to 125 days in Gray County jail, equal to the time he has served awaiting trial.

Spencer, charged with possession of a controlled substance, was stopped Aug. 2, 1997, on a traffic violation while riding his motorcycle in Pampa. Officers said after transporting him to jail, they found a small amount of methamphetamine in the squad car in which he was riding.

Judge M. Kent Sims sentenced Spencer in 31st District Court this morning.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

CARTEE, Ione Pate - Graveside services, 10 a.m., Highland Park Cemetery, Borger.
RUSH, Maggie - 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, Pampa.
SUMNER, Randy - 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Canadian.
OLDHAM, Herman Wisdom - 9:30 a.m., Samnorwood Baptist Church, Shamrock.

Obituaries

MAGGIE RUSH

Maggie Rush, 81, of Pampa died Sunday, July 26, 1998. Service will be at 10 a.m., Tuesday in the Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel with Jerry McCorkle, Church of Christ minister from Lindsay, Okla., officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery.

Mrs. Rush was born in Beaver County, Okla. She had lived in the Oklahoma and Texas panhandles for many years, moving to Pampa in 1960. She was a home maker. She was a member of Wells Street Church of Christ and the Golden Spread Doll Club of Amarillo.

She married Leslie Rush in 1933 at Booker. He preceded her in death in 1995.

Survivors include two daughters, Marquetta Joiner of Pampa and Rojean Dixon of Masterson; two sons, Travis Rush of Masterson and Jerry Rush of Amarillo; nine grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

IONE PATE CARTEE

Ione Pate Cartee, 93, of Pampa died Saturday, July 25, 1998. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m., Tuesday in Highland Park Cemetery in Borger with Dan Moser, Reader of the Church of Christ, Scientist, of Amarillo, officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Cartee was born in Charlie. She was employed by the federal government for 17 years, working in Baltimore, Lubbock, Clovis, N.M., and Amarillo. Since 1973, she had been a resident of Pampa. She had worked for the Army Air Field in Pampa and later for the A.A. Meredith Municipal Water Authority in Borger. She was a member of the Church of Christ, Scientist.

She married Ellis Cartee in 1947 at Dumas. He preceded her in death in 1979. She was also preceded in death by a son, Pate Lester, and three grandsons.

Survivors include two daughters, Mary Nan Mercer of Pampa and Helen Sample of Laredo; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

HERMAN WISDOM OLDHAM

SHAMROCK - Herman Wisdom Oldham, 75, died Sunday, July 26, 1998. Services will be at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday in Samnorwood Baptist Church with the Rev. Dean Driver of Hull and Gordon Doughtry of Samnorwood officiating. Interment will be in Plymouth Cemetery by Wright Funeral Directors.

Mr. Oldham was born in Collingsworth County. He served in the Navy during World War II. Until his retirement in 1990, he farmed in the Plymouth Community in Collingsworth County. He was a member of Samnorwood Baptist Church.

Mr. Oldham married Jeuniau Nelta "Nena" Webb in 1942 at Sayre, Okla.
 Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Pat Page of Moorwood, Okla., and Rosa Carter of Lutie; a brother, Elmer Oldham of Amarillo; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family request memorials be to Samnorwood Baptist Church, Box 734, Samnorwood, Texas 79077.

RANDY SUMNER

CANADIAN - Randy Sumner, 80, died Saturday, July 25, 1998 in Spearman, Texas. Services will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday, in the First Baptist Church with Rev. Jerry Golden, Pastor and Rev. Harry Morris, Mt. Vernon, Washington, officiating. Burial will follow in Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery by Stickley-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian.

Mr. Sumner was born on August 13, 1917 in Delia, Kan. He grew up in Topeka and graduated from Topeka High School in 1937. He moved to Canadian in 1937 to work for the Santa Fe Railroad. He married Charlotte Mae Welch in 1941 in Canadian. He was in signal maintenance for 40 years until he retired in 1977. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Canadian and taught a Sunday School class for over 30 years. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Sharon Kay in 1947.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Ronald Sumner, Edmond, Okla., and Dwight Sumner, Spearman, Texas; two daughters, Sandra Ermis, Edmond, Okla., and Joan Sumner, Wichita Falls, Texas; two sisters, Irene Agnew and Alberta Stratton, both of Bakersfield, Calif.; ten grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

The family request memorials be to the American Heart Association or the Diabetes Foundation.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Quotations of Pampa

Wheat	2.53	Cabot O&G	17 9/16	dn 1/16
Milo	3.39	Chevron	82 1/2	up 1 1/2
Corn	3.81	Coca-Cola	82 9/16	dn 7/8
Soybeans	5.42	Columbia/HCA	29 5/16	nc

The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation:

Occidental	23	Enron	54 3/4	dn 1/2
Magellan	110 7/5	Halliburton	36 1/2	up 1/4
Puritan	21 2/9	IRI	9 3/16	dn 1/8

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

Amoco	40 1/4	up 1/16	KNE	49 3/4	dn 5/8
Arco	70 1/2	dn 1 5/16	Kerr McGee	54 1/4	up 1/16
Cabot	27 3/8	dn 3/8	Limited	27 3/8	dn 5/8

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following arrests and reports during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, July 25

Timothy Leon Boyd, 35, 933 E. Fisher, was arrested on charges of fleeing from a police officer and warrants.

Teresa Dinsmore, 44, 1722 Duncan, was arrested on charges of permitting an unlicensed driver to operate a motor vehicle.

Damon Nickleberry, 19, 1064 Prairie Drive, was arrested on charges of assault causing bodily injury.

Mark Edward Martinez, 27, 520 Yeager, was arrested on charges of evading arrest and warrants.

Innis Jeffrey Wayne, 20, Canadian, was arrested on charges of carrying a prohibited weapon.

Phone Harassment was reported in the 1100 block of Starkweather.

Sunday, July 26

Shannon M. Smith, 17, 1041 S. Banks, was arrested on charges of expired Texas drivers license.

Clarence Reed, 22, 1100 Varnon, was arrested on charges of violating promise to appear and failure to display drivers license.

Dennis Alfred Wood, 35, 1533 N. Nelson, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Corey Don Sharp, 17, 1950 Faulkner, was arrested on charges of public intoxication.

Theft of \$15 in merchandise was reported in the 1400 block of Starkweather.

Theft of a Chevrolet Z28 and a transmission were reported in the 700 block of N. Zimmers.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, July 25

Arron Kyle Childress, 15, 1929 Lynn, was charged with failure to yield and having no valid drivers license and Michelle Andre was cited for allowing an unlicensed driver to operate a motor vehicle, when Childress pulled a 1996 Oldsmobile out of a private drive in the 800 block of W. Kingsmill and was struck by the 1991 Pontiac driven by Joshua Thomas Kute, 16, 1908 Beech. No injuries were reported.

Sunday, July 26

No charges were listed when a 1993 Mitsubishi driven by Katherine Mae Cook, 18, 1701 Evergreen, rear-ended a 1995 Chevrolet pickup driven by Clayton Neil Hensley, 22, 2600 N. Hobart, which was stopped at a stop light at Hobart and Randy Matson.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, July 25

3:37 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to the Schneider House on a smoke scare.

5:10 p.m. — Three units and nine personnel responded one mile east of loop 171 on Highway 60 on a grass fire.

5:15 p.m. — One unit and one personnel responded to the 1200 block of Garland on a medical assist.

5:16 p.m. — One unit and one personnel responded to the 700 block of Barnes on a smoke scare.

5:32 p.m. — Two units and two personnel responded to an automobile accident at Highway 60 and Price.

5:51 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to a toxic spill at Highway 60 and Price.

9:21 p.m. — One unit and one personnel responded to the 1300 block of Starkweather on a carbon monoxide check.

Sunday, July 26

1:57 p.m. — One unit and one personnel responded to the 1900 block N. Faulkner on a medical assist.

4:49 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 100 block of W. Foster on a chemical spill.

5:57 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded east on Highway 152 on a possible grass fire.

9:08 p.m. — Two units and five personnel responded to Gray "E" and E. Ting on a railroad tie fire.

10:30 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to the 1600 block of Zimmers on a medical.

Ambulance

The Rural/Metro reported the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, July 25

4:23 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of N. Russell and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony's in Amarillo.

5:10 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Garland. No one was transported.

5:27 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Highway 60 and Price Road and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

5:51 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of W. 25th and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

6:11 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

6:31 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Highway 60 east and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

7:01 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

9:42 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Central Park. No one was transported.

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HEARING

dence, to suppress prior convictions, to identify

and examine seized evidence and discovery motions.
 The hearing was scheduled for 1:30 p.m. today in the Gray County Courthouse.

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NATIONAL

Out is an ideal opportunity for citizens and law enforcement nationwide to form powerful partnerships in the fight for safer America. On August 4th, millions will join forces to Give Crime & Drugs a Going Away Party.

We at Pampa Police Department encourage

everyone to participate in one of the above mentioned events or if you have your own idea. We ask that you contact Corporal Donny Brown of the Community Services Unit at the Pampa Police Department (669-5700) with your idea and let us know if you will be participating. We feel that this event will send a message to criminals, that we are fighting back.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

Pampa Area Literacy Council office will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

PAMPA CHESS CLUB

The Pampa Chess Club meets every Tuesday night at the Coronado Inn at 7 p.m. We offer casual but competitive games against players of all ages and strengths, free instruction by expert chess players, and a free chess club newsletter. Nonmembers and novices are very welcome! For more information contact James A. Shook at 669-0227.

CLEAN AIR AL-ANON

Clean Air Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 669-0407 or 669-3988.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER FOR WOMEN

Tralee Crisis Center for Women is offering an in-house support group for victims of family violence. Meetings will be Tuesday's from 11 a.m.-12 noon and on Thursday's from 7-8 p.m. For more information call (806) 669-1131. All calls are kept confidential.

The deadly heat goes on; state death toll reaches 94

By C. BRYSON HULL
 Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — The heat goes on, even at night. In yet another statistical measure of the ferocity of this summer's heat wave, Dallas today had a low temperature of 83. It's the 25th day in a row — a record — that the low was more than 80.

This isn't giving the region much of a reprieve from its daily baking, in which was North Texas was expected to climb above 100 again today for the 22nd day in a row.

This kind of sustained heat can be deadly. "It's like running a fever: You can't run a fever indefinitely," said Charles Gaylor of the Dallas County medical examiner's office. "If your body temperature was raised during the day when you didn't have air conditioning, it just stands to reason that if it doesn't cool off, you're not going to cool off."

The heat wave has killed at least 94 people in Texas since June 1, part of a nationwide total of 143, and caused \$1.5 billion in agricultural damage and more than 6,765 wildfires.

To the north, Oklahoma had its third straight day of record-setting temperatures. It was 107 in Oklahoma City on Sunday, and slightly lower temperatures were in store today.

There is a chance for thunderstorms in Oklahoma this week, but they will dissipate quickly, meaning the chance for rain "will be virtually zero for the next five days," said Dan Miller, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service.

That's especially bad news for farmers. U.S. Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman issued a federal disaster declaration Sunday for 66 counties in

Stifling heat also has settled over the Northwest, with highs on Sunday including 108 at Walla Walla, Wash., and a record 102 at Eugene, Ore. Parts of Oregon and Washington were likely to soar above 100 again today.

southern and central Oklahoma affected by this summer's heat and drought. The declaration makes low-interest federal loans available to farmers who suffered a loss of 30 percent or more on any single crop.

In Fort Worth, Texas, high demand and heat-stressed pipes caused downtown-water mains to rupture Saturday for a second time. Repairs were made, but residents are restricted to using their hoses and sprinklers on alternate days this week.

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Louisiana has reported 26 heat-related deaths and Oklahoma 15. Three deaths were reported in Missouri, two in Pennsylvania and one death each in California, Arizona and Oregon.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Partly cloudy, hot and humid today with a high in the mid 90s and a chance of thunderstorms this afternoon. Variable winds at 5-15 mph. Tonight, fair with a low of 68 and winds from the southeast at 5-15 mph. Tomorrow, partly cloudy, hot and humid with a high in the mid 90s and scattered showers possible. Yesterday's high was 95; the overnight low, 66. Moisture measured .05 inches.

REGIONAL FORECAST

WEST TEXAS — Panhandle — Tonight, mostly cloudy with numerous thunderstorms. Locally heavy rainfall possible. Low in the mid 60s. East wind 10-15 mph. Area coverage of rain, 70 percent. Tuesday, partly sunny with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. High around 90. South wind 10 to 20 mph. Low Rolling Plains — Tonight, partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Lows 65-75. Tuesday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs 95-102. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Tonight, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower to mid 70s. Tuesday, partly cloudy. A slight chance of thunderstorms western sections. Highs around 100.

NORTH TEXAS — Heat advisory for central and northeast parts of north Texas through Wednesday. Afternoon heat index values 105 to 115 degrees. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 77 to 82. Tuesday, mostly sunny and hot. High 100 to 106.

SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 70s, near 80 west. Tuesday, mostly sunny and continued unseasonably warm. Highs near 100, 102 to 105 near the Rio Grande. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast — Tonight, fair. Lows in the mid 70s inland to lower 80s coast.

Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau — Tonight, fair. Lows in the upper 70s. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs around 100. Far West Texas — Tonight, partly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Lows near 70. Tuesday, partly cloudy with widely scattered afternoon thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Tonight, partly cloudy with scattered showers or thunderstorms. Lows from near 60 mountains to the mid 70s near the Rio Grande. Tuesday, partly cloudy with widely scattered afternoon thunderstorms. Highs from the mid 80s mountains to near 105 along the Rio Grande.

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OKLAHOMA — Tonight, partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms north and central. Lows mostly in the 70s. Tuesday, partly cloudy with a chance for thunderstorms north and central. Highs from the mid 90s north to around 105 south. Lows in the 70s.

Tuesday, partly cloudy with isolated afternoon showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 90s inland, 100 to 102 inland north, near 90 coast. Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains — Tonight, mostly clear. Lows near 80 coast to the upper 70s inland. Tuesday, partly cloudy and breezy. Highs in the lower 90s coast to the upper 90s inland, 100 to 103 Rio Grande plains.

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Jesse Jackson better after being stricken with bronchial asthma

CHICAGO (AP) — The Rev. Jesse Jackson was hospitalized with bronchial asthma, but his condition was improving and his condition today was upgraded to good.

Jackson, 56, entered Doctors Hospital of Hyde Park on Saturday night coughing, wheezing and experiencing shortness of breath after a rally of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, his civil rights organization.

Jackson, a former presidential candidate, has been treated for bronchial asthma before.

"He's much better" than when he was admitted, nursing supervisor Mildred Soriano said this morning. Doctors would determine later in the day if Jackson is well enough to be released, she said.

Jackson got sick on a trip to Africa a week ago, and a busy schedule following his return made his condition worse, his son Jonathan said.

City briefs

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Summer Arts Program



Emily Elliott (left) and Girven Kissell (right) discuss technical aspects of a manual 35mm camera with James Hinkley, education director of the Carson County Square House Museum. The museum recently held a Summer Arts Program in which children could attend photography, woodworking, leather crafting, pottery or china painting.

(photo by Judy Elliott)

Older women staying independent longer

By RANDOLPH E. SCHMID
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The share of elderly Americans, especially women, continuing to live independently after losing their spouse has increased sharply.

Some 70 percent of elderly widows lived by themselves in 1997, up from 56 percent in 1970, the Census Bureau reported today.

During the same period, the share of widowers living by themselves increased from 53 percent to 60 percent, Census statistician Terry Lugailla said.

Overall, 46.3 percent of American women over age 65 were widows, down from 54.4 percent in 1970. That change occurred as men began living longer and as more couples divorced, Lugailla noted.

In 1970, just 2.3 percent of elderly women were divorced; that figure now is 7.4 percent. The share of elderly women still living with their husbands has risen from 34 percent to 40 percent.

The changes were disclosed in the Census Bureau's annual update of Americans' "Marital Status and Living Arrangements."

The analysis also found that, for the first time, the number of unmarried couples in America has topped 4 million. The bureau estimated there were 4,130,000 unwed couples as of March 1997, up from 3,958,000 a year earlier.

As young people choose to delay marriage, or to try life as a couple before making the formal commitment, this group has been growing steadily in recent years.

In 1960, there were fewer than a half-million such couples. The total topped 1 million in 1978, passed 2 million in 1986 and reached 3 million in 1991.

Of the unwed couples, 1,470,000, or about 36 percent, had a child under age 15.

As people delay marriage, the average age when

they finally decide to tie the knot is increasing.

As of last year, it reached 25 years for women marrying for the first time, up from 24.8 a year earlier. Women's age at first marriage had averaged 24.5 for several years.

For men, the average age at first marriage was 26.8, down from 27.1 a year earlier. That figure also has been rising gradually in recent years.

On the other hand, about 109.2 million adults (55.9 percent of all people age 18 and over) were married and living with their spouse in 1997.

Also for the first time, the report found more than 3 million children under age 18 living with their fathers.

About 85 percent of children with a single parent lived with their mother — 16,740,000 in 1997, down from 16,993,000 the year before. The total living with their father climbed from 2,750,000 to 3,059,000.

Of those living with their mothers, 40 percent resided with mothers who had never married, 35 percent with divorced moms, 22 percent with separated mothers and the rest with widowed mothers.

Single fathers caring for children were more likely to be divorced, 45 percent; followed by never married, 31 percent; separated, 19 percent; and widowed, 4 percent.

The Census study also found:

— There were 1,264,000 interracial married couples in the country. Of the total, 311,000 were black-white couples. The majority, 896,000, were whites married to someone of a race other than blacks, such as American Indians or Asians. There were 57,000 black-other couples.

— Approximately 19.3 million adults, about 10 percent of the adult population, were divorced.

— Nearly 14 million people (34.5 percent) between 25 and 34 years old had never been married. More than half (54.2 percent) of the blacks in this age group had never married.

Report: Whites off welfare quicker

NEW YORK (AP) — Whites are leaving the welfare system faster than blacks or Hispanics, resulting in the highest minority percentage on record among welfare recipients, according to today's New York Times.

Now, blacks outnumber whites on welfare. The Times also said the Hispanic share of the rolls is growing the fastest, and black and Hispanic recipients combined outnumber whites by about 2-to-1.

In New York City, which has a caseload second only to the state of California, the number of whites on welfare has dropped 57 percent since March 1995, compared with a 30 percent decline for blacks. The Hispanic decline was just 7 percent.

The growing minority domination of the rolls is a new, little-noticed and as yet largely unexplained phenomenon, the newspaper said. Most officials reacted with surprise when presented

with the figures, which were compiled in a New York Times analysis of recent state data prepared by the Census Bureau.

One reason why whites may be leaving faster is because their economic situations could be less grave than blacks or Hispanics. Other explanations include possible job and housing discrimination, more children born to minority recipients and less education in minority communities.

Woman dies when pickup drives through window of restaurant

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A woman died when a man drove his pickup truck through the window of a restaurant and then drove away, police say.

Restaurant owner Leonel Ochoa said his wife, Argelina, 52, was giving a customer change when the truck drove through the glass front of the Jalisco Restaurant on Sunday afternoon.

R.L. Wangler, a detective with the traffic investigation unit of

Fort Worth police said the woman was pronounced dead at a local hospital about an hour after the accident.

The vehicle drove through the restaurant's parking lot and slammed into the storefront, Wangler said. Police said they don't know how much structural damage was done to the building.

The driver backed the vehicle out of the restaurant and drove

away before witnesses could obtain a license plate number or a good description of the vehicle.

"Most of the people that were witnesses were in the business, so they didn't have time to get a license plate," Wangler said. "The first thing they saw was the truck coming through the storefront."

The family has operated the restaurant for about three years.

Slain officers will lie in state in rotunda

By JONATHAN D. SALANT
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal lawmakers remembered the two police officers shot to death protecting them from a gunman. "They died saving lives, they died doing their duty," said Rep. Tom DeLay, whose office was a site of the gunfight Friday.

"It was a death in the family," Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said following moment of silence in the chamber.

The House, meanwhile, began work on a resolution to formally allow the use of the Capitol Rotunda for a memorial service for the slain officers, to install plaques to the two men in the area where they were shot, and to pay for their funeral expenses.

Both chambers also are scheduled to consider another resolution honoring the two officers, Jacob Chestnut, 58, and John Gibson, 42.

"These men died defending the Capitol of the United States of America, the symbol of freedom across this world," DeLay continued, his voice halting and hoarse.

In Albuquerque, N.M., Clinton opened a national Social Security forum this morning with a moment of silent prayer for the two officers and their families.

The first resolution authorizes the Rotunda ceremony for the two men, an honor usually reserved for president and national heroes. Speakers at the memorial ceremony will include Clinton, Vice President Al Gore, House Speaker Newt Gingrich and Lott. The officers will lie in the Rotunda from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Gibson will be buried Thursday after a funeral in suburban Lake Ridge, Va. A day later, Chestnut, a 20-year Air Force veteran, will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

The suspect in the shootings, Russell E. Weston Jr., 41, of Rimini, Mont., remained in serious condition at D.C. General Hospital this morning with bullet wounds to the chest, arms, thigh and buttocks.

His parents, Russell Weston Sr. and Arbah Jo Weston, said today they hadn't spoken to their son since the shooting. "I feel so bad about it," he said on NBC, speaking from his home in Valmeyer, Ill. "I feel so bad for the people that he killed. I apologize to the nation."

Weston, who authorities said has a history of mental illness, was to have a hearing in absentia today in U.S. District Court on charges of killing a federal law enforcement officer. The case was being transferred from a District of Columbia court where papers had been filed Saturday charging him in the deaths of the two 18-year veterans of the Capitol force.

The shooting suspect visited CIA headquarters on July 29, 1996, sat with a CIA security officer and began to ramble on at length, getting into "some pretty bizarre stuff," according to a government official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

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Weston claimed to have been cloned at birth; said that President Clinton had been cloned at birth; and claimed Clinton may have played a role in the Kennedy assassination out of anger at Kennedy "for stealing his (Clinton's) girlfriend, Marilyn Monroe."

A logbook or diary of Weston's and a voluminous amount of his papers were recovered by agents who searched his truck and home, according to law enforcement officials who requested anonymity. They declined to describe the writings in any detail but there was an indication they revealed some instability. One law enforcement official said prosecutors did not want the writings discussed because they went to Weston's state of mind and might aid defense attorneys.

As the flags over the Capitol remained at half-staff, congressional staff and employees, returned the Hill for the first time since the shootings. "We're beginning to move back in, and attempting to create an ongoing, ordinary office atmosphere," House Oversight Committee Chairman Bill Thomas, R-Calif., said on NBC's "Today."

Security was heightened, with additional police officers stationed on the Capitol grounds, at entrances to the building and throughout its corridors. The area where the killings occurred was off-limits to the public, a yellow rope draped across the entire center portion of the building's famous east front, including the entrance that the gunman used.

The shootings did not scare tourists away from the Capitol, which remained open all weekend to visitors as usual. Outside, the pile of flowers left by passers-by in memory of the two men grew steadily. This morning, Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., was part of a group that somberly placed flowers at the site and then stood in silence for a few moments.

The deaths of Chestnut and Gibson have given new impetus to efforts to improve security on the Capitol grounds, which have been open to the public even as access to other federal buildings grew tighter in recent years.

One plan given new impetus is for construction of a visitors' center, possibly underground, to serve as a way station for tourists as well as provide for greater security because visitors would be screened for weapons before they entered the Capitol building.

Technology stocks down sharply in trading today

NEW YORK (AP) — Technology shares fell sharply today, extending a four-session plunge from record terrain spurred by last week's rash of profit warnings.

At noon on Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average was down 27.29 at 8,910.07, recovering from an early 81-point drop that put the blue-chip barometer nearly 500 points below the record close of 9,337.97 on July 17.

The Dow lost slightly more than 400 points last week, a slide that was barely interrupted by Friday's 4-point gain.

Most broader indexes also trimmed their early losses, but the technology-heavy Nasdaq composite index remained sharply lower, falling 36.03 to 1,894.96.

It would be the fifth straight losing session for the technology-heavy measure, which before that

had closed at record highs for nine straight sessions, pushing above 2,000 for the first time.

Stocks were pressured at the open by a troubling day overseas, where the Japanese yen slid against the dollar and Tokyo's Nikkei Stock Average fell 2.6 percent.

Japanese traders cited concerns that outgoing Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto's likely replacement, Foreign Minister Keizo Obuchi, is ill-suited to push through tough reforms needed to reverse the sagging economy.

Boeing, one of the big names that stepped forward last week with discouraging earnings news — including a mention of Asia's continuing negative impact — was down 1 11/16 at 38 5/8 as one of the Dow's biggest decliners, along with IBM, down 1 1/2 at

122 3/4.

Among leading Nasdaq technology names, Dell Computer was down 1 15/16 102 15/16, Microsoft was down 1 3/4 at 112 1/16, and Cisco Systems was down 2 1/8 at 95 5/8.

Declining issues outnumbered advances by nearly a 4-to-1 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume came to 271.38 million shares, down from Friday's early pace.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index was down 6.52 at 1,134.28, the NYSE composite index was down 3.97 at 572.35, and the American Stock Exchange composite index was down 7.47 at 711.19.

Overseas, Frankfurt's DAX index fell 2.2 percent and London's FT-SE 100 fell 1.0 percent.

King Hussein has chemotherapy

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — King Hussein has undergone chemotherapy at the Mayo Clinic, where he is being tested for lymphatic cancer.

The king's brother, Crown Prince Hassan, said the monarch may leave the hospital in Rochester, Minn., after initial treatment but would remain in Minnesota to rest.

"We hope to hear the good results of the first stage of treat-

ment in the coming two days, and the king will possibly leave the hospital in the coming few days," Hassan told Jordanian soldiers Sunday. His remarks were published by Amman newspa-

pers today. Hussein, 62, disclosed the possibility of lymphoma in a letter to his brother Hassan that was read on Jordanian television last week.

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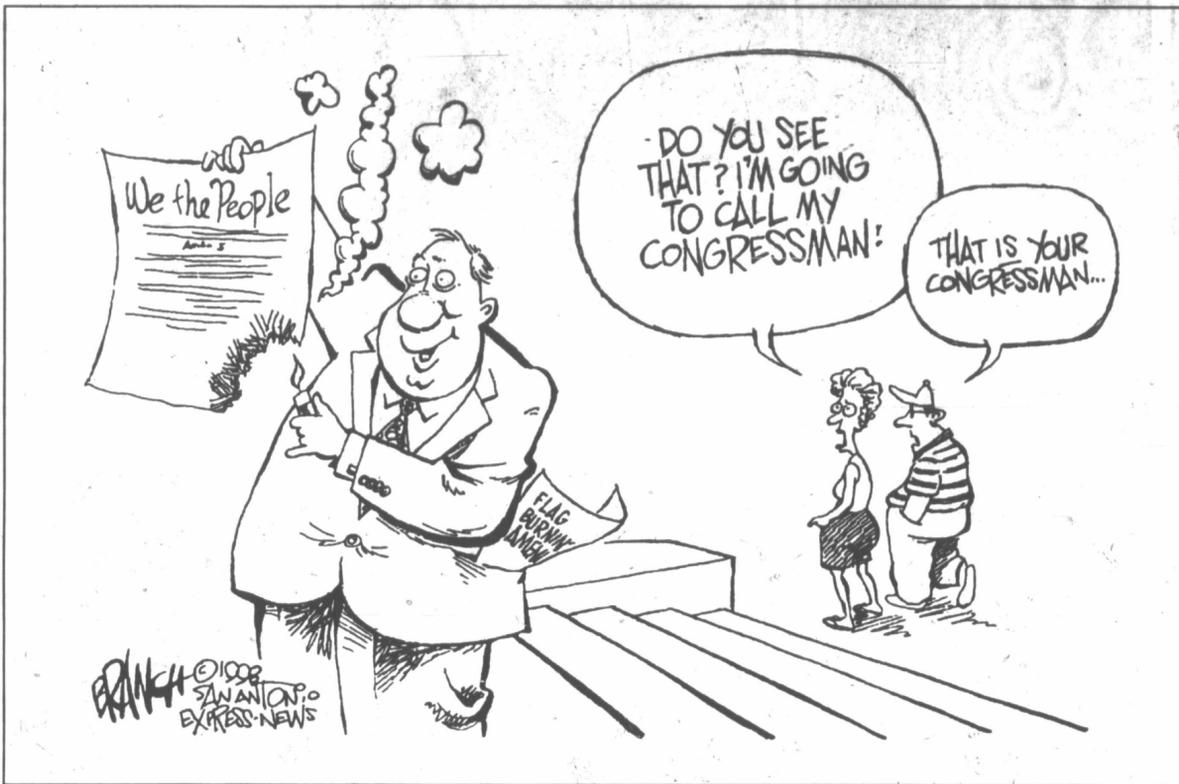
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Opinion

Disabilities Act can severely limit freedom

A recent Supreme Court decision is being hailed as a victory for people who are infected by the HIV virus that causes AIDS. But the 5-4 decision, stating that HIV is a disability covered under the Americans with Disabilities Act, is another in an endless string of federal "civil rights" expansions that undermine our individual freedoms and personal choices.

When the ADA was being debated in Congress, supporters emphasized it was limited in scope, and was needed mainly to assure access to public facilities by handicapped people. As often happens with broad federal legislation, the bureaucrats and the courts expanded it incrementally to go far beyond what its authors may have intended.

In its decision, the court ruled that HIV is protected under the ADA, which defines a disability as something that "substantially limits ... major life activities." The woman who brought suit under the act claimed that she has foregone child-bearing because of her disease, which the court agreed is a limitation on a major life activity.

The case arose in 1994 when a Maine dentist, Randon Bragdon, would not treat Sidney Abbott because of her infection. Abbott's suit eventually made it to the nation's high court, which ruled: "HIV infection must be regarded as a physiological disorder with a constant and detrimental effect on the infected person's hemic and lymphatic systems from the moment of infection. HIV infection satisfies the statutory and regulatory definition of a physical impairment during every stage of the disease."

Under this overly broad definition, virtually every affliction, disease or disorder could qualify for federal protection, from color blindness to obesity, from fear of heights to arthritis. The federal bureaucracy and courts will increasingly decide matters that should be left in the hands of free individuals.

In this case, a dentist decided he did not want to subject himself to the risk of infection by treating an HIV-positive patient. The majority agreed with the Centers for Disease Control, which called such a risk "so low as to be unquantifiable." Yet, in his dissent, Justice William Rehnquist pointed to many documented cases of health care workers who had been infected. And there have been cases where the AIDS virus was transmitted through dental procedures.

The question boils down to this: Who should make the safety determination, the state or the individual who could possibly become infected?

In a free society, citizens should not be coerced by the government to put their lives at risk, even if their concerns are deemed by the authorities to be negligible.

The court also ruled it was up to the appeals court to examine the issue of risk. "The disability act provides an exception under which a person with an infectious condition need not be treated if the condition 'poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others,' defined as a 'significant risk' that cannot be eliminated by appropriate procedures," The New York Times reported.

In other words, another panel of federal judges will determine what risks individual Americans must assume in order to be in compliance with federal disabilities law.

We're not arguing that Bragdon was right in his refusal to serve Abbott. But it was his decision to make. As disabilities law expands further from its original intent, expect courts and administrative agencies to increasingly determine what actions business owners, health-care workers and all of us must take.

Rather than celebrate, as liberal activists did following the court's ruling, Americans should wonder what "disability" the ADA will cover next. And they should ponder what free choices we will be forced to give up to keep the federal government satisfied.

—Odessa American

Senior-friendly tax laws

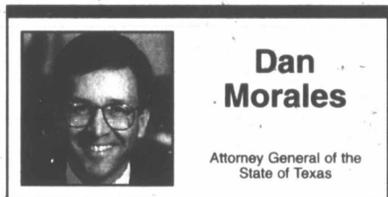
Texans are growing older. By the year 2020, the number of senior Texans will double to four million, up from nearly two million today. Nationwide, a majority of citizens over age 65 own their homes. Most senior citizens have worked hard to own their homes and keep them in good repair.

To many seniors who live in their own homes on reduced income, rising property taxes and appraisals pose a looming threat to their financial security. As attorney general, I fully support efforts to ensure that senior homeowners remain independent and secure in their own homes.

Fortunately, older Texas homeowners of all income levels can take advantage of several senior-friendly tax laws that reduce the taxes they pay on their homes.

Texas requires school districts to provide homestead exemptions for all property owners. Additionally, the law allows districts the option of enacting extra benefits for the elderly. All senior property owners, regardless of income level, are eligible for these extra tax benefits.

All Texas homeowners qualify for a \$15,000 homestead exemption from school taxes on a residence's homestead value. For example, when a home appraised at \$50,000 is granted a



\$15,000 exemption, the tax amount is for a house worth \$35,000. For owners who are age 65 or older, any taxing unit, including a school district, may offer an additional exemption of \$3,000 or more. Seniors should check with their local property appraisal district to learn if this extra benefit is offered on their county or school taxes.

When homeowners turn 65, the amount of their school property tax is frozen until they leave that home. School taxes on that home may decrease but cannot increase as long as that senior (or a surviving elderly spouse) owns and lives in the house. Of course, if the elderly owner makes a significant improvement to the home, such as adding a garage or a game room, then the tax assessment may rise.

Seniors (65 and older) may also take their school property tax ceiling with them should they move to a different home. The ceiling on the taxes paid on the new home would be the same percentage as that on the original home.

For example, if a senior pays \$100 in taxes on a home with assessed taxes of \$400, he or she has a tax ceiling at 25 percent of the assessed taxes. If that senior moves to another home with a tax assessment of \$1,000 then his or her tax would be 25 percent of the taxes assessed on the new home, or \$250.

In Texas, homeowners age 65 or older may defer or postpone paying taxes on their homes as long as they own and live in them. To postpone payments on delinquent property taxes, an over-65 homeowner must file a tax deferral affidavit with the appraisal district.

A senior citizen may also suspend any lawsuit resulting from delinquent taxes by filing a deferral affidavit with the court. The deferral is for all delinquent property taxes levied on the home by any taxing unit (school district, county, etc.).

A tax deferral postpones, but does not cancel, paying a senior citizen's taxes. Once the senior no longer owns the home or lives in it, the past taxes, penalties and interest become due and payable.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, July 27, the 208th day of 1998. There are 157 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 27, 1953, the Korean War armistice was signed at Panmunjom, ending three years of fighting.

On this date:

In 1694, the Bank of England received a royal charter as a commercial institution.

In 1789, Congress established the Department of Foreign Affairs, the forerunner of the Department of State.

In 1861, Union Gen. George B. McClellan was put in command of the Army of the Potomac.

In 1866, Cyrus W. Field finally succeeded, after two failures, in

laying the first underwater telegraph cable between North America and Europe.

In 1940, Bugs Bunny made his official debut in the Warner Bros. animated cartoon, "A Wild Hare."

In 1967, in the wake of urban rioting, President Johnson appointed the Kerner Commission to assess the causes. In Washington, black militant H. Rap Brown called the violence "as American as cherry pie."

In 1974, the House Judiciary Committee voted 27-11 to recommend President Nixon's impeachment on a charge that he had personally engaged in a "course of conduct" designed to obstruct justice in the Watergate case.

In 1995, the Korean War Veterans Memorial was dedicated in

Washington by President Clinton and South Korean President Kim Young-sam.

In 1996, terror struck the Atlanta Olympics as a pipe bomb exploded at the public Centennial Olympic Park, killing one person and injuring more than 100.

Ten years ago: U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar held separate peace talks with the foreign ministers of Iraq and Iran on a cease-fire in the eight-year-old Persian Gulf war.

Five years ago: IBM reported a record \$8.4 billion quarterly loss. Bombs exploded in Rome and Milan, killing at least five people. Boston Celtics star Reggie Lewis died after collapsing on a Brandeis University basketball court during practice; he was 27.

One year ago: United Auto Workers approved a deal to end a six-day strike at a General Motors parts plant that forced four assembly plant shutdowns and threatened GM's entire North American production.

Today's Birthdays: TV producer Norman Lear is 76. Movie and drama critic Vincent Canby is 74. Actor Jerry Van Dyke is 67. Sportscaster Irv Cross is 59. Actor John Pleshette is 56. Singer Bobbie Gentry is 54. Actress-director Betty Thomas is 50. Olympic gold medal figure skater Peggy Fleming is 50. Singer Maureen McGovern is 49. Actress Janet Eilber is 47. Actress Roxanne Hart is 46. Rock musician Karl Mueller (Soul Asylum) is 35. Rock singer Juliana Hatfield is 31. Actor Julian McMahon is 30.

Americans have right to bear arms



The easiest way to resolve, in your own mind, the gun control debate is to take this little test.

1. Do you believe you have a right to live?
2. Do you believe your spouse and children have a right to live?
3. If someone is threatening to kill you and your family, do you think you have a right to defend yourself?

That's the objective, yes-or-no part of the quiz, and now here is one final essay question:

How will you defend yourself and your family if you are confronted by an armed intruder or intruders?

You could call 911 unless, as often happens these days, the intruders have taken the trouble to cut your telephone wires before they kick down your door. But if you did get the call off, you still have a problem: The intruders are there in your house and the police aren't.

The sad fact is that, because of logistics, police can't protect you. In more than 99 percent of the cases, by the time the police receive a call, and certainly by the time they arrive, the crime has already been committed.

The hard truth is that when you are confronted by a criminal, you're in the same situation today you would have been if you had lived alone on an isolated ranch on the American frontier. There's nobody at the dance but you and the criminal. You have to

fight. You win, you live; you lose, you die. Simple as that. There's no alternative unless you want to depend on your begging and on some thug's mercy.

But in serious encounters, by the time the cavalry gets there, there will be dead and wounded lying around. The question you have to answer is, Do you want to be among the dead or among the living?

Now you may suppose that you are a glib talker and that when some crack-crazed thug sticks a gun in your face, you can reason with him. That's a very far-fetched supposition. I'd bet on the thug.

Any honest street cop will tell you that the predators roaming around today are far more dangerous than even mob hit men of the past. The hit man would never kill without a reason. Today's thugs kill on a whim for no rational reason at all. And many of them will kill everyone there, including babies and children.

The neototalitarians, sometimes known as the gun control crowd, will repeat the big lie that a gun kept for self-protection is more likely to injure you or your family than a criminal. The flawed study that lie is based on was discredited years ago.

If you take a gun to a gunfight, you may not win; if you don't, you will surely lose. Credible studies by respected scholars with no bias show what common sense tells you — that thousands of Americans every day save themselves from criminal harm by using a firearm — most of the time without having to shoot.

To me there is no more outrageous insult or bigger example of stupidity than a government that is such a gross failure at preventing criminal armed attacks on the population to take the position that the answer is to disarm the future victims.

I take it as a given that any politician who proposes to deny honest people the means to defend their lives and the lives of their children is too evil or too stupid to tolerate in public office.

Some guy once wrote that a characteristic of Southerners is that they take things personally. I know that's true in my case. When I hear some politician talk gun control, I think, "You (expletive deleted), you're endangering my children."

You have a right to own a firearm. Don't let anyone take that right away from you.

Maybe you fancy yourself a tough guy who can disarm the thug and punch his lights out. I'd still bet on the criminal. I know several very tough Korean taekwon do masters, some of them former Korean central intelligence officers, and they all say, in a serious self-defense situation, use a gun.

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Mother gets life term in murder of daughter's ex-boyfriend

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HOUSTON (AP) — A Brownsville woman was sentenced to life in prison today for arranging the murder of a teen-age boy who had jilted her daughter.

Dora Cisneros had received the same sentence four years ago for the 1993 death of 18-year-old Joey Fischer, but she was released in 1996 when her conviction was overturned on appeal.

This morning, Joey's family said a wrong had finally been made right.

"We all think that Joey finally got his justice," said Vernon Nelson, Joey's stepfather. The victim's mother, Corinne Nelson, burst into tears and embraced her family after the sentencing.

"I feel relieved that justice was served," she said. "I hope that it will prevail."

Mrs. Cisneros, 60, was convicted in May on federal charges of participating in a murder-for-hire scheme that involved interstate communication and transportation facilities, specifically telephone calls and travel from Mexico.

Under federal sentencing guidelines, she will not be eligible for parole. In addition to the life sentence, U.S. District Judge Filemon Vela fined Mrs. Cisneros \$25,000.

Before handing down the sentence, Vela asked Mrs. Cisneros whether she had anything to say.

"All of us who are acquainted with you and all of us from my community have to ask — why?" Vela said. Mrs. Cisneros, dressed in green prison garb, declined to respond.

Fischer was shot to death March 3, 1993, as he washed his car before school at his family's home outside of Brownsville. He had broken up with Mrs. Cisneros' youngest daughter, Cristina, about 10 months before.

Mrs. Cisneros' first trial in 1994 drew national attention when details of the bizarre murder plot surfaced.

The defendant, the wife of a prominent Brownsville surgeon, was accused of commissioning her elderly fortuneteller to find someone to kill Fischer. The fortuneteller turned to another client, who then hired two hitmen from Mexico.

Mrs. Cisneros was quickly convicted on a state capital murder charge. But that was overturned when an appeals court found prosecutors provided insufficient jury instructions.

She could not be retried in state court, so federal prosecutors pursued the second trial, moved some 350 miles to the northeast to Houston because of publicity in the Rio Grande Valley.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Mervyn Mosbacher said the verdict and life sentence should give South Texans "a sense that the correct outcome was finally achieved."

The federal trial featured testimony both from the fortuneteller, Maria Mercedes Martinez, and Daniel Garza, a San Antonio housepainter who hired the hitmen. Ms. Martinez, 77, was sentenced to 20 years in prison for her role. Garza is serving a life term.

Defense attorneys have vowed to appeal the second conviction, arguing federal prosecutors failed to prove that interstate facilities were used in the slaying.

Garza testified he discussed the plot with Ms. Martinez during four phone calls he made from Mexico. However, there is no documentation the calls were made.

Prosecutors also presented evidence that a car — with the same license plate listed on the hotel registration of one of the hitmen — crossed the international bridge from Matamoros, Mexico, to Brownsville the day before the slaying.

However, defense attorneys contend the government failed to prove the travel was related to the murder.

Vela denied a defense motion requesting Mrs. Cisneros be released on bond and restricted to her Brownsville home while the case is appealed. She has remained jailed without bond since her federal conviction in May.

Defense attorney David Botsford said he is confident the conviction will be overturned on appeal and that Mrs. Cisneros will again win her freedom.

"We believe that the case will be reversed and that egregious errors were made during trial," he said.

Mrs. Cisneros' husband, who closed his eyes as her sentence was announced, left the courtroom without commenting.

The victim's father, A.J. "Buddy" Fischer Sr., said he had hoped for the life term. But he said his family's ordeal would end only "when the last of her appeals is exhausted and she is locked away for good."



Pampa students were among those attending Oklahoma's oldest and largest band camp at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford. The camp drew over 500 junior and senior high students from four states. Pampans were (front row, from left) Desiree Vigil, Amanda Lee, Carolyn Morse, Holly Myers, Ashleigh McWilliams and Vanessa Fisher. (Back row, from left) Justin Myers, Ryan Bradley, Cory Bromwell, Michael Leland and Douglas Warren.

Around the Lone Star state...

Bids for meteorite fall far short of owners' expectations

MONAHANS, Texas (AP) — A Big Spring man is the proud owner of a soccer ball-sized space rock today after placing the high bid of \$23,000 for the meteorite found by seven West Texas boys.

Mike Craddock bought the object in an auction held via the Internet on Sunday, said Cathi Casper, a spokeswoman for the auction company.

Ms. Casper said Craddock has no apparent scientific interest in the rock but wanted to help the boys who found the meteorite and then had to fight with Monahans city officials to keep it.

"He said that he is a native Texan and he apparently was pretty upset when he read about the rock being taken away from those boys," Ms. Casper said. "He just wanted to help them out."

A telephone listing for Craddock got no answer early today.

High lows break North Texas record

DALLAS (AP) — In Texas, it's hot even when the sun isn't shining. The 82-degree low on Sunday

morning was the 24th time this year that the low temperature was not below 80, according to the National Weather Service. The old record of 23 was set Saturday.

The low temperatures have not been this high since 1980's infamous hot summer, when the lows hovered above 80 for 22 days.

That kind of sustained heat, without any respite in the mornings or evenings, can be deadly, said Charles Gaylor of the Dallas County medical examiner's office.

"It's like running a fever: You can't run a fever indefinitely," Gaylor said. "If your body temperature was raised during the day when you didn't have air conditioning, it just stands to reason that if it doesn't cool off,

you're not going to cool off."

More motorcyclists dying since helmet law change, early figures show

AUSTIN (AP) — A state lawmaker is calling last year's partial repeal of the mandatory helmet law an obvious mistake and vows to reverse it.

Lawmakers last year made wearing a motorcycle helmet optional for riders and passengers 21 and older. Younger people on motorcycles still must wear the head gear.

Early state figures obtained by The Associated Press show an increase in helmetless riders dying in crashes in the first four months after the law changed Sept. 1, 1997.

"I knew when this legislation

passed that it was not going to work," said Sen. Mike Moncrief, D-Fort Worth. "I think it is obvious this legislation is a failure."

Moncrief said the mandatory law needs to be reinstated for all riders when the Legislature next meets in 1999.

Notes: VALLEY TARGETED: State GOP candidates are targeting the Rio Grande Valley this year, contending that the Democrats take the area's residents for granted. They claim the Democrats are ignoring the needs of the Valley. ...

SUBURBAN HEROIN: Investigators say a small blue house on the eastern edge of Plano served as a hot spot for teenagers who wanted to buy heroin. Federal authorities say the house in the Dallas suburb was the epicenter of a drug ring.

Business highlights...

AT&T forms joint venture

LONDON (AP) — In the latest move to expand its reach, AT&T is forming a joint venture with British Telecommunications that will combine their international operations and develop a new Internet-type of network.

The tie-up, announced at a news conference Sunday, follows the failure of an earlier plan by BT to acquire MCI Communications Corp., the No. 2 U.S. carrier behind AT&T. BT was outbid by rival WorldCom Inc.

The new company, which has yet to be named, is expected to have revenues of \$10 billion a year and employ some 5,000 people. It will be based in the eastern United States and will be run by executives from both BT and AT&T. The BT chairman, Sir Iain Vallance, will be its first chairman.

GM, UAW shift negotiations in high gear

FLINT, Mich. (AP) — Round-the-clock negotiations to settle the devastating strikes against General Motors Corp. raised hopes that a settlement in the seven-week dispute was near.

After a week of minimal talks, negotiations shifted into high gear with the surprise announcement Saturday that the automaker had agreed to return disputed stamping dies back to the Flint Metal Center on Sunday.

Twelve tractor-trailer rigs loaded with the dies lined up and entered the stamping plant at mid-afternoon. The drivers honked their air horns as about 200 strikers and supporters filled an intersection to cheer their arrival.

Japanese prime minister eyes economy

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Fresh from victory at home, Japan's incoming prime minister promised anxious neighbors and the United States on Sunday that his top priorities are lifting Japan out of recession and "making a contribution to Asia."

Keizo Obuchi told Secretary of State Madeleine Albright he will overcome his reputation for indecisiveness by following through on a campaign

pledge and have enacted a package of a \$43 billion tax cut and \$71 billion in government spending, U.S. officials said.

Asia's financial crisis tops the agenda for today's meeting of the states of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations with the United States and other countries. Another critical area of concern: last May's nuclear explosions by India and Pakistan.

Tailwind commander rejects financial offer from CNN

NEW YORK (AP) — The commander of the Operation Tailwind military mission in Laos says he rejected CNN's offer of a financial settlement after the network retracted its story that nerve gas was used against American defectors during the mission.

Eugene McCarley, a retired U.S. Army lieutenant colonel, also called apologies offered by CNN founder Ted Turner and Chairman Tom Johnson insincere.

CNN, which retracted its June 7 report about the Vietnam-era mission and fired its two producers, has quietly begun trying to reach settlements with potential lawsuit plaintiffs, Forbes magazine reports in its Aug. 10 issue. At least two law firms have offered to sue CNN on behalf of men involved in the mission, Forbes said.

Job violence risks ranked

WASHINGTON (AP) — Policemen, security guards and taxicab drivers were by far the most likely workers to be attacked or threatened with violence on the job in the mid 1990s, the Justice Department reported Sunday.

While workplace violence touched about 1.7 million Americans in 1996, the most recent year studied, the number of such victims dropped by more than one-fifth over the preceding years, mirroring an overall decline in crime in America.

Three of every five assailants was a stranger to the victim, and intimate relatives and friends were far less involved in workplace violence than in overall attacks.



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Parents' Reservations Put Daughter's Vacation on Hold

DEAR ABBY: I am 16 years old and will be a junior in high school in September. My boyfriend and his parents have invited me on a family vacation with them. About a dozen people will be going.

My parents have known "Ryan" (my boyfriend) and his family for several years. Ryan's parents have offered to talk to mine about this, but so far my parents refuse to let me go. There will be plenty of adults around, and of course Ryan and I would have separate sleeping quarters.

My dad suggested I write to you and ask if you think it would be OK for me to go. He promised that after we receive your reply, we will discuss the issue again. The trip is scheduled for the third week of August, so I need your answer as soon as possible.

TEEN WHO WANTS TO TRAVEL

DEAR TEEN: The circumstances surrounding your vacation appear appropriate. Your boyfriend's parents will be there to supervise, you will have separate sleeping accommodations, and this is a family vacation.

I am sure over the years you and your family have discussed responsible behavior. Since Ryan's parents have invited you, it means they trust you. If you conduct yourself accordingly, I see no reason why you shouldn't go.



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR ABBY: Some people may think my problem is silly, but they don't realize how serious it is to me. Please don't laugh, because I have no control over this, and it is making my life miserable.

My problem is jealousy. I am jealous of all other females, and it has made my life pure hell. I am 37 years old and the mother of two children. I have a good husband, if he can manage to live with me. My family and friends, my husband and even my children think I am way overboard with my feelings of jealousy.

Please help me. This is not a joke. Jealousy is ruining my life.

JEALOUS JULIA IN OHIO

DEAR JEALOUS JULIA: Jealousy is no laughing matter. As you know firsthand, it can make you and those around you miserable.

Until you learn to feel more secure about yourself, you will probably continue to have these feelings. Short-term therapy, focused specifically on this

issue, will help you recognize that your feelings are not based in reality, and will give you useful tools to manage them. You may have to work hard to conquer this, as any counselor will tell you, but it can be done.

DEAR ABBY: Since I have retired, I go shopping with my wife more often. I have noticed women putting their purses or wallets in their shopping carts, then turning their backs on them while they look for items they may want to purchase.

Anyone could easily pick up these purses or wallets and walk away with them. I would like to see fewer women doing this because I'm the type of person who would chase someone I saw taking another's purse. I'd probably end up in the hospital. So for my sake, please advise women to keep their purses with them, not leave them in the carts.

FRANK LAWRENCE, REDWOOD CITY, CALIF.

DEAR FRANK: Far be it from me to endanger your health and safety. Ladies, for Frank's sake, please keep your purses and wallets with you; never leave them unattended.

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Horoscope

TUESDAY, JULY 28, 1998

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

***** Position yourself as a receiver for now. Information that comes forth allows your ingenuity to craft a new idea. Brainstorming proves ultimately successful. Associates spew details, data and ideas, now that you give them the space. Tonight: Accept an invitation out.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** Concentrate on work, and make what you want happen. Others team up with you. A family member supports an ongoing project, maybe financially. Remain assertive with others. A boss is pleased with your ability to follow through. Tonight: Don't forget to work out.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** You express your flirtatious nature. Others cannot resist you. A relationship could be building, but be realistic about what is happening here. Are you wearing rose-colored glasses perhaps? Be honest with yourself, as to the real nature of this person. Tonight: Go with the moment.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** Focus on family. Someone's positive response delights you. Es-

tablish limits, stay sure of yourself and don't back down. Use care with finances; make sure you are clear, especially if signing any papers. Accept a new work offer. Tonight: Your home is your castle.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** You like socializing; now is a prime occasion. You have a lot on your plate. Your inquisitive nature lets someone's creativity surge. Draw the line between what is real and what is imaginary. Sensibility works with an impending love relationship. Tonight: What you want.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** Remain inquisitive about money. You need more information before making a security-related decision. A co-worker is totally unrealistic. In this flurry of activity, don't forget to maintain good health habits. Drink your eight glasses of water a day. Tonight: Pay bills.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** Stay on top of changes. Others keep altering plans, and you keep adjusting to them. It would surprise no one if you tossed your hands into the air. Be realistic about what you can accomplish in one day! A loved one absolutely thinks you walk on water. Tonight: Just ask.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** Take a back seat, and listen to everyone else. Opinions fly; meanwhile, defer making a decision. You have a vision of what you want in your personal life. Let no one stop you from making it happen. Play with financial figures, to see if you can do it. Tonight: Time to yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Success becomes you. Act on the changes you have been mulling over. Others greet the new you very positively. Honor changes, and stay on top of new potential. You have the ability to home in on others. Use this special gift. Tonight: Get into a game of racquetball.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** You are in the limelight. Others seek you out for advice and feedback. You are unclear about your choices. Sort through the possibilities. You could be blocking something that is obvious. A financial benefit might be too good to believe. Tonight: Make a most appearance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Reach out for others. Experiment with new ideas and different styles. Only you can hold yourself back. Break past a self-imposed restriction. Your perspective on a friend could be rapidly changing. If that is the case, set stronger boundaries. Tonight: Rent a movie on the way home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** Emphasize togetherness. Establish limits, then ask for what you want. Feed your imagination by sharing ideas with a special associate. Together, you can make a reality out of what has felt impossible. Your intuition tunes into others. Trust yourself. Tonight: Seek out a close encounter. **BORN TODAY** Actress Lori Loughlin (1964), actress Sally Struthers (1948), musician Rick Wright (1945)

Crossword Puzzle

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Without cream or sugar
- 6 West Pointer
- 11 Composer Copland
- 12 Banish
- 13 Package binder
- 14 Tenant's paper
- 15 Barking animal
- 17 Writer Deighton
- 18 Founder of Detroit
- 22 Eager
- 23 Tops the cake
- 27 At no time
- 29 Trap
- 30 Egyptian symbol
- 32 Chimney part
- 33 Lively
- 35 Little lie
- 38 Warty hopper
- 39 Boise's state
- 41 Asset counter-part
- 45 Madrid mister
- 46 Actress Worth
- 47 Confiscates
- 48 Honshu port

DOWN

- 1 Slugger's need
- 2 Congress creation
- 3 "Exodus" hero
- 4 Weighs
- 5 Prepare for prayer
- 6 Wine-storage areas
- 7 Fire
- 8 Phone part
- 9 Different
- 10 Adolescent
- 16 TV alien
- 18 Fires
- 19 Opposite of "sans"
- 20 Opera star
- 21 Trusting for short
- 24 Brine ingredient
- 25 Test answer
- 26 Garden starter
- 28 "Jurassic Park" baddies
- 31 Life story for short
- 34 Car feature
- 35 Boxing weapon
- 36 Brainstorm
- 37 Snow pile
- 40 Garden aid
- 42 Actress Arthur
- 43 Pen filler
- 44 British brew

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Saturday's Answer

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ingredient	35 Boxing
35 Boxing	weapon
8 Phone part	25 Test
answer	36 Brainstorm
10 Adolescent	37 Snow pile
26 Garden	40 Garden aid
starter	42 Actress
18 Fires	28 "Jurassic
19 Opposite	Park"
of "sans"	31 Life story
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"Give me the phone. That call is for me."

The Family Circus



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SPORTS

Leaf's got his dough, and now he'll throw

By BERNIE WILSON
AP Sports Writer

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Now that he's got his millions, Ryan Leaf can play football.

The rookie quarterback, who led Washington State to the Rose Bowl as a junior, will begin practicing with the San Diego Chargers on Monday after signing a contract that could be worth \$31.25 million for five years.

The contract includes an \$11.25 million signing bonus, the largest ever for a rookie.

With contracts so much bigger these days than in the era of Hall of Fame quarterback Dan Fouts, this is perhaps the most significant signing ever for the Chargers, who have been in a free-fall since making it to the Super Bowl after the 1994 season.

At a news conference Sunday evening, Leaf thanked general

manager Bobby Beathard, who gave up a quarterback's ransom just to be able to take Leaf with the second pick in the April draft.

"I was laughing on my way over, saying, 'Lucky you guys didn't draft Peyton, or he wouldn't be in camp tomorrow,'" Leaf said.

Leaf's holdout lasted two days, costing him four practices. Still, the strong-armed quarterback from Great Falls, Mont., will get into camp before Peyton Manning, taken by Indianapolis with the first pick. Manning is the Colts' only unsigned player.

Leaf said he doesn't want to walk into camp "and feel like I'm a big shot or somebody who held out a couple of days. I really want my teammates and my fellow coaches to realize that I was really anxious to get into camp and I hope my off-season work ethic shows that."

During his brief holdout, Leaf worked out with his roommate and watched videotapes of the Chargers' practices.

"It just wasn't the same," Leaf said.

That'll all change Monday morning, when Leaf starts throwing the ball again. Quarterbacks coach June Jones said it helped that Leaf spent extra time working with him and head coach Kevin Gilbride this summer.

That's something that incumbent starter Craig Whelihan didn't do. Whelihan was 0-7 in relief of Stan Humphries last year.

"It's still too bad he missed repetitions, but he's probably a lot closer than he was on June 1," Jones said of Leaf. That was the date drafted players could begin working out fulltime with their new teams.

The Chargers say they should know by the middle of training

camp who will start the season opener against Buffalo at home on Sept. 6, although it probably will be Leaf.

The Chargers lost their last eight games of 1997 to finish 4-12 and Humphries was driven into retirement because of too many concussions.

Chargers owner Alex Spanos, known for his impatience, told Leaf: "Only you can make things happen. ... Son, just take us where we want to go."

Leaf knows about the expectations and what it took for San Diego to get him.

"I'm just a rookie," Leaf said. "I still have a lot to learn and I'm going to make mistakes. I think everybody knows that, but I think they see promise in the future and that's what I hope comes along. That's going to count on me working hard. I'm not going to let them down."

To move up just one spot in the draft, Beathard sent Arizona two players, including Eric Metcalf; first-round picks this year and next, and this year's second-rounder.

Leaf's basic deal is for six years and \$13.2 million. However, the contract voids after three seasons if Leaf reaches certain statistical levels. The Chargers can then buy back two additional years by paying another \$4 million bonus, said agent Leigh Steinberg, who completed the negotiations late Saturday afternoon.

The range for that contract will be \$25 million for five years. If Leaf does really well, such as playing at Pro Bowl level, the deal would be worth \$31.25 million. Leaf's bonus was bigger than Steinberg sought, but that was a way to keep Leaf's salaries lower against the cap. His 1998 salary will be \$200,000.

Notebook

MOTOR SPORTS

LONG POND, Pa. (AP) — Jeff Gordon was making a mess of the Pennsylvania 500 competition until Dale Earnhardt messed up his hopes for an easy victory.

With 64 of 200 laps remaining in what had been a boring race, Gordon found out why a driver should never be lulled into a false sense of security. And when he did, a crowd of 100,000 at Pocono International Raceway was awakened from its virtual slumber.

Although Earnhardt was leading as a result of some hard driving and a decision not to pit during a caution period just past the halfway point. But here came Gordon, the two-time and defending Winston Cup champion who has replaced Earnhardt as the best stock car driver in the world.

GOLF

GOTEBORG, Sweden (AP) — Laura Davies ended a 10-month winless slump with a six-shot victory in the Chrysler Open, a European tour event. Davies shot a 3-under-par 70 and finished at 8-under 284. Trish Johnson, also closed with a 70 to share second with Raquel Carriedo (73). Last year's U.S. Open champion, Alison Nicholas (73) and was alone in fourth at 291.

TENNIS

STUTTGART, Germany (AP) — Gustavo Kuerten captured his second career title, beating Karol Kucera 4-6, 6-2, 6-4 to win the Mercedes Open. Kuerten became the first Brazilian to win a Grand Slam tournament when he took the 1997 French Open title.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Andre Agassi won a record fourth Legg Mason Tennis Classic title, needing just 50 minutes — the fastest final match on the ATP Tour this year — to defeat Scott Draper 6-2, 6-0.

After finishing out of the top 100 last year for the first time since turning pro in 1986, Agassi rose to a season-high No. 13 after the victory.

MADRID, Spain (AP) — Spain knocked the United States out of the Federation Cup semifinals when Arantxa Sanchez Vicario and Conchita Martinez beat Lisa Raymond and Mary Joe Fernandez 6-4, 6-7 (5-7), 11-9 in doubles for a 3-2 victory. Spain will play Switzerland for the title in September.

SION, Switzerland (AP) — Martina Hingis labored before beating Amelie Mauresmo 6-7 (6-8), 6-4, 6-2 and clinching Switzerland's first appearance in the Federation Cup final. The victory gave the Swiss an unbeatable 3-0 lead over defending champion France. Switzerland went on to win 5-0.

BASEBALL

Cardinals 3, Rockies 1
DENVER (AP) — Mark McGwire ended an 0-for-16 slump with his major league-leading 44th homer as the St. Louis Cardinals beat Colorado 3-1 Sunday night to snap the Rockies' five-game winning streak.

The homer, a 452-foot shot in the fourth inning, broke the Cardinals' mark of 43 set by Johnny Mize in 1940 and was McGwire's first since last Monday.

Royce Clayton's RBI single gave St. Louis a 2-1 lead in the fifth and sent Kent Mercker (6-8) on his way to his first win in eight starts.

Rick Croushore stranded runners at second and third in the eighth to preserve the lead, and Willie McGee added a solo homer in the ninth.

John Thomson (5-7) retired the first 11 hitters he faced before McGwire hit the first pitch onto the left-field concourse.

Flying tire kills three race fans, hurts six others

By MIKE HARRIS
AP Motorsports Writer

BROOKLYN, Mich. (AP) — The three spectators killed and six injured by a flying tire and debris during the U.S. 500 probably never saw it coming.

"Just for a split second, out of the corner of my eye, I caught what looked like something flying," said Mark Kuyers, a spectator from Holland, Mich., who was sitting nearby when the tire and other debris sailed into the stands and struck nine people.

It came from the car driven by Adrian Fernandez, who lost control and slammed hard into the fourth-turn wall.

"I think the people that got hit didn't even see it coming," Kuyers said. "It was completely a freak thing. The tire bounced a couple of times and landed in the walkway."

Michael Terry Tautkus, 49, and Sheryl Ann Laster, 40, both of Milan, Mich., and Kenneth Dale Fox, 38, of Lansing, were killed in the accident, said Lenawee County Sheriff Richard Germond.

Dr. Gregory Baumann, the chief medical director at Michigan Speedway, said two of the people died instantly from the impact of the debris. The third person was taken to a track medical unit, where resuscitation failed.

The spectator deaths were the first in a racing accident at a major event in the United States in more than a decade.

Spectators sitting nearby in the packed stands said the tire did most of the tragic damage, bounding high off the top of the catch-fencing, slamming down and killing two people, then bouncing further up the grandstand into another knot of fans watching the Champ car race at Michigan Speedway.

Tim VanderMel, of Waynesville, N.C., sitting close to Kuyers, said, "I was watching (the tire) come toward the stands and, as people saw it coming down, they just started scrambling. It was almost like it was in slow motion."

Both said track security and medical personnel were on the scene almost immediately. They quickly cleared the grandstand where the tire hit.

The race went on, with few of the teams and drivers, as well as most of the about 50,000 spectators unaware of the tragedy. The crowd was on its feet and cheering when Greg Moore made the last of a record-shattering 62 lead changes on the final lap and held off Jimmy Vasser and Alex Zanardi for the victory.

The race went on because such events are rarely halted unless there is a dangerous situation on the track.

"People came here to watch us race and put on a good show, which we did today," Moore said. "But that tragedy definitely puts a damper on it."

Texas ranks first after high school rodeo finals end

GILLETTE, Wyo. (AP) — Here are the results after the final round of the National High School Finals Rodeo on Sunday.

GIRLS CUTTING

1. Erin Dickson, Lehi, Utah, 150; 2. Jamie McPeake, Lexington, Tenn., 149.5; 3. Katie Wolcott, Willows, Calif., 149; 4. Lacey McCarthy, Dade City, Fla., 148; 5. Heidi Vincent, Sulphur, La., 147.5.

GIRLS CUTTING OVERALL

1. Katie Wolcott, Willows, Calif., 440; 2. Mindy Cox, Bell City, La., 439.5; 3. Erin Dickson, Lehi, Utah, 439; 4. Angelene Manning, Caldwell, Idaho, 438.5; 5. (tie) Lacey McCarthy, Dade City, Fla., and Jamie McPeake, Lexington, Tenn., 437.

BOYS CUTTING 1. Ian Welles, Buffalo, Wyo., 151; 2. Buster Prescott, Jerome, Idaho, 149; 3. Aaron Hughes, Spanish Fork, Utah, 148.5; 4. Ryan Halligan, Draper, S.D., 148; 5. Reed Fischbach, Brandon, Fla., 147.5. BOYS CUTTING OVERALL

1. (tie) Ian Welles, Buffalo, Wyo., and Buster Prescott, Jerome, Idaho, 445; 2. Reed Fischbach, Brandon, Fla., 443; 3. Aaron Hughes, Spanish Fork, Utah, 441.5; 4. Ryan Halligan, Draper, S.D., 440; 5. Levi Taylor, Rose Hill, Iowa, 438.5.

BAREBACK RIDING

1. Dennis Foyil, Guthrie, Okla., 77; 2. Josh Dollins, Sunny Valley, Ore., 72; 3. J.D. Garrett Jr., Belle Fourche, S.D., 70; 4. Cody Demers, Clancy, Mont., 66; 5. Dusty Lavalley, Bezanson, Alberta, 65.

BAREBACK RIDING OVERALL

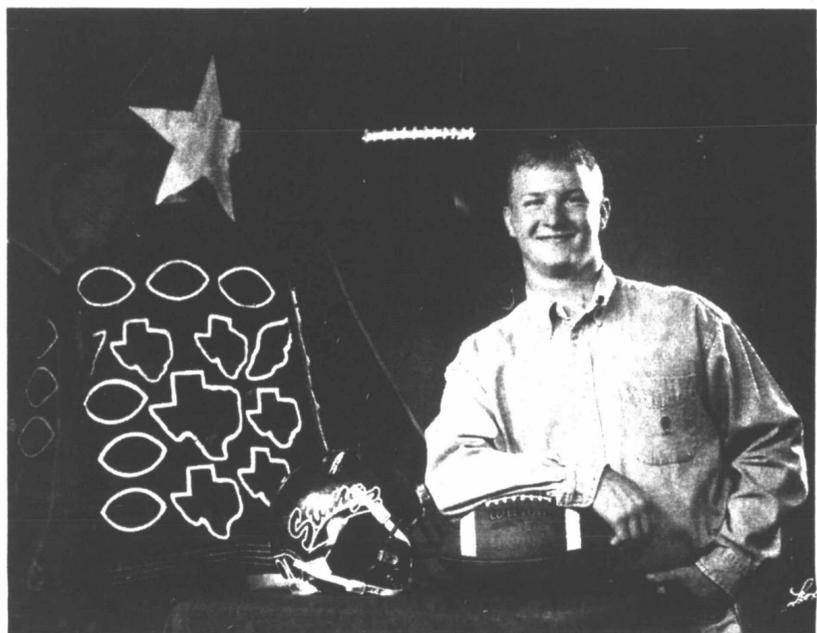
1. Dennis Foyil, Guthrie, Okla., 223; 2. J.D. Garrett Jr., Belle Fourche, S.D., 220; 3. Cody Demers, Clancy, Mont., 202; 4. Jason Bennett, Grand Prairie, Texas, 198; 5. Josh Dollins, Sunny Valley, Ore., 197.

BREAKAWAY ROPING

1. Kaci Riggs, Forney, Texas, 2,528; 2. Gentry Ortiz, Acton, Calif., 2,696; 3. Brittani Brusett, Brusett, Mont., 2,702; 4. Ericka Register, McDavid, Fla., 2,748; 5. Emma Chapman, LaFayette, Ga., 3,161.

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Wheeler running back Jeremy Davis has been selected by the Texas High School Coaches Association to participate in the Southwestern Bell Football All-Star Game in Houston on July 28, 1998. Davis finished with over 1,600 yards rushing during the 1997 season. Davis was an All-District as well as All-State selection, and has been recognized for his athletic abilities by numerous civic organizations.



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Padres 5, Astros 4, to spoil bid for record save number

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Moises Alou spoiled Trevor Hoffman's bid for the major league record for consecutive saves.

Alou opened ninth inning with a game-tying homer off Hoffman, one night after the San Diego closer tied the consecutive saves record of 41 set by Rod Beck with San Francisco from 1993-95.

Alou had struck out Saturday when Hoffman pitched a hitless ninth.

"He was trying to get ahead of me," Alou said. "He did the same thing Saturday and he got ahead of me with a fastball. This time, I was looking for it. I got it and I hit it."

San Diego won the game 5-4 in the 10th on Andy Sheets' two-out single.

Hoffman entered the game to the loud sounds of AC/DC's "Hell's Bells" playing over the public address system, just as he did the previous night. After the music, most of the 41,034 fans stood to cheer for Hoffman.

There was just silence after Alou connected for his 25th homer of the season to tie it at 4.

"That's the way the game of baseball is," Hoffman said. "You may be knocked one day, but you're going to be given the opportunity real quick to come back. (Alou) is the consummate professional and he did what he was supposed to with the pitch I gave him."

The streak ended with a fastball that Hoffman said was supposed to be down and out, but went more to the middle of the plate.

"That pitch could have happened 20 saves ago," said Hoffman, after giving up his first homer in 47 innings this season.

"You can't second guess yourself. All good things must come to an end. It's been a lot of fun along the way and now it's time to start a new (streak)."

Alou was 3-for-12 with one homer in 12 previous at-bats against Hoffman — who has 33 saves this season — before homering over the left-field wall. It was Hoffman's first blown save since last Aug. 22.

"That was a very lifting moment," Astros manager Larry Dierker said. "No one is looking to snap his streak. But we're out to win the game."

The Padres won in the 10th when Andy Sheets' two-out single scored Ruben Rivera from second base.

Rivera hit a two-out double off Mike Magnante (3-5), dropping a fly ball between second baseman Craig Biggio and right fielder Richard Hidalgo. Carlos Hernandez was intentionally walked before Sheets, who entered the game in the top of the inning, hit a liner to left.

"That ball was up in the air too long," Biggio said of Rivera's double. "It has to be caught."

Donne Wall (4-2) picked up the victory after replacing Hoffman to start the 10th. Hoffman set down three straight batters following the tying homer.

"He had a great streak and should be very proud of it," San Diego third baseman Ken Caminiti said. "He's a competitor, he's the gamer. If he blows a save, we turn our heads because he's the best in the business."

Caminiti had a two-run homer and three RBIs to help the Padres (69-36) move 33 games above .500 for the first time in club his-

tory. San Diego won for the 12th time in 15 games.

The Padres took the last two of three games in a series matching NL division leaders, while the Astros finished the season series with a 5-4 edge.

Kevin Brown allowed three runs on seven hits with no walks in eight innings. He matched a career-high with 10 strikeouts and he fanned at least eight for the seventh consecutive game, increasing his season total to 159, third in the NL.

Brown has allowed 27 earned runs in 90 2-3 innings, encompassing 12 starts and one relief appearance. He was bidding to become the first San Diego pitcher to win 10 straight since Andy Benes in 1991.

Alou's homer saved Mike Hampton from losing his third straight decision in the five starts since he returned from the disabled list after recovering from a strained left groin muscle. He gave up four runs and nine hits in six innings.

Since his return, Hampton has allowed 22 earned runs in 28 1-3 innings.

Notes: The Padres haven't won a season series against the Astros since 1992, when they had an 11-7 edge. ... While his teammates took infield practice, Astros pitcher C.J. Nitkowski took advantage of a pregame promotion to hit golf balls into the outfield with pitcher Jose Lima catching them. ... The Padres' Tony Gwynn, in a 11-for-60 slide, didn't start for the second time in five games. ... Andy Hawkins and LaMarr Hoyt share the Padres' record with 11 consecutive wins in 1985.

Scoreboard

National League At A Glance

By The Associated Press. All Times EDT

East Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	69	.36	
New York	54	.48	
Philadelphia	54	.49	
Montreal	40	.65	
Florida	38	.67	.362

Central Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	61	.43	
Chicago	59	.46	
Milwaukee	53	.52	
St. Louis	49	.55	
Pittsburgh	49	.56	
Cincinnati	46	.59	

West Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
San Diego	69	.36	
San Francisco	56	.49	
Los Angeles	54	.51	
Colorado	46	.59	
Arizona	37	.67	

Saturday's Games

Florida 5, Philadelphia 4
Chicago Cubs 3, N.Y. Mets 2
Colorado 5, St. Louis 2
San Diego 6, Houston 5
Cincinnati 9, San Francisco 8
Pittsburgh 4, Atlanta 1
Milwaukee 4, Montreal 3
Arizona 5, Los Angeles 3

Sunday's Games

Philadelphia 10, Florida 9
Atlanta 2, Pittsburgh 1
Chicago Cubs 3, N.Y. Mets 1
Milwaukee 6, Montreal 5
San Diego 5, Houston 4, 10
innings
San Francisco 2, Cincinnati 1,

10 Innings

St. Louis 3, Colorado 1

Los Angeles 5, Arizona 3

Monday's Games

Atlanta (Glavine 14-4) at Cincinnati (Remlinger 6-11), 7:05 p.m.
 Florida (Meadows 9-7) at Houston (Lima 8-6), 8:05 p.m.
 Pittsburgh (Van Poppel 1-0) at Colorado (Brown 1-0), 9:05 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs (Trachsel 9-5) at Arizona (Blair 4-14), 10:05 p.m.
 Only games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

San Francisco (Rueter 10-6) at Montreal (Vasquez 3-8), 7:05 p.m.
 Atlanta (Millwood 11-5) at Cincinnati (Harnisch 7-5), 7:05 p.m.
 Los Angeles (Bohanon 3-6) at Philadelphia (Greene 6-7), 7:35 p.m.
 San Diego (Ashby 14-5) at N.Y. Mets (Nomo 4-8), 7:40 p.m.
 Florida (Ojala 1-0) at Houston (Bergman 9-5), 8:05 p.m.
 Milwaukee (Woodall 4-5) at St. Louis (Bottenfield 3-5), 8:10 p.m.
 Pittsburgh (Lieber 8-10) at Colorado (Astacio 8-10), 9:05 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs (Clark 6-9) at Arizona (Anderson 7-9), 10:05 p.m.

American League At A Glance

East Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	73	.26	
Boston	60	.43	.582
Baltimore	52	.53	
Toronto	52	.54	
Tampa Bay	40	.62	

Central Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	59	.45	
Minnesota	48	.55	

West Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Anaheim	56	.47	
Texas	56	.48	.538
Seattle	48	.56	.461
Oakland	46	.57	

Saturday's Games

Cleveland 6, Detroit 5
 Seattle 4, Baltimore 2
 Chicago White Sox 6, N.Y. Yankees 2
 Boston 5, Toronto 3
 Tampa Bay 7, Oakland 5
 Anaheim 6, Kansas City 5
 Minnesota 7, Texas 6

Sunday's Games

Boston 6, Toronto 3
 Detroit 8, Cleveland 1
 Tampa Bay 3, Oakland 1
 Seattle 10, Baltimore 4
 N.Y. Yankees 6, Chicago White Sox 3
 Minnesota 11, Texas 3
 Kansas City 9, Anaheim 4

Monday's Games

Oakland (Stein 4-5) at Tampa Bay (Rekar 0-2), 6:35 p.m.
 Anaheim (Watson 3-6) at Kansas City (Rapp 9-9), 8:05 p.m.
 Only games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

Baltimore (Ponson 3-6) at Detroit (Powell 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
 Texas (Sele 12-7) at Toronto (Clemens 12-6), 7:05 p.m.
 Minnesota (Radke 9-8) at Kansas City (Rusch 6-12), 8:05 p.m.
 Tampa Bay (Arrojo 11-6) at Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 5-4), 8:05 p.m.
 Cleveland (Nagy 8-6) at Seattle (Johnson 9-9), 10:05 p.m.
 Boston (Wakefield 11-5) at Oakland (Haynes 7-3), 10:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees (Cone 14-3) at Anaheim (Dickson 9-7), 10:05 p.m.

Texas sports shorts...

Cowboys Cornerback

WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP) — It seems like Kevin Smith always has something to overcome. Two years ago it was a torn Achilles tendon suffered in the first game of the 1995 season.

This year he's having to overcome a crazy season in which the Dallas secondary had only seven interceptions, lowest in the NFL. Still, the Dallas pass defense yielded only 156 yards per game, best in the league.

The combination of a poor pass rush, an offense that couldn't keep the ball and an injury to Deion Sanders put a lot of the heat on Smith, the right cornerback.

In some games, he responded by holding to keep a wide receiver from breaking open. In some cases, a wide receiver held him and he still got the penalty.

Texas League All-Stars

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — Greg Vaughn of the San Diego Padres drove in four runs for the winners and John Wetteland of the Texas Rangers was the starting pitcher.

Also in the lineup was the New York Mets' Carlos Baerga. Florida's Todd Zeile was batting fourth for the other team. Confused?

It was July 18, 1988, in Little Rock and the venue was the Texas League All-Star game.

The All-Star game is back in town Tuesday night and some of the participants are likely to be in the big leagues before long.

Managers, team broadcasters and beat reporters selected the team.

Arkansas, which won the Eastern Division during the first half of the Texas League season, has six players on the All-Star roster. Chris Haas will start at third base. First baseman Mike Hardge and outfielder Jason LaRiviere are also in the starting lineup. Catcher Stacy Kleiner and outfielder Tyrone Horne are reserves. The only Arkansas pitcher selected was right-hander Jose Jimenez.

Frontier Days Rodeo

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — A Louisiana rodeo cowboy who narrowly missed winning two cham-

pionships at Cheyenne Frontier Days received a nice consolation prize — the all-around title at the "Daddy of 'em All."

Chad Klein of Jackson, La., finished second in the bareback competition and was about two seconds away from winning the bull riding title when he got bucked off.

Klein, one of the top all-around competitors but never a national finals qualifier, walked out of the dusty arena at the close of the 10-day event Sunday satisfied that he gave it his best shot.

"I was just going to let everything go and do my best on every head I got on," said Klein, who also entered saddle bronc riding. "I was bucked off a bull today, but I know I tried my best and that's all I can do."

Defending world saddle bronc champion Dan Mortensen of Manhattan, Mont., and 1997 world calf roping champion Cody Ohl of Orchard, Texas, both walked away with Cheyenne titles for the first time.

High School All-Star Basketball

HOUSTON (AP) — Moses Malone Jr.'s appearance in the Texas High School Coaches Association basketball all-star game is supposed to be an encore to a stellar career. For him, it's all about new beginnings.

Monday night's game at Hofheinz Pavilion — under the retired jerseys of University of Houston stars Otis Birdsong, Clyde Drexler and Hakeem Olajuwon — will be Malone's first of many there as he prepares to become a Cougar himself.

"I can come here and play hard (Monday) and show people what to look forward to next year," Malone said.

The game is part of the annual convention and coaching school sponsored by the THSCA, which expects 12,000 coaches to converge from across the state this week. The football all-star game is set for Tuesday at Rice Stadium.

Malone, who will share time at shooting guard with Virginia-bound Katy product Adam Hall on Monday, is stepping into a whirl of legacies as he takes his game from the Houston suburb of Friendswood to UH's hallowed hall.

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BREAKAWAY ROPING OVER-ALL

1. Kashley Hughes, Model, Colo., 9.065; 2. Angelina Schena, Richfield, Utah, 9.602; 3. Lyndsie Brower, Pocatello, Idaho, 9.806; 4. Kaci Riggs, Forney, Texas, 10.415; 5. Brittani Brusett, Brusett, Mont., 10.442.

CALF ROPING

1. Josh Peek, Pueblo, Colo., 9.3; 2. Matt Shiozawa, Logandale, Nev., 9.481; 3. Cody Richmond, Lincoln, Ark., 9.961; 4. Bobby Alexander, Redmond, Ore., 11.15; 5. Bailey Moore, Mt. Vernon, Mo., 11.185.

CALF ROPING OVERALL

1. Matt Shiozawa, Logandale, Nev., 29.032; 2. Shane Erickson, Yelm, Wa., 32.726; 3. Josh Peek, Pueblo, Colo., 33.222; 4. Bailey Moore, Mont. Vernon, Mo., 33.317; 5. Cody Richmond, Lincoln, Ark., 33.365.

POLE BENDING

1. Anne Beauboef, Deville, La., 19.673; 2. Morgan Figueroa, Banquete, Texas, 20.058; 3. Shyann Haddock, Bosque Farms, N.M., 20.059; 4. Kara Hadley, Plain City, Utah, 20.088; 5. Alison Ochs, Gillette, Wyo., 20.182.

POLE BENDING OVERALL

1. Anne Beauboef, Deville, La., 60.036; 2. Alison Ochs, Gillette, Wyo., 60.206; 3. Kara Hadley, Plain City, Utah, 60.921; 4. Shyann Haddock, Bosque Farms, N.M., 61.096; 5. Morgan Figueroa, Banquete, Texas, 61.569.

STEER WRESTLING

1. Josh Peek, Pueblo, Colo., 4.806; 2. Jake Hannum, Ogden, Utah, 4.968; 3. Tad Bolinger, Buffalo, Wyo., 4.969; 4. Michael Shows II, Beaumont, Miss., 5.239; 5. Bart Bailey, Okmulgee, Okla., 5.247.

STEER WRESTLING OVER-ALL

1. Jed Gines, Kamas, Utah, 14.119; 2. Jeff Miller, Blue Mound, Kan., 15.167; 3. Jake Hannum, Ogden, Utah, 15.379; 4. Bart Bailey, Okmulgee, Okla., 15.741; 5. Tad Bolinger, Buffalo, Wyo., 17.182.

SADDLE BRONC

1. Jesse Bail, Buffalo, S.D., 70; 2. Jesse Segura, Winnemucca, Nev., 69; 3. Jet McCoy, Tupelo, Okla., 67; 4. Chet Johnson, Lusk, Wyo., 65; 5. Bryan Costner, Toponas, Colo., 64.

SADDLE BRONC OVERALL

1. Jesse Bail, Buffalo, S.D., 211; 2. Bryan Costner, Toponas, Colo., 210; 3. Jet McCoy, Tupelo, Okla., 199; 4. Jerad McFarlane, Redmond, Ore., 187; 5. Chet Johnson, Lusk, Wyo., 179.

TEAM ROPING

1. Lane Morrow, Brush, Colo., Justin Hammerich, Ft. Morgan, Colo., 7.132; 2. Jay Tittel, Pueblo, Colo., Chad Draper, Wetmore, Colo., 7.62; 3. Daniel Tucker, Tularosa, N.M., Nano Garza, Mesquite, N.M., 8.457; 4. Jason Buchanan, Richland, Wash., Brent Falon, Yakima, Wa., 8.9; 5. Adam Young, Jacks Valley, Nev., Tad Williams, Schurz, Nev., 9.189.

TEAM ROPING OVERALL

1. Lane Morrow, Brush, Colo., Justin Hammerich, Ft. Morgan, Colo., 23.232; 2. Adam Young, Jacks Valley, Nev., Tad Williams, Schurz, Nev., 23.232; 3. Jay Tittel, Pueblo, Colo., Chad Draper, Wetmore, Colo., 23.232; 4. Daniel Tucker, Tularosa, N.M., Nano Garza, Mesquite, N.M., 23.232; 5. Jason Buchanan, Richland, Wash., Brent Falon, Yakima, Wa., 23.232.

Schurz, Nev., 26.983; 3. Jay Tittel, Pueblo, Colo., Chad Draper, Wetmore, Colo., 27.429; 4. Jason Buchanan, Richland, Wa., Brent Falon, Yakima, Wash., 28.007; 5. Daniel Tucker, Tularosa, N.M., Nano Garza, Mesquite, N.M., 32.045.

GOAT TYING

1. Toni Pallesen, Manila, Utah, 7.769; 2. Dusti Rogers, Rupert, Idaho, 8.078; 3. Tracy Brooks, Hollister, Calif., 8.437; 4. Amanda Kay, Joaquin, Texas, 8.5; 5. Tara Marcussen, Shawnee, Okla., 8.672.

GOAT TYING OVERALL

1. Amanda Kay, Joaquin, Texas, 24.612; 2. Teka Brock, Glendive, Mont., 25.603; 3. Tara Marcussen, Shawnee, Okla., 26.203; 4. Aaryn Wood, Aztec, N.M., 26.29; 5. Tracy Brooks, Hollister, Calif., 26.939.

BARREL RACING

1. Libs Devine, Oconto, Neb., 17.091; 2. Lindsay Sears, Nanton, Alberta, 17.136; 3. Koell Wright, Moriarty, N.M., 17.145; 4. Megan McLeod, Star, Idaho, 17.175; 5. Kara Hadley, Plain City, Utah, 17.277.

BARREL RACING OVER-ALL

1. Libs Devine, Oconto, Neb., 51.691; 2. Megan McLeod, Star, Idaho, 51.778; 3. Koell Wright, Moriarty, N.M., 51.844; 4. Kara Hadley, Plain City, Utah, 52.013; 5. Ginger Edwards, Gillette, Wyo., 52.14

BULL RIDING

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BULL RIDING OVERALL

1. Josh Cutler, Yoakum, Texas, 150; 2. James Crider, Vienna, Mo., 141; 3. Tyler Armstrong, Bassano, Alberta, 139; 3. Bobbie Ehrlich, Hutchinson, Kan., 139; 4. Casey Sweat, Pitkin, La., 138; 5. Cody Buller, Glendive, Mont., 137.

ALL AROUND COWBOY

1. Matt Shiozawa, Logandale, Nev., 680; 2. Jet McCoy, Tupelo, Okla., 642; 3. Jesse Bail, Buffalo, S.D., 595; 4. Josh Peek, Pueblo, Colo., 590; 5. Jeff Miller, Blue Mound, Kan., 570.

ALL AROUND COWGIRL

1. Kara Hadley, Plain City, Utah, 860; 2. Anne Beauboef, Deville, La., 640; 3. Alison Ochs, Gillette, Wyo., 555; 4. Tiffani Burton, Gypsum, Colo., 400; 5. Hayley Atwood, Molalla, Ore., 300.

ROOKIE COWBOY

1. Shane Erickson, Yelm, Wa., 420; 2. B.J. Schumacher, Ontario, Wisc., 165; 3. Will Lane, Hoboken, Ga., 150; 4. Todd Willis, Venus, Fla., 110; 5. Scott Ledoux, Vinton, La., 60.

ROOKIE COWGIRL

1. Tessie McMullan, Bronte, Texas, 110; 2. Annette Hinkle, Tularosa, N.M., 180; 3. Emily Parsons, Marana, Ariz., 170; 4. Margaret Opela, Stapleton, Neb., 40; 5. Megan McLeod, Star, Idaho, 520.

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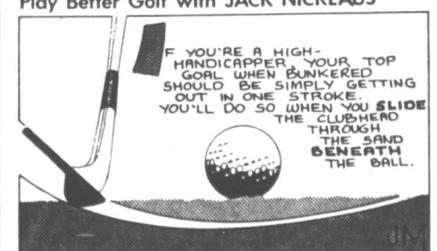
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Doctors believe successful human hand transplant could come sometime this year

By STEVE BAILEY
Associated Press Writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — After three years of work and two years of animal experiments, researchers have been given permission to attempt the world's first successful hand transplant.

While surgeons have been able to reattach severed limbs following accidents for years, they have never been able to successfully transfer a limb from a donor to a living recipient.

But a research team in Louisville is hoping they can accomplish the feat within the next three to six months.

"Potentially, this procedure could be a breakthrough on par with the first kidney and heart transplants," said Gordon Tobin, a University of Louisville professor of surgery. "It all depends on how successful it proves to be once it is done and perfected."

The University of Louisville School of Medicine Human Studies Committee and Jewish Hospital Institutional Review Board granted approval after researching the idea for more than three years and analyzing the findings of an international symposium on the idea held last November.

An ideal candidate for the surgery would be someone between 18

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and 65 who has had part of an arm amputated below the elbow. A donor hand would be sought through existing organizations that coordinate transplants of organs such as hearts, lungs and kidneys.

Researchers said the eight- to 12-hour procedure should not be as tricky as a typical limb reattachment, or replantation, which often involves crushed or mangled bones, tendons and ligaments.

But at least one surgeon expressed concern over the plan. "It's very, very risky and I think they're pressing the envelope with this," said Matthew Tomaino, chief of microsurgery for the University of Pittsburgh's orthopedic surgery department.

Tomaino cited the risk of death from drugs given to prevent the body from rejecting the limb. The drugs suppress the immune system.

"The risks from taking these drugs, which the recipients will have to take for the rest of their lives, have not warranted the transplant of a non-vital organ," he said Thursday.

Tomaino also said the chances of the recipient ever experiencing much, if any, real feeling in the transplanted hand are minimal.

Members of the team, however, believe that a recipient potentially could experience some motion six to eight weeks after surgery, a wider range of motion after six months and some sensation after a year.

South American doctors attempted a similar procedure in 1964 but the donor hand was rejected in only 14 days. Medical and technological advancements have made the procedure more feasible and the risk of rejection more manageable, the doctors said.

Tobin said the transplant could lead to other breakthroughs. "The potential applications, as one gets into other body parts, are limitless," Tobin said. "If it can be done with a hand, it can be done with any part of the human anatomy."

Doctor: Sperm taken from man after death leads to pregnancy

By JANE E. ALLEN
AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Sperm taken from the body of a dead man was used to impregnate his widow, who is now a month along in her pregnancy, according to the urologist who performed the procedure.

The woman asked to remain anonymous at least until she reaches the end of her first trimester, said Dr. Cappy Rothman, director of the Center for Reproductive Medicine at Century City Hospital.

The Los Angeles man, who was in his early 30s and happily married when he suddenly died of an allergic reaction, had no children. But after his death, his wife asked that his sperm be retrieved and preserved.

Rothman, a male infertility specialist, led a team that went to the coroner's office and extracted sperm from the epididymis, the tubes behind each testis where sperm mature. He then froze the sperm.

The sperm were used to fertilize eggs from the widow, who is in her late 20s, about 15 months after her husband died. One of the fertilized eggs implanted in her uterus led to the pregnancy, said Rothman, who also is medical director of the California Cryobank, which

stores sperm and embryos.

Rothman has performed or supervised the sperm extraction procedure about a dozen times since 1978, when he retrieved sperm from the body of a man killed by a vehicle. But he said this pregnancy follows the first time a family asked that a dead man's frozen sperm be taken off ice and used.

"I do it so the family has hope and feels a little better," he said in an interview Wednesday from his vacation home in Port Angeles, Wash.

In each previous case, he found that "for whatever reason, being able to do it lessened their pain, lessened their grief and gave them something to focus on other than the death of their loved one."

It's not unusual for a man to have his sperm frozen if he knows he is ill or dying. But for others to make that decision after his death is nearly unheard of. In a highly publicized case, a British woman became pregnant using sperm from her comatose, terminally ill husband.

Arthur Caplan, director of the Center for Bioethics at the University of Pennsylvania, said the Los Angeles case represents "the first publicly admitted post-mortem sperm procurement pregnancy."

It was first reported in a story appearing in the New Scientist magazine.

Women's depression... Three times when most likely

HOUSTON - There are three times in a woman's life when she is at higher risk for depression.

"The greatest risk for depression occurs a week-to-10 days before the period starts, after the birth of a child, and one-to-two years before menopause. In general, women's depression falls between the ages of 22 and 45," said Dr. Lucy Puryear, director of the Women's Clinic at Baylor College of Medicine's Department of Psychiatry.

Premenstrual dysphoric disorder (PMDD) can occur each month before a woman's menstrual period. It affects six-to-eight percent of women and can be severely disabling.

"PMDD shouldn't be confused with the common PMS symptoms of slight tearfulness and irritability," she said. "Women with PMDD cannot function during the week-to-10 days before their period."

Symptoms include an inability to work or go to school, excessive crying, and relationship problems. Once the period begins, the woman's functioning returns to normal.

Treatment with anti-depressants provides immediate relief of the symptoms. "Other types of depression need three-to-six weeks for the medication to take effect. It is not clear why PMDD responds differently," Puryear said.

Women with PMDD have the same hormone levels as other women, but women with PMDD

may be more vulnerable to hormonal changes before their period.

Post-partum depression occurs in one out of 10 women and can last for six months to a year if left untreated. Not to be confused with the "baby blues" which can last for a couple of weeks, women with post-partum depression feel extreme sadness and guilt and are unable to function and to enjoy caring for their baby.

"Post-partum depression interrupts the bonding between a mother and child," Puryear said. "The newer anti-depressants allow mothers to continue breast feeding while being treated."

Researchers believe the rapid drop in estrogen that occurs immediately after birth triggers the depression. Prevention tactics being studied include using oral estrogen or estrogen patches to taper the estrogen decline.

"Women who have been sensitive to hormonal changes in the past should be watchful for signs of major depression one-to-two years before menopause," Puryear said.

Estrogen replacement therapy will treat the mild tearfulness and moodiness that women often experience before menopause, but anti-depressants are needed to treat severe depression.

"Not getting out of bed, not functioning, and wishing you were dead is not a normal part of menopause," Puryear said.

Managed health care firm says doctors routinely fail in proper care

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — One of the nation's largest managed care companies found that its physicians routinely fail to give patients drugs and tests proven to work against conditions ranging from heart disease to diabetes.

United HealthCare looked at patient records of 1,600 cardiologists and internists in Colorado, North Carolina, Ohio and Texas. It reviewed treatment of diabetes, congestive heart failure, heart attack and atrial fibrillation, prescription of diuretics and mammography screening.

It found that many cardiologists failed to prescribe widely recommended drugs such as beta blockers for heart attack survivors and ACE inhibitors for chronic heart-failure patients. Current medical literature says the drugs are essential in most cases to a patient's continued health.

Care was also found to be wanting for diabetics.

Doctors gave glucose-monitoring tests to 59 percent of diabetics in Ohio, 60 percent in North Carolina, 65 percent in Colorado and 67 percent in Texas during one year.

It is generally recommended that diabetics get at least one glucose-monitoring test per year. Otherwise, diabetic patients can go blind, suffer

strokes or heart attacks, require amputations or experience kidney failure.

United HealthCare spokesman Phil Southeray said Wednesday there were some flaws in the data, but "we feel the numbers were good enough to show there are areas of concern that need to be addressed."

United said the information was gathered to allow doctors to evaluate whether care needs to

be improved.

About 8 percent of United's 200,000 doctors nationwide were surveyed. The company plans to extend the survey to 20,000 doctors by the end of the year and by next year hopes to survey most doctors in its network.

The findings echoed previous research that said medical care for average Americans often is not up to accepted standards.

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Study: Substance that cuts tumor's blood supply might aid radiation

NEW YORK (AP) — Angiostatin, a drug that has helped eliminate tumors in mice, has also shown promise in treating cancer in the rodents when combined with radiation therapy, according to a study published today.

The combination worked far better than either treatment alone, researchers from the University of Chicago and elsewhere report in the journal Nature. The combination attacks newly forming blood vessels that the tumor creates to assure a blood supply.

The study combined radiation treatment with

low doses of angiostatin, already known to inhibit the formation of blood vessels for tumors. Scientists studied the effects on tumors that were transplanted into the mice — including some from humans.

Radiation is a standard cancer treatment, but tumor cells can develop resistance through genetic mutations. Blood vessels aren't prone to mutations, which makes them more vulnerable to radiation in the combined treatment, the researchers said.



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