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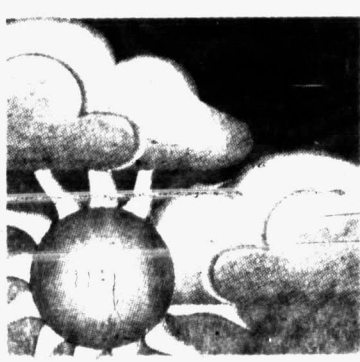
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Low tonight is 47.
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WASHINGTON (AP) — Mirroring the rift between Republicans and Democrats on the House Judiciary Committee, the two Texans on the panel weighing an impeachment inquiry against President Clinton staked out differing positions today.

Rep. Lamar Smith, R-San Antonio, urged the launching of an impeachment inquiry, saying: "The committee now has a constitutional responsibility to fulfill. If we are to do so and seek the truth, we must proceed with our inquiry."

But Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee of Houston, one of 16 Democrats on the panel, criticized the drive towards an inquiry, questioning the investigation of a "public official's private behavior or his behavior before he attained federal office."

"We have not yet undertaken any of the responsibilities the Constitution imposes on us," she said.

No winner in latest Lotto Texas

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

The winning numbers were worth an estimated \$18 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were: 14-20-25-26-32-44.

If sales continue as expected, Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$23 million.

- Herman Braden "Preacher" Alverson, 88, Phillips Petroleum Company retiree.
- J.D. Hale, 73, retired mechanic.
- James S. Stroope, Jr., 65, father of a Pampa resident.

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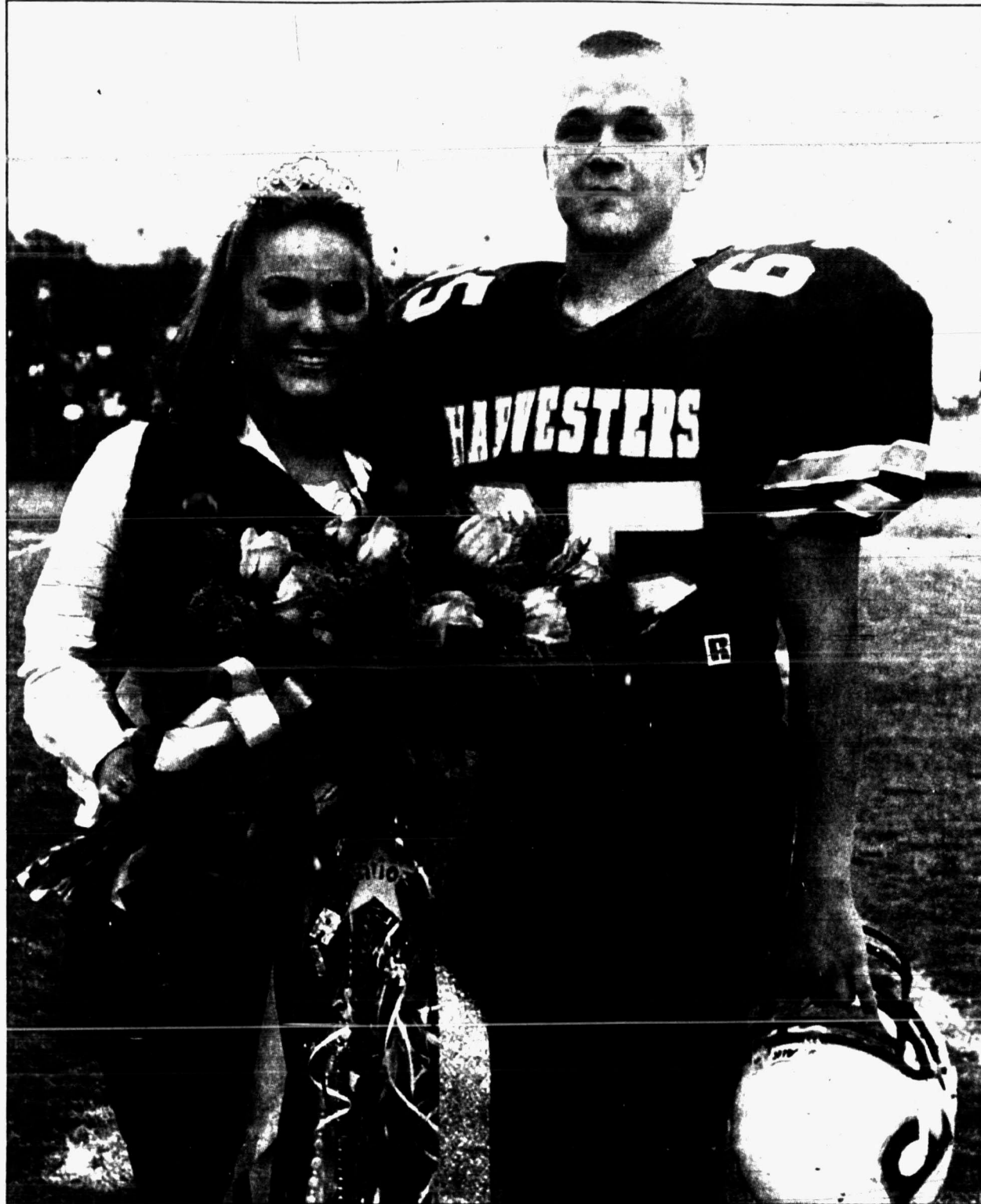
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(left) Lori Lindsey, daughter of Tommy and Susie Lindsey, and Colby Street, son of Matt and Jamie Street, were selected as the 1998 PHS Homecoming King and Queen prior to Friday night's game. See tomorrow's edition for more pictures of the event.

Siren testing helps reveal good, bad of new system

By JEFF WEST
Staff Writer

It was a case of good news and bad news recently when the city sounded the emergency sirens for a citywide school tornado drill.

The good news was that the drills themselves went well, according to Pampa Emergency Coordinator Ken Hall. He said all the schools responded well to the drill. He said the high school got everyone where they should be in three and a half minutes, which he believes was a very good time.

The bad news, although not really unexpected news, was that the sirens couldn't be heard very well at any of the schools. Hall said that some of the offices near windows could hear them faintly but the sirens couldn't be heard in the interiors of the school.

Hall points out that the sirens were designed to be outside warning devices, not really designed to be heard inside buildings.

He said the test is more incentive to try and get radio monitors. The monitors would act much as weather monitors do near NOAA weather radio stations. In this case, whenever

someone from Hall's office set off the sirens, the monitors would be set off also. The problem so far is finding a frequency that will work with the monitors. Hall hoped to use the four county repeater, which is used by emergency personnel, but the signal doesn't appear to be strong enough to work with the build-in-antenna, according to Hall.

Besides the monitors, Hall said the City Commission had expressed interest in buying three more sirens for the city, placing them in the center of the city: One in the north, one downtown, where there is a problem hearing the sirens now, and one in the south part of the city. That still would not provide indoor alerts for all, but would give greater coverage to a number of citizens, Hall said.

He also said that he had considered discontinuing the voice messages that went along with the tones from the sirens, but then he heard from some people with hearing difficulties. He said some people can not hear the tones because of the high pitch but could hear the rumbling of the voice well enough to at least know that the sirens had gone off.

Celanese teams up with PEDC to attract business

By JEFF WEST
Staff Writer

The Pampa Economic Development Corporation and Celanese have announced a partnership to attract certain kinds of companies to Pampa.

The kinds of companies the two are hoping to attract would be those that use the products that Celanese makes, or that make the kinds of products that Celanese uses.

Pampa Celanese Site Director Riley R. Kothmann said, "This is a unique opportunity to combine the resources, talents and incentives that the city has to offer with things that the Celanese site has to offer."

Kothmann, who is also a PEDC board member, said that among the other things Celanese can offer prospective companies, they can offer land (which Celanese owns surrounding their plant), a way to dispose of hazardous waste by-products, and an infrastructure to help support a plant. By infrastructure, Kothmann was referring to the water, electricity and other amenities a plant would need to operate.

He said when an eligible and interested party is found, the efforts the PEDC normally make could be supplemented by bringing the credibility and prestige of Celanese to the negotiation table.

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Celanese Site Director Riley Kothmann shows an aerial photo of his plant and some of the surrounding land to PEDC Director Lew Mollenkamp.

Drought of 1998 costs ranchers millions

By CHRIS NEWTON
Associated Press Writer

LULIA, Texas (AP) — Cattle rancher John Van Pelt ruminated through his pocket, pulled out a crisp \$100 bill and held it next to one of his scrawny animals.

"I might as well be tying one of these to the tail of every animal I have to sell," Van Pelt said as he looked out over the dusty pens holding dozens of cattle. "That's what I've lost this year. That's what most people are losing this year. This one is putting people out of the business."

After the punishing drought of 1996, which pushed many ranchers to the brink of bankruptcy or beyond, 1998 was supposed to be the year for them to rebound. That's made this summer's brutal, unrelenting heat even more tragic.

B.R. Carter of Sundown was among those who barely made it two years ago.

"If you had a good bank and a little fortune you probably made it through 1996," Carter said. "We were able to stick it out even when it looked like we might not be able to for a while."

A wet winter gave Carter hope that his faith would be rewarded with a prosperous summer ranching season. Then temperatures began soaring into the 100s for days at a time.

"Everything just dried up. It looked like a wasteland out here, like a bomb had dropped — like the dead of winter," Carter said. "All the grass died, everything died. That was when I knew we were in big trouble."

Without grass to feed their cattle, ranchers found themselves trying to sustain their herds with

expensive feed. Most wallets were emptied long before cattle reached their optimum weights.

And now, after months of little rain, ranchers are dealing with the final consequence of the drought of 1998: cattle that fetch hundreds of dollars less at auctions across the state.

In August, when cattle prices begin to peak, steer was selling at \$58.70 per hundredweight, compared with \$67.15 during the drought of 1996. In 1994, considered a good year, the price was \$70.26 per hundredweight.

Texas Agricultural Extension

Service researchers say this year's cattle losses are projected at \$451 million because of premature sales, lower cattle prices and added feed costs.

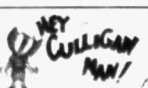
Everyone knows somebody who has had to hang up their hat this year, Carter said. "No one will get out untouched."

In South Texas, Elmo Lopez's water well ran dry in June. Shortly thereafter, his first calf died, yelping and moaning from heat exhaustion.

In the days that followed, Lopez lost eight head of cattle.

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Services tomorrow

ALVERSON, Herman Braden "Preacher" — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.
STROOPE, James S. Jr. — Mass, 10 a.m., St. Theresa Catholic Church, Panhandle.

Obituaries

HERMAN BRADEN 'PREACHER' ALVERSON

Herman Braden "Preacher" Alverson, 88, of Pampa, died Sunday, Oct. 4, 1998. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor of Central Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery with graveside rites courtesy of Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.



Mr. Alverson was born Jan. 20, 1910, near Whitewright, Texas. He married Veda Mae Thomas on July 30, 1929; she died July 20, 1998. He had been a Pampa resident since 1941. He worked for Phillips Petroleum Company, retiring in 1972 after 34 1/2 years of service.

He was a member of Central Baptist Church and Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Peggy Louise McKnight, in 1981; four brothers; and three sisters.

Survivors include a daughter, Alma Ruth McBride of Pampa; a grandchild; and three great-grandchildren.

The family will be at 2329 Chestnut in Pampa and requests memorials be to Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis, Pampa, TX 79065 or to Pampa Meals on Wheels, P.O. Box 939, Pampa, TX 79066-0939.

J.D. HALE

STIGLER, Okla. — J.D. Hale, 73, died Thursday, Oct. 1, 1998, at a hospital in Fort Smith. Services were to be at 10 a.m. today in First Freewill Baptist Church with the Rev. Tommy Honeycutt and the Rev. Rick Stout officiating. Burial will be in Antioch Cemetery under the direction of Mallory Funeral Home of Stigler. Military rites will be conducted by Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 4446 of Stigler.

Mr. Hale was born Oct. 16, 1924, to Clyde and Ora Hale at Madill, Okla. He was a retired mechanic. He was a member of First Freewill Baptist Church where he enjoyed singing.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Clyde Nadine; three sons, David Hale, Wayne Hale and Billy Hale; and a brother.

Survivors include a daughter, Tresea Hays of Stigler; a son, James D. Hale of Poteau, Okla.; a sister, Mildred Hearon of Durant, Okla.; 11 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

JAMES S. STROOPE JR.

PANHANDLE — James S. Stroope, Jr., 65, father of a Pampa resident, died Saturday, Oct. 3, 1998. Rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. today in St. Theresa Catholic Church with Monsignor M.J. Matthiesen officiating. Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday in St. Theresa Catholic Church with the Rev. Terry Burke of Amarillo officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery at Groom under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Panhandle.

Mr. Stroope was born at Amarillo. He married Carol Britten on Nov. 12, 1952, at Groom. He had been a Panhandle resident since 1952, moving from Groom. He was an inspector at Pantex and was in the cattle business. He was a member of St. Theresa Catholic Church and International Association of Machinists, Local #1255, serving as union steward.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Donna Gayle Stroope, in 1961.

Survivors include his wife, Carol; two daughters, Laurie Tension of Pampa and Selisa Ann McLein of Panhandle; a brother, Wayne Stroope of White Deer; and two grandchildren.

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

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Axtell's Grain of Pampa:			
Wheat	2.84	up	1/8
Mill	1.51	dn	1/16
Corn	1.51	dn	1/16
Soybeans	1.51	dn	1/16
The following show the price for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:			
Magellan	91.74	dn	1/16
Puntan	18.04	dn	1/16
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa:			
Ames	54 15/16	dn	9/16
Arco	21 5/16	dn	15/16
Cabot	23 7/8	dn	5/16
Cabot O&G	16	dn	1/8
Chevron	89	up	1/8
Coca-Cola	59 3/16	up	1/4
Columbia H.A.	20	dn	1/16
Luton	52 1/2	up	5/8
Halliburton	38 3/16	dn	5/16
IBM	217 1/4	dn	3/16
KSI	49 5/8	dn	1/8
Kerr-McGee	45 1/16	up	5/8
McDonald	37 1/2	up	1/2
Mobil	38 3/4	up	1/4
New Amos	28 3/4	dn	1/8
NEI	49 5/8	dn	1/8
Penney's	44 1/8	dn	1/4
Phillips	47 7/16	dn	1/8
Pioneer Nat. Bk.	13 5/8	up	1/8
SEI	48 5/8	up	1/16
Tenneco	42 3/8	dn	1/8
Texaco	61 7/8	up	1/8
Ultranam	53 3/8	dn	1/2
Will Mar	55 1/16	dn	1/8
Williams	150 1/8	up	1/8
West. Stock Fund	299 5/8	dn	1/8
Silver	5.14	dn	1/16
West Texas Crude	15.67	dn	1/16

Police

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

Saturday, October 3

Frederick Antonio Jackson, 21, 1149 Prairie, was arrested on charges of failure to appear, no insurance and no valid drivers license.

Sunday, October 4

Peter G. Rodriguez, 31, was arrested on a warrant.

Burglary was reported in the 100 block of S. Frost.

Monday, October 5

Desmond P. Jackson, 35, 1116 Prairie, was arrested on charges of parole violation and warrants.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, October 3

Lionel Anthony Larkin, 34, Davis Motel, was arrested on charges of theft.

Aaron Randal Jones, 18, Lefors, was arrested by the Lefors City Marshall on charges of being a minor in possession.

Chad Henson Young, 20, Lefors, was arrested by the Lefors City Marshall on charges of being a minor in possession.

Sunday, October 4

Roberto Anquiano Sr., 56, 128 S. Sumner, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Jeremy Joe Hernandez, 20, 404 N. Somerville, was arrested by the DPS on charges of disorderly conduct.

Lois Michelle Stehling, 30, 1031 N. Sumner, was arrested on charges of theft of property by check.

Michael Ray Bybee, 36, McLean, was arrested by the DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated and possession of marijuana.

Accidents

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

Friday, October 2

Jess Baker Jr., 18, 1500 Hamilton, was cited for failure to yield right of way when he pulled his 1990 Ford pickup into the intersection at Worrell and Russell in front of a 1989 Chevrolet pickup driven by Kim Powell, 34, 1814 Hamilton. No injuries were reported.

Sunday, October 3

Heath Allan Keeton, 16, Amarillo, was charged with failure to maintain financial responsibility, and failure to leave information after his 1991 Cutlass struck the legally parked 1998 Ford belonging to Eugene Neil Latcock, 1121 Juniper, while on the Hardee's parking lot. No injuries were reported.

Ambulance

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

Saturday, October 3

7:39 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of W. 25th and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

8:15 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of Bradley. No one was transported.

10:21 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to a local nursing facility.

2:18 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to the 2100 block of N. Dwight.

3:07 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of E. Frederic. No one was transported.

11:24 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of N. Dwight. No one was transported.

Sunday, October 4

3:03 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Garland and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

8:04 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Hilton and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

8:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2300 block of Chestnut and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

8:39 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of Roberta and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

9:05 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony's in Amarillo.

Fires

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

Saturday, October 3

9:45 p.m. — One unit and one personnel responded to the 700 block of Douchette on a smoke scare.

Sunday, October 4

8:46 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to the 600 block of Roberta on a medical assist.

Business

Celanese products can be used by pharmaceutical manufacturers, and for food preservatives. The company also uses ethanol to make ethyl acetate. While Celanese manufactures ethanol, it can use more than it can produce, according to Kothmann. A process of manufacturing ethanol using grain

also produces a fermented grain product which Kothmann said is a popular among cattle feeders. He said this is one type of business, that the two entities may try and attract.

Representatives from Celanese and the PEDC will start working on a target list right away, according to PEDC director Lew Mollenkamp, using both PEDC and Celanese Contracts.

Ranchers

and three more calves.

His losses, along with the desert-like terrain of his ranch near Laredo, speak volumes about the trials he has endured this year.

"It's hard to watch an animal die like that," Lopez said. "You want to be able to sell them but you never want to watch them die. This heat has been incredible."

Lopez has also had to take cattle to auction early this year because of the hay shortage.

"When you can't feed them, you don't really have a choice," he said. "Some money is better than no money and no money is what I get if they starve."

Larry Boleman, an extension service economist, said 20 percent to 30 percent of ranchers have followed suit and sold their entire herds.

"Most others have reduced down to 50 percent; if they haven't they should have," he added.

Meteorologists predict little relief. The weather phenomenon called La Nina is expected to cause an unusually warm and dry winter, prolonging the drought until next spring.

To help mitigate the crisis, the

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federal government is considering a bill that would provide \$75 million in assistance for ranchers.

Meanwhile, Gov. George W. Bush has ordered the temporary suspension of a state law requiring a commercial license for people hauling hay beyond 150 miles of their homes.

Bush said he hoped suspending the law would free up commercial hauling of hay to desperate ranchers.

"Having the Texas Guard distribute hay is a feasible option we are looking at," said Bush spokeswoman Linda Edwards.

"But private transportation companies are starting to express interest in the transportation of hay, and we want to see first if that will provide the solution."

The drought in Texas has made heroes of ranchers in other states who have tried to help.

Wichita, Kan., ranchers Leslie and Jack Hale organized a relief effort that yielded donations of 99 large round bales and 550 small square ones, an estimated \$11,000 worth of fodder.

"It was overwhelming," Mrs. Hale said. "They just cheered when we pulled in."

For Rusk cattle rancher Mark Turney, the shipment couldn't have come soon enough. Turney and 75 other ranchers each

received one round and seven square bales.

"Some of my pastures haven't had any rain at all since April," said Turney, who owns 24 beef and dairy cows. "Winter looks bleak, but I'm just trying to get through the summer right now."

Indiana officials hope to send thousands of bales of hay to Texas and Oklahoma over the next two months to help ranchers whose own fields are too parched to provide food for livestock.

County extension offices will field calls from farmers willing to donate hay until Thanksgiving.

But for an industry that was already ailing, hay donations are at best a stopgap measure.

"This year is nothing short of a disaster and we may not see the final price tag until this fall," Boleman said. "We need rain and we need the drought to break or a lot of small ranch owners may be forced out."

While Carter acknowledges that his profession isn't easy, he just smiles at the notion that recent misfortunes could drive him from the cattle business.

"We're in this until the end," Carter said. "It's a way of life for me and I'm not into giving up. There's always hope for next year. We just have to hold on."

One dead after balloon hits power line and crash

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — A hot air balloon carrying 13 people struck a power line and crashed, killing one person and injuring at least eight others aboard.

The balloon, which was not among those registered for the Kodak International Balloon Fiesta, split apart when it hit the power line at Kirtland Air Force Base. Its extra-large wicker gondola separated from the balloon and plunged 18 feet.

Three or four of those hurt were critically injured, and most of the others sustained injuries

including broken bones and cuts, said Col. Jim Stevens, a Kirtland spokesman.

A medical investigator was called to the scene, a remote desert area of the base near a road. Investigators stretched yellow crime scene tape around the site of the crash.

Hundreds of hot air balloons are in the city for the 27th annual international balloon fiesta, which began Saturday and runs through Oct. 11.

The fiesta temporarily halted flying events this morning because of winds, but some pilots were flying at their own discretion during that time.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
 Partly sunny today with a high of 63 and a north to northeast wind between 10 and 20 mph. Tonight, 20 percent chance of rain with a low of 47.

Tomorrow, partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms and a high in the mid-60s.

REGIONAL FORECAST
WEST TEXAS — Panhandle — Tonight, cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Lows around 40. North to northwest winds 5-15 mph. Tuesday, cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers. Highs in the upper 50s. Northwest winds 5-15 mph becoming light and variable in the afternoon. Low Rolling Plains — Tonight, mostly cloudy. A slight chance of showers. Lows 45-51. Tuesday, mostly cloudy. A slight chance of showers. High in the mid to upper 60s. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Tonight, increasing clouds. A slight chance of showers. Lows 50 to 55.

Tuesday, mostly cloudy. A slight chance of showers. Highs in the upper 60s north to near 75 lower trans pecos. Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau — Tonight, mostly cloudy. A

chance of showers. Lows in the 50s. Tuesday, mostly cloudy. A chance of showers. Highs in the upper 60s to lower 70s. Far West Texas — Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows 50 to 55. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s. Tuesday night, fair. Lows 45 to 50. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows from the mid 40s northern mountains to mid 60s along the Rio Grande. Tuesday, partly to mostly cloudy. Highs mid 60s northern mountains to near 90 along the Rio Grande.

NORTH TEXAS — Tonight and Tuesday, cloudy and cooler. A chance of showers west. Showers and thunderstorms likely remainder of area. Lows 51 northwest to 72 southeast. Highs 67 to 77.

SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, mostly cloudy with showers and thunderstorms likely. Some storms will produce locally heavy rain. Lows in the mid 60s to lower 70s. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast — Tonight, mostly cloudy with scattered showers or thunderstorms. Some storms may be severe or will produce locally heavy rain. Lows in the 70s. Coastal Bend and the Rio

Grande Plains — Tonight, partly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows near 80 coast to the upper 70s inland. Tuesday and Tuesday night, mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Highs near 90. Lows in the mid 70s to lower 80s. Deep South Texas — Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows near 80. Tuesday and Tuesday night, mostly cloudy and breezy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s coast to the 90s inland. Lows in the lower 80s coast, upper 70s inland.

BORDER STATES
NEW MEXICO — Tonight, partly cloudy. Few flurries mainly over northern mountains. Chilly with freezing temperatures likely northern valleys. Lows 20s and 30s mountains and north with upper 30s and 40s elsewhere. Tuesday and

OKLAHOMA — Tonight, mostly cloudy. A chance of showers and thunderstorms southeast. Lows in the 40s north and 50s elsewhere. Tuesday, partly to mostly cloudy. Lows upper 30s northwest to lower 50s southeast. Highs in the 60s north, 70s south.

Tornadoes, other severe weather rattle Oklahoma

Oklahomans began cleaning up today from powerful tornadoes and severe thunderstorms that destroyed and damaged homes, injured at least 18 people and left thousands of customers without electricity.

Tornadoes or straight-line winds caused sporadic damage throughout the state. Some of the hardest hit areas were in Shawnee, Prague, Okemah and the Oklahoma City suburb of Moore.

The severe weather continued today with heavy, flooding rains. More than 6 inches of rain fell from midnight to 7 a.m. in places in central and eastern sections of the state. Emergency officials in Miami said 35 homes near Tar Creek were evacuated because of rising waters.

Threats of flooding caused schools to cancel classes in Quapaw, Jenks, Liberty Mounds, Inola, Kellyville, Pawnee, Leonard, Leach and Avant. Water was reported curb-deep through Claremore. Some low-lying roads in Tulsa were barricaded for the morning commute, and a major

expressway — Oklahoma 51 from Broken Arrow — backed up for miles when one lane began to crumble.

The National Weather Service issued a flash-flood warning this morning for 13 counties of east and northeast Oklahoma: Okfuskee, Cherokee, Adair, Muskogee, Craig, Tulsa, Wagoner, Rogers, Mayes, Ottawa, Creek, Okmulgee and Delaware counties.

Cheryl Griffith, a switchboard operator at Prague Hospital, said 12 people were treated and released there and another person was transferred to a Shawnee hospital with neck and back injuries.

Five people were treated and released at Shawnee Regional Medical Center, said Linda Brown, hospital vice president. Greg Reid of REACT Emergency Medical Services in Shawnee said the five apparently were injured when a mobile home overturned northeast of Shawnee.

The tornado caused significant damage in Prague, a town of 2,300 located 50 miles east of

Oklahoma City in Lincoln County. Damage also was reported in the Okemah area, about 70 miles east of Oklahoma City.

Ben Springfield, director of emergency management in Lincoln County, said there were 12 homes destroyed in the county.

City briefs

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CELEBRATION GIFT Shop will be closed for moving thru Oct. 8. Our new larger location is 125 N. Somerville, adjacent to Watson's Garden Center.

Pastoral Counseling Center to observe National Depression Screening Day

Mental health professionals from the Pastoral Counseling Center of Pampa will offer residents the opportunity to learn about the signs and symptoms of depression, manic-depression, and to participate in a free screening as part of National Depression Screening Day, Thursday, Oct. 8. The free program will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, Church Parlor from 3-7 p.m. at 525 N. Gray St.

National Depression Screening Day, held each year during Mental Illness Awareness Week, was developed by Harvard psychiatrist, Dr. Douglas Jacobs. Last year, more than 85,000 people attended screenings at 3,000 sites nationwide. National Depression Screening Day inaugurated the concept of screening for a mental illness when it began in 1991.

Participants at the Pastoral Counseling Center of Pampa Depression Screening will hear a brief talk on causes, symptoms, and treatments of depression/manic depression followed by a short video. Individuals will anonymously complete a written screening test for depression and have the opportunity to discuss the results with a mental health professional.

Depression and manic-depression strike more than 17 million Americans each year, according to figures from the National Institute of Mental Health. Fewer than half of them, however, actually seek treatment even though treatment can help 80-90 percent of those affected. Common symptoms of depression include feelings of hopelessness, worthlessness, restlessness and irritability, changes in sleep and appetite, loss of energy and thoughts of death or suicide. Manic-depression includes feelings of euphoria or agitation.

"We hope that this nationwide effort to provide mental health screening for depression/manic-depression will educate the public about the signs and symptoms of these illnesses and encourage those who may be suffering to seek evaluation and treatment," said National Depression Screening Day Project Director, Dr. Douglas Jacobs (a quote from the local site's clinical director).

National Depression Screening Day is sponsored on a national level by the American Psychiatric Association, National Mental Health Association, National Institute of Mental Health, McLean Hospital, National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems, National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, National Depressive and Manic/Depressive Association. The program is also supported in part by an educational grant from Eli Lilly and Company, with additional funding provided by Abbott Laboratories, Charter Behavioral Health Systems, and Solvay Pharmaceuticals.

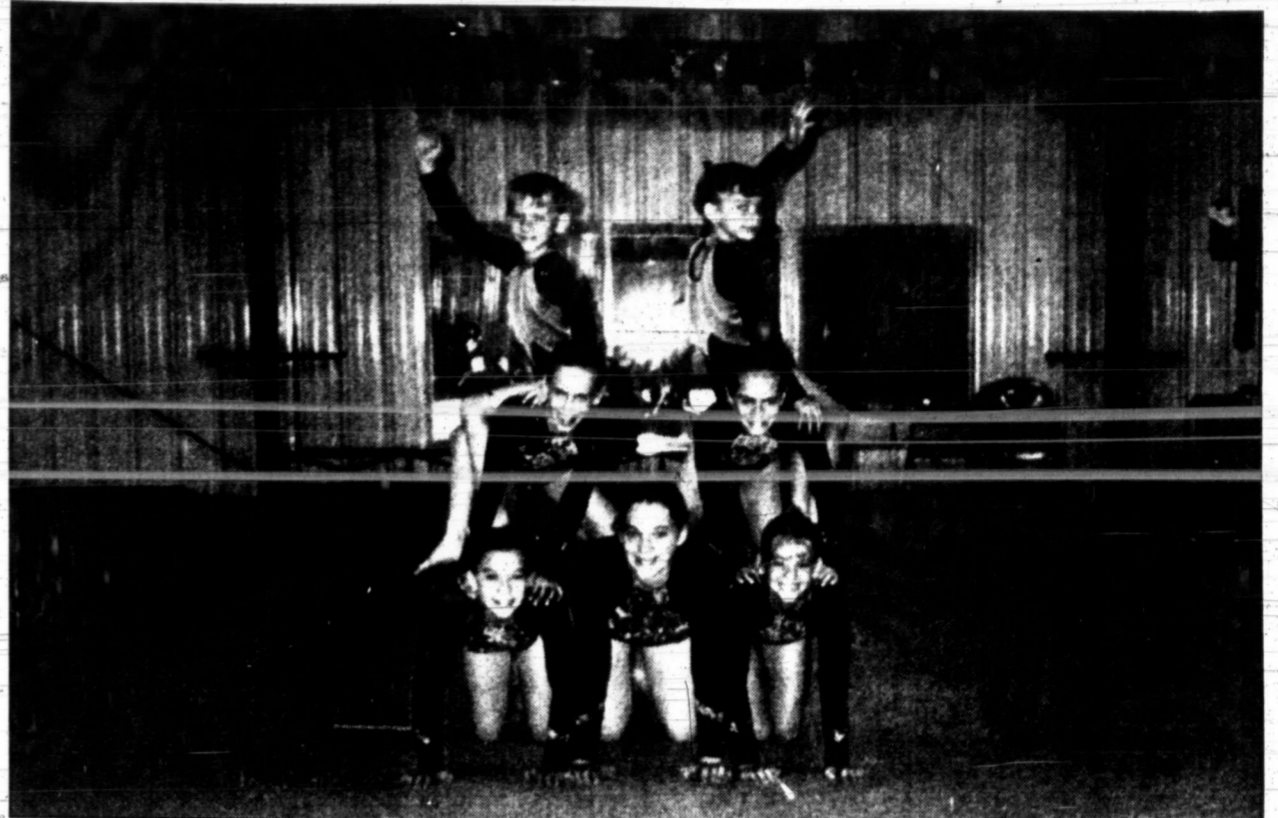
For more information contact, Rev. Robin Gantz at 665-8132, Pastoral Counseling Center of Pampa can be reached at 1-800-318-1725 or 669-0344. In addition to local contact, National Depression Screening Day (781) 239-0071.

M.G. Flyers compete at meet in Odessa

The M.G. Flyers all-around team, coached by Madeline Graves and Shauna Graves-Munsell, traveled to Odessa recently. Carrie Clay placed seventh on beam, sixth on vault and third on floor with a total all-around score of 30.50. Staci Clay placed fifth on floor. Monica Eakin had a 28.25 all-around score, Kaylee Greenhouse had a 27.10 all-around score and Nichole Dyer has a 28.40 all-around score.

The M.G. Flyers second meet of the season was held here in Pampa. Staci Clay improved her scores on vault with a 6.95 and a beam with a 7.6. Monica Eakin improved her vault score, receiving a 7.6, while Kaylee Greenhouse received a sixth place on beam with a 6.55, a sixth place on floor with an 8.0 and placed seventh all-around with a total score of 28.90. Carrie Clay placed sixth on bars with a 7.6, fourth on beam with a 7.95, third on vault with an 8.5, third all-around with a total score of 32.70.

In level four competition, Nichole Dyer received second place ribbons on vault with a 7.55, on bars with a 7.0 and on beam with a 7.35. She received



(Community Camera photo)

Bottom row from left, Carrie Clay, Staci Clay, and Monica Eakin. Middle row from left, Kaylee Greenhouse, Nichole Dyer. Top row from left, Shelby Clay and Shannon Clay. A first place ribbon on floor personal best for Dyer. Shannon Clay who will compete at the Flyers next meet to be held around score was a 30.15, a team members, Shelby Clay and on Amarillo on Oct. 10.

Fire ban lifted at Lake Meredith

FRITCH — Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument Superintendent John Benjamin announced recently the fire danger readings are decreasing due to recent rains.

Campfires are allowed throughout Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument effective since Oct. 2. Park officials ask visitors be careful with campfires by keeping the fires small, by never leaving a fire burning unattended and by completely extinguishing the fire with water before leaving the campsite. Campfires will continue to be allowed until fire danger readings reach high/extreme levels in dry conditions.

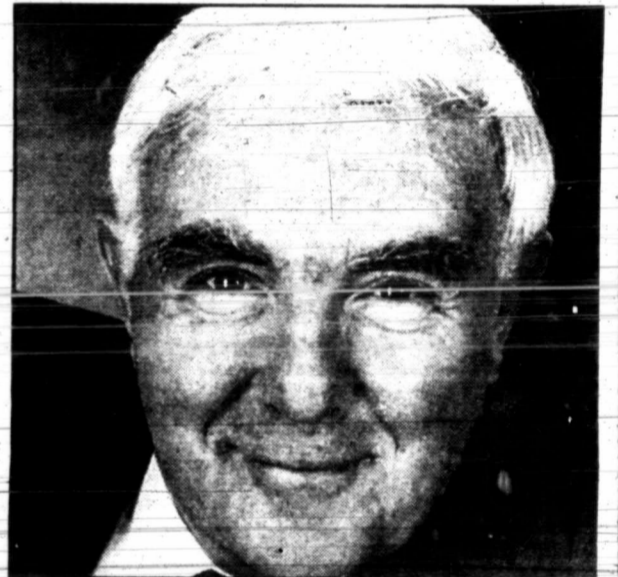
Ten fires totaling 5,442 acres occurred this year due to campfires and smoking. Although fires play an important role in nature, human caused fires can close camping areas, threaten lives and property and cost the taxpayers money. Wildfire prevention cannot be successful without public support.

Top O' Texas Knife and Fork Club to present Brandon Walsh

Brendan Walsh, a veteran professional speaker long noted for his popular following "Down Under," will be the featured guest at the next meeting of the Top O' Texas Knife and Fork Club at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13 at the Pampa Country Club, according to Secretary Shirley Winborne. Walsh's subject will be "Jest For Laughs," delivered in his trademark Irish brogue.

A speaker with an engaging sense of humor and a professional platform speaker for more than 20 years, Walsh hosts, produces, and presents "Early Evening Concert," the longest-running program in Australian FM history. He is President of the New South Wales chapter of the Australian National Speakers Association. What makes his humor different is that it does more than just entertain—it involves listeners in making an important message unforgettable. In measured response surveys comparing platform speakers, Brendan Walsh consistently emerges with the highest scores for content, interest, clarity, and delivery.

Walsh describes humor as "the salt in the soup of life." Speaking in public is a serious business whether it's for payment or to please a friend, but too many speakers take it far too seriously. Brendan Walsh doesn't, he delights in speaking! Club members may pick up your tickets at



Brandon Walsh

Dunlaps beginning Monday, Oct. 5. They are \$10 per person. Members are urged to pick up their tickets in advance as reservations must be turned in to the Country Club.

Top O' Texas Crisis Pregnancy Center holds annual fund-raiser

Top O' Texas Crisis Pregnancy Center will hold its seventh annual fund-raiser at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15 at Pampa Middle School Auditorium. Norma McCorvey, Jane Roe of Supreme Court Roe versus Wade decision, will be the guest speaker.

In Roe v. Wade, perhaps the most controversial United States Supreme Court decision, McCorvey fought for and won the right to secure an abortion. Though she never had an abortion, under the pseudonym "Jane Roe" McCorvey reluctantly became the poster child for the pro-choice movement.

Over the next two decades, McCorvey experienced the grief and despair of millions of women who chose to abort their babies. She witnessed the destruction of thousands of human lives in abortion clinics where she worked. The "champi-

on" of the pro-choice movement was soon being crushed by the weight of so much pain, so much death and so many ill-considered "choices."

McCorvey found out that the real choice she had been burdened with was not abortion but was eternal life.

The fund-raiser is open to the public. Due to limited seating, tickets will be required. The tickets are \$5 and are available at the Gift Box in Pampa or by calling (806) 669-2229.

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GOP set to pass impeachment resolution

WASHINGTON (AP) — After lawmakers explain their constitutional duty and staff lawyers review the evidence, the House Judiciary Committee plans to set lofty pronouncements aside and pass a Republican resolution to start an impeachment investigation of President Clinton.

The hearing that begins today in the glow of television lights ends the review of evidence submitted by Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr. It opens a path to an impeachment inquiry that will enter the history books, along with Watergate and the impeachment case against post-Civil War President Andrew Johnson.

The committee's formal mission at this hearing, which could last two days, was described in simple terms Sunday by Chairman Henry Hyde, R-Ill.: "Is there enough to go forward, or should we shut it down?"

That question was effectively answered before the hearing. Republicans, with their 21-16 committee majority, said they were primed to approve a Watergate-style resolution that includes neither a timetable nor subject limits — even though Starr's evidence was solely related to Clinton's relationship with Monica Lewinsky.

The GOP resolution asks the committee to investigate "whether sufficient grounds exist for the House of Representatives to exercise its constitutional power to impeach William Jefferson Clinton, president of the United States of America."

Democrats countered with a proposal that is doomed to lose in committee but designed to win points among voters. It would first set the standards for impeachment, determine whether Starr's evidence met that criteria and — if the answer was affirmative — begin an inquiry that would end the day before Thanksgiving. It also would provide the option for a censure of Clinton.

Starr, acting under the independent counsel law, referred what he considered substantial and credible information on potentially impeachable offenses committed by Clinton. Hyde said the committee was reviewing allegations of perjury, obstruction of justice, subornation of perjury and tampering with witnesses.

A key part of the hearing is the analysis of evidence by the chief committee investigators, David Schippers for the Republicans and Abbe Lowell for the Democrats.

Schippers told his staff that "we are not here as advocates for any position," said a Republican committee source, speaking on condition of anonymity.

And, in a typical tactic for a former prosecutor, Schippers considered Starr's referral "in a light most favorable to the president," the source said. That strategy is used to spot weaknesses in cases.

Lowell looked carefully at the standards of impeachment, described imprecisely in the Constitution as "treason, bribery or other high crimes and misdemeanors," said a Democratic committee official who demanded anonymity.

The Democratic investigators also spotlighted what they considered insufficient evidence in Starr's report to Congress. The Democrats have pointed several times, for instance, to Starr's failure to include exculpatory evidence such as Ms. Lewinsky telling grand jurors: "No one ever asked me to lie, and I was never promised a job for my silence" about her sexual relationship with Clinton.

James Kennedy, spokesman for the White House counsel's office, said the hearing "requires fairness and bipartisanship." But he added that the Judiciary Committee's "wholesale release of grand jury material" — and failure to consider standards of impeachment before taking any action — have raised questions about the panel's direction.

Hyde said Sunday that a Thanksgiving wrap-up "is a nonstarter, but it would be wonderful if we could. I want to make it clear, I'm the last person in the world that wants to stretch this out. All of us are weary of this, it is onerous, it is not pleasant, but we have duty, a Constitutional duty to see it through. ..."

Rep. John Conyers of Michigan, senior Democrat on the committee, tried to portray Starr's conduct of the investigation as a key issue — and raised the possibility that Democrats would insist he be called to testify in the future.

"Kenneth Starr has more explaining to do than any independent counsel in American history," Conyers said.

DECA float



From left, Holly Wilson, Laci Thrasher, Amanda Calcote, Mitchell Crow, Donna Crow and Sally Steffey DECA students, work on their float for the Homecoming Parade. Their theme is "The Sky Is the Limit With DECA."

California to offer jail inmates alternative bail bondsmen

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Who needs a bail bondsman to get out of jail? Starting this week, Santa Clara County will offer some suspects an interactive kiosk where they can use a credit card to get out of the slammer within minutes of being booked.

It's like an automatic teller machine, but instead of dispensing cash it grants instant access out of jail.

The heaviest use is expected from those arrested for relatively minor crimes with bails under \$5,000 — well within the limit many people carry on their credit cards. Crimes will include vandalism, assault, drunken driving and drug possession.

Defendants get the basic bail amount back from the county once the case is resolved — as long as they show up in court. If they use a bail bond agent or the kiosk, they pay a 10 percent nonrefundable fee.

County officials said the bail kiosks will reduce taxpayer costs and jail overcrowding.

Bail bondsmen hate the idea, claiming the service is illegal because it's not state-licensed, like they must be. They also complain the it's unfair competition.

"The first time I heard about this was last week, and I was flabbergasted," said Ted Wallace, president of the Santa Clara County Professional Bail Association. "We're definitely investigating our legal options."

Judicial Solutions, the company that operates the kiosk, said it doesn't need a license because it doesn't put up money for defendants, just enables them to tap into their own credit lines.

"It's a fairly political product because the bail industry has had it to themselves for 240 years," said John Bergmann, president of Judicial Solutions. "But we're definitely not bailing out O.J. Simpson; we're taking the crumbs."

San Luis Obispo, whose jail population of 500 inmates is about one-tenth the size of Santa Clara County's, has had a kiosk for four months. It is used mostly to post small bail amounts, but bail bond agents there also are upset.

Actor Roddy McDowall dies of cancer at 70

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Roddy McDowall, the child actor who left Britain during the London blitz to become an award-winning star in theater, television and film that included "Lassie Come Home" and "Planet of the Apes," died Saturday of cancer. He was 70.

McDowall died at his home in the Studio City neighborhood of Los Angeles, said Dennis Osborne, a friend who had cared for the actor.

"It was very peaceful," Osborne said. "It was just as he wanted it. It was exactly the way he planned."

McDowall was diagnosed in April with an incurable cancer spread throughout his body, Osborne said.

Elizabeth Taylor, who co-starred with McDowall in "Lassie Come Home," said she was "shocked and grieving" about McDowall's death.

Angela Lansbury, who appeared with him in "Bedknobs and Broomsticks," said McDowall loved those in the motion picture business.

"He recognized and remembered the roles we played," she said. "He was there for us. He was the best friend you could possibly have had."

After appearing in several British films, McDowall at 11 was among the children evacuated to the United States during the German bombardment. Hollywood producers were impressed with his innocent face

and precise diction, and he was first cast in Fritz Lang's "Man Hunt." The boy emerged as a star in John Ford's saga of Welsh coal miners, "How Green Was My Valley."

"The youngster may prove this studio's boy counterpart to Shirley Temple," Variety magazine said in a 1941 review.

"I can't say I was unhappy as a child actor in films, because I wasn't," he said in a 1963 interview. "I had a particularly wonderful time. The only trouble was that by the time I got to be 17 or 18, Hollywood was still thinking of me in terms of what I had delivered at the age of 11."

"They said I couldn't play anything but an English boy. I knew I could. So I went to New York and started to study, because I knew I had to learn a lot about myself as an actor; you can't act the same as you did as a child."

"Fortunately, I happened to go east at a time when live television was centered in New York. For six years I played every kind of role, from Mexican-Americans to Midwestern Americans. I did different roles on the stage: a Chicago boy in 'Compulsion' and a southerner

in 'No Time for Sergeants.'"

That ability to move into almost any role led him to be cast as a Roman emperor in "Cleopatra," a Bible figure in "The Greatest Story Ever Told," and as Cornelius in "The Planet of the Apes" and sequels.

He was born Roderick Andrew Anthony Jude McDowall on Sept. 17, 1928, in London. His father was Scottish, his mother Irish. Educated at St. Joseph's school, he made his film debut at 8 in "Murder in the Family." He came to the United States after the German bombardment of London began in 1940.

He was placed under contract with Twentieth Century Fox, later moved to MGM. His schooling took place on the Fox lot, though he graduated at University High School in West Los Angeles in 1947.

The young actor proved popular in films with animals, notably "My Friend Flicka" and "Lassie Come Home." Among his other features as a child: "Son of Fury," "The Pied Piper," "The White Cliffs of Dover," "The Keys of the Kingdom." He also appeared as Malcolm in Orson Welles' "MacBeth."

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Hurricane just another plague in nation accustomed to misery

By NIKO PRICE
Associated Press Writer

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Hurricane Georges killed at least 150 Haitians and wiped out this year's harvest. But for most Haitians, it was just another bump along a steady descent into despair.

Port-au-Prince, the Haitian capital of 3 million people, was hardly touched by Hurricane Georges on Sept. 23. But you wouldn't know that by looking around.

Roads covered in sunbaked mud are more potholes than pavement, and open sewers twist through the streets. Haitians use canoes to cross canals where bridges have fallen. Electricity doesn't exist in much of the city, and phone lines fail nearly as often as they work.

Poverty and misery are nothing new to Haitians. What is new is a sense of resignation after a heralded return to democracy — that they have tried every possible remedy, and none has worked. "Every day I wake up and put water on my face. I look in the mirror, and I see nothing," said Fritzner Midil, 24, a resident of a squatter camp in the old Fort Dimanche prison, where past military dictatorships had tortured and killed their opponents. "The government doesn't see us. We're invisible."

There was a lot of poverty, but also a lot of hope, when President Clinton sent 20,000 troops to Haiti on Sept. 19, 1994, to overthrow a bloody military regime and halt a flood of Haitian boat people to Florida.

Political killings stopped, and elected President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, ousted in a bloody 1991 coup, was restored to office. The invasion was touted as Clinton's biggest foreign policy success.

Thousands of people moved into the old prison or built tin shacks around it. They named their settlement Cite Demokrasie — Democracy City. Aristide, the man the people trusted, was free to govern.

Finally, people believed, things would get better.

Instead, Aristide and his hand-picked successor, Rene Preval, proved utterly unable to turn around the economy. Per-capita income has dropped even further, foreign investment never materialized and the people stayed hungry.

Since 1990, Haiti has fallen from 124th to 159th out of 174 countries in the U.N. Human Development Index, which combines factors such as life expectancy (57 years), average income (\$20 a month) and education (most of the population is illiterate).

Turf wars among Haiti's politicians have blocked the

naming of a prime minister to run the government since June 1997. Haiti hasn't passed a budget since 1996, and with-

Washington, Haiti won't hold new legislative and municipal elections this-November. And many don't care.

said Colin Granderson, head of a joint United Nations and Organization of American States human rights mission.

Hope already has drained from the gaunt face of 27-year-old Jean Francois.

His piece of Democracy City is a quarter of an abandoned cell, partitioned from his neighbors by walls of flattened cardboard boxes. His worldly possessions: a shirt, a pair of shorts, a sheet and a small, dirty pillow.

He last worked in 1994, and he is sick, neighbors say he has AIDS. He depends on the charity of friends for an occasional plate of rice and beans.

"There is nothing left in this country, and there is no way that will ever change," Francois said. "I have no hope for the government. And none for the people."

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out a budget, hundreds of millions of foreign-aid dollars are on hold.

So Haitians' faith in democracy has all but evaporated.

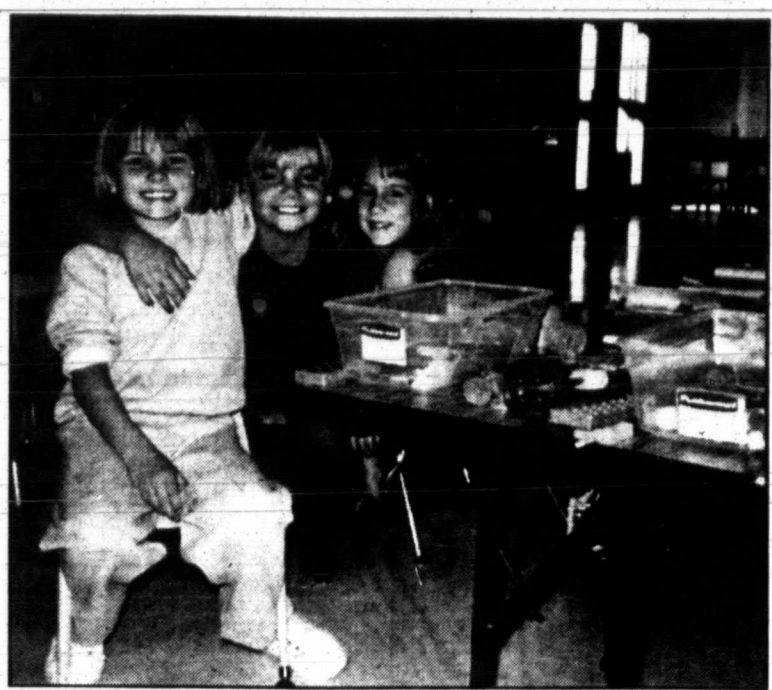
In the 1990 election that Aristide won, more than 90 percent of eligible Haitians voted. In 1995 election to replace him, 30 percent did. In 1997, only 5 percent bothered to vote for legislative and municipal elections.

Many Haitians wonder whether the country will even hold the next presidential vote, scheduled for 2000. They're all but certain that, despite pressure from

Haitians overwhelmingly speak about their feuding leaders as corrupt and uncaring. Few can name someone who they think could do better.

"The hopes of the ordinary man have not been satisfied. Those hopes are draining away, and the longer the crisis goes on there is less and less we can do to rekindle them."

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Latch Key great for both parents and children alike

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David and Diann are typical parents, working two jobs to make ends meet. With three children in school, the need to take time off from work twice a day puts a strain on their jobs. The stress is even greater if they must leave the children at home unsupervised.



Bill is also a typical parent and so is Lisa. They are each single parents raising their children alone, with only one job to support the family. This added stress could affect the emotional well being of all involved.

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Knowing the impact of caregivers on the lives of children, the staff strives to help the children feel not only happy but loved as well. They offer low rates for childcare and reduced fees for some families.

To Pampa United Way and the many concerned citizens who make donations, the Latch Key children, staff and Board of Directors say "Thank you for your support!"

Questions? Contact Susan Gallagher at 669-7179.

Family, supporters protest removal of feeding tube

MANASSAS, Va. (AP) — The family of a severely brain-damaged man joined more than 100 people at a vigil to protest the removal of the man's feeding tube.

Hugh Finn's parents, Thomas and Joan Finn, said they don't support the decision of Hugh's wife to remove the tube that has kept him alive for 3 1/2 years. But they believe there is nothing they can do.

"We had run out of avenues and options," said Joan Finn, wiping her eyes during Sunday's demonstration. "We still feel we don't want this to happen to Hugh. ... I just don't think that he should be put to death. Tom and I are willing to take care of him."

Two of Hugh Finn's seven brothers and sisters and his mother-in-law also took part in the vigil, held outside of the nursing home where Finn lives.

The tube was removed from Finn, a 44-year-old former television news anchorman in Louisville, Ky., on Thursday after his wife, Michele, won a court battle with Finn's brother. Doctors have said Finn is in a persistent vegetative state from a 1995 car crash that left him unable to eat, care for himself or communicate.

Gov. Jim Gilmore also lost in court when he tried to prevent the tube from being removed. Virginia's Supreme Court also rejected his bid to have the tube reinserted Friday.

Michele Finn has said her husband told her he would never want to live in such a condition.

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- My favorite possession is: _____
- The biggest honor I've ever received is: _____
- My favorite performer is: _____
- I wish I knew how to: _____
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- My worst habit is: _____
- I would never: _____
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- I drive a: "or" _____
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- My favorite restaurant is: _____
- My favorite pet: _____
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- I regret: _____
- I'm tired of: _____
- I have a phobia about: "or" _____
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- My most embarrassing moment: _____
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BASKETBALL

PAMPA — There will be coaches meeting for the Optimist Club Girls Basketball League at 7 tonight at the Optimist Club.

The meeting is mandatory for persons wanting to coach in third & fourth grade divisions or the fourth and fifth grade divisions.

Call Monte Covalt at 669-3615 if more information is needed.

FOOTBALL

ABILENE, Texas (AP) — Eastern New Mexico scored 21 points in the second quarter Saturday night and went on to a 35-21 win over Abilene Christian.

The Greyhounds (5-0, 1-0 Lone Star Conference), doubled the total offense of the Wildcats (2-2, 0-1).

Cody Walton put Abilene on top in the first quarter with a 5-yard run.

But Eastern got second-quarter touchdown runs of 1 yard by Dennis Beard and 40 yards by Bruce Hatch to go ahead, and added a Jabe Riley fumble recovery in the end zone for a 21-7 lead.

Abilene closed to within 21-14 at the half before the Greyhounds pulled away again.

Eastern had no 100-yard rushers, but four players rushed for more than 50 yards.

NATIONAL SPORTS

BASEBALL

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FOOTBALL-NFL

LANDOVER, Md. — Deion Sanders said the quarterback was puzzled. Nate Newton thought the Pro Bowl defensive tackle was pressing. Emmitt Smith felt the game just didn't have that usual rivalry feeling. No doubt all three beliefs were true, and then some, as the Dallas Cowboys handed the winless Washington Redskins another day of embarrassment in Sunday's 31-10 rout.

MOTORSPORTS

HOUSTON — The inaugural Texaco Grand Prix, a race made chaotic by rain, came down to one moment of apparent indecision by Paul Tracy. The Canadian driver had trailed his Team KOOL Green teammate Dario Franchitti on the downtown street circuit, matching the Scot's impressive driving on the wet and slippery track lap after lap.

TODAY'S TOPIC:

FORT WORTH, Texas — There are days when Eric Anderson's body tells him he should be doing more. It's a yearning for competition he has grown accustomed to every year around this time — football season — since his days in junior high school. But the reality is that Anderson will never again experience a collision on the football field. A serious neck injury to the senior TCU safety during two-a-days last month made certain of that.

PHS girls down PD

PAMPA — Pampa's Lady Harvesters bounced back in the playoff hunt after a hard-fought, 15-11, 11-15, 15-6 win over Palo Duro in District 3-4A volleyball action Saturday in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Both Pampa and Palo Duro are 2-2 in district and tied for third in the standings. Pampa is 15-6 for the year and Palo Duro is 11-12.

Lisa Dwight had 11 kills while teammate Tandi Morton had 8 kills and 10 digs for the Lady Harvesters. Lisa Kirkpatrick chipped in 7 kills and 10 digs while setter Lori Lindsey finished with 22 assists for Pampa.

Kimberly Clark and Anne Gaddis turned in some strong defensive plays for Pampa to kill some of Palo Duro's momentum.

Pampa had to hold off a Palo Duro rally in the first-game victory. Morton scored the winning service point for the Lady Harvesters.

The second game was another close one, but Palo Duro broke on top 11-10, and the Lady Harvesters weren't able to catch up.

The Lady Harvesters jumped out to an early lead in the third game and never looked back.

The Lady Harvesters visit Borger for their next match Tuesday night. Matches begin at 6 with the junior varsity.

In other district matches last weekend, Dumas improved to 4-0 with a 15-1, 15-3 win over Caprock. Dumas is 20-7 for the season. Pampa's next home match is Oct. 13 against Dumas.

Hereford (3-1, 21-5) defeated Borger (0-4, 4-16) Saturday.

Miami wins

MIAMI — Miami rolled to an 81-34 win over Clovis Christian, in six-man football action Friday night.

Seven different players figured in the scoring for the Warriors, who amassed 564 yards of total offense.

Shane Thompson and Brady Lackey each had three touchdowns for Miami. Quarterback Justin Cox threw four touchdown passes to Clint Hardin (33 yards), Mike May (65 yards) and two to Thompson (21 yards and 6 yards). Eric Carr added two touchdown runs and Lucio Moreno had one. Trey Rogers kicked five extra points.

Clovis got two touchdowns from Quenton Cummings, include a 75-yard kickoff, return for a TD.

Miami held a 40-22 lead at halftime.

The Warriors open the District 1-1A season next Friday night by hosting Fort Elliott. Miami's record is 2-3.

Big 12 road games can be dangerous

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

Nebraska, Colorado, and Texas A&M will attest that Big 12 road games can be dangerous.

All three teams barely escaped determined opponents playing for home crowds on Saturday.

No. 2 ranked Nebraska needed a goalline stand to subdue Oklahoma State 24-17 in Kansas City, Mo. Colorado had to hold on for dear life at Norman before the No. 15 ranked Buffaloes outlasted Oklahoma 27-25. No. 18 Texas A&M had to drive 75 yards late in the game to beat Kansas 24-21 in Lawrence.

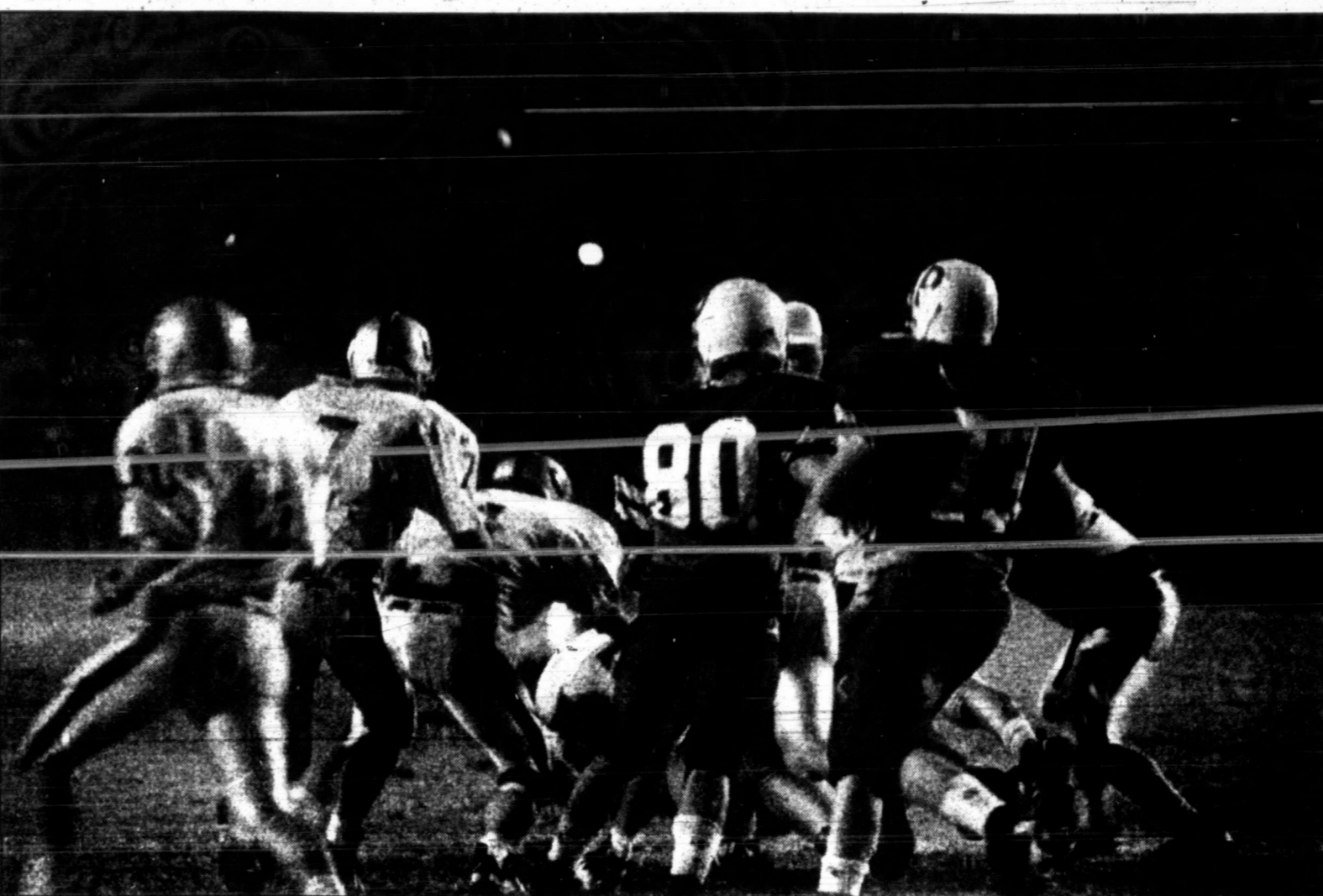
Unbeaten Texas Tech (5-0, 2-0 Big 12) was at home in Jones Stadium and still had a hard time, beating Baylor 31-29 as a late two-point conversion attempt failed.

No. 23 ranked Missouri took a week away from family feuds to beat Northwestern State 35-14 and improve its record to 4-1 and 1-0. The Tigers play at Iowa State this week. The Cyclones lost 53-33 to Texas as Ricky Williams rushed 37 times for 350 yards and five touchdowns.

No. 5 ranked Kansas State had the pleasure of a week off while all the nail-biters took place.

Kansas State (4-0, 1-0) joins the nervousness this week as it travels to Boulder to take on Colorado (4-0, 2-0) in an early season North division showdown.

Homecoming football



Pampa's Cody Sheppard (73) and Justin Barnes (80) look on after Pampa's offense picks up yardage against Randall. The Harvesters won the homecoming game, 16-6, and will open District 3-4A play Friday night against Amarillo Caprock in Harvester Stadium.

About 250 people pay tribute to Florence Griffith Joyner

by PATRICK L. THIMANGU
Associated Press Writer

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — She was a blazing rocket, a woman who could outrun most male athletes and who set two records that have stood for 10 years.

On Sunday, about 250 people, including Olympic athletes and officials, gathered at Market Square Arena to mourn Florence Griffith Joyner, the track star who died last month.

Griffith Joyner's husband, Al Joyner was there, accompanied by the couple's 7-year-old daughter, Mary Ruth Joyner. The little girl slept through most of the one-hour memorial in the arms of Al Joyner's sister, track star Jackie Joyner Kersee.

"I know on September 21st God was walking through his garden and he wanted the prettiest, the brightest and the loveliest flower in the world and that was Florence," Al Joyner said.

USA Track and Field officials called the memorial a celebration of the dazzling, muscular track star fans called FloJo, but sniffles and cracking, emotion-laden voices punctuated the event.

"This is very hard for me," Al Joyner said, his voice breaking. "I'm sad to be here because I miss my wife and I miss my friend."

It was in the July 1988

Olympic trials in Indianapolis that Griffith Joyner set a world record of 10.49 seconds in the 100-meter quarterfinals. No one has come close since. She also set a U.S. record of 21.77 seconds in winning a second-round heat in the 200 in Indianapolis.

Griffith Joyner went on to capture three gold medals in the 1988 Seoul Games. She ran the 200 in 21:34, setting a record that still stands.

"The legacy that Florence left is something we will celebrate for years," said LeRoy Walker, president emeritus United States Olympic Committee.

Griffith Joyner, who died in

her sleep Sept. 21 from an apparent heart attack at age 38, was haunted by rumors she used performance-enhancing substances but never failed a drug test.

Though fans called her FloJo and remember her talon-like fingernails and flashy one-legged running suits, to family members she was "Dee Dee", who grew up in a housing project in the Watts section of Los Angeles and had a flare for the flamboyant.

She once was asked to leave a shopping mall after she strolled in wearing a pet boa constrictor around her neck like a muffler. She began her track career at age 7 when she entered a program for underprivileged children operated by the Sugar Ray Youth Foundation.

Teammate Maicel Malone, her relay teammate in the 1988 Olympics, remembered her as an inspiration and a woman who wanted little girls to grow up to be all they wanted to be.

"Florence Once said to me dig deep and dig wide," Malone said.

Pampa harvests Hereford

Varsity tennis team sees victory

Pampa Varsity Tennis Team traveled to Hereford and came away with an 18-0 victory, to begin the 2nd half of tennis team play.

Pampa is 36-0 in the two matches against Hereford. The Harvesters have a record of 101-7 in district play, with a league leading team record of 6-0.

Pampa takes an 11 match district winning streak, dating back to last year, into its match tomorrow against Dumas.

The Harvesters won the first meeting 12-6 and can take a commanding lead in the district race with a victory tomorrow.

Show support for the tennis team and come out and cheer the players to victory at 4 p.m. tomorrow afternoon at the PHS courts. (Read tomorrow for junior varsity scores and varsity Hereford match results)

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Padres 6, Astros 1: San Diego champion

By BERNIE WILSON
AP Sports Writer

SAN DIEGO (AP) — There are new Padres heroes this time around, as well as Mr. Padre himself, Tony Gwynn. Together, they're going to the NL championship for just the second time in franchise history.

With Jim Leyritz hitting another clutch home run, San Diego ran Randy Johnson and the Houston Astros out of the playoffs, winning 6-1 Sunday night to take the division series three games to one and return to the NL championship for the first time since 1984.

"Coming into this series, a lot of people wrote us off," Gwynn said. "And I'll be honest with you, I think the only people who thought we could win this thing were the players."

Now they're off to face the Atlanta Braves in the best-of-7 NLCS starting Wednesday night at Turner Field.

Leyritz set the tone with a 422-foot drive to left center off Johnson leading off the second as twilight settled over Qualcomm Stadium. Left-hander Sterling Hitchcock, making his first postseason start, used a devastating split-fingered fastball to strike out 11 in six innings.

"I'm numb right now," said Leyritz, who homered in the final three games of the series. "I can't believe all that's gone on. I don't even want to think about it. Let it just keep rolling, man!"

Leyritz was one of the New York Yankees' heroes in 1996, hitting a dramatic three-run, game-tying homer in the eighth inning of Game 4 at Atlanta, which the Yankees went on to win en route to taking the Series.

Leyritz had been just 4-for-37 (.108) with one home run lifetime off Johnson, but his second-inning homer was his sixth in 34 postseason at-bats.

"This time of day, it's hard to see the ball," Leyritz said. "I just swung in the right place and, with his velocity, was able to hit it out."

Facing Johnson, batters usually press because they know how difficult it's going to be to score.

"I think the biggest thing is that guys could relax because we had a lead," Gwynn said.

The Padres won Saturday night's game 2-1 thanks to Leyritz's solo homer to left with one out in the seventh. On Thursday, his pinch-hit, two-run shot with two out in the ninth off Billy Wagner sailed just inside the foul pole in right, tying the game at 4. The Astros came back and won it 5-4 in the bottom of the ninth.

Johnson, the Big Unit, lost his fifth straight decision in the postseason, tying a major league record.

"I didn't have my best stuff, but you give up three earned runs in 14 innings (in two starts), you don't feel like you're going to lose too many ballgames," said Johnson, who left for a pinch-hitter in the seventh.

"Everybody counted us out," Hitchcock said. "They said we couldn't beat Johnson twice in a five-game series. Well, we beat him twice in a four-game series. These guys never let up."

This series was close and tense, with the first three games being decided by one run. This one was headed that way until reliever Jay Powell gave up pinch-hitter John Vander Wal's two-run triple and Wally Joyner's two-run homer in the eighth.

With the crowd of 64,898 roaring, Trevor Hoffman closed out the ninth for the Padres, who now face a Braves team that beat them five times in nine games this year.

Houston's Ricky Gutierrez kneeled in the on-deck circle for a few minutes after the final out, which sent the Padres bursting out of the dugout and fireworks bursting overhead. Houston's Craig Biggio sat in the dugout, stunned, staring at the scene. Like they did the night they won the NL West, Padres players and their families partied on the field.

This is the first time the Padres have been this far since 1984, when they beat the Chicago Cubs to win the pennant only to lose the World Series 4-1 to Detroit.

Gwynn, 38, is the only player left from that Padres team, although Bruce Bochy is the manager, Tim Flannery the third base coach and Greg Booker the bullpen coach.

Hitchcock and three relievers combined on a three-hitter against the Astros, who led the NL in scoring this season but managed just eight runs in this series. They go home frustrated for a second straight year, having been swept by Atlanta in the first round in 1997.

"It's just kind of hard for me to think about," Houston star Jeff Bagwell said. "It's just too devastating to even think about."

Johnson was brilliant after being traded, from Seattle to Houston on July 31, going 10-1 with a 1.28 ERA. But the Padres beat him twice this series.

Trailing 2-1, the Astros loaded the bases without a hit off Joey Hamilton in the seventh. Dan Miceli came on and retired the side on four pitches, striking out Brad Ausmus and getting Carl Everett — pinch-hitting for Johnson — to pop up to third.

The Padres scratched out an unearned run in the sixth to go ahead 2-1. Greg Vaughn hit a high fly with two outs and left fielder Moises Alou had to run in.

Alou tried to make a sliding catch and missed, giving Vaughn a double. Ken Caminiti followed with a chopper to third baseman Sean Berry and stumbled coming out of the box, but Berry made a bad throw that bounced past Bagwell at first base, allowing Vaughn to score. Notes: Doyle Alexander (1973-87) and Joe Bush (1914-23) also lost five straight postseason decisions. ... The Padres scored more than four runs for the first time in 17 games. ... The crowd was second largest in San Diego baseball history only to Saturday night: 65,235. ... Houston has been in five postseason series, and lost all of

Yankees visit Strawberry

By RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A day after a cancerous tumor was removed from Darryl Strawberry's colon, the scene outside Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center resembled the plaza outside Yankee Stadium.

There were fans, there were camera crews. And, yes, there were Yankees, too, as half a dozen teammates made visits.

"We just want to show him how much we care — and we got the job done he wanted us to do," David Cone said at the ballpark before joining teammates Chili Davis, Joe Girardi, Derek Jeter, Tino Martinez, Andy Pettitte and Tim Lincecum on the trip to the hospital, about a mile from Yankee Stadium.

Strawberry, whose No. 39 was stitched on the back of all Yankees caps — Cone even brought one to the hospital — was on the Yankees' minds as they prepared for Tuesday's start of the AL championship series against Cleveland. Dr. Stuart Hershon, the team physician, held a clubhouse meeting and gave an update on Strawberry's condition.

Hershon told them doctors believe the cancer had not spread, but they won't know for sure until tests come back in about 10 days. Doctors removed a 16-inch portion of Strawberry's large intestine to get rid of a tumor almost 2 1/2 inches long.

"I think we felt a lot better because everything came out well," Martinez said. "There's a lot of relief around here. Our thoughts are still with him, but there's a lot better feeling around here."

Strawberry remained in stable condition Sunday night. He is

expected to remain in the hospital for about a week.

"He's doing well. His family is with him," Columbia-Presbyterian spokeswoman Szuping Di said.

Yankees manager Joe Torre can't seem to escape that hospital in the postseason. Two years ago, during the Yankees' run to the World Series title, his brother Frank had a heart transplant there.

"It's sort of similar because it's emotional," Joe Torre said. "You really have to be able to put everything in its place, and again I say selfishly speaking you can say that coming out here to the ballpark is a way to hide out from things that will force their way into your mind. There's a lot of similarity there, except that Darryl, I think, effects more people than my brother did."

Strawberry also got a visit from Yankees owner George Steinbrenner, who didn't make it clear whether he went Saturday, Sunday or both.

"I was with him all day," Steinbrenner said without elaborating.

Fans came bearing cards and cheesecake from Junior's in Brooklyn — one fan heard that Strawberry was hungry because doctors wouldn't let him eat solid food so soon after major intestinal surgery.

Torre predicted Strawberry's illness will increase the awareness of colon cancer among the Yankees.

"Knowing George Steinbrenner, there'll be very thorough exams," Torre said. "I have a feeling we're going to have more exhaustive physicals."

New York Yankees look for revenge

By RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — David Cone stood in front of his locker, remembered back to last year and wondered: what if?

"We're a year removed from losing to them in the playoffs last year, but I think it's fresh in people's minds," the New York Yankees pitcher said, looking ahead to Tuesday's AL championship series opener against Cleveland.

"If we had gotten by Cleveland, maybe we could have gotten to the World Series and we'd be thinking about three in a row. Maybe it's the reason we won 114 games and we're in the position we are in now. Maybe it was a slap in the face."

And believe this: This is not a team that takes a slapping lightly. The Yankees were four outs away from advancing before Sandy Alomar Jr. homered off Mariano Rivera in the eighth inning of Game 4 at Jacobs Field.

"I don't think we lost as much as they beat us," Yankees manager Joe Torre said Sunday as his team worked out for two hours in drizzle. "But we're a better team now, without as many questions."

Torre is shaking up his rotation slightly, choosing David Wells to open, Cone to pitch

Game 2, Andy Pettitte to start Game 3 in Cleveland, and Orlando Hernandez to pitch Game 4. If the series extends, Wells would pitch the fifth game, followed by Cone and Pettitte.

"Hopefully it won't go seven," said Pettitte, who pitched the second game in the opening sweep of Texas. "Hopefully, we can take care of business and get out of there."

New York won seven of 11 from Cleveland during the regular season, and broke the AL record for wins set by the Indians team that went 111-43 in 1954. With the three-game sweep of Texas in the first round, the Yankees moved within a game of the record for wins in one year — regular and postseason — of 118 set by the 1906 Chicago Cubs.

Torre decided to move up Cone from Game 3 for two reasons: Cone made only 85 pitches in the clincher Friday night, and Torre wanted Cone to pitch at Yankee Stadium. Since arm surgery in 1996 and 1997, Cone has lost some feeling in his fingers in cold weather, and Torre thinks it will be colder in Cleveland than in New York.

Cone wants revenge more than most Yankees. He started the 1997 postseason opener against the Indians and was pounded for six earned runs and seven hits in 3 1-3

innings in a game New York won 8-6.

He thought about what's happened this year, the turmoil caused in spring training by outfielder Bernie Williams' decision to put off contract talks until after the season, the magical run to the wins record, then the sweep of Texas.

"We've talked about getting another chance. We've talked about this team as special," Cone said. "But who knows what's going to happen next year? Who knows if Bernie's going to be back? Who knows what the team is going to look like next year? Right now, we have a wonderful opportunity."

Torre has to decide who will take cancer-stricken outfielder Darryl Strawberry's spot on the active roster. If Scott Brosius shows no sign of being slowed by his sprained left ankle, outfielder Ricky Ledee will be the replacement. If Torre is worried about Brosius, third baseman Mike Lowell would be added to the roster. "It's a regular, old ankle sprain," said Brosius, who tripped over first base when Texas catcher Ivan Rodriguez picked him off Friday night. "It's doing much better today than it was yesterday. Yesterday, there was some stiffness and soreness in it."

Houston Astro's Johnson good, but not lucky

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Better luck than good? Ask Randy Johnson.

The Houston Astros' strikeout maestro was very good in his two playoff games against the San Diego Padres.

In the end, all he had to show for it were two losses and a major league-record tying five-game losing streak in the postseason.

Johnson gave up a total of four runs — three earned — in two appearances in the first-round series with San Diego. By way of support, however, his Houston teammates backed him with one run in each of the games.

"He was 10-1 on the year (for Houston) and you're almost never 10-1 without having some luck along the way," Astros manager Larry Dierker said. "I think luck caught up with him in this series. He pitched two good games and lost them both."

"I wish he could have lost games like that during the year wop

these games." Johnson held the Padres to two runs and struck out nine in eight innings in the series opener last week, but was a 2-1 loser to Kevin Brown.

With the Astros needing a win Sunday to stay alive in the playoffs, Johnson was as advertised again, holding San Diego to one earned run on three hits and striking out eight before being lifted for a pinch-hitter in the seventh inning with the Astros trailing 2-1.

The Padres scored four runs off relievers in the eighth to take a 6-1 victory and send the Astros home for the winter.

Johnson hasn't won a postseason game since 1995 when he was with Seattle and beat the New York Yankees twice before losing his only appearance against Cleveland in the league championship series.

Overall, he's 2-5 with a 3.08 ERA in postseason play. Doyle Alexander (1973-87) and Joe Bush

(1914-23) also lost five in a row.

Asked about the Astros' lack of hitting as they made a quick exit from the playoffs for the second straight year, Johnson said, "You're asking the wrong person. I'm a pitcher."

But he later said: "Our offense got shut down. I thought things were going to start going our way when we loaded the bases in the seventh. I was looking forward to our getting a break and finally get things going our way."

But Houston didn't get a break or a clutch hit, and, as a result, Johnson gave way to a pinch-hitter.

The Astros had runners at first and third with nobody out, then

the bases loaded with one out, and they still couldn't score. Catcher Brad Ausmus took a called third strike for the second out, making it strategically wise to pinch-hit for Johnson. But pinch-hitter Carl Everett popped out to third to end the threat.

"We never really got it going," Johnson said. "Even the one we won at home (5-4 in Game 2), we had to scratch and claw for it. I don't think to put it all on me is fair."

"We just ran into two guys (Brown and Hitchcock) who pitched really well."

Asked if he planned to return to the Astros next season, Johnson said he didn't intend to think about that for awhile.

Cowboys-Redskins Stats

Dallas	3	14	7	7	31
Washington	7	3	0	0	10

First Quarter
Was—Shepherd 40 pass from Green (Blanchard kick), 6:41.
Dal—FG Cunningham 42, 1:57.

Second Quarter
Dal—E. Smith 3 run (Cunningham kick), 14:21.
Dal—Mills 43 pass from Garrett (Cunningham kick), 11:34.
Was—FG Blanchard 31, 5:29.

Third Quarter
Dal—Warren 6 run (Cunningham kick), 10:50.

Fourth Quarter
Dal—Warren 6 run (Cunningham kick), 1:02.
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	Dal	Was
First downs	21	14
Rushes-yards	43-224	22-92
Passing	163	164
Punt Returns	2-(4)	3-34
Kickoff Returns	3-56	5-85
Interceptions Ret.	1-21	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	14-17-0	13-29-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-6	4-29
Punts	4-48.0	7-44.1
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	9-60	6-52
Time of Possession	35:36	24:24

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Dallas, E. Smith 28-120, Warren 14-104, Garrett 1-0. Washington, Allen 19-82, Green 3-10.

PASSING—Dallas, Garrett 14-17-0-169. Washington, Green 13-29-1-193.

RECEIVING—Dallas, LaFleur 4-29, Mills 2-72, Davis 2-41, Sanders 2-14, Irvin 1-14, Bjornson 1-4, Johnston 1-1, Warren 1-(minus 6). Washington, Westbrook 4-42, Asher 3-42, Shepherd 2-82, Allen 2-23, Alexander 1-3, Mitchell 1-1.

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The body of Isabel Gomez, 58, was found wrapped in a comforter in a wooded area Sunday, five days after she was killed.

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Doctor's calling integral to town

By TARA BURGHART
Associated Press Writer

ALTAMONT, Ill. (AP) — Every small town has its landmarks. In Altamont, there's the town triangle — not a square, mind you. There's the Dairy Bar, the place to go for a milkshake. Out past the edge of town, where tall trees and sturdy frame houses give way to oceans of waving corn, graceful church spires point toward the sky.

And there are the less obvious landmarks. In this town, Dr. Delbert Huelskoetter is one of those. For 35 years, Huelskoetter has cared for Altamont's people and helped shape their town, his long stride and cotton-candy swirl of white hair as much a constant of life as the water tower that spells out "Altamont."

Visit with the clerk at the video store or the editor of the weekly newspaper, and each will tell you Huelskoetter delivered her baby. In a town of 2,300 people, he has delivered 1,932 babies.

He built the preschool and nursing home. And in days when an over-worked doctor might not know where a patient lives or earns a living, Huelskoetter knows which patient makes beautiful furniture or tasty pies, and how many miles are on the car of a spry 92-year-old.

If the life of this little town about an hour south of Champaign were a novel, Delbert Huelskoetter could be the central character. There would be drama, but only of a quiet kind, of ordinary people raising children, enduring illness, struggling with old age, dying. There would be passion, joy and sorrow but few cross words, unless the subject is managed care.

In that novel, the last chapter is at hand. Huelskoetter, 68, has just retired — well, as much as he's capable of retiring. The young physician taking over his practice is part of the story, too: Huelskoetter stitched up his cuts when he was young and encouraged him to become a doctor.

So this is not an ending. This is real life in a real town, and life goes on.

The daily routine that Huelskoetter grew to love begins well before 6 a.m. with his arrival at the hospital in nearby Effingham. He carries a small, slightly worn, black leather bag with a brass buckle. He wears dark slacks, a tie, a pink shirt and a black-and-white sport coat. He once stood 6 feet 2 inches, but a family trait of shrinking with age has robbed him of four inches.

His first patient this day, shortly before he retired last month, worries she'll die of heart failure just like her mother, whom Huelskoetter also treated. He reassures her. There are no warning signs of heart failure. But he's puzzled by her internal bleeding. She refuses to have X-rays, but Huelskoetter hopes to change her mind.

"There are patients who kind of don't want to know what's wrong, but yet they do. You have to be patient and do a lot of listening," the doctor says.

Huelskoetter, raised on an 80-acre farm just north of Altamont, remembers innocent adventures of growing up poor but happy. He used a flashlight to flag down a train before the sun rose to catch a ride to his before-school job, sweeping out a hardware store.

Two early influences steered him toward medicine. One was a childless Effingham doctor and his wife who took an interest in him in high school. Even earlier, his father stayed overnight with sick neighbors to give their families a rest.

"My dad was a hospice worker before we knew what they were," Huelskoetter says.

Huelskoetter went to Illinois State University before serving in the Korean War. He attended medical school at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Then it was back to Altamont.

Years later, moved by memories of Frog Pond, the bright red, one-room schoolhouse he attended as a boy, he had a replica built and donated it for use as a preschool.

Kathy Lock is now part-owner of Frog Pond, which attracts more than 100 students a year. She's also been a Huelskoetter patient since grade

school and remains grateful for a house-call he made at 3 a.m. one Thanksgiving Day when her son had pneumonia.

"We're losing a dedicated doctor, a very dedicated doctor," she says.

After hospital rounds, Huelskoetter heads for the Lutheran Care Center in Altamont, arriving by 8 a.m.

Sickened by squalid conditions he saw at nursing homes, he opened the center in 1969. A group of churches run it now, but he's still the unpaid

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medical director and stops by every morning.

He instructs nurses to adjust a resident's pain medication, takes a look at another's sore ankle and visits the folks in occupational therapy — joking with a snowy-haired 90-year-old woman that they must use the same hair rinse.

Karen Hille started working at the home 21 years ago as a nurse. She recently was named director and credits Huelskoetter with urging her to advance professionally.

"You'd be surprised what he's tried over the years before it was trendy," she says, citing Huelskoetter's experiments with home health care, a rehabilitation center and an independent living center.

"I don't know of any nurses afraid to call him in the middle of the night," Hille said. "We hope he doesn't totally retire on us."

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In his early days, besides treating any illness at any hour, the young physician worked shifts in the emergency room of the Effingham hospital. He delivered an average of one baby every three days. His work week stretched to 100 hours or more.

"I was as busy as I could be," he says.

For his three children, vacation sometimes meant a trip to an Effingham hotel because their dad couldn't find anyone to cover the clinic. The family traveled in two cars to church and school plays, in case Huelskoetter had to leave early.

Though he is close to his now-grown children, he has regrets. "I missed a lot of important events," he says.

Huelskoetter arrives at the one-story, red-brick Altamont Clinic by 9 a.m. He works the phones to update patients on test results the clinic received early in the morning. He jots short notes in a black leather log.

He puts in a call to a young woman he saw the day before. Her grandmother told Huelskoetter she suspected the woman had not kept her diabetes in control because she was preoccupied by her troubled marriage. So Huelskoetter encourages the couple to come in for a meeting, no charge, after which he will direct them to a counselor.

"They don't tell you in medical school that to treat the person's medical problem, you might have to treat their personal problems," he says after hanging up.

Huelskoetter's style can be paternal, and not everyone appreciates that. "Younger doctors involve their patients more," acknowledges Marcie Kruger, his nurse practitioner. "They say, 'We can do this or we can do that.' Some patients appreciate that. Some don't, and want their doctor to say, 'Do this and don't do that.'"

Some remember advice from Huelskoetter that went beyond medical treatment.

A woman recalls how he influenced her daughter's decision to become an anesthesiologist. A man remembers taking swimming lessons as a child in the doctor's pool, which he let townspeople use for the asking.

Dozens of medical students have spent summers with him, and he has put nursing students through school on the condition they return for two years to work in the clinic, the nursing home or the Effingham hospital.

Huelskoetter says he's simply following the injunction in the New Testament's Book of Luke: "Everyone to whom much is given, of him will much be required."

The steady stream of patients this day includes a 7-year-old boy who pierced his foot on a metal fork at a barbecue, a woman who has to have a cyst removed from her elbow, and a young man with a sprained ankle, who comes in at the urging of his fiancée.

"If someone loves you, you're rich," Huelskoetter tells him. "If someone loves you enough to care about your ankle, you're very rich."

Huelskoetter gave up obstetrics seven years ago, deciding he couldn't be up all night delivering babies and still handle his practice during the day.

He cut his work week to 85 hours and found a retired doctor willing to cover his Altamont practice so he could go on vacation.

Divorced from his first wife, he married his current wife, Ann, in 1985. She believes he is weary of paperwork and fights with insurance companies. "If he could just come in and do medicine, he'd probably never quit," she says.

Managed care changed medicine "and made it not care," Huelskoetter complains. "What you have is not care of patients, but management of money."

In his early days of practice, his goal was that no patient leave with a bill of more than \$7.50 for the office visit and medicine. On this day he worries how a 77-year-old woman will cope with the \$71-a-month cost of a cholesterol-lowering medication. He ends up giving her loads of free samples.

Robb Frost remembers that a visit to Huelskoetter as a boy often meant a long wait because the doctor was so busy. Frost became closer to Huelskoetter in high school as he leaned toward a career in medicine. By Frost's first year of residency in Florida, Huelskoetter was calling every other day to check up on him.

Now, taking over his mentor's practice, Frost acknowledges he's nervous. He knows he'll never be able to please some patients. But he also knows Huelskoetter will fill in whenever Frost needs a vacation or time off for a conference.

"He's definitely been standing in my corner, and I don't think he'll leave my corner until everything is going very well," Frost says.

Even hours after his day began, Huelskoetter finishes up at the clinic. It's 5 p.m. and the nurses and receptionists who work for him are tidying up as he says good night. At home, he'll typically take a few calls, from a nurse looking for instructions or a mom worried about her child's fever.

This is hard to leave behind, he says. But his will not be a sedentary retirement. He's staying on as medical director of the nursing home. And he wants to start a volunteer group of retired doctors to provide free medical care to the poor.

"I'll obviously miss the routine of every day being automatically organized. I'll miss my staff because they're family. I won't miss the paperwork a bit," he says. "I'll miss the friendship of many of my patients who have become real dear friends over the years."

Researchers closer to secret of how marijuana kills pain

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Maria Welch, a 52-year-old Baker City, Ore., resident who underwent surgery in July to remove most of her cancerous right lung, was in misery after doctors sent her home with some potent pain-killers.

The drugs deadened some of the pain, but left her nauseous, hallucinatory and suffering from sleepless nights.

"I felt like my body was asleep but my mind was awake. I just had to stop taking them because they didn't agree with me."

Then a friend gave Welch two marijuana brownies. Though she had never tried illegal drugs, she was desperate for relief.

"When I ate them I couldn't believe it. It was like a miracle. It took the pain away and it gave me an appetite," said Welch, a food industry researcher. "I slept like a log that night."

Scientists once scoffed at claims of cancer patients like Welch that they enjoyed relief from pain by puffing on a joint of marijuana or gobbling a plate of pot-laced brownies.

Research during the past decade has buoyed the case for marijuana as medicine. Scientists have made progress untangling pot's chemical makeup and gained insight into how its ingredients act on the brain to produce the anecdotal benefits claimed by cancer, AIDS, glaucoma and multiple sclerosis patients.

Now research has confirmed what some of those patients have been claiming all along: Marijuana does indeed kill pain.

Scientists at the University of California at San

Francisco found that a marijuana-like drug deadens pain in rats by interacting with the same pain-modulating area of the brain activated by morphine.

The findings prove that cannabinoids — which include marijuana's active ingredient, THC — are potent analgesics that deliver true pain relief, said Ian Meng, a postdoctoral fellow at UCSF's Department of Neurology.

In findings reported in the Sept. 24 issue of the journal Nature, the UCSF researchers describe how they injected rats with a synthetic cannabinoid to test how quickly the rodents reacted when a heat source was applied to their tails.

The drugged rats reacted more slowly to the heat than those not given the drug WIN55,212-2, and when a region of brain called the rostral ventromedial medulla that acts like a volume dial for pain was switched off, the drug's analgesic attributes ended, the team found.

A second set of tests demonstrated that it was the cannabinoid's pain-killing abilities — not the loss of motor coordination it also induces — that caused the rats to react slowly to their heated tails.

Meng said that given the findings, scientists should now push ahead and test cannabinoids on humans.

Proponents of the medical use of marijuana have claimed for decades that pot stifles chronic pain without the nausea, weight loss and addiction associated with morphine and other opiates.

The finding that cannabinoids target the same area of the brain as opiates, albeit through a different mechanism, raises the prospect that marijuana and opiates might be used together to exploit their combined analgesic qualities.

Test reveals serious of heart rhythm disorder

BOSTON (AP) — Blood tests may soon allow doctors to predict which people with a heart condition called long QT syndrome are at risk of dying from the disorder.

Three separate genetic defects can cause this abnormality, which results in fainting or sudden death.

A study in a recent issue of the New England Journal of Medicine found that two of the

genetic defects are likely to result in fainting, while the third is more apt to cause death.

The researchers say this is the first time that doctors have been able to predict the course of a form of heart disease by analyzing a patient's genes.

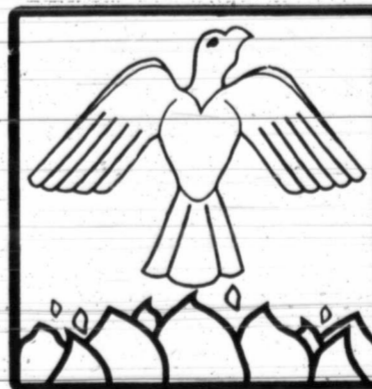
Researchers said a blood test is being developed that will tell patients which of the three genes is causing their disease.

The study was performed on

541 people with long QT syndrome. It was conducted by Dr. Wojciech Zareba and others from the University of Rochester.

About 25,000 Americans have long QT syndrome. About 3,000 die without warning each year.

The disorder's name refers to a particular pattern of squiggles on an electrocardiogram. It indicates that the heart muscle is having difficulty recharging after it beats.



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