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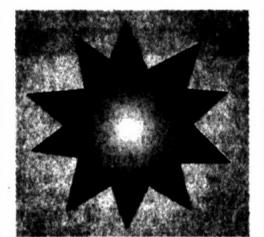
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PHS Choir to host street dance Sept. 16
 Pampa High School Choir members plan a street dance fund-raiser on Cuyler Street, Saturday, Sept. 16.

The dance is set for 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. Proceeds from ticket sales will be used to help fund the choir's spring trip to New York City.

Tickets are \$3 per person or \$5 per couple.

County clerk accepting mail ballot applications

Voters who would like to request an application for a ballot by mail in the Nov. 7 election should call 806-669-8004. The Gray County Clerk's Office is now accepting applications through Oct. 31.

Richardson couple wins \$60 million Lotto jackpot

AUSTIN (AP) — A Richardson couple won a \$60 million Lotto Texas jackpot Saturday night, the third-highest lottery prize ever in the state's history.

The winning ticket was sold to Lois Loden and John Osorio at an Albertsons grocery store in Richardson.

Opal E. Crabb, 95, homemaker.

Ralph Riggs, 75, retired sanitation worker.

Verna M. "Bernie" Nichols, 103, homemaker.

Wilma Tucker, 80, sister of Pampa.

C.F. "Clifford" Hefley, 87, farmer and rancher.

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Bones tell tale of early culture

By NANCY YOUNG
 Managing Editor

Bison bones found on federal property near the Pantex Plant fill in another chapter to tell the story of some of the earliest residents of the Panhandle Plains.

These bones are now on display in an exhibit at White Deer Land Museum. The bones, estimated to be at least 450 years old, and possibly as old as 1,250, not only tell a story of the animals, but also the lives of the people and their culture.

Also identified as buffalo, the bison were the main source of meat for the prehistoric time period. The herd animals freely roamed the plains.

Bison were an essential resource to the people living on the Llano Estacado, for nearly 12,000 years. The animals helped to provide food, clothing and shelter in a land offering few natural comforts.

The traveling exhibit is composed of primarily rib bones of the bison. They were found by Mike Kuck, a geologist at

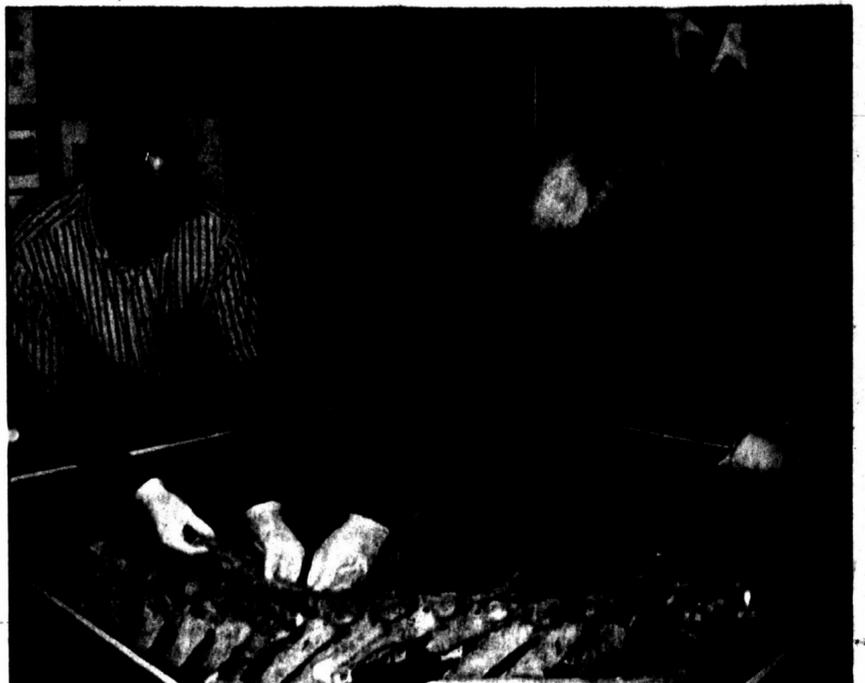
Pantex. Kuck saw the bones barely visible to the naked eye in the ground on Oct. 8, 1996, in the northeastern corner of the Llano Estacado. He carefully began scraping the dirt away to determine what lay beneath.

He said a cattle trail indicated livestock repeatedly tromped a trail to water wearing the area down, and eventually exposing the bone he saw. Kuck and Kris Mitchell, a historian at Pantex, excavated the remainder of the bones.

After digging a large area approximately three feet deep, the two men uncovered numerous rib bones which they took for preservation and analysis to Dr. Eileen Johnson at Texas Tech University. Dr. Johnson concluded from her examination, that the bones are from a male bison estimated to be approximately eight years old.

Dr. Johnson said the find is significant, said Kuck, which she classified as a "utility kill." He said a utility kill is defined as one in which the hunters only

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Kris Mitchell, Pantex Historian, and Mike Kuck, Pantex Geologist, arrange the bison rib bones for the four-month exhibit which is at the White Deer Land Museum in Pampa. The bones were found by Kuck near Pantex in October 1996 in the Llano Estacado area. He and Mitchell excavated the area.

Motivating youth, children topic of Tuesday program

Motivational speaker, Jimmy Cabrera, will present a free, specially-tailored community program, "Understanding and Motivating Children and Youth," at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 12, at Pampa Middle School Library.

Cabrera also plans to speak to Pampa Independent School District (PISD) middle school and high school students Tuesday morning and school personnel at an inservice Tuesday afternoon.

Pampa schools will be dismissed early Tuesday because of the inservice.

School Superintendent Dawson Orr said the district hired Cabrera to speak to school staff on the recommendation of school board member, Joe Martinez.

Martinez said he had heard Cabrera speak at a program presented through ENRON and was impressed with the man's energy and views on diversity.

"As you know, my focus is on staff development and students," Orr said, "but Mr. Cabrera also wanted to reach out to parents and grandparents."

Orr said he also liked Cabrera's focus on diversity which emphasizes a respect for difference and recognition of commonalities.

"We are looking at our student body becoming far more diverse over time, yet our workforce hasn't changed that much," Orr explained. "I think Mr. Cabrera's talks will be helpful for the staff and the community."



Jimmy Cabrera

nity."

On Tuesday morning, Pampa High School freshmen and sophomores will hear Cabrera speak on "What's In Your Backpack? Preparing for the Future." This presentation will also be given to Pampa Middle School students on Wednesday.

"Diversity Through Inclusion. Maximizing and Embracing Our Commonalities" is the subject of Cabrera's presentation to PISD faculty members set for Tuesday afternoon.

Cabrera, a resident of the Houston area, is a certified speaking professional, an earned designation achieved by less than eight percent of almost 4,000 members of the National Speakers Association. He has been a professional speaker and consultant for more than 17 years.

Traffic stop yields marijuana

By DAVID BOWSER
 Staff Writer

An Amarillo couple were arrested by Pampa police officers early today following a routine traffic stop and search that yielded what police believe to be almost a dozen individually wrapped packages of marijuana.

Elvira Solano, 17, and Andrew Jacob Campos, 18, were in Gray County jail today in lieu of bonds totalling \$11,000.

Officers said Pampa Police Officer Shawn Waters stopped Campos about 1:45 a.m. today as he drove a blue 1990 Chevrolet Lumina two-door sedan in the 200 block of Ballard.

Police said Campos appeared to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Campos gave officers permission to search the car, and

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Hearing set on city budget

Citizens who wish to speak during the public hearing must sign a card when they arrive at the meeting. Presentations are limited to three minutes.

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
 Staff Writer

Pampa city commissioners plan a public hearing on the proposed 2000-2001 budget at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 12, at City Hall.

Citizens who wish to speak during the public hearing must sign a card when they arrive at the meeting. Each presentation is limited to three minutes.

A work session prior to the meeting is set for 4 p.m. No action is taken during the work session. Commissioners plan to discuss an open air pavilion at Recreation Park and review the Tuesday night agenda.

The proposed budget of \$13.75 million reflects a revenue shortfall of almost a half-million dollars with projected revenues estimated at \$13.25 million.

More than half of the expenditures, 52.7 percent, comes from the public works department. Police services constitute 12.3 percent; community services, 11 percent; fire department, 9.6 percent; finance, 8.2 percent; and administration, 6.2 percent.

To help balance the budget, set to go into effect Oct. 1, commissioners propose to increase prop-

erty taxes to 67 cents per \$100 valuation, as well as go up on solid waste collection fees by 50 cents per month for hauling residential trash and a 15 cent per month tipping fee increase. City officials are also considering reducing the minimum water usage charge from 3000 gallons to 2000 gallons per month.

Even with these rate increases, city officials predict that a part of the approximately \$1.8 million in reserves may have to be used to balance the budget.

Following the public hearing, commissioners will consider taking action on the following items:

- a contract with CH2M Hill engineers and testing company for improvements at the water treatment plant;
- adopt a resolution regarding reimbursing expenditures with proceeds of future debt;
- award bid for North Crest water tower painting project; and
- consider bid of \$50 for delinquent tax property at 811 E. Denver.

First readings will be heard on ordinances regarding the budget, the tax rate, an extension with Cable One, Inc., solid waste collection fees and solid waste tipping fees.

Commissioners also plan to consider a contract with David Teichmann to operate Hidden Hills Golf Course and appointments to fill vacancies or reappointments to the cable advisory commission, construction board of appeals, Lovett Memorial Library board, M.K. Brown Auditorium board, parks and recreation advisory board, traffic commission and golf course advisory board.

GCAD board sets hearing for comments on budget

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
 Staff Writer

A public hearing on the proposed 2001 budget for Gray County Appraisal District (GCAD) is set for 7:30 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 12, at the appraisal district's offices, 815 N. Sumner.

GCAD officials plan to spend \$466,709 during the 2001 fiscal year, an increase of slightly more than \$13,000.

Chief Appraiser Pat Bagley said the budget, which is 2.8 percent above the 2000 figures, shows a "normal increase" that is "not even up to (the increase in) the cost of living."

The budget also reflects a two-year plan previously approved by the GCAD board to increase clerical salaries "to

Appraisal district officials plan to spend \$466,709 during the 2001 fiscal year — an increase of slightly more than \$13,000 or 2.8 percent.

make them comparable to other entities," Bagley explained. GCAD employs nine full-time employees and is completely supported through payments from local taxing entities it serves.

Copies of the proposed budget are available for public

inspection at the local county, school districts, cities and towns served by GCAD.

Also listed on the meeting agenda is an executive session to consider litigation matters and a presentation of the 1999 audit report.

Matters for consideration by the board include the following:

- adoption of the 2001 budget;
- a policy on Internet use and a change in the board of directors policy;
- payment for sick leave;
- paving of parking areas; and
- appointment of a records management officer.

Board members are also scheduled to hear a report on investments and a report from the chief appraiser.

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Services tomorrow

CRABB, Opal E. — Graveside services, 9:30 a.m., Gould Cemetery, Gould, Okla.
HEFLEY, C.F. "Clifford" — 2 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Wheeler.
NICHOLS, Verna Maude "Bernie" — Graveside services, 10:30 a.m., Hillcrest Cemetery, McLean.
RIGGS, Ralph — 11 a.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.
TUCKER, Wilma — Graveside services, 11 a.m., Kilgore Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Kilgore.

Obituaries

JAMES RAYMOND BONNER BORGER — James Raymond "Fuzzy" Bonner, 79, father of a Pampa resident, died Friday, Sept. 8, 2000. Services were to be at 10 a.m. today in the Church of Christ with Richard Kasko, minister of Fritch Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery at Pampa under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors.
 Mr. Bonner was born at Okmulgee, Okla. He married Maxine "Mickey" Little on Oct. 30, 1942, at Pampa. He moved from Pampa to Borger 34 years ago and retired as store manager of Bovaard Supply Company.
 He belonged to Church of Christ of Borger and was a U.S. Army Air Corp veteran, serving as a staff sergeant during World War II.
 Survivors include his wife, Maxine; two daughters, Judy Eppison of Pampa and Shirley Branch of Amarillo; a son, Keith Bonner of Lubbock; a brother, Roy Lee Bonner of Houston; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

FRANCES LOUISE BROWN
 Frances Louise Brown, 73, of Pampa, died Thursday, Sept. 7, 2000. Graveside services were to be at 10 a.m. today in Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. J.C. Burt, pastor of Barrett Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.
 Mrs. Brown was born Oct. 16, 1926, at Batesville, Ark., and had been a Pampa resident since 1941. She married Lawrence F. Brown on Dec. 14, 1942, at San Francisco, Calif.; he preceded her in death in 1983.
 She was a member of Hobart Baptist Church.
 She was preceded in death by two great-granddaughters, Rebecca Marie Brown and Bethany Lynn Brown.
 Survivors include two daughters, Norma Joyce Trice of Daingerfield and Alice L. Stark of Pampa; a son, L. Dale Brown of Hughes Springs; a brother, Jessie Smartt of Pampa; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.
 The family requests memorials be to American Heart Association.

OPAL E. CRABB
 OLUSTEE, Okla. — Opal E. Crabb, 95, died Saturday, Sept. 9, 2000. Graveside services will be at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday in Gould Cemetery at Gould, Okla., with the Rev. James Frank Mitchell officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Stewart Funeral Service of Hollis, Okla.
 Mrs. Crabb was born Feb. 24, 1905, at Webb City, Mo., to W.C. and Laura Conner. She married Mart L. Crabb on Oct. 15, 1921, at Hollis; he died Aug. 2, 1962. She lived many years in the Hollis and Gould area, moving to Olustee 2 1/2 years ago.
 She belonged to Missionary Baptist Church and enjoyed reading the Bible and crocheting.
 She was preceded in death by her parents and by 14 brothers and sisters.
 Survivors include three daughters, Juanita Hughes and Loweta Chumley, both of Pampa, and Virginia Hays of Olustee; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.
 Family and friends will gather before the service at 9 a.m. at Stewart Funeral Service.

C.F. HEFLEY
 WHEELER — C.F. "Clifford" Hefley, 87, died Saturday, Sept. 9, 2000. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Rob Lindley, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Tulsa, and the Rev. Wayne Sheffield officiating. Burial will be in Gageby Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.
 Mr. Hefley was born Feb. 13, 1913, at Wheeler, to Joe and Nora McDonald Hefley, and graduated from high school at Briscoe. He married Pauline Evans on Dec. 29, 1934, at Wheeler. In 1965, he moved from Hemphill to Wheeler County where he farmed and ranched. He was a former member of Southwest Cattle Raisers Association and was a member of First State Bank of Mobeetie Board of Directors.
 He was a member of First United Methodist Church.
 He was preceded in death by a daughter, Marva Sue Hefley, in 1946.
 Survivors include his wife, Pauline; two daughters, Thelma Greene of Riverside, Calif., and Beth Alvey of Wheeler; two sons, Joe Hefley of Cooper and David Hefley of Briscoe; a sister, Thelma Evans of Amarillo; nine grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.
 The family requests memorials be to First United Methodist Church of Wheeler.

WILMA TUCKER
 KILGORE — Wilma "Ma" Tucker, 80, died Saturday, Sept. 9, 2000. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Kilgore Memorial Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. Riley Pippen officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Rader Funeral Homes of Kilgore.
 Mrs. Tucker was born June 28, 1920, at Durant, Okla. Her family moved to East Texas where she attended Gladewater public schools. She and her husband, Willard L. "PaPa" Tucker, owned-operated Tuckers Package Store.
 She belonged to St. Paul's Episcopal Church and Kilgore Chapter #630 Order of the Eastern Star.
 She was preceded in death by her husband, Willard.
 Survivors include a daughter, Barbara Gibson of Kilgore; two sisters, Clorine Blanchard of Pritchett and Freda Boyd of Pampa; two grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.
 The family will receive visitors from 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home and requests memorials be to American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 990, Kilgore, TX 75663-990.

RALPH RIGGS
 Ralph Riggs, 75, of Pampa, died Sunday, Sept. 10, 2000, at Amarillo. Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Lonny Robbins, pastor of Trinity Fellowship Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.
 Mr. Riggs was born Sept. 23, 1924, at Soper, Okla. He married Lanell Chandler in 1946 at Boswell, Okla., and moved to Pampa later that same year. In 1951, he began working for the City of Pampa Sanitation Department. He retired in 1979 after 28 years of service and owned the Star Motel in Pampa for 12 years.
 He was a Christian.
 He was preceded in death by a son, Terry Riggs, in 1976.
 Survivors include his wife, Lanell, of the home; three daughters, Linda Pritchett of Narco, La., Dolores Czesnowski of Pampa and Teresa Bailey of Denton; a son, Jimmy Riggs of Canyon; a sister, Helen Gabriel of Pampa; 11 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

MARIAN LARSON MORRIS
 DEL RIO — Marian Larson Morris, 78, step-mother of a Pampa resident, died Friday, Sept. 8, 2000. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Del Rio Memorial Park with the Rev. Marvin Wood officiating. Burial will be under the direction of G.W. Cox Memorial Funeral Home.
 Mrs. Morris was born at St. Paul, Minn., and was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. She moved to Del Rio from Vacaville, Calif.
 Survivors include her husband, Royce M. Morris; a daughter, Linda Huber of Vacaville; two sons, Wayne Larson of Waterford, Conn., and Donald Larson of Vacaville; a stepdaughter, Rebecca King of Spring Branch; two stepsons, Ernest C. Morris of Pampa and Royce W. Morris of Amarillo; a sister, Dorothy Sprinkles of Petaluma, Calif.; and two grandchildren.
 The family requests memorials be to: Val Verde Regional Medical Center Hospices, 102 Center Dr., Suite D, Del Rio, TX 78840; or to American Cancer Society, c/o Gwen McGonagill, P.O. Box 1285, Del Rio, TX 78841-1285.
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 Mrs. Nichols was born Aug. 28, 1897, in Lincoln County, Okla., to Yell Breckenridge and Rosie Stewart Lee. She graduated from Prague High School at Prague, Okla., and later enrolled in Business School at Shawnee, Okla. While in high school, she played baseball and was coached by Jim Thorpe. She married Vester Smith in 1916 at Okemah, Okla.; he died July 20, 1940. She married Walter Nichols in 1945 at Oklahoma City, Okla.; he died in 1982.
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 Survivors include her husband, Royce M. Morris; a daughter, Linda Huber of Vacaville; two sons, Wayne Larson of Waterford, Conn., and Donald Larson of Vacaville; a stepdaughter, Rebecca King of Spring Branch; two stepsons, Ernest C. Morris of Pampa and Royce W. Morris of Amarillo; a sister, Dorothy Sprinkles of Petaluma, Calif.; and two grandchildren.
 The family requests memorials be to: Val Verde Regional Medical Center Hospices, 102 Center Dr., Suite D, Del Rio, TX 78840; or to American Cancer Society, c/o Gwen McGonagill, P.O. Box 1285, Del Rio, TX 78841-1285.
 The body will be available for viewing until 9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

VERNA MAUDE NICHOLS
 HIGGINS — Verna Maude "Bernie" Nichols, 103, died Sunday, Sept. 10, 2000. Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in Hillcrest Cemetery at McLean with the Rev. Jene Greer of Amarillo and the Rev. Jerry Don Cheshire, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Higgins, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Stickley-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian.
 Mrs. Nichols was born Aug. 28, 1897, in Lincoln County, Okla., to Yell Breckenridge and Rosie Stewart Lee. She graduated from Prague High School at Prague, Okla., and later enrolled in Business School at Shawnee, Okla. While in high school, she played baseball and was coached by Jim Thorpe. She married Vester Smith in 1916 at Okemah, Okla.; he died July 20, 1940. She married Walter Nichols in 1945 at Oklahoma City, Okla.; he died in 1982.
 She had been a Higgins resident since 1982 and previously resided at McLean, Mobeetie, Colorado and Pampa. She was a homemaker and a member of First Presbyterian Church of McLean.
 Her daughter, Nerine Boaz, preceded her in death in 1968.
 Survivors include a son, Vester Smith of Higgins; a sister, Alta Woodrome of Honea Path, S.C.; four grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren.
 The family requests memorials be to Hemphill County Hospice, 1020 S. 4th, Canadian, TX 79014; or to Abraham Memorial Home, 803 Birch, Canadian, 79014.
 The body will be available for viewing from 3-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

BRANDON ANDREW WOLFE
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Stocks

The following quotations are provided by Atcheyby Grant of Pampa:

Columbia/HCA	33 1/2	dn 11/16
Enron	83	up 101/32
Halliburton	54 7/16	up 2 3/8
KMI	40 5/8	up 7/8
Kerr-McGee	64 3/8	up 1 5/16
Limited	23	up 1/4
McDonald's	28 7/16	dn 5/16
Phillips	65 5/8	up 1 1/16
Exxon Mobil	34 15/16	dn 1/16
New Atmos.	20	up 3/16
XCEL	26 3/8	up 45/32
NOI	35 1/8	up 15/16
OKI	34 15/16	up 45/32
Pennys	14 1/8	dn 1/4
Pharmacy	65 5/8	up 1 1/16
Pioneer Nat	14 7/16	dn 1/4
SLR	85 1/2	up 3
Tenneco	6 11/16	up 5/16
Texasco	54 5/8	up 3/4
Ultranor	26 11/16	up 2 1/32
Wal-Mart	53 7/8	up 1 3/4
Williams	46 1/2	up 9/16

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:

Occidental	23 3/8	up 19/32
Fidelity Magelln	138 9/4	
Puritan	18 9/1	

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

RP Amoco	57 1/16	up 5/16
Cabot	34 15/16	dn 5/16
Cabot O&G	20 5/8	up 1/8
Chevron	89 9/16	up 2 7/8
Citicorp	54 9/16	dn 1/4
New York Gold	273.00	
Silver	4.90	
West Texas Crude	33.83	

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Energas	1-888-Energas
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	669-5700
SPS	1-800-750-2520
Water	669-5830

BONES

took the parts of the bison which were easy to carry. Kuck said the hunters left the rib areas of the animal because there was so much less meat on them in comparison to the forequarters and hindquarters of the animals.
 "She said she knows of only one other utility kill in the area. It is a very unusual find," said Kuck.
 Butcher marks on the vertebrae, but not on the ribs, helped identify the date of the animal kill. These marks, though visible, were examined under microscopes by Dr. Johnson to confirm the dates. She determined the marks were made by a stone tool.
 "This mark can't be made any more. It only can be made on a green bone (fresh bone)," said Kuck.
 While the bones on display may look like ordinary bison bones, the markings on the bones reveal lines going crossways. The bone reveals that people of that time were cutting or sawing across it to remove the meat.
 He said there are three ways used to date the bones: the age of the sediment, the remains of the grasses with the bones and the actual bone. The types of sediment and types of grasses found with the bones confirm the time frame of at least 450 years ago and probably as many as 1,250 years ago.
 The sediments were of a clay type soil and the grasses were a short grass, he said.
 The bones were also sent to the University of Arizona in Tucson

for examination. Their findings agreed with Dr. Johnson's team at Lubbock. The bones were not fossilized.
 Site of the discovery is only seven miles from where the Antelope Creek people have been determined to have lived during the same time frame, making it a strong possibility the hunters of the bison were from that area located on the Canadian River breaks.
 Playa lakes were located near-by the find located in the north-eastern corner of the Llano Estacado. The playa lakes were a dominant source of water in the area more than 500 years ago and in the time of the Antelope Creek people.
 Kuck said the bones were buried quickly enough to allow preservation of them. He added that people of that time period left the bones on the prairies after the kill of the animals, and it was the weather elements which allowed for the burial of the bones. Small weather damage was determined, he said, and they were buried quickly enough to be together and not be scattered.
 The ends of the bones reveals some type of animals, probably of the wolf or coyote families, did gnaw on the bones as carnivore teeth marks were on these bones.
 Kuck and Mitchell reconstructed the bones they found at the Pantex location. Wearing white gloves, the two men connected them together like a jigsaw puzzle. The bones are numbered and travel in special constructed boxes between exhibits.
 A copy of Dr. Johnson's report

on the bison is available at the White Deer Land Museum during the four months the exhibit will be on display locally.
 More than 34,000 visitors saw the exhibit at Palo Duro Canyon prior to its arrival in Pampa.
 The buffalo reach almost seven feet in height and weigh approximately 1,600 pounds. When they are born, their hair is a bright orange to brown which turns to a dark brown as they get older. The animals reach adult maturity at approximately six or seven years old, and live to around 20 years.
 Anglo-American settlers moving west in the early 1800s almost brought the bison to extinction. The number of animals was reduced from several million to just a few hundred by 1890.
 Buffalo hunters often killed bison for their hides alone, leaving the meat to rot or be eaten by wild animals. Many millions were killed in an effort to reduce the Indian population who relied so heavily on these animals, both physically and spiritually.
 Bison are not considered an endangered species, and many ranchers on the Great Plains manage buffalo herds. There are about 90,000 bison in the United States and Canada today.
 Mitchell said the bones were turned over to Dr. Johnson in October 1996 and returned in 1998. The Texas Tech team worked on preservation as well as analysis of the find. The department also constructed the exhibit to travel to area locations for area residents to enjoy.
 Winter hours at the White Deer Land Museum are Tuesday through Sunday, 1-4 p.m.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents in the 48 hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
Saturday, Sept. 9
 A residential burglary was reported in the 900 block of South Faulkner. About \$10 in pain reliever was taken.
 Pampa Athletic Club reported about \$5 in damage to a pool cue.
 A Colorado woman reported the burglary of a Pampa residence in the 700 block of Banks. An estimated \$750 in items was taken.
 A Pampa man reported the theft of a 1973 Pontiac from the 2000 block of Coffee.
 A 911 abuse call was reported in the 300 block of North Wells.
 A violation of alcohol laws was reported in the 1900 block of North Wells.
Sunday, Sept. 10
 A burglary of a motor vehicle in the 2100 block of North Faulkner was reported in which about \$800 in cash and items were taken.
 About \$100 in damage was reported to a 1991 Honda Accord in a criminal mischief case in the 1300 block of Mary Ellen.
 An estimated \$45 in damage was reported to a yard light in the 700 block of North Nelson.
 About \$150 damage was reported to the rear door window of a 1990 red Chevrolet Suburban in the 1000 block of South Wells.
 A child custody complaint was reported in the 1000 block of Christy.
 A man living at the El Capri Motel reported the theft of his wallet containing about \$163.
Monday, Sept. 11
 An Amarillo couple was arrested at Kingsmill and Ballard today on possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia charges.

Fires

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
Saturday, Sept. 9
 10:26 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 500 block of North Wells.
 12:19 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters stood by for Lifestar Helicopter at One Medical Plaza.
 6:31 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a dumpster fire in the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway.
 8:29 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a false alarm in the 300 block of North Wells.
Sunday, Sept. 10
 5:45 p.m. — Two units and six firefighters responded to a false alarm in the 1300 block of West Kentucky.
 9:16 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a grass fire eight miles south on Texas 70. A 200-foot circle was burned.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's office reported the following arrests during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
Sunday, Sept. 10
 Lasandra Johnson, 32, 329 Jean, was arrested by Pampa Police on a Potter County theft by check warrant.
Monday, Sept. 11
 Elvira Solano, 17, and Andrew Jacob Campos, 18, both of Amarillo, were arrested by Pampa Police on charges of possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia charges.

Weather focus

PAMPA — Mostly sunny today with a high near 100 and southwest winds at 10 to 15 mph. Mostly cloudy tonight with a low near 60. Sunny and cooler on Tuesday with highs in the mid-80s. Mostly cloudy Tuesday night with a low in the low 60s. Wednesday's high will be in the upper 80s. High Sunday was 100 and the overnight low, 66.
STATEWIDE — It's been another rain-free weekend for North Texas while showers and thunderstorms dampened southeastern parts of the state and the Gulf of Mexico.
 Shallow patchy fog developed near Lufkin and scattered thunderstorms and lightning developed in Northeast Texas
 Some isolated showers were developing over the extreme southeast around Beaumont and Port Arthur.
 But the Dallas-Fort Worth area has had 73 days without measurable rainfall in a series that continues to break an all-time dry spell, with near-record heat.
 Early-morning lows statewide ranged from the 60s to 80s. The 60s came near Dalhart in the Panhandle and at Marfa in the far west. It was 75 degrees at San Antonio and Houston, with 86 at Del Rio.
 Winds were southeasterly to southwesterly at 5 to 15 mph statewide.
 A tropical wave in the central gulf moving westward was bringing a chance of showers and thunderstorms for East Texas and a slight chance for the

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officers called Canine Unit Officer David Conner with Pampa's drug dog Nick.
 A search of the car resulted in officers finding what they believed to be about 5.9 ounces of marijuana in 11 individually wrapped plastic bags on the passenger side floor board.
 Gray County Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman set bond this morning for each of two at \$5,000 on charges of possession of marijuana over four ounces and under five pounds

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL
Pampa Area Literacy Council office is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

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

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER
Tralee Crisis Center will offer Volunteer Training for people interested in working with victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and other crime victims. For more information, call Diane Wells at 669-1131 or 1-800-658-2796.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD
Planned Parenthood of Amarillo and the Texas Panhandle is extending clinic hours in Pampa. The clinic is now open from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, 408 W. Kingsmill Ave., #175-A. Special evening hours until 6 p.m. are available by appointment. For more information or for an appointment, call 665-2291. Planned Parenthood is a not-for-profit health care organization serving women and men in 17 offices covering 26 counties in the panhandle.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR
Lovett Memorial Library will sponsor a pre-school story hour at 10 a.m. every Tuesday this fall beginning Sept. 5. The free program is open to children 18 months to 5 years of age and will include stories, crafts and other activities. No registration is required. For more information, call the library at 669-5780.

PAMPA BOOK CLUB
Pampa Book Club will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13 in the conference room of Lovett Memorial Library. The group will discuss books for the coming year. Visitors are welcome.

BUSINESS LUNCHEON
The Contract Procurement Center in Amarillo has announced a Business Luncheon for small, minority and women entrepreneurs will be held from 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 19 at Luby's Cafeteria, 2101 S. Coulter in Amarillo. David D. Terry, business consultant with West Texas A&M University Small Business Development Center, will be the guest speaker. For reservations or for more information, call Edmond Esparza at (806) 372-3381.

BSA FALL VOLUNTEER TRAINING
BSA Hospice Pampa will present its Fall Volunteer Training and Community Education Class from 6-9 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays, Sept. 11-Oct. 12, at Clarendon College, 1601 W. Kentucky. This comprehensive class is designed for adults who are interested in becoming a hospice volunteer, want to learn more about hospice care or desire personal growth and enrichment. This program is offered free of charge to the Pampa, Borger and surrounding communities and continuing education unit's will be awarded by CC. For more information or to pre-register, call Janet McCracken, volunteer coordinator, BSA Hospice Pampa, at (806) 665-6677.

AMARILLO LIBRARY
Amarillo Public Library will celebrate the city's Ninth Annual International Week, Oct. 1-8, with many fun events focusing on France. View 18th century French art in Amarillo Art Museum or meet the French consul at Central Library. For more information or for a list of activities, call (806) 378-3051.

FIRST BAPTIST WOMEN'S RETREAT
First Baptist Church "Choices of the Heart" Women's Retreat is slated Sept. 29-Oct. 1 at New Beginnings Retreat Center in Channing with retreat leader Martha Baker. Total cost of the retreat is \$87 (two per room). Twenty-five dollars is due Aug. 25 to reserve a spot. The balance must be paid by Sept. 15. Fees refundable upon request by Sept. 21. To register or for more information, call 669-1155.

IRISH CRAFTFEST
Shamrock's Irish Craftfest is slated Oct. 7 and 8. Booths are available for \$30 a piece plus an additional fee if electricity is required. Santa will be present and booths will include everything from candles and Christmas decorations to baked items and much more. For more information, call Shamrock Chamber of Commerce, (806) 256-2501.

CAPROCK CANYONS
Caprock Canyons State Park and Caprock Canyons Trailway State Park at Quitaque will conduct nature hikes at 9 a.m., Sept. 2 and 16 as well as "Birding 101" at 9 a.m. Sept. 9 and 23. In addition, a campfire gathering will be held at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 2, a Clarity Tunnel Adventure is slated at 6 p.m. Sept. 9 and "Canyon Ramblings" will begin at 5:45 p.m. Sept. 23. For more information, call (806) 455-1492.

FPC EXTENDED EDUCATION CLASSES
Frank Phillips College in Borger will offer several Extended Education Classes this fall. Classes will include: Beginning Conversational Spanish; PC-EZ class; Concealed Handgun Course; Ingles Como Segundo Language; Intermediate Conversational Spanish; Web Design; Finding Your Way Through the Internet; Beginning Watercolors; Quilting class; Investing for Your Future; Nurse Aid for Health Care Organizations I; and Marriage and Couples Education satellite conference. For more information, call (806) 274-5311, (806) 274-5312 or 1-800-687-2056, ext. 777.

PATHWAYS
The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will offer "Pathways," a four-part support series for those who have lost a loved one, from 1:30-3 p.m. Tuesdays throughout the month. For more information, call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673, ext. 235 or Stan McKeever at (806) 359-4673, ext. 141 or toll-free at 1-800-274-4673.

HERITAGE FEST
Lake McClellan will host "Heritage Fest" Sept. 23 at the lake. The event will feature performers and displays.

QUILTFEST 2000
Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild will sponsor "Quiltfest 2000" quilt show from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30 and from 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1 at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium, 1000 N. Sumner. Admission for both days is \$3 and door prizes will be awarded throughout the event which will include a large merchant mall. A drawing for a quilt and Bernina sewing machine will be held as well.

COUNTRY DOCTOR AWARD
Staff Care, Inc. is seeking nominations for the 2000 Country Doctor of the Year Award. Nominees will be judged on the following criteria: Scope of care; continuity of care (nominees must have served their communities for a minimum of five years); rural location (communities of 25,000 or less); and dedication. For nomination forms or for more information, call 1-800-685-2272.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER
The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following breast cancer screening clinics: Sept. 11, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, and Sept. 5, First United Methodist Church Educational Building, 201 E. Foster, Pampa; Sept. 6, 20, Hemphill County Hospital, Canadian; Sept. 19 United Methodist church, Miami; and Sept. 14, Wesley Community Center, 1615 S. Roberts, Amarillo. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

AREA AGENCY ON AGING
Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle is seeking volunteers to serve as advocates for nursing home residents as part of its Ombudsmen program. The Ombudsmen will visit residents of long-term care facilities and help resolve complaints involving residents rights, quality of life and quality of care. Once accepted into the program, volunteers complete a three month internship including intensive training and supervision in preparation. Ideal candidates will have strong sense of fair play, excellent problem-solving skills, good relationships with older people and the ability to devote two

hours a week to the residents served by the Ombudsman program. For more information, contact Jeff Price, regional Ombudsman, or Shirley Sheldon, Ombudsman Program Aide, at 1-800-642-6008; or write P.O. Box 9257, Amarillo, TX, 79105.

SCHOOL TO CAREER PROGRAM
Texas AFL-CIO has announced the "School to Careers" project for high school students interested in union apprenticeship programs. To learn more about the benefits of union-sponsored apprenticeship training programs, contact the local Texas Workforce Commission or call (512) 470-0918.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON AGING
National Institute on Aging and National Institutes of Health recently published a 36-page booklet "Who? What? When? Resources for Women's Health and Aging" to help women as they age. To order a free copy, contact the National Institute on Aging Information Center at 1-800-222-2225.

AISE
American Intercultural Student Exchange is a non-profit educational foundation seeking local host families for high school foreign exchange students for the 2000-01 school year. The students, which come from 25 countries throughout the world, live with American families and attend local high schools during their 10 month exchange. Host families provide the students with a place to sleep, meals and a family atmosphere. For more information, call 1-800-SIBLING or visit AISE website, www.aise.com.

CASE
Hosting a high school exchange student in August 2000 is like bringing the world to your doorstep. U.S. Government sanctioned, CSIET listed non-profit educational organization is seeking families of all types; retired couples, couples with children, single parent families and childless couples. Students will be arriving from various countries, ALL of whom speak English. You can choose a male or female between the age of 15 and 18. You will have the support of a LOCAL Area Representative with you throughout the exchange. Students arrive sometime in August (depending on when school starts). Your new son or daughter will attend your local high school for either 5 or 10 months. All students have their own medical insurance. As a host family, you agree to provide room and board and to include your student as a member of your family. For information, contact Joyce toll-free at 877-846-5848.

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service AgriPartner Report for the week of Sept. 4 is as follows:
—Beet armyworm moths continue to be caught in large numbers in area pheromone traps. Producers should check seedling wheat for possible infestations. The economic threshold in seedling wheat is four- to five-larvae per square foot.
—Fall armyworm moth numbers are down in pheromone traps but continue to monitor seedling wheat for larvae. During the day, these worms will be found in the soil near the small wheat plants. The economic threshold in seedling wheat is four- to five-larvae per square foot.
—Trap catches of boll weevils should increase dramatically as they search far and wide for cotton to serve as a food source. Only in late irrigated cotton are these pests likely to find squares and young bolls on which to feed.

Perfect TAAS scores



(Special photo)

Middle school students Landon McNeely, left-right, Shon Freelen, Jarron Clark and Natalie Knowles were among students at Pampa Middle School receiving plaques in honor of their achieving perfect scores on the TAAS test this past spring.

Live Gospel Music Concert

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One great evening!

Monday, September 11, 7:00 pm

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- *Reserved seating is available for groups of 6 or more.
- *Concert is free. Love offering will be received.
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MEDICAL

Research dilemma about taking hormones at menopause

By LINDSEY TANNER
AP Medical Writer

Marjorie Sharpe takes a mystery pill every morning. What it does she can only guess.

It could be a dummy pill. Or it could contain powerful hormones that can ward off ailments common in the last third of a woman's life.

Sharpe is among more than 27,000 participants in one of the largest medical studies ever to examine the benefits and risks of hormone supplements at menopause.

Do they cause breast cancer?

Do they help — or harm — the heart?

Do they protect against memory loss or prevent broken bones — even tooth loss and wrinkles?

Existing research has only deepened the dilemma. Meanwhile, Premarin, one brand of synthetic estrogen, remains the world's most commonly prescribed drug.

"Everything that people believe about hormones has never been proven" conclusively, says Marcia Stefanick, head of the steering committee for the federally funded Women's Health Initiative, which is being conducted at 40 centers nationwide. "It's collapsed on observational data."

The 83-year-old Sharpe, one of Stefanick's subjects, says she didn't need hormones when she went through menopause decades ago. Now, amid much research questioning their potential risks and benefits, Sharpe is philosophical about the chance her morning pill contains them.

"Life is a risk," Sharpe says. "Somebody needs to find out what we believe may be helpful for women's health."

As women age, their ovaries stop making estrogen and progesterone, sex hormones that regulate the menstrual cycle and prepare the body for pregnancy. As hormone levels decline, some women experience hot flashes, night sweats, depression and memory loss. Cholesterol levels can rise, and bone can become brittle because estrogen helps bones hold onto calcium.

The Food and Drug Administration approved replacement hormones for menopausal women more than 50 years ago, and experts have debated the benefits and risks ever since.

In just the last several months, numerous studies have raised troubling questions. Reports have questioned the belief that hormones lower risk of heart attack, bolstered research linking estrogen to breast cancer, and suggested the breast cancer danger increases in combination with progestin, the synthetic version of the hormone progesterone, which menopausal women take to reduce the risk of uterine cancer.

"The whole thing is a lot more confusing than I think we've been recognizing," says Stefanick, an associate professor in medicine at Stanford University, one of the 40 centers for the study. "We really do need to tease apart who benefits and who's at risk from going on these hormones."

The Women's Health Initiative is investigating major causes of illness and death in postmenopausal women who were aged 50 to 79 at the time the project began in 1991. Some 160,000 women are involved in its various research studies.

The 12-year hormone clinical trial began in 1993 and involves 27,348 women nationwide. Half take a placebo, and half take hormones. The women receiving the hormones are further divided: Those who've had their uteruses removed get estrogen, and those with their uteruses intact get a pill containing estrogen and progestin.

Study results are expected in 2005. That's a long way off for the more than 10 million American women already in their mid to late 40s and nearing the average age of menopause — 51.

Dr. Eric Bieber, a reproductive endocrinologist at the University of Chicago's Pritzker School of Medicine, hears the questions daily from menopausal patients.

"Asking someone who has significant hot flashes to hold on is really an unreasonable thing to ask," Bieber says.

So he explains estrogen's known short-term benefits as well as

the lesser-known long-term effects.

"Ultimately, it's up to the patient to decide if this is the direction they want to go," says Bieber.

So what are the facts?

Naturally occurring estrogen keeps brain cells healthy, benefits the heart by helping keep cholesterol at healthy levels, helps bones maintain calcium and remain strong and helps keep breast tissue firm and the vaginal lining moist.

The facts get murky, however, when the question is whether supplements of synthetic estrogen can step into the breach and do all those positive things when levels of the natural hormone drop.

Synthetic estrogen is approved only to treat bone-thinning osteoporosis and vasomotor symptoms such as hot flashes, night sweats and vaginal dryness. Though many women say hormones help them with menopausal moodiness, depression and forgetfulness, drug references advise against taking them for those conditions.

Some research has suggested that women taking hormone supplements are less likely to get Alzheimer's disease, but a study earlier this year found no estrogen benefit in women who already have the memory-robbing disease.

Because of the drop in estrogen, women's risk of heart disease increases after menopause, and doctors have thought that synthetic estrogen helps the heart by improving cholesterol levels. But recent research suggests that at least in patients who already have heart disease, estrogen does not prevent heart attacks.

Estrogen also promotes cell-growth and has been linked to cancerous breast tumors, but researchers disagree on the degree of risk. It's also been linked to uterine cancer, but taking it with progestin has long been thought to alleviate that risk. Recent studies, however, suggest progestin can also increase risk for breast cancer.

There are many reasons for the seemingly contradictory findings, including differing study methods and differences in patient populations.

In the past, women who decided to take hormones tended to be health-conscious and healthier and therefore started out at low risk for things like heart disease, Stefanick says.

Now, with some 20 million women nationwide on hormones — a number expected to rise as baby boomers reach menopause — users come from a broader group and evaluating hormones' effect on health is trickier, she says.

Donna Bender, a career planning instructor at San Jose State University, has read the negative reports but swears by hormone supplements.

For months, she suffered severe hot flashes, night sweats and memory loss. She lost shopping lists, misplaced her wallet twice in one week and cried when the grocery store was out of her brand of tuna.

Eating "the natural stuff" like tofu, sweet potatoes and other foods containing estrogen didn't work.

"My life was miserable," says Bender, 51. "I went from having this really smart, great memory to just feeling stupid."

That all changed when she began treatment three years ago.

"I would do without my cats and my husband but not my estrogen," she says. "There is a possibility this is not a good thing for me, but I have to weigh both sides for me, and so maybe live a shorter but a better life."

At 48, Stefanick, too, is approaching menopause and, like Bender, figures she'll try alternatives to hormones first. But she won't rule out taking them.

"I'm sure if I get bad enough hot flashes, it won't be a pride issue. I'll do what it takes," she says.

On the net:
Women's Health Initiative:
<http://www.nih.gov/news/nf/womenshealth/5.html>
American Medical Women's Association: <http://www.amwado.org/healthtopics/hrt-breastcancer-qa.htm>
American Heart Association:
<http://women.americanheart.org/self-care/fs-menopause.html>

Exposure to other children's germs can be a good thing

By LINDA A. JOHNSON
Associated Press Writer

Early exposure to other youngsters and their germs appears to protect children from developing asthma later on, according to a study that could reassure parents feeling guilty about putting their infants in day care.

The study found that children who attended day care in their first six months or had two or more older siblings were about half as likely to have asthma at age 13 as youngsters who had one or no older siblings and did not attend day care until they were older.

This echoes the hot new "hygiene theory" that says children who do not get outside and get dirty every now and then are not being exposed to enough germs to stimulate proper development of their immune systems.

"This paper reflects the growing belief that the more sterile the early environment, the more problems later in life," said Dr. Leonard Bielory, director of the Asthma and Allergy Research Center at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in Newark.

The findings come amid an unexplained explosion of asthma among children and worries that smaller families and households scrubbed with antibacterial cleansers may be weakening our immune systems.

Asthma cases jumped 158 percent from 1980 through 1998, with many of the new cases among children, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The new study, funded by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, was published in the New England Journal of Medicine.

Researchers at the University of Arizona College of Medicine have been following about 1,000 children for 15 years, studying their respiratory health and allergens in their environment. After previously showing that children in day care get more respiratory infections than others, the researchers examined more closely the role of day care and family size.

They found that protection against asthma came from frequent exposure to other youngsters, but only if the contact took place in the first six months, a key period for a new immune system.

The theory is that if the immune system isn't stimulated early in life by germs, it overreacts later to allergy-inducing substances, said Anne L. Wright, a pediatrics research professor who led the study.

The children most exposed to other youngsters were about 40 percent more likely than the group with less contact to suffer from frequent wheezing in their first few years. But doctors believe that in toddlers, wheezing usually is due to their small airways or respiratory infections. And wheezing almost always disappears by age 6 unless the child has asthma.

Asthma, the most common chronic childhood disease, is an incurable condition in which allergic reactions to such things as pollen or dust mites trigger a narrowing of the airways, wheezing and trouble breathing.

Asthma afflicts some 17 million Americans, including at least 5 million under 18, and kills about 5,400 people annually. While it is partly inherited, less-understood factors also are at work.

Two recent German studies similarly found asthma less common in children who started day care early, and other research indicates that growing up in the country, on a farm with animals or in a home with a dog protects against asthma, noted Dr. Sandra C. Christiansen of Scripps Research Institute.

Dr. Marshall Plaut, chief of allergic mechanisms at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said the Arizona group's study is the strongest evidence of this idea to date.

But he said more research is needed on how children's immune systems mature, how that affects whether they develop asthma and whether the apparent benefits of early infections outweigh the dangers.

On the Net: <http://www.nejm.com>
National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute site on asthma: <http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/public/lung/asthma/asth-fs.pdf>
American Academy of Asthma, Allergy and Immunology site: <http://www.aaaai.org/public/default.stm>

Research unlocks genetic secret of skin cancer's spread

By JEFF DONN
Associated Press Writer

Two research teams have identified genes that appear to make skin cancer spread, raising the prospect of quicker diagnosis and better treatments for the most dangerous tumors.

The two groups separately analyzed a type of cancer known as melanoma. Each study identified a set of genes that are active in highly invasive growths. Some genes were common to both studies.

"For 100 years we've looked at melanomas through the lens of a microscope and wondered how tumors that looked so similar can act so different. Now we've used the lens of genetics," said Jeffrey Trent, a senior researcher at the National Human Genome Research Institute in Bethesda, Md.

Both groups used a technique called gene expression profiling. Glass slides holding thousands of bits of DNA are exposed to genetic material from tumor cells. Byproducts of the cells' genes stick

to the DNA on the slide. The technique tells which genes are switched on in the tumor cells and how active they are.

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Food and Drug Administration approves diabetes medicine

NEW YORK (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration recently approved Bristol-Myers Squibb's new diabetes drug Glucovance, which may help patients control their blood sugar better than some existing pills.

The approval comes at an opportune moment for Bristol-Myers, which next month will lose patent protection on its top diabetes drug, Glucophage. The

pill, with \$1.3 billion in sales last year, is the company's top selling medicine.

Glucovance, which is a combination of Glucophage and a generic diabetes pill Metformin, is intended as a therapy for patients with Type 2 or adult onset diabetes. Analysts estimate Glucovance could generate annual sales of at least \$900 million.

A Bristol-Myers-funded study of 800 patients, presented at the American Diabetes Association meeting in June, found that Glucovance worked better at reducing patients blood sugar than either Glucophage or Metformin alone.

The company did not conduct any tests of Glucovance against two newer diabetes drugs—SmithKline Beecham's Avandia and Eli Lilly's Actos. Lilly sells Actos in partnership with Japanese

firm Takeda Pharmaceuticals. Over two-thirds of the patients in the study who received Glucovance achieved ADA recommended blood sugar goals. "Glucovance represents a new approach to managing type 2 diabetes," said Richard J. Lane, president of Bristol-Myers' worldwide medicines group. "It is our hope that the introduction of this novel agent could change the treatment paradigm for the more than 15 million patients in the U.S. with this condition."

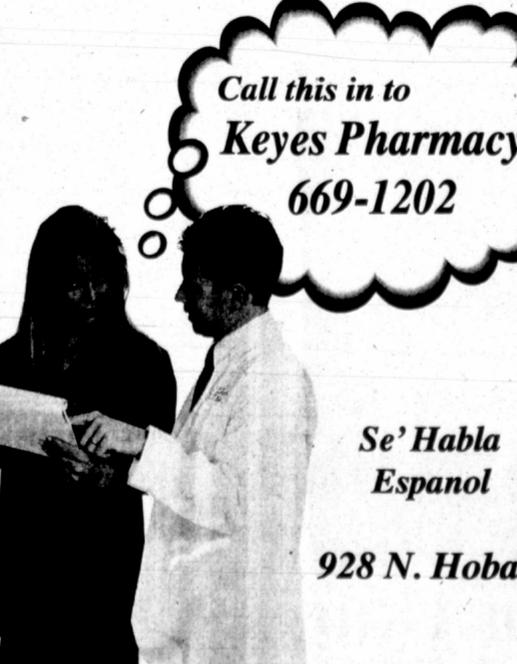


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Feds to accuse industry of marketing violent material to nation's youth

By KALPANA SRINIVASAN
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WASHINGTON (AP) — The movie, video game and music industries aggressively market to underage youths violent films and products that carry adult ratings, federal regulators say.

A report being released Monday by the Federal Trade Commission says that even movies rated R — which require an adult to accompany children under 17 to the theater — and video games that carry an M rating for people age 17 and over are routinely targeted toward younger people, said sources familiar with the report's contents.

The conclusions are derived in part from documents submitted by the industry itself, including marketing plans that demonstrate the efforts of companies to advertise to young audiences materials designated for adults, said the sources, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The movie and video game industries have voluntary age-based rating code systems. The recording industry has a more general label that warns of explicit content in music.

FTC spokesman Eric London declined to comment in advance on specifics of the report, the product of a yearlong investigation ordered by President Clinton. He said, however, the study would be noteworthy for "the light that it sheds on how this kind of entertainment material is marketed by the industry itself."

The study included a survey of marketing practices and found most of the R-rated films and M-rated video games examined included promotional efforts targeting underage audiences.

The report does not suggest legislation, but seeks more effective self-regulation by the entertainment industry and enforcement of rating codes by retailers and theaters.

Democratic presidential nominee Al Gore and his running mate, Sen. Joseph Lieberman, said they would propose legislation or new regulatory authority to sanction the entertainment industry if it doesn't stop marketing violence to children within six months.

"If the industry promises parents that it will not market violent material to children and then proceeds to do so, then the industry's practices could constitute false and deceptive advertising," Gore told The New York Times in an interview published Monday. It's a new stand for the vice president, although his wife Tipper is known for opposition to explicit music lyrics. Lieberman has been a leading congressional critic of violent entertainment.

Ari Fleischer, spokesman for Republican presidential nominee George W. Bush, said the Texas governor "believes the entertainment industry has to take personal responsibility for the products it provides to our children. And parents also have a role to play. We're all in this together."

The Senate Commerce Committee plans to hold a hearing Wednesday on the findings, with Lieberman scheduled to attend. He and committee chairman John McCain, R-Ariz., backed a measure last year that requested the study.

Following Senate passage, Clinton ordered the report himself, using money from the White House budget. He acted after a spate of deadly school shootings.

Industry leaders questioned what conclusions the government could draw from scrutinizing Hollywood.

"If we are causing moral decay in this country, we ought to have an explosion of crime," Jack Valenti, head of the Motion Picture Association of America, said Sunday. "The exact opposite is happening."

He argued that any evaluation of the marketing practices of moviemakers can only be subjective and praised Hollywood's voluntary rating system.

Questions, worries plague Rio Grande cities as water planning continues

MCALLEN (AP) — When the retired engineer at the back of the room fired off his question, the room fell quiet for a moment.

"What good is a water right if there's no water?" Ralph Niehaus asked. "You can't irrigate with a piece of paper."

Heads bobbed in agreement throughout the city chambers, where farmers and families gathered last week to discuss a drafted plan that would dictate Rio Grande Valley water use for the next half century. "Amen," muttered a gray-haired man.

"Well, irrigators do have shortages," agreed Mike Personett, a water consultant with the regional water planning group. "Those shortages can get better over time, but they're not going to go away."

That realization is sinking in as these border communities hash out a water usage plan for the next 50 years. Eight counties between Eagle Pass and Brownsville must present a proposal to the state by late September. All 16 Texas water regions are drawing up similar plans.

Until then, a draft of the South Texas plan is up for public comment at meetings along the northern bank of the Rio Grande. Hearings are scheduled Wednesday in Brownsville and Thursday in Harlingen.

At the hearings, one thing was clear: These are sobering times for South Texas farmers. Rio Grande irrigation will have to be revamped — and even drastic changes might not be enough to keep farms afloat.

Former felons targeted in voting drive

HOUSTON (AP) — Thousands of churches and businesses are trying to get the word out to former felons that they can register to vote following their sentences.

State Rep. Harold Dutton has initiated a public campaign to make ex-cons aware that they had regained the right upon completion of their sentence, probation, parole or any other criminal-justice supervision.

Cale exhibiting at Square House

PANHANDLE — Four distinct groups of art by artist David Cale, a longtime panhandle resident, have been combined into two exhibits — "Ropescapes" and "Cordscapes." The combined exhibits will be on display through Oct. 1 in the gallery of the Square House Museum in Panhandle.

"Ropescapes" and the successive "Cordscapes" tell a history of the region using art made with lines of rope or cord.

Cale, a native of Wichita, Kan., brings a number of influences to his work. During a stint in the Navy, he trained as a draftsman. While serving in the Philippines, Japan and Guam, he became interested in Japanese architecture, ceramics and wood-block prints which is reflected in his present exhibit.

After moving to Amarillo in 1965, Cale taught art at Amarillo College. His work has been shown in more than 200 juried and invitational exhibitions locally, regionally and nationally. In addition, many of his pieces are in collections such as the Victoria and Albert Museum of London.

State briefs

"Our aim is to try to make sure they know about it," Dutton told the Houston Chronicle in Monday's editions. "We're finding that many were not aware they could. It's turning into a real snowball."

The Houston Democrat has taken his effort on the road to Dallas. He plans to make a similar effort in Austin and El Paso.

Volunteers would provide registration information through more than 2,000 churches, pawn shops and social service agencies, including the NAACP and SHAPE Community Center.

Community rallies, registration drives and other activities are also planned to inform released felons.

Larry Davis, who spent 11 years in prison for killing a man, joined the effort last month. He wants to register his fellow ex-cons to vote in time for the November election.

Report: State group should keep funds

FORT WORTH (AP) — Millions of dollars usually sent to the Southern Baptist Convention for distribution to its seminaries should instead be controlled through a Texas group, according to a recommendation that officials say reflects a growing rift between moderate state forces and the conservative leadership.

A study panel was expected to finalize its report Monday and present it to the state con-

vention's administrative committee at midweek.

Members of the seminary study committee for the Baptist General Convention of Texas were expected to recommend to the state's administrative committee Wednesday that \$5.3 million normally sent to the national convention for distribution among its six Southern Baptist seminaries be controlled instead by the Texas group.

"What the national convention is now seeking to do is different from what they used to do," Bob Campbell, chairman of the BGCT committee, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in Monday's editions. "They've changed the theology some and that bothers us."

He said the Texas convention would still send some money to Southern Baptist seminaries, including Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth. But the total amount for those schools would be capped at about \$1 million.

Possible job losses loom at Air Force base

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Air Force is reviewing whether to shift maintenance work on a training aircraft that could move jobs away from Randolph Air Force Base.

A federal law that the military services funnel half of all maintenance contracts to U.S. depots could prompt layoffs of 360 workers, according to the San Antonio Express-News.

Under the provision, mainte-

nance work now performed by Lear Siegler Services Inc., which holds a \$20 million contract to modify the T-38 Talon training aircraft, would be shifted to one of the service's three remaining depots or some other installation.

Al Nichols, Lear Siegler's Randolph site manager, said that would probably mean gradually laying off the company's workforce, possibly shutting down operations at the end of this year.

"Right now I don't know what to do," Cary Stephens, a 19-year veteran sheet metal worker with Lear Siegler, told the newspaper. "I'm going to stick there until they push us out the door."

Air Force Secretary F. Whitten Peters has reportedly been pressured by Sen. James M. Inhofe, chairman of the Armed Service's Committee's readiness panel, to shift the workload during the upcoming fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1. Key Texans in Congress, among them Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, a Republican, and Rep. Ciro D. Rodriguez, D-San Antonio, have launched a bipartisan counterattack.

Peters has issued waivers allowing firms to continue doing the extra work, citing the U.S.-led air war against Yugoslavia and unscheduled repairs on the KC-135 tanker as reasons for the actions.

The Air Force secretary and congressional staffers are expected to discuss the issue at an annual meeting Sept. 18 at Andrews AFB, Md.

FCCLA



(Special photo)

FCCLA officers, Justin Lemons, middle, and Dustin Johnson, right, from Pampa and Dusty Dunlap, left, from Nacona recently conducted a FCCLA workshop at Quannah High School in Quannah. Lemons is state vice president of programs. Johnson is Region I vice president of parliamentary law. Dunlap is state vice president of parliamentary law. The purpose of the workshop was to inform the students of Quannah High about the benefits of having a FCCLA chapter in their school. The officers and their advisors, Gaylene Skaggs of Pampa and Nancy Dunlap of Nacona, went through the process of creating a new chapter with the Family and Consumer Sciences Department. Texas FCCLA has set a goal this year to increase its membership by 10 percent.

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#135, 1320' from South & 5' from East line of Sec. 61,3,I&GN.

#138, 2005' from North & 1980' from East line, Sec. 84,3,I&GN.

Plugged Wells

GRAY (PANHANDLE) Bradley Operating Co., #28 Morse Water Flood Project, 282' from North & 330' from East Lease line, Sec. 3,26,H&GN, spud unknown, plugged 7-7-00, TD 2600' (injection) —

GRAY (PANHANDLE) Dyne Oil & Gas, Inc., #13 John Haggard, 990' from North & 2310' from West Lease line, Sec. 112,3,I&GN, spud unknown, plugged 8-15-00, TD 3295' (oil) —

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#2152, 660' from North & East Lease line, Spud 8-22-96, plugged 8-7-00, TD 7501' - Form 1 in Sonat Exploration

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Hunton) Chevron USA, Inc., #1 Hefley-SWD, 2184' from South & 2063' from East Lease line, Sec. 28,M-1,H&GN, spud 12-8-69, plugged 7-0-00, TD 6400' (swd) — Form 1 in Gulf Oil Corp.

HEMPHILL (FELDMAN Tonkawa) Empire Operating, Inc., #1 Crosier, 660' from South & East Lease line, Sec. 15,1,G&M, spud 10-22-82, plugged 6-7-00, TD 7925' (gas) — Form 1 in Malouf Abraham, Inc.

ROBERTS (QUINDUNO Lower Albany Dolomite) Excel Production Co., Edge 'B', Sec. 191,M-2,BS&F — Form 1 in Phillips Petroleum, for the following wells:

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FOOTBALL

PAMPA — The Harvester Booster Club will meet at 7 tonight in the athletic office's Ready Room to view film of the Pampa-Lubbock Estacado football game.

Harvester fans can also visit with the coaches. The public is invited to attend.

HEDLEY — Fort Elliott came away with a 50-0 shutout of Hedley in the Cougars' six-man football opener Friday night.

Nathan Hefley ran for two touchdowns and passed for two to lead the Cougars' offense. Hefley's touchdown runs came on 40 and 5 yard runs.

C.J. Bryant caught two touchdown passes covering six and 25 yards from Hefley. Bryant also ran for two scores of 41 and 21 yards. Junior Newman also scored two touchdowns.

Hefley led Fort Elliott to 316 total yards. The defense held the Owls to 63 total yards.

Fort Elliott led 31-0 at halftime.

SOCCER

PAMPA — The Pampa Soccer Association will be holding a Beginning Level coaching clinic, G-license, on Sunday, Sept. 17 from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. at the Pampa Soccer Fields on South Naida St.

Instruction will be performed by a North Texas Soccer Association licensed referee.

There is no fee for this course. Once taken, the G-license is valid indefinitely. However, a G-license is required for coaching players at PSA games.

CORRECTION

A story on page 12 in Sunday's Pampa News on the Pampa-Estacado football game had the incorrect yardage listed for Harvester quarterback J.J. Roark. Roark had a game-high 146 yards on 21 carries.

BASKETBALL

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) — In the end, Bob Knight, the old-school disciplinarian with a notorious temper, couldn't control the very person he needed most to save his job: himself.

The red-sweatered stalwart of the Hoosiers' bench, the man they once called "The General," was fired Sunday by Indiana University for a "pattern of unacceptable behavior."

That pattern included a chance meeting with a freshman, whose greeting offended the coach and prompted Knight to grab him by the arm and lecture him on manners.

That was enough for IU president Myles Brand, who dismissed Knight, severing his 29-year relationship with a school where he was revered and often reviled — mostly for his temper.

Brand called Knight "defiant and hostile" and said he had shown a "continued unwillingness" to work within the guidelines of the athletic department. He also said Knight violated the "zero-tolerance" conduct policy implemented in May.

"He did not fulfill the promises he gave me," Brand said, adding that Knight had the option of resigning but refused.

Knight met with his team Sunday night and addressed a throng of students outside Assembly Hall, site of his encounter with freshman Kent Harvey last week.

"In the next couple days, I'm going to get together somewhere with as many students who want to come out, and then I'm going to tell you my side of this thing," the 59-year-old Knight told the crowd. "And I think you'll be interested in hearing it."

Cowboys come up short against Cards

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — The Cardiac Cards are back with a vengeance.

Jake Plummer directed the 12th fourth-quarter comeback win in his 40-game pro career against Dallas, in one stroke delivering a victory over a bitter rival, helping the job prospects of coach Vince Tobin and allowing the Arizona Cardinals to enjoy a bye week after a win for the first time in four years.

The 32-31 conquest of the Cowboys on Sunday night wasn't locked up until after Dallas passed up a 60-yard field-goal attempt and tried to get closer on fourth-and-10 at the Arizona 43-yard line.

Randall Cunningham's fourth straight incomplete pass hit the grass with 10 seconds left, finally allowing the crowd of 66,009 to exhale.

Plummer, who struggled last year because of a sprained thumb after leading Arizona to the playoffs the year before, took the team 85 yards before

throwing a 17-yard touchdown pass to Frank Sanders for the winning points with 1:54 to play. The score was set up by Plummer's 63-yard pass-run to David Boston.

Dallas had a 31-23 lead after Cunningham's third TD pass of the night 6:07 into the fourth quarter, but the Cardinals scored on their next two possessions. On the first drive, Cary Blanchard, who tied his career-best with a 54-yarder to end the first half, nailed a 51-yard kick with 5:17 left — his fourth field goal.

"As far as ranking comebacks, it's kind of hard to do that, but right now it feels sweet," said Plummer, who was 18-of-24 for 243 yards and had no interceptions after throwing three in a season-opening loss to the New York Giants.

Tobin wasn't as ambivalent. "This is my fifth year here, and we've had a lot of great comebacks," Tobin said. "This has to go down as one of the most cherished."

ESPN, which carried the

game, reported at the start that Tobin's job hung in the balance, but the outcome shifted the focus to Dave Campo, Dallas' first-year coach who is 0-2.

"I thought we played well enough to win a lot of games that we'll play," owner Jerry Jones said. "We just didn't get this one done."

Michael Pittman scored on a 1-yard run, Blanchard had four field goals and Plummer's other score to Sanders was a 4-yard throw.

"Watching Jake in the huddle, it was a blessing," Sanders said. "He was so poised. He was in total control."

Cunningham, who also had 243 yards on 24-of-34 accuracy, had scoring passes of 47 yards to James McKnight, 1 yard to Jackie Harris and 15 yards to Michael Wylie — the last a gift.

Simeon Rice hit Cunningham as he released the ball, and it wobbled just over the line of scrimmage. But Wylie was in an open area, caught the ball in stride and ran into the end zone to open an eight-point lead.

"We didn't run out of juice or anything. Things just turned the opposite way," said Cunningham, who started his first game with the Cowboys as Troy Aikman's replacement.

Wane McGarity returned a punt 64 yards to score — the Cowboys' first punt-return TD since Deion Sanders took one 70 yards against Washington last Oct. 24 — and Tim Seder had a 44-yard field goal.

It took Blanchard's 54-yard field goal as the first half elapsed for the Cardinals to close to 21-13 at halftime.

The Cowboys re-established their 11-point lead by driving to within range of Seder's field goal with the second-half kickoff. But Arizona responded with an 87-yard scoring drive capped by Plummer's first TD pass with 2:34 left in the period.

Blanchard kicked a 35-yard field goal to cut Dallas' lead to 24-23 as the fourth quarter began.

Emmitt Smith, who needed eight yards to become the third player in history to rush for

14,000 yards, got there on his second carry and finished with 59 yards on 16 attempts. But Arizona's patched-up defense generally held him in check.

"You've got to outscore your opponent," Smith said. "That's something we've got to get better at."

Notes: The win was Arizona's fourth in its last 20 regular-season games with Dallas, but the second straight. ... The last opponent to score against Arizona on a punt return was Washington's Brian Mitchell on Dec. 7, 1997. ... Cunningham tied the Cowboys record of 14 straight completions, counting his last attempt last week. Steve Pelluer had 14 in a row against Seattle on Nov. 27, 1986. ... Boston had 102 yards on six catches, his second straight 100-yard game. ... The Cardinals scored on their opening drive for the first time since Dec. 27, 1998, against San Diego. ... Thirty-two points was the Cardinals most vs. Dallas since a 38-0 win in 1970.

Bucks beat Boys Ranch

WHITE DEER — White Deer opened the 2000 football season last Friday night with a 19-6 win over Boys Ranch.

The Bucks' Dustin Harper hauled in five catches for 73 yards, including an 18-yard touchdown pass in the pivotal third quarter.

Leading 6-0 at halftime, White Deer took control in the third quarter. Harper caught an 18-yard touchdown pass from Matt Henderson, followed by a fumble recovery in the end zone by Jeff Story, for a commanding 19-0 lead.

Nick Ball led White Deer with 110 yards on 15 carries, while the Bucks forced four turnovers.

Boys Ranch was led by Ronnie Anderson with 104 yards on 18 carries. His one-yard plunge in the fourth quarter was the Roughriders lone score of the game.

Brian Knocke scored the Bucks first TD on a four-yard run in the second quarter.

White Deer had 243 yards in total offense while Boys Ranch finished with 118 yards.

Pampa JVs victorious

LUBBOCK — Pampa slipped by Lubbock Estacado 22-20 in junior varsity football action last week.

Ty Elledge rushed for 107 yards and scored a touchdown on a two-yard run to lead Pampa's rushing attack. John Braddock also scored on a two-yard run.

With Estacado ahead 20-14 and 3:11 left in the game, Tyson Moree set up the tying Pampa touchdown in the fourth quarter. When he returned a kickoff to the Estacado 44-yard line. On the first play from scrimmage, Braddock threw to Jordan Klaus to tie the score at 20-20. Elledge's two-point conversion run were the winning points.

Braddock also had two conversion runs in the game.

Pampa's defense was led by Zack Cobb, Curtis Pritchett and Justin Waggoner.

Brian Watts, Aaron Burrows, Terrell Jennings, Matt Murray, David Sigala and Matt Dudley opened up some big holes on the offensive line.

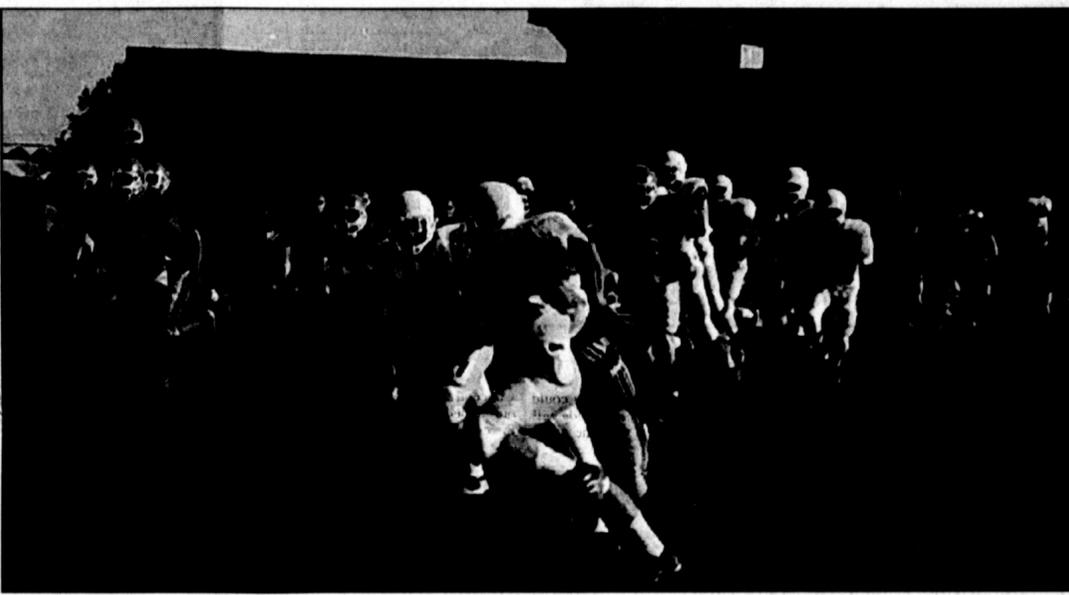
Howley honored

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) — Former Dallas Cowboys line-backer Chuck Howley has been named this year's outstanding alumnus by West Virginia University's School of Physical Education.

The Wheeling native played at WVU from 1955 through 1957. After graduating, he was drafted by the Chicago Bears and later played linebacker for Dallas for 13 years.

University of Cincinnati men's basketball coach Bob Huggins, WVU Foundation financial officer Craig Walker and retired Pennsylvania State University recreation professor Fred Coombs also will be honored.

Punt return



Pampa's Derek Lewis gets loose on a punt return in a freshmen football game last week against Caprock. Pampa won by a score of 22-0. Pampa's next game is Thursday at 5 p.m. against Borger in Harvester Stadium.

Irish lose war, Battle against Nebraska

By RICHARD ROSENBLATT
AP Football Writer

On the day after losing the war to No. 1 Nebraska, Notre Dame lost Arnaz Battle, too.

The 21st-ranked Fighting Irish, who made the mighty Cornhuskers look mortal in a 27-24 overtime loss Saturday, received worse news Sunday — Battle, the option quarterback ready to lead the team back to national prominence, may be out for the season with a broken left wrist.

Battle, who ran for 104 yards but completed only 3 of 15 passes against the Huskers, wasn't the only casualty. Defensive end Grant Irons is out for the season with a dislocated right shoulder.

"We paid a heavy price in that game," Davie said.

The listed backup is 6-foot-7 sophomore Gary Godsey, brother of Georgia Tech quarterback George Godsey. Three freshmen are available, too — Carlyle Holiday, Jared Clark and Matt LoVecchio.

Davie said he's not sure who will play Saturday against No. 13 Purdue.

"We're going to kind of have maybe a short-range plan because this has caught us by surprise," he said. "And then, as we evaluate it, hopefully come up with a long-range plan."

The Irish better think fast because another failed season after a 5-7 campaign in '99 may cost Davie his job.

As for Nebraska, quarterback Eric Crouch is just fine after running for three touchdowns, including a 7-yard option keeper for the winning score in OT. The game will be a keeper for Crouch.

"It was something that I'll never forget, especially at a

place like Notre Dame," Crouch said. "Just the aura that this place has. ... It's real hard for any team rated No. 1 to come in here and beat these guys."

The Huskers weren't the only team to survive a close call Saturday.

— At Atlanta, Florida State (2-0) nearly fell to Georgia Tech (1-1) before holding on for a 26-21 win at Bobby Dodd Stadium.

"Tech just would not quit," Seminole coach Bobby Bowden said. "What were our problems? Georgia Tech, they were our problems."

Chris Weinke threw for a career-best 443 yards and two TDs as he became Florida State's career passing leader with 6,433 yards.

— At Madison, Wis., Michael Bennett ran for 290 yards and two long TDs, but it was Brooks Bollinger's 1-yard keeper in the fourth quarter that gave Wisconsin (2-0) a 27-23 win over Oregon.

Cornerback Jamar Fletcher had three interceptions for the Badgers. Fletcher begins a two-game suspension as part of an NCAA punishment for 12 Badgers who received unadvertised discounts at a shoe store.

— At Seattle, Marques Tuiasosopo threw for one TD and ran for another as No. 9 Washington beat No. 12 Miami 34-29. The Hurricanes rallied from a 17-point halftime deficit, but the Huskies (2-0) sealed the win by recovering an onside kick with just under three minutes to go.

— At the LA Coliseum, David Newbury atoned for two earlier misses by hitting a 24-yard field goal with 13 seconds left to lift No. 10 USC (2-0) over Colorado 17-14. Mark Mariscal, of Colorado (0-2) was wide left on a 41-yard field-goal attempt

with 74 seconds remaining.

— At the Rose Bowl, No. 14 UCLA (2-0) survived a scare from Fresno State and won 24-21. DeShaun Foster ran for two fourth-quarter TDs as the Bruins led 24-7, but David Carr threw two late scoring passes to Charles Smith to give the Bulldogs a chance.

UCLA plays host to No. 3 Michigan on Saturday.

SURPRISE, SURPRISE: South Carolina (2-0), one of college football's biggest losers turned into a big winner with a 21-10 upset of Georgia, which sent the Bulldogs tumbling 14 spots to No. 23 in the Top 25.

"I think Georgia underestimated us a little bit," Gamecocks defensive lineman Kalimba Edwards said.

Or maybe Georgia (1-1), which was supposed to have one of its best teams in years and challenge for the SEC title, is overrated.

Quincy Carter, the 'Dawgs Heisman Trophy contender, threw five interceptions — one less than last season — to kill off any chances of victory. Derek Watson ran for three TDs and the Gamecocks defense did the rest.

"This is what makes last year enjoyable, if that's possible," said offensive coordinator Skip Holtz, Lou's son. "To see it all come together and to see it all come together is really exciting."

In a span of two weeks the Gamecocks ended two losing streaks — 21 in a row after beating New Mexico State 31-0 last week and 18 straight Southeastern Conference losses after Saturday's stunner. It was also the Gamecocks' first win over a Top 10 team since 1988, when they beat then-No. 6

Georgia.

And for the second week in a row, the ecstatic fans raced onto the field, trampled the shrubs and ripped down the goal posts.

UNLIKELY UNBEATENS: The Gamecocks aren't the only team trying to become a former member of the Loser's Club. A look around the nation finds such unlikely unbeaten as Texas Tech (3-0) and Auburn, Cincinnati, Iowa State, Northwestern and Rutgers, all 2-0.

Yes, Rutgers, the team that opened 2000 with one victory in the previous two seasons.

At Oxford, Miss., Rudi Johnson ran for 165 yards and two TDs as Auburn beat Mississippi and gave Tigers coach Tommy Tuberville a win over his former team.

Auburn moved into the Top 25 — at No. 23 — for the first time since the 1998 preseason poll. Ole Miss fell out of the rankings.

The Scarlet Knights need a winning season to save coach Terry Shea's job.

At Piscataway, N.J., Mike McMahon threw five TD passes again and Rutgers scored its biggest win seven years — 59-0 over Buffalo, losers of 17 in a row. The Knights are 2-0 for the first time since '94. McMahon had five TD passes last week against Villanova.

The streak could be in jeopardy Saturday — Rutgers visits No. 8 Virginia Tech and quarterback Michael Vick. Also playing ranked teams Saturday are Cincinnati — at No. 4 Wisconsin — and Northwestern — at No. 20 TCU.

LATE OPENERS: Texas, finally, opened a greatly anticipated season with a 52-10 win at home

Johnson reaches milestone, but Diamondbacks lose to Marlins

By JOSH DUBOW
AP Sports Writer

Randy Johnson's latest milestone couldn't help Arizona close the New York Mets' lead for the NL wild card race.

Johnson became the 12th player to reach the 3,000-strikeout plateau, fanning a season-high 14 in seven innings Sunday before Preston Wilson's RBI single in the 12th inning gave Florida a 4-3 win over the Diamondbacks.

Arizona fell 4 1/2 games behind the Mets in the wild card race. "The loss is a setback," Johnson said. "We had some momentum going. Now we have to regroup and see if we can get another winning streak going."

At Shea Stadium, Al Leiter restored a sense of calm, pitching his first shutout of the season as the Mets halted their September swoon with a 3-0 victory over Philadelphia.

"We came out and played relaxed ball," said Mets manager Bobby Valentine, who used a few strips of black tape to concoct a mustache and goatee in the sixth inning.

The Mets broke their three-game slide, winning for only the second time in nine tries this month.

In other NL games, it was San Francisco 10, San Diego 2; Montreal 4, Atlanta 0; Houston 7, Chicago 6; Milwaukee 4, St. Louis 3; Los Angeles 12, Colorado 1; and Cincinnati 6, Pittsburgh 4.

Marlins 4, Diamondbacks 3, 12 innings

Johnson, celebrating his 37th birthday, struck out the side in the second, fourth and sixth innings before leaving with the score tied at 3 at Pro Player Stadium.

He gave up six hits and one earned run, settling for his fourth no-decision in nine starts. "He was as tough as he looked," Wilson said. "There was nothing we could do."

Mike Lowell became Johnson's 3,000th victim, striking out to end the fourth. Catcher Kelly Stinnett carried the ball into the dugout, while Johnson walked off the field to a standing ovation.

Mets 3, Phillies 0
Leiter (15-7) gave up five singles and struck out nine in his seventh career shutout, and first since blanking Cincinnati 5-0 last Oct. 4 in a playoff for the wild card spot.

"Any win is nice. But obviously, with the way we've been playing, it's nice to end the losing streak and start a winning streak," Leiter said.

Mike Bordick drove in two runs, albeit with a groundout and a hit by pitch, and Mike Piazza added a sacrifice fly.

The Mets' offensive woes continued as they got only six hits, but that was enough to beat Omar Daal (3-18).

Giants 10, Padres 2

Barry Bonds and Ellis Burks each drove in two runs in a five-run first inning against Jay Witasick (3-2) as host San Francisco stopped a two-game losing streak that followed eight straight wins.

Kirk Rueter (10-9) threw five-hit ball for seven innings for San Francisco, which moved 7 1/2 games ahead of Arizona in the NL West.

Expos 4, Braves 0

Tom Glavine (19-7) failed in his bid to become the majors' first 20-game winner, giving up two-run homers to Fernando Seguignol and Andy Tracy at Turner Field.

Javier Vazquez (9-7), winless in eight starts, struck out a career-

high 11 and pitched a six-hitter. NL East-leading Atlanta's lead was cut to 2 1/2 games over second-place New York.

Astros 7, Cubs 6
Sammy Sosa hit his major league-leading 48th homer but Richard Hidalgo hit a pair for the second straight day at Wrigley Field.

Hidalgo led off the second and sixth innings with home runs off Jon Lieber (12-9) and went 8-for-13 in the series.

Tony McKnight (2-1) gave up three runs in seven innings, and Octavio Dotel got his 13th save.

Brewers 4, Cardinals 3

At Milwaukee, Luis Lopez hit a game-tying single off Mike Timlin in the ninth and Ron Belliard doubled home the winning run off Andy Benes (10-8) in the 10th.

Ray King (2-2) pitched a perfect 10th, helping send St. Louis to its third loss in 11 games.

Reds 6, Pirates 4

Alex Ochoa drove in a career-high five runs with a three-run homer off Jimmy Anderson (5-9) and tiebreaking double in the seventh at Pittsburgh.

Elmer Dessens (8-5) allowed four runs — three earned — and six hits in seven-plus innings. Danny Graves pitched the ninth for his 27th save.

Dodgers 12, Rockies 1

Todd Hundley homered and drove in four runs at Coors Field and Gary Sheffield had three hits and three RBIs as Los Angeles ended a season-high five-game losing streak.

Darren Dreifort (11-8) allowed one run in five innings to win for the seventh time in eight decisions. Matt Herges finished for his first save.

Todd Helton went 0-for-3 as his batting average slipped to .382.

Longhorns open with 52-10 win

Applewhite comes off the bench to rally Texas

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The quarterback controversy at Texas hasn't subsided.

Major Applewhite came off the bench in the first quarter to rally the No. 6 Longhorns from a first-quarter deficit to a 52-10 season-opening victory Saturday over Louisiana-Lafayette.

The 1999 Big 12 offensive player of the year had lost the much-publicized battle with sophomore Chris Simms for the starting role.

But Simms' first two possessions ended in a missed field goal and an interception return for a touchdown that gave the Ragin' Cajuns a 10-0 lead.

Applewhite took over and led the Longhorns to 31 points before halftime.

He made a strong statement to be the starter with 315 yards passing and four touchdowns in a little more than two quarters of play. Texas rolled up 490 yards of total offense against the overmatched Ragin' Cajuns (0-2).

Even so, Applewhite and the Texas coaches wouldn't say who should start next week at Stanford.

"You might as well not ask," coach Mack Brown said. "I'm not going to say anything about next week."

Applewhite's play may have said it all.

On his first possession, Applewhite shook off a badly underthrown ball and a near-interception to drive Texas 54 yards for Hodges Mitchell's 4-yard scoring run.

On Texas' next drive, Applewhite went 3-of-3 for 79 yards before Victor Ike gave Texas a 14-10 lead with a 1-yard TD run.

The drive went 80 yards in 38 seconds.

After a punt pinned Texas at the 2, Applewhite connected again on three straight passes to move inside the Louisiana-Lafayette 20. Two plays later Applewhite found Brandon Healy for 18 yards out for a 21-10 lead.

After Kris Stockton kicked a 39-yard field goal,

Applewhite stuck again with a 2-yard TD pass to Artie Ellis.

He finally gave way to Simms in the third quarter with Texas leading 45-10.

Applewhite tried to downplay the significance of his performance and whether he'll start next week.

"It doesn't matter to me. Let's put that question to rest, OK?"

Applewhite said. "It was exciting to be back out there, to be able to show spark, passion and to be able to take care of business."

Applewhite looked fully recovered from the torn left knee ligament sustained in last season's Cotton Bowl loss to Arkansas.

The injury opened the door for Simms to challenge for the starting role as Applewhite sat out all of spring drills.

Brown had refused to say publicly, or even tell the team, who would start before the game. He had said both would play.

The crowd of 80,017 cheered when Simms took the field for the first time. The noise faded quickly.

Simms was 1-of-3 for 12 yards on Texas' first possession before Stockton missed a 52-yard field-goal attempt.

It got even worse from there for Simms.

On a third-and-7 from the Texas 36, the left-hander rolled to his right and fired a pass toward the sideline. Cornerback Terrence Hunter stepped in front of the receiver for the pickoff and scampered untouched 43 yards for the touchdown and a 10-0 lead.

Simms laid on his stomach on the ground and watched

Miami outlasts McLean, 26-18

MIAMI — Miami opened the six-man football season with a 26-18 win Friday night over visiting McLean.

Jimmy James led the Miami offense with two touchdown passes and a 17-yard scoring run.

James threw TD passes to Ryan Manley (13 yards) and Derek Howard (24 yards).

Gabriel Vega scored twice for

Hunter's run to the end zone.

Enter Applewhite.

"The momentum changed when Major came in," Brown said. "But we also changed the offense going to four wideouts."

"Chris had bad luck in the beginning, Major had good luck and then Chris came in and had good luck also," Brown said.

"So we're back to where we have two starting quarterbacks again."

When Simms finally returned after Applewhite's fourth TD pass, he completed three straight passes, including a scrambling 13-yard scoring toss to Mitchell.

Simms finished 7-of-14 for 88 yards.

"I just got off to a bad start," Simms said. "I would love to have been in there, but I made a few mistakes early and (the coaches) made the right call. After the interception I didn't feel that bad, I just made a bad throw."

"I thought he (Major) played great," Simms said.

Louisiana-Lafayette led 3-0 on Brent Bergeron's 21-yard field goal.

The Ragin' Cajuns started the game with a 15-play, 77-yard drive that stopped just short of a touchdown when Derek Dyer's pass into the end zone was incomplete.

"We got a little rattled out there," Louisiana-Lafayette coach Jerry Baldwin said. "Just playing good during the first quarter and getting the lead is not what this game is all about."

Dyer completed 11 of 22 passes for 121 yards and a team-high 30 yards rushing for Louisiana-Lafayette.

McLean on runs of seven and 23 yards.

Lucero Marino added another TD for the Warriors on a 57-yard kickoff return.

Brad Sawyer had three-yard TD run for McLean.

McLean held a 12-8 lead at halftime, but Miami went on top 20-18 after three quarters. James padded the Warriors' lead with his TD run in the fourth quarter.

Scoreboard

BASEBALL

National League
At A Glance

By The Associated Press	W	L	Pct.	GB
All Times EDT				
East Division				
Atlanta	84	59	.587	—
New York	81	61	.570	2 1/2
Florida	68	74	.479	15 1/2
Montreal	59	81	.421	23 1/2
Philadelphia	58	83	.411	25
Central Division				
St. Louis	82	61	.573	—
Cincinnati	73	70	.510	9
Houston	63	80	.441	19
Milwaukee	62	80	.437	19 1/2
Pittsburgh	61	81	.430	20 1/2
Chicago	59	83	.415	22 1/2
West Division				
San Francisco	84	58	.592	—
Arizona	76	65	.539	7 1/2
Los Angeles	76	69	.517	10 1/2
Colorado	73	69	.514	11
San Diego	70	74	.486	15

Saturday's Games

Colorado 7, Los Angeles 4
Houston 14, Chicago Cubs 4
San Diego 7, San Francisco 3
Arizona 4, Florida 1

Sunday's Games

Cincinnati 6, Pittsburgh 4
Philadelphia 6, N.Y. Mets 3
St. Louis 7, Milwaukee 6
Montreal 4, Atlanta 5, 12 innings

Monday's Games

Montreal (Hermanson 11-12 and Johnson 5-6) at Philadelphia (Poitte 2-2 and Wolf 10-7), 2:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Stephenson 15-8) at Pittsburgh (Silva 9-9), 7:05 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Montreal (Armas 4-8) at Philadelphia (Telemaque 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Kile 17-9) at Pittsburgh (Serafini 2-3), 7:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Chicago Cubs (Wood 6-7) at Cincinnati (Bell 6-7), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Snyder 3-8) at N.Y. Mets (BJ Jones), 7:10 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Florida (Sanchez 8-10) at Atlanta (Millwood 9-10), 7:40 p.m.
San Francisco (Estes 14-4) at Houston (Elarton 16-5), 8:05 p.m.

Friday's Games

Los Angeles (Prokopenko 0-0) at Arizona (Schilling 10-11), 9:35 p.m.
Colorado (Yoshi 5-14) at San Diego (Clement 12-14), 10:05 p.m.

American League

At A Glance

By The Associated Press	W	L	Pct.	GB
All Times EDT				
East Division				
New York	82	58	.586	—
Toronto	75	68	.524	8 1/2
Boston	63	67	.521	9
Baltimore	64	78	.451	19
Tampa Bay	61	82	.427	23
Central Division				
Chicago	85	57	.599	—
Cleveland	73	65	.527	7 1/2
Detroit	70	72	.493	15
Kansas City	67	76	.469	18 1/2
Minnesota	62	81	.434	23 1/2
West Division				
Seattle	78	65	.545	—
Oakland	75	66	.532	2
Anaheim	72	71	.503	6
Texas	64	79	.448	14

Saturday's Games

N.Y. Yankees 8, Boston 3
Cleveland 9, Chicago White Sox 3
Oakland 10, Tampa Bay 0
Baltimore 10, Anaheim 3
Toronto 6, Detroit 5
Texas 6, Kansas City 5
Seattle 13, Minnesota 2

Sunday's Games

Chicago White Sox at Cleveland, p.p.d., rain
Toronto 6, Detroit 2
N.Y. Yankees 6, Boston 2
Cleveland 12, Tampa Bay 8
Oakland 11, Tampa Bay 0
Seattle 8, Minnesota 1
Anaheim 2, Baltimore 1

Monday's Games

Boston (Arrojo 4-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Hernandez 11-10), 6:05 p.m.
Detroit (Moshier 2-9) at Chicago White Sox (Siroka 13-10), 8:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Meadows 4-2) at Seattle (Halama 11-8), 10:05 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Baltimore (Parrish 2-3 and Spurgeon 1-0) at Texas (Helling 14-11 and Rogers 11-13), 5:05 p.m.
Boston (R Martinez 9-6) at Cleveland (Finley 12-10), 7:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Toronto (Hamilton 2-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Neagle 6-4), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Mick 4-11) at Chicago White Sox (Wells 5-7), 8:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Kansas City (Garcia 6-4) at Seattle (Reich 8-6), 10:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Mulder 8-10) at Oakland (Radtke 11-14), 10:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Rekar 5-9) at Anaheim (Belcher 3-2), 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Major League Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Detroit 010 001 000 — 2 8 3
Toronto 012 001 02x — 6 7 4

SWSparks, TBJones (8) and Cardona; Carpenter, Escobar (9) and Horitz; W-Suppan 8-9. L—Doliver 2-7. HRs—Texas, Catalano (9), Kansas City, Randa (14), McCarty (12).

NEW YORK 021 000 300 — 6 11 0
Boston 100 000 001 — 2 7 0

Keisler, Gooden (6) and Posada; Schourek, Fassero (5), Cormier (7), Slocum (7), Crawford (9) and Hatterberg. W—Keisler 1-0. L—Schourek 3-10. SV—Gooden (2). HR—New York, Brosius (16).

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Kansas City 400040432x — 13 14 0

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Saturday's College Scores
By The Associated Press

By The Associated Press	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
All Times EDT						
AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
East						
Buffalo	2	0	0	1.000	43	31
N.Y. Jets	1	0	0	1.000	20	16
Indianapolis	1	0	0	1.000	58	52
Miami	1	0	0	1.000	30	13
New England	0	1	0	0.000	16	21
Central						
Baltimore	2	0	0	1.000	55	36
Cleveland	1	0	0	1.000	31	34
Jacksonville	1	0	0	1.000	63	46
Tennessee	1	0	0	1.000	30	30
Cincinnati	0	1	0	0.000	7	24
Pittsburgh	0	1	0	0.000	0	16
West						
Oakland	2	0	0	1.000	47	37
Denver	1	0	0	1.000	78	55
Kansas City	0	2	0	0.000	28	44
San Diego	0	2	0	0.000	33	37
Seattle	0	2	0	0.000	34	60

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East
N.Y. Giants 2 0 0 1.000 54 34
Arizona 1 1 0 0.500 48 52
Philadelphia 1 1 0 0.500 59 47
Washington 1 1 0 0.500 30 32
Dallas 0 2 0 0.000 45 73

Central
Detroit 2 0 0 1.000 29 20
Minnesota 2 0 0 1.000 43 34
Tampa Bay 2 0 0 1.000 62 16
Chicago 0 2 0 0.000 27 71
Green Bay 0 2 0 0.000 34 47

West
St. Louis 2 0 0 1.000 78 70
Atlanta 1 0 0 1.000 50 70
Carolina 1 0 0 1.000 55 42
New Orleans 1 0 0 1.000 38 41
San Francisco 0 2 0 0.000 50 74

Sunday's Games

Oakland 38, Indianapolis 31
Buffalo 27, Green Bay 18
Cleveland 24, Cincinnati 7
N.Y. Giants 33, Philadelphia 18
Tennessee 37, Kansas City 14, OT
Tampa Bay 41, Chicago 0
Minnesota 13, Miami 7
Detroit 39, Jacksonville 36

Emmy Awards: 'West Wing' comes out on top.

By DAVID BAUDER
AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Once again, crime didn't pay.

Weeks before the election of a new U.S. president, the Emmy Awards elbowed aside the mob-focused "The Sopranos" to shower honors on the White House drama "The West Wing."

NBC's freshman series won a record-setting nine Emmys on Sunday, including best drama. Only James Gandolfini's best acting trophy prevented a shutout for "The Sopranos" after 18 nominations.

"I wish we had done a little better," Gandolfini said after the show. It was the second straight year "The Sopranos" met mostly with Emmy disappointment.

He suggested the surreal drama may be a little too dark and violent for many Emmy voters. Some of Hollywood's old guard also may be reluctant to vote for a cable show instead of one

on the broadcast networks, he said.

"Also, 'West Wing' is a very good show, from what I understand," he said. "I've never seen it."

The NBC show is an uplifting look at political life not weighed down with cynicism. Its characters try to do the right thing, even if they don't always succeed. Real Washington leaders are constantly thanking producers for their portrayal.

"By and large in movies and television shows, the country's leaders are portrayed as either dolts or Machiavellian," series creator Aaron Sorkin said. "Here, they are neither. They're very bright, committed and energetic people."

Sorkin won an Emmy for his writing; Thomas Schlamme for directing; Richard Schiff, who plays the grim aide Toby Ziegler, and Allison Janney, who plays the White House's tough press secretary, won supporting actor awards. The show won four other technical awards.

Asked whether "The West Wing" educates viewers about politics, Sorkin replied: "We're not asking anyone to eat 'heir vegetables.'" But he said he was pleased that some people have credited his show with exciting people about the political system.

Martin Sheen, President Josiah Bartlet in "The West Wing," was dead-on walking into the Emmys with his prediction that Gandolfini

would beat him for best actor, but his show would win best series.

"James was selected MVP, but we won the game," Sheen said. "That's the most important thing."

Emmy voters showed their sentimental sides Sunday. Michael J. Fox won best actor in a comedy for his final performance in "Spin City" before retiring due to Parkinson's disease. Jack Lemmon won best actor in a miniseries or movie for "Oprah Winfrey Presents: Tuesdays With Morrie."

Both veteran actors drew standing ovations. "Will & Grace" was selected best comedy, boosting the show as it moves to Thursday nights. Its supporting actors, Sean Hayes and Megan Mullally, each won their first Emmys.

For the third year in a row, David Letterman's "Late Show" won the award for best variety series. It came during a year Letterman had to take a break for an emergency quintuple bypass operation in January.

"Dave, if you're watching at home, it looks like the fake heart surgery paid off," said the show's executive producer, Rob Burnett.

Other winners: Patricia Heaton, comedian Ray Romano's long-suffering wife in "Everybody Loves Raymond," as best actress in a comedy; Sela Ward of "Once and Again" as best actress in a drama; Lorne Michaels, the originator of "Saturday Night Live," for the show's 25th anniversary special.

Multiple winners included "Tuesdays With Morrie" and HBO's series about a tough Baltimore neighborhood, "The Corner."

Emmy watchers were anxious to see the impact of a change in voting procedures designed to widen the voting panel and make it younger.

Instead of requiring Academy of Television Arts & Sciences members to watch nominated shows in a hotel, the academy sent out videotapes for voters to watch at home. As a result, more than 2,500 people voted this year as opposed to 650 last year.

"I happen to think this change in the voting is working extremely well," said Heaton, clutching her award.

The results of the awards — particularly Heaton's quiet victory over Calista Flockhart of "Ally McBeal" and Sarah Jessica Parker of "Sex and the City" — indicate that most voters took their jobs seriously, said Thomas O'Neill, author of "The Emmys" and a frequent critic of the plan.

"I think we saw the proof we needed that voters really watched the tapes," O'Neill said. "The biggest winner tonight was the Emmy Awards."

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