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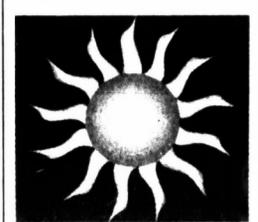
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Interest PHS parents can learn about college

Road to College, Wed. Oct 4 and Thurs. Oct 5 at 7 pm, PHS Library for parents interested in college admission, scholarship and what to expect your student's first year in college. Attend either evening.

Aggie Moms set Amarillo Boutique

The Amarillo Aggie Moms will have a Boutique on Monday, Oct. 9, at 7 p.m. in conjunction with their monthly meeting. This event will be at St. Thomas the Apostle Church at 4100 S. Coulter. Enter on the north side under the green awing. There will be Christmas items, leather crafts, jewelry, bird houses, ornaments, and more. Proceeds benefit the scholarship fund for local Aggie students.

To place your advertisement in *The Pampa News* classifieds call the newspaper at 669-2525.

- Virginia Ann Alward, 62, master seamstress, quilter
- Verna Mae Williams, 93, seamstress for Sander's Mens Store for 35 years.

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A dog's story ...

Officer Nick's crime-fighting skills pay off

As told to DEE DEE LARAMORE
 Staff Writer

Within three weeks of joining the Pampa Police Department, Nick — the drug dog, participated in seven felony arrests and five narcotic seizures.

Impressed by the canine officer's arrest record over such a short period of time, this reporter decided to discover just what makes Nick tick. The first thing I learned is that Nick only speaks Dutch, so his partner Officer David Conner agreed to translate my questions and Nick's answers.

Tell me about yourself, Nick.

I was born in Holland eight years ago. I'm a Belgian Malinois, a cross breed of Russian herding dog with Czechoslovakian Shepherd. The Belgian Malinois is prized for its high pain tolerance and stress level. We don't tire as quickly as shepherd's do. We also have a deep lung capacity that lets us take in more air so we have more energy.

My ability to smell, like all dogs, is 3,000 time more sensitive than a humans. For example, humans standing nearby would briefly smell one drop of buteric acid (which smells like rotting flesh) in the middle of New York City. Put me one mile above New York City and I could pinpoint exactly where the drop fell. That's the difference in your ability to smell and my ability.

Where were you educated?

My initial training was by the KNPV. That's like the American Kennel Club but it's more



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Few things make Nick happier than his special reward for a job well done — a piece of PVC pipe.

geared for military and police dogs. It was trained as a police service attack dog for the Dutch National Police and secondarily for narcotics.

My career with the Dutch National Police lasted several years before I was bought by Leroy Azlin and brought to the United States. Then I was intensively trained on narcotics detection and police service attack. My Dutch training was reinforced to American standards.

Where had you lived before coming to Pampa?

After I came to the United States, I was used as a show dog for the U.S. Police Canine Academy primarily in Louisiana. I also served three years with the Shreveport, La., Police Department. I

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Ranch Rodeo, related activities gave weekend crowd lots to do

Twelve ranch teams from Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma were in Pampa last weekend to participate in the 2000 High Plains Fall Classic Ranch Rodeo.

This WRC A sanctioned Ranch Rodeo consisted of "real" cowboys competing in events which simulate what they do everyday to earn a living.

Ranch Bronc Riding was sponsored by Pat Helton Well Service and the winner of this event was The Prothro and Landes Ranches from Kenton, Oklahoma. The five members of this team won spur leathers, key chains and rope halters.

The Team Doctoring event was

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sponsored by Gray County Veterinary Clinic and the winning team from the Davis Cattle Company in Elida, New Mexico received ropes and saddle blankets for their efforts. The wild and woolly event of Wild Cow Milking was sponsored by Carter Sand and Gravel and won by the Nail Ranch of Albany, Texas. Slickers and Wild Rag Slides were their prizes. Another wild event

was the Wild Horse Race sponsored by State Representative Warren Chisum. This event provided spectators with lots of excitement and was won by the team members from the Winter and Winters Cattle Company and The Ferguson Cattle Company of Kenton, Oklahoma. They took home head stalls and gift certificates from Cavender's Boot City.

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Commissioners reject burn ban

Many area counties have them

By NANCY YOUNG
 Managing Editor

There will be no burn ban in Gray County but County Commissioners are cautioning residents to be extremely careful due to dry conditions.

The Commissioners Court rejected putting a ban in place when they met in regular session Monday.

County Judge Richard Peet said farmers and ranchers must get permission from the Texas Natural Resources Conservation before beginning a controlled burn on agricultural lands.

However, Richard Lee, Air Manager of the Panhandle Region of TNRCC in Amarillo, said this morning agency regulations do not require notification to the TNRCC. He said while the regulation states the agency should be notified by anyone with intent to burn prior to the proposed burn, the TNRCC Code 111.211 states:

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Tot murder pretrial hearing continues

By DAVID BOWSER
 Staff Writer

AMARILLO — A district attorney investigator was expected to take the stand today in a pretrial hearing here in connection with the capital murder trial of Leland Milburn, 23, of Canadian.

Bill McMinn, chief investigator for the 31st District Attorney's office, was expected to testify today in a pretrial hearing in Potter County courthouse in a motion filed by Milburn's attorney, Bill McKinney, to suppress a

video-taped statement made by Milburn to law enforcement officers.

Milburn is accused of beating 2-year-old Brendan Tyler Brown to death the night of May 24, 1999, or in the early morning hours of the following day. The incident is said to have happened in the house in Canadian he shared with Brendan's mother, Karen Brown.

The first day of the pretrial hearings dealt primarily with medical issues and the autopsy

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PEDC loan approval expected for calf ranch

By KATE B. DICKSON
 Associate Publisher

Cross Calf Ranch is expected to receive approval during a special meeting today from City Commissioners for a \$40,000 loan from the Pampa Economic Development Commission.

Cross Calf Ranch takes calves on the day they are born from Moody Dairy and raises them until the heifers can be returned to the dairy and the bull calves sold, said Susan Triplehorn, PEDC executive director.

In addition to city commission approval, two other loan requirements are that Cross Calf Ranch have a contract with Moody Dairy and a bank loan to buy more land.

The \$40,000 is being loaned at 5 percent interest with the first payment due in two years, Triplehorn said. A portion of the money will be used as a down payment on the land loan and the remainder, about \$1,500 a month for 11 months, will be used to buy more calf hutches.

Currently, Triplehorn said, Moody is sending from seven-to-12 calves per day to Cross Calf Ranch creating a need to "double up" animals in the hutches.

Quite frankly... Have you been hit by Football Fever?



"Yes, Sir. I'm for the 49ers and the Dolphins."

— Dannie Miller



"Yes. We like the Dallas Cowboys and the Denver Broncos."

— Teresa Kieth



"Not yet, but it will before the season is over."

— Amador Villarreal



"Yes. Football reminds me of my son, Bert Luna, (deceased) when I used to go to his games. Football is a memory of him."

— Janie Luna



"That is an understatement. But now I'm too old to play so I just watch."

— Brian McCollum



Retail Meeting October 4, 2000 -- 8:30 a.m. -- Nona Payne Room

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

ALWARD, Virginia Ann "Ginger" — 10 a.m., United Methodist Church, Claude.
 WILLIAMS, Verna Mae — 2 p.m., Shamrock Church of Christ, Shamrock.

Obituaries

VIRGINIA ANN ALWARD

CLAUDE — Virginia Ann "Ginger" Alward, 62, mother of a Groom resident, died Sunday, Oct. 1, 2000, at Groom. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in United Methodist Church with the Rev. Byron Williamson, of First Baptist Church of Groom, officiating. Burial will be in Claude Cemetery under the direction of Schooler Funeral Home, Armstrong Chapel.

Mrs. Alward was born at Amarillo and lived at Claude 30 years prior to moving to Groom two years ago. She married Alvin L. Alward in 1954 at Tucumcari, N.M. She was a master seamstress and quilter who had been commissioned to design and make quilts for various celebrities.

She was preceded in death by three sons, Jerry Dean, Stephen Ray and David Ray, in 1969.

Survivors include her husband, Alvin; a daughter, Donna Burton of Groom; a son, Terry Alward of Dumas; her parents, Ed and Dorothy Kennedy of Blum; a sister, Jane Brown of Blum; two brothers, John Kennedy of Blum and Paul Kennedy of Houston; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Boy Scouts of America, 4001 Tascosa Rd., Amarillo, TX 79124; or to Groom Ambulance Service, P.O. Box 111, Groom, TX 79039.

VERNA MAE WILLIAMS

SHAMROCK — Verna Mae Williams, 93, died Monday, Oct. 2, 2000. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Shamrock Church of Christ with Cottie Tarbet officiating. Burial will be in Shamrock Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

A Shamrock resident since 1945, Mrs. Williams was born at Oklahoma City, Okla. She married Irvin R. Williams in 1945 at Shamrock, and he preceded her in death.

She was a seamstress for Sanders Men's Store for 35 years and belonged to Church of Christ, American Legion Auxiliary, Order of the Eastern Star, Rebekah Lodge and Shamrock Garden Club.

Survivors include a daughter, Cherry Lackey of Shamrock; a sister, Asta Gosstree of Sayre, Okla.; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by the American Grain of Pampa:

Wheat	2.66	Columbia/HCA	39.38	up 1/8
Milo	2.93	Enron	36.15/16	up 1/4
Corn	1.38	Halliburton	50.12	up 1/8
Soybeans	4.25	KMI	39.13/16	dn 1/8
		Kerr McGee	66.18	dn 1/4
		Luminal	23.79/16	up 7/16
		McDonald's	30.14	up 3/16
		Exxon Mobil	91.51/16	dn 1/8
		New Atmos	20.93/16	up 1/16
		XCFI	27.78	dn 1/16
		NOI	31.04	dn 1/4
		OKI	39.12	dn 1/8
		Pennsylvania	41.08	dn 3/16
		Phillips	63.51/16	dn 1/8
		Pioneer Nat	13.78	dn 1/16
		SLB	85.78	up 15/16
		Tenneco	5	dn 1/16
		Texasco	52.91/16	dn 1/16
		Ultranor	25.08	dn 1/8
		Wal-Mart	44.13/16	dn 1/16
		Williams	43.71/16	up 5/16

The following show the prices for such as these mutual funds were bid at the time of completion:

Occidental	21.15/16	dn 9/16
Fidelity Muech	13.76	
Pfizer	18.98	

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

BP Amoco	53.5/16	dn 1/2
Colt	19.9/16	up 5/8
Cable O&G	21.1/8	up 3/8
Chesron	85.15/16	up 1/4
Coca Cola	57.1/8	up 1/8
New York Gold	273.45	
Silver	4.86	
West Texas Crude	32.18	

Police report

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Sept. 30

Aggravated assault by exhibiting a deadly weapon was reported in the 400 block of West Crawford.

Monday, Oct. 2

Disorderly conduct - language was reported in the 800 block of North Christy. The incident occurred on Sunday, Oct. 1.

Disorderly conduct - gesture was reported in the 500 block of North Dwight.

James Middleton, 46, 738 S. Barnes, was arrested in the 300 block of North Somerville on a capias pro fine for no valid driver's license.

Teresa Gail Mundell, 26, Lefors, was arrested in the 1100 block of Varnon on a warrant for possession of drug paraphernalia and municipal instanters for defective equipment, no front license plate, no proof of insurance, no inspection sticker and theft under \$50.

Tuesday, Oct. 3

Phone harassment was reported in the 600 block of North Banks.

Sheriff's Office

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Oct. 2

Steven Charles Sewell, 25, Borger, was arrested on a Gray County warrant for theft by check and bogus check warrants from Dewey County and Beckham County, Oklahoma.

Mario Solis, 18, 210 E. Tuke, was arrested on a warrant for burglary of a building after he turned himself in to authorities.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accident during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Oct. 2

A 1998 Mercury driven by James Edward Hallum, 68, 1133 Neel Rd., and a 1994 Ford Mustang driven by Courtney Danielle Ritchey, 16, 737 N. Banks, collided at the intersection of Hobart and Gwendolyn. Ritchey was cited for failure to yield right of way - left turn. No injuries were reported at the scene.

Ambulance

Rural Metro Ambulance Service responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Oct. 2

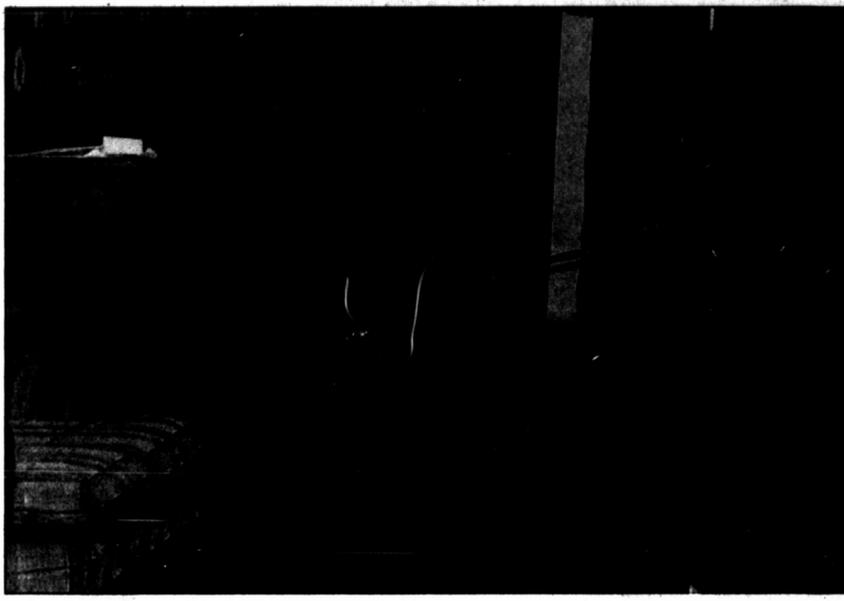
12:56 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing center and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Fires

No fires were reported to the Pampa Fire Department during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Energas	1-888-Energas
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Pampa Police Officer David Conner hangs on to Canine Officer Nick's leash as the drug dog conducts a practice search for narcotics. The partners drill often to keep their investigative skills honed.

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NICK

was then purchased by Curtis Dalton before being donated to the City of Pampa and working with my present partner David Conner.

How did you get your name?

My name came from a Dutch emperor. Almost every canine purchased by the KNPV has a name from Dutch royalty. My real name is actually about 10 syllables long, so it's easier to just say "Nick."

Tell me about your new partner, David Conner.

My partner can be very demanding at times. He's still in the process of learning. Sometimes we butt heads, but ultimately we work things out.

I'm the senior partner, you know. He hasn't been in law enforcement as long as I have.

All in all, we get along. He's a lot of fun to work with.

What are your duties as a canine officer for the Pampa PD?

To assist my handler in the war on drugs, the apprehension of criminals, and to develop good community relations. Then, ultimately, to retire as a happy dog, preferably at the home of my handler.

Do you have any family?

I have a son named Ricky who works for the Vernon Police Department and a daughter named Anastasia who works for the New York City PD. My brother still lives in Holland. I hear he's retired and getting lazy.

How do you know about them? Surely you haven't seen them for a long time.

Conner found some people from Holland on the Internet who knew about them, a lady who's an international judge for the KNPV. She keeps up

with all of us.

Do you have any accomplishments you're proud of?

In 1998 I placed second at the national competitions for narcotic searches. That same year I earned first place in the police service attack competition.

Of course I'm proud of my record since I've come to Pampa. My first big seizure was 19 grams of methamphetamines and my second seizure was 26 grams of marijuana, and then I was able to assist the Gray County Sheriff's Office in finding 222 grams of methamphetamine. Then there have been several minor seizures, as well.

Would you mind if I asked your partner a few questions, too?

Certainly not. Go ahead. I'm ready for a Code 7 (personal convenience) break anyway.

Officer Conner, since Nick only knows Dutch, how were you able to communicate with him? Do you know Dutch?

When we got him we knew he spoke Dutch and would only respond to commands in Dutch. I went to the Internet and found the Dutch commands. But there was one problem - there's four different versions. I used trial and error until I found the right one.

Where have you learned to work with a trained police dog?

I learned some of the techniques while working for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice institutional division from 1989 to 1991. I was also secondary handler and assisted with canine searches while working for the Brownsville Police Department. Pending approval, I hope to attend a canine handler school at Broussard, La., or possibly train with the police chief at Dalhart.

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of the two-year-old blonde-headed boy.

Dr. Peter Loomis, a forensic odontologist from Albuquerque, was first to take the witness stand Monday. He testified concerning what appears to be bite marks on Brendan Brown's right forearm.

Most of Monday was spent grilling Dr. Glen Groben, a Lubbock pathologist who performed the autopsy on the baby boy. Groben has since moved to Boise, Idaho.

Groben testified that he found what he believed to be old wounds in addition to the new wounds from which Brendan died.

Groben said that he found about 475 cc of fresh blood in Brendan's abdomen from internal bleeding when he performed the autopsy on May 26. The pathologist said that would be about half of the child's total blood supply. He said there were lakes of red blood cells in Brendan's abdomen that were the result of internal injuries.

"There is no way the baby could have lived more than three or four hours," Groben said.

The pathologist described blunt force injuries to Brendan's abdomen, head and extremities.

"This was an assault," Groben said. "This is not an accidental injury. Unequivocally, this is an assault."

Groben said there was no evi-

dence that the older injury, which he said was most likely several days old, had been reopened and bled. He said that there was one small older injury surrounded by multiple more recent injuries from which Brendan bled to death.

The final person to take the stand Monday was Dr. Irvin Sopher, the retired Chief Medical Examiner of West Virginia.

Sopher had been brought in as a consultant to review Dr. Groben's autopsy.

"It's a beautiful autopsy," Sopher said. "It's a thorough, well-described autopsy."

Sopher was the first to use the term child abuse in his testimony.

"This is a very severe abdominal injury," Sopher said.

He said "at any doctor would reach the conclusion that this might be a child abuse case based

solely on an external examination of Brendan's body.

"Just to look at the photos of the external injuries," Sopher said, "raises questions."

Sopher did agree with McKinney that based on an examination of the body alone would not identify the person who beat the child.

"Short of a specific injury such as a bite mark," Sopher said, "it would be difficult to identify the perpetrator."

Nor would marks on the body indicate whether the injuries were inflicted by a man or woman.

Sopher insisted, however, that the pattern of injuries indicated a violent and abusive life for the 2-year-old.

"It's a case of child abuse," Sopher said. "It's obvious to a forensic pathologist."

City Briefs

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PHS STUDENT & Parent Workshop, "The Road to College" Wed. Oct. 4 & Thurs. Oct. 5, 7 p.m. PHS Library. Attend only 1 night, learn about a new grant avail. for college tuition. Thurs. only, both Eng. & Spanish. Questions? Call 669-4700.

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WHATTA DAY for a party! Meet Lizzie, 1 day only at All Its Charm on Oct. 14th.

Weather focus

PAMPA - Sunny and hot today with a high of 98 and west-southwest winds at 10-20 mph. Tonight, a low of 57 with west winds at 10-20 mph. Tomorrow's high should be 90. A cool-off is coming when Thursday when it's expected to drizzle and the high is predicted at 67. Yesterday's high was 91; the overnight low 62.

STATEWIDE - Near-record high temperatures were expected to return to Texas through midweek as a high-pressure system again gripped the northern part of the state.

Low clouds and some fog developed Tuesday along a line from San Antonio through Austin and Tyler.

Early-morning temperatures ranged from the 50s to 70s. It was 69 degrees at Hondo and Junction, 75 at Abilene and 78 at the Corpus Christi Naval Air Station and Galveston.

Temperatures in the Davis Mountains and Panhandle hovered in the 50s.

Winds were generally southerly to southeasterly at less than 10 mph.

Under a high-pressure dome on Monday, a high of 99 degrees at Lubbock broke the daily record for the date and also set the all-time record high for October. A 101 degree reading at Midland-Odessa also estab-

lished a record, according to the National Weather Service.

Another record was set at Wichita Falls with a high of 102 degrees.

Hot temperatures were expected to continue in North Texas through Wednesday.

Daytime highs were expected from the 80s along the Gulf of Mexico to 90s elsewhere along with southerly winds at 15 to 25 mph and higher gusts. Along the Rio Grande, some readings could reach 100.

Some isolated showers could develop along the upper gulf coast.

Lows overnight should range from the mid-60s to mid-70s, except for 40s in the mountains.

RODEO

A tie in the Team Penning event is a rare occurrence but the Prothro and Landess Ranches tied the Wines Ranch from Clay County, Texas with a point total of 12. Therefore, the tie-breaker rule was used and the team with the fastest time was the Prothro and Landess Ranches. Sponsored by Larry Baker Plumbing, Heating and Air, the team members from the Prothro and Landess Ranches took home reins and saddle stands for their efforts.

During the competition, each contestant and each horse are also competing for the prestigious prizes awarded to the "Top Hand" and "Top Horse". Sponsored by M&H Leasing, the beautiful custom-made Saddle for the "Top Horse" went to Bob Adcock of Adcock's Lazy Eleven Cattle Company from Miami, Texas. The "Top Hand" award of new boots was also sponsored by M&H Leasing and went to Kevin Parker from the Parker and Finley Ranches of Beaver County, Oklahoma.

The overall winning team of the 2000 High Plains Fall Classic

received custom-designed hand-made silver belt buckles and new cowboy hats from the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association. The team from the Thompson Ranch team had already qualified for the WRCA World Championship Ranch Rodeo, Pampa will be represented by the second-place team from the Prothro and Landess Ranches of Kenton, Oklahoma.

Sponsored by Budweiser, Culberson Stowers, CN Ranch, Boone Pickens Mesa Vista Ranch, Lewis Meers, CPA, Bowers Ranch and many others. The First Annual High Plains Fall Classic was a great success, said organizers, and even the weather man cooperated for a change.

Other activities held during the weekend included a colt starting and reining demonstration featuring the expert skills of Buster McLaury. This clinic was well received by a very attentive audience.

Following the demonstration, Pokey the Clown presented his Junior Ranch Rodeo in the arena. The winning Pee Wee division team was from the IC Cattle Company. The winning Junior

division team was from the Adcock's Lazy Eleven Cattle Company of Miami, Texas and the winning Senior division team was from Booze Bits and Spurs. These teams will represent Pampa at the WRCA Junior Ranch World Championship Finals Rodeo in November at the Amarillo Civic Center.

Another great activity over the weekend was the Chuck Wagon dinner. Five chuck wagons had their hands full cooking for over 350 people at Recreation Park on Saturday afternoon. The meal of pan-fried steak, potatoes and gravy, beans and biscuits was sold out early. While folks ate, they were entertained by music from the Jack Selby musicians, Rod Taylor and Rick Brumley. Pokey the Clown also auctioned some of his famous custom-made stick horses to benefit the Fellowship of Christian Cowboys.

If you didn't make it out the 2000 High Plains Fall Classic Ranch Rodeo, Junior Ranch Rodeo, Horse demonstration and Chuck wagon Dinner, you missed a really great weekend for Pampa and the Top O' Texas Area, said organizers.

Couple selects embryo to save daughter

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - In the first known case of its kind, a couple had several embryos created in a lab and selected one to produce a child that was free of a genetic disease and able to provide a transplant to save the life of his 6-year-old sister.

Last week, doctors at the University of Minnesota infused blood from the umbilical cord of 5-week-old Adam Nash into his sister, Molly, to try to fight Fanconi anemia, a rare genetic disease that could kill her because she can't create her own bone marrow.

Doctors should know within about a week if stem cells contained in Adam's cord blood are helping Molly develop healthy marrow cells.

It is widely considered ethical to screen embryos for genetic diseases because it is best for the child, said Jeff Kahn, director of the university's Center for Bioethics.

The case of the Nash family, from Englewood, Colo., is different. The cells that grew within Linda Nash's womb into Adam also were selected for traits that would benefit someone else - his sister.

It is the first time genetic testing has been used by parents to select a child who is both free of a disease and the best tissue match for a sibling who needs a transplant to fight that disease, said Dr. Charles Strom of the Reproductive Genetics Institute.

Calendar of events

PAMPA PRISON MINISTRY

The Pampa Prison Ministry meets the first Tuesday of every month at Central Baptist Church located at Francis and Starkweather at 7 p.m. sharp. For further information call Bob Andersen 665-4252 or J.B Walker at 669-2266.

PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL

A support group for the mentally ill and family members meet the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. There is no charge. For more information or if you need a ride call Sharon King, 665-2818.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Pampa Chapter No. 65, Order of the Eastern Star, has changed their meeting nights from the first and third Tuesdays to the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at 420 West Kingsmill.

MACEDONIA BAPTIST

Macedonia Baptist Church, 441 Elm, conducts prayer services at 7:30 a.m., 12 p.m. and 6 p.m. daily for the citizens of Pampa - the churches, the schools, etc. All are cordially invited to come and pray. For more information, call 665-4926.

OPEN DOOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Open Door Alcoholics

Anonymous at 910 Kentucky (across from Albertson's) meeting schedule - seven days a week - two meetings a day - noon till 1 p.m. no smoking, and Tuesday and Thursday 8-9 p.m. call 665-9702 for information.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER

Women's Support Group for Child Management offers parenting skills to assist parents and children in dealing with anger and behavioral issues resulting from peer pressure, sibling rivalry, family violence and/or sexual abuse from 7-8 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call Tralee Crisis Center, 669-1131.

MONTHLY GOSPEL SINGING

First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock, hosts a Gospel Singing from 2-4 p.m. every second Sunday of the month. Pastor Albert Maggard and the congregation of First Pentecostal cordially invites the public to attend. Singers and musicians from area churches participate in this informal congregational singing and enjoy various special vocal and instrumental presentations.

THE SALVATION ARMY

The Salvation Army, 701 S. Cuyler, will be accepting Christmas applications from 9 a.m.-12 noon and from 1-3 p.m., Oct. 9-13. Applications must

include: Picture ID; birth certificates for each child in the household; Social Security cards for each individual in the household; and proof of income (pay check stub, award letters) and expense. For more information, call 665-7233.

ACT I THEATER

ACT I Community Theater's annual membership drive is currently under way and will conclude at the end of the month. Season tickets are available and include three shows: "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940" (November); "Natalie Needs a Nightie" (February); and "Grace and Glory" (April). For more information, contact Membership Director Michele Andorfer at (806) 669-0356. All shows will be staged at the ACT I theater located in the Pampa Mall.

SHOW PIG SALE

Frank Phillips College Agriculture Department will host its annual Show Pig Sale at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8 in the Agriculture and Welding Technology Building on the FPC campus in Borger. For more information, call Buddy Curry at (806) 274-5311, 1-800-687-2056, ext. 790 or (806) 273-8693.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

The local Alzheimer's Support Group will conduct a four-part series this fall. The series will kick-off Sept. 7 with Dr. Bruce Harrow presenting an overview of the disease. Topics will include: Communication and Activities of Daily Living, Oct. 5; and Community Resources and Caregiving Planning, Nov. 2. The series will conclude Dec. 7 with a panel discussion. The group meets regularly at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest. For more information, call Dauna Wilkinson, 665-0356.

HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL

First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray, is currently accepting aluminum cans for recycling. Proceeds will benefit Heifer Project International, an Arkansas-based service organization which provides livestock (chickens, pigs, sheep, cattle) along with training and support services to families and communities worldwide. For a limited time, donations will be matched 3-1 by a private foundation. HPI is a non-denominational not-for-profit agency. For more information, call the church office at 665-1031. Office hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 noon, Friday and before 10:45 a.m. Sunday. For more information about HPI, call 1-800-422-0474 or visit <http://www.heifer.org> on the Internet.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will hold "Dialogue," a patient/family education support group sponsored by the cancer center and the American Cancer Society, Thursdays from 12 noon-1:30 p.m. this 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.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 10 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4:30 p.m., Oct. 4 and 18, Pampa Family Clinic, 700 W. Kentucky.

MISS TEEN ALL-AMERICAN

Miss Teen All-American pageant officials are seeking applicants for the Miss Texas Teen All-American 2000 pageant to be held Dec. 2-3 at Dallas-Fort Worth Lakes Hilton in Grapevine. Contestants will compete in the following categories: Personal Interview, Evening Gown and Swimsuit. To qualify, a young woman must be 13-19 years of age as of Aug. 1, 2000; must never have been married; and must be a U.S. resident. To apply, send a recent photo along with name, address, telephone number, date of birth and short bio either by fax, 1-304-242-8341, or mail: Dept. D - Miss Texas Teen All-American, 603 Schrader Ave., Wheeling, WV 26003-9619.

FAMILY CHRONICLE

Family Chronicle magazine is seeking genealogy success stories. The publication plans to collect a "1,000 brickwall solutions"

for inclusion in a special publication of the same name. Stories can range from 50 to 800 words. Submissions should be mailed to: "Brickwall Solutions" Family Chronicle, Box 1201, Lewiston, NY 14092.

FREE BOOKLET

The Free Enterprise Institute in Washington, D.C., is offering a new booklet, "The 100 Most Popular Government Giveaway Programs," to consumers nationwide. To obtain a copy of the booklet, send \$5 to cover cost of printing, postage and handling to: Free Enterprise Institute, 100 Government Giveaways, Dept. 100GG-0816, P.O. Box 96071, Washington, D.C. 20090-6071. For more information, call (202) 595-1031 or visit www.FreeEnterpriseInstitute.org on the Internet.

AIYSE

American International Youth Student Exchange Program is seeking host families for 25 high school students from France, Germany, Belgium, Spain, Denmark and other foreign countries for the upcoming school year. The students, age 15-18, will arrive late in August and return home in June. The students are screened and have spending money and medical insurance. Host families may deduct \$50 per month for income tax purposes. For more information, call 1-800-347-7575.

LAMAR SCHOLARSHIPS

Students accepted into the Texas Academy of Leadership in Humanities, a two-year residential honors program at Lamar University in Beaumont, are eligible for full tuition scholarships for up to 15 credit hours per semester. Enrollment is currently underway for the fall 2000 semester. For more information, call (409) 839-2995, fax (409) 839-2991 or e-mail TALH@hal.lamar.edu.

WTAMU announces upcoming Homecoming 2000 activities

CANYON — West Texas State Normal College was founded in 1910 on what was then the West Texas prairie. West Texas A&M University alumni, staff, faculty and students will celebrate the prairie beginnings and the university's growth to prestige at Homecoming 2000 "90 Years: Prairie to Prestige" Oct. 13-14.

"The University's roots are in hard-working Panhandle students," M. Keith Brown, director of the WTAMU Alumni Association, said. "This occasion gives us a chance to remember our roots while looking at the University's present-day accomplishments and growth as a sign of WTAMU's permanence in the Panhandle."

University alumni and supporters are invited to compete in the Homecoming Classic on the links beginning at noon Friday at Palo Duro Creek Golf Course.

The Class of 1950 Golden Anniversary reception will begin at 4 p.m. at the President's Home. Honorary chairs for the Class of 1950 will be Harold and Billie Byars Erwin, Nolon and Bobbie Graham Henson, Charles and Polly Caperton SoRelle, and Weldon and Evelyn Trice. They were selected for their contributions to WT students and alumni.

Class reunions for the Class of 1930, 1940, 1950, 1975 and 1990 will begin at 5:30 p.m. Friday at Buffalo Courts. Ben Bentley and Patty Price will serve as hon-

Square House to host workshop

PANHANDLE — On Saturday, Oct. 14, Carson County Square House Museum will hold a workshop, "The Future of Your Past." The program will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will conclude at 3:30 p.m.

Attorney Scott Sherwood of Panhandle will speak on the legal aspect of inheriting and receiving objects from loved ones. Carson County Extension Agent Jeanine Montgomery will present a video and program "Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate?" and Bruce Burnett of Amarillo, a Not-for Profit Resource Development Consultant with a background in charitable estate planning, also will be at the workshop to discuss endowments.

Cost for the workshop is \$25 per person and includes lunch. For more information or to register, call (806) 537-3524.

orary chairs for the Class of 1975 and Michael L. Bain and Joan Potter Hooker will serve as honorary chairs for the Class of 1990. Class photographs will be taken at 6 p.m.

Traditional Homecoming activities will cap off Friday. Students and university supporters will gather for Pigskin Revue, a variety show and pep rally, at 8 p.m. Friday at the field house. The 2000 Homecoming queen and king finalists will be announced and head football coach Stan McGarvey will preview the Saturday night game.

Dr. Russell C. Long, university president, will lead the Torch Procession to the Bonfire site after the Pigskin Revue.

The crisp fall evening will warm up when WTAMU lights the traditional bonfire at 9:30 p.m. Friday at Spur 48 and WTAMU Drive. The Bonfire Dance will begin at 10 p.m. on the nearby parking lot.

At 8:30 a.m. Saturday, the Alumni Association will host its annual Alumni Breakfast. Special awards and recognition will be presented. The 2001 Alumni Association Board of directors and officers will be elected.

Join the Canyon and WTAMU communities in celebrating Homecoming with the annual parade beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday down 4th Ave. Dr. Lloyd Watkins, WT president from 1972-77, will serve as parade marshal. Coinciding with WTAMU's downtown celebration will be Carson's Fair on the Square, featuring live entertainment, games, food and craft sales throughout the day.

The Homecoming Barbecue will be served from 11:30 a.m.-

1:30 p.m. Saturday on the lawn east of Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum. Barbecued brisket, sausage, beans, potato salad, coleslaw, relishes, hot rolls, apple and cherry cobbler, iced tea, lemonade and coffee are on the menu.

At 2 p.m. Saturday the Alumni Association will celebrate the installation of Buffalo Walk on the north side of Old Main. The collection of commemorative bricks in honor of the university's supporters will be unveiled.

At 2 p.m., university supporters are invited to visit with those who led the university into the last quarter century at the 1975 Administrators' 25th Reunion at the Jack B. Kelley Student Center, Hazel Kelley Wilson Room.

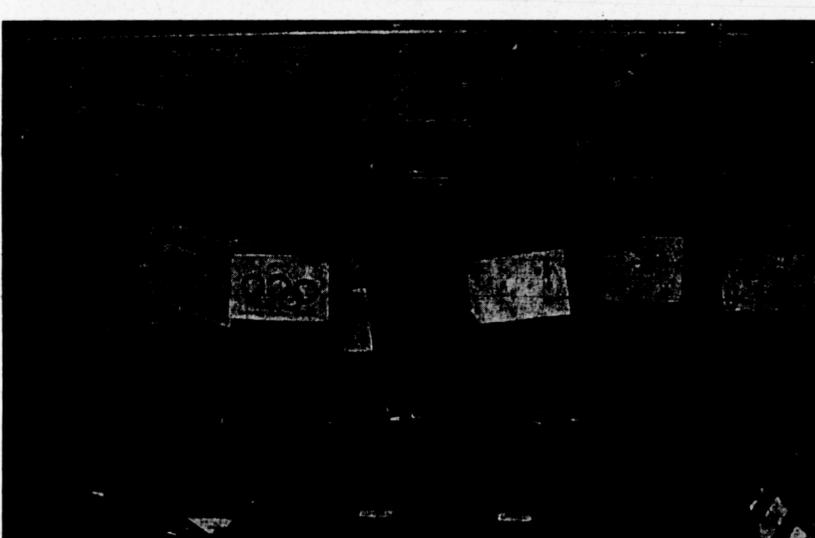
All former Student Government officers and former student senators are invited to a reception at 2 p.m. in Old Main, Second-Level Foyer, hosted by Student Government.

The Buffs will take on Texas A&M University-Commerce at 7 p.m. at Kimbrough Memorial Stadium. Halftime will include recognition of alumni and crowning the 2000 Homecoming queen and king.

For the first time in a long time, WTAMU supporters will have a chance to catch another Buff team after the game. Saturday is the Buffs and Lady Buffs first chance to hit the basketball court. Midnight Madness, the opening practice of the season for the teams and the annual celebration of spirit, will begin at 11 p.m. at the field house.

For more information or to order tickets for Homecoming activities, contact the Alumni Association at (806) 651-2311.

'Olympic Fact Book'



Students in Ms. Johnson's Kindergarten class at Lamar Elementary School hold pages to an "Olympic fact book" they made. The students were asked if they would like to be in the Olympics one day and, if so, in what event. Above: (left-right) Walker Inge, Miguel Resendiz, Calli Brewer, Alexis Pena, Mark Harris, Dalton Poole, Zachery Wolfe, Eddie Castillo, Drake Fisher, Marieli Sanchez, Sierra Williams, Abigail Jones and Fabiana Rossiter.

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Inside the Beltway
with
Sen. Hutchison

Drought: The instant replay

Since the days of the Republic, Texans have been toughing-out drought.

We can take one year of drought, or even two. But five consecutive years of drought, such as we are experiencing now, is more than most farmers and ranchers are able to withstand.

A child born in Texas will start kindergarten this fall not knowing anything but drought. Here we go again: parched, panting, having lived through another one of the worst summers on record. Temperatures averaged up to five degrees above normal over large parts of our state through August. Central and West Texas received less than 25 percent of normal rainfall in July, and parts of Texas were without rain for a staggering 68 days.

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service reports that, by the end of August, Texans had suffered \$595 million in agriculture losses — and the service is still counting.

Cotton, our numero uno cash crop, has been hardest hit, with economists estimating \$285 million in crop damage. Other estimated losses this year include \$125 million in wheat and \$50 million in forage crops. Hay production reached a standstill by mid-summer and producers face soaring feed, water and added irrigation costs.

At the same time, the drought has prevented many of the state's beef producers from building their herds in anticipation of stronger prices.

Aside from doing a rain-dance (and I'd do that if it would help), the situation requires that we immediately bring into play all existing federal government resources that can be of assistance. Here's what's on tap for hard-pressed farmers and ranchers so far:

The House and Senate are finishing up their drought relief packages. The Senate version provides \$900 million in emergency relief for farmers and ranchers.

That includes \$450 million for the Livestock Assistance Program to make direct payments to eligible livestock producers who suffered grazing losses due to natural disaster, and another \$450 million for farmers who suffered crop losses due to the drought.

I anticipate there will be at least that much drought relief funding in the final bill. It is probable that farmers and ranchers in most Texas counties will be eligible for the livestock and crop assistance programs. This emergency package, combined with assistance already available through the 1996 farm bill, adds up to a substantial federal response to the economic situation facing farmers and ranchers.

Currently, 180 counties in Texas have been designated for federal disaster assistance by the Secretary of Agriculture. Farmers and ranchers in those counties will now be eligible for U.S. Department of Agriculture low-interest emergency loans.

In addition, to date, 36 Texas counties have been approved by the USDA to allow their livestock to graze on Conservation Reserve Program acreage through at least the end of September, with the possibility of extension through Nov. 30. Under this designation, livestock grazing is allowed on cropland that has been removed from production of annual program crops, such as wheat or feed grain, and dedicated to resource-conserving cover.

There are a number of other measures Congress has adopted recently to stabilize farm income, promote savings and investment, and create a cushion for producers.

We took a major step in the right direction when Congress restored three-year income averaging for farmers, which was taken out of the tax code in 1986. That should help protect farmers from unintended tax consequences that result from the wild income fluctuations that are unique to the agricultural economy. Farmers have little control over wide swings in their income or losses caused by conditions such as the drought we're going through now.

All Texans, whether in urban areas or the country, have a stake in Texas agriculture because it plays such a prominent role in our state economy. For more information on the help being made available to farmers and ranchers at this perilous time, please contact the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency in your county, which will be listed in your local telephone directory. Or contact your member of Congress or my Washington office at (202) 224-5922.

—The 36 Texas counties released by the Secretary of Agriculture for grazing include Bailey, Baylor, Briscoe, Callahan, Castro, Childress, Cottle, Crosby, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Eastland, Fisher, Floyd, Hale, Hall, Haskell, Howard, Jones, Kent, King, Knox, Lubbock, Martin, McCulloch, Mitchell, Motley, Nolan, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Scurry, Swisher, Taylor and Young. Dallam County has requested emergency grazing permission as well and this request is in the works.



Tying the knot is an adventure

Eighteen years ago, on a breezy and cool Saturday afternoon, Vic and I stood at the bridge of Central Park and recited our wedding vows before the Rev. Brice Hubbard, pastor of the local Church of the Brethren. Vic was 25. I was 27. He had never been married. I had been a single parent for almost three years.

Thank goodness, we had no concept of what was ahead of us. Otherwise we might never had the courage to tie the proverbial knot. I've often told Vic that ours isn't a marriage — it's an adventure!

I think Rev. Hubbard ("Brice," Vic always called him) must have sensed what lay ahead of us. My brother's videotape shows him stopping every few minutes — right in the middle of everything — to pray. As time has passed, Vic and I look at each other and ponder on that little preacher's wisdom. We've sorely needed those prayers through the years.

Two Pampa couples, the Paul Simmonses and the Harvey Nensstels, celebrated 70-year anniversaries last week, making our 18-year anniversary look like a drop in a bucket. Seven decades of married life is incomprehensible to someone who hasn't lived but a little over four decades.

In an age where 50 percent of American marriages end in divorce, these two couples should be applauded for their tenacity. We live in a throw-away society, a time of planned obsolescence. Long-term relationships aren't "cool."

Somehow, these two couples managed to weather the storms of life together. I don't for a minute believe that they haven't seen a lot of rocky moments during those 70 years. But they



Dee Dee Laramore

Staff writer

didn't call it quits when things got tough. Obviously, they hung together through the hard times or they wouldn't be celebrating such a milestone moment as a 70th anniversary.

Years ago I wrote a column about commitment. Vic is the one who taught me about the notion of being dedicated to each other no matter what. This was a new concept to me, one I had never been exposed to before in my life.

Vic demonstrated his commitment and the power of forgiveness during a time when our daughter (mine by blood, his by choice) lashed out at him in her pain stemming from my divorce from her biological father. If he had wanted to end our marriage, he could have then and no one would have blamed him. Instead he forgave Angel and stuck with me.

He reinforced the idea later on when I nearly fell apart after Angel decided to live with her biological father in San Antonio. Communication between mother and daughter disintegrated. I felt she had abandoned me, that she didn't love me anymore. Why else would she leave me? (Sounds pretty selfish, doesn't it? It was.)

I thought — pettishly — that if Angel didn't want me, then I wouldn't bother her anymore. Thank heaven, Vic was more adult than I was. He showed me another aspect of commitment by giving me this sound advice: Keep writing her, even if she doesn't write back. Send her care packages. Be a mother to her. Show her how a parent is supposed to be.

These past few years have been difficult for Vic and I. We both have faced mid-life crisis, problems at work, and empty-nest syndrome. All of these are passages of life that can't be avoided, much as we wish we could. Still, they're difficult to handle and can cause many unions to break apart.

Ours almost did. How it survived to this anniversary day is a miracle in many ways, most of them too personal to discuss here.

I don't know if we will live long enough to celebrate a 70th anniversary. Age 95 and 97 seems pretty far away right now. I do hope we will share a golden anniversary together. We have a pretty good chance of reaching 75 and 77, I think, if we take care of ourselves.

I believe with all my heart that Vic and I wouldn't be celebrating this 18th anniversary if it hadn't been for God's mighty power to heal the unhealable through our prayers and the prayers of our friends and family. And I thank God that the lessons Vic taught me about commitment held true when they were needed most.

Maybe that was what a wise little Church of the Brethren minister prayed for during a simple outdoor wedding ceremony in Central Park almost 20 years ago.

Ignoring the cost of divorce in this country

What would you say if I told you there's a sure-fire way to reduce child poverty, make kids more likely to stay in school and less likely to experiment with sex, and cause crime rates to drop even further?

Before you assume you've tuned into some late-night "infomercial" or — worse — a political convention, let me quickly unveil this seemingly magic cure-all: marriage. A growing body of social science research shows that marriage is the best antidote to a host of societal ills and that divorce is more harmful to children than most people think.

Which makes the number of U.S. children affected by divorce — more than 1 million a year, up from fewer than 500,000 in 1960 — all the more worrisome.

Heritage Foundation researchers Patrick Fagan and Robert Rector recently reviewed hundreds of articles and studies from leading social science journals to chart what they call "the downward spiral of family breakdown." Their report is a sobering read.

Consider the link between crime rates and family structure. You can actually use the divorce rate in a given area to predict its level of crime, according to University of Chicago sociology professor Robert Sampson, who studied 171 U.S. cities with populations above 100,000 and found that the lower a city's divorce rate, the lower its crime rate.



Edwin Feulner

President of The Heritage Foundation

Another study tracked 6,400 boys over 20 years and found those who grew up without fathers in the home were two to three times more likely to commit crimes. In Wisconsin (the only state to release government data on the link between divorce and crime), children of divorced parents are 12 times more likely to serve time in jail than are children from intact, two-parent families.

Then there's the connection between divorce and poverty. According to Mary Corcoran, a political science professor at the University of Michigan, household income for children living with two parents averaged \$43,600. It dropped to \$25,300 following a divorce.

Studies also show divorce affects education. High school dropout rates are much higher among children of divorced parents than among children of always-married parents, and the children of divorce are 60 percent less likely to

attend college than children from always-married parents. Girls from intact families are also far less likely to skip school.

The effect of divorce on sexual behavior is noteworthy, too. U.S. and British studies show that daughters of divorced parents are more likely to engage in pre-marital sex. African-American girls are 42 percent less likely to have sex before age 18 if they live at home with their biological fathers. But a stepfather can have the opposite effect, with one study of Hispanic-American girls finding this makes them 72 percent more likely to have sex before 18.

The list of harmful effects goes on. But the question is, can anything be done to reverse the trend? Oklahoma Gov. Frank Keating, whose state has the second-highest divorce rate in the country, believes it must — and he has vowed to cut his state's rate by one-third over 10 years.

But Keating is not pushing big-government solutions. Instead, he's working with his state's private sector and religious communities to encourage marriage preparation and discourage divorce. Perhaps most importantly, Keating is using his bully pulpit to counter the widespread assumption that divorce is just another social arrangement.

No one's saying it should be impossible to get out of a marriage. But considering its importance to the health of our society, shouldn't it be just a little bit harder?

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 3, the 277th day of 2000. There are 89 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Oct. 3, 1863, President Lincoln declared the last Thursday in November Thanksgiving Day.

On this date:

In 1226, St. Francis of Assisi, founder of the Franciscan order, died; he was canonized in 1228.

In 1929, the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes formally changed its name to the Kingdom of Yugoslavia.

In 1941, Adolf Hitler declared in a speech in Berlin that Russia had been "broken" and would "never rise again."

In 1942, President Roosevelt established the Office of Economic Stabilization.

In 1944, during World War II, U.S. troops cracked the Siegfried Line north of Aachen, Germany.

In 1955, "Captain Kangaroo" and "The Mickey Mouse Club" premiered on CBS and ABC, respectively.

In 1960, "The Andy Griffith Show" premiered on CBS.

In 1962, astronaut Wally Schirra blasted off from Cape Canaveral aboard the Sigma 7 on a nine-hour flight.

In 1974, Frank Robinson was named major-league baseball's first black manager as he was placed in charge of the Cleveland Indians.

In 1981, Irish nationalists at the Maze Prison near Belfast, Northern Ireland, ended seven months of hunger strikes that had claimed 10 lives.

Ten years ago: West Germany and East Germany ended 45 years of postwar division, declaring the creation of a new unified country. Iraqi President Saddam Hussein made his first known visit to Kuwait since his country seized control of the oil-rich emirate.

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BURN

Commission notification or approval is not required. Peet said this morning that if a burn ban was imposed, it is more than likely ranchers and farmers wouldn't be able to have controlled burns. "Most of the fires have occurred in counties where burn bans have been enacted," said Peet.

During Monday's meeting Precinct 2 County Commissioner Jim Greene said, "Very few fires are started from burning trash out in the county. Most are started from electrical lines whipping together in wind, someone going down the road throwing out a cigarette or chains sparking."

According to a resolution adopted by the Gray County Commission March 1, 1996, regulating outdoor burning in Gray County, the person conducting an outdoor burn must notify the Gray County Sheriff's Office Dispatcher at 669-8022 for placement on a daily controlled burn log.

The Gray County Sheriff's Department may monitor the outdoor burning for compliance with the above regulations and other statutes and regulation concerning outdoor burning not specified.

Precinct 4 Commissioner James Hefley questioned the restrictions a burn ban put on Gray County residents, citing the wind requirements prevent burning when wind is less than six miles an hour and greater than 23 miles per hour.

Hefley also said educating the public would be of greater benefit than enacting a burn ban. Precinct 3 County Commissioner Gerald Wright said the commission should ask people not to do outdoor burning during the dry weather conditions.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Joe Wheeley said the main controlled burns by agriculture would be to burn corn stubble in order to plant wheat. He also said the main contact point of a control burn is the local sheriff's department.

Peet said if there is no moisture by the end of the year the commission might want to consider enacting a burn ban around New Year's Eve due to the use of fireworks.

Tom Spencer of the Texas Forest Service said in a telephone interview this morning, "The situation is going to get worse before it gets better." He said the dry weather conditions should get better in a couple of months. As of Sept. 25, a total of 192 of the 254 Texas counties have enacted burn bans.

Fifteen counties in the Panhandle have established county burning bans. Those who have not are Armstrong, Donley, Carson and Gray, along with the top five counties in the Panhandle: Dallam, Sherman, Hansford, Ochiltree and Lipscomb.

Joe Millican of the Hoover Volunteer Fire Department told the commission Monday morning that HVFD records indicate the department has not fought any fires begun by trash burning since Jan. 1, 2000. He said most of the fires have been sparked by cars on fire or cigarettes being tossed out.

Ken Hall of the LEPC also cited carelessness as the cause of most fires. He also cited fires started by trains along side the railroad tracks.

Other causes of fires mentioned at the meeting were from oil field work, high winds, dragging chains and hot catalytic converters on cars which have pulled into the dry grassland.

This morning, Pampa Fire Chief Kim Powell urged extreme caution by Pampa residents. "There is an ordinance against burning anything in the City of Pampa with the exception of a barbecue grill. People need to be really, really careful in the city. Lots of people want to burn off grass and weeds in the city, but it is illegal in the City of Pampa."

Powell said with the increased moisture received in the spring, the grass grew up high. "Now, with the high temperatures it has died and a mat has formed. That makes fire conditions very dangerous," she said.

"Being an agricultural area, we have CRP grass, hay, wheat stubble out there. This is the way people make their living. People feed animals off these fields, and the fires hurt them economically," she said.

Powell reminded residents who have controlled burns that any damages are the responsibility of the person initiating the controlled burn. "If they do a controlled burn and it gets out of control, they are held directly responsible for any damages incurred because of the fire," she said. "Anyone planning control burns is urged to contact the central dispatcher. If we are not notified of a control burn and we are notified of a fire, we respond."

Smoke in cockpit closes DFW Airport

GRAPEVINE, Texas (AP) — The smell of smoke in an American Eagle airliner's cockpit aborted a flight at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport overnight.

The 10:30 p.m. Monday incident closed the nation's third-busiest passenger airport for about 15 minutes, said airport spokesman Emilio Howell.

The 50-seat Embraer ERJ-145 regional jet with five passengers and three crew members aboard was taxiing for takeoff for Springfield-Branson, Mo., when the crew smelled smoke, said American Eagle spokeswoman Elizabeth Ninomiya. The plane was stopped on the taxiway and evacuated, its occupants were returned to the terminal, and the flight was canceled, Ninomiya said.

Bush - Gore debate tonight

OUTDOOR BURNING BANS BY COUNTY

September 25, 2000

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County burning bans are established by County Judges and/or County Commissioners Courts. The Texas Forest Service is tracking the bans as a public service.

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HUNTINGTON, W.Va. (AP) — George W. Bush declared himself "ready to go" Tuesday as he boarded a plane for Boston and his first face-off with Al Gore. The vice president's entourage of campaign advisers and "real people" debate coaches flew ahead, a group so large it needed a separate jet.

Both candidates planned little more than separate inspections of the debate hall at the University of Massachusetts after they arrived in Boston for the most anticipated event of their White House campaigns. Bush was taking a nap and a run, then riding a water taxi to the hall Tuesday night.

With nothing on his schedule, Gore lingered late into the morning at his beach bungalow in Sarasota, Fla., where he rehearsed over the weekend with the help of 13 citizens recruited to make suggestions about his debate style.

A little earlier, Bush waved at the crowd across the street and blew kisses to people looking out office windows as he left his downtown Huntington hotel for the airport. Asked whether he would wear the same gray suit and red tie for the debate, Bush joked that he would be sporting "early Regis wear," like on his appearance on Regis Philbin's TV talk show. He quickly turned serious, adding, "Tonight's not

the night for gimmicks. ... I look forward to it."

Polls show the race is the tightest in decades, and the 90-minute debate is likely to reach approximately 60 million people, the largest for any single event of the campaign.

Gore "will try to get George Bush to try to be a little more factual and explicit about some of his proposals for America's future, such as his tax cut, which we know benefits mostly people who make a lot of money in this country," Gore's running mate, Joseph Lieberman, predicted on ABC's "Good Morning America."

Bush's chief strategist, Karl Rove, retorted that such "unfair attacks" on the governor's tax proposal were typical. "I expect we'll have a lot of mischaracterizations by Vice President Gore," Rove said on the same show.

For both men, this first of three debates is an opportunity to introduce themselves to voters who are just focusing on the race, five weeks before the Nov. 7 election. It also presents challenges.

Bush's: Avoid grammatical foul-ups and halt questions by some about whether he has the intellectual ability to be president.

"It's about issues and it's also about the personality that comes through, do people think these two men have the ability to be

president?" Rove said. On CBS' "Early Show," he added, "People will see how both handle themselves under pressure."

Gore's challenge: Avoid knowledge-all condescension and subtle put-downs while showing off his knowledge of public policy.

"Gore has to be able to convince people that all the knowledge he has can be put to their benefit," said Democratic consultant Jim Duffy.

Hours before the debate, Massachusetts Libertarians asked a judge to force debate organizers to also include their party's candidate, Harry Browne. Their lawsuit said Browne should be allowed to debate because the state recognizes their party and spent \$900,000 to help the University of Massachusetts defray the costs of hosting the debate.

"It is an outrage that taxpayer money is used to fund biased, exclusionary debates," said state party chairman Elias Israel. An afternoon hearing was set.

Gore and Bush have invested a lot in preparing for the debate. Both spent the weekend cramming and holding practice sparring sessions, Gore in Florida, Bush in Texas.

Gore has signaled that he intends to avoid attacks, a change in tone that he hopes will make him more likable to swing voters. Gore also has been work-

ing in Florida with "real people" he met along the campaign trail on a more conversational speaking style.

Bush, a senior adviser said, was polishing several "crisp lines of attack" and has a plan to combat any Gore effort to plant his "real people" debate coaches in the audience.

To help voters see things their way, both candidates were to have teams of high-powered supporters on hand in Boston to explain how they had won.

A slew of Cabinet officials and congressional leaders were headed there to vouch for Gore, and a group of Republican governors were to make the case for Bush.

The running mates also were practicing for their only debate Thursday in Danville, Ky. Republican mate Dick Cheney, who spent several days at home in Jackson, Wyo., planned to join GOP officials and diners at a steakhouse in Cincinnati to watch the debate.

Democratic vice presidential candidate Lieberman was to take a break from his own debate rehearsal to watch the event on TV from his debate practice camp in Kentucky.

After Tuesday's debate, Gore planned a return to Florida, while Bush was headed to the Midwest before their second face-off Oct. 11 in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Missing pregnant woman found dead, baby taken, officials

RAVENNA, Ohio (AP) — A pregnant woman was found dead early Tuesday, her abdomen sliced open and her baby taken, and the woman suspected of removing the baby shot herself to death when police arrived to question her, authorities said.

After 23-year-old Theresa Andrews was discovered in a shallow grave, Portage County Coroner Roger Marcial said he did not know whether Andrews

was alive when the baby was cut out of her — nor were there any immediate indications how she died. An autopsy was planned.

Authorities said the baby boy was found healthy. Prosecutor Victor Viglucci said the baby probably was born Sept. 27, the day Andrews disappeared.

Authorities said Michelle Bica, 39, took the baby but wouldn't provide details.

Police had returned to Bica's house Monday night after ques-

tioning her earlier in the day about cell phone calls she had made to the Andrews' home Sept. 27.

As officers arrived, they heard what sounded like a gunshot and Bica's husband, Thomas, shouting her name. They entered an upstairs bedroom and found her shot to death. An autopsy is pending, but Viglucci said she shot herself.

The baby boy was in a nursery in another room.

Andrews' body was found about two hours later, buried in a shallow grave in the unattached garage of the small, white colonial style house in Ravenna, 32 miles southeast of Cleveland.

The baby was taken to a hospital and listed in good condition.

Viglucci said investigators are trying to determine whether Bica recently had a miscarriage. He said there was no sign she

had given birth.

Thomas Bica, 41, a corrections officer for the Portage County Sheriff's Department, was questioned and released Tuesday morning.

"We felt there were no charges we could hold him on at this time," Viglucci said.

On the day she disappeared, Theresa Andrews had paged her husband, Jon, at work and said a

woman had called inquiring about a 1999 Jeep Wrangler they were trying to sell.

Andrews, a sheet-metal worker, told police that he called home at lunch to see how the potential sale went but no one answered. When he got home at 4:30 p.m., the house was open, the vehicle gone and his wife missing.

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Memos describe early Pentagon delays in Deutch probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pentagon investigators feared that department lawyers were unnecessarily delaying a CIA probe of former director John Deutch and even discussed whether to have the Justice Department intercede, internal memos show.

The memos paint a picture of early disagreement and hesitation

about the investigation in 1998. A Defense Department lawyer wrote of trying to keep the CIA from "running amok" inside the Pentagon.

Defense investigators, who pressed for urgent cooperation with the CIA probe, were advised to avoid "active involvement" in the case and felt they were being pushed aside, according to the

memos obtained by The Associated Press.

"My belief is that our bosses do not want DCIS to participate in the CIA investigation," Defense Criminal Investigative Service agent Mark Spaulding wrote in August 1998.

The CIA informed the Pentagon in June 1998 that it was investigating Deutch and had evidence

that he downloaded classified information, including some defense secrets, into vulnerable computers linked to the Internet and onto computerized storage cards he sometimes carried in his shirt pocket. In an apology last February, Deutch said, "I very much regret my errors."

The CIA also urged the Pentagon in mid-1998 to begin its own damage assessment of the military secrets that might have been mishandled. The recommendation wasn't followed for almost two years.

Spaulding, the memos show, pressed for strong cooperation with the CIA and became frustrated when weeks passed before information the spy agency requested was turned over.

A CIA official wrote on July 28, 1998, that Spaulding advised his bosses "of his displeasure with the lack of timeliness in responding" to the CIA and "the possible impact it may have on an ongoing investigation."

A CIA spokesman acknowledged in an interview that there were some initial delays at the Pentagon, but that in the end the investigation wasn't impeded.

"CIA investigators expressed concern about the hurdles in getting information from the Department of Defense over a period of several weeks in 1998 but eventually received all the information they needed," spy agency spokesman Bill Harlow said.

"CIA officials did not view this as obstruction. The hurdles resulted in temporary delays," he said.

Test confirms unapproved corn in tacos

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government's own tests have now confirmed that taco shells recalled by Kraft Foods contained a variety of genetically engineered corn that isn't approved for human consumption.

Government officials are considering testing other foods to see if they may contain the corn as well, said Steve Johnson, a senior official with the Environmental Protection Agency, which is working with the Food and Drug Administration and the Agriculture Department on the project.

The testing, done by FDA, confirmed the results of tests performed in independent labs for a group of environmental organizations and Kraft, Johnson said Monday.

The corn variety, known as StarLink, is approved by EPA only for use in animal feed.

"FDA is continuing to do additional analysis both of the taco shells as well as considering what other finished foods would be appropriate to evaluate," said Johnson, deputy assistant administrator of

EPA's office of prevention, pesticides and toxic substances.

Aventis CropScience, the developer of the biotech corn known as StarLink, agreed last week to pay the cost of buying, shipping and the government for buying all of this year's crop to ensure that none of it get into the food supply.

Agriculture Department officials estimate that the action will cost the company as much as \$100 million. "The issue here is public confidence," said Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman. "I don't want to do anything that destroys the public confidence in the food supply."

EPA approved the corn for commercial use in 1998 under the condition that Aventis make sure that the farmers it sold the seed to didn't sell it for food.

The corn contains a bacterium gene that makes it toxic to insects. It is one of eight varieties of genetically engineered corn that have been approved by the government and the only one not allowed in food.



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- I have a phobia about: "or"
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- The electrical device I couldn't live without is: _____
- My most embarrassing moment: _____
- The biggest waste of time is: _____
- If I won the lottery, the most extravagant thing I would do is: _____
- If I had three wishes they would be: _____
- If I could change one thing about Pampa, it would be: _____

WWII memorial site under fire

WASHINGTON (AP) — Opponents of placing a World War II memorial on the National Mall between the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial asked a federal court Monday to block construction, arguing that government officials had not complied with the law.

Groundbreaking has been set for Veterans' Day, Nov. 11.

"Our choice would be a site 125 feet to the north," said John Graves of the 63rd Division Association, chairman of Veterans to Save the Mall. That position would remove the memorial from the sight line between the two existing monuments.

Opponents say the site now planned is on the grounds of the Lincoln Memorial.

"The American people don't mind designating space on the Mall's central axis for the World War II memorial," Ray Smith, national commander of the American Legion, told a news conference soon after the suit was filed.

"This memorial will whisper poignantly of the bloodshed and loss that preserved that which the Mall represents — the establishment and endurance of American democracy," said Smith.

Veterans of Foreign Wars and other veterans' groups joined in supporting the new site.

Andrea C. Ferster, lawyer for the opponents, said the complaint and a request for an injunction were filed at the Federal District Court of the District of Columbia. Named in the suit were Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt, Director Robert Stanton of the National Park Service and other officials who have approved the site.

"The defendants have violated their congressionally mandated responsibilities," the complaint said.

Various signs recently have shown that the economy, which grew at a sizzling rate of 5.2 percent in the first half of the year, is slowing in the second half of the year. Many analysts believe growth in the third and fourth quarters will average 3.5 percent or less.

Analysts said that other factors figure into their expectation the central bank will leave rates unchanged. They include rising oil prices, and stock market volatility, which can have the effect of discouraging consumer spending, thus dampening economic growth.

Those things "have punched the consumer in the chin," said

Analysts expect no Federal action on interest rates

WASHINGTON (AP) — After pushing up interest rates for more than a year to brake the speeding economy, analysts believe the Federal Reserve will stay on the sidelines for the rest of this year. Higher rates have managed to slow economic growth to a more sustainable pace, they said.

Many private economists expect the Fed will repeat its June and August decisions not to boost interest rates, given mounting evidence that economic growth is moderating and that inflation — aside from a burst in energy costs — isn't worrisome.

"The economy is like a car that the Fed has been trying to slow. The Fed has its foot on the brake and we don't expect them to have to step on the brake any harder," said Gary Thayer, chief economist at the stock brokerage house A.G. Edwards & Sons Inc. in St. Louis.

The last rate movement was an aggressive half-point rate increase on May 16.

The Federal Open Market Committee, composed of Fed board members and regional bank presidents, was scheduled to meet behind closed doors Tuesday to discuss interest rate policy. An afternoon announcement was expected.

"The likelihood is that the Fed is going to take a break for the fall and the early winter," given the evidence of a slowdown, said Tim O'Neill, chief economist of Harris Bank in Chicago.

Some economists believe that if the Fed decides for a third time to leave rates alone it will be a signal that the central bank is declaring a cease-fire in its higher-rate campaign.

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CACFP program open to Day Home Providers in area

Hi-Plains Day Care Services, Inc., a non-profit organization, announces sponsorship of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), which is administered by the Texas Department of Human Services and is funded by the USDA. CACFP reimburses registered Day Home Providers for the cost of food served to children ages 0-12 enrolled in their care.

There is no charge to the provider to participate in this program, nor to the parents. Neither the provider nor the children have to qualify by income to participate. The Day Home Provider can be reimbursed for up to two meals and one snack or one meal and two snacks per child in attendance each day. For more information about CACFP, contact Hi-Plains Day Care Services Inc., P.O. Box 32020, Amarillo, TX 79120 or call (806) 622-1096.

UW campaign closer to goal

According to Katrina Bigham, executive administrator of Pampa United Way, the local campaign reached \$83,249.52 at its second check-in meeting last week — 23.8 percent of its projected goal. The third check-in will be at 11:45 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 5 in the large meeting room of Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard.

Finished pledge cards and money will be due at the upcoming luncheon. For those unable to attend, the local UW will accept pledge cards at its office.

Pledges in the Major Firm division are coming in slowly. Loaned executives must work to bring in donations during each presentation.

Volunteers working Commercial, Special Gifts, Oil and Gas and Professional divisions have one more week to turn in cards.

Thursday's luncheon will be hosted by Gray County Child Protective Services, Gray County Latch Key and Community Day Care.

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V.I.P Home Health Care ...

V.I.P. Home Health Care is the only home health care service in the area with pediatric services, said Kathy Gee, LVN, who is Community Liaison of the local agency.

Many pediatric cases are short term, she said, and require teaching of family

members about needed care.

Cardiac rehabilitation services with a trained cardiac nursing team that has experience in cardiac units are also provided by V.I.P. Home Care.

The agency also serves diabetics needing dressing changes and other care.

Renee Eddleman, RN, is director of the local agency.

She said the agency has four field RNs, three LVNs in the field and an additional six home health aides.

Many communities in the area are served by V.I.P. staff personnel, said Eddleman. She said the agency has patients in Borger, Miami, Lefors, White Deer, Groom, Skellytown, Fritch, Stinnett, Shamrock, McLean and Wheeler in addition to Pampa.

Eddleman said all of the 16 local employees have a minimum of five years experience in health care.

Eddleman has 13 years experience in health care while Eddleman has 10 years in the field. Anita Anderson, V.I.P. data entry, has worked in home health care 15 years.

Eddleman also said the local agency provides considerable

intravenous therapy for their patients, including pediatrics.

Most all types of insurance are accepted. Included are Medicare, Medicaid, private pay, First Care, Alliance, Aetna and numerous other commercial insurances. Workers compensation and Champus (military insurance coverage) are also accepted.

In order to qualify for Medicare, Eddleman said the patient must be homebound and must require a skilled nursing service which a nurse must assess.

The local agency's health care providers make 250-300 visits a week, said Gee. A registered nurse is on call 24 hours a day.

The agency receives referrals from physicians, hospitals, family and friends. A doctor's order must always be received before medical care can be provided by a home health agency.

Also provided by the local agency are flu shot clinics. The local agency gave over 1,000 flu shots last year, said Eddleman. The location and dates of this season's flu shots will be announced in the

upcoming weeks.

Free blood pressure clinics are also provided by V.I.P. on a regular basis.

Other services which are provided by V.I.P. are pulmonary disease management, wound/ostomy care, catheter care, venipuncture for blood tests, diabetic management, cardiovascular rehab program, post-surgical care, nutritional maintenance, medication administration, IV infusion/central line care, injections, personal care assistance, care giver patient teaching and private duty services.

Skilled nursing services perform a variety of functions including the administration of medications, patient and family teaching, counseling and continual evaluation of the patient's progress.

Home Health aide services provide personal care, grooming and light housekeeping. The agency also provides physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, and respiratory therapy.

The local office staff welcomes any inquiries at the office at 1912 N. Hobart location or by phone, 669-1400.



V.I.P. Home Health Care offers a full line of medical services for patients who are treated at home by home health care agencies. Kathy Gee, LVN, serves as community liaison, while Renee Eddleman, RN, is director of the local agency. Both work closely with the patients' doctors to design an individual care plan for each patient of their agency.

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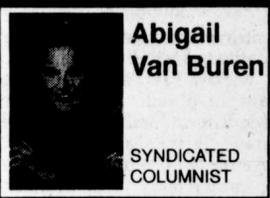
As mothers — and emergency flight nurses with 30 years of combined experience — we can testify that any unfenced pool in the vicinity of any child is a prescription for tragedy. It does not matter that a child knows how to swim. "Swimmers" drown every day.

Statistics collected by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission paint a frightening picture of childhood drownings and swimming pools:

- 77 percent of the drowned children had been seen five minutes or less before being missed, and subsequently discovered in the pool.
- 69 percent of the accidents occurred while one or both parents were responsible for supervision.
- 65 percent of the accidents happened in a pool owned by the child's family.
- 39 percent of the supervisors were doing chores.
- 18 percent were socializing.
- 9 percent were busy on the telephone.

Thank you, Abby, for letting us share this information.

MICHELLE WILT, RN,
KATHLEEN O'BRIEN, RN,
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SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR MICHELLE AND KATHLEEN: I hope your sobering statistics will serve as a warning to parents, relatives and caregivers of children, everywhere, especially those in warm climates where swimming pools are common.

And thank you for sending me the following list of "Drowning Prevention Tips for Pool Owners," published by the National Network of Trauma Professionals. Read on:

1. Never leave a child unattended in the water or pool area for any reason.
2. Always keep your eyes on the child or children. Designate a child watcher, whether you or someone else, when you attend a party or have friends or family over.
3. Talk with baby sitters about pool safety and supervision.
4. Post rules such as "No running," "No pushing," "No dunking" and "Never swim alone." Enforce the rules.

5. Don't rely on swimming lessons or "floaties" to protect your children in the water.

6. Don't assume that drowning or a drowning incident couldn't happen to you or your family.

7. Don't be lulled into a false sense of security just because you think your pool area and home are secure. Always watch your children, whether in the house or outside.

8. Attend a CPR class. Make sure your baby sitter knows CPR.

9. For the nearest cardiopulmonary resuscitation class, contact your fire department, Red Cross or hospital.

10. Encourage your neighbors to follow pool safety guidelines, including keeping their back gates and doors locked, and their pool gates securely closed and latched.

DEAR ABBY: You may relate to this. You realize you're getting old when you notice a nice-looking, gray-haired man and realize that he's probably young enough to be your son.

HELEN FOWLER,
ASHEVILLE, N.C.

DEAR HELEN: Right! Or you notice that touch-ups have gotten expensive.

try again. Others expound on their points of view. Understand what motivates another and why he says such things. Creativity surges. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
**** Dig into work. You might need to make an expenditure to increase your job potential. Think about what you want to do with a challenging friend. You might not see eye to eye. Is that a reason to end the friendship? Brainstorm to look for ways to become more efficient. Tonight: Exercise.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
**** Your fiery ways could put off a boss who might generally be most indulgent. Listen! Creativity blooms during a discussion. Don't sit back on possibilities. A child or loved one knows how to distract you. Tonight: Fun and games.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
**** Your temper pushes you to study what is going on. Listen to another carefully. Seek out someone who understands you well. Strip away defenses and get down to basics. Financial security proves to be very important as far as dealing with your own well-being. Think carefully about an expenditure. Tonight: Put your feet up.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
**** You intervene when a friend has a problem with an associate or partner. Your keen insight makes a big difference in the outcome. Keep communication flourishing, despite another's reaction. Closing a door will not bring the results you desire. Tonight: Visit with friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
**** Dig into your finances and take

a hard look at what is going on. Your intuition leads you in the right direction when you want to cut back. Bosses push you hard. Though you might have a strong reaction, you go in another direction. Don't react, if possible. Tonight: Pay bills.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
**** Others come toward you. Confusion surrounds a work project. Deal with another and get a different perspective. Don't make a big deal out of a change of plans. Use your personality to help you network and expand your horizons. Don't lose your focus. Know your long-term goals. Tonight: It's your decision.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
**** You could be upset by another's reaction and words. Financial problems could ensue within a partnership. Be very careful. Seek out additional information before you make an important decision. Gather facts. Refuse to make assumptions now. Talk to a boss. Tonight: Do your own thing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
**** Remember what you want, despite others' reactions. Deflect the uproar and remain positive. Your good humor helps others move past problems and zero in on what is important. Take an overview and understand what others want. Walk in another's shoes. Tonight: Where your friends are.

BORN TODAY
Actress Susan Sarandon (1946), author Jackie Collins (1941), author Anne Rice (1941)

For Better or For Worse



Zits



Garfield



Beetle Bailey



Marvin



B.C.



Haggar The Horrible



Peanuts



Blondie



Mallard Filmore



Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 4, 2000

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
**** Don't hesitate to take the bull by the horns. You deal with another in an effective yet direct manner. Evaluate what you expect from work. Your sense of humor comes through with a partner. You see eye to eye with each other, and you wish others did, too. Tonight: A must appearance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
**** Take an overview and worry less about others' opinions. You might not agree with a loved one about a money matter. Maintain a conservative pattern, aiming for what you want. Laughter marks your decisions. Others have helpful suggestions. Listen. Tonight: Surf the Internet.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
**** Deal with someone head-on. You find that what you want on a personal level could be extremely different. Your follow-through counts when dealing with another. Trust a decision that takes you in a new direction. A loved one proves once more how much he is on your team. Tonight: Make nice.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
**** What you mean to be a positive but strong statement draws a forceful reaction from an associate. Regroup and

Crossword Puzzle

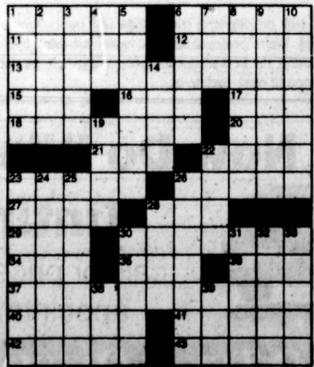
By THOMAS JOSEPH

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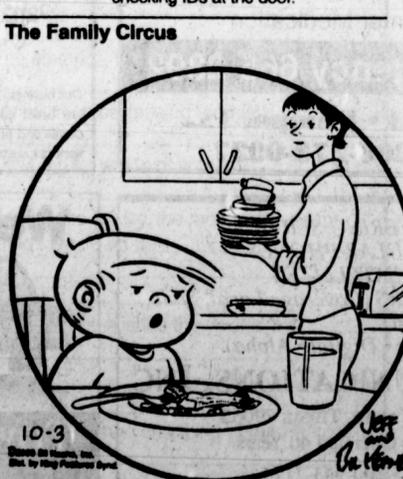
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The Family Circus



"They're dumb enough to eat off a hook, so how can fish be BRAIN food?"

SPORTS

PHS tennis team keeps win streak going

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GOLF

PAMPA — A 4-player scramble to benefit the Pampa boys basketball program was held last weekend at the Hidden Hills Public Golf Course.

Basketball Golf Scramble Results

Tiger Woods Flight

1. Pat Montoya, Jason Marlar, Shaun Fraley and Mark Westbrook 61.

2. Sam Haynes, Dick Dunham, Jerry Schaeffer and Ted Jett 64.

3. Darin Earl, Ron Ronquillo, Craig Schaffer and Peggy David, 64.

Justin Leonard Flight

1. Jim Cantrell, Larry Ogden, Carl Johnson and Fred Epperly, 60.

2. Steve Williams, Bob Bruce, Jeff McCormick and Lonny Fowler 62.

3. Ric Valingo, Larry Gilbreath, Shane Hamilton and Ralph Wilson, no score listed.

CORRECTION

In a Page 3 photo cutline Monday, a homecoming breakfast was served at Hoagies Deli instead of The Coffee Shop. It was the Pampa football players who were being served, not the Harvester veterans.

VOLLEYBALL

PAMPA — Pampa downed Palo Duro 17-15, 15-8 in a District 3-4A volleyball match last weekend.

The Lady Harvesters hold down fourth place in the district standings with a 4-4 record. They host Hereford at 6 tonight in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Pampa won the junior varsity match 17-15, 15-9, 15-8.

BASEBALL

PAMPA — Parents of Pampa High School baseball players are urged to attend a meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday in Room 211 at the high school. The meeting is for parents of freshmen through senior players.

FOOTBALL

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — University of Colorado coach Gary Barnett, faced with woe's stretching beyond the field, is now trying to keep his team from fracturing after a humiliating loss dropped the team to 0-4.

The 44-21 defeat Saturday to now-No. 4 Kansas State means the Buffaloes must win six of their last seven games to stay in the hunt for a bowl berth.

The Buffs will face another tough test this Saturday when they travel to College Station, Texas, to take on Texas A&M.

"We've hit rock bottom," Barnett said. "I'm probably not the most popular guy among our team but that's the way it's going to be. We have to start somewhere. I want Saturday to be a turning point and it will be a turning point."

Barnett partially attributes the latest defeat to emotion spent in opening losses to Colorado State (28-24) and Southern California (17-14).

"I think when we laid it on the line against CSU and laid it on the line at USC and didn't come away with anything, it was really hard to take," he said. "It hurts, as it should. I think we've had trouble really coming back and really laying it on the line again for risk of it hurting."

"I don't mean injury, I mean the pain that comes with losing. We've got to look at ourselves and see if that's happened to us. I don't know if it is, but if it is, it's got to get corrected. (Football) is not meant to be played that way."

CU is yielding a league-worst 414 yards a game in total offense and 26.2 points a game and nine touchdown passes.

AMARILLO— The eighth-ranked Pampa Harvester tennis team defeated Palo Duro for the second time this season 17-2. Pampa is now 8-0 in District 3-4A play, which puts the Harvesters in first place in the 3-4A race.

Players of the Week are Michael Cornelison and juniors Stacey Carter and Brittany Kindle.

Cornelison, a senior, won the No. 1 singles 6-0, 6-0, and the No. 1 doubles 6-0, 6-0. Carter won her No. 3 singles match 4-6, 6-3, 6-3, while Kindle won at No. 1 singles 6-0, 6-0.

The Harvesters will be home twice this week, playing Hereford today at 4 p.m. and Dumas at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Harvester fans are urged to

come out and support the team. Hamburgers will be served by the Booster Club.

District standings at the end of the first half are as follows:

1. Pampa 7-0; 2. Canyon 6-1; 3. Dumas 5-2; 4. Caprock 4-3; 5. Randall 3-4; 6. Palo Duro 2-5; 7. Borger 1-6; 8. Hereford 0-7.

Pampa 17, Palo Duro 2

Boys Singles

Michael Cornelison (P) def. Vic Kommavongsa 6-0, 6-0.

Bryce Jordan (P) def. Sam Nguyen 6-1, 6-2.

A.J. Smith (P) def. Be Thongthep 6-0, 6-1.

Jared Spearman (P) def. Marvin Dang 6-0, 6-1.

David Thacker (P) def. B.J. Luangpraseth 6-2, 6-4.

Jay Gerber (P) def. Ricky

Gonzales 6-4, 1-6, 6-1.

Britton White (P) def. Dung Pham 6-4, 6-0.

Adam Etchison (P) def. John Dong 6-3, 6-3.

Girls Singles

Brittany Kindle (P) def. Na Inthirath 6-0, 6-0.

Cathleen Touisithiphonexay (PD) def. Michelle Lee 6-1, 6-4.

Stacie Carter (P) def. Loan Lao 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Ashlei Jordan (P) def. Bonnie Ratsavong 6-1, 6-1.

Tara Jordan (P) def. Kathy Vongsavath 6-0, 6-3.

Helen Brooks (P) def. Sarah Nguyen 6-0, 6-1.

Liz West (P) def. Linda Ca 6-0, 6-1.

Abby Bradley (P) def. Ashley Loan 6-1, 6-0.

Boys Doubles

Cornelison-Jordan (P) def.

Kommavogsa-Thongthep 6-0,

Smith-Spearman (P) def.

Nguyen-Luangpraseth 6-1, 7-5.

Gerber-Thacker (P) def.

Gonzales-Dang 6-0, 7-6.

Girls Doubles

Inthirath-Touisithiphonexay (PD) def. 6-4, 3-6, 7-6.

Lee-Ashlei Jordan (P) won, no score available.

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Powerful Hereford up next for Harvesters

Harris Ratings has Whitefaces favored

PAMPA — Hereford, one of Class 4A's top-ranked teams, is next on the Pampa schedule. That crucial district contest kicks off at 7:30 Friday night in Hereford with the Whitefaces favored by 14 points according to the Harris Ratings.

Hereford, which advanced all the way to the Class 4A state finals a year ago, is ranked No. 1 by the Harris Ratings and No. 4 by The Associated Press. Harris has Pampa listed as the second highest ranked team in District 3-4A at No. 37. Borger is third at No. 40.

Hereford (3-1) opened the season with a 27-26 loss to Tascosa, then beat Big Spring 28-7 and Frenship 48-28. The Whitefaces overcame a stubborn Borger team to pull out a 14-7 win last week in a District 3-4A opener.

It will be the toughest test of the season for the undefeated Harvesters, who haven't been seriously challenged yet. Pampa owns wins over Dalhart (35-0), Lubbock Estacado (31-9), Amarillo High (21-10) and Palo Duro (28-9).

Led by quarterback J.J. Roark and fullback Thomas

Long, the Harvesters compiled 289 yards of offense in their district opener against Palo Duro last weekend.

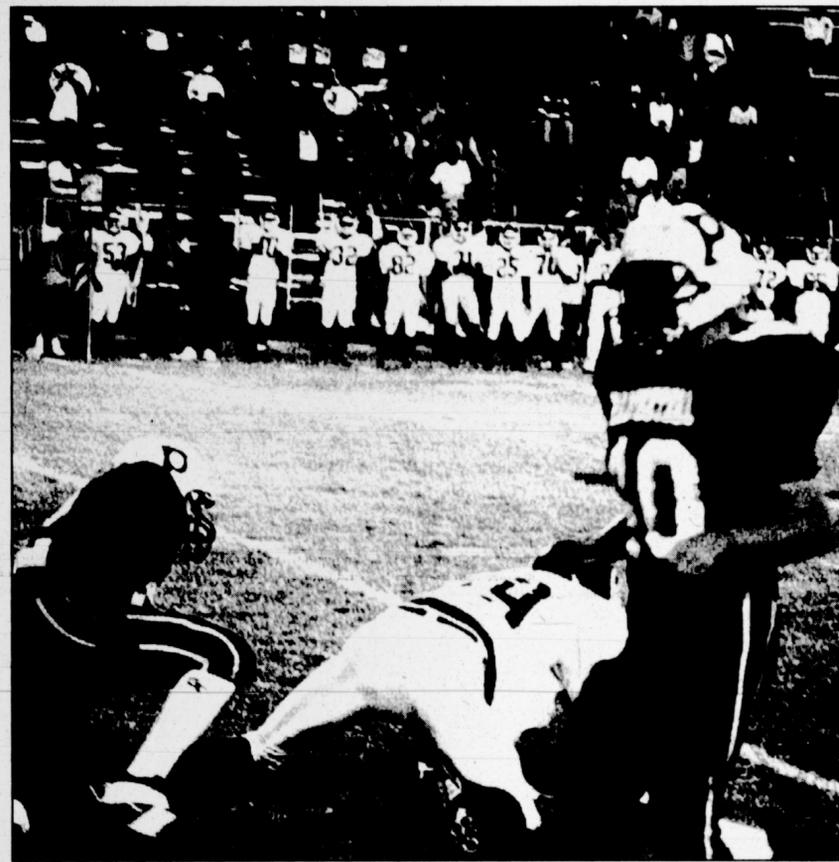
Long finished with 115 yards on 14 carries while Roark ran for one touchdown and threw a 29-yard scoring pass to Armando Tarango.

Roark threw only six passes for the game, but completed four of them for 83 yards. Tarango was Roark's main target, snaring three passes for 50 yards.

Randy Tice made the other reception for a 33-yard gain. Tailback Terrance Lemons picked up 70 yards on 11 carries and scored on a one-yard run.

Pampa's defense held Palo Duro in check most of the night, limiting the Dons to only 151 yards of total offense. The main reason was the play of middle linebacker Jason Burklow, who had six solo tackles, 12 assists, two hurries, two caused fumbles and two tackles for losses.

In other 1-4A openers last weekend, Canyon downed Caprock 48-14 and Randall shut out Dumas 7-0.



Pampa linebacker Jason Burklow (left) cuts down a Palo Duro ballcarrier in the Harvesters' 28-9 homecoming victory last Friday night. Teammate Chris Lewis is also pictured.

October calls: Will Bonds, Clemens and Piazza answer?

By **BEN WALKER**
AP Baseball Writer

This might be the year the October numbers add up for Barry Bonds, Roger Clemens and Mike Piazza.

Bonds and Piazza, two of baseball's best sluggers, have barely hit .200 without much power in the playoffs. Clemens, a future Hall of Famer, is merely a .500 pitcher in the postseason.

They get another chance to change that this week.

Rick Ankiel was scheduled to throw the first pitch of the playoffs Tuesday when St. Louis took on Greg Maddux and the Atlanta Braves.

Cardinals manager Tony La Russa, a master of gamesmanship, pulled the first surprise of the postseason Monday. With 20-game winner Darryl Kile expected to pitch Game 1, La Russa instead said his starter would be Ankiel, a 21-year-old rookie.

"I think it's going to be a conversation stopper," La Russa said.

Said Braves manager Bobby Cox: "Is he going to do that?"

Maddux, a four-time Cy Young winner, is 10-10 in 23 career postseason starts. He'll get a break, as will the other Atlanta pitchers — Cardinals slugger Mark McGwire will only be a pinch-hitter, slowed by tendinitis in his right knee.

"There's nothing I can do about it," McGwire said.

Later in the day, the best-of-five AL playoffs begin. The Seattle Mariners will visit the Chicago White Sox, and Clemens will start for the New York Yankees at the Oakland Athletics.

On Wednesday, Piazza and the New York Mets will visit Bonds and the San Francisco Giants.

Clemens earned his first World Series victory last year when he finished off the Yankees' second consecutive sweep.

The Rocket's strong outing against the Braves left him 3-3 in 12 lifetime starts in the postseason. All in all, it's a record not quite befitting the pitcher who has won a record five Cy Youngs.

Clemens struggled after being hit in the right hamstring by a hard grounder off the bat off Detroit's Brad Ausmus in late September. The Yankees stumbled, too, losing their final seven games of the regular season — the worst skid ever for a team entering postseason play.

Clemens does not seem too worried.

"I think you'll see the intensity there," Clemens said.

Against the Athletics, Clemens will return to the site of one of his postseason lowlights.

In Game 4 of the 1990 AL playoffs between Boston and the A's at the Coliseum, Clemens jawed with umpire

Terry Cooney and wound up becoming the first person in playoff history to be ejected for arguing with an umpire while still in the game.

Like Clemens, teammate Chuck Knoblauch was not overly concerned about the Yankees' late-season slump. Knoblauch will start at designated hitter in Game 1, with sure-handed Luis Sojo playing second base.

"What we've done to this point doesn't really matter now," Knoblauch said. "But it's still fresh in my mind — what we've done in the past few weeks. If you have a choice, you'd like to play well going in."

At Comiskey Park, the Mariners find themselves in a surprising position — in the playoffs without Ken Griffey Jr. Freddy Garcia will start for Seattle against Jim Parque of the White Sox.

After trading Randy Johnson in 1998, Seattle sent away its greatest player in franchise history to Cincinnati for a package that included center fielder Mike Cameron and pitcher Brett Tomko.

The result? The Mariners won a team-record 91 games and the wild card spot.

"Regardless of how you slice it, we're going to the playoffs and the Reds are going home," Tomko said.

At Pacific Bell Park, Bonds and Piazza will be the main focus when the Giants and

Mets meet.

Piazza is only 12-for-57 (.211) with two homers and seven RBIs in postseason series with the Mets and Los Angeles.

Bonds, in contention for his record fourth MVP award, has played in four postseason series and has never won one. He's 16-for-80 (.200) overall with only one home run and five RBIs.

Bonds praised Mets left-hand-

ers Mike Hampton and Al Leiter, who will start the first two games.

Hampton, 9-0 lifetime against San Francisco, will start the opener against Livan Hernandez, MVP of the 1997 NLCS and the 1997 World Series.

"Just giving them the respect they deserve," Bonds said. "All lefties are giving me trouble, but those guys are especially tough."

Tri-State Rodeo Results

ARNETT, Okla. — Canyon athletes Josh Donnell and Emity Smith received top honors at a Tri-State Rodeo Association rodeo last weekend in Arnett Okla.

Tri-State Rodeo Association at Arnett, Okla.

Bareback: 1. Sean O'Neal, Pampa, 50; 2. Cody Douglas, Pampa, 48; 3. Floyd Keese, Boys Ranch, 36.

Saddle bronc: 1. Marty Eakin, Amarillo, 70; 2. Ben Winters, Dalhart, 65.

Breakaway roping: 1. Emity Smith, Canyon, 4.842; 2. Danielle Irlbeck, 5.510; 3. Clara Brooks, Canadian, 5.652.

Calf roping: 1. Josh Donnell, Canyon, 12.695; 2. Cole Taylor, Wheeler, 13.627; Justin Lehman, Vernon, 14.417.

Barrel racing: 1. Julie Dawson, Canadian, 17.858; 2. Amanda Schumacher, Hereford, 17.861; 3. Kaylee Holt, Gruver, 17.950.

Ribbon roping: 1. Tyler

Hargrave, Canyon, 7.451; 2. Josh Donnell, Canyon, 7.926; 3. Monty Wood, Amarillo, 9.083.

Pole bending: 1. Bristi Arnold, Childress, 21.183; 2. Kaily Richardson, TPRA, 21.314; 3. Amanda Schmacher, Hereford, 21.319.

Bull riding: 1. Rowdy Sanders, Amarillo, 76; 2. Dustin Pierce, Boys Ranch, 71; 3. Marty Eakin, Amarillo, 69.

Goat tying: 1. Kaylee Holt, Gruver, 9.382; 2. Emity Smith, Canyon, 9.948; 3. Julie Dawson, Canadian, 10.203.

Team roping: 1. Troy Bryant-Chance Johnston, 7.519; 2. Monty Wood-Aaron Potter, 8.563; 3. Trew Cates-Jered Hunter, 9.351.

Steer wrestling: 1. Josh Donnell, Canyon, 7.173; 2. Hunter Cure-Williamson, Vernon, 8.116; 3. Troy Bryant, Canadian, 13.910.

All-around cowboy: 1. Josh Donnell, 25 points.

All-around cowgirl: Emity Smith, 26 points.

Jones claims second gold

By JOHN AFFLECK
Associated Press Writer

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Olympic history, the sequel.

A happy tale for Marion Jones, winner of the second track and field gold of the unprecedented five she's chasing. A sad story for the defending champion U.S. women's soccer team — it lost 3-2 in overtime to Norway, squandering a chance to win its second straight gold.

Jones pulled away from the world's best sprinters in Thursday's 200-meter final like she was turbocharged.

Under intense scrutiny both because of her quest for five track golds at one Summer Games — something no woman has ever achieved — and for the revelation that her shot-putter husband tested positive for steroids, Jones seemed completely at ease as she sped to the finish line in 21.84 seconds.

She stopped to kiss and hug husband C.J. Hunter, watching from the stands, after the race. Hunter has denied he knowingly took drugs to improve his performance.

Off the track, Jones got some good news when world-class U.S. sprinter Inger Miller said she would be back from a hamstring injury to compete in the 400-meter relay on Friday.

Jones also is part of the 1,600 relay team and is in the long jump final Friday. It's her weakest event.

"I don't think anybody doubted me in the sprints. But my real test will come tomorrow," she said.

In women's soccer, Norway won a dramatic gold medal game.

Dagny Mellgren scored in the 12th minute of sudden death, knocking a 7-yard shot to the left of U.S. goalkeeper Siri Mullinix. The American managed to get a hand on the ball, but couldn't deflect it enough to keep it out of the net.

Norway had been ahead 2-1 in regulation play, but Tiffany Milbrett tied with virtually no time left, heading in a long cross from Mia Hamm.

The victory puts the Norwegians on roughly equal footing with the U.S. women in international soccer. Norway also won the 1995 World Cup, while the Americans were 1991 and '99 World Cup champions and won the gold in Atlanta four years ago.

The United States had 75 medals (31 gold, 18 silver, 26 bronze) at the end of Thursday, followed by Russia with 58 (19-18-21) and China with 56 (26-15-15).

Johnson points 'Skins in right direction

ASHBURN, Va. (AP) — It pays to look at the overall picture, not the losses at the beginning of the season. Just ask quarterback Brad Johnson.

"It's fickle in every city," Johnson said. "If you win, people are going to be patting you on the back. The biggest thing is not getting caught up in the little things, always look at the big picture. We have a tremendous team, a tremendous chance to do some great things this year."

A week ago, the Washington Redskins had lost two straight games and were being scorned for not meeting their Super Bowl potential. Now, following a victory over the New York Giants, they are one win from first place in the NFC East and back in the good graces of Redskins fans.

A sharp turnaround, to say the least.

Johnson is a key reason the Redskins are winning again. After struggling through the first three games, he turned in an All-Pro performance in the 16-6 victory over the Giants. He completed 14 of 20 throws for a season-high 289 yards and two touchdowns, and his quarterback rating jumped from 69.4 to 81.5.

The Redskins gained momentum at an opportune time, for they face 3-1 Tampa Bay Sunday at FedEx Field in a rematch of last season's NFC divisional playoff, which the Bucs won 14-13.

Johnson's performance also ended a quarterback controversy. After finishing as the league's No. 5-rated passer last season, he threw five interceptions in the first

Olympic Roundup

— **DRUG TESTING:** At an Olympics tainted by drug use, a sports arbitration panel sent a clear message to athletes Thursday: When it comes to doping, "I didn't mean to" is no excuse.

The Court of Arbitration for Sport upheld the IOC's decision to strip Romanian gymnast Andreea Raducan of her all-around gold medal for taking an over-the-counter cold medicine containing a banned stimulant.

The drug, pseudoephedrine, often is found in cold remedies and was in the pills that Raducan took on her team doctor's advice.

The Romanians said the gymnast, just 16, shouldn't suffer for her doctor's mistake. That argument went nowhere with the arbitrators, just as it failed with the International Olympic Committee.

The decision said athletes who test positive for drugs are breaking the rules "irrespective of whether or not the competitor intended to ingest the prohibited substance."

Raducan said she was disappointed, but knows she did nothing wrong.

The pseudoephedrine "didn't help me compete," she said. "On the contrary, it gave me some dizziness."

— **TRACK AND FIELD:** A shut out and an upset in the men's 200 meters.

With Maurice Greene and Michael Johnson both injuring themselves in the U.S. trials and failing to qualify in the 200, the American men couldn't manage a medal at the Olympics.

Coby Miller and John Capel finished seventh and eighth, while Greek Konstantinos Kenteris accelerated past the field in the last half of the race to pull off an upset victory. He finished in 20.09 seconds.

Except for the boycotted 1980 Moscow Games, the United States hadn't been shut out of a medal in the 200 since 1928.

In the decathlon, Estonia's Erki Nool took the gold. American Chris Huffins led throughout the competition, but faded in the 1,500-meters and finished with a bronze.

— **DIVING:** Synchronized golds for the Chinese divers.

Xiong Ni and Xiao Hailiang won the men's synchronized 3-meter springboard, while another pair from China — Li Na and Sang Xue — wiped out the rest of the field in the

women's synchronized 10-meter platform.

U.S. divers were shut out of medals in synchronized diving, and again later in the women's 3-meter springboard.

China's Fu Mingxia won the springboard, joining Americans Greg Louganis and Pat McCormick as the only divers to win four gold medals in their careers.

— **TENNIS:** A second gold for Venus Williams and now one for Serena, too. The Williams sisters teamed up to rout Dutch players Miriam Oremans and Kristie Boogert 6-1, 6-1 in the finals of women's doubles, a day after Venus won the women's singles titles.

Yevgeny Kafelnikov thought about skipping the Olympic tournament because he didn't like the way he was playing. Finally, he decided to give it a shot. Good move.

The Russian beat German Tommy Haas 7-6 (4), 3-6, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3 to win the gold. Kafelnikov was so happy he tossed his racket 15 rows into the stands and threw a ball into the upper deck.

— **WRESTLING:** Another Russian champ fell to an American wrestler. Texan Brandon Slay took down defending Olympic gold medalist Bouvaissa Saitiev 4-3 in a 167 1/2-pound prelim freestyle match. U.S. wrestlers in the Greco-Roman and freestyle divisions have now beaten three Russian world champions in Sydney.

— **BOXING:** Bantamweight Guillermo Rigondeaux stopped a five-bout losing streak for Cuban boxers by defeating American Clarence Vinson 18-6 in a semifinal fight. All boxers in the semifinals get a medal, so Vinson will go home with a bronze.

— **BASKETBALL:** As expected. The latest Dream Team beat Russia 85-70 in the quarterfinals of the Olympic tournament, but again the U.S. men won ugly. Russia led by 10 in the first half and Vince Carter got into a bit of a scuffle with a Russian player as the teams led the court at halftime.

The Americans took control of the game in the second half. Kevin Garnett led the United States with 16 points.

— **TAEKWONDO:** A new medal sport and a new gold for the United States. Steven Lopez defeated South Korean Sin Jun-sik to win the first American gold in taekwondo, which is making its debut in Sydney as an official Olympic sport.

very well educated, always in the right place and they don't give up the big play," Johnson said. "They try to get you in the third-down conversion game, they create one or two turnovers. You can't afford turnovers, and you have to give yourself a chance to score. When you have one or two plays to take it deep, you have to hit them."

If Johnson is unable to connect downfield, he'll have Centers as a threat out of the backfield. Still the team's leading receiver, Centers missed the Giants game with a hyperextended elbow but is expected to be ready for Sunday's game.

This is a critical time for Johnson to revert to his 1999 form, when he earned his first Pro Bowl selection in eight NFL seasons. He's in the final season of a four-year, \$15.5 million contract and team officials have not ruled out renegotiating his contract this season.

Meanwhile, his teammates' confidence in him is healthy.

1980: Kevin Bunton pitched a no-hitter as Wil-Mart defeated Chase Oil Company 15-0 in an American Little League baseball game at Optimist Park. Bunton struck out 7 and only one batter reached base, that coming on a walk.

Troy Owens, Gerone Fountain and Bunton had two hits apiece.

Scoreboard

BASEBALL

American League

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East Division

W	L	Pct.	GB	
New York	87	70	554	—
Boston	83	75	525	4 1/2
Tampa Bay	70	88	443	17 1/2
Tampa Bay	66	91	420	21

Central Division

W	L	Pct.	GB	
x-Chicago	93	65	589	—
Cleveland	87	71	551	6
Detroit	76	82	481	17
Kansas City	75	83	475	18
Minnesota	68	90	430	25

West Division

W	L	Pct.	GB	
Seattle	89	69	583	—
Oakland	88	69	581	1/2
Anaheim	80	78	506	9
Texas	70	88	443	19

x-clinched division title

Tuesday's Games

Baltimore 2, Toronto 1
Cleveland 4, Minnesota 2
Tampa Bay 2, N.Y. Yankees 1
Boston 4, Chicago White Sox 3
Kansas City 7, Detroit 6
Seattle 5, Texas 0
Oakland 10, Anaheim 3
Wednesday's Games
Oakland 9, Anaheim 7
Toronto 4, Baltimore 0
Tampa Bay 11, N.Y. Yankees 1
Cleveland 8, Minnesota 2
Boston 2, Chicago White Sox 1
Kansas City 3, Detroit 0
Seattle 6, Texas 4
Thursday's Games
Anaheim (Karl 2-2) at Oakland (Appier 15-11), 3:35 p.m.
Texas (Helling 15-13) at Seattle (Moyer 13-10), 6:35 p.m.
Minnesota (Milton 13-10) at Cleveland (Colon 15-8), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Carpenter 10-11) at Baltimore (Rapp 8-12), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 13-7) at Tampa Bay (Rekar 6-10), 7:15 p.m.
Detroit (Micki 6-11) at Kansas City (Meadows 6-2), 8:05 p.m.
Boston (RMartinez 10-8) at Chicago White Sox (Sirota 15-10), 8:05 p.m.
Friday's Games
Minnesota (Mays 7-14) at Detroit (Weaver 10-15), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Trachsel 8-14) at Cleveland (Burba 16-6), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 19-8) at Baltimore (McElroy 2-9), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Arrojo 5-2) at Tampa Bay (Harper 1-2), 7:15 p.m.
Kansas City (Reichert 8-9) at Chicago White Sox (Parque 13-6), 8:05 p.m.
Texas (Rogers 13-13) at Oakland (Olivares 4-8), 10:05 p.m.
Seattle (Abbott 9-6) at Anaheim (Ortiz 7-6), 10:05 p.m.

National League

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East Division

W	L	Pct.	GB	
x-Atlanta	94	64	595	—
Florida	90	68	570	4
Montreal	87	81	424	27
Philadelphia	64	94	405	30

Central Division

W	L	Pct.	GB	
x-St. Louis	93	65	589	—
Cincinnati	82	76	519	11
Milwaukee	72	86	456	21
Houston	70	88	443	23
Pittsburgh	66	92	418	27
Chicago	64	94	405	29

West Division

W	L	Pct.	GB	
x-San Francisco	94	64	595	—
Los Angeles	84	74	532	10
Arizona	83	75	525	11
Colorado	80	78	506	14
San Diego	75	83	475	19

x-clinched division title

Friday's Games

Florida 5, Montreal 4, 10 innings
Pittsburgh 9, Houston 4
Atlanta 7, N.Y. Mets 1
Philadelphia 10, Chicago Cubs 4
Milwaukee 7, Cincinnati 4
Colorado 7, Arizona 6
St. Louis 7, San Diego 1
Los Angeles 9, San Francisco 0
Wednesday's Games
Houston 10, Pittsburgh 1
N.Y. Mets 6, Atlanta 2
Milwaukee 10, Cincinnati 6
Florida 6, Montreal 3
Chicago Cubs 1, Philadelphia 0
Colorado 6, Arizona 4
St. Louis 3, San Diego 0
San Francisco 0, Los Angeles 0
Thursday's Games
Montreal (Lira 5-7) at Florida (Penny 7-7), 1:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Polite 3-3) at Chicago Cubs (Nation 0-1), 2:20 p.m.
Arizona (Reynoso 10-12) at Colorado (Wasdin 0-2), 3:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Dessens 10-5) at Milwaukee (D'Amico 12-6), 4:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Kile 19-9) at San Diego (Witasick 3-2), 5:05 p.m.
Houston (Lima 7-16) at Pittsburgh (Silva 10-9), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Maddux 19-8) at N.Y. Mets (BJones 10-6), 7:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Estes 15-6) at Los Angeles (Brown 13-6), 10:10 p.m.
Friday's Games
Philadelphia at Florida, 7:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.
Montreal at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
Colorado at Atlanta, 7:40 p.m.
Milwaukee at Houston, 8:05 p.m.
Cincinnati at St. Louis, 8:10 p.m.
San Francisco at Arizona, 10:05 p.m.
Los Angeles at San Diego, 10:05 p.m.

TODAY'S MAJOR LEAGUE LEADERS

NATIONAL LEAGUE

BATTING—Holtton, Colorado, .375, Alou, Houston, .353; VGuerrero, Montreal, .347; Castillo, Florida, .336; Hammonds, Colorado, .335; Kent, San Francisco, .333; Vidro, Montreal, .331.
RUNS—Bagwell, Houston, 151; Helton, Colorado, 135; Edmonds, St. Louis, 128; Bonds, San Francisco, 127; AJones, Atlanta, 119; CJones, Atlanta, 115; Hidalgo, Houston, 114.
RBI—Helton, Colorado, 139; SSosa, Chicago, 137; Bagwell, Houston, 131; Kent, San Francisco, 125; VGuerrero, Montreal, 123; Giles, Pittsburgh, 122; Hidalgo, Houston, 120.
HITS—Holtton, Colorado, 212; Vidro,

Montreal, 197; VGuerrero, Montreal, 195; AJones, Atlanta, 194; Cirillo, Colorado, 191; Kent, San Francisco, 191; SSosa, Chicago, 187.

DOUBLES—Holtton, Colorado, 59; Cirillo, Colorado, 53; Vidro, Montreal, 49; LGonzalez, Arizona, 45; Green, Los Angeles, 43; Hidalgo, Houston, 42; Abreu, Philadelphia, 42.

TRIPLES—Womack, Arizona, 14; VGuerrero, Montreal, 11; Perez, Colorado, 11; Abreu, Philadelphia, 10; Bellardi, Milwaukee, 9; Gooden, Los Angeles, 9; Bergeron, Montreal, 7; Giles, Pittsburgh, 7; Shumpert, Colorado, 7; LWalker, Colorado, 7.

HOME RUNS—SSosa, Chicago, 50; Bonds, San Francisco, 48; Bagwell, Houston, 46; Hidalgo, Houston, 44; VGuerrero, Montreal, 44; Edmonds, St. Louis, 42; Sheffield, Los Angeles, 42.

STOLEN BASES—LCastillo, Florida, 61; EYoung, Chicago, 53; Goodwin, Los Angeles, 53; Womack, Arizona, 45; Furcal, Atlanta, 40; Wilson, Florida, 34; Reese, Cincinnati, 29; Gianvelli, Philadelphia, 29; Owens, San Diego, 29.

PITCHING (17 Decisions)—RJohnson, Arizona, 19-6, 760, 2.38; Elarton, Houston, 17-6, 739, 4.74; Estes, San Francisco, 15-6, 714, 4.28; GImadoux, Atlanta, 19-8, 704, 2.1; Glavine, Atlanta, 20-9, 690, 3.47; KBrown, Los Angeles, 13-6, 684, 2.56; Kile, St. Louis, 19-9, 679, 3.79.

STRIKEOUTS—RJohnson, Arizona, 342; KBrown, Los Angeles, 208; Dempster, Florida, 206; Park, Los Angeles, 204; ALeiter, New York, 200; Vazquez, Montreal, 195; Ankiel, St. Louis, 194.

SAVES—Alfonseca, Florida, 43; Hoffman, San Diego, 42; Benitez, New York, 40; Nen, San Francisco, 39; Graves, Cincinnati, 30; Aguilera, Chicago, 29; Veres, St. Louis, 28.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BATTING—Garciparra, Boston, .369; Erstad, Anaheim, .356; CDeLgado, Toronto, .351; MRamirez, Cleveland, .350; MJSweeney, Kansas City, .338; Jeter, New York, .338; Segui, Cleveland, .331.

RUNS—Damon, Kansas City, 132; ARodriguez, Seattle, 127; Durham, Chicago, 121; Jeter, New York, 118; Glaus, Anaheim, 117; Erstad, Anaheim, 117; CDeLgado, Toronto, 114.

RBI—MJSweeney, Kansas City, 142; Thomas, Chicago, 142; EMartinez, Seattle, 140; CDeLgado, Toronto, 137; JaGiambi, Oakland, 133; MOrdonez, Chicago, 124; ARodriguez, Seattle, 122.

HITS—Erstad, Anaheim, 234; Damon, Kansas City, 209; MJSweeney, Kansas City, 203; Jeter, New York, 197; CDeLgado, Toronto, 195; Garciparra, Boston, 192; Dye, Kansas City, 188.

DOUBLES—CDeLgado, Toronto, 56; Garciparra, Boston, 51; DCurry, Detroit, 46; Lawton, Minnesota, 44; Thomas, Chicago, 44; Olerud, Seattle, 44; DeShields, Baltimore, 43.

TRIPLES—Cruzman, Minnesota, 20; Kennedy, Anaheim, 11; Damon, Kansas City, 10; Durham, Chicago, 9; TNixon, Boston, 8; Alcega, Texas, 8; Thunter, Minnesota, 7.

HOME RUNS—Glaus, Anaheim, 44; Thomas, Chicago, 42; JaGiambi, Oakland, 41; CDeLgado, Toronto, 41; Justice, New York, 41; TBatista, Toronto, 40; RPalmiero, Texas, 39.

STOLEN BASES—Damon, Kansas City, 45; RAlomar, Cleveland, 38; DeShields, Baltimore, 36; Henderson, Seattle, 31; Lofton, Cleveland, 30; McLemore, Seattle, 29; Erstad, Anaheim, 28; Cairo, Tampa Bay, 28.

PITCHING (17 Decisions)—Hudson, Oakland, 19-6, 760, 4.31; PMartinez, Boston, 18-6, 750, 1.74; DWells, Toronto, 20-7, 741, 3.96; Burba, Cleveland, 16-6, 727, 4.32; Pettitte, New York, 19-8, 704, 3.98; Balchew, Chicago, 14-6, 700, 4.47; Parque, Chicago, 13-6, 684, 4.11.

STRIKEOUTS—PMartinez, Boston, 284; Mussina, Baltimore, 203; Colon, Cleveland, 202; Clemens, New York, 184; CFinley, Cleveland, 183; Normo, Detroit, 181; Burba, Cleveland, 180; MOrdonez, Chicago, 179; SAvess, TBJones, Detroit, 41; DLowe, Boston, 40; Sasaki, Seattle, 36; MRivera, New York, 36; Wetteland, Texas, 34; Koch, Toronto, 33; Foulke, Chicago, 33.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Jets	4	0	1.000	88	66
Buffalo	3	1	.750	59	22
Indianapolis	2	1	.667	57	58
New England	0	4	.000	51	72

Central

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	3	0	.750	98	55
Tennessee	2	1	.667	53	50
Cleveland	2	2	.500	64	90
Jacksonville	2	2	.500	90	89
Cincinnati	0	3	.000	7	74
Pittsburgh	0	3	.000	40	62

West

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Oakland	3	1	.750	107	80
Danver	2	2	.500	133	102
Kansas City	2	2	.500	93	76
Seattle	2	2	.500	74	82
San Diego	0	4	.000	55	99

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Keith edges onto Mexico's Yucatan, northeastern Belize

BELIZE CITY (AP) — Keith was downgraded from a hurricane to a tropical storm late Monday, but its 65 mph winds still toppled homes, ripped the roofs off hotels and caused flooding throughout Belize as it swirled just off the country's Caribbean coast.

Flooding associated with Keith caused three deaths elsewhere in Central America and at least one in Mexico, but the worst damage came in Belize, where streets were flooded with more than a dozen inches of rain that had fallen since Sunday.

No deaths or injuries were reported in Belize. But a Red Cross official said reports over a cellular phone indicated considerable damage on the storm-ravaged island of Ambergris Cay, which lies roughly in the storm's path about 12 miles off Belize's coast.

"In two hotels, the roofs were torn off and the people had to run for shelter," said William Skeen, director of the Red Cross in Belize City. "They are in a serious situation out there."

More than 200 Belize citizens sought refuge in neighboring Guatemala on Monday. They were allowed into the country under emergency visas.

Monday evening, Keith was located about 30 miles east-northeast of Belize City and was moving north-northwest at 2 mph. Forecasters expected the storm to continue weakening as it moved over northern Belize and into Mexico's Yucatan peninsula during the next few days.

The storm, which was born Friday in the Caribbean off Honduras and which peaked as a category-three hurricane Sunday, punished the region throughout the day Monday.

On Caye Caulker, a slip of land 10 miles south of Ambergris, local radio stations reported that 40 wooden homes had blown over. Radio stations also featured a constant stream of reports of roofs blown off in Belize City.

Residents of Belize's capital — bent over in raincoats, their umbrellas flipped inside-out — pushed bicycles through knee-deep water and battled the raging winds and horizontal sheets of rain.

"Everything is wet and the food's run out. I just want this to pass," said Lorna Wade, 30, her dress plastered to her body as she headed from her flooded house to a shelter.

The hurricane blew water from bays and shallow coasts on Sunday, allowing people to walk across exposed seabed. The National Hurricane Center in Miami warned of "a potentially life-threatening situation" if the sea suddenly rushed back in suddenly.

About 4,000 people were evacuated in the nearby Mexican city of Chetumal over the weekend, and rain-swollen rivers killed a boy in Nicaragua and a man in El Salvador. A woman in Honduras drowned Monday when a wall of water rushed into her home. Rain associated with the hurricane also caused flooding in Mexico's Gulf coast of Tabasco, where one person drowned.

But the worst damage was in Belize, an English-speaking country of about 200,000 people known for its pristine beaches and Mayan ruins.

The U.S. government issued a travel warning to Americans in Belize because of extensive flooding. U.S. government employees in non-emergency jobs were moved out.

On its Web site, the Peace Corps said all its volunteers in Belize were safe and have been consolidated in two locations.

The force of the hurricane blew huge amounts of water from Chetumal Bay and along Belize's northern coast, piling it up further out at sea. As water levels dropped precipitously, 20-30 feet of the ocean bed was left dry, causing fear among the local population.

"People here were frightened. By experience, they know that if they see the water receding, it's just concentrating, to come rushing back in furiously," said Chetumal city spokesman Mario Hernandez.

The ocean retreated from inlets in Belize City, and Skeen reported that sea level at Corozal remained two feet below normal.

Ron Redding, whose Wichita Falls, Texas-based Baptist Association is visiting Belize to build churches, took the hurricane in stride.

Waiting out the storm at a Belize City hotel, Redding said: "It's just a lot of rain so far. We have wind like this all the time in Texas."

3 Personal

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Lawyers for Playmate, stepson go after sole heir in estate battle

HOUSTON (AP) — Lawyers for one of the stepsons of 32-year-old former Playboy Playmate Anna Nicole Smith are set to tell a Southeast Texas jury that their client ought to be the sole heir of his deceased father's oil-rich estate.

E. Pierce Marshall's defense team was expected to make its opening statements Tuesday. Smith and another stepson have sought to discredit Marshall during opening statements Monday in their fight for a piece of late oil tycoon J. Howard Marshall II's fortune.

Their attacks focused on Pierce Marshall's assertion that he's the sole heir, a claim now called into question by allegations that a half-dozen wills and other documents are either fraudulent or not binding because Howard Marshall II was not mentally competent enough to endorse their authenticity.

Meanwhile, attorneys for the famous widow and her 63-year-old stepson, J. Howard Marshall III, on Monday accused Pierce Marshall of scheming for 20 years to make his father's fortune his own — at their expense.

The elder son first brought the lawsuit accusing his brother of fraudulently interfering with their father's estate, portraying Pierce, 61, as an underachieving younger brother whose sole aim was to make the family fortune his own.

Since then, Howard Marshall III has forged an unlikely alliance with Smith in battling Pierce Marshall.

"His father's money became his passion. With his father's money, he could be respected, recognized and powerful," said Terry Giles, one of Howard Marshall III's attorneys.

At stake is an estate said to be worth between \$48 million to \$1.6 billion, depending on which side does the valuation.

Before Monday's proceedings, Harris County Probate Judge Mike Wood impaneled a jury of 12 and four alternates to hear testimony that's expected to last for weeks.

Smith's lawyers wasted no time portraying the former stripper and nude model as a woman who wed the oil tycoon in 1994 solely out of love, even though the 89-year-old Howard Marshall II was wheelchair-bound and wore diapers.

Smith attorney Tom Cunningham said the aging man bought a home for Smith in Los Angeles so she could pursue a modeling and acting career, while Howard Marshall II remained in Houston.

Attorneys for the legal entities that control the fortune also were expected to make opening statements Tuesday.

Still in question is whether the jury will hear details of last week's ruling by a federal bankruptcy judge in Los Angeles. On Wednesday, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Samuel L. Bufford ruled Smith had been deprived "of her expectancy of an inheritance" by Pierce Marshall and awarded her \$449.8 million.

Wood told both sides in the case that Bufford's ruling should not effect the proceedings in his court designed to settle the tycoon's estate.

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Rape defendants could face obligatory HIV tests under new House legislation

By **JESSE J. HOLLAND**
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WASHINGTON (AP) — Rape victims could demand HIV tests of their suspected assailants upon arrest, and adults could be jailed for 10 years for sending pornography to 17-year-olds or younger under a last-minute flurry of bills in the House.

Currently, rape victims have no legal right to demand that a suspect be tested to find out whether the person has HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, lawmakers said. Under the bill introduced by Rep. Dave Weldon, R-Fla., a person accused of rape must be tested for HIV or AIDS, if the alleged victim asks, within 48 hours of an indictment and the results given to the alleged victim.

"No longer will a victim have to wait for months or years for such a test of the accused," Weldon said. "No longer will the perpetrators of these crimes be allowed to bargain for lighter sentences in exchange for undergoing HIV testing. This bill puts the rights of the victim ahead of that of the sexual predator."

While Democrats say they support the idea, Rep. Bobby Scott, D-Va., said Weldon's bill was rushed through without giving them a chance to study it and perhaps offer amendments he says would have made the bill better.

Under the bill, an accused person has no chance to prove innocence before having to take an AIDS test. "It requires a person to be subjected to an AIDS test, even if they're innocent," Scott said.

Also, the test results would be given immediately to the alleged victim and the victim's lawyers, who are not required under the bill to keep the results confidential. "Before you can say, 'It wasn't me,' ... it's spread across the world," Scott said.

"A probable-cause hearing, I feel, would be an unacceptable delay," Weldon argued.

The rush, Weldon said, is to take advantage of new AIDS drugs that can reduce chances by about 80 percent of getting the disease if taken shortly after the infection. According to the Centers

for Disease Control and Prevention, the infection-preventing AIDS drugs are useful only when taken shortly after HIV exposure, not days or weeks later.

"This is clearly a case of finding the greater good," Weldon said.

Also on tap for the House is a vote on a bill prosecuting people for sending pornographic material to 16- and 17-year-old children.

The bill is aimed at closing a loophole in the 1998 Protection of Children from Sexual Predators Act, which specified 10 years in prison and fines for anyone who knowingly gives pornography by e-mail, telephone or mail to juveniles younger than 16. The age of consent normally is considered 18.

The Stop Material Unsuitable for Teens Act, or SMUT bill, introduced in March by Rep. Tom Tancredo, R-Colo., changes the definition of a minor in the bill to someone under the age of 18, instead of someone under the age of 16.

"We should make sure that those who would seek to spread this filth knowingly to our children be ready to pay the price of up to 10 years behind bars," Tancredo said.

Scott complained again that Democrats had been given too little time to study the bill, and it might have unforeseen consequences. "If an 18-year-old were to have consensual sex with a 17-year-old, that would not be a federal crime nor a crime in most states," Scott said. "But if they shared dirty pictures, that would be a federal crime."

Bills the House passed unanimously Monday include: —The Enhanced Federal Security Act, which makes it a federal crime to use a fake police badge or identification to enter federal property like an airport or a courthouse. It also makes it a federal crime to sell fake or real police badges, punishable by a fine and six months in prison.

This bill stems from a federal investigation this year where officials using false police badges easily penetrated restricted areas at the FBI, the Pentagon, the CIA, the Justice Department and the State Department with briefcases large enough to carry explosives and firearms. —The DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act, which gives states \$170 million to help clear backlogs of DNA samples in storage. It is estimated that about 69 percent of forensic crime labs across the country have a backlog of DNA to be processed, said Rep. Charles Canady, R-Fla.

The crime bills' fate are uncertain in the Senate, which takes longer to consider and pass bills than the House. Lawmakers also are trying to get out of Washington as fast as possible to return home to campaign for re-election.

On the Net: To find bill text: <http://thomas.loc.gov>

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Israelis, Palestinians declare a cease-fire, now comes the test

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israelis and Palestinians on Tuesday warily tested a tentative cease-fire they hoped would end five days of bloodshed, while their leaders prepared for a U.S.-arranged summit aimed at reviving the battered peace. The commander of Israeli forces in the West Bank met with his Palestinian counterparts, the Israeli army said in a statement. Maj. Gen. Yitzhak Eitan agreed to withdraw heavy armaments from the borders of Palestinian-held areas, and Palestinian forces would contain violence. "If the Palestinians don't honor the agreement, and there will be a threat on Israel's forces and citizens, the army will respond accordingly," the statement said.

Study finds gaps in treating Medicare patients

CHICAGO (AP) — Treatment of elderly Medicare patients varies widely by state when it comes to heart failure, stroke, breast cancer and other life-threatening illnesses, according to a new federal study. Medicare patients in the Northeast and sparsely populated states were most likely to receive widely accepted treatments for such conditions. However, those in the Southeast and more populated states were least likely to get the same treatments, according to the state-by-state comparison in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association. New Hampshire averaged the best quality of care followed by Vermont, Maine, Minnesota and Massachusetts. The lowest-ranked states were New Jersey, Louisiana, Mississippi and Arkansas, which was second to last. Puerto Rico, the only U.S. commonwealth included in the analysis, finished 52nd in a tally counting the District of Columbia.

Milosevic calls opposition puppet of the West
BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Yugoslavia's army chief negotiated with miners taking part in nationwide protests Tuesday to pressure President Slobodan Milosevic into admitting electoral defeat. An unbowed Milosevic has called the opposition puppets of the West. Gen. Nebojsa Pavkovic's unprecedented

efforts to resolve the impasse at the Kolubara mine complex — a supply source to a key power plant — came as a second day of blockades, strikes and walkouts gripped Yugoslavia.

Protesters in pig suits gather for presidential debate

BOSTON (AP) — The presidential candidates aren't the only ones getting ready for Tuesday night's presidential debate. The "porcine pranksters," for example, have been trying out their pig suits. Protesters by the thousands are preparing to pitch their causes. When Democrat Al Gore and Republican George W. Bush are going head-to-head, a varied throng will shout its causes from designated areas outside. Demonstrators call those areas "protest pens" and are not happy about the prospect of being corralled into them. Activists have been converging on the city for first of the three debates between Gore and Bush — this one at the University of Massachusetts.

Studies split on flu vaccine's value for workers and day-care kids

CHICAGO (AP) — Flu vaccines could help day-care children and their school-aged siblings stay well and reduce the use of over-prescribed antibiotics, a new study suggests. But while the vaccine could also help keep adults under age 65 healthy and reduce missed work days, a cost-analysis conducted in conjunction with the study found no savings in giving the flu shots to those adults. The study was led by Dr. Eugene S. Hurwitz of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It appears along with the cost-analysis, done by another CDC researcher, in Wednesday's Journal of the

American Association.

Folk musicians play for Native American vote registration drive

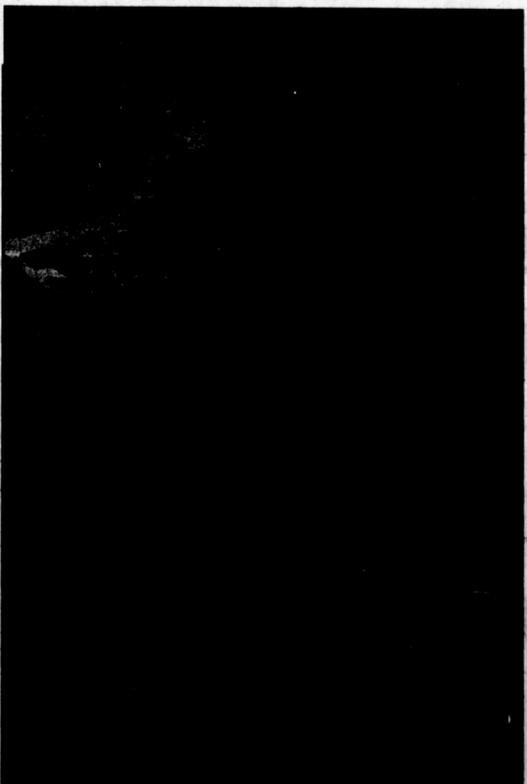
BROWNING, Mont. (AP) — As residents registered to vote in the November election, Indigo Girls, Bonnie Raitt and Joan Baez performed in the background. The concert, in a high school gymnasium on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, was part of a tour promoters say is intended to stimulate voting by American Indians, and draw attention to environmental issues. "My birthday is the day after Election Day, so make me happy — vote!" Raitt told about 800 people Sunday before she began singing the blues. Raitt likened artists to town criers who "alert the rest of the populace to what needs

Medical to be focused on."

Three managers fired, including Buck Showalter of Arizona Diamondbacks

PHOENIX (AP) — Buck Showalter has been fired as manager of the Arizona Diamondbacks after a disappointing season that saw the team go from division champions to third place. Showalter, the only manager in the team's history, was hired in November 1995, 2 1/2 years before the Diamondbacks started play and one month after he led the New York Yankees to their first playoff berth in 14 years. Showalter was the third manager fired Monday. Cincinnati's Jack McKeon and Pittsburgh's Gene Lamont lost their jobs earlier.

March for Jesus



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