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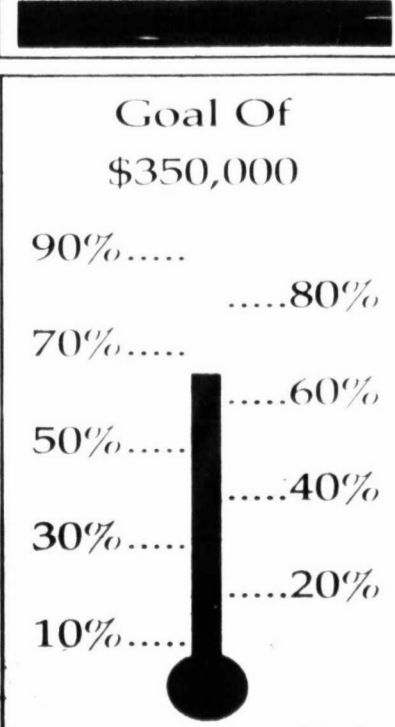


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Soccer shirt order deadline near
 Attention Soccer Booster Club parents! Orders for Harvester Soccer Center Circle Club shirts must be placed by Nov. 1 at T-Shirts & More. Any questions should be addressed to Make Crain at 665-6302.
Voting equipment testing Oct. 30
 Gray County Clerk's office will test conduct a test of the automatic tabulating equipment at 2 p.m. on Oct. 30. The test will be in the clerk's office, Room 201, of the Gray County Courthouse.
 The testing is conducted prior to each election to be certain the equipment is in working order to ensure an accurate count of the votes in the Nov. 7 General Election.

- James D. Breitling, 82, former ASCS executive director.
- Thermon W. Chisum, 69, Miami Cemetery grounds keeper.
- Orvel Millen Reed, 78, former business owner.
- Freeda Sween, 83, farmer, rancher.
- Eula L. Thornhill, 96, homemaker, hospital volunteer.

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Celanese officials visit Pampa

CEO applauds local diversification efforts

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
 Staff Writer

"Yes, we're going to be here," answered Claudio Sonders, CEO of Celanese AG Board of Management, when Charles Henry, a member of the Community Advisory Panel, popped the magic question at an employee meeting in the local plant this morning.

Sonders first responded to Henry's question, "Will you be here? Will you stay?" by asking, "Do we have the right assets here to develop the company as a whole?"

He said "people, cost and global aspects of the business" will be the three benchmarks the company will use in determining the fate of "not only Pampa but all the plants."

Sonders applauded local efforts to bring more industry to the area, saying he hoped that Pampa will see "two, three, perhaps four" other industries come to the area.

"Yes, we're going to be here, perhaps with other challenges and other opportunities," he

added.

Two days before Celanese Chemical celebrates its one-year anniversary as a privately-owned corporation, Sonders, David Weidman, CEO of Celanese Chemicals, and Perry Premdas, chief financial officer of Celanese AG, visited the Pampa plant in what Weidman termed as "an exercise in communication."

The three top executives met with employees at 9 a.m., followed by a tour of the plant and a luncheon at noon. The Pampa visit is part of a seven-week tour of Celanese facilities that have spanned the globe.

"We are in our third cultural revolution," Sonders told employees. "First we were public, then we were owned by Hoechst, and now we are public again."

Since going public last fall, Sonders said the corporation has sold 10 companies and "closed very many plants." He said Celanese plans to restructure and streamline its performance while still continuing to grow.

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(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)
 Claudio Sonders, chief executive officer of Celanese AG Board of Management, center, visits with Susan Tripplehorn, executive director of the Pampa Economic Development, and Charles Henry, Celanese Community Advisory Panel member following a "town hall" meeting with employees at the Pampa plant this morning.

Man awakes to gun in his face

Pampa police said that there will apparently be no charges filed in connection with a Saturday morning break-in in which a Pampa man awoke to a gun in his face.

Officers said a man in his mid-20s apparently broke into a house about 8:30 a.m. Saturday in the 1100 block of Varnon. The man living in the house, also in his mid-20s, was in bed asleep and awoke to find himself looking down the barrel of a revolver.

After a brief conversation, officers said, the first

man left and the resident of the home got up, got dressed and went to a house in the 1100 block of Neel Road.

Police said the resident of the house on Varnon told them the man with the gun warned him against calling police, threatening to kill him if he notified authorities.

Officers said they have received several reports of a man breaking into homes and threatening people with a knife or pistol, but no one has filed charges.

Deer head fight goes to court

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A Houston oilman and a West Texas family, who have locked horns for two years, are scheduled to be in a Houston court Tuesday to battle for the trophy head of the ninth-largest white-tailed buck shot in the state.

The trial of the "Stringer Buck" pits Phillip Stringer, a professional oil trader who bagged the 12-point buck in December 1992, against Louis

Bruni, a Laredo city councilman whose family owns the 13,000-acre South Texas ranch where the deer was shot.

The white-tailed deer had a huge pair of antlers, tallied at 187 4/8 net points, ranking it ninth on the Boone and Crockett list for Texas.

Stringer's lawyer says the rack could be worth as much as \$1 million, while John Stein of San Antonio, an official scorer who measured the antlers, says they're priceless.

(See DEER, Page 5)

Thieves make off with two pistols

Two more handguns were on the street today following a weekend theft in Pampa.

Richard Dwayne Closser, 42, 637 N. Zimmers, reported some one broke into his home and took two pistols.

Officers said the break-in occurred between 12:30 a.m. and 3 a.m. Sunday.

A double action Colt .357 magnum revolver with a six inch barrel and a .40 caliber Firestar semi-automatic pistol without a clip were reported stolen. The Colt was valued at \$250. The Firestar pistol was valued at \$200.

Officers said today that the break-in was still under investigation.

Job helps healing in wake of father's murder

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
 Staff Writer

(Last of two parts)
 Reeling from the grief of his father's murder, David Schlewitz once prayed, "God, I don't understand why this happened, but I believe you can bring good out of this. I need you to do that."

Schlewitz served as an Assembly of God pastor for almost a dozen years before deciding to enter seminary in 1989.

To help pay for his seminary training, Schlewitz interviewed for a scholarship to become a prison chaplain. He qualified for

the scholarship and accepted it, although he still had some doubts if prison ministry should be his calling.

As part of his training, he counseled with inmates at Federal Medical Center in Springfield, Mo.

"It's not like what you see now," he said. "It was dark and damp and there were still chains and big heavy doors that opened with a key and 'clanged' when they were shut."

He was asked to visit an inmate. He had been told the man was insane.

Schlewitz walked behind the guard down the dark, dank hall of the prison to a heavy iron

door. He bent down to look through the "bean hole" — a small opening where food was passed through to the prisoner.

"I saw a man — if you could call it a man — curled up in the corner. He was naked and dirty, his hair all matted. The air was terrible. It blew out of the hole into my face and I almost threw up."

Schlewitz couldn't see any way to communicate to the man. He tried to talk to him, but the response he got from the man made no sense.

Defeated, Schlewitz prepared to leave when the man handed him a piece of paper through the bean hole.

"It was clean. I couldn't see how it could be clean in all that, but it was spotless."

After he walked outside the prison, Schlewitz looked at the paper. He was amazed at what he saw.

"He must have been a genius. The paper was covered with equations, poetry, and geometry," he said. "I wish I had kept it."

Back home in his small apartment, Schlewitz leaned against the kitchen sink and gazed out the window, marveling at the difference between the bright sunshine and the prison darkness — the hopelessness of the man reduced to the state of a



Chaplain David Schlewitz
 caged animal within its walls.
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 **Get Ready To Set The Clocks Back!**

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

REED, Orvel Millen — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Gunter.
SWENN, Freeda — 2 p.m., St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Darrouzett.
THORNHILL, Eula L. — 10 a.m., First Baptist Church, Pampa.

Obituaries

JAMES D. BREITLING
DALHART — James D. Breitling, 82, father of a Groom resident, died Thursday, Oct. 19, 2000. Memorial services were to be at 1:30 p.m. today in Central United Methodist Church with the Rev. Jeff Taylor and the Rev. Janet Edwards, of Central United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Memorial Park Cemetery at Amarillo under the direction of Hass Funeral Home.

Mr. Breitling was born at White House and moved to Canyon as a child, graduating from Canyon High School and attending West Texas State Teachers College. He married Buena Vista Walker in 1947 at Amarillo.

Prior to moving to Dalhart in 1996, he lived in Amarillo and Canyon and was executive director of the Potter County office of the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service. He was active with the Tri-State Fair, Potter County 4-H, Canyon FFA and Randall County Stock Show.

He was a member of Central United Methodist Church in Dalhart and was a Meals on Wheels volunteer.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Buena; four sons, James Anthony Breitling of Groom, Douglas Breitling of Charleston, S.C., Mike Breitling of Dalhart and Randy Breitling of Shallowater; two sisters, Alene Morris of Susanville, Calif., and Shirley Phillips of Hobbs, N.M.; a brother, Herbert "H.E." Breitling of Amarillo; and eight grandchildren.

The family will be at 1801 Denver in Dalhart and requests memorials be to American Lung Association, to Central United Methodist Church sanctuary enhancement project or to a favorite charity.

THERMON W. CHISUM
MIAMI — Thermon W. Chisum, 89, died Monday, Oct. 23, 2000, at Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in United Methodist Church with the Rev. Steve Patterson officiating. Burial will be in Miami Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Chisum was born Aug. 11, 1911, in Roberts County and had been a lifelong Miami resident. He was the grounds keeper of Miami Cemetery and did yard work for many people in Miami. He was a member of United Methodist Church. He had lived in the Coronado Health Care Center in Pampa for 15 years, moving to Olson Manor Nursing Home in Amarillo in 1996.

He was preceded in death by three brothers and a sister.

Survivors include a sister-in-law, Edna Chisum of Pampa; three nieces, Gail White of Pampa, Glenda Hardin of Houston and Beverly Bobo of Amarillo; and four nephews, Hunter Chisum of Florissant, Colo., Cecil Chisum of Borger, Robert Poore of Enid, Okla., and Troy Poore of Roanoke, Ala.

The family requests memorials be to United Methodist Church, 201 S. Main, Miami, TX 79059.

ORVEL MILLEN REED
GUNTER — Orvel Millen Reed, 78, died Friday, Oct. 20, 2000. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Scott Jordan officiating. Burial will be in Gunter Cemetery under the direction of Flesher Funeral Home of Van Alstyne.

Mr. Reed was born June 2, 1922, at Gunter, to James Thomas and Mary Probst Reed. He moved to Amarillo in 1949 and remained until his retirement in 1984. During his early years in Amarillo, he worked at Rex Theatre, John Farrell Lumber Company Builders Supply and Quality Homes. From the mid-1950s until his retirement, he also owned his own business "Uncle Orvel's Valley Plastics," turning out formica table tops. He retired to Stigler, Okla., from 1984-1997 and lived at Mulberry, Fla., for a year, returning to Gunter in 1998.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, serving during World War II.

Survivors include a daughter, Penny Peary of Mulberry, Fla.; four stepdaughters, Linda Daniels of Pampa, Laveda Rust of Keota, Okla., and Alene Monday and Marsha Bush, both of Stigler; two sisters, Millie Beach and Viola Sherman, both of Las Vegas, Nev.; a brother, Gordon Reed of Rock Port; 12 grandchildren; and 32 great-great-grandchildren.

FREEDA SWENN
DARROUZETT — Freeda Swenn, 83, died Sunday, Oct. 22, 2000, at Hansford Hospital in Spearman. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in St. Paul's Lutheran Church with the Rev. Gene Foster officiating. Interment will be in Darrouzett Cemetery under the direction of Good Samaritan Funeral Service of Booker.

Mrs. Swenn was born March 4, 1917, on a farm south of Booker, to Paul and Miriam Reiswig Bechthold. She married Fred Swenn on Aug. 29, 1934, at Follett. The couple lived in Follett prior to moving to a farm southwest of Darrouzett where they engaged in farming and ranching for 54 years. They moved to Darrouzett in 1992 and to Spearman in 1998.

She was a member of St. John's Congregational Church of Follett and enjoyed cooking, flowers and gardening.

Survivors include her husband, Fred, of the home; a daughter, Glenda Straub of Double Oak; a son, Melvin Swenn of Spearman; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

EULA L. THORNHILL

Eula L. Thornhill, 96, a former longtime Pampa resident, died Saturday, Oct. 21, 2000, at Amarillo. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in First Baptist Church of Pampa with Royce Riggan, youth minister of Community Church of Hereford, and Dean Thornhill, both grandsons of Mrs. Thornhill, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.



Mrs. Thornhill was born Aug. 30, 1904, at Sedan, Kan. She married Harold Thomas Thornhill on March 14, 1925, at Sedan. She had a Pampa resident since 1945, moving to Amarillo in 1998, and was a homemaker. She joined First Baptist Church in 1945 and was also a member of Rebekah Lodge, serving as past noble grand and receiving her 50-year pin. In addition, she was a former volunteer of Highland General Hospital Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by a son, Harold Eugene Thornhill.

Survivors include her husband, Harold, of Amarillo; two daughters, Patricia Riggan of Amarillo and Betty Fletcher of Odessa; a son, DeArlene L. Thornhill of Tyler; a brother, Dale Brewster of Wichita, Kan.; 10 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church Building Fund or to Pampa Shrine Club.

Police report

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

Saturday, Oct. 21

Violation of a protective order was reported in the 500 block of Davis.

Sunday, Oct. 22

A sexual assault was reported in the 600 block of Red Deer Street.

A theft was reported in the 600 block of North Zimmers.

Sheriff's Office

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

Saturday, Oct. 21

Troy James Short, 29, 1124 Cinderella, was arrested by Gray County deputies in connection with a probation violation.

Jared Wayne Kirkwood, 19, 2121 N. Dwight, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of public lewdness.

Sunday, Oct. 22

Jose H. Galindo, 38, of Arkansas City, Kan., was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Fires

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

Saturday, Oct. 21

11:18 a.m. — Firefighters presented medals to Special Olympics participants at Harvester Lanes, 1401 S. Hobart. One unit and three firefighters responded.

Sunday, Oct. 22

9:42 a.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a gasoline spill in the 400 block of North Ballard. Approximately two to three gallons.

Ambulance

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

Saturday, Oct. 21

3:26 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of Coronado and transported one to PRMC.

5:44 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to PRMC.

6:19 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Great Plains Hospital in Borger.

8:05 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony in Amarillo.

8:56 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of South Somerville and transported one to PRMC.

9:38 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of North Russell and transported one to PRMC.

Sunday, Oct. 22

8:22 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of North Gray and transported one to PRMC.

10:13 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony West.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atchafalaya Grain of Pampa.

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| Wheat | 2.54 | KMI | 39 3/4 | up 3/8 |
| Milo | 3.13 | Kerr McGee | 67 15/16 | dn 3/4 |
| Corn | 3.52 | Limited | 23 15/16 | NC |
| Soybeans | 4.04 | McDonald's | 29 | up 3/4 |
| | | Exxon Mobil | 38 1/8 | dn 5/16 |
| | | New Atmos | 21 5/16 | NC |
| | | XCEL | 26 1/2 | dn 1/16 |
| | | NOI | 32 | dn 3/16 |
| | | OKE | 40 3/16 | dn 1/4 |
| | | Penny's | 9 15/16 | dn 1/16 |
| | | Phillips | 44 5/8 | dn 5/8 |
| | | Pioneer Nat. | 13 11/16 | dn 3/16 |
| | | SLB | 82 7/16 | dn 1 1/16 |
| | | Teneco | 4 11/16 | up 1/16 |
| | | Texas | 58 15/16 | dn 5/8 |
| | | Ultrasat | 26 9/16 | dn 1/4 |
| | | Wal-Mart | 46 5/16 | dn 1/4 |
| | | Williams | 40 7/16 | up 3/16 |

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

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| Occidental | 20 9/16 | up 1/8 |
| Fidelity Magelln | 129.48 | NC |
| Puritan | 18.56 | dn 3/16 |

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

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| BP Amoco | 53 11/16 | dn 13/16 |
| Cabot O&G | 21 5/16 | dn 3/16 |
| Chrysan | 32 1/4 | dn 1/16 |
| Coca-Cola | 54 11/16 | dn 1/8 |
| New York Gold | 271.55 | |
| Silver | 4.83 | |
| West Texas Crude | 33.50 | |

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CELANESE

Sales for the first half of the year are up 22 percent, but the CEO predicts a lesser increase for the second half due to higher raw material prices such as petroleum and natural gas.

"No one expected oil prices to be over \$30 a barrel or gas to be over \$5," he said.

Weidman joined Celanese Chemicals from Honeywell less than two months ago. After an initial visit to Pampa last week, he said, "This is a can-do plant with a can-do attitude."

A rocky start-up of the plant in Singapore is affecting the whole corporation, Weidman said in response to a question from the audience. "We are in a state of flux because of Singapore," he said, adding that they are "looking into a number of

options" to solve the problem. Several questions were asked regarding Celanese stock. Sonders said that Celanese employees own approximately 30 percent of stock in the organization.

"The prevailing assessment among the stock analysts is that we are getting high marks for doing our homework," Premdas said. "But as you all know we can improve our profit."

Weidman added that market analysts normally give a new company two years to prove itself.

"There's much in our industry we can't control," Premdas commented. "We must play the game as we go. But we do have control of our own values and our ability to meet change. As we face the uncontrollable challenges as an industry, I will say that we will be fair as an employer in every way."

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BANDS

"We were very happy to make a Division I," said Collins. "The judging had very high standards as many low ratings were given in the competition."

He said the judges complimented the PHS band on their good sound and interesting show. The judges categorized the band's performance as very demanding, and said the color guard was very good. The judges said the students performed a good and appealing show.

Collins said the judges urged the band members to continue to work on better sound along with a stronger balance and said the band members need to work on marching backwards.

"We go to contest to remind us of what we need to work on," said Collins. "That's what the judges do."

All judges for the regional event are highly regarded in marching band circle. They were Greg Miller, band director at Iowa Park High School; Bill Woods, retired band director and twirling teacher, now of Abilene; and Rodney Klett, band director at Georgetown High School.

Miller and Woods scored the PHS band with a I,

Klett rated them a II.

Pampa's Middle School Marching Band is the only middle school marching band in the region and received a Division II rating, said middle school band director Roger Myers.

"They did a really nice job," said high school director Collins.

Myers said the students presented several selections which featured the percussion in a Brahms selection. A medley, Russian Sailor's Dance, featured Stephanie Boyd, Zack Edens and Brian Haddock in a brass trio. New World Symphony as well as Fifth Symphony and Ninth Symphony.

"Our main criticism was alignment, exactness," said Myers. "Overall they did a really good job. They worked really hard."

Myers said only 25 percent of the band members had marched before. "The rest were beginners," he said.

While Pampa Middle School is the only middle school marching band in the local region, Myers said he was told recently there are only five middle school marching bands in the state.

"I am really proud of them," he said. "They did a good job."

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JOB

"I don't know if I can do this," he thought.

Then Schlewitz remembered the biblical verse, "I was in prison and you came to visit me."

In that moment, Schlewitz knew this was the path God had chosen for him. Perhaps this was how God intended to bring something good from the tragedy of his father's death.

A decade later, Schlewitz continues his ministry as a prison chaplain at the Jordan Unit, east of Pampa.

He knows that many people believe inmates find God in the "shadow of the jailhouse door," but will change back to their past ways after leaving prison.

It reminds him of the detective in Victor Hugo's *Les Misérables*, who commits suicide after he cannot come to terms with the fact that a convict is truly changed his ways and become a good man.

"I don't believe any inmate is beyond hope," he said, explaining that when he first became a prison chaplain, he was counseled to "get rid" of any belief that he could change the lives of the inmates.

"I believe the Bible is true, that God created the world, that Christ died for our sins, no matter how heinous," he said.

"People say you can't change a convict, that he can't be rehabilitated. I believe it can happen. I believe it does happen."

As a spiritual counselor, Schlewitz said he is often told, "If you only knew how it was."

"Most of the time, I don't say anything," he said. "It's their pain and they need to release it, not hear about mine. When I listen to them, I've given them a gift. They feel better when they leave."

Sometimes, rage wells up and spills out into the counselor's office.

"That's when I tell them, 'You know what, I'm angry, too. Anger is not a sin,'" he said.

It took 13 years for Schlewitz to face the rage he felt over his father's murder. He didn't even know he was angry until he went to a group session with other prison chaplains.

"They kept telling me, 'Aren't you mad about the way your father died?' and I'd say, 'No, I'm not mad. I'm sad, but I'm not mad,' and they'd say, 'I'd be mad if that had happened to my dad.'"

Schlewitz suddenly realized he was furious. He admits he still is angry.

"When I go to heaven — no more faith, no more acceptance — I'm marching straight up to God and tell him, 'I want to know why... I want some answers here!'"

For two decades, he's asked God, "Why?" He can't understand why the creator of the uni-

verse allowed his kind, generous father to die at the hand of a homicidal maniac.

"After awhile I'd feel guilty about asking 'Why?' so much. I'd still keep asking, but I felt guilty about it," he said.

Schlewitz thought of Christ on the cross asking his Father, "Why have you forsaken me?" He knew then it was okay to ask, "Why?"

He said God's grace allows him to continue his work as a prison chaplain.

"It has its own pressures," he concedes. "Anyone who works in a prison needs to have ways to handle the stress."

His best advice came from a gruff prison warden who told the young chaplain, "Do something you like very day."

Schlewitz takes that advice seriously. He reads and watches movies. He plays guitar and is taking piano lessons. He and his son John ride bicycles across the country during the summer. He also roller bladed until he injured his knee.

Father and son have signed up for a training course to ride motorcycles in December. They plan to travel across country on

motorcycles next year, he said.

Not too long ago Schlewitz went back to the West Coast for his sister's wedding. He knew Michael Redmond, his father's killer, was living in Tacoma, Wash.

He asked his brother to drive with him to Tacoma to confront the man who — though found criminally insane and sentenced to life in a mental institution — was now free to wander the country without supervision through some legal fluke.

"I wanted to get in his face. I wanted to ask him just what it felt like to shoot my dad," Schlewitz said grimly.

Along the way, the men realized the futility of their quest. No matter what they did it could not bring their father back, it would not take away the pain they felt. They turned the car around.

"I feel forgiveness in the sense of controlling that anger, to not give in to the wrong kind of anger," Schlewitz said.

Being a prison chaplain has helped Schlewitz find good in the midst of a senseless tragedy, he said.

"I think it's been really healing for me."

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TIRE

and stepfather were killed when their Ford Explorer crashed May 30, 1999.

Nidia and Patricio Leal died when a Firestone tire unraveled, sending the vehicle skidding into a ditch near Brownsville, Texas.

In a telephone interview with The Associated Press late Sunday, Robert J. Patterson, a lawyer for the siblings, confirmed that a verbal settlement was reached Friday. He refused to elaborate.

"We finalized it Friday, although it's just verbal at this point," he said from his home in Corpus Christi, Texas. "I really can't talk about the details but we've been talking for a while."

Bridgestone/Firestone spokeswoman Jill Bratina confirmed an agreement was reached but declined any further comment.

Patterson said he expected the settlement to be formally announced sometime this week.

"The timing certainly helped a lot," he told the Wall Street Journal. "Firestone is doing jury studies, and if their studies are showing what ours are, they don't have a chance."

The case was filed in state district court in Rio Grande City, Texas, and was set to begin trial on Nov. 13.

In August, Bridgestone/Firestone recalled 6.5 million ATX, ATX II and Wilderness AT tires. The tires are being investigated in 119 deaths and 500 injuries in the United States, and more than 50 deaths elsewhere.

On the Net:

Bridgestone/Firestone: <http://www.bridgestone-firestone.com>
 Ford Motor Co.: <http://www.ford.com>

City Briefs

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CHILI SUPPER, Austin School, Thurs. Oct. 26th, 5-7:30 p.m. Tickets \$4 per person, all you can eat, \$5 carry-out.

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COYOTE CLUB welcomes Karaoke with David on Wed. Specials everyday. Darts, Pool, & Megatouch. Sun-Mon.

PET KOSTUME Contest, Oct. 28, 4 p.m. The Pet Patch. For more info. call 665-5504.

Weather focus

PAMPA — Cloudy today with locally-heavy thunderstorms possible, a high of 70 and east-southeast winds at 5-

15 mph. Cloudy tonight with a 70 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms and a low in the upper 50s.

Cloudy tomorrow with a 70 percent chance of more rain

and a high near 70. Yesterday's high was 71; the overnight low 59.

The total rainfall from the weekend weather system measured 1.93 inches.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

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

CLEAN AIR AL-ANON

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

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER

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

PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Planned Parenthood of Amarillo and the Texas Panhandle is changing its hours. It is now open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 408 W. Kingsmill Ave., #175-A, in Pampa. For more information or for an appointment, call 665-2291. Planned Parenthood is a not-for-profit health care organization serving women and men in 17 offices covering 26 counties in the panhandle.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

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

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.

AQUATIC AND WILDLIFE MUSEUM

The Fritch Aquatic and Wildlife Museum will hold three special archeology programs daily for children in kindergarten through fifth grades Oct. 16-20. The programs will be approximately 45 minutes to an hour-long and are tentatively set for 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. For more information or to schedule a program, call Neva Burris at (806) 857-2458.

MIP CLASSES

Clarendon College will offer Minor in Possession classes from 7:30-10:30 p.m., Oct. 9-10, Nov. 13-14 and Dec. 11-12 in Clarendon, and Oct. 16-17 and Nov. 20-21 in Pampa. For more information, call Eddie Hankins, (806) 874-5074.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB

Top O' Texas Republican Women's Club will meet from 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 25 at Furr's Cafeteria.

MINI BAZAAR

Waka's Church of the Brethren will sponsor the 11th Annual Mini Bazaar from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 28 in Ochiltree County Exposition Building in Perryton. Booth space is still available. The event will include: crafts, candles, candy, ceramics, cookbooks, cosmetics, home decorations, jewelry, leaded crystal items, Nativity sets, woodcrafts, yard decorations and much more. For more information, call (806) 435-4515, 435-2104, 435-3893 or 435-3876.

CHILDREN'S HOPE INTERNATIONAL

Trinity Fellowship Church, Family Life Center, will sponsor a Children's Hope International meeting from 7-9 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 26 at the church, 5000 Hollywood Rd., Amarillo. The meeting will provide information on adoption programs in China, Russia, India, Vietnam and

Guatemala. Brenda Barker, Southeastern Regional director for Children's Hope International and mother of seven internationally adopted children, will be the presenter. For more information, call (615) 309-8109, (615) 399-0032 or e-mail brendabarker@earthlink.net.

FPC LYCEUM

Frank Phillips College Lyceum will host Meisenbach and Golden Harp/Flute Duo on Tuesday, Oct. 24 in the Fine Arts Building on campus in Borger. The concert is free and open to the public.

SKELLY-GETTY-TEXACO RETIREES CLUB

Skelly-Getty-Texaco Retirees Club will meet at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center.

PPQG

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild will meet at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 26 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis. The program will be a garage sale of sewing-related items. For more information, call (806) 779-2115. Visitors are welcome.

FPC EEC

Frank Phillips College in Borger will offer the following extended education classes this month: Beginning Drawing; American Red Cross Adult Basic Life Support; and ARC CPR-Basic Life Support-Bloodborne Pathogen. For more information, (806) 274-5311 or 1-800-687-2056, ext. 777.

SCIENCE SPECTRUM

Science Spectrum, a non-profit museum for science education in Lubbock, is currently offering two educational films in its Omnimax Theatre — "Michael Jordan to the Max" featuring Michael Jordan and "Mysteries of Egypt" with actors Omar Sharif and Kate Maberly. In addition, the interactive traveling exhibit "Whodunit? The Science of Solving Crime" is currently at the museum. For more information, call (806) 745-2525.

PALO DURO HANDWEAVER'S GUILD

Palo Duro Handweaver's Guild will meet at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 26 in Amarillo. The meeting is open to anyone interested in weaving, spinning, dyeing or fiber arts. For more information, call (806) 358-2765.

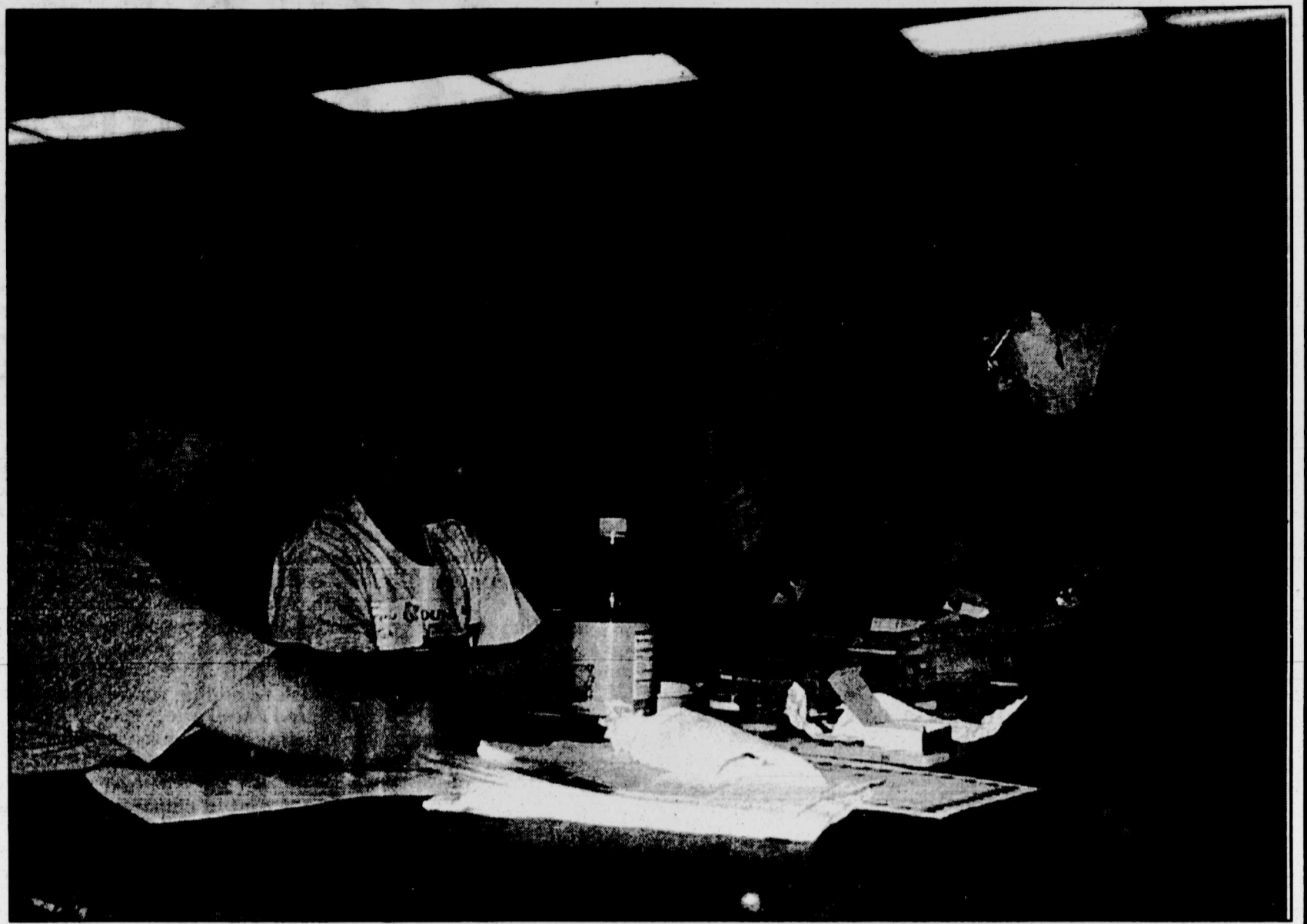
PATHWAYS

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

AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle is seeking volunteers to serve as advocates for nursing home residents as part of its Ombudsmen program. The Ombudsmen will visit residents of long-term care facilities and help resolve complaints involving residents rights, quality of life and quality of care. Once accepted into the program, volunteers complete a three month internship including intensive training and supervision in preparation. Ideal candidates will have strong sense of fair play, excellent problem-solving skills, good relationships with older people and the ability to devote two hours a week to the residents served by the Ombudsman program. For more information, contact Jeff Price, regional Ombudsman, or Shirley Sheldon, Ombudsman Program Aide, at 1-800-642-6008; or write P.O. Box 9257, Amarillo, TX, 79105.

Multi-County Foods Workshop



(Photos by Judy Elliott)

Twenty-two area 4-Hers participated in the Multi-County Foods Workshop held recently at the Gray County Annex in Pampa. Participants attended the training in preparation of the upcoming Gray County Food Show slated Saturday, Nov. 11. Above: Nick Miller, Travis Fish, Julie Schuneman and Caroline Schwerzenbach observe while 4-H leader Beth Miller demonstrates how to make "apple duck."

Pampa Sheltered Workshop gets help from United Way

This article is one in a series of articles of profiles on the agencies and organizations supported by Pampa United Way. This information is being provided by Pampa United Way as part of its 2000 "Lead the Way!" fund-raising campaign.

Pampa Sheltered Workshop has lost two of its clients to other communities. The upside to this is that it has gained two other clients.

Cindy Cooper holds two meetings weekly. One meeting is for clients that hold jobs in the community. The other meeting is for folks that are

planning to secure jobs in the community. Both meetings teach and support sound, ethical principles of getting and keeping a job. A number of local clients from area communities attend at least one of these meetings, weekly or bi-weekly.

Mary West, Day Program

supervisor, along with some of the clients, deliver Meals on Wheels. They are received by friendly smiles and conversation.

Eva Isbell, production supervisor, has composed a flyer relating to the PSW Picnic Pack Production. PSW clients really enjoy this contract. Sanitary measures are a major factor being utilized in this contract.

Pampa Sheltered Workshop is a valued organization in the community. As such, it welcomes you, the community, to visit sometime.

Red Ribbon Week



(Community Camera photo by Lesley Gershmei)

Kira Chumbley and Lucas Oliva, D-FY-IT Advisory Board members, are seen here making plans for Red Ribbon Week held this past week at PHS.



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Meredith NRA reschedules ride

FRITCH — Due to adverse weather forecasts for the panhandle this past weekend, Lake Meredith National Recreation Area rescheduled the Plum Creek Trail Ride for 10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 28 at the hitching racks in lower Plum Creek campground and picnic area.

The free, four-hour ride will circle the Plum Creek area. Because of the steep and rocky terrain, the trail ride is not suitable for beginning riders.

Riders must have current Coggins test certificates.

Participants should pack a lunch and bring plenty of water.

For more information, call (806) 857-0311.



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MEDICAL

Healthbeat: Even teenage knee injuries increase arthritis risk

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — You may think you rebounded fine from that knee injury playing hoops or soccer at age 16, but it could haunt you by your 40s or 50s.

Scientists are proving what some sufferers have long suspected: A single knee injury as a teen-ager or young adult can triple the risk of arthritis in that knee by middle age.

Now researchers are seeking ways to prevent injured knees from deteriorating, and joint specialists say doctors must start telling young patients, especially athletes, how to protect their knees.

Nobody's advising giving up sports — most Americans don't exercise enough — but some simple precautions may make a big difference.

"I can't tell you how many people I've seen who say, 'I played college basketball and injured my knee but I still play on weekends, I just run through the pain,'" well-known arthritis expert Dr. Roland Moskowitz said with a sigh.

"Pain is nature's way of telling you there's something wrong here," said Moskowitz of Cleveland's Case Western Reserve University.

Nearly 21 million Americans suffer osteoarthritis, the form of the joint disease typically caused by the wear-and-tear of aging. The smooth, slippery cartilage that cushions joints over time becomes rough and cracked, causing pain and stiffness that can become severe as the cartilage continues to disintegrate.

It can hit any joint, but knees are particularly vulnerable. Some studies have found knee injuries in middle to old age, when

joints are deteriorating, accelerate arthritis. So Johns Hopkins University rheumatologist Dr. Allan Gelber wondered if earlier injuries, when your body still heals easily, played a role.

Gelber used a study of 1,337 Hopkins medical school graduates who underwent rigorous health exams before graduating some 40 years ago and then were monitored each year since.

People who injured a knee before age 22 had a threefold increased risk of getting arthritis in that knee, and it typically struck by the mid-50s, he found. The cumulative risk rose to fivefold when Gelber also counted injuries suffered later in life.

Injuries included ligament or cartilage tears and bone fractures. Football, basketball and skiing were common causes, but car accidents and falls were culprits, too.

If the injury heals, why would it matter? Because even mild damage throws off a joint's biomechanics, Moskowitz explained. "You may not see change day to day, but year to year you'll see the change."

Consequently, said Gelber, "We must find ways ... to prevent knee injuries." Athletes could be given easy-to-use knee guards to prevent injuries, and they could play on better terrain, avoiding artificial turf that is much harder on knees than grass is, he said.

Researchers are hunting for protective treatments for injured joints. For example, preliminary studies suggest tissue engineering — using patients' own cells to grow new cartilage in a laboratory and then transplanting that tissue into their knees — works better on a new, small injury than it does once arthritis strikes, Moskowitz and Gelber say. But it's a cumbersome, expensive treatment, so scientists are trying to create a single-

injection method.

Other researchers are questioning if the arthritis treatment hyaluronate also might help stave off the disease, and drug companies are developing chemicals that might one day block cartilage-destroying enzymes.

Until such research is reality, specialists advise some commonsense precautions for battered knees: —See a doctor right away if a knee injury causes severe pain or if swelling lasts more than 24 hours, says Dr. John Klippel of the Arthritis Foundation. Also seek help if pain lasts more than a few days. You may need a brace, restricted activity or surgery — although Gelber cautions that some cartilage operations themselves have been linked to arthritis, so ask about options.

—Lose weight. Being overweight is an arthritis risk, so adding pounds adds trouble to an injured knee.

—Try joint-friendly exercise, like swimming. A fast walk on a treadmill is easier on knees than jogging. Whatever the exercise, do stretches first to limber joint-supportive muscles. Proper strength-training is important — people with stronger quadriceps muscles are less likely to get arthritis, Moskowitz says.

—If giving up a favorite sport isn't an option, wear a supportive brace even after the knee heals — and don't play in pain.

—For a mild injury, a shoe lift helps stabilize the knee, Moskowitz says; a rheumatologist or orthopedist can fit them.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Lauran Neergaard covers health and medical issues for The Associated Press in Washington.

On the Net: Arthritis Foundation, <http://www.arthritis.org>

Lasik eye surgery not for everyone, FTC says

Tired of wearing glasses or contact lenses? Considering Lasik eye surgery? Lasik, one of the newest procedures for vision correction, is surgery to a very delicate part of the eye. And while hundreds of thousands of people have had Lasik, most very successfully, it's not for everyone.

The Federal Trade Commission and the American Academy of Ophthalmology advise you to get the clear picture on what you can expect before you sign up for the procedure.

Are you a good candidate for Lasik? Before you can weigh the risks and rewards, know that:

—You should be at least 18 years old and in good health.

—You should not be pregnant or nursing.

—You should not be taking certain prescription drugs, such as Accutane or oral prednisone.

—Your eyes must be healthy and your prescription stable.

Even if you have the surgery, you may not get the perfect vision you're hoping for. That's because 20/20 does not always mean perfect vision. And if you have Lasik to correct your distance vision, you'll still need reading glasses when you're around age 45. You also may need to return for additional surgery, called "enhancements," to fine-tune your vision. Remember that Lasik is too new to know if there are any long-term ill effects beyond five years after surgery and the procedure cannot be reversed.

If you decide to proceed, ask

your surgeon the following questions:

—How long have you been doing Lasik surgery?

—How do you define success? What's your success rate? What is the chance for me to achieve 20/20?

—What laser will you be using for my surgery? Make sure your surgeon is using a laser approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

—What's involved in after-surgery care?

—Who will handle after-surgery care? Who will be responsible?

—What about risks and possible complications?

—What about side-effects how long will they last?

For more information about Lasik, call the FTC toll-free, 1-877-FTC-HELP, and ask for the publication, "Basik Lasik: Tips on Lasik Eye Surgery."

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End of summer doesn't signal end to exercise

The long, sunny days of summer have past, but that doesn't mean outdoor exercise enthusiasts have to abandon their workout routine. They just may have to explore other possibilities and become a little creative, says Dr. Benjamin Levine, associate professor of internal medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

"There are many possibilities. The key is finding something that you like to do and working it into your routine," says Levine, who also is director of the Institute for Exercise and Environmental Medicine.

Levine suggests the following: Exercise during lunch, join a health club, walk up and down the stairs while at work, rent or buy an exercise video or go out dancing.

Another good reason not to smoke: Saggy faces

Manufacturers should display a new warning label on packs of cigarettes. Warning: Smoking can be hazardous to your facelift, said Dr. Rod Rohrich, chairman of plastic surgery at the UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

"By now everyone understands how the use of tobacco can adversely affect all aspects of an individual's health. But smoking can be problematic in plastic surgery as well," Rohrich said.

Nicotine impairs wound healing by constricting blood vessels that supply oxygen to the skin and can ultimately result in loss of skin. It also can cause significant adverse outcomes and increase the complication rate in surgery.

People who are contemplating cosmetic surgery should first consider whether they're willing to give up smoking for at least four weeks.

"I won't operate on patients who smoke because both the procedure and the result will be compromised," Rohrich said. "I encourage them to seek a healthier lifestyle prior to proceeding or in conjunction with any elective surgical procedure, especially cosmetic plastic surgery."

Spoonful of medicine helps the ailment go away

Taking your medication may not be fun, but it's one of the most important things you can do for your health.

"Many of the prescriptions I write won't even be filled," says Dr. Ronald Charles, assistant professor of emergency medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. "Medicine is not going to help you if you don't take it."

Doctors often prescribe antibiotics for a bacterial infection. While you may feel better after taking the antibiotic for two days, bacteria are still present.

"The medication is supposed to last five to seven days for a reason," Charles says. "Continue taking them even if you do feel better."

People with high blood pressure, seizures, diabetes or other chronic conditions may think their problem is better after several months or even years of taking medication, but the medication is what made the problem better, Charles warns.

Falling leaves, cooler temperatures and ... depression?

Just because temperatures are finally beginning to drop, there

are no guarantees that fun fall activities — like football games and fall harvest festivals — will protect us from the blues. In fact, UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas psychiatric researchers say that the two seasons of the year that bring on depressive episodes for some sufferers from depression are spring and fall.

If you are feeling blue for no apparent reason, it would be a good idea to give yourself the following test if these feelings don't go away within two or three weeks, says Dr. Madhukar Trivedi, associate professor of psychiatry at UT Southwestern.

Ask yourself these questions:

—Am I having trouble sleeping or am I sleeping too much?

—Is my appetite normal? Am I eating my normal amount? Or am I eating too much, maybe binge eating?

—Am I enjoying my usual activities or have I lost enjoyment in the things I usually like to do?

—How is my energy level? Is it harder to make myself do things? Do I feel tired all the time?

If you answer yes to several of the questions, Trivedi suggests you talk with your primary-care physician or a mental-health provider.

Volunteers needed to participate in asthma study

Volunteers with asthma or rheumatoid diseases are needed. The psychoneuroendocrinology research group at UT Southwestern is looking for study subjects diagnosed with asthma or a rheumatoid disease, like arthritis, fibromyalgia or myositis, who have used no or very few steroids. Participants in the study will receive simple mood and memory assessments, as well as magnetic resonance imaging. Participants will receive \$100 upon completion of the study. For more information, call 214-648-4973.

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DEER

"I would settle for the deer head and my legal expenses, and I'd go home a happy man. But they've tried to steal it," Stringer is quoted as saying in the San Antonio Express-News.

Bruni says the stuffed head will stay where it has for six years, keeping Bruni's 88-year-old ailing mother, Anita Bruni, company.

"She sits in the den by her television set, real close to that deer. And for some reason, it reminds her of my father, because my father always protected the white-tail deer. It has deep personal significance to her," Bruni said. "My mother has a right to her feelings for that deer head and have it remain in the Bruni family."

Stringer and the family seemed to work out a mutually beneficial agreement in 1994 with a contract written by Stringer that gave ownership of the antlers to the Houston oilman and trophy hunter. It allowed Bruni to use them in exchange for Stringer being able to shoot one deer on the South Texas ranch every six months. The deal allowed either side to cancel the deal at any time.

Over the next five years, Stringer and his sons shot at least a half-dozen deer on the Bruni's land.

Just before deer season opened in 1998, Louis Bruni wrote a letter canceling the agreement, but he didn't return the rack or phone calls, Stringer said.

That set off the legal battles — Stringer's suing the Brunis for the head in Harris County and a countersuit filed by the family in Zapata County. On Thursday, a San Antonio appeals court overruled a temporary restraining order issued by the Zapata County judge, allowing the Harris County trial to move forward.

Bruni contends Stringer has more than been recouped for the deer's head, whatever its value.

"He had access to a large ranch with many trophy deer of which he killed several," Bruni said. "We treated this guy like he was one of our top executive guests and we charge up to \$15,000 for a weekend hunt."

Stringer says the agreement gave him little more than access to the land, not free reign, and he's being bullied by Bruni.

"This case is about the rich and powerful exercising what they perceive to be their right to do as they wish, no matter who is affected," said Houston lawyer Ted Powell, who represents Stringer.

Bruni argues he didn't have the legal right to sign over the head, instead it belongs to his mother and the family partnership. He also thinks Stringer is greedy.

"Mr. Powell is smelling the Bruni money, and he wants to get his hands into the Bruni pockets. He ought to be ashamed of himself," Bruni said.

Texas round-up ...

One dead, one missing in blasts

LONGVIEW, Texas (AP) — One man has died and another remained missing on Monday after a series of explosions at a propane storage facility in East Texas that seriously injured another person and forced evacuations of nearby homes.

A tanker truck carrying 8,000 gallons of liquid propane exploded Sunday between Kilgore and Interstate 20. Residents living within three miles of the Martin Resource Management Corp. yard were ordered to leave their homes Sunday afternoon.

Law officers feared that a nearby propane tank holding as much as 30,000 gallons of fuel could also explode.

Shannon McCaslin of the Gregg County Sheriff's Department confirmed the death but said other details remained sketchy.

Stubborn flames were expected to continue burning through Monday, keeping away residents who have been evacuated from their homes until the fire is extinguished.

"Right now, we can't get in there," Gregg County Sheriff Bobby Weaver told the Longview News-Journal. "We don't know for sure if there are any deaths."

An eyewitness told the newspaper the line exploded while the 18-wheeler was transferring its load. The first blast was followed by a larger explosion when the tanker truck caught fire.

Storms dump foot of rain on Southeast Texas, spawn twisters

UNDATED — Heavy weekend thunderstorms have dumped more than a foot of rain on parts of Southeast Texas, flooding homes and roadways, and spawned tornadoes in the Hill Country.

Thirteen inches of rain fell in a little more than five hours Sunday at the Moss Hill community in northern Liberty County, the National Weather Service said.

Part of Texas 146 north of Moss Hill was covered by eight to nine inches of water, according to the Liberty County Sheriff's Department. A spokesman said at least one home in that area was flooded and a truck in the driveway was under water, with only its cab showing.

An additional five inches of rain could fall in Liberty County through the night, National Weather Service meteorologist Kent Prochazka told the Houston Chronicle in Monday's editions.

Prochazka said heavy rains also were likely in areas to the west, including Montgomery and San Jacinto counties.

The Moss Hill rain fell from 4 p.m. to 9:35 p.m. Sunday, the NWS said. Other reports of impassable streets and flooded homes kept sheriff's officers Department busy overnight. But no reports of stranded motorists or trapped homeowners were received.

Several tornado warnings were issued by the weather service in the Austin area on Sunday as strong storms generated by a Pacific front moved through Central Texas. There were no reports of damage or injuries.

Democrats attack Bush record

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a new attack on Gov. George W. Bush's record in Texas, the Democratic National Committee is releasing a 10-minute video aimed at undercutting the Republican presidential nominee's claims on health care, education, the environment and low-income neighborhoods.

The video features a half-dozen Texans who detail the problems and argue that as governor, Bush has done little to fix them.

"We've got 1.4 million kids without health insurance in Texas. That's not a few children. That's a massive problem," pediatrician Krenie Stowe says in the health care section. "Governor Bush ... doesn't care about health care. I don't think it's a priority of his. I think tax cuts are a priority of his."

Democrats plan to release the video at 90 news conferences in 23 states, most of them on Monday. It dovetails with a series of DNC television ads that have attacked Bush's Texas record on health care, the environment and other issues, and with a "Texas Truth Squad," a group of Texans who travel the country to assail the Bush record.

Democrats hope the video will both persuade undecided voters to support Democrat Al Gore for president, and motivate those who already support Gore to get to the polls. Bush supporters have been more enthusiastic than Gore's backers in recent days.

Many of Monday's news conferences were

being headlined by high-profile Democrats on the same day Bush began visiting battleground states with most of the nation's Republican governors in tow.

Housing Secretary Andrew Cuomo was releasing the video in Des Moines, Iowa; DNC Chairman Ed Rendell was in Milwaukee; and Bill Bradley, who ran against Gore in the primaries, was in Louisville, Ky.

Bad weather forecasts loom for second day of Discovery landing attempts

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Poor weather forecasts in Florida and California have ruffled travelers — even those in space.

Stiff runway crosswinds prevented space shuttle Discovery and its seven astronauts from landing in the Kennedy Space Center in Florida on Sunday.

The forecasts looked even grimmer for Monday: NASA expected even stronger winds at Cape Canaveral and rain and clouds had threatened the alternate landing site, California's Edwards Air Force Base.

Gusts of up to 29 mph had been predicted at Kennedy on Monday; 15 mph is the limit for a safe shuttle touchdown. "The winds are still holding out at Florida and KSC, so we're thinking Edwards at this point," Mission Control called up just before the astronauts went to bed Sunday night.

Shuttle managers always prefer to bring space shuttles down at Kennedy, since landing at Edwards comes at the cost of \$750,000 and a week's time to ferry the spacecraft back to Florida. Discovery's planned February return to the space station could be delayed by a touchdown in California, where NASA last landed a shuttle in 1996.

On Sunday, gusts of up to 22 mph were whipping across Kennedy's 3-mile-long landing strip when entry flight director Leroy Cain called off efforts to bring Discovery home following its space station construction mission.

Fair run ends with lower attendance

DALLAS (AP) — The State Fair of Texas attendance has ended its 24-day run with the lowest attendance in six years, with officials saying rainy weekends were a factor.

This year's crowd, estimated at 3.35 million people, was the lowest since 3.2 million in 1994.

Nancy Wiley, fair spokeswoman, said that rain during the last three weekends normally the peak time for turnout has led to a drop in attendance.

"It's not so much that we've had rain, but that we've had rain on the weekends," Wiley told The Dallas Morning News in Monday's editions. "Those are normally our big crowds and when we have our big-name entertainment. But for the most part, the fair goes on."

She said no major events were canceled during the fair. But some, such as country singer Jo Dee Messina's concert Saturday night, were delayed. For seven days during the fair, measurable moisture was recorded, said Willis Young, a meteorologist at the fair's weather trailer. He said that included a high of 2.45 inches on Oct. 15.

He said the wet weather would continue during the next five days as a high-pressure system in the east and a storm system in the west moved moisture from the Gulf of Mexico over the state.

With an average annual attendance of 3.5 million people, the State Fair of Texas is the largest such event in the country.

Butterfly species attract spectators

McALLEN, Texas (AP) — Reclusive monarch butterflies, in the midst of their annual pilgrimage to Mexico, were among featured species in a South Texas viewing of colorful species.

But only about 40 species of butterflies were viewed daily by participants in the Texas Butterfly Festival, compared with about 70 in past years.

"Even though the butterfly numbers are down, because of where we are, (participants) are going to be seeing specimens they can't see at home," Shawn Withington, director of the Butterfly Festival in Mission, told The Monitor in McAllen. "We live in a biological gem."

More than 1,000 spectators participated in the weekend festival at Mission, despite cool and cloudy weather conditions that sent butterflies into hiding.

The Rio Grande Valley's biological diversity was on display for butterfly aficionados from as far away as Canada and New York.

Doctors welcomed



(Pampa News photo by Danny Cowan)

The three newest members of Pampa's medical community were welcomed with a reception last week at Pampa Regional Medical Center. Representing three different medical disciplines are, from left, Dr. George Smith, general surgeon; Dr. Salim Sagarwala, pediatrician; and Dr. David Hampton, orthopedic surgeon.

Painting the town white and green can keep it cooler

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A little more green and white instead of black can help keep Louisiana's capital of Baton Rouge cooler, federal scientists say after analyzing infrared photographs of the city.

A NASA-Environmental Protection Agency study showed that white roofs, lighter-colored pavement and trees providing shade to parking lots and streets can reduce heat and pollution in cities that can be 2 to 8 degrees hotter than the areas around them.

The study also included Atlanta, Salt Lake City and Sacramento, Calif., and has since spread to Houston, Los Angeles, Chicago and Phoenix.

Fran Stewart, an environmental scientist at the Department of Environmental Quality, reports to NASA and EPA this week on what Baton Rouge is doing to replace blacktop and add trees.

"I'd like to see pretty much all shade covering all parking areas," said Peggy Davis, educa-

tion director for Baton Rouge Green, a group dedicated to planting trees in the city. "I'm hoping for 60 percent."

Baton Rouge architect Coleman D. Brown is already convinced that white roofs are best for the commercial buildings he designs. He replaced the coal tar roof on his business five years ago with an insulated white roof, a move that dropped his monthly air conditioning bills from about \$2,500 to \$1,800 to \$2,000.

The white roof won't last as long, but the air conditioning savings more than make up the difference, he said.

Sacramento already requires new parking lots to include enough trees to shade at least half of the parking lot after 15 years.

In January, the Sacramento Municipal Utility District plans to offer the nation's first incentive for white roofs on both homes and commercial buildings, said Ray Tretheway, executive director of the Sacramento Tree Foundation.

"They're projecting they'll rebate 20 cents a square foot if you go to a cool roof," he said.

The Lawrence Berkley National Laboratory has said that doubling the space shaded by trees and adding several square miles of light surfaces would cut Sacramento's smoggy days in half, he said.

In Baton Rouge, painting the town white would go a long way toward the city reaching its air quality goal, said Hashem Akbari, head of the Lawrence Berkley National Laboratory's urban heat project.

"A lot of roofs are being changed every 10 years. And pavements also need to be resurfaced every seven to eight years. So we are hoping within 10 to 15 years, we would get to that objective," he said.

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Gas prices up three cents

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The retail price of gasoline rose nearly 3 cents per gallon nationwide as Middle East violence fueled concerns over supplies of crude oil products, an analyst said Sunday.

The average price of gasoline was about \$1.61 per gallon on Friday, up 2.8 cents from two weeks ago, according to the Lundberg Survey of 10,000 gas stations nationwide. Prices had dipped 3.5 cents per gallon earlier this month.

The recent attack on a U.S. warship near Yemen and growing concerns over the possibility of Israeli-Palestinian violence spilling over to neighboring oil-producing nations sent crude oil futures on the International Petroleum Exchange to a fresh post-Gulf War high of \$35.30 a barrel.

Persian Gulf oil producers have sought to reassure consumers that oil supplies will not

be disrupted. The Midwest saw prices jump an average of 10 cents per gallon for self-serve regular gasoline. The price remained fairly steady on the East Coast and dipped nearly 2 cents per gallon in the West.

The national weighted average price of gasoline, including taxes, at self-serve pumps Friday was \$1.57 per gallon for regular unleaded, \$1.67 per gallon for mid-grade and \$1.75 per gallon for premium.

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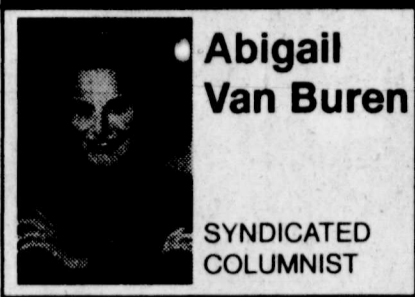


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Traveling in RV Offers No Recreation for Wife

DEAR ABBY: Ten years ago, my husband decided that we would purchase a motor home and travel. Biggest mistake I ever made. He refuses to look at a map. I am supposed to give the exact directions to all places, and if I get us lost, he goes totally berserk. We spend our nights in dirty truck stops; we do not "see the sights" because he passes everything by. I am supposed to do all the cooking, cleaning, etc. And to top it off, I get to do the laundry in the seediest Laundromats — with no help from him.

We spend two or three months a year cooped up in this tiny space while he watches TV (his channels). I have no place to carry a few hobby-type things to keep me from getting bored. Most of the time he's in a rotten mood, and I can't get away.



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

time. Either he immediately begins pulling his fair share of the "housekeeping" chores and sharing the remote control, or you're on the next plane home. Then do it.

DEAR ABBY: I just finished reading the letter from "Fuming in Ridgefield, N.J.," who was upset because she didn't receive a thank-you letter from her friend's daughter after sending a wedding gift.

A few months following my wedding, a friend of mine was married and I sent a gift. During the time that her thank-you notes would have been written, I moved to another address. Although I had my mail forwarded, I know of several pieces I did not receive. Because I didn't receive a thank-you note from my friend, I assumed it was lost in the mail, and I have never mentioned it to her. While I agree that it is unacceptable not to send a thank-you for a gift, I thought this might shed some light on why some people

may not receive one. **THANKFUL IN PENNSYLVANIA**

DEAR THANKFUL: If an acknowledgment of a gift is not forthcoming, the giver should diplomatically ask if the gift was received. Let me share a story with you:

One day I was talking with the late David Orgell, a brilliant retailer in Beverly Hills, whose store was patronized by celebrities and other wealthy folk. What he told me was an eye-opener. He said that finding delivery people he could trust was an ongoing problem, because packages were sometimes stolen by store couriers. He said florists and other retailers experience the same frustrating problem. He was emphatic that if acknowledgment of a gift is not received, the sender should follow up by asking if the package ever arrived. He also suggested that when instructing a store to deliver a gift, proof of delivery should be requested — meaning that someone must sign for it.

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Ladies, please think twice before your better half talks you into an RV. I would love to stay home, but he's so unreasonable, he won't hear of it. I try to tell him my feelings, but he doesn't want to hear them. How do I handle this situation? I simply hate this lifestyle. It is not fun. It is claustrophobic and inconvenient.

RV PRISONER IN LAS VEGAS

DEAR PRISONER: It's time to parole yourself. You have tolerated this situation far longer than most women would have. RVing is not for everyone. Turn up the volume and inform your jailer that you've served your

Horoscope

TUESDAY, OCT. 24, 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) ***** You're high-energy and close to unstoppable. Follow through on a financial matter early this morning. Success greets your work. Schedule meetings and gather others. Someone makes a strong overture in the afternoon. Your imagination holds interesting nuggets. Tonight: Invite a friend to a fun happening.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Get an early start. Success greets you in the morning and early afternoon. Ideas that need thought and evaluation bloom in the afternoon. Understand what is expected of you. Tonight: Work late if need be.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Get down to basics. Realize what you expect and want from your personal life. Your instincts prove to be correct. Creativity comes forth once you relax and resolve a personal problem. Allow more fun and caring at work. Good news comes from a distance. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Dig into your imagination and find out more about what is going on with a child or loved one. Your sense of humor comes out with a key personality.

Make important calls as soon as you get into work. Free-associate with a partner in the p.m. Tonight: Loosen up on restrictions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Handle finances in the morning. Know your limits with others. Examine long-term objectives with others. Communication draws another's good wishes. Aim for more of what you want. Don't worry about a nebulous conversation. Tonight: Let another choose.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Take a strict look at your finances, with an eye to the holidays. Know when you have had enough. Say so. A brainstorming session bonds coworkers and breeds good ideas. Tonight: Pay bills first.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Recognize your limits with a testy associate. You might also be more contrary than you realize. Talk about your needs, with an eye to the future. Your sense of humor helps you deal with others. Add more imagination to your work, and you'll gain. A flirtation draws attention. Tonight: Suit yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Get a head start on your day. Don't back off when you're focused on what you want. You impress others with your willingness to go to extremes to make what you want happen. Evaluate a decision that involves your family and home. You think you are making a good decision. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Think before you make a decision involving a difficult boss. If you're no longer happy with your work,

decide to make changes. Your ingenuity mixes with another's creativity in the afternoon. You could be amazed at the ideas you come up with. Free-associate in a brainstorming session. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Do prep work. You also might want to clear out additional work. You might not have the control you'd like in different realms of your life. Carefully evaluate a decision that involves another. You might notice that he can be difficult at times. Take charge of your work in the afternoon. Tonight: Work late if need be.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Your determination marks your decisions involving a partner. The problem remains that this person can put up considerable opposition. Are you ready to deal with that? You also might want to pull back and take an overview. Gain through seeking information. Seek solutions. Tonight: Make getaway plans for the near future.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Another clearly lets you know what is on his mind. You don't want to get into a power play or a conflict of wills. Understanding your limits proves to be primary. Intuition helps you deal with another, especially about a financial matter. Tonight: Talk with a loved one.

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Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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The Family Circus



"Mrs. Clarke told us it's a 'DOUBLE-U,' not a 'DUBYA.'"

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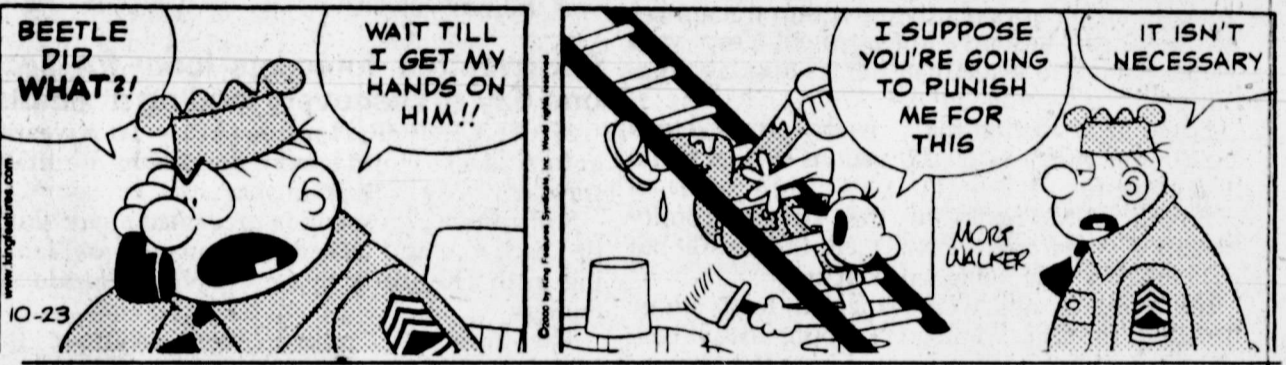
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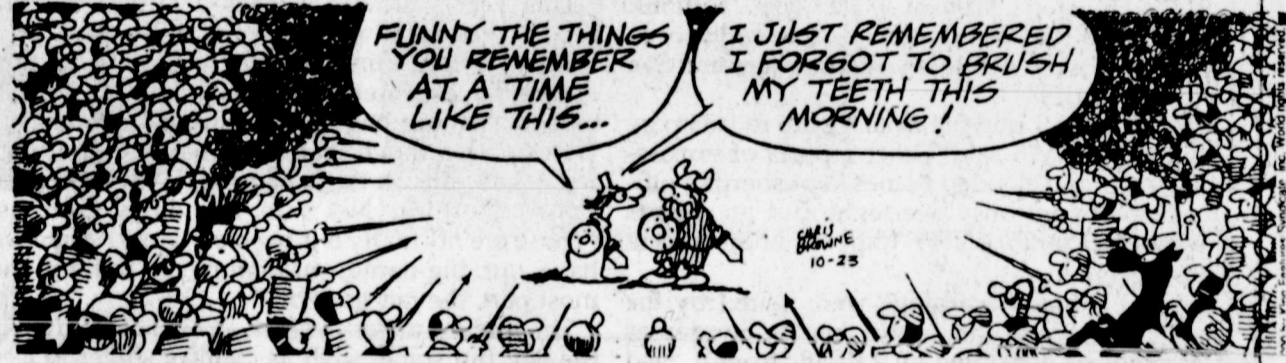
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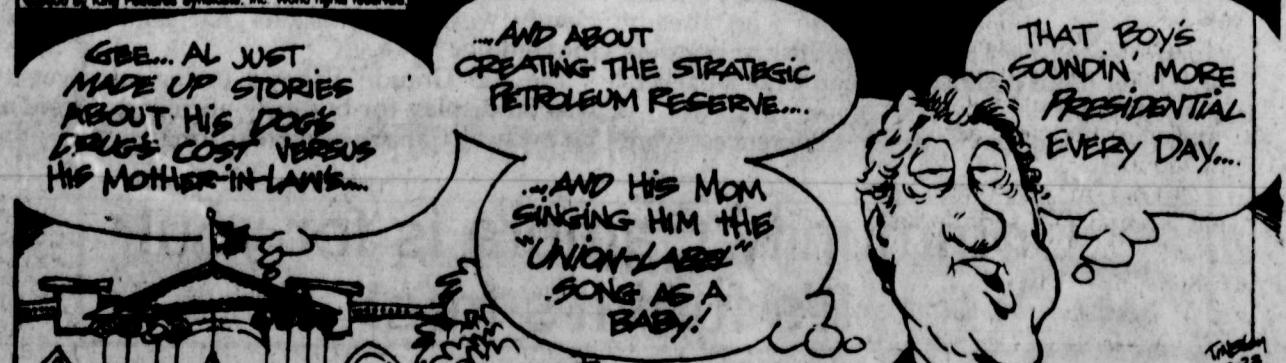
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SPORTS

Notebook

VOLLEYBALL

PAMPA — Pampa closed out the volleyball season on a winning note, defeating Borger 15-5, 15-7, Saturday in McNeely Fieldhouse.

The Lady Harvesters finished with a 6-8 record in District 3-4A and 8-21 for the season.

Destiny Engel led Pampa with 6 kills and 8 blocks. Danielle Martinez had 5 blocks and Chasity Nachtigall 4.

Charity Nachtigall had 8 blocks, 4 digs and 3 aces for the Lady Harvesters. Ashleigh Patton had 8 blocks, Jennifer Lindsey had 13 digs, while Alexis Amador and Chelsea McCullough had 4 digs each. Amador and Lindsey each had 3 aces.

FOOTBALL

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Dan Alexander scored twice as No. 1 Nebraska set a school record with 38 points in the first quarter and went on to a 59-0 victory over Baylor on Saturday.

The Huskers outgained the Bears 189 yards to 1 in the opening quarter and didn't start a possession in their own territory. Nebraska's 38 points in the quarter topped the school record of 35.

Starting quarterback Eric Crouch played in just the first quarter, running five times for 46 yards and a touchdown. He was 2-for-6 passing for 23 yards.

Alexander had 14 carries for 104 yards, his fifth 100-yard game of the season, and Correll Buckhalter ran six times for 76 yards and two touchdowns.

Baylor finished with just 84 total yards, 5 rushing.

Jammal Lord led the Huskers on a 12-play, 80-yard drive and capped it with a 2-yard TD run.

BOXING

NEW YORK (AP) — Andrew Golota, hurting and humiliated, was worried about what his 9-year-old daughter Alexandra would think about his fight against Mike Tyson.

"What will Ola (Alexandra's pet name) think? I told her I would win the fight," Mariola Golota said her husband wondered.

Golota quit after the second round Friday night and left the ring in Palace of Auburn Hills near Detroit to a chorus of boos, a shower of soda and beer and severe criticism from the media.

"Everybody just assumed, well, here we have a winner and a quitter," said Golota's wife, a lawyer whose office in northwest Chicago was pelted with eggs and had garbage dumped in front of it. "There was more involved."

Golota was admitted to Chicago's Resurrection Hospital Saturday afternoon with a concussion, a fractured left cheek bone and a herniated disk in his neck.

"Andrew wanted to win the fight," his wife said. "He wanted to show everybody he could fight clean and he could win."

"He got hurt, he got injured and it's probably the smartest thing he did," she said of his refusal to continue.

Dr. Wesley Yapor, a neurosurgeon treating Golota, described the fighter's injuries Sunday on a conference call with Mrs. Golota.

He said the 32-year-old Golota sustained a herniated disk between the fourth and fifth cervical vertebrae, and that he had been fitted with a cervical collar.

"If the symptoms persist, he might need surgery," Yapor said.

After an MRI, it was thought that there was a little bleeding in the brain, but that doesn't appear to be the case, according to Yapor.

"It's not uncommon for people who sustain serious head injuries to have a cervical injury," said Yapor.

Cowboys rush past Cardinals, 48-7

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Considering how unimpressive they looked in their first six games, the Dallas Cowboys deserve some time to savor their most lopsided victory since 1980. Time's up.

As impressive as Dallas looked in a 48-7 victory over the Arizona Cardinals on Sunday, the Cowboys took advantage of a team while it's down.

Whether this was one great game or the start of a streak won't be known for at least a week — and the Cowboys know it.

"I caution about reading too much into the game," said Troy Aikman, who was 9-for-15 for 154 yards and two second-half touchdowns. "We just have to move on."

Even team owner Jerry Jones, who blamed himself for setting

expectations too high, tempered his praise.

"We know we can't win them all," Jones said. "But I think this shows we have the chance to be in games and be competitive. You could say, 'It's the Arizona Cardinals,' but any time in the NFL you can have a close game or get beat."

The Cowboys know it because they lost 32-31 to the Cardinals in the second week of the season. And both teams came into the game 2-4.

The storyline for Dallas centered on how Aikman would rebound from a five-interception game.

But his bad back and a running attack that was trampling the second-to-worst run defense — better only than the Cowboys — took matters out of his hands.

Aikman didn't complete a pass

until 3:10 before halftime, but it didn't matter because Dallas already was up 21-0. The lead ballooned to 48-0 before Arizona scored its only touchdown.

The Cowboys ran on 20 of their first 28 plays, including 10 straight en route to a 27-0 half-time lead. They finished with a season-high 200 yards and three touchdowns, one shy of their season total, against a defense that held them to 90 yards in the first meeting.

"No disrespect to them, but if we weren't able to run the ball against them, something was wrong," said running back Emmitt Smith, who ran for 112 yards and a touchdown.

Injury-riddled Arizona endured its worst defeat since 1981. The Cardinals have lost four of five games since beating the Cowboys and have dropped

11 straight regular-season games in Texas Stadium.

"The main objective for us today was to stop the running game and not let Emmitt control the game," linebacker Ronald McKinnon said. "But they ran the ball straight at us and we couldn't stop it."

Arizona's offense wasn't any better, gaining just 99 yards through three quarters. The special teams allowed Wane McGarity to return a punt for a touchdown, just like he did last time the teams met.

The Cardinals gained 177 yards in the final period, but were stopped on downs inside the 5-yard line twice.

"This is one of the worst games I have been involved with," said quarterback Jake Plummer, who was 20-of-31 for 180 yards, with three interceptions. "It's a sick

feeling right now."

The Cowboys could be clicking at the right time.

Against Jacksonville next Sunday, Dallas will try for its first two-game winning streak since starting last season 3-0. The Cowboys then go to Philadelphia and play Cincinnati at home.

"I still don't know," safety Darren Woodson said. "We play well one week and we don't play well the next one. Right now, we're still up in the air."

Notes: Smith has run for touchdowns in five straight games, his longest streak since 1996. ... Dallas fullback Robert Thomas, a linebacker until last season, has caught TD passes in consecutive games. ... Arizona has been outscored 56-3 in first quarters this season. It has gone 23 games without a first-quarter touchdown from the offense.



(Photo by Grover Black)

Pampa's Johnny Moore (12) tries to shake off a Palo Duro defender in a 9th grade football game last week at Harvester Stadium. Moore ran back a kickoff for a 70-yard touchdown in the game.

Yanks hold off 9th-inning rally by Mets to take 2-0 lead

NEW YORK (AP) — The flash-point was the jagged barrel of a bat, not a beanball.

And even after the New York Mets nearly pulled off one of the greatest comebacks in World Series history, Game 2 was still all about Roger Clemens and Mike Piazza.

The Yankees withstood the Mets' five-run rally in the ninth inning for a 6-5 win Sunday night and a 2-0 lead. Questions about the game were practically irrelevant because only one mattered: Did Clemens try to hit Piazza with the bat, or did he just throw it in his direction?

Clemens wound up pitching eight shutout innings and leading the Yankees to their record 14th straight World Series victory. But when the benches emptied in the very first inning, it was clear this Subway Series had a definite-mean streak, fueled by a beating that was far from forgotten.

"There was no intent," Clemens said repeatedly. "I was fired up and emotional and flung the bat toward the on-deck circle where the batboy was. I had no idea that Mike was running."

"I guess it came close to him," he said. "I came back into the dugout and I said I've got to get control of my emotions and calm down."

Asked about the play, Yankees manager Joe Torre snapped, uncharacteristically: "Let's try to analyze it: Why would he throw it at him? So he could get thrown out of the game in the second game of the World Series? Does that make any sense to anybody? Somebody answer me."

The umpires agreed and did not eject Clemens. But Mets reliever John Franco wasn't so sure it was innocent.

"I think he knew what he was doing all along and is coming up with excuses," he said.

Said Piazza: "It was just so bizarre."

"When he threw the bat, I basically walked out and kept asking him what his problem was," Piazza said. "He really had no response."

"I was trying to figure out whether it was intentional or not. I was going to ask him. If it was, then obviously he really had no response," he said. "I was more shocked and confused than anything."

So was Mets manager Bobby Valentine, who said he was watching the foul ball Piazza hit and did not see Clemens' reaction.

"It is one of those crazy situations that seems to happen to New York teams," Valentine said.

Piazza seemed to unleash all his fury in the ninth, hitting a two-run homer off reliever Jeff Nelson. Jay Payton later hit a three-run homer off Mariano Rivera to make it 6-5 with two outs, but Rivera struck out Kurt Abbott to end it.

Scott Brosius homered off loser Mike Hampton and hit a sacrifice fly, and Paul O'Neill, Derek Jeter and Tino Martinez each had three hits for the Yankees.

Now, when the Series shifts to Shea Stadium for Game 3 Tuesday night, the Mets must hope Rick Reed can somehow beat Orlando Hernandez, the only pitcher ever to win his first eight postseason decisions.

His cap pulled down low and his glove held high to shield all but his eyes, Clemens held the Mets to two singles.

The Rocket was clearly revved up from the start, bouncing all around the diamond to congratulate his fielders. He hardly needed a lot of help as he struck out nine and walked none.

Throwing 97 mph fastballs, Clemens evened his career postseason record at 5-5 in 16 starts.

This win came after his one-hit, 15-strikeout shutout over Seattle in Game 4 of the ALCS.

In that victory over the Mariners, Clemens showed he meant business by buzzing two fastballs past Alex Rodriguez in the opening inning.

But that did not nearly match the fury that erupted in the first inning against the Mets.

Ever since the Mets-Yankees matchup was set, the whole city wondered what would happen when Clemens faced Piazza for the first time since hitting him in the head with a fastball in an interleague game right before the All-Star game.

The sellout crowd of 56,059 did not have to wait long for the answer.

Clemens struck out Timo Perez and Edgardo Alfonzo to start the game, and that brought up Piazza.

Boos filled the ballpark as Piazza, 7-for-12 with three home runs lifetime against Clemens, slowly walked to the plate.

Then on a 1-2 count, all the ten-

sion that had been brewing suddenly blew up.

Piazza shattered his bat on a foul ball, and the barrel went skittering toward the mound. Clemens instantly reacted, grabbing the broken piece and furiously slinging it in Piazza's path as the Mets star jogged toward first base.

Piazza stopped with the bat handle in his hand, looked at Clemens and took a couple of steps in his direction. As plate umpire Charlie Reliford rushed between them, players from the dugouts and bullpens ran onto the field.

There was some pushing, but no punching, as Clemens and Piazza were kept apart and order was quickly restored.

Valentine said he was watching the ball, rather than Clemens, and did not see what happened.

"It's my screwup if I should've protested the game or something," he said.

When the inning ended, Clemens walked over to Reliford and said the words "my fault"

during a 30-second discussion.

Said Reliford: "I don't think he threw the bat at him on purpose. He's just a competitor."

"He just picked up the bat and winged it," umpire crew chief Ed Montague said. "It was just an emotional deal that built over the months."

Piazza grounded out on the next pitch, and that was the last sign of trouble between the two stars. Piazza went hitless in three at-bats against Clemens.

Hampton, the MVP of the NLCS with 16 shutout innings against St. Louis, retired the first two batters in the first before walking David Justice and Bernie Williams. Tino Martinez and Jorge Posada followed with RBI singles, and the Yankees were ahead for good.

Brosius hit his seventh career postseason home run to start the second and O'Neill hit an RBI single in the fifth. Brosius added a sacrifice fly in the seventh off Rick White and Martinez singled home a run in the eighth off Dennis Cook.

Presidents Cup no Ryder Cup, but Americans are happy anyway

GAINESVILLE, Va. (AP) — Perhaps the concept was flawed to begin with — or maybe the Presidents Cup just needs some more time.

The fourth edition of the international competition ended with a whimper Sunday, along with some uncertainties how it will play out two years from now in South Africa.

No sooner had the American team avenged a blowout loss in Australia with a romp of its own to win back the cup, than the question turned to whether the

top U.S. players will want to travel to South Africa to defend it.

"We'll see how much they love this cup they just won," South African Ernie Els said.

For a week, at least, they seemed to love it greatly, with American player after American player insisting that they took the duty of representing their country in the Presidents Cup seriously.

It's hard to argue after seeing the results — a 21 1/2-10 1/2 win that set a record for the

young event. But it was clear by the subdued reaction of both the crowd and the players that this was no Ryder Cup.

That's partly because most of the international players are friends with the U.S. players. Unlike most members of the European Ryder Cup team, they live in the United States and play on the PGA Tour.

And the Presidents Cup is still in its infancy. It began only in 1994, and it will take years to get a tradition and rivalry to grow.

Nebraska-Virginia Tech remain 1-2 in Associated Press poll

By RICHARD ROSENBLATT
AP Football Writer

Maybe it's the calm before the storm.

Nebraska and Virginia Tech remained 1-2 in The Associated Press Top 25 poll Sunday as the top 11 teams went unchanged from last week.

Although Virginia Tech had a close-call 22-14 win over Syracuse on Saturday, the Hokies still held the No. 2 spot, but No. 3 Oklahoma closed the gap considerably. Last week, the Sooners trailed the Hokies by 53 points — now the margin is six points.

Nebraska (7-0), a 59-0 winner over Baylor, received 67 first-place votes and 1,747 points, while Virginia Tech (7-0) had no first-place votes and 1,605 points. Oklahoma (6-0), which plays host to the Huskers on Saturday, had three first-place votes and 1,599 points. The Sooners did not play over the weekend.

Miami (5-1), a 45-17 winner over Temple, was No. 4 and Clemson (8-0), a 38-24 winner over North Carolina, was No. 5.

Florida State (7-1) was No. 6, followed by No. 7 Oregon (7-1), No. 8 Florida (6-1), No. 9 Washington (6-1), No. 10 Kansas State (7-1) and No. 11 TCU (6-0).

Ohio State, a 38-10 winner over Iowa, was No. 12, followed by No. 13 Georgia, No. 14 Southern Mississippi, No. 15 Michigan, No. 16 Purdue, No. 17 South Carolina, No. 18 Oregon State, No. 19 Notre Dame and No. 20 Mississippi State.

North Carolina State, which plays Florida State next Saturday,

was No. 21, followed by No. 22 Texas, No. 23 Northwestern, No. 24 Arizona and No. 25 Auburn.

Mississippi State, a 45-38 overtime loser to LSU, dropped seven spots, while Arizona, a 14-10 loser to Oregon, fell three spots from a week ago.

Texas and Auburn returned to the Top 25 after brief absences; UCLA and Minnesota dropped out.

In the USA Today/ESPN coaches poll, the top five were Nebraska, Virginia Tech, Oklahoma, Clemson and Miami.

Softball Standings

| City of Pampa Softball Standings | | |
|----------------------------------|-----|------|
| Men's Open | | |
| Team | Won | Lost |
| B.D.C.I. | 5 | 0 |
| Culbertson-Stowers | 3 | 2 |
| A-Team | 1 | 4 |
| Wolfpack | 1 | 4 |
| Division Two | | |
| Team | Won | Lost |
| Doan's Truck Repair | 7 | 1 |
| Domino's | 5 | 3 |
| Derrick Dawgs | 5 | 3 |
| Pampa Bulls | 4 | 4 |
| Century 21 | 3 | 5 |
| Jammers | 0 | 8 |
| Mixed Open | | |

| Division One | | | |
|--------------------|-----|------|--|
| Team | Won | Lost | |
| Pampa Cyber Net | 6 | 1 | |
| The Jungle Salon | 4 | 3 | |
| McCain's Body Shop | 3 | 4 | |
| Texas Vipers | 1 | 6 | |
| Division Two | | | |
| Team | Won | Lost | |
| Easy's | 7 | 1 | |
| Stan's Hot Shots | 6 | 2 | |
| DK Glass | 5 | 3 | |
| Pampa Machine | 4 | 4 | |
| Trinity Fellowship | 1 | 7 | |
| United Supermarket | 1 | 7 | |

— Standings as of Oct. 20

Record catch



(Special photo)

Sage Neffendorf gets help from his dad, Tommy, in lifting a 20-pound catfish Sage pulled from Lake McClellan on Oct. 13. The catfish was a record catch since the lake was refilled with water in June of 1995. The fish, which was caught on rabbit liver, was released back into the lake.

Battle for the Buck

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A Houston oilman and a West Texas family, who have locked horns for two years, are scheduled to be in a Houston court Tuesday to battle for the trophy head of the ninth-largest white-tailed buck shot in the state.

The trial of the "Stringer Buck" pits Phillip Stringer, a professional oil trader who bagged the 12-point buck in December 1992, against Louis Bruni, a Laredo city councilman whose family owns the 13,000-acre South Texas ranch where the deer was shot.

The white-tailed deer had a huge pair of antlers, tallied at 187 4/8 net points, ranking it ninth on the Boone and Crockett list for Texas.

Stringer's lawyer says the rack could be worth as much as \$1 million, while John Stein of San Antonio, an official scorer who measured the antlers, says they're priceless.

"I would settle for the deer head and my legal expenses, and I'd go home a happy man. But

they've tried to steal it," Stringer is quoted as saying in the San Antonio Express-News.

Bruni says the stuffed head will stay where it has for six years, keeping Bruni's 88-year-old ailing mother, Anita Bruni, company.

"She sits in the den by her television set, real close to that deer. And for some reason, it reminds her of my father, because my father always protected the white-tailed deer. It has deep personal significance to her," Bruni said. "My mother has a sickle to her back for that deer head and have it remain in the Bruni family."

Stringer and the family seemed to work out a mutually beneficial agreement in 1994 with a contract written by Stringer that gave ownership of the antlers to the Houston oilman and trophy hunter. It allowed Bruni to use them in exchange for Stringer being able to shoot one deer on the South Texas ranch every six months. The deal allowed either side to cancel the deal at any time.

Injuries, huge rushing days punctuate NFL

By The Associated Press

On a day when Corey Dillon rushed into the record book, Kurt Warner and a bunch of other NFL stars were grounded.

Dillon broke Walter Payton's single-game rushing mark with 278 yards and scored twice Sunday, leading Cincinnati to its first victory this season, 31-21 over Denver. Dillon, who already has the rookie rushing record of 246 yards, ran for touchdowns of 65 and 41 yards to best Payton, who had 275 yards against Minnesota on Nov. 20, 1977.

"I'm still in shock," said Dillon, who dropped to his knees, drove his facemask into the ground and prayed while jubilant teammates dumped containers of water on his back.

"I still don't believe it. From how I was running, I didn't see that I had that many yards. I was just out there, trying to get 4 yards."

Dillon's heroics came in the midst of a rash of injuries around the league. Defending Super Bowl champion St. Louis lost quarterback Warner (broken right pinkie), last year's MVP, for perhaps a month.

Marshall Faulk, the 1999

Offensive Player of the Year, bruised his shoulder in the Rams' first loss this season, 54-34 at Kansas City.

The Chiefs saw their quarterback, Elvis Grbac, go out with an elbow problem, but X-rays were negative.

Tennessee star running back Eddie George left early in a 14-6 win at Baltimore with a sprained right knee.

Both of Seattle's quarterbacks, Brock Huard and Jon Kitna, sustained concussions in a 31-3 loss at Oakland. A pair of rookie passers from the Class of '99, Chicago's Cade McNown (separated shoulder) and Cincinnati's Akili Smith (dizziness) were sidelined.

So was Denver defensive tackle Trevor Pryce, who had 6 1/2 sacks in the previous three games and strained his right knee against Cincinnati.

Indianapolis beat New England 30-23, but lost rookie linebacker Rob Morris (torn patellar tendon in his right knee) and defensive tackle Ellis Johnson (sprained right knee). Jacksonville lost offensive lineman Zach Weigert and defensive lineman Gary Walker with sprained knees in a 35-16 home defeat to Washington.

Minnesota is the league's only unbeaten team after a 31-27 win over Buffalo in which Gary Anderson became the NFL's career scoring leader with 2,004 points.

Elsewhere, it was Dallas 48, Arizona 7; New Orleans 21, Atlanta 19; Philadelphia 13, Chicago 9; Tennessee 14, Baltimore 6; Carolina 34, San Francisco 16; Cleveland 0.

On Thursday night, Detroit beat Tampa Bay 28-14. Monday night, Miami is at the New York Jets.

Idle this week were the New

York Giants, San Diego and Green Bay.

Bengals 31, Broncos 21

Cincinnati (1-6) won for the first time in four games in its new Paul Brown Stadium as Dillon ran wild against Denver (4-4), which was yielding just 65 yards rushing a game.

Smith was dazed on a sack and left. He completed only two passes for 34 yards, but the Bengals ground out a team-record 407 yards, the most in the NFL in 50 years. Peter Warrick also had a 77-yard touchdown run.

Wheeler rallies by Gruver

WHEELER — Wheeler came from behind to defeat Gruver 28-21 in a District 1-1A football game Friday night.

The Mustangs were trailing 21-7 in the second quarter when they scored the next 21 points, all on touchdown runs by Caleb Finsterwald.

Wheeler improved its record to 2-0 in district and 3-4 for the season. Gruver is 0-2 and 4-3.

Finsterwald, who rushed for 149 yards on 29 attempts, scored on runs of 4, 7, and 10 yards.

Chris Gallagher scored the

Mustangs other TD on a 2-yard run.

Justin Chapman added to Wheeler's ground attack with 102 yards on 19 carries. Bret Goad kicked 4 extra points.

Aaron Weller paced Gruver with 148 yards on 11 carries and a pair of touchdowns.

Wheeler finished with 379 yards of total offense while Gruver had 231. Wheeler had a big edge in first downs, 24-9.

Wheeler goes to Booker on Friday night for more district action.

After win, Jarrett still has goal in 2000

ROCKINGHAM, N.C. (AP) — A second straight championship is out of the question, but that doesn't mean Dale Jarrett and his team don't have a goal in mind.

Todd Parrott, Jarrett's crew chief since 1996, helped the driver celebrate his first race victory in eight months Sunday, then said, "We've got a little bit of pride on the line here."

"We haven't finished out of the top three (in points) since we've had this team together, so these last three races we're going to fight hard to try to get back into that position."

After Jarrett pulled away from Jeff Gordon at the end of the Pop Secret Popcorn 400 to record his first victory at North Carolina Speedway — his first win since the season-opening Daytona 500 on Feb. 20 — the defending Winston Cup champ found himself fourth in the standings, trailing leader Bobby Labonte by a convincing 330 points.

But, with races in Phoenix, Homestead, Fla., and Atlanta remaining, Jarrett is behind

third-place Jeff Burton by just 79 points and is within 129 of runner-up Dale Earnhardt.

"I'm disappointed that we can't get ourselves a championship battle because the last few years we've been kind of accustomed to that and, truly, that's a lot of fun," Jarrett said. "But I also know that every year can't be like last year, so we just keep working hard trying to get our race team better."

They certainly got everything right Sunday as Jarrett, Parrott and the crew of the No. 88 Bert Yates Racing Ford kept making adjustments until the car came out of the final pit stop in front for the first time all day.

Jarrett led the final 43 of 393 laps on the track where he had finished second six times in his last nine starts, beating Gordon to the finish line by 2.197-seconds — nearly a full straightaway on the 1.107-mile oval.

The race was slowed in the late laps by a fire in the pits that injured a crewman and two track firefighters and brought out the

last of nine caution flags.

Following that caution, Gordon drove past Ricky Rudd to take second place and challenge Jarrett moments after the green flag came out for the start of lap 354.

It was Gordon who beat him in two of those second-place finishes. The 1997 spring race was particularly frustrating for Jarrett, who dominated only to see Gordon race past in the final stages.

"I think in some of those times past we learned some things from Jeff Gordon and his team," Jarrett said. "They taught us a lesson that one day for sure, where we thought we were really home free and the last 30 laps they blew us away."

"When I looked up and saw he had passed Ricky back there, I was thinking, 'Uh, oh, what's going to happen this time?' But we had made the right decisions. It was nice to be able to beat Jeff."

Gordon said his crew made major adjustments on the last pit

stop "and the car came to life."

"But then it fell off after a little while. If I could have got ahead of D.J., it might have been a different story, but he was definitely quicker there at the end."

Earnhardt, trying desperately to catch Labonte in their championship duel, failed to take advantage of what could have been a huge break.

Labonte lost a lap when he pitted with a deflating tire just four laps before a caution flag brought out by the fire in Matt Kenseth's pit allowed the rest of the leaders to make their final stops under caution.

Earnhardt, who had been running among the leaders most of the day, suddenly developed handling problems and slipped back into the field. At one point, he was 19th, the last driver on the lead lap, just one position ahead of Labonte.

The seven-time champion managed to pass a few cars in the waning laps and finished 17th, gaining nine points on the leader.

IOC rules against Leipold; gold medal goes to Amarillo's Slay

GENEVA (AP) — The International Olympic Committee stripped German freestyle wrestler Alexander Leipold of his Olympic gold medal Monday after he failed a drug test.

The gold will now go to the silver medalist, Brandon Slay, of Amarillo, Texas, who lost 4-0 to Leipold in the final of the 167 1/2-pound division. South Korea's Moon Eui Jae would move up from the bronze medal to silver, while Turkey's Adem Bereket would go from fourth to third.

In a written statement, the IOC executive committee said it had ordered the German Olympic Committee to "withdraw and return" Leipold's

gold medal for the men's 167 1/2-pound category.

The IOC said Leipold's urine samples indicated the presence of Norandrosterone and Norethiocholanolone — precursors of nandrolone — in concentrations 10 times higher than the maximum permitted under IOC rules.

Leipold, the first German wrestler to ever test positive at the Olympics, appeared last week at a hearing of the IOC medical commission, which was investigating two positive drug cases in wrestling from the final weekend of the Sydney Games. Following the hearing, the medical commission recommended that Leipold be stripped of his

medal.

Leipold maintains his innocence, saying he has no idea how he could have tested positive for nandrolone, an anabolic steroid which has produced a rash of drug scandals around the world over the last two years.

"It's not the kind of drug you take for wrestling," he said following his hearing last week. "I don't wrestle with power but with tactic and technique."

"There are a lot of competitors, sportsmen, who have this problem. Nobody know what happens, what has nandrolone in it."

Leipold said he was tested at the end of August and came

out clean that time. He is the third athlete from the Sydney Olympics to lose a gold medal for a doping offense.

The IOC executive committee also decided to officially exclude Mongolian wrestler Oyunbileg Purevbaatar, who was found to have used the diuretic furosemide after finishing fifth in the 127 3/4-pound class.

The two positive results were confirmed the day after the games ended.

The IOC medical commission usually judges drug cases within a few days, but it delayed action because the athletes had already left and were not available for a hearing.

The IOC said it had not yet decided about a new medal ceremony for Slay.

Leipold is the fifth athlete from the Sydney Olympics to be stripped of a medal for a doping offense, the third to lose gold.

Romanian gymnast Andreea Raducan lost her all-around gold after testing positive for pseudoephedrine, apparently from cold pills.

Bulgarian weightlifter Izabela Dragneva had her gold in the 105-pound class taken away after her urine sample showed traces of furosemide. That gold was given to another American, Tara Nott of Colorado Springs, Colo., who became the first weightlifter

from the United States to win a gold in 40 years.

Two men's Bulgarian weightlifters lost silver and bronze medals after testing positive for furosemide, and an Armenian weightlifter was stripped of a bronze for nandrolone.

The two latest wrestling cases brought to 11 the number of positive tests reported by the IOC during the Sydney Games — nine from in-competition drug controls and two from out-of-competition screening.

The 11 positives are the most at an Olympics since 12 were recorded at the 1984 Los Angeles Games.

Effort to free federal money for stem cell research dead for year

WASHINGTON (AP) - Congress will wait until next year before deciding whether to remove key restrictions on federal funding for embryonic stem cell research...

A final attempt to get a bill through the Senate late last month was blocked by Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan., a leading abortion opponent.

Supporters of the research, including Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee's Health and Human Services panel, argue that it can save lives.

"Stem cells have such a remarkable opportunity to cure many of the most difficult maladies and diseases which confront America and the world today," Specter said.

replacing ravaged cells in the body. The federal government has not funded any research into embryonic stem cells because of a congressional ban on any research that destroys human embryos.

"There are strong and passionate feelings about it on both sides in terms of what it can do for some health problems and there are others who obviously think this is an improper use," Lott said.

Embryonic stem cells are the master cells that in very early embryos generate all the other tissues of the body. Scientists think those cells possibly could cure such diseases as Alzheimer's, diabetes or Parkinson's, or even repair broken spinal cords by

Opponents want scientists limited to using stem cells from adults. But researchers say adult stem cells are far more scarce and may not grow as well as those found in embryos, so trying both approaches is crucial.

The National Institutes of Health has proposed allowing federal funding of research on stem cells that are removed from human embryos but forbid-

ding research on the embryo itself. Specter's legislation would go further, letting women agree to donate to federally funded researchers their left-over embryos from in-vitro fertilization.

Specter brought in actors Michael J. Fox and Mary Tyler Moore and other celebrities to a September hearing to push for the legislation.

"The consistent and inescapable conclusion is that this research offers the potential to eliminate diseases, literally saving millions of lives," said Fox. He left the ABC sitcom "Spin City" in May to devote more time to fighting Parkinson's after he was diagnosed as having the progressive neurological disorder.

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