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Chuckwagon cookoff will benefit museum

CLARENDON — The ninth annual Col. Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff will be Saturday, Sept. 27, at Saints Roost Museum in Clarendon. The gate will open at 7 a.m., with breakfast and lunch concessions provided by the local Boy Scout Troop. The tradeshow will get under way at 10 a.m. Museum tours will be available all day. Saints' Roost Jamboree Band, Red River Valley Band of McLean, Dusty Armstrong of White Deer and others will be performing for the crowd. Church services with Shannon Hall of LoCo, Okla., will be held in a tent Sunday. Admission is free. Tickets to the chuckwagon supper, served at 5 p.m., are \$10 each. For more information, call (806) 874-3517. Proceeds benefit the museum.

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Death penalty out in murder cases

District attorney says cost of two capital murder trials too much for taxpayers.

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
 EDITOR

District Attorney Rick Roach will not seek the death penalty for two Pampans accused of killing two Pampa women.

"I don't intend to seek the death penalty on (Joseph Landon) Ridenour or (Jeffery J.) Goldsmith," Roach said Wednesday. "I'm not prepared to tax Gray County for two death penalty cases."

Roach said expenses to defend the two men had already begun to mount.

At the Sept. 15 meeting of Gray

County Commissioners Court, Commissioner Joe Wheeley questioned two expenditures of \$25,000 each for legal services. County Auditor Elaine Morris explained the funds were advance credits to defense attorneys in capital murder trials.

In early August, a Gray County grand jury indicted Joseph Landon Ridenour, 66, and Jeffery J. Goldsmith, 42, for capital murder in connection with two separate incidents.

Ridenour is charged with shooting his former girlfriend, Evarene "Eva" Fritz, 48, to death in her apartment on July 19.

According to the indictment handed up in 223rd District Court, the murder constituted a capital offense because it was committed in the course of burglarizing Fritz's apartment.

During the same session, grand jurors indicted Goldsmith in the May 28 bearing death of his 31-year-old wife, Ethel Jean Goldsmith. Authorities found the woman's body in a desolate part of Wheeler County, about 10 miles east of Wheeler.

Goldsmith is alleged to have beaten his wife to death with a bat while kidnapping her.

Both men's bond was initially set at \$500,000.

Last week, Ridenour's bond was reduced to \$50,000. Roach said that his attorneys sought a bond reduction for health reasons. Ridenour appeared in court in a wheelchair, the DA said.

Ridenour is presently free on the \$50,000 bond. Chief Deputy Kelly Rushing confirmed today.

Goldsmith remained in Gray County Jail today in lieu of \$500,000 bond, Rushing said.

Roach said Goldsmith's attorney has filed a motion to reduce bond.

Saddam defense minister gives up

U.S. troops fight overnight battle after three soldiers killed, two hurt

TIKRIT, Iraq (AP) — Saddam Hussein's last defense minister surrendered Friday to an American commander, and U.S. troops backed by helicopters and armored vehicles fought an overnight battle near Tikrit after coming under a coordinated attack that killed three soldiers and wounded two.

Though Americans have been the targets of near-daily attacks, the battle in and around the village of Uja — Saddam's birthplace — was unusual because of its intensity and length. The fighting lasted from 8 p.m. Thursday until daybreak Friday, the military said.

The violence came as U.S. troops claimed a victory in their effort to track down remnants of Saddam's regime. Former Gen. Sultan Hashim Ahmad, Iraq's last defense minister, surrendered after weeks of negotiations.

Dawood Bagistani, who arranged the surrender to Maj. Gen. David Petraeus, said Ahmad was handed over "with great respect" and was with his family at the time.

Bagistani said the American military had promised to remove Ahmad's name from the list of 55 most-wanted, meaning he would not face indefinite confinement and possible prosecution.

Ahmad, the eight of hearts in the deck of playing cards of Iraqi fugitives, was no. 27 on the most-wanted list. Thirty-eight of that group are now in custody and 14 remain at large. Three are either dead or

thought to be dead. The special treatment for Ahmad could be an effort to defuse the guerrilla-style attacks that are taking a toll on U.S. soldiers. Many of the attackers are thought to be former soldiers in Saddam's army, and seeing their former military leader well-treated by the Americans might encourage them to abandon their insurgency.

It could also score points for the Americans among local tribes, whose leaders wanted Ahmad to be well-treated.

The Tikrit attacks were the most intense and coordinated since U.S. forces arrived in the area in April, according to Maj. Jocelyn Aberle, a spokeswoman for the 4th Infantry Division.

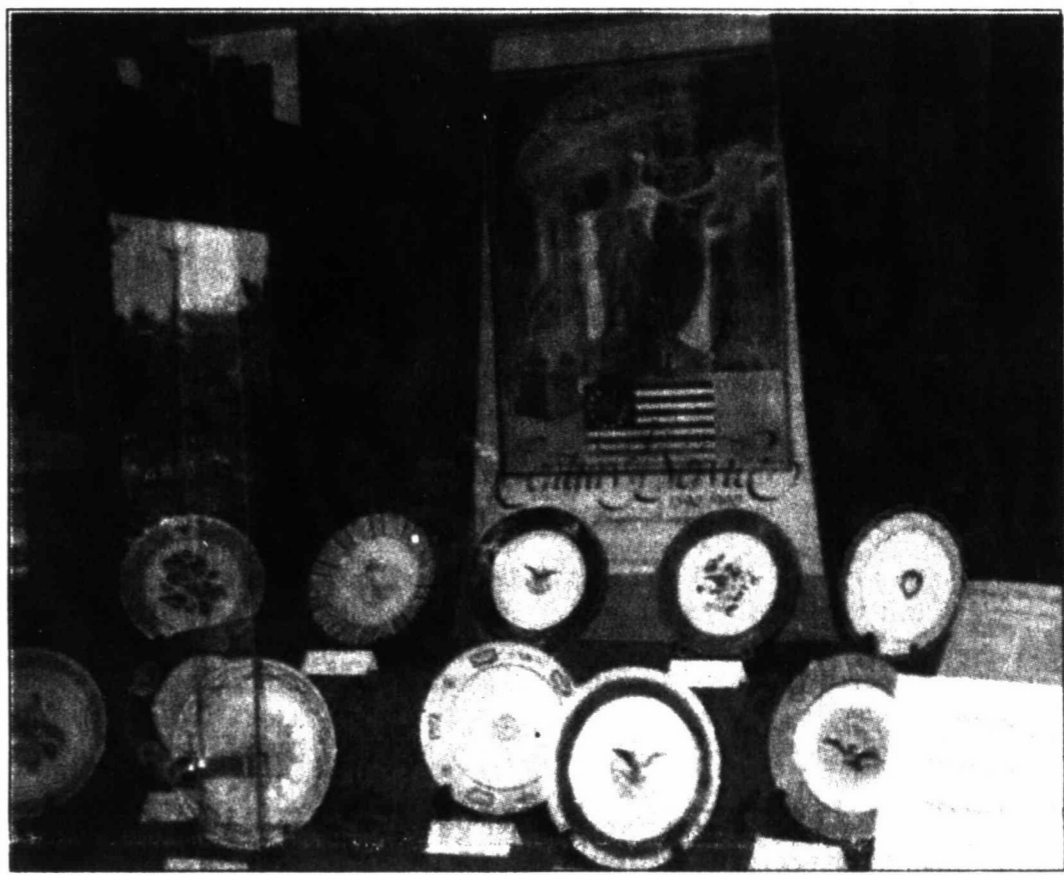
They began as soldiers were sealing off parts of Uja, about five miles south of Tikrit, to conduct a raid against Iraqi resistance cells. Gunmen in a white pickup opened fire on an observation post, followed by rocket and small arms fire on a patrol that killed the three Americans.

Insurgents also launched attacks against two bases on using rocket propelled grenades and heavy machine guns. The two wounded soldiers brought to a medical station in a blood-soaked vehicle were listed in stable condition, said Col. James Hickey, commander of the division's 1st Brigade.

He said 58 Iraqi men of military age were captured, including those believed

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Presidential plates



(Courtesy photo)

Copies of china patterns used in the White House by 11 presidents are currently on display in the foyer of Lovett Memorial Library in observance of Constitution Week, Sept. 17-23. The plates are limited editions by Danbury Mint and are on loan by Fran Gross of Panhandle. The display is sponsored by Las Pampas Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution. The patterns are those of George Washington plus 10 presidents in office in the 1800s including Ulysses Grant and Abraham Lincoln.

Republicans vote to put Democrats on 'probation'

AUSTIN (AP) — Democrats who boycotted the Texas Senate to block congressional redistricting won't have to pay their \$57,000 apiece in fines — if they behave themselves, their Republican counterparts say.

The Senate, in a vote almost entirely along party lines, approved a Republican proposal Thursday to hold off enforcing fines against 11 Democrats who fled to Albuquerque, N.M., to break a legislative quorum and prevent a vote on redistricting.

But the Republican senators placed the Democrats on "probation" until January 2005, when the next regular legislative session starts.

If the Democrats leave again to break a quorum before then, they were told, they would have to pay the \$57,000 apiece in fines that Republican senators already have imposed.

The Democrats fumed and accused the Republican of treating them as "second-class senators." They again called the fines illegal.

"We broke no law. In fact, it is our fiduciary duty to represent our constituents. Breaking quorum is a time-honored parliamentary maneuver," said Democratic Sen. Leticia Van de Putte of San Antonio. "We were illegally fined in the first place. And we declare that we

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Isabel pounds East Coast, blamed for nine deaths

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Hurricane Isabel knocked out power to more than 3.5 million people as it weakened into a tropical storm and raced up the Eastern Seaboard early Friday, swamping tidal communities along Chesapeake Bay, uprooting trees, disrupting air traffic and shutting down the nation's capital.

The massive storm was blamed for at least nine deaths: seven in Virginia, one in North Carolina, and another in Maryland.

The storm plowed into North Carolina's Outer Banks with winds of about 100 mph Thursday and moved across Virginia early Friday as it continued losing strength. It was expected to cut through western Pennsylvania and western New York state before dissipating in Canada by Saturday.

Isabel's top sustained wind had eased to around 50 mph early Friday.

In Washington, offices, monuments and subway tunnels were all but abandoned and the federal government shut

down for two days, frustrating tourists. Some were surprised that monuments and museums were closed Thursday hours ahead of the storm.

"I think it's a little overkill," said Sandra de Dubovay, who was visiting from the Los Angeles area. "Some people only have a day here. It is frustrating."

With mid-Atlantic states left sodden by an unusually wet summer, the winds toppled trees and rains flooded creeks and low-lying areas.

In Middletown, N.J., Isabel sent a tree crashing through the roof of Jean Paul Zammit's house.

"It was a just a big bang and crack, and the ceiling falling down and everything falling down," said Zammit, who was sitting in his living room when the roof caved in.

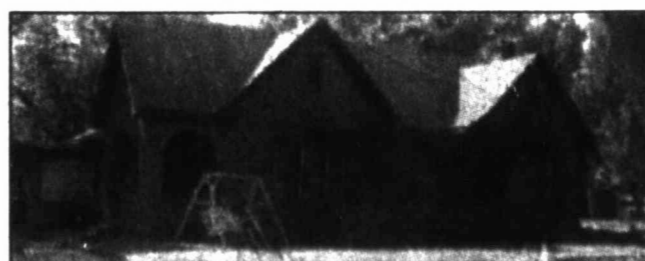
At 5 a.m., Isabel was 80 miles south of Johnstown, Pa., moving northwest at around 21 mph, down from 24 mph Thursday as it moved up the coast.

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involved in the attack on the patrol. He said the attack showed remarkable coordination.

"It is unusual. We have seen instances of coordinated attacks two times in the past out of the scores of ambushes. But this one was coordinated and this is something that is worrying us and we are paying attention to it," Hickey said.

On Wednesday, Al-Arabiya television broadcast an audiotape purportedly by Saddam, calling on Iraqis to step up assaults on U.S. troops.

Numerous tips have led to scores of overnight raids around Tikrit and the military said the operations have led to a decrease in the number of attacks, mostly carried out with rockets and homemade bombs.

Hickey said the military had received some warning that an attack was imminent and had increased its alert level. He said the large number of Iraqis detained was a direct consequence of the warning.

"Our reaction was faster than anticipated. They were sealed off," he said.

The attackers, he added, were what remained of Saddam loyalists carrying out attacks in the area.

"It's a handful, a rearguard that's attempting to maintain a degree of political relevance here. We're going to finish these guys off," Hickey said.

In new fighting Friday in Tikrit, U.S. soldiers blew the gate off a wall at the Saddam mosque compound after a rocket-propelled grenade was fired from somewhere in the vicinity, imam Yehiya Ibrahim told The Associated Press.

Ibrahim said he was reading verses from the Quran

before starting Friday's prayer when he found a loud explosion and heard the gate laying on the ground.

"Why did they shoot the mosque? We don't have bombs hidden in here. I pray to God that the infidels will be hit with more attacks," he said, adding that he refused to allow worshippers to protest, fearing bloodshed.

People in Tikrit said American fighter planes flew low over the city throughout the day.

On Thursday, insurgents in central Iraq ambushed two U.S. military convoys with remote-controlled bombs and opened fire on one of them. Two U.S. soldiers were wounded in the three-hour gunbattle in the town of Khaldiyah, 50 miles west of Baghdad, the military said.

Shortly afterward and nine miles to the west, a second roadside bomb hit a military convoy of three Humvees and a truck, according to witnesses. One Humvee was engulfed in flames.

An Italian Foreign Ministry official said in Rome that U.S. soldiers in northern Iraq on Thursday fired into a car carrying the Italian official heading U.S. efforts to recover looted antiquities, killing the man's Iraqi interpreter. The Italian, Pietro Cordone, was unhurt in the shooting at a roadblock between Mosul and Tikrit, the Foreign Ministry official said.

The Foreign Ministry official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said it appeared the car's driver did not understand the signals the U.S. troops were giving, and that the Americans didn't understand what the car was trying to do.

Analysts wonder: Does North Korea have a half-dozen nuclear weapons?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some American intelligence analysts are becoming increasingly concerned that North Korea may have three, four or even six nuclear weapons instead of the one or two the CIA now estimates.

Every new weapon would enhance North Korea's nuclear capability and give the country significantly more authority at the negotiating table, experts say.

One or two nuclear weapons would be considered last-resort devices, because once used they could no longer deter a U.S. nuclear response. But a half-dozen would give North Korea the ability to

strike and then be ready to strike again.

In addition, if North Korea had weapons to spare, its leaders might be more willing to part with one, either in a test or by selling it. The leaders also could more easily afford to put one weapon on display at a missile launch site for U.S. spy satellites to see — to up the ante in negotiations.

"We're trying to nail that down," Sen. Evan Bayh, D-Ind., said of analytical efforts to study North Korea's weapons program. "The consequences of them having more nuclear warheads is significant, in terms of them conducting a test, or possibly traf-

ficking in nuclear materials," said Bayh, a member of the Senate Intelligence Committee.

Among the issues being debated by American intelligence analysts is whether the North Koreans have refined their nuclear weapons designs so they are able to use less plutonium to make a working weapon.

Some analysts presume the North Koreans have made steady advances in their weapons' designs, and thus are able to use their existing stockpile of weapons-grade plutonium more efficiently, according to several U.S. government officials. They all discussed

intelligence information on the condition of anonymity.

However, the CIA, as an agency, has not reached that conclusion. It is sticking with its unclassified estimate of one or two weapons, the officials said. Other U.S. estimates put the number at three or four; still others are floating five or six weapons as a possibility.

The Defense Intelligence Agency, State Department and Energy Department all have experts who examine intelligence on foreign nuclear weapons programs. It could not be ascertained if a particular agency is making the higher estimates.

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ISABEL

Up to a foot of rain was possible in West Virginia's hilly Eastern Panhandle and 6 to 9 inches was forecast for parts of Pennsylvania.

In Virginia alone, more than 1.5 million people lost power by late Thursday and more than 16,000 people filled evacuation shelters. Six people were killed in a pair of weather-related traffic accidents in the state; another was killed by a falling tree.

"Virginians need to realize that they're in for a tough couple of days," said Gov. Mark R. Warner.

Some of the worst flooding on Thursday was along the Chesapeake Bay, where an 8.2-foot storm surge sent water into low-lying areas, particularly Norfolk and Portsmouth.

Along the York River in Gloucester County, authorities rescued eight people stranded on a small island surrounded by raging currents. Water around the island started to recede Thursday, lessening the danger to others who remained stranded.

The Potomac River was forecast to see a 5- to 6-foot surge by early Friday morning. Streets were flooded in Alexandria's colonial Old Town district in Virginia.

Maryland Gov. Robert Ehrlich said flooding, whether from storm surges on the Eastern Shore or heavy rainfall, was

"the No. 1 danger." One Marylander was killed in a weather-related traffic accident.

In Baltimore, the storm blew down three buildings that would have to be demolished and downed trees and utility lines. The storm knocked out generators at two water treatment plants and one sewage treatment plant.

Anne Arundel County Executive Janet Owens urged residents to be patient and conserve water until power was restored.

"Putting it bluntly, please don't flush," Owens said. "It buys us some time."

The storm spared much of North Carolina the kind of flood damage experienced from Hurricane Floyd in 1999. The storm flooded some low-lying areas and knocked out electricity for hundreds of thousands, but it didn't appear to pack the same destructive punch as Floyd, which left 56 dead and a wide swath of the state underwater.

On isolated Ocracoke Island along the Outer Banks, about 15 people gathered at Howard's Pub to ride out the storm.

"Isabel's eye passed right over us," said Buffy Warner, the pub's owner. "It was so dramatic. The rain was actually driving horizontally with these incredibly dark skies and no visibility. Then, within about 60 seconds, the sky became bright white."

A utility employee in North Carolina

was electrocuted while restoring power.

President Bush declared major disasters in North Carolina and Virginia, ordering federal aid to both states. The governors of Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey and Delaware declared state emergencies.

Well over 1,500 flights were canceled at airports in the major Eastern cities, said David Stempler, president of the Air Travelers Association. As the storm moved north, all flights to and from the Washington metropolitan area's airports were likely to be canceled, he said.

Amtrak halted service south of Washington, and the Washington-area Metro system shut down all subway and bus service.

In Atlantic City, Trump Plaza had plywood sheets nailed to its front, blocking the glass revolving doors. Other casinos and storefronts along the Boardwalk had made similar preparations.

Meanwhile, Miss America pageant officials said they would go ahead with plans to hold the annual parade on the Boardwalk on Friday night.

On the Net:

National Hurricane Center: <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov>
WeatherFlow Inc. wind sensors: <http://www.weatherflow.com/hatterasuscg>

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have now been illegally placed on probation."

Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, presiding officer in the Senate, said the Senate action Thursday was wise.

"I want this matter behind us, and I want the Senate moving forward," Dewhurst said.

On Friday, the Senate Jurisprudence Committee was expected to vote on a congressional redistricting map developed by Sen. Todd Staples, a Republican from Palestine. If it is approved, the proposal could go before the full Senate by early next week.

Differences between the Senate and House plans then would have to be worked out in a conference committee. Leading Senate and House Republicans still are trying to reach an agreement over how West Texas districts should be configured.

Any plan approved by the Legislature is expected to be challenged in court.

Democrats have been trying to block a redistricting plan that would give Republicans the majority in the state's 32-member congressional delegation. Democrats hold a 17-15 advantage and want to keep existing districts.

Meanwhile, under the probation proposal by Republican Sen. Kyle Janek of Houston, the Democrats who boycotted the Senate will be able to again have

access to their office privileges, including postage and cellular phone use, and they will get to use their Capitol parking spaces.

If any of the senators are absent without a sufficient excuse for more than 72 hours, when attendance has been required in a "call" by the remaining senators, the fines and sanctions would be reinstated. The vote was 13-10 for the plan. Eight senators were absent.

Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, tried to change the proposal so that it would do away with the fines altogether, but he was shut off. The Democrats returned to the Senate Monday after being gone about 45 days. They said Republicans Thursday showed disrespect for the voting rights of Hispanic and black Texans. They noted that all the Democratic senators placed on probation are minorities or represent largely minority districts.

"Now you have seen the Senate sink to a new low. How sad. As we say in South Texas, 'Que triste,'" Zaffirini said, repeating her point in Spanish.

Dewhurst denied that the Senate action had anything to do with race. And he said the suggestion by some Democrats that the penalties amount to official oppression is "simply cheap, distasteful, juvenile, partisan spin."

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The Flag Act of 1818 stated that on and after the next Fourth of July, the flag should have 13 horizontal stripes, alternate red and white, and 20 stars, white in a blue field — and that on the admission of every new state, one star should be added, the admission to take effect on the next Fourth of July.

A few months later, President Monroe added a codicil to the Flag Act which stated that the 20 stars should appear in four equal and parallel rows of five each. This was the first time that the arrangement of the stars had been defined.

The Union had grown to encompass 33 states when seven states voted, in January of 1861, to secede from the Union, forming the Confederate States of America. Four additional states seceded, leaving the Union with 23 states.

Many of President Lincoln's advisors believed that he should remove 11 stars from the flag, but he announced in April that his mission as president was to preserve the Union at all costs.

Four years later, the fighting was over and the Union remained unbroken. The Union not only retained the 33 states but over the next 47 years it would add 15 more, bringing the total number of states to 48.

After New Mexico and Arizona joined the Union in 1912, it was necessary to change the arrangement of the stars. On June 24, 1912, President Taft issued an executive order establishing the specific sizes and proportions in which the flag could be made.

The order also provided for the arrangement of the stars in six horizontal rows of eight each, a single point of each star to be pointing directly up. In January of 1959, flag makers prepared to add a new star when Alaska became a state. President Eisenhower directed that the field of stars include seven rows of seven stars each, staggered horizontally and vertically.

In August of 1959, Hawaii joined the Union as our 50th state, and Eisenhower directed that the new flag would feature nine rows of stars staggered horizontally and 11 rows of stars staggered vertically. The American flag has been unchanged since 1959.

Schneider has listed the 50 states in alphabetical order. The number of the state in the order it was admitted, the date of admission, the number of the flag design when it was admitted and the number of stars. The entry for Hawaii reads: "Hawaii (50th state) August 21, 1959 (27th U.S. flag design/50 stars).

Local members to attend Desk & Derrick convention

DALLAS — Several local Desk and Derrick Club members plan to attend the 52nd Annual Association of Desk and Derrick Convention Sept. 21-28 in Dallas. The theme of the convention is "The Spirit of the Big 'D' in 2003."

Elaine McDowell, local Desk and Derrick chapter vice president of WO Operating, will attend as a voting delegate, joining her will be Rae Bagley, Oilwell Operators, as alternate voting delegate.

Other local members planning to attend are Carol Cofer, Esther McAdoo, Linda Slaybaugh, Teresa Snow and Martha Sublett.

Convention headquarters will be Westin Galleria. Nell Lindenmeyer, ADDC president of Farmington, N.M., will preside at all business sessions.

During the convention, attendees will be treated to a variety of overnight and day field trips such as the Black Lake Oilfield Tour. Other destinations will include Halliburton & Harbison-Fischer Service Co., East Texas Oil Museum in Kilgore and several more.

The E.D.G.E. (Energy, Dynamics, Global Experience) program will be a high point at the convention as well as "A Salute to Industry Dinner."

A banquet will be held on the last night of the convention with entertainment by Ty Herndon, and newly elected 2004 ADDC board members will be honored during a special reception.

The club was organized in 1955. Knoxine Russell Cotham has held continuous membership for 48 years.

Originally membership was limited to women working in the industry. This changed in the late 1980s when Sublett served as international association president.

The Pampa chapter has had five members on the international board of directors, and Sublett went on to become International ADDC president in 1996.



(Courtesy photo)

▲ Elaine McDowell, left, and Rae Bagley are current president and vice president of the local Desk and Derrick chapter, respectively.



(Courtesy photo)

▶ Martha Sublett, left, and Doris Odom are both former ADDC presidents.

Statehouse service for O'Bannon includes personal touches

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — From racing in a soapbox derby as a young boy to a national governor's conference a few weeks ago, pictures of Frank O'Bannon adorned the Statehouse where thousands of Hoosiers quietly celebrated the late governor's life.

The pictures, displayed Thursday, spanned most of O'Bannon's 73 years of life. Several showed O'Bannon grinning widely while flashing a thumbs-up, something he did often on the campaign trail.

An official state service for O'Bannon was planned for noon Friday at the west steps of the Statehouse where was first inaugurated nearly seven years ago.

The interfaith service was to feature personal touches, such as singing from a barber-shop quartet, to official trappings including a 19-round artillery salute and a missing-man formation flyover of fighter jets from the Indiana Air National Guard.

Hundreds were expected, including members of Indiana's congressional delegation and at least seven governors from other states. School children were to escort O'Bannon's wife, Judy, and their family to their seats.

U.S. Sen. Evan Bayh,

Indiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Randall Shepard and Gov. Joe Kernan were to give remarks.

Kernan, who was O'Bannon's lieutenant governor, friend and political partner, was sworn in six hours after O'Bannon died Saturday. He had suffered a massive

stroke in a Chicago hotel room Sept. 8.

On Thursday, O'Bannon's official portrait as governor was on display in the rotunda, flanked by a police officer holding a rifle and a firefighter clutching a silver ax. Dozens of police officers and firefighters from across the

state rotated honor guard duty every 15 minutes.

Jean Barricklow of Greenfield, who came to the memorial with a photograph she took of O'Bannon and his wife during a chance encounter at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, said she was touched by the displays.

State Realtor convention



(Courtesy photo)

Texas Association of Realtors held its State Convention and Trade Expo recently in San Antonio. Above, left-right: Diane Jennings, association executive of Pampa Board of Realtors, Tim Garrett, Region I representative from Lubbock, and Rebecca Baten, president, Pampa Board of Realtors.

Settlement results in class-action lawsuit against NY police

NEW YORK (AP) — A class-action lawsuit that alleged police officers used racial profiling has been settled, the city announced Thursday.

The lawsuit was filed in

1999 by plaintiffs who said they were unjustly stopped and searched. Under terms of the settlement, the police department will document instances when it stops and frisks people and will better

train its officers to carry out those duties.

The city also agreed to pay \$167,500 in damages, which will be shared by 10 plaintiffs.

Bill Goodman, a lawyer for the plaintiffs, said the deal will mean that officers will "no longer engage in practices that involve breaking up groups of kids on a corner merely because of their race."

Blacks in the city are subject to police stops and searches at a higher rate than people of other racial backgrounds, according to City Council records released in June.

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Media giant under going title change

NEW YORK (AP) — Hoping to leave the broken hopes of the Internet era behind, the world's largest media company is dropping "AOL" from its name, and will now be known simply as Time Warner Inc.

AOL Time Warner will revert back to the name it used before it merged with America Online in 2000 in a deal valued at the time at more than \$160 billion.

"We believe that our new name better reflects the portfolio of our valuable businesses and ends any confusion between our corporate name and the America Online brand name for our investors, partners and the public," chairman and chief executive Richard Parsons said in a statement after the board approved the name change.

The AOL Time Warner combination of old media and new media was the biggest merger in U.S. history, and it occurred at the height of the dot-com boom that sent Internet stocks like AOL soaring.

The merger of the pioneering Internet company and Time Warner was supposed to open up exciting new distribution and cross-marketing possibilities for Time Warner's holdings, which include HBO, Time magazine and the nation's No. 2 cable company, Time Warner Cable.

But AOL became the company's biggest embarrassment amid the Internet bust. Though still profitable, AOL faces a host of problems, including a regulatory inquiry into its accounting and a loss of subscribers to other online services with faster Internet connections.

The name change will be phased in over the next several weeks. The company's stock symbol, AOL, will revert to TWX.

The change will also affect the name on the company's new headquarters building, a gleaming 80-story skyscraper in New York known as AOL Time Warner Center. Time Warner plans to move in next spring.

With hopes for a media revolution now a distant memory, the company will continue to focus on simplifying its tangled corporate structure, cleaning up its balance sheet and selling off businesses not central to its core media operations.

This week the company announced a deal to sell two of its pro sports teams in Atlanta, the NBA's Hawks and the NHL's Thrashers, to a Boston businessman for \$250 million. AOL has also sold off a DVD manufacturing plant and its half-interest in cable's Comedy Central channel.

AOL Time Warner first indicated that it was considering a name change last month, when AOL chief Jonathan Miller personally appealed to Parsons to drop AOL from the name so people would not confuse the overall company with the online division.

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CANYON — 600 math and science teachers from across the state will start on the TAKS test during the Annual Panh... Mathematics Conference "Building Qualified Educators" a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday at West Texas University.

The conference is the largest regional mathematics and science conference in the state and will feature master teachers and science teachers from throughout South Plains, Texas and surrounding areas. Participants are expected to attend the day's activities.

The conference will feature more than 100 speakers and four different sessions: math and science, the 70-minute session at 9 a.m. and the 2 p.m. session. The Center, the Ag Center, the Natural Science Center, the Hastings Learning Center, development is available for the conference.

A special exhibit will be set up in the Student Center to see the new text books and other resources. Cost of the \$20 per person. University and juniors may attend but will not receive lunch. Registration is available at Sept. www.texasrsi.org/roster.htm. Registration will be available the day of the \$25 per person.

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Troops demolish home of Hamas bomb, new cabinet forming

By LARA SUKHTIAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Israel troops blew up the West Bank home of a Hamas suicide bomber and searched his town for fugitives Friday, as Yasser Arafat and leaders of his Fatah party started putting together a new Cabinet.

Israeli troops in armored vehicles entered the town of Jenin and an adjacent refugee camp on Thursday, taking over eight homes and conducting searches.

Early Friday, soldiers demol-

ished the house of Shadi al-Tubasi, who blew himself up at a cafe in the Israeli port city of Haifa in March 2002, killing 15 Israelis.

The Israeli raid came as Palestinians try to form a new government. The Palestinian prime minister-designate, Ahmed Qureia, has given Arafat and Fatah considerable say over the composition of his government. Qureia has said he wants to avoid confrontations with Arafat that helped bring down his predecessor, Mahmoud Abbas.

Arafat's central role in forging the new governing team flew in the face of criticism from Israel and the United States, who charge that he is tainted by terrorism. Both nations are boycotting Arafat and want him sidelined from involvement in diplomacy.

Arafat's standing among his people improved considerably following Israel's threat to "remove" him, leaving open the possibility of expulsion or assassination. Arafat and Abbas, who resigned Sept. 6, had been locked in a struggle over authority, with the veteran Palestinian leader refusing to relinquish control over security forces.

Fatah leaders met for six hours late Thursday, discussing the basic guidelines for the new government to be headed by Qureia. Participants said the makeup of the Cabinet was discussed, but a list of ministers was not drawn up.

"There are different camps in Fatah and each camp has different opinions on what this government should look like and what policies it should have," said Amin Maqbol, a Fatah leader in the West Bank. Maqbol said younger Fatah members wanted new faces in the Cabinet, while others resisted changes.

President Bush heaped fresh criticism on Arafat on Thursday.

Speaking at the presidential retreat in Camp David, Bush said Arafat "has failed as a leader" and accused him of forcing Abbas out.

"And the people of the Palestinian territory must understand if they want peace, they must have leadership who is absolutely 100 percent committed to fighting off terror," Bush said.

Bush said he still supports the establishment of a Palestinian state as foreseen in the stalled "road map" plan. "But first things first: defeat those who

want to stop this from happening," he said. "The terrorists who are bombing and killing aren't interested in a peaceful Palestinian state."

Fatah is to choose 15 of Qureia's 23 Cabinet ministers. Qureia is known to prefer new faces instead of some of the Fatah stalwarts who have held Cabinet seats up to now.

The remaining eight positions are to be filled with representatives of other Palestinian groups and independents. Participants in the Fatah meeting said Qureia is aiming for the broadest representation possible, including Cabinet ministers from opposition groups.

Arafat has tried in the past to try to persuade Hamas and Islamic Jihad to join his government, as a way of coopting them. However, the militants have refused, saying they want nothing to do with the Palestinian Authority, which was created as part of interim peace deals with Israel.

Yet Hamas has hinted in recent months that it might soften its position. On Thursday, Moussa Zabout, a Gaza physician with ties to Hamas and Islamic Jihad, said he has accepted an offer by Qureia to join the

Cabinet, and that Hamas officials did not object to him taking the job. No Hamas comment was available.

At the Thursday meeting at Arafat's office in the West Bank town of Ramallah, the Fatah leaders outlined the platform for the new government, aiming for wide support. Discussion of who is to serve in the Cabinet is to continue next week, they said.

Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat said a main point would be implementation of the "road map" peace plan, which leads to Palestinian statehood by 2005.

Also, the issue of elections to the Palestinian legislature was discussed, though many Israeli roadblocks in the West Bank are still in place, and the Palestinians already postponed elections once because of travel difficulties.

Meanwhile, in Gaza, Palestinian police clashed Thursday with Hamas supporters after Palestinian security arrested seven Hamas members in connection with the kidnapping of a police officer a day earlier. Fifteen protesters were wounded, one seriously, and two Palestinian police were hurt by rocks, witnesses and hospital officials said.

Israel's renewed military

activity in recent days in the West Bank and Gaza comes about a month after a unilateral truce called by militant groups in June collapsed in a spasm of violence. Israel had dismissed the truce as an internal Palestinian matter, but had scaled back military raids.

Aussy musician, Slim Dusty dies

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Australian country music singer Slim Dusty, whose cowboy songs captured the laid-back culture of the Outback, has died at age 76; his record company said Friday.

Dusty died at his home early Friday after a long battle with cancer, EMI Australia marketing manager Chris O'Hearne said.

"He was so intrinsically and unapologetically Australian," music historian Glenn A. Baker said of the star. "He really was someone to be enormously proud of."

Dusty was born David Gordon Kirkpatrick in 1927 in the northeastern coastal town of Kempsey, and grew up on a dairy farm in nearby Nulla Nulla Creek.

At age 10 he wrote his first song, "The Way The Cowboy Dies," and a year later renamed himself Slim Dusty.

The singer/songwriter, who performed with just a guitar and his trademark cowboy hat, signed his first recording contract in 1946. But it wasn't until 1958 that his career really took off with the hit "A Pub With No Beer," about a stockman — the Australian name for a cowboy — who travels hundreds of miles to an Outback bar only to find it has run out of beer.

Tenth annual math, science event in offing

CANYON — More than 600 math and science teachers from across the region will get a head start on preparing for the TAKS test during the 10th Annual Panhandle Area Mathematics and Science Conference "Building Highly Qualified Educators" from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27 at West Texas A&M University.

The conference is billed as the largest regional mathematics and science conference in the state and allows area instructors to learn from master teachers and presenters. Mathematics and science teachers from the Panhandle, South Plains, Eastern New Mexico and surrounding areas are expected to participate in the day's activities.

The conference will feature four different sessions and more than 100 presentations designed especially for K-12 math and science teachers. The 70-minute sessions begin at 9 a.m. and the final session is set for 2 p.m. Sessions will be held in the Classroom Center, the Agriculture and Natural Sciences Building and the Hastings Electronic Learning Center. Professional development hours will be available for those attending.

A special exhibits area will be set up in the Jack B. Kelley Student Center for teachers to see the new textbooks and various other resources available.

Cost of the conference is \$20 per person. Full-time university and junior college students may attend free but will not receive lunch. Online registration is available through Sept. 19 at www.texasrsi.org/PMSC/register.htm. Registration also will be available at the door the day of the conference for \$25 per person.

For more information about the conference and registration, visit www.wtamu.edu/academic/ess/edu or contact Gilbert Antunez at gantunez@mail.wtamu.edu or 806-651-2610.

Fiesta dancers



(Courtesy photo)

Fiesta dancers from Pampa High School recently treated the residents of Pampa Nursing Center to a performance on Mexico Independence Day. Above: Isset Solis, Mary Mason, Francisco Mendoza, Helen Jordan, Adolfo Resendiz and Lupe Marquez.



(Courtesy photo)

Alba Jimenez, left, standing, and Isset Solis, right, both Fiesta dancers from Pampa High School, visit with Mary Mason, a resident at Pampa Nursing Center. Mason and Solis were among a group of dancers performing for residents at PNC recently in commemoration of Mexico Independence Day.

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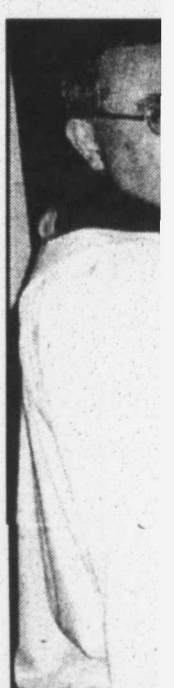
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Jimmy Evans to lead marriage and family conference Oct. 5, 6

Jimmy Evans, senior pastor of Trinity Fellowship Church of Amarillo, will lead a two-evening conference on marriage and family, Oct. 5 and 6, at Trinity Fellowship Church of Pampa, 1200 S. Sumner.

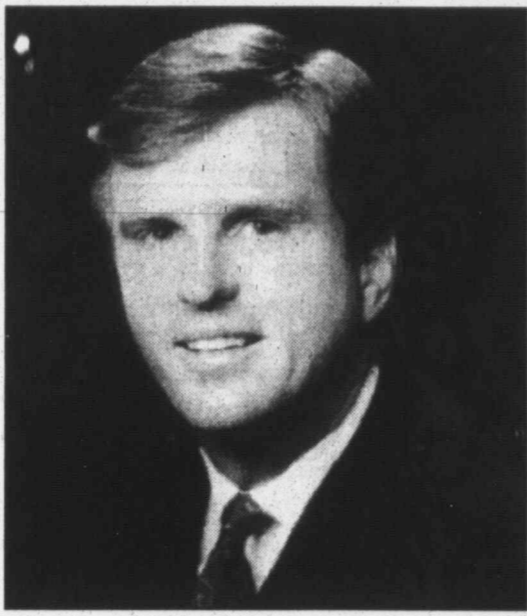
During Evans' 20 years of leadership, the Amarillo church has grown from 900 to more than 7,000 members. Known for his wisdom, spiritual insight and anointed teaching, Evans is a popular speaker in churches and conferences.

He has authored four books, "Marriage on the Rock," "Freedom from Your Past," "The Seven Secrets for Successful Families," and "Resolving Stress in Your Marriage."

With his wife Karen, Evans co-hosts a 30-minute television program titled "Family and Marriage Today." Broadcast nationally to 40 million households throughout America and Canada, the program is now in its 10th year.

Through the program, Evans shares the principles God taught him and his wife when their own marriage was on the brink of divorce. He says he has a passion for seeing marriages restored and strengthened.

The couple has been married for 30 years



Jimmy Evans

and have two adult children and two grandchildren.

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There is no fee for attending this conference, but a love offering will be taken.

St. Vincent's Catholic Church celebrates Catechetical Sunday

Catechetical Sunday will be marked in parishes nationwide the weekend of Sept. 20-21. This annual celebration recognizes those who share in the formal teaching ministry of the Catholic Church. This year's theme is "Sowers of God's Peace."

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church of Pampa will observe Catechetical Sunday with a rite of commissioning for its 31 catechists. As part of these celebrations, parents, and guardians will be blessed for the important

role they play in handing on the faith to the next generation.

Juanita Brower, Director of Religious Education at St. Vincent's noted that Catechetical Sunday highlights a central ministry within the Church.

"The work of these catechists - all of them unpaid - is vital to the life of the Church," Brower said. "This celebration gives us a chance to recognize the importance of those who share faith with the adults, families, children, and youth of our

parish."

Currently, more than half a million catechists serve in the nation's 19,000 parishes, missions, and schools. They are instrumental in introducing more than 4 million children and youth enrolled in parish religious education programs and Catholic schools to the faith and tradition of the Church. In addition, these catechists provide opportunities for study, reflection, and faith enrichment to a large number of adult Catholics.



(Courtesy photo)

Pictured are catechists from St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church of Pampa. Front row: Zelda Martinez, Janice Miner, Daphne Ebenkamp, Joe Martinez, Joe Mechelay and Michael Arzola. Second Row: Maria Rodriguez, Liz Rodriguez, Suzanna Grajeda, Meloney Martin, Dorothy Ware, Brenda and Dan Morrison. Third row: Paula Simpson, John Dietz, Neal Hoelting, Jack Albracht, Ricardo Grajeda, Kenny Martin, Doug Ware, and Michael Barber. Not pictured are catechists, Rita Ulloa and Kara Flathouse, Dolores Thacker, Paula Robben; Patty Plunk, Doretta Gerber, and Tony Hernandez.

St. Matthew's Episcopal plans weekend of anniversary events

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 727 W. Browning, is celebrating its 75th anniversary, Sept. 20 and 21, with a weekend of free events, open to the public.

All those who wish to attend should call the church office at 665-0701.

The celebration begins at 6 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 20, with an organ and flute recital in the church. Organist Luis Gonzalez Catalan, St. Matthew's music director, will perform several compositions on Pampa's only pipe organ. Catalan, a native of Chile, is a doctoral student at Texas Tech University. He will also accompany flutist Christine Alexander, a member of St. Matthew's. After the recital, a wine and cheese reception will be held in the Parish Hall.

On Sunday morning, which is also St. Matthew's Day, doughnuts, homemade rolls, juice and coffee will be served in the Parish Hall from 9 a.m. until 9:45 a.m. The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated by the Rt. Rev. C. Wallis Ohl, bishop of the Diocese of Northwest Texas. The Rt. Rev. Sam Hulsey, retired bishop of the Diocese of Northwest Texas, and former St. Matthew's rector; former members, the Rev. Charlie Cook and Bill Nix, currently Panhandle Missioner, will each give a short homily. The Rev. Jacob Clemmens, is current rector at St. Matthew's.

A luncheon in Parish Hall will follow the service. The luncheon is chaired by Gail (Sissy) Curtis, assisted by Episcopal Young Churchmen. General chair of the celebration is Cindy Theis and our host members of the St. Matthew Vestry.

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Drug, alcohol awareness session to be hosted by Calvary Baptist

Calvary Baptist Church, 900 E. 23rd, is hosting a free drug and alcohol awareness seminar for the public on Sunday, Sept. 21.

The 90-minute seminar, beginning at 6 p.m., will include presentations by the Pampa and Borger police departments and the Gray County Sheriff's Office.

Included will be displays of drugs and

paraphernalia, so parents and educators can be better informed and recognize illegal drugs. The presentation will include warning signs, what to watch for, and names and descriptions of various drugs.

Preschool childcare, along with children's activities, will be provided during the seminar.

RELIGION IN BRIEF

Muslim clerics denied entry to United States threaten legal action

TORONTO (AP) — Two Muslim clerics who were denied entry into the United States will lodge a complaint with the Canadian government and seek legal advice on suing U.S. officials, their lawyer said.

Named Kutty, 59, and Sheik Abdul Hamid, 37, were detained Sept. 11 after their flight from Canada landed in

Fort Lauderdale, Fla. They were questioned by immigration officials and the FBI, held overnight at a county jail, then returned to Canada on a Friday afternoon flight.

Barbara Gonzalez, spokeswoman for the U.S. Bureau of Customs and Border Protection in southern Florida, said the two men were found inadmissible to

the United States on "security grounds." She said privacy concerns prevented the government from disclosing details.

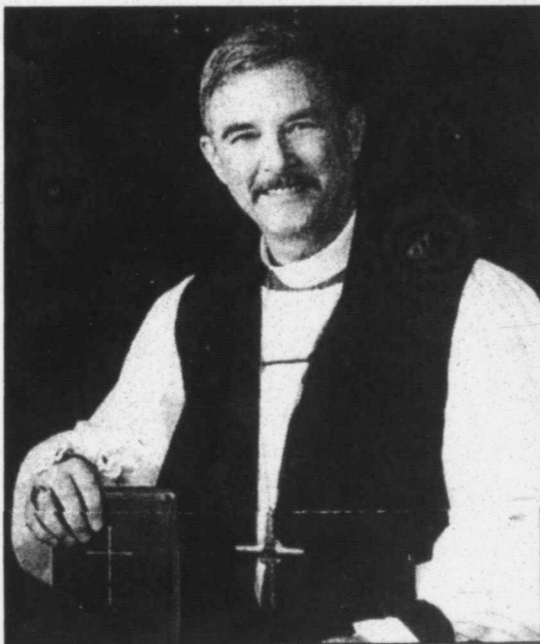
Kutty said FBI agents told him the name Abdul Hamid appeared on a list of undesirable and that a business card Kutty was carrying appeared suspicious.

"This is racial profiling, pure and simple," Kutty told The Associated Press in a telephone interview Saturday.

Hamid's name is common and the business card for the Islamic Institute of Toronto sounds similar to the Islamic Institute of America, an organization that concerned the FBI, said Kutty, a former director of the Toronto organization that he described as academic.



Organist Luis Ganzalez Catalan



The Rt. Rev. C. Wallis Ohl, Jr. Bishop of Northwest Texas

Are we like the people of the Old Testament?

Despite God having always forbidden it (Lev. 20:2-5), His people had fallen into child sacrifice, offering their children to the Canaanite god Molech. The people were causing their children to pass "through the fire to Molech" (Lev. 18:21), meaning that they were offering up their children to be burned in child sacrifice.

How could God's people do such a thing? God says that His people "have turned unto me the back, and not the face ... they have not hearkened to receive instruction." (Jer. 32:33) They turned instead to preoccupation with themselves, their resources, their wishes and their desires. God had warned them of the consequences of self-sufficiency and preoccupation with material things (Deut. 6:10-12). They ignored His admonitions and developed an arrogance which assumed that they were their own masters and that all they possessed was theirs to do with, and dispose of, as they chose, including "their" children. God condemned them for

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sacrificing "my children" in idolatry. God said they had sacrificed my gold, my silver, mine oil, mine incense and my meat ... flour ... oil ... honey to idols. (Ezek. 16:17-19) They had forgotten that God was the giver and sustainer of life (Gen. 1:26-28), and that they, as well as "their" children and all of "their" possessions, belonged to Him. How could god's people fall into such barbarous idolatry? They turned away from God and worshipped themselves and their material well-being. Judah had forgotten God. They had "not remembered the days of thy youth, when thou wast naked and bare ..." (Ezek. 16:22).

Has America not done the same thing? In our self-absorption with materialism, status, career, self-fulfillment and

"things," have we not worshipped gods of our own making? In killing approximately 1.5 million babies a year through abortion, are we not sacrificing our children to the idols of convenience and material well-being? Are we not forgetting God when we slay His children entrusted to our care? Have we not forgotten God when we fail to reach out to

help women and families who face problem pregnancies and the emotional and economic burdens of physically and mentally impaired children?

America is practicing child sacrifice. We are sacrificing our unborn babies through abortion and our young children through abuse and neglect because we have forgotten God "and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator ..." (Rom. 1:25)

We must remember that God is a God of holiness, righteousness and judgment. He is also a God of mercy and forgiveness.

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our

sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9) If we will "humble" ourselves, "and pray," and "seek" His "face" and "turn from" our "wicked ways," then God will "hear from heaven, and will forgive ... and will heal" our land. (2 Chron. 7:14)

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Mom, Daughter Are Miles Apart On Their Attitudes Toward Sex

DEAR ABBY: I just found out my 18-year-old daughter, "Lorraine," and I have drastically different views regarding sex.

Since her 18th birthday, Lorraine has had sex with three different men. She will meet them, spend a day with them, and have sex as part of the date. Lorraine feels that sex is "no big deal," but I am heartsick. She is putting her health in danger and I don't think what she's doing is emotionally healthy, either. Lorraine says I wouldn't feel this way if she were my son, but she's wrong.

Don't young people today care about their physical and emotional health? How can I make her understand that it is important to have an emotional attachment with someone before having sex?

WORRIED MOM
IN WASHINGTON

DEAR WORRIED MOM: Since your daughter appears to be tuning out your important message, I recommend that you both attend some sex education sessions so she can hear with a fresh ear what the concerns really are. Planned Parenthood, which is in your phone book, would be an excellent reference.

While you're at it, contact the American Social Health Association (ASHA) and ask for some of their comprehensive materials on sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), which are rampant in our population. That way, even if your daughter is not willing to take your concerns to heart, she will at least know how to protect herself.

Call: National Herpes Hotline: (919) 361-8488; National HPV Hotline: (919) 361-4848; and the CDC's National STD and AIDS Hotline: (800) 227-8922. The Web address is www.ashastd.org. They also host a special Web site for teens: www.iwannaknow.org.

DEAR ABBY: I have a friend I'll call "Don." He's in his mid-20s and comes from a good family. When we go out to eat, Don displays proper etiquette and table manners, with one exception. He holds his fork in his fist like a young child and shovels

food into his mouth. Friends have noticed this and commented to me about it. When I mentioned it to Don, it hurt his feelings. Is there a gentle way I can help my friend?

DON'S DINNER PAL
IN ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.

DEAR DINNER PAL: You have already helped your friend by telling him what people are saying. Now it's time for him to change his eating habit — or not.

DEAR ABBY: Last Sunday in church, while my husband, "Johnny," and I were on our knees praying, the preacher's wife, "Selma," who was sitting behind us, leaned forward and began giving Johnny a back rub. It really upset me. We've been going to this church for only a few weeks, and I felt it didn't look right.

Johnny says Selma was just being nice. I feel that out of respect for me, he should have told her to go rub her husband's back instead of his. It made me mad that Johnny was standing up for her. I think this is how adultery starts. Am I wrong?

LOSING MY FAITH
IN CENTRAL INDIANA

DEAR LOSING MY FAITH: Not necessarily. However, it's clear that Selma rubbed someone — you — the wrong way.

Next Sunday, make a point of sitting behind Selma. If she reaches for Johnny again, hit her with chapter and verse. "Thou shalt not covet..."

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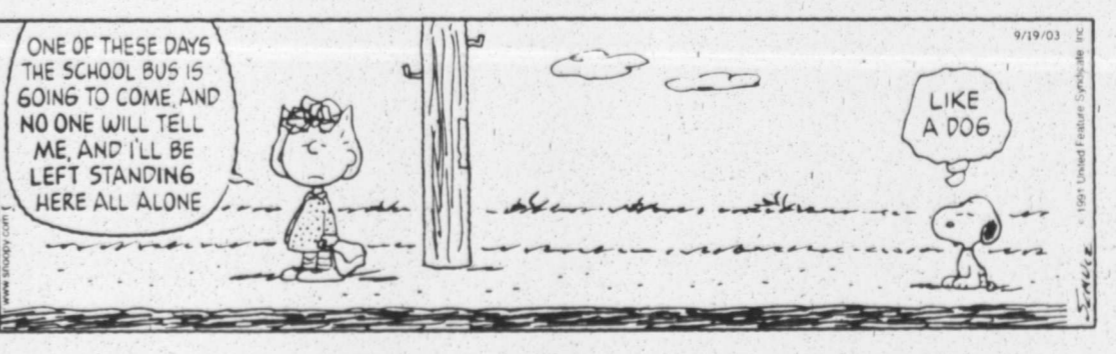
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BASEBALL

ATLANTA (AP) — The Atlanta Braves clinched their 12th straight division title when the Philadelphia Phillies rallied for a 5-4 victory over the Florida Marlins.

The Braves had the day off. They open a four-game series against the Marlins in Atlanta on Friday.

The title streak started in 1991, when Atlanta won the NL West. The Braves moved to the East Division in 1994 and trailed the Montreal Expos by six games when the strike stopped the season in August. They've won the title every year since.

PAMPA — The Pampa High baseball program and FFA are jointly sponsoring an all-you-can eat sirloin steak dinner Sept. 26 from 5:30 to 7:30 in the PHS cafeteria.

Tickets are 10 dollars for adults and five dollars for children under 8. Tickets can be bought at the door or by calling 665-6689 or 665-0618.

BASKETBALL

PAMPA — The Harvester Basketball Booster Club will meet at 7 Tuesday night in the high school library.

Basketball parents are invited to attend.

FOOTBALL

WACO, Texas (AP) — Baylor isn't in position to take any team lightly, not even NCAA Division I-AA Sam Houston State.

The Bears (1-2) have a chance for consecutive wins Saturday night, but they are coming off a 10-7 win over SMU in which they had just 182 total yards.

"I was surprised after the SMU game, they were quiet and subdued," first-year Baylor coach Guy Morriss said of his players. "I think we're in a good frame of mind. I think we're ready to play our best ballgame this weekend."

Baylor is also going for the 500th win for the team, which is playing its 101st season and has a 499-475-43 overall record. There have been 54 other Division I-A teams to win 500 games.

The Bears have never lost to a I-AA team, including a 13-9 win over Sam Houston State (1-1) in their only other meeting in 1990. They've only played nine games against I-AA teams, including just three since the other game against the Bearkats — one in each of the last three seasons.

Sam Houston has played 16 I-A teams the past 17 seasons, winning games in 2000 against Louisiana-Lafayette and 2001 against Louisiana Monroe. But their last six losses against upper-division teams have been by an average margin of 38 points.

When Morriss took over as Baylor's coach last season, he added the Sam Houston State game. He replaced a scheduled game against South Florida.

PHS athlete has successful surgery

PAMPA — Pampa High junior Jennie Rogers had a successful second surgery Thursday, according to her dad, Stephen Rogers.

"Jennie's surgery lasted less than two hours and she came through it great," Stephen reported. "She's back in ICU now and she'll be there for another week. Next, she'll be going to the children's hospital in Dallas for rehabilitation."

Rogers, a star volleyball and softball player for the Lady Harvesters, suffered back injuries after a one-car

rollover Monday afternoon west of Pampa. Rogers was taken to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo where she underwent a first surgery Monday night.

"Jennie's had a lot of visitors," Stephen said. "The coaches and players came over Monday night and they dedicated the volleyball game (Pampa vs. Hereford) to her. That was really something."

The Lady Harvesters responded by beating Hereford on Tuesday night for the first time in 18 years.

Cowboys capture Tiger League wins

PAMPA — The Cowboys bounced back to beat the Packers 32-0 after losing a close game against the Dolphins 14-12 in Tiger League football action.

After losing the season opener in the 5th-6th grade division, the Cowboys came back to play hard-nosed football against the Packers.

The Cowboys Gabe Rodrigue ran back the opening kickoff to the 40, then three plays later, Zack Organ scored on a 20-yard sweep around right end. The touchdown was set up by a 10-yard run from Reid Bradley and a 30-yard run from Rodrigue.

The point after attempt failed, but the Cowboys led 6-0 after one quarter.

In the second quarter, the Cowboys the moved the ball downfield to score again on a 6-yard run by Rodrigue. The touchdown capped off a 71-yard drive with runs by Bradley (15 yards), Rodrigue (25 yards) and Kendrick Tillmon (25 yards).

Late in the second quarter, the Cowboys were in Packer

territory and used a 1-2 punch up the middle by Bradley and Rodrigue to score again. The TD run came on a 10-yard scamper by Leonel Madrid in an opening on the right side. Bradley scored the 2-point conversion to give the Cowboys a 20-0 lead at half-time.

In the third quarter, the Cowboys second-team backfield of Ramon Jimenez, Trevor McVay and Jessie Jimenez teamed up to move the ball to the Packer 10. From there, Organ ran across the goalline.

Later in the third quarter, the Cowboys defense got on the score. Craig Conner intercepted a pass and reached the Packer 10. From there, Jessie Jimenez scored to make it 32-0.

Defensively, Daniel Smith and Erick Lewis made several tackles in the backfield for the Cowboys. Conner had an interception and a blocked punt, Ramon Jimenez a fumble recovery, and Corbin Clifton, an interception.

Big 12 looking for better showing against BCS

DALLAS (AP) — The Big 12 is looking for a better showing this week against teams from other BCS conferences.

After going 1-3 in such games last Saturday, the league isn't off to such a good start.

Texas A&M (2-1) lost 35-19 on Thursday night at No. 8 Virginia Tech of the Big East Conference, a game played in gusty wind and rain caused by Hurricane Isabel.

The Big 12 is still 26-7 against outside competition this season, but is just 5-5 against teams from other conferences that are assured spots in the Bowl Championship Series. There are three more chances Saturday.

No. 1 Oklahoma (3-0) plays at home against UCLA of the Pac-10, and two other teams go on the road to play ACC teams: Colorado (2-1) at No. 10 Florida State, and Texas Tech (2-0) at North Carolina State.

In other games Saturday involving Big 12 teams, No. 6 Kansas State (4-0) plays Marshall; No. 13

Texas (1-1) plays at Rice; No. 23 Missouri plays Middle Tennessee State; Oklahoma State (2-1) goes to SMU; Baylor (1-2) hosts Sam Houston State; and Kansas (2-1) plays Marshall.

No. 15 Nebraska (3-0) and Iowa State (2-1) have the weekend off.

The last time UCLA played a No. 1 team was at Oklahoma in 1986. The Bruins finally get to do it again — again against the Sooners on the road.

UCLA first-year coach Karl Dorrell was a senior receiver for the Bruins when they lost 38-3 at Oklahoma in Sept. 6, 1986.

There could be some similar results, with the Bruins bringing in one of the nation's worst offenses to play arguably the best defense.

The Bruins (1-1) got the 500th win in a school history a week ago, 6-3 over Illinois after losing 16-14 at Colorado.

Colorado is the only Big 12 team playing a BCS team for the second straight week, having lost 47-26 to

Off and running



(Courtesy photo)

The Lefors girls cross country team takes off from the starting line at the recent Follett Invitational. The Lady Pirates finished fourth in the Class 1A team standings while Rachel Stubbs won top individual honors.

From right to left are Katie Barnes (36th, 15:20); Jonelle Tinney (6th, 12:53); Rachel Stubbs (1st, 12:19); Kayla Andis (28th, 14:07) and Savannah Smith (32nd, 14:53).

Astros increase lead in NL Central

DENVER (AP) — Wade Miller struggled with his control in his first inning and his last, issuing back-to-back walks in each frame. In between, he was brilliant, helping to shut out the Rockies at Coors Field for the first time in four years.

Miller allowed only two hits before leaving in the seventh inning as the Houston Astros beat the Rockies 6-0 Thursday.

The win increased Houston's lead in the NL Central to one game over the idle Chicago Cubs.

Miller, Octavio Dotel and Mike Gallo combined on a three-hit shutout to end the longest home scoring streak in major league history.

The Rockies were blanked at home for the first time since San Diego's Andy Ashby pitched a six-hitter on July 4, 1999.

Colorado had scored in 361 consecutive games at home. The previous record was 258 games

more than a century ago, by the Boston Braves from 1892-1896.

Before Colorado, the post-1900 record was held by the New York Yankees. They scored in 233 straight home games from 1930-33, according to the Elias Sports Bureau, baseball's statistician.

"I wasn't aware of the streak," Miller said. "They told me afterward. Sure, it's nice. But the thing is, we needed a win here to go back up by a game over Chicago. We have only 10 games left now, so every one is important."

Astros manager Jimmy Williams agreed.

"We're just trying to win games because we know what position we're in," he said. "It's tough to throw a shutout anywhere."

Miller (14-12) gave up just a third-inning double to Todd Helton and a fourth-inning single to Jay Payton before departing

after walking two straight batters with one out in the seventh.

Dotel promptly retired pinch-hitter Mark Sweeney on a double-play grounder, then worked a one-hit eighth. Gallo finished with a perfect ninth, securing Houston's 11th win in 14 games.

Miller walked five and struck out seven, improving to 7-2 in his last nine starts. The three hits were the fewest for Colorado at home since May 1 against Cincinnati.

Jeff Bagwell hit a two-run homer off Jason Young in the ninth, his 36th of the season. Bagwell and Craig Biggio each had three hits for Houston, and Bagwell had three RBIs.

"It's nice to come in and get handshakes instead of always sitting in the dugout having to give handshakes," said Bagwell, who entered in an 0-for-13 slide.

The Astros took two of three from the Rockies.

Washington State last Saturday. The Buffaloes are playing Florida State (3-0), where former Baylor coach Kevin Steele is the defensive coordinator, for the first time.

The Buffs will have to try to bounce back without quarterback Joel Klatt, who was knocked out of last week's game with a right shoulder injury. Running back Bobby Purify could be limited by an ankle injury.

Texas Tech, after an open date, goes to North Carolina State (1-2) for a rematch against the team it lost a wild 51-48 overtime game to last season. The Wolfpack is coming off an overtime loss to defending national champion Ohio State.

Missouri, ranked for the first time since the end of the 1998 season, tries to extend its first 3-0 start since 1981. The Tigers play Middle Tennessee State (0-3) for the first time.

Texas, which saw its national championship hopes and poll standing take

a hit after losing 38-28 to Arkansas, tries to rebound against Rice (0-2). It should be the perfect bounce-back opponent for the Longhorns, who have won 32 of the last 33 games in the series.

Kansas State tries to become the first team with five wins when it plays Marshall (1-2). The Wildcats have a 10-game winning streak, plus have won 39 straight against non-conference opponents.

Oklahoma State coach Les Miles is trying to convince his Cowboys they've

got quite a challenge on their hands.

That may be tough. SMU (0-2), despite a running back averaging 100 yards a game, is coming off a 10-7 loss at Baylor after being blown out at Texas Tech.

Kansas, which won only twice last season, goes for its third straight win against Jacksonville State (1-1).

Baylor tries for consecutive wins when it plays NCAA Division I-AA Sam Houston State (1-1).

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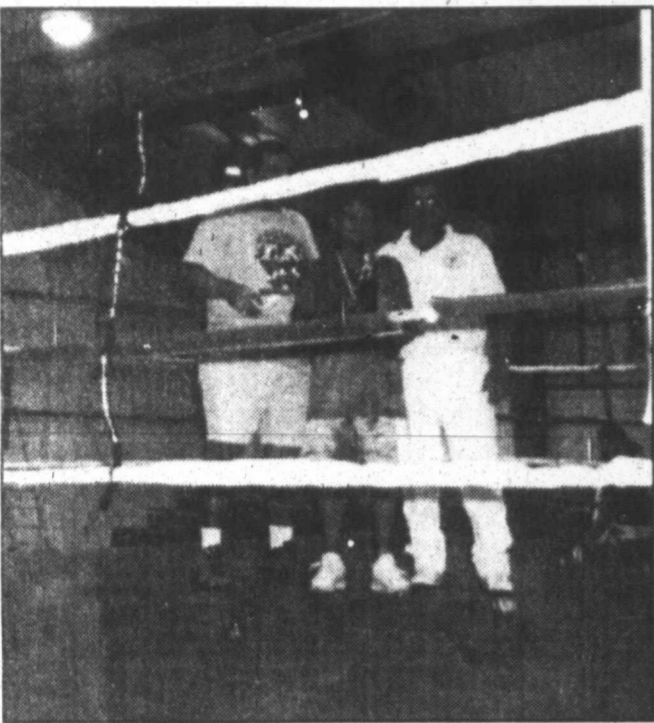
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Best boxer



Cecilia Garcia of the Youth Survival Club of Pampa was named the best fighter of the night in the girls division at the recent Slaton Boxing Club Tournament. Cecilia won by a decision over Christina Martinez of the Mavericks Club of Amarillo.

Aggies fall to Hokies

BLACKSBURG, Va. (AP) — Texas A&M put more of a scare into No. 8 Virginia Tech than the rain and wind of Hurricane Isabel. Two huge runs by Bryan Randall rescued the Hokies from all of it Thursday night.

Randall scrambled for 13 yards down the right sideline on third-and-6 from the Aggies' 26 and then went 12 yards around the left side for an insurance touchdown with 8:20 left in the Hokies' 35-19 victory.

"They both felt good," Randall said of the runs, the second of which capped an 11-play, 80-yard drive and gave the Hokies a 28-19 lead.

"The first down was like a touchdown to me. It kept the drive alive and gave us new life, four more plays to try to get into the end zone."

The play capped a bizarre night at Lane Stadium, on the opposite side of the state from where Isabel knocked out power to nearly 1.5 million people.

The Aggies (2-1) did a lot of their damage thanks to the arm and fast feet of quarterback Reggie McNeal, who repeatedly connected on key passes or left defenders grasping at air as he turned a corner and broke free.

But Randall's version of catch me if you can saved the night for the Hokies (3-0) when the Aggies needed a stop to keep their hopes alive.

"It's always disheartening when you have him and you let him out," said Aggies defensive back Jaxson Appel, whose interception stopped a Hokies' drive and helped Texas A&M get within 21-19 with 14:24 left.

Once Randall gave the Hokies breathing room, the Aggies helped, too, failing to field a pooch kickoff that Virginia Tech recovered and turned into Kevin Jones' third touchdown of the night, an 11-yard run.

With 5:33 to play, the outcome was sealed as the Hokies' string of victories in games played before October reached 27, dating to September 1996.

"They made the big plays when it was time for big plays to be made," said McNeal, who was 11-for-21 for 133 yards with a touchdown and an interception.

Swiss man arrested in Kobe Bryant case

MONTEREY PARK, Calif. (AP) — Authorities on Thursday arrested a Swiss bodybuilding coach they said made a \$3 million offer to kill the woman who has accused Los Angeles Lakers star Kobe Bryant of sexual assault.

Patrick Graber was arrested for investigation of soliciting a murder after making the offer to Bryant's security director and then meeting with undercover detectives. Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca told a news conference at his head-

quarters. Baca said Graber, 31, of El Segundo, agreed to carry out the murder for \$1 million up front and \$2 million after the fact.

"We believe it was a credible threat," sheriff's Lt. Jim Taylor said. He added that just before the arrest, Graber was given a bag full of movie studio prop money.

Graber was booked and held on \$1 million bail, and an arraignment was set for Monday.

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East Division					Central Division				
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x-Atlanta	95	58	.621	—	Minnesota	84	69	.549	—
Florida	84	68	.553	10 1/2	Chicago	80	72	.526	3 1/2
Philadelphia	84	69	.549	11	Kansas City	79	73	.520	4 1/2
Montreal	78	76	.506	17 1/2	Cleveland	66	88	.429	18 1/2
New York	63	89	.414	11 1/2	Detroit	38	114	.250	45 1/2
Central Division					West Division				
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Houston	83	69	.546	—	Oakland	92	61	.601	—
Chicago	82	70	.539	1	Seattle	87	66	.569	5
St. Louis	79	75	.513	5	Anaheim	72	81	.471	20
Pittsburgh	71	81	.467	12	Texas	68	85	.444	24
Cincinnati	65	88	.425	18 1/2					
Milwaukee	65	88	.425	18 1/2					
West Division					x-clinched division				
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x-San Francisco	93	58	.616	—					
Los Angeles	81	70	.536	12					
Arizona	79	74	.516	15					
Colorado	69	84	.451	25					
San Diego	60	92	.395	33 1/2					
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Smith lacks carries but packs motivation for young Arizona team

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Emmitt Smith hasn't carried the ball much in two games with the Arizona Cardinals.

His biggest role so far has been to motivate a young team off to an 0-2 start.

"Anytime he talks everybody listens," rookie wide receiver Anquan Boldin said, "because everybody knows he's been there. He always has something good to say, and it's very relative to what we're going through."

Smith spoke to the entire team in the locker room after last Sunday's 38-0 home loss to the Seattle Seahawks. By all accounts, it was an emphatic lesson in the importance of heart, desire and attitude.

"It was never meant for media play anyway," Smith said after Thursday's practice. "My postgame speech was more for my teammates, for the people actually on the staff. I wanted it to stay in-house. It was never meant to get outside the walls of the locker room. Those are my final statements on it."

Smith has 118 yards on 27 carries. His average of 4.4 yards per attempt is slightly above his career average, and he has boosted his NFL career rushing record to 17,280 yards.

However, the Cardinals had to abandon the running game when they fell behind in the second half of the season opener at Detroit and virtually from the start of the Seattle game.

They hope to finally get back to their game plan, and get

the ball into Smith's hands more often, beginning Sunday against Green Bay.

"He's going to get a load of it and a dose of it. That's why we brought him in here," coach Dave McGinnis said. "That's how we've got this thing structured. But if we turn the ball over and continuously put ourselves in three- or four-possession games, that doesn't lend itself to doing what we want to do."

So far, defenses have been designed to stop Smith, then challenge quarterback Jeff Blake and an inexperienced corps of wide receivers to make plays. Arizona has nine turnovers through two games, while its opponents have none.

"You get behind and turn the ball over like we've been doing over the last two weeks, you kind of have to abandon some things in your game plan, and the first thing you abandon generally is the run," Smith said. "It is a little frustrating."

The biggest frustration, though, comes with losing. "I could care less if we run the ball 30 times or 20 times in a game, as long as we're winning the game and as long as

we're throwing the ball effectively, then that's really what matters," Smith said.

A 1,000-yard season was automatic for Smith until last season, and reaching that total is going to be a challenge on a team that has lost 10 of its last 11.

"I'd rather have 10 or 12 wins under my belt than have 1,000 yards. That's just the logic of it. I mean, let's be real about it," Smith said. "We're here to win games. I'm here to do my job the best I can, but when you've got eight-, nine-man fronts up there, that makes it very difficult.

"The way I look at it, if you've got an eight-, nine-man front up there, they respect your running game. That's a lot of respect. Some people don't look at it this way."

No matter what happens this season, McGinnis said he covets the opportunity to coach the great running back.

"I'll say it again and again," McGinnis said. "Eighteen years in this league, and one of the best things that's ever happened to me is having Emmitt Smith on my football team."

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Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Sept. 20, 2003:
Express your nurturing side more often. Others are clearly drawn to you and want to become a lot closer. You network well and meet people easily. You are likely to expand your immediate circle of friends and meet new people. Often you might feel like you have to say things more than once for your message to be heard. You are an unusually deep thinker, and what might be necessary is to choose the right words in order for others to grasp what you are saying. If you are single, a romance will appear in your life spring 2004. This bond could be unique and quite special. If you are attached, you'll bond much more closely if you work on a common goal together. Express more of what you're feeling. **CANCER** proves to be an A-No. 1 friend.

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)
**** Settle in and make this a cozy day at home. You don't always need to have projects cooking; you might want to just chat and catch up on news and feelings. Get into a fall project at some point in the next few days. **Tonight:** Order in. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)
***** Keep conversations rolling and catch up on friends, neighbors and siblings' news. A loved one or child who could be difficult and/or touchy might finally talk about what is on his or her mind. You might be quite pleased at clearing the air. **Tonight:** Make up for lost time. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)
**** Take your time with your bud-

et, because you don't want to make a mistake right now. Your ruler goes direct, and sometimes in the confusion of this action, you could make an error or two. Be careful with your dealings. **Tonight:** Your treat. **CANCER** (June 21-July 22)
***** You smile, and others respond. Be your cheerful self. You have the opportunity to clear the air and get past a misunderstanding Both of you will be a lot happier as a result. **Tonight:** The world is your oyster. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)
*** Don't feel like you have to do anything right now. Take this day for yourself. Consider clearing out some paperwork and relaxing. You might encounter a snafu somewhere along the way that could jolt you, but it can be straightened out. **Tonight:** Just relax. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
***** Finally your ruler goes direct, giving you a breath of fresh air. You feel as if more is under your control. Gather the troops and bring friends together, whether for a barbecue or the movies. It doesn't matter. **Tonight:** Wherever you are, you'll have fun. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
**** Take firmer charge of your life, especially when dealing with a boss or a loved one. Right now you get to clear the air and allow some good feelings to flow. Your brightness and attitude draw many. **Tonight:** Others look to you for energy and fun. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
***** Bring others together for a day trip. You will enjoy yourself no matter where you are. A change of scenery helps you gain a renewed perspective about a personal matter. Anything is possible. Relax with the moment. Be more forthright with a friend or loved one. **Tonight:** Do something totally different. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
***** Deal directly with a special individual in your life. What had been difficult could start lightening up with conversations. You think in terms of the unexpected as well as new possibilities. **Tonight:** Go along with another's wishes. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
**** How you approach an individual could be a lot different from how you had been. Discussions finally make sense. A trip that you might have put off now becomes a new possibility. Others seek you out. Listen to all the news. **Tonight:** The chatter continues into the wee hours. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
*** Relax with a dear friend or loved one. You might feel much better than you have in a while. Be more open and discuss what has gone on with you as of late. Be open and nurturing at the same time. **Tonight:** Snuggle in. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)
***** Your creativity opens up to a new level. Finally, you get a better grasp on what has been bothering you lately, or what has been bothering someone close to you. You'll both feel better as a result. Make special plans. Together: Be a duo, even around crowds.

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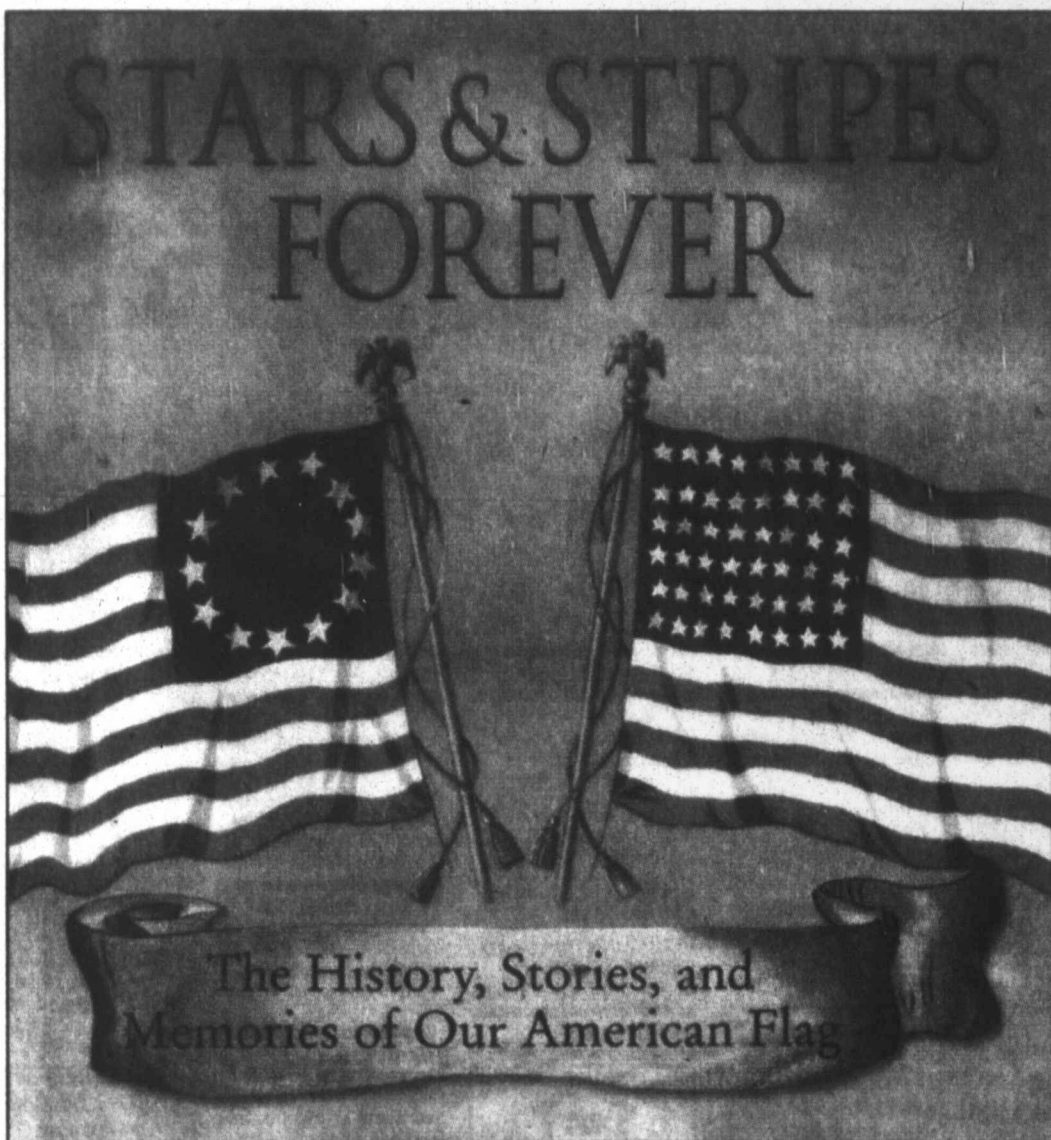
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The flag on the left depicts the flag supposedly designed by Betsy Ross. The flag at right is a representation of the 48-star flag after Arizona and New Mexico were admitted to the Union in 1912.

Exploring the history of the American flag

The article below is the first in a two-part series on the American flag. Look for the next article in coming weeks.



White Deer Land Museum has received a copy of "Stars & Stripes Forever," a new book by Richard H. Schneider, author of "Taps: Notes from a Nation's Heart." The book was published by William Morrow, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers. Barbara Levine was the jacket designer and the jacket illustration was created by SuperStock. In his new book, Schneider tells the history, stories and memories of our American flag.

The Viking banner — a black raven on a white background — was the first flag to touch the shores of our continent. This was around A.D. 1000 when a Viking long boat grounded on the banks of Newfoundland. In centuries that followed, other ships and flags, including those of Spain, France and England, were to come to the shores of America.

The British Union Jack, representing the union of England and Scotland, flew over Jamestown in 1607 and over Plymouth in 1620. For several decades, the bright colors of the Union Jack brought comfort to the people who were settling the wild country of the New World.

Around 1750, English colonists began to complain about the heavy hand of Mother England in regard to taxes, laws, regulations and denial of representation. On April 19, 1775, "the shot heard round the world" was fired and the Union Jack ceased to represent the people of America.

One of the new banners, showed a rattlesnake with its fangs bared and the defiant motto: "Don't tread on me." This banner was inspired by Benjamin Franklin's design of a rattlesnake cut into nine pieces to represent the nine colonies.

The Flag of the Sons of Liberty was a rectangle featuring nine red and white vertical stripes. This was the

first flag to feature red and white stripes.

The New England Flag, carried at the Battle of Bunker Hill, was a red flag with a white canton bearing the image of a pine tree. (A "canton" is a rectangular portion of a flag, placed in the upper quadrant close to the staff — e.g. the field of blue with white stars in the American flag is a canton.)

On New Year's Day of 1776, the Continental Army was formally established with Gen. George Washington in charge. The flag under which the new army fought was a modification of the British Red Ensign, a maritime flag that featured a red field with the Union Jack in the canton.

The red field was changed to a field of 13 red and white stripes — the colonies had grown in number from nine to 13. This first symbol of the 13 united colonies was called the Grand Union Flag.

On July 4, 1776, the second Continental Congress formally signed the Declaration of Independence. The Journal of this Congress on June 14, 1777, contains a short 32-word passage with no explanation or comment: "Resolved, that the flag of the United States be made of thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the Union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."

This short, simple statement describes the flag that represents our country to the world and which we celebrate every June 14 as Flag Day.

For many years, the story has been told that Betsy Ross designed and made the first American national flag, but historians now believe that the story is untrue. It is known that Betsy Ross was a seamstress in Philadelphia

and that, in May 1777, she was asked to sew flags for the Pennsylvania Navy.

Other people claimed to have designed the flag, and we may never know who actually did design the flag of 13 alternate red and white stripes with a circle of white stars in the blue canton. But what really matters is that those who are truly responsible for our flag and what it stands for are those who risked life and liberty to bring our country into existence — those service men and women who fight for it in times of peril — and those who keep the bright and vibrant vision of our national anthem flying over the land of the free and the home of the brave.

The enormous Stars and Stripes Banner that flew over Fort McHenry in 1814 and inspired the writing of our national anthem featured 15 stripes because Kentucky and Vermont had joined the Union. At this point, Congress enacted the Flag Law which stated that for every new state, another star and another stripe would be added to the flag.

One Congressman protested, "If we continue adding a star and stripe every time a new state is admitted, the flag may have more stripes than a zebra and more stars than in the heavens."

On April 4, 1818, after five more states had been admitted to the Union, Congress passed a resolution authored by Congressman Peter H. Wendell and Capt. Samuel Reid. Wendell had written, "Should that practice (adding a stripe as well as a star) be followed, our flag would resemble nothing less than peppermint shirting."

Reid suggested that the number of stripes be kept to 13 to represent the 13 original colonies.

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