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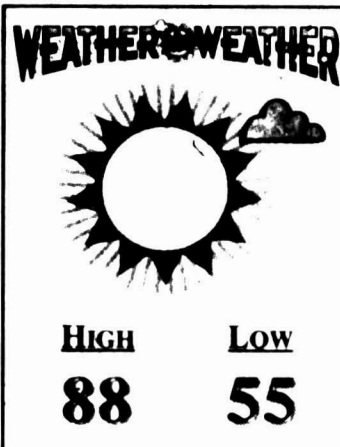
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LOCAL

County Commission sets special meeting

A special meeting of the Gray County Commissioners Court is set for at 8 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 26, at the temporary county courtroom at 315 N. Ballard. Flu shots for employees and a resolution supporting Texas Veterans' Nursing Home in Gray County are the only items listed on the agenda.

PHS football vets to be honored Oct. 4

A reception honoring Harvester (football) Veterans is set for 1:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 4, at the Pampa High School library. Anyone who played football for the Pampa Harvesters is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served and photographs taken. After the reception, the Harvester Veterans will have special seating at the Homecoming pep rally. Call Sherry Seabourn at 669-4800, ext. 301, or 669-9213 for more information.

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Rabies resurfaces

Two cases confirmed in north Pampa this week

By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

Rabies are still in Pampa. Two new cases of rabies have been reported here this week bringing the total to seven confirmed cases for 2002. All confirmed cases have been in skunks.

City of Pampa Animal Control Director Sandy Burns said Tuesday both rabid skunks were found east of Hobart Street, but several blocks from each other.

One was found at 18th and Nelson streets.

"Two puppies had to be put to sleep," she said, "because they had not been vaccinated and it was believed they had been exposed to the skunk at that location."

In the second instance, the

rabid skunk was found in the 700 block of North Christy.

"To our knowledge, there was not any exposure," she said. "But who knows?"

A third skunk, also suspected to be rabid, was found on Price Road at Gwendolen. However, it was mangled too badly by a dog for the Austin lab to be able to make a definite diagnosis, said Karen McDonald, zoonosis control specialist with the Texas Department of Health in Lubbock. The dog involved in the incident is under quarantine, said Burns.

A map maintained by the City of Pampa Animal Control Department confirms the rabies problem is not in just one area of town, but spreads throughout the community.

Animal Control employees

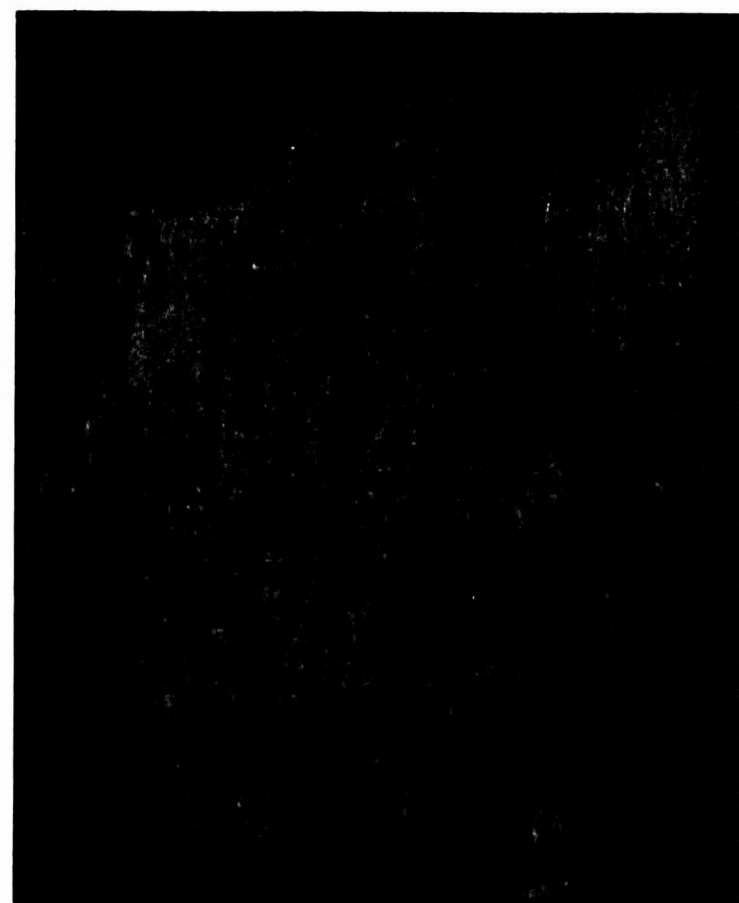
have placed push pins in the map to provide a visual reference to each location a rabid skunk has been found. Burns said the map certifies that rabid skunks have been found in all areas of Pampa during the past two years.

All the rabid skunks retrieved last week by the animal control were out during daylight hours, said Burns. She cautions that skunks are nocturnal animals, and are not normally out during the day.

She urges people to contact the local animal control if they see a skunk out during the day, especially if it is acting suspicious.

During 2001, 16 rabid skunks were found in Pampa. Prior to the first case in March 2001, Burns said it had been

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(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Red push pins mark the places in Pampa where rabies has been confirmed since March 2001.

No action taken

City-county fire service contract placed on back burner, for now

By KATE B. DICKSON
ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

Concern over a proposed change in how county fire calls are to be dispatched prompted the Pampa City Commission Tuesday to put approval of the city-county fire services contract temporarily on the back burner.

Not at issue, however, is the \$130,000 annual fee the county pays the city to provide fire protection in parts of rural Gray County.

Currently, the city's 9-1-1 dispatch center sends out the city fire department for county fire runs. All 9-1-1 calls made in Gray County are answered in the city center.

The county wants 9-1-1 dispatchers to transfer emergency 9-1-1 county fire calls it receives to the sheriff's department for dispatching.

That way, the sheriff's department can determine whose jurisdiction the emergency call is in, dispatch accordingly and have knowledge of the event.

The contract vote was tabled after Commissioners Faustina Curry and Jeff Andrews expressed concern a dispatching change could result in slower response times.

This morning, County Judge Richard Peet said the change would facilitate better communication with the sheriff's department by insuring that county law enforcement is kept abreast of all emergencies in the county.

Currently, Peet said the sheriff's department is not always notified of accidents and fires in the county where deputies may need to respond.

"I don't think this would slow the response time down," Peet said.

And, according to Fire Chief Kim Powell, the proposed method of dispatching is the same one used with Roberts County.

As an example, Peet said if there is an auto accident out of the city limits on U.S. Highway 60 and the call comes to 9-1-1, the sheriff's department needs to be notified.

Peet said it is not necessary for the fire department to respond on every accident call. He said sheriff's deputies and/or ambulance personnel first on the scene could make the decision whether to call out the city fire department or not.

The county will take up the contract at its meeting on Tuesday, the judge said.

Commission tables agreement with Hidden Hills Golf Course

By KATE B. DICKSON
ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

A proposal to change the city's Hidden Hills Golf Course management contract to a three-year pact from a one year agreement was tabled by City Commissioners until their next meeting at 6 p.m. Monday.

Before Commissioners Tuesday was the proposed one-year, \$171,000 subsidy agreement with golf pro David Teichmann for operations of the golf course. The proposal is the same as the current year deal.

But Mayor Lonny Robbins offered a plan to increase the agreement to three years in order to give Teichmann's employees "a better sense of job security."

Robbins said he had talked with Hidden Hills board members who support the change. The contract amount would hold firm.

"The city has a great golf course and David does an excellent job," the mayor said. "He has cut costs and is bringing the course closer

to running in the black."

But Robbins' idea hit a snag when two commissioners, Jeff Andrews and Faustina Curry, both said they want more time to think about the issue.

"Given that this was sprung on us an hour and a half ago ... I'm not prepared with 10 minutes thinking to switch to three years or two years," Andrews said.

Robbins told Andrews the golf course "is discussed every year," adding, "we ought to have knowledge and insight into it. We're not changing a lot with regard to the contract."

Acknowledging that a three-year pact will still allow the city to change fees at the course, Curry said, "I'm not against it ... I just want time to think about it."

"We're talking about a continual drain (by the golf course) on city finances and I'm not ready to do that just now," Andrews said.

Voting against tabling the measure was Commissioner Jeff McCormick. Commissioner Bob Dixon was absent.

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ON RECORD

POLICE

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

Friday, Sept. 20

A 17-year-old girl reported an assault with minor injuries in the 1000 block of North Dwight.

Monday, Sept. 23

An 11-year-old boy was reported to have run away from the 1100 block of South Prairie Drive.

Tuesday, Sept. 24

Minor in possession of tobacco was reported in the 600 block of Harvester.

An aggravated sexual assault on a minor was reported in the 1900 block of North Dwight.

A burglary was reported in the 1100 block

of Terry where clothing was stolen. Entry was gained after the back door was kicked in.

Minor in possession of tobacco was reported in the 500 block of North Cuyler.

Janna Lin Sims, 34, 1912 N. Beech, not secured by safety belt.

Thomas L. Bennett, 30, 945 S. Faulkner, warrants for failure to appear and no seat belt.

Wednesday, Sept. 25

Criminal mischief was reported in the 328 block of Miami where a windshield was broken.

Allsup, 1025 W. Wilks, reported that \$20 was stolen.

Evading arrest was reported in the 1600 block of Mary Ellen.

Anthony Santacruz, 37, 1607 Mary Ellen, evading arrest.

SHERIFF

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

Tuesday, Sept. 24

Clive Wayne Weaver, 26, Amarillo, arrested on DPS warrants for speeding and failure to appear.

STOCKS

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of Pampa.		VLO	27.45	+0.37
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		COP	47.57	+0.30
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		Tenneco	3.83	-0.29
		CVX	69.38	+0.68
		Wal-Mart	52.10	+0.61
		OKE	18.29	+0.31
		NS Group	5.99	+0.03
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		Celanese	17.83	-0.42
		Cabot Corp.	21.55	+0.19
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		Silver	4.65	
		Coca Cola	47.75	+0.55
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Celanese	17.83	-0.42
Cabot Corp.	21.55	+0.19
Cabot Oil Gas	20.21	+0.21
Coca Cola	47.75	+0.55
New York Gold	326.05	
Silver	4.65	
West Texas Crude	30.77	

ACCIDENTS

The Pampa Police Department filed the following accident report.

Sunday, Sept. 22

Dustin Joe Lenderman, 16, Keller Estates, was cited for failure to yield the right of way when the 1994 Jeep Grand Cherokee he was driving in the 1800 block of North Hobart collided with a 1997 Oldsmobile 88 driven by Rounaldo Hernandez Herrero, 39, White Deer. Herrero was cited for no valid driver's license and no liability insurance. No injuries were reported.

CARSON CO. SHERIFF

The Carson County Sheriff's Department issued the following jail intake report.

Sept. 16-22

Kimberly Weller, 40, Panhandle, public intoxication.

Joshua Lowell, 24, Parker, Colo., possession of a controlled substance more than one gram but less than four grams.

Rhonda Hawkins, 30, Hereford, arrested on Panhandle Police Department warrants.

Robin Loner, 47, Groom, possession of drug paraphernalia.

John Thomas, 39, Groom, public intoxication.

Minnie Menefield, 36, Amarillo, driving while intoxicated/first offense.

David Sanders, 39, Lubbock, public intoxication.

FIRE

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

Tuesday, Sept. 24

5:55 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a rubbish fire in the 600 block of West Brown.

9:52 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 2100 block of Coffee.

10:03 p.m. — One unit and four firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1800 block of Chestnut.

AMBULANCE

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

Tuesday, Sept. 24

1:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC) and transported one to Baptist-St. Anthony's West in Amarillo.

9:44 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of Coffee and transported one to PRMC.

10:01 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1800 block of Chestnut and transported one to PRMC.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's forecast is mostly sunny with highs in the upper 80s, and south winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight should be mostly clear with lows in the middle 50s, and south winds 10 to 20 mph. Thursday should be partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph shifting to the northwest. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Lows around 50. Northeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s. East winds 5 to 15 mph. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the middle 50s. Saturday, partly cloudy.

STATEWIDE

It will be clear and warm over Texas today. Southeast Texas will be windy as a result of Tropical Storm Isidore but no major rains are forecast there.

It was dry across the state on Tuesday. Temperatures ranged from 89 degrees at College Station to an overnight low of 46 degrees at Marfa.

South Texas will be partly cloudy and slightly warmer today, with only a small chance of storms in far southeast Texas. But

it will be windy and cloudy along the eastern Gulf, with sustained winds of 20-35 mph possible through midnight tonight. Winds should decrease Thursday.

Highs temperatures inland Thursday will range from the upper 80s in the east to the mid-90s in the deep south. Sunny skies will increase by this weekend to all parts of South Texas, with highs mostly in the low 90s through the weekend.

In West Texas today, it will be sunny with highs mostly in the mid 80s, slightly warmer in the Permian Basin/Trans Pecos area. The good weather will hold steady through the weekend. Partly cloudy skies and slightly cooler temperatures are expected in the north beginning Thursday. No precipitation is forecast over the region.

North Texas will be mostly clear with highs in the low to mid 80s today. Thursday it will be slightly warmer over central and western areas, with breezy winds and a slight chance of thunderstorms in the east and cooler there.

This weekend, it will be clear to partly cloudy with highs in the 80s over North Texas, and no rain forecast.

City Briefs

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OBITUARIES

JEWELL CLARK
1910-2002

Jewell Clark, 91, of Pampa, died Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2002. Services will be at 2 p.m., Friday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Jim Powell, pastor of Hobart Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in White Deer Cemetery at White Deer under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Clark was born Oct. 12, 1910, at Aubrey, Texas. She came to Pampa in the late 1920s and married Eldon Clark in 1930; he died in 1989.

She was a homemaker, a 50-year member of Pampa Home Demonstration Club, and a member of Hobart Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Charles "Billie" Walsh of Denver, Colo.; two sons, Tommy Clark and Rick Clark, both of Pampa; nine grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

www.carmichael-whitley.com

VIRGINIA LEE TEEL
1926-2002

Virginia Lee Teel, 76, of Pampa, died Monday, Sept. 23, 2002, at Wheeler. Services will be at 10 a.m., Friday in Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Richard Bartel, pastor, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Teel was born June 9, 1926, at Holdenville, Okla. She married Jerry William Teel at Hooker, Okla.; he died Sept. 14, 1993. She moved to Pampa from Hugoton, Kan., in 1980 and was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

She was a former chairperson of A.B.W. White Cross Association and volunteered with Meals on Wheels.

She was preceded in death by a son, Walter Lee Teel, on Sept. 28, 1986; a daughter-in-law, Roxanne Teel; and a sister, Hazel Marling.

Survivors include three sons, Michael P. Teel of Tulsa, Okla., Jerry Glenn Teel of Fairplay, Colo., and Ronald R. Teel of Wichita, Kan.; two daughters, Patricia Ann Teel of Bremerton, Wash., and Barbara I. Parry of Pampa; a sister, Helen Ring of Collinsville, Okla.; 14 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to Calvary Baptist Church Missions Fund, 900 E. 23rd, Pampa, TX 79065; or to a favorite charity.

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Federal Open Market Committee votes to hold interest rates steady

By JEANNINE AVERSA
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Economic uncertainties heightened by the possibility of war with Iraq and a rare display of dissent within the Federal Reserve is raising expectations that the central bank might cut interest rates before the end of the year, economists say.

Although the Federal Open Market Committee voted 10-2 on Tuesday to hold interest rates steady, policy-makers cited "geopolitical risks" — something most economists viewed as a reference to Iraq — as a potential danger to the wobbly economy.

"The uncertainty over the timing and the consequences of military action is creating problems in the equity markets and boardrooms," said economist Joel Naroff, president of Naroff Economic Advisors. "Like the rest of us, business leaders cannot figure out what will happen if war breaks out, and making business plans in such an unclear environment is quite difficult."

Two of the 12 FOMC members, Edward Gramlich and Robert McTeer, wanted an immediate rate cut and voted against the central bank's decision to leave rates unchanged, representing the first double dissent since May 1998 and revealing a crack in the unified front the Fed often presents to the public.

"Gramlich is a pretty mainstream guy. This suggests to me that we will see a rate cut in November," said David Wyss, chief economist at Standard & Poor's.

Other economists also believe momentum for a rate reduction will probably grow between now and the Fed's next meeting on Nov. 6. But a rate cut is not a foregone conclusion by any means, they said.

With the federal funds rate — the interest that banks charge each other on overnight loans — already at a 41-year low of 1.75 percent, the Fed has to be extra careful in using its limited rate-cut ammunition to help the economy fully recover from last year's recession, some analysts said.

"Obviously the odds of a rate cut now are very high, but there has to be concerns among Fed policy-makers that they might get boxed in and not be able to aggressively respond to

debilitating events," said Mark Zandi, chief economist with Economy.com.

The last time the Fed cut rates was in December of last year, which pushed the funds rate down to 1.75 percent.

While many analysts consider a "double dip" recession scenario remote, it can't be ruled out, they said.

A dramatic and prolonged rise in energy prices stoked by Middle East tensions or a big cutback in spending by consumers — the driving force behind the economy — would probably send the economy into a nosedive, economists said.

After being knocked down by last year's recession, the economy is back on its feet but isn't bursting with vitality.

Businesses have remained reluctant to make big commitments in hiring and capital spending, two factors restraining the recovery. Manufacturing — hardest hit by the recession — lost considerable momentum in August.

Layoffs have been rising recently, and economists are predicting that the nation's jobless rate — now at 5.7 percent — probably will increase slightly in the months ahead.

Consumers, whose spending accounts for two-thirds of all economic activity in the United States, have been the primary engine keeping the economy going, but the Conference Board reported Tuesday that consumer confidence fell in September for the fourth consecutive month, dropping to the lowest level since November of last year.

Over time, the Fed said low interest rates and gains in productivity should be "sufficient to foster an improving business climate."

But the Fed said "considerable uncertainty persists about the extent and timing of the expected pickup in production and employment owing in part to the emergence of heightened geopolitical risks."

Some viewed Tuesday's dual dissents as an indication of the vigorous debate taking place over the direction of the economy during these turbulent times and predicted that more dissents would be seen in the future. Most economists viewed that as a healthy development, rather than a sign that Greenspan is losing influence over his Fed colleagues.

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Bush vows veto if denied Homeland Security authority

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's spokesman sharply condemned the Senate and vowed a presidential veto as the chamber's Democratic majority claimed enough support to keep labor unions happy and deny him new management authority over the proposed department of homeland security.

Senate Democrats, joined by moderate Republican Sen. Lincoln Chafee of Rhode Island, appeared to have just enough votes to pass homeland-security legislation without the enhanced hiring and firing powers Bush seeks in the name of protecting the nation from terrorism.

"Make no mistake: if what the Senate (passes) in that narrow vote were to come to the president's desk it will be vetoed," White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said Wednesday.

"The president will be effectively prevented from making decisions based on national security no matter how urgent a crisis we find ourselves in," Fleischer said.

The Senate's top Republican, Trent Lott of Mississippi, said that despite the latest veto clash, he still expected a deal would be reached — any Senate bill must still be reconciled with the House version — and the Congress would

give final approval to a bill acceptable to the president.

"I predict, in the end, the product that goes to the president will be one he can sign," Lott told reporters.

As work on Bush's broader proposal for a new Cabinet department ground forward, the Senate voted 90-8 Tuesday to create a 10-member independent commission that would conduct a broad investigation into intelligence failures and other government missteps before the Sept. 11 attacks and recommend how to prevent future disasters.

The Sept. 11 commission idea, championed by many victims' families, gained inexorable momentum when the Bush administration last week dropped its opposition. Although differences must be worked out with a less far-reaching House version and with the White House, it is clear that a commission will be created.

"If we don't come to terms with the whole truth by looking back at what happened, we can never move forward with the knowledge and confidence we need to set things right," said Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., a chief sponsor along with Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz.

For weeks, Bush has threatened to veto the Democratic bill creating the 170,000-employee Homeland Security Department, arguing it would not permit him to hire, fire and deploy workers quickly to meet terrorist threats or exempt them from union bargaining rights for reasons of national security.

But the president's supporters have been unable to muster enough votes in the closely divided Senate to push his measure over the top despite nearly four weeks of debate. The GOP-led House passed a version closely tracking the president's in July.

Senate Republicans, joined by a single conservative Democrat, are insisting that Bush get a clear-cut vote on the personnel issue. GOP senators and the lone Democrat, Sen. Zell Miller of Georgia, said they will resist efforts by Democratic leaders to force a Senate vote on only the alternative deemed more acceptable to many Democrats and their labor union allies.

"We intend to fight to make sure the president gets an up-or-down vote," said Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas.

Chafee and Democratic Sens. John Breaux of Louisiana and Ben Nelson of Nebraska offered a

new proposal Tuesday they said could break the impasse.

"This is an important step forward," said Chafee, who so far is the only GOP senator to break with Bush publicly on the labor issues.

Their amendment would give Bush much of power he wants to set up a new management system at the agency. But it would also set new conditions on Bush's existing authority to remove some of the new agency's estimated 43,000 union workers from collective bargaining work rules in matters of national security.

These include requirements that the responsibilities of the workers would have materially changed, and that a majority of workers in a given federal entity were engaged in anti-terrorism intelligence or investigative work.

"The president will have to spell it out very, very clearly," Breaux said.

One union representing 12,000 workers endorsed the proposal as "the best compromise" available to bridge the gap. "This compromise maintains fundamental protections for employees who will be transferred," said Colleen Kelly, president of the National Treasury Employees Union.

Daschle accuses president of politicizing debate over Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle on Wednesday accused President Bush of seeking to politicize the debate over war with Iraq and demanded that he apologize for implying that Democrats were not interested in the security of the American people.

"That is wrong," Daschle said in an impassioned speech on the Senate floor. "We ought not politicize this war. We ought not politicize the rhetoric about war and life and death."

"You tell those who fought in Vietnam and World War II they are not interested in the security of the American people" because they are Democrats, Daschle said. "That is outrageous. Outrageous."

Daschle cited a string of actions by the administration including a comment by Bush that the

Democratic-controlled Senate is "not interested in the security of the American people."

Daschle made his comments as congressional leaders negotiated in private with the administration over the terms of a resolution that would authorize the president to use force to eliminate Saddam's weapons of mass destruction.

Despite misgivings by some rank-and-file Democrats, Daschle and House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt have both signaled support for such legislation, to be passed before Congress adjourns for the midterm elections.

Democratic political strategists have expressed concern that the national debate over Iraq is overshadowing domestic issues in the campaign.

The quote Daschle referred to

came during a political stop that Bush made earlier this week in Trenton, N.J.

Speaking on the issue of homeland security before a fund-raiser for Republican Senate candidate Doug Forrester, the president said, "The House responded, but the Senate is more interested in special interests in Washington and not interested in the security of the American people. I will not accept a Department of Homeland Security that does not allow this president and future presidents to better keep the American people secure."

Bush was speaking to reporters in the Oval Office at the same time that Daschle leveled his criticism Wednesday. The president said he is determined to battle terrorism on two fronts — Saddam's Iraq and Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network

because "they're both equally as bad, and equally as evil, and equally as destructive."

At one point, Bush was asked whether he now believes that Saddam is a bigger threat to Americans than the al-Qaida terror network.

After a long pause, he replied: "That is an interesting question. I'm trying to think of something humorous to say, but I can't when I think about al-Qaida and Saddam Hussein."

"... The danger is, is that they work in concert. The danger is, is that al-Qaida becomes an extension of Saddam's madness and his hatred and his capacity to extend weapons of mass destruction around the world. Both of them need to be dealt with. You can't distinguish between al-Qaida and Saddam when you talk

about the war on terror."

Democrats say the draft proposal that Bush sent to Congress last week is far too broad in giving the president open-ended authority to use military force against Iraq, unilaterally if necessary, to disarm the country, drive Saddam from power and secure peace in the region.

"We should be dealing with a coalition here rather than going it alone," said Sen. Richard Durbin, D-Ill. "If we don't have a coalition we run the risk of expanding opportunities for terrorism around the world against the United States."

House International Relations Committee Chairman Henry Hyde, R-Ill., offered a compromise proposal that made clear that any use of force to restore regional security should come in conjunction with U.N. resolutions.

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RABIES

more than 10 years since a case of rabies was found in Pampa. On Nov. 9, 1990, a rabid bat was found and a rabid coyote was found on Sept. 1, 1989.

The first case of rabies in 2002 was diagnosed on Feb. 28 when dogs found a skunk in a residential yard in the 300 block of Ryder.

In May, a rabid skunk was found in the 2600 block of Navajo. The next two confirmations were at Prairie Drive and McCullough Street on June 26 and in the 700 block of McCullough on July 12.

The confirmed rabies cases come on the heels of two bats testing positive for the disease in Carson and Hutchinson counties.

McDonald said the bats were found in Panhandle and Fritch.

Burns said bats are migrating at the present time. "We haven't had calls on bats yet this year here," she said, but she was quick to caution people to avoid any contact with bats.

She urges parents to tell children to never pick up a bat. Burns said a bite from a

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"He let it go and didn't even know he'd been bitten," she said. "He was dead within two weeks."

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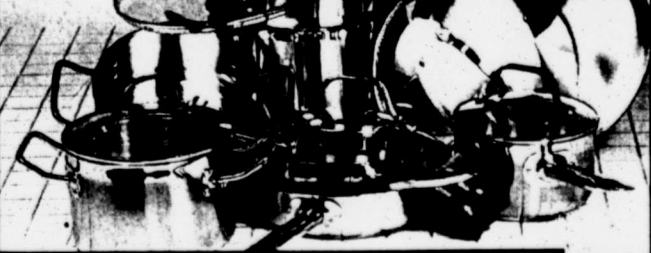
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The program can't get under way until Congress gives the TSA the go-ahead, Johnson said. The Senate Appropriations Committee has held up the program because of concerns that the TSA might choose a technology for the card that's inefficient or too expensive, he said.

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The Senate would have to confirm McClellan's nomination.

"Dr. McClellan has impressive credentials both as a physician and economist. I look forward to learning more about his views on issues critical to the FDA," said Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., who heads the committee that would consider the nomination.

McClellan is best known for studies of the economic and policy factors that influence medical treatment conditions and helped draft Bush administration policy on prescription drug coverage for older people.

The FDA job is very different, heading an agency that regulates the safety of drugs, medical devices, food and cosmetics, products that make up a quarter of the national economy. Indeed, the FDA isn't supposed to consider the costs of a treatment, just whether it works and is safe enough to be used.

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Robert Johnson, TSA spokesman, said the ID cards

would be used in conjunction with an improved passenger screening system that would flag suspicious people before they get on a plane. The current system, called CAPPS for Computer Assisted Passenger Prescreening System, collects information about passengers' travel history from the airlines.

"We don't intend to willfully issue those kinds of cards to those kinds of people, ever," Johnson said.

The program can't get under way until Congress gives the TSA the go-ahead, Johnson said. The Senate Appropriations Committee has held up the program because of concerns that the TSA might choose a technology for the card that's inefficient or too expensive, he said.

"We can begin almost immediately on a project like that once we answer the concerns of Congress," Johnson said.

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Neta Young on her birthday recently at Meredith House where she is a resident.

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White House set to make nomination

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush is set to nominate a physician and health care economist to head the Food and Drug Administration, officials said.

Dr. Mark McClellan, a member of the president's Council of Economic Advisers, emerged as the front-runner for the FDA post two months ago. Bush is expected to announce the nomination soon, say two officials notified about the decision, who spoke Tuesday on condition of anonymity.

The Senate would have to confirm McClellan's nomination.

"Dr. McClellan has impressive credentials both as a physician and economist. I look forward to learning more about his views on issues critical to the FDA," said Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., who heads the committee that would consider the nomination.

McClellan is best known for studies of the economic and policy factors that influence medical treatment conditions and helped draft Bush administration policy on prescription drug coverage for older people.

The FDA job is very different, heading an agency that regulates the safety of drugs, medical devices, food and cosmetics, products that make up a quarter of the national economy. Indeed, the FDA isn't supposed to consider the costs of a treatment, just whether it works and is safe enough to be used.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Man Holding In-Law's Ashes May Have Lost Grip on Reality

DEAR ABBY: My family has always had its share of eccentrics, but my older brother, "Rusty," has me perplexed. His mother-in-law, "Louise," passed away six months ago and was cremated per her wishes. She left a considerable amount of money to my brother and sister-in-law — well into seven figures. Rusty was always fond of his mother-in-law, and I recognize their bond, but his actions of late have grown bizarre.

Rusty now takes Louise's ashes with him to family functions, graduations, camping trips — and even got a permit to take her remains sailing with them in the Caribbean.

Louise travels first class to more places and attends more functions as cremains than she did when she was flesh and blood. Meanwhile, our own dear mother is still living, and she is never invited to accompany them on any of these trips.

What's your reading of this?

POOR BUT SANE BROTHER

DEAR BROTHER: Your brother could have separation issues with Louise, or he could be overwhelmingly grateful for the windfall she left them. He may bring the ashes to family functions in an effort to assure that Louise, although gone, is not forgotten.

Your signature indicates that you suspect your brother may have lost touch with reality. Mention your concerns to your brother. If he doesn't have a logical explanation, mention your concerns to his wife. If she

agrees, he should have a mental and neurological evaluation.

DEAR ABBY: I met a wonderful man, "Ryan," whom I love dearly. We were planning on a June wedding, but I called it off because of his heavy credit card debt. I thought it should be paid off before we got married.

Also, Ryan has a way of hiding things from me that I feel should be out in the open. If he gets a call from a bill collector, he always goes into another room to talk. Shouldn't I be included in what's going on in his life?

I would offer to help with his debt, but Ryan makes three times as much money as I do. Plus, I have discovered that some of his credit card charges are from Internet porn sites. (He swears he no longer frequents them.)

Don't get me wrong, Abby. This man has done everything he can to get back on track financially so we can be married. But I still feel he's hiding little things from me — mostly about money.

Am I overreacting too much of this? What should I do or say when he talks about setting another wedding date? I'm not shy about speaking up and sharing my feelings, but somehow he isn't willing to open up and come clean with me.

Your advice would be greatly appreciated.

WARY FIANCEE IN TENNESSEE

DEAR WARY: Trust is everything in a relationship — and you and this man don't have it. Listen to your intuition, and if you do decide to marry him, insist on premarital and credit counseling first, and keep your own separate line of credit so his cannot ruin yours.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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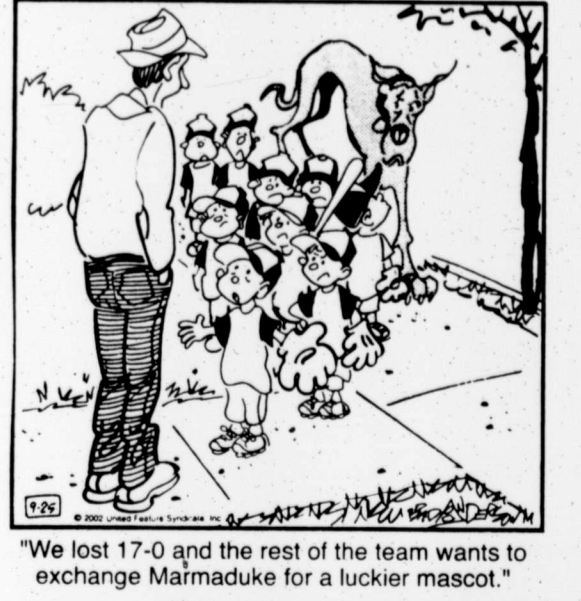
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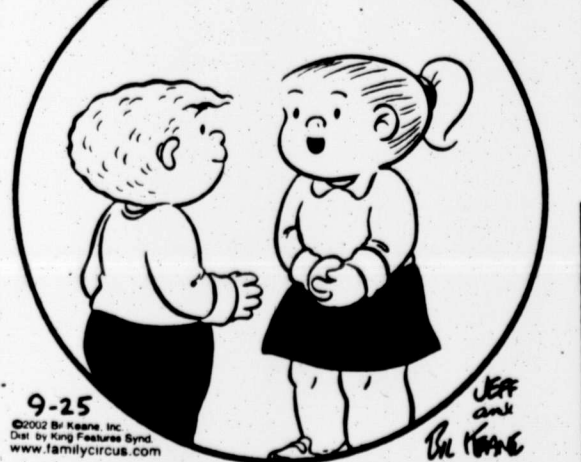
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Marmaduke



"We lost 17-0 and the rest of the team wants to exchange Marmaduke for a luckier mascot."

The Family Circus



"When Aunt Mary has her baby, Mommy gets to be its Fairy Godmother."

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Lack of technology, personnel paved way for 9/11 attackers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The two leads arrived at FBI headquarters weeks apart in the summer of 2001. The first, from a Phoenix agent, warned that Osama bin Laden's terrorists may be learning to fly at U.S. schools. The second described a suspicious student pilot in Minnesota named Zacarias Moussaoui.

But the leads weren't put together until after terrorists

crashed four hijacked airliners at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and a rural Pennsylvania field. At a hearing Tuesday, lawmakers asked what would have happened if someone had linked the two earlier. Could the attacks have been prevented?

An FBI counterterrorism supervisor told them it was unlikely those leads ever could have been connected, given

headquarters' limited staff and poor computer systems.

"We could 'what-if' it to death," said the supervisor, his name undisclosed and his appearance concealed by a screen. "I don't think one individual could keep this all in his head, could not possibly be aware of all the various threats that were out there."

The supervisor addressed the House and Senate intelligence

committees, which are conducting their second week of public hearings as part of their inquiry into the Sept. 11 attacks.

The testimony came after the inquiry's staff director, Eleanor Hill, presented a report finding that legal restrictions, limited resources and bureaucratic snags kept the FBI from successfully investigating the Phoenix memo and the case of Moussaoui, who since has been charged with conspiring in the attacks.

Hill did not suggest that better handling of the cases or any other lead would have prevented the attacks. But she said the country could have been better prepared if those cases had been tied together and with other clues.

Among them were topics she discussed last week: the brief search before the attack for two men who turned out to be hijackers, and a rise in reports suggesting an imminent terrorist action.

"Clearly, it might have drawn greater attention to the possibility of a terrorist attack in the United States, generated a heightened state of alert regarding such attacks and prompted more aggressive investigation and intelligence gathering," she said.

Moussaoui was arrested by FBI agents in Minnesota on immigration charges in August 2001 after a flight school instructor became suspicious of his desire to learn to fly a commercial jet. FBI headquarters denied agents' requests to seek a warrant to search his computer. Hill said FBI agents misunderstood the requirements for getting the special warrant needed for foreign terrorist suspects.

When an anti-terror unit agent in Washington told him he was making too much of a fuss over Moussaoui, a Minneapolis supervisor said "he was trying to make sure that Moussaoui 'did not take control of a plane and fly it into the World Trade Center,'" Hill said, citing the supervisor's notes and a statement he gave.

The supervisor said he made the comments merely to get headquarters' attention.

"That's not going to happen," Hill said the headquarters agent replied. "You don't have enough to show he is a terrorist. You have a guy interested in this type of aircraft — that's it." The agent doesn't remember the exchange, Hill said.

The July 10, 2001, Phoenix memo was prompted by agent Kenneth Williams' concerns about 10 foreign-born Sunni Muslims studying aviation issues. One, a member of the militant group al-Muhajiroun, was taking aviation-related security courses at Embry Riddle University.

New York-based agents who reviewed the memo considered it "speculative and not particularly significant," Hill said. She said they already knew that Middle Eastern flight students associated with bin Laden were training in the United States, but

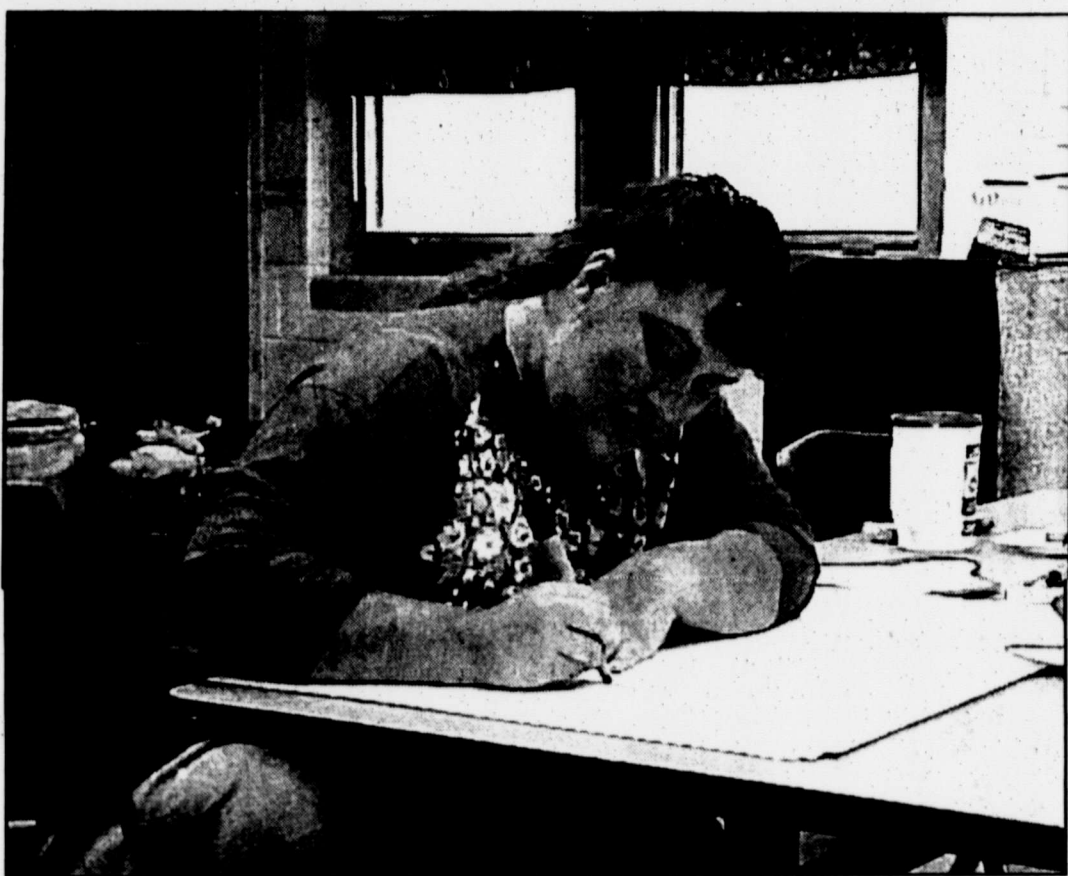
believed he wanted them to transport goods and people in Afghanistan.

The memo also raised concerns of racial profiling. And she said it's not clear how many people saw it, because the FBI's communication system doesn't ensure that everyone whose address appears on a communication actually receives it.

None of the students Williams was investigating were involved in the Sept. 11 hijackings. But one knew hijacker Hani Hanjour from flight training and an Arizona religious center.

Williams and a Minnesota-based FBI agent also spoke at Tuesday's hearings. Their identities and appearances were concealed from the public, but Williams effectively described himself by discussing — and denouncing — all the unwanted media attention he received after his memo was disclosed this year.

Parent volunteer



(Courtesy photo)

Amy Nelson is preparing student of the month paws which is something that is done by parent volunteers at Lamar Elementary. We welcome any and all who wish to volunteer their time to the children of Lamar. For more information please call Anna at 669-4880.

Experts shed light on reclusive, nomadic 'Irish Travelers' clan

DALLAS (AP) — The tearful testimonial Madelyne Gorman Toogood gave in front of glaring TV cameras after she was videotaped beating her daughter was starkly uncharacteristic of the reclusive, media-shy Irish Travelers culture to which she belongs, experts say.

Toogood, who was caught beating her 4-year-old daughter, Martha, in a department store parking lot, said she is a member of the clannish, nomadic culture of Irish descendants, most of whom came to the United States as refugees during the potato famine in the 1840s.

"By nature, they're very reclusive people," said Joe Livingston, a South Carolina state investigator who has been tracking Travelers for nearly two decades. "They tend to shy away from publicity."

Some law enforcement experts who have studied the culture paint it as a secret society, fond of material wealth evidenced by gaudy jewelry and new vehicles.

Police often associate Travelers with scams involv-

ing fraudulent home repair that target the elderly. They tend to use aliases, carry bogus identification cards, and avoid contact with non-Travelers, whom they call "country folk," authorities said.

But professors and academics said the reclusiveness is a defense mechanism against stereotypes and the ancient persecution that has haunted nomadic peoples throughout history. Travelers, who may be Irish, English, or Scottish, have no more criminals among them than any other ethnic culture, experts said.

"If there were, they could not sustain their living," said Larry Otway, who began studying Irish Travelers in 1977 and has worked as a paralegal and adviser on court cases involving Scottish travelers.

What the clans in the culture do share, Otway said, is a nomadic lifestyle, a language called "Scelta" with roots in Gaelic and Romani, an almost "pathologic" devotion to Catholicism, and an anti-bureaucratic form of self gov-

ernment that he describes as a "consensus democracy."

The largest Traveler settlement is a group of 3,000 in Murphy Village, S.C., experts said. Toogood is believed to belong to the Greenhorn Carrolls, a Traveler group in the Fort Worth area. Estimates of the U.S. Traveler population vary from 20,000 to 100,000.

Ian F. Hancock, a professor at the University of Texas who wrote the Irish Travelers entry for the Encyclopedia of the South, said a distraught Toogood called him Thursday seeking advice.

"She was scared to turn herself in because she knows very well how the police feel about the Irish Travelers," said Hancock, who has a reputation as a sympathizer of the group. "She didn't think she'd get a fair shake and she knew she'd been rough with the child."

Toogood, who also has two young sons, remains free on a \$5,000 bond and is scheduled to appear in court Oct. 7. If convicted, she faces up to three years in prison.

Bees may be next anti-terror weapon

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP) — Trained honeybees have shown a remarkable ability to sniff out land mines, suggesting a possible new way to find the estimated 110 million unexploded land mines around the world, according to researchers at the University of Montana.

Jerry Bromenshenk has studied bees as pollution sensors and environmental sensors for the past 30 years. He said honeybees have proven themselves to be easier to train, harder working and more accurate than bomb-sniffing dogs.

Honeybees have a very refined sense of smell, live in packs of thousands, cover ground more quickly than dogs, and learn a new task in a matter of days, he said.

"We know bees can sense vapors at levels dogs can't get to," Bromenshenk said. "If they can smell it, they will be as good or better than dogs at finding it."

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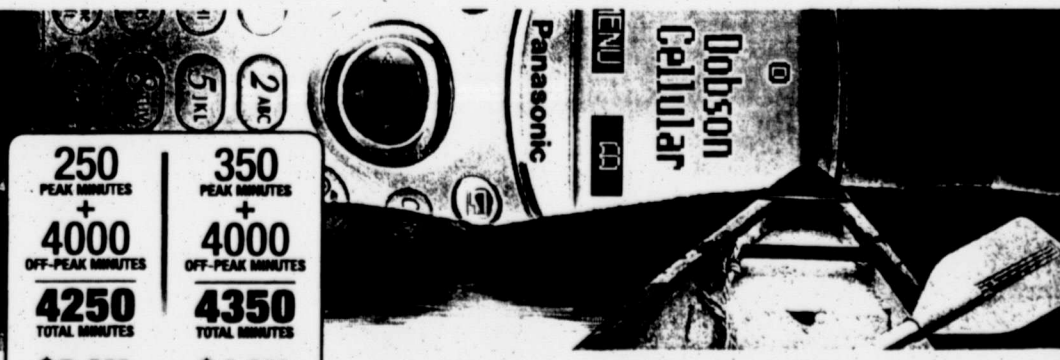
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 - 4:00 P.M. - Required Team meeting - Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena - All team captains required to attend - All team members recommended to attend
 - 5:00 P.M. - Chuckwagon Dinner \$6 per plate
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Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena
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- 9:00 A.M. - Final performance High Plains Fall Classic
Including opening ceremonies and introductions
Awards ceremony following performance

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BOWLING

PAMPA — Harvester Lanes is hosting a five-game sweater, starting at 5 p.m. Saturday.

Bowlers will bowl five games, moving to different alleys after each game. Highest current average of 12 games or more will be used. Maximum handicap will be 50 pins per game.

There will be scratch and handicap brackets with jackpots each game. Entry fee is \$25 per bowler.

Call 665-3422 for more information.

VOLLEYBALL

DUMAS — Dumas defeated Pampa 15-3, 15-5 in a District-34A volleyball match Tuesday.

Abbi Covalt and Stacey Johnson led Pampa with 3 kills each while Lindsey Ammons added 6 assists. Angie Williams finished with 9 digs.

"I thought the girls fought back hard and played a real scrappy game," said Pampa coach Mike Lopez. "Dumas has a lot of height and we just weren't able to block them. However, we're gradually improving and we'll get there sooner or later."

Pampas hosts Caprock at 6 next Tuesday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

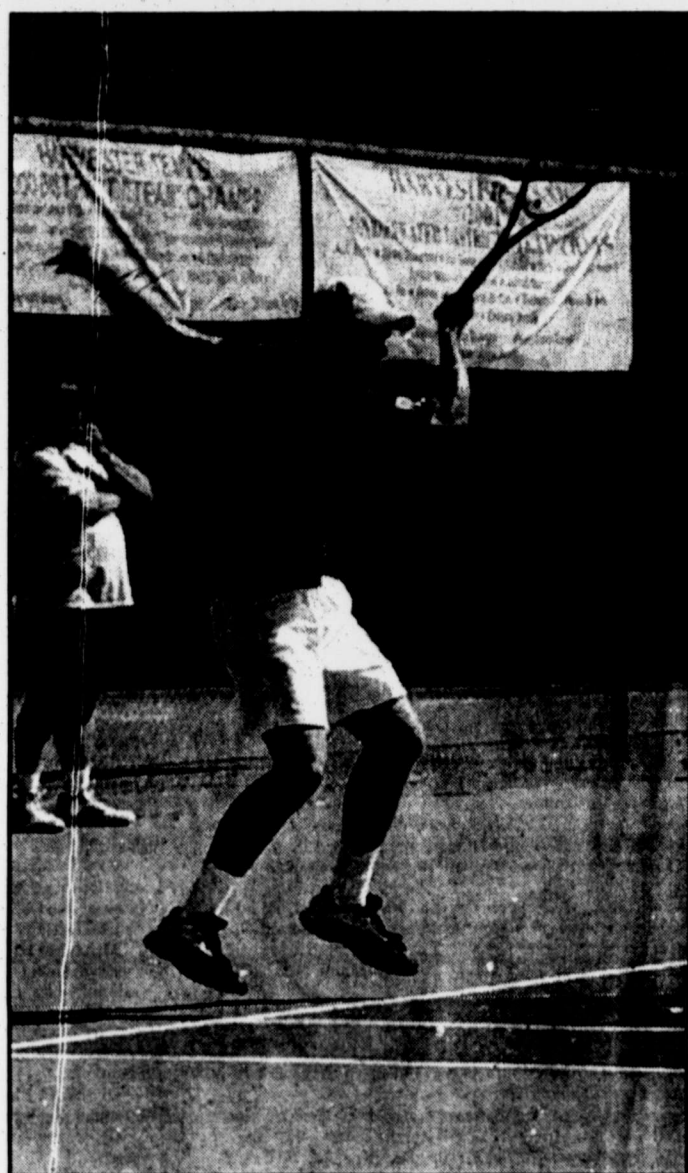
FOOTBALL

WACO, Texas (AP) — Former Brigham Young coach LaVell Edwards will receive the 2003 Amos Alonzo Stagg Award from the American Football Coaches Association.

The award, which honors those "whose services have been outstanding in the advancement of the best interests of football," will be presented Jan. 7 during the 2003 AFCA convention in New Orleans. Edwards will speak Jan. 6 during the "Master Coach" session. "I remember seeing this award presented as a young coach, but I never thought I'd receive it," Edwards said. "This is a credit to the players and coaches I've worked with over the years."

Edwards retired in 2000 after 29 seasons at BYU with a career record of 257-101-3 (.716), second-most by a Division I-A coach at one school. His teams won 20 conference titles, and appeared in 22 bowl games.

Return shot



(Pampa News photo by Tess Kingcade)

Pampa's David Thacker returns a shot during the team match last weekend against Palo Duro. Pampa won 16-3 to take sole possession of first place in District 3-4A with a 3-0 record.

Brewers down Astros, 3-1

HOUSTON (AP) — Roy Oswalt admits he's puzzled by the Milwaukee Brewers' success against him.

The Houston Astros ace failed for the third time to get his 20th win, losing 3-1 to Milwaukee on Tuesday night — his second loss in five days to the Brewers.

Oswalt is 1-3 with a 4.85 ERA against Milwaukee this season.

"The Brewers have my number," Oswalt said. "I'll have to try and figure something out against them next year."

"I don't know what it is."

Sometimes you feel uncomfortable against a certain team, but I don't against them. I felt fine tonight. The games I've lost haven't been high scoring."

Oswalt (19-8) went eight innings and threw a career-high 126 pitches against the Brewers as Astros manager Jimmy Williams tried to give Oswalt a chance to get his 20th. But the loss left Houston just 9-8 against the team with the National League's worst record.

"Oswalt pitched good, they just pitched better," Williams said. "They play us tough. They play us a lot of close games."

Austin Akins undefeated in rookie season

AUSTIN (AP) — For the new school in town, Akins is acting like the neighborhood bully.

Playing his first varsity season ever, Akins is 3-0 and feeling giddy about his football debut. Even if the party doesn't last long, Akins' rookie season is already a success.

"This has been a lot of fun," said coach Phil Bounds. "Just thinking back to where they were two years ago and where they are now, there is a lot of satisfaction."

Two years ago, Bounds assumed the reins of a program so new that his football office didn't have walls. His players were a ragtag bunch of freshmen and sophomores, many of whom had never before played organized football.

During any given practice, he'd be teaching a quarterback the proper throwing motion one minute and telling defensive linemen how to snap on a chin-

strap in the next. Today, it's all about X's and O's and — for now, at least — a whole lot of W's.

"I'm seeing the fruits of those labors," Bounds said. "The results have been wonderful."

Bounds, a former college coach at Texas, Colorado State and Stephen F. Austin, spent the last two seasons putting his team through a junior varsity

Pampa picked by a FG

PAMPA — The Pampa-Randall clash this weekend is expected to be decided by a field goal from the Harvesters.

At least that's how the Harris Ratings sees the District 3-4A opener at 7:30 Friday night at Kimbrough Stadium, site of WT's home football games.

Lubbock Estacado coach David Moody, however, is glad he's not in the crystal ball business. That's mainly because Moody's Matadors went down to crushing defeats by both teams. Pampa downed Estacado 47-13 the second week of the season. A week later, Randall rolled to a 41-26 win.

"That's one I would sure hate to pick," Moody said. "I've got a lot of respect for both coaches. They've got their teams up near the top of their district year after year."

The Harris Ratings also have the teams picked as one of the Class 4A headliners of the week, along with Highland Park vs. Richardson Pearce; Nederman vs. Beaumont Ozen, and Harker Heights vs. Killeen Ellison.

"Randall is totally different offensively than Pampa. Randall runs the ball more. Both defenses run to the football well," Moody said.

Randall finished the non-district season unbeaten at 3-0 while Pampa has a three-game winning streak going after losing a 9-7 opener to Perryton.

"I thought we might have a chance against Pampa after Perryton beat them, but that certainly wasn't the case. Pampa did everything right and we did everything wrong," Moody said.

The Raiders' 2002 opener with Canyon was canceled at halftime because of the weather. Randall was ahead at halftime and the game was not made up. It would not go into the won-loss column.

Harris has Pampa ranked as the top 3-4A school at No. 46. Randall is next in line at No. 52.

Pampa and Randall are close to being equal when looking at the statistics.

The Harvesters are averaging 27.7 points per game while the Raiders are averaging 31.6 ppg. Defensively, the Harvesters are allowing 11.2 points per game. The Raiders are giving up 15.6 points an outing.

Pampa's 396.7 average yards per game offensively ranks ahead of Randall's 319. Randall's defense has the edge, giving up 132.2 yards per game compared to 270.7 ypg for Pampa.

In other district picks, it's Childress over Caprock by 28; Plainview over Dumas by 5, and Hereford over Palo Duro by 27.

Ennis (4-0) continues to be ranked No. 1 in 4A, followed by Highland Park (4-0) and Denton Ryan (2-1).

Pampa Bowling Roundup

at Harvester Lanes

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Team

Won

Lost

Harvester Cafe

Team Two

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Week's Top Scores

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High Game Award: Brenden Rice 129.

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Men

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Women

High scratch game: Krista Mayberry 158; High scratch series: Donnanne Gonzales 430.

Boys

High scratch game: Zach Wilson 198 & Andrew Winton 196; High scratch series: Zach Wilson 560 & Andrew Winton 490.

Girls

High scratch game: Laraine Hess 174 & Wendy Clark 136; High scratch series: Laraine Hess 439 & Wendy Clark 377.

Church League

Team

Wards for Christ

Carpenter's Creations

Team Five

The Wanna Be

Four Him

Hits & Misses

Team Nine

Ball Point Pens

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Week's Top Scores

Men

High scratch game: Chad Inani 179 & Dennis King 179; High scratch series: Dennis King 472; Ken Hart 466.

Women

High game: Kay Crouch 173; Margaret Hulsey 145; High series: Kay Crouch 445; Brenda Kelley 400.

Wednesday Night Mixed League

Team

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Team One

Team Three

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Team Five

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Men

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Women

High scratch game: Becky Hall 182; High scratch series: Judy Anderson 470.

Caprock League

Team

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Team Five

Team Eight

Byrum Farms

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High scratch game: Eric Nord 279; High scratch series: Eric Nord 757; High handicap game: Eric Nord 301; High handicap series: Eric Nord 377.

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Angels stumble against Texas

By The Associated Press

Could Anaheim blow it? It's close to impossible, but Boston and Seattle are starting to believe just a little bit.

The Angels once again failed to clinch a playoff spot, losing their third in a row as Ivan Rodriguez homered to give the Texas Rangers a 2-1 victory Tuesday night.

"The fact that it's so close, sometimes it's like a carrot dangling at you and some guys start to press," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said after a postgame meeting.

Anaheim has lost six of eight but remained three games behind Oakland in the AL West. The Angels' magic number for wrapping up their first playoff spot since 1986 remained at one.

In other games it was Seattle 8, Oakland 7; Boston 4, Chicago 2; New York 6, Tampa Bay 0; Minnesota 4, Cleveland 3; Toronto 11, Baltimore 1; and Kansas City 17, Detroit 2.

At Arlington, Rodriguez led off this sixth against Kevin Appier (14-12) with his 18th homer for a 2-1 lead. Francisco Cordero pitched the ninth for his ninth save.

Rookie Joaquin Benoit (4-4) held Anaheim to just five hits over seven innings.

Mariners 8, Athletics 7

Down to their last four outs, the Mariners rallied to keep their faint playoff hopes alive as Scott Podsednik's two-out single capped a four-run comeback in the eighth and stopped a five-game winning streak for the visiting A's.

"That was quite an eighth inning," Seattle manager Lou Piniella said. "We got four runs. We hit the ball hard. We got some clutch hits. We stay alive for another day."

Oakland, already assured of a playoff berth, wasted a 5-1 lead and dropped behind the Yankees in the chase for home-field advantage throughout the AL playoffs.

Jeff Cirillo hit an RBI single off Ricardo Rincon with in the eighth, and Willie Bloomquist had a two-out RBI double. Jeff Tam (1-2) gave up Bret

Boone's tying double and Podsednik's single.

Shigetoshi Hasegawa (8-2) got the win and Arthur Rhodes got his second save.

Red Sox 4, White Sox 2

Nomar Garciaparra and Manny Ramirez each had RBIs for visiting Boston, which won its fifth straight and kept its slim playoff hopes alive. A Boston loss or an Anaheim win eliminates the Red Sox from the AL wild-card race.

"The odds are definitely against us, but there's still that hope," Boston's Johnny Damon said. We have to come out every day and play great and see where we stand Sunday."

Jason Varitek and Trot Nixon also drove in runs in a four-run sixth inning. Casey Fossum (5-4) allowed two homers among six hits in six innings.

Ugueth Urbina pitched the ninth for his 39 save. Jon Garland (12-12) was the loser.

Yankees 6, Devil Rays 0

Jason Giambi hit his 39th and 40th homers, and Mike Mussina (17-10) pitched a two-hitter and struck out a season-high 12 in his second shutout this season.

At Yankee Stadium, Mussina allowed only a sec-

ond-inning single to Aubrey Huff and a fifth-inning bloop hit to Toby Hall.

Raul Mondesi added a two-run double and Bernie Williams had his 200th hit of the season the Yankees, who snapped a four-game homerless drought — their longest since 1998.

Travis Harper (5-9) took the loss.

Twins 4, Indians 3

Bobby Kielty hit a sacrifice fly off David Elder (0-2) in the ninth at the Metrodome.

LaTroy Hawkins (5-0) pitched a scoreless ninth. Eric Milton, winless since Aug. 1 following a knee injury, gave up a run, six hits and a walk while throwing 95 pitches in 6 2-3 innings.

Jim Thome hit his 48th homer.

Blue Jays 11, Orioles 1

Carlos Delgado homered twice at SkyDome, and Roy Halladay (18-7) won his third straight start, combining with Brian Bowles and Jason Kershner on a four-hitter.

Delgado reached 30 homers for the sixth consecutive season and became the first Blue Jays player with five straight 100-RBI seasons when he hit a three-run homer off Sean Douglass (0-5) in the third inning.

WT students set golf scramble

CANYON — Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE), a West Texas A&M University student organization, will kick off its first golf tournament at 8 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 12 at Ross Rogers Golf Course in Amarillo.

Proceeds of the four-player scramble will help fund the organization's educational projects and travel expenses for competition, and a portion will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House of Amarillo.

The cost of a four-player team is \$200, which includes green fees, carts and a barbecue lunch. Teams will be pre-flighted and have combined handicaps if neces-

sary.

Prizes will be based on a full field for the top five teams.

Teams can register at 7 a.m. at Ross Rogers the day of the tournament, or they can get information on pre-registration by calling David Ysasaga at 806-433-0103, Lance McMillan at 806-236-0720 or Jean Walker at 806-651-2515.

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9-25 CRYPTOQUOTE

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JO RUR MUHJ OYOVE FODH

— VNAOVH LVNCH

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THE STRONGEST MAN IN THE WORLD IS HE WHO STANDS ALONE. — HENRIK IBSEN

Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Sept. 26, 2002:

Though a loved one or child could create an unusual amount of excitement or upheaval, you still manage to stay at the helm of your ship. You express unusual talent and creativity. You're able to detach whenever you need to. Travel could be very much a part of your year. Some of you might choose to learn more about other cultures and styles. You always seem in sync, though a partnership needs to play a significant role in your life. If you are single, you have many gifts that draw admirers. You will tumble into an excellent relationship shortly, if you haven't already. If you're attached, your relationship will evolve to a new level, especially if you do more traveling together. GEMINI opens doors for you.

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 might be clear, but others might not be. Sleuth through communication. Stay calm and work with associates. Return calls and clear out your paperwork. You might be amazed at what you get done. Someone lets you know how much he or she cares. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** Dig into work. You accomplish much more than you originally anticipated. You gain financially because of your willingness to put in overtime. A boss could be testy and difficult. Recognize who is in charge here. Brush up on your diplomatic style. Tonight: Get some exercise.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** You're energized. Few can

stop you, no matter what they do. Use your resourcefulness personally as well as professionally. Clear out a problem while you're still on top of things. Loosen up when dealing with a child or a new friend. Tonight: Be more kidlike.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** Allow others to express more of their leadership characteristics. Build on strong foundations. Build others' confidence in what you offer and your judgments. Express your ability to roll with the punches. Tonight: Take some personal time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Join others, but don't be surprised by what is going on. Think in terms of what might be important to someone close. This person often creates an uproar. You gain because of your sense of direction and sensitive words. Tonight: Be yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** Be more concerned about a boss or authority figure. You can only push so much, as you will discover. What you want financially could be possible, but with your constant pushing, you might cause yourself a problem within this realm. Tonight: Work as late as need be.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** Detach from the immediate, knowing what it is you want and expect. Others from a distance reach out for you. Let go of your day-to-day grind and add a little more flourish and fun. A foreigner could be playing a significant role in your life. Tonight: Opt for an adventure.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** A partner could make a significant difference in your life if you just allow this person in. Discussions could delight you beyond what you believe possible. Realize who you can and cannot trust. Take your time with a new associate. Tonight: Follow a loved one's

lead.

Florida educators influence election

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — When Bill McBride came out of nowhere to win the state's Democratic gubernatorial primary, he owed much of his success to the Florida Education Association.

Calling the November election the most important in 50 years, the teachers union spent at least \$1.5 million on ads designed to give voters background on the Tampa lawyer.

The union acknowledges that McBride's position on education wasn't the only factor in endorsing him. It also wanted a candidate with the best chance to beat Republican Gov. Jeb Bush.

Now Republicans are trying to turn one of McBride's largest assets in the primary election against him, saying he is simply a puppet of union bosses who are more concerned about labor issues than education.

"I don't think I have ever seen a gubernatorial candidate so draped in a special interest group," said Lt. Gov. Frank Brogan, a Republican. "Bill McBride is a classic FEA candidate in that he will be a wholly owned puppet for the FEA."

McBride quickly dismissed the idea.

"That's about as silly as anything I've ever heard," McBride said. "That's just politics... They need to raise the level of their game."

Education has become one of the top issues in the governor's race, one of 36 being decided across the nation this year.

Bush has rankled some teachers by emphasizing standardized testing for students and letting students at failing public schools use vouchers to attend private schools.

McBride is proud of the endorsement and sees it as a testament to his commitment to improve schools. The union's support certainly helped him emerge from relative obscurity to beat former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno by 4,794 votes out of more than 1.3 million cast in the primary.

"If you want to stand with someone in an election, I'd choose to stand with the public school teachers, cafeteria workers, crossing guards and bus drivers," McBride said. "Standing with the working men and women of Florida is important. It's the right group to be with and it's the people the governor of Florida needs to pay a lot of attention to."

The union collected more than \$60,000 for McBride by asking its members to write out checks for \$20.02, said union President Maureen Dinnen. She said more probably contributed directly to the campaign.

In addition to the \$1.5 million spent on boosting McBride's name recognition, it backed McBride in newsletters it sends out to each of its 122,000 members.

Republican Party of Florida Chairman Al Cardenas believes the amount spent to help McBride win is much higher.

"They spent over \$5 million in the primary — something that never happened in Florida's political history before," Cardenas said. "They essentially bought themselves a candidate for the general election lock, stock and barrel. They have literally taken over the McBride campaign."

French troops secure U.S.-led mission school

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast (AP) — French troops secured a U.S.-led mission school in a rebel-held Ivory Coast city on Wednesday, bringing protection for 100 American children and others trapped amid the West African nation's deadliest-ever uprising.

The mission came as U.S. troops landed Wednesday in neighboring Ghana, deployed to help protect or evacuate any Americans in the crisis.

The French soldiers arrived at the International Christian Academy on the outskirts of the central city of Bouake, with no reports of clashes with the rebels who have controlled the city since their failed coup last Thursday.

The students and staff "are very happy," said Neil Gilliland of the Nashville, Tenn.-based Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions, which has links to the school.

The children and staff had been pinned down on the campus since the coup attempt. Missionaries stepped up their appeals for help when rebels breached the campus and fired from the grounds during skirmishes Monday night with government troops who are moving in on the city, vowing to retake it.

French military officials in the convoy said there were no immediate plans to evacuate the students and staff, a total of about 200 people. Firing broke out again on both sides of the school around daybreak Wednesday before the French arrival, Gilliland said. "Nobody was firing at them, but there was gunfire all around," he said.

A defense ministry official in

Paris confirmed that French troops had arrived at the school and were in the process of securing it.

The rush to rescue Westerners comes as Ivory Coast's government struggles to retake Bouake and the other city held by the insurgents, Korhogo, a northern opposition stronghold. At least 270 people died just in the first days of the uprising, led by soldiers angry at efforts to purge them.

U.S. military planes arrived before dawn at the international airport in the capital of Ghana, authorities at Accra's Kotoka International Airport said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Nearly 200 American troops, three C-130 cargo planes and one other plane, and equipment were being deployed, Ghanaian Foreign Ministry officials said. The Accra airport was expected to be used as a staging area for any U.S. rescue missions.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said that for now Americans in Ivory Coast were not in danger. "At the moment, things are at an acceptable level," he told reporters at a NATO meeting in Warsaw, Poland. "At the moment we see no threat to a small element of Americans. It's not a serious problem."

An American expeditionary force and British troops already were on the ground in Ivory Coast, according to Ghanaian and French military and government officials.

For days, President Laurent Gbagbo has been promising a full-fledged assault to uproot the rebels from Bouake and Korhogo, and military leaders

say only concern for civilians has stalled the assault.

Rebel soldiers riding commandeered vehicles could be seen Wednesday cruising the streets of Bouake, residents said by telephone. In Korhogo, rebels armed with guns and rocket launchers went house to house, rounding up any paramilitary police and soldiers and confiscating their weapons.

Bouake, home to half a million people, was shaken Tuesday afternoon by exchanges of gun and artillery

fire Tuesday afternoon.

There were contradictory reports about the fighting. Rebels claimed to have repelled an assault by loyalist troops on an officer's training college. The government army claimed to be on the streets of Bouake.

Water and electricity had been cut since the weekend, most shops were shuttered, and prices of food and fuel were skyrocketing, fearful residents said. Few braved the rebel barricades thrown up across the city.

"Everyone is at home. We're

running out of everything," said one frightened Ivorian woman, speaking by telephone as she cowered at home. "We are scared."

The French army moved more troops into the area around Bouake. A convoy of French trucks, jeeps and armored personnel vehicles moved up Wednesday from their staging area at Ivory Coast's capital, Yamoussoukro, where helicopters and trucks were standing by to ferry Westerners out of Bouake.

Women of the Moose



(Courtesy photo)

Lula May Engle, chairperson, Women of the Moose, Pampa Chapter 1163, with Bunny Anderson, committee member, recently during Women of the Moose's College of Regents Night. Engle and Anderson are both longtime members of Women of the Moose, each earning the prestigious College of Regents degree. Table decorations were made by Engle and Anderson for the meal following the meeting.

UN report: Iraq economy improves despite sanctions

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The head of the U.N. humanitarian program for Iraq said Wednesday certain sectors of the Iraqi economy are improving, but availability of electricity, drinking water and medicines in many parts of the country is still inadequate.

In a report to the U.N. Security Council, Benon Sevan, the head of the oil-for-food program, noted there was enough food and that distribution had been good, although there were shortfalls in a few commodities such as vegetable oil and powdered milk.

"The steady pace of supply for most of the food basket continued," Sevan's report said.

He is scheduled to address the Security Council later Wednesday.

Iraq has long demanded an end to crippling U.N. sanctions imposed after its 1990 invasion of neighboring Kuwait. But the Security Council says sanctions will only be lifted when U.N. weapons inspectors declare Iraq is free of weapons of mass destruction.

After blocking inspectors for nearly four years, Iraq last week said it would allow them to return without conditions. The Security Council is expected soon to consider a U.S. proposal to authorize an attack on Baghdad if it fails to comply with resolutions and cooperate with inspectors.

Sevan's report said more than 6,000 trucks, buses and cars had been imported into Iraq under U.N. schemes to improve transportation, but the shortage of spare parts because of sanctions continued to hurt the sector.

The report said that U.N. observers had found an overall

decrease in the incidence of diseases such as cholera, measles and meningitis. No polio case has been reported since January last year.

But there were many cases of water-borne diseases, "largely attributed to the poor state of water and sanitation networks in the country."

Most essential medicines were now available in Iraq and drug production had gone up 50 percent in some factories that were barely functioning in 1999.

While electricity supply had improved overall in the last few months, there were still outages in central and southern Iraq. Around 75 percent of Iraq's power generating capacity was destroyed during the Gulf War.

Under the U.N. sanctions regime, proceeds from Iraqi oil sales are deposited in an escrow account to be used to purchase food, medicine and other humanitarian goods.

After months of sluggish oil exports under the food-for-oil program, Iraq started exporting an average of 1.9 million barrels per day last week, at an average price of \$25.70 per barrel.

Passenger sets fire to bus in southern India

HYDERABAD, India (AP) — A passenger spilled an inflammable liquid on the floor of a bus and then lit it with a match, creating a fire that killed himself and at least 12 others in southern India on Wednesday.

Eight of the victims died at the scene, near the town of Kodandapuram about 110 miles south of Hyderabad, capital of southern Andhra Pradesh state. Five others died at the hospital.

Another 17 people were being treated at a hospital in the nearby town of Kurnool for severe burns. Some had burns over more than 80 percent of their bodies, hospital officials said.

A motive was not yet known, but police ruled out any link to the storming of a Hindu temple on Tuesday by gunmen in the western city of Gandhinagar, in which 32 people were killed.

"This area doesn't have any record of Hindu-Muslim violence. Moreover, the bus had passengers from all religions," a senior police officer said on condition of anonymity.

The driver of the bus said a passenger spilled either gasoline or kerosene on the floor of the

bus. As the woman sitting next to him tried to stop him, calling out for help, he struck a match.

"She screamed to stop the bus and I immediately put on the brakes. But, the bus was already engulfed in the flames," said the driver, Ali, who goes by one name.

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