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DEPO-PROVERA[®] Contraceptive Injection (medroxyprogesterone acetate injectable suspension, USP)

This product is intended to prevent pregnancy. It does not protect against HIV infection (AIDS) and other sexually transmitted diseases.

What is DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?
DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection is a form of birth control that is given as an intramuscular injection (a shot) in the buttock or upper arm once every 3 months (13 weeks). To continue your contraceptive protection, you must return for your next injection promptly at the end of 3 months (13 weeks). DEPO-PROVERA contains medroxyprogesterone acetate, a chemical similar to (but not the same as) the natural hormone progesterone, which is produced by your ovaries during the second half of your menstrual cycle. DEPO-PROVERA acts by preventing your egg cells from ripening. If an egg is not released from the ovaries during your menstrual cycle, it cannot become fertilized by sperm and result in pregnancy. DEPO-PROVERA also causes changes in the lining of your uterus that make it less likely for pregnancy to occur.

How effective is DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?
The efficacy of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection depends on following the recommended dosage schedule exactly (see "How often do I get my shot of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?"). To make sure you are not pregnant when you first get DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection, your first injection must be given ONLY during the first 5 days of a normal menstrual period. ONLY within the first 5 days after childbirth if not breast-feeding and if exclusively breast-feeding ONLY at the sixth week after childbirth. It is a long-term injectable contraceptive when administered at 3-month (13-week) intervals. DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection is over 99% effective, making it one of the most reliable methods of birth control available. This means that the average annual pregnancy rate is less than one for every 100 women who use DEPO-PROVERA. The effectiveness of most contraceptive methods depends in part on how reliably each woman uses the method. The effectiveness of DEPO-PROVERA depends only on the patient returning every 3 months (13 weeks) for her next injection. Your health-care provider will help you compare DEPO-PROVERA with other contraceptive methods and give you the information you need in order to decide which contraceptive method is the right choice for you.

The following table shows the percent of women who got pregnant while using different kinds of contraceptive methods. It gives both the lowest expected rate of pregnancy (the rate expected in women who use each method exactly as it should be used) and the typical rate of pregnancy (which includes women who became pregnant because they forgot to use their birth control or because they did not follow the directions exactly).

| Method | Lowest Expected | Typical |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------|
| DEPO-PROVERA | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Injections (Norplant) | 0.2* | 0.2* |
| Female sterilization | 0.2 | 0.4 |
| Mate sterilization | 0.1 | 0.15 |
| Oral contraceptive (pill) | 0.1 | 3 |
| Combined Progestogen only | 0.5 | - |
| IUD | - | 3 |
| Progestant | 2.0 | - |
| Copper T 380A | 0.8 | - |
| Condom (without spermicide) | 2 | 12 |
| Diaphragm (with spermicide) | 6 | 18 |
| Cervical cap | 6 | 18 |
| Withdrawal | 4 | 20 |
| Periodic abstinence | 1.9 | 18 |
| Spermicide alone | 3 | 21 |
| Vaginal Sponges | 6 | 18 |
| used before childbirth | 9 | 28 |
| used after childbirth | 9 | 28 |
| No method | 85 | 85 |

Source: Trussell et al. *Obstet Gynecol.* 1990;76:558-567.

*From Karynne package insert.

Who should not use DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?
Not all women should use DEPO-PROVERA. You should not use DEPO-PROVERA if you have any of the following conditions:
• if you think you might be pregnant
• if you have any vaginal bleeding without a known reason

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California wildfires burn six homes

By Paul Chavez
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — High temperatures helped spur four wildfires in Southern California, including a fast-moving arson blaze that destroyed six homes in the Reche Canyon area of Riverside County, officials said.

The hot weather also stoked fires in Fontana, Camp Pendleton and the hills above Burbank.

The blaze in Reche Canyon was reported Tuesday afternoon and by early Wednesday had burned at least 1,000 acres, said Becky Luther, a spokeswoman for the California Department of Forestry. Investigators determined that it was set, he said.

It destroyed six homes and on Wednesday it was threatening about 100 homes, said CDF

Capt. Rick Vogt. The blaze was 10 percent contained, he said.

Mark Josephson and his friends and family members fought alongside firefighters as the blaze threatened his Reche Canyon home. He had 12 horses, a goat and several sheep on his property, and the neighing of frightened horses could be heard above the din of helicopters.

"Flames came within a foot of the house," Josephson said. "We didn't lose anything."

Evacuations were ordered and about a dozen residents spent the night in a nearby school, Vogt said. More than 530 firefighters were battling the blaze and one firefighter suffered from smoke inhalation. There were no other injuries, Vogt said.

Southern California has experienced record, triple-digit temperatures in recent days and

the warm weather is expected to continue for the next few days. A high of 95 was forecast Wednesday in Riverside.

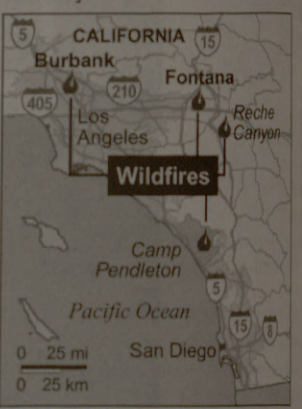
Another wildfire charred 2,000 acres at the far north end of Fontana in San Bernardino County. The blaze, which was burning away from homes, was under investigation, said Bill Peters, a CDF spokesman.

In the hills above Burbank, a suspicious wildfire covered about 100 acres, said Dave Starr, spokesman for the Burbank Fire Department. Crews expected to have the blaze contained Wednesday.

A brush fire at Camp Pendleton blackened more than 1,000 acres in an uninhabited area used for training exercises at the Marine base. Authorities said the blaze was apparently started by ammunition.

Blazes flare up in Southern California

Wildfires broke out in the Reche Canyon area, Fontana, Camp Pendleton and in the hills above Burbank. At least six homes were destroyed.



SOURCE: Associated Press AP

Student whose father died in windshield gets \$10,000 scholarship from death-row opponents

By Angela K. Brown
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — Death-row opponents on Wednesday gave a \$10,000 scholarship to a college student whose father was hit by a car and left to die in the windshield.

The money for Brandon Biggs was raised through donations and subscriptions to "Compassion," a bimonthly newsletter written by the nation's death-row inmates and a project of the Roman Catholic church's peace and justice committee.

"We want to debunk the myth that death-row inmates are subhuman monsters needing to be killed," Rick Halperin, the Texas death penalty abolition coordinator for Amnesty International USA, said after the scholarship presentation at a Dallas church.

Gregory Biggs was walking on the side of a Fort Worth highway in October 2001 when

he was hit.

With his torso in the car and his broken legs lodged in the windshield, he held onto the inside passenger door panel and may have begged for help as the car kept going, according to court testimony. He died a few hours after the driver parked in her garage and left the house.

Chante Mallard was convicted in June of murder and sentenced to 50 years in prison. She was not eligible for the death penalty; her maximum punishment would have been life in prison.

The scholarship money is for relatives of any murder victims, not just those in death-penalty cases.

During her trial, Mallard testified that her judgment was clouded by drugs and alcohol after a night at a bar, and that she was afraid of being arrested. She also apologized to Brandon Biggs, sobbing.

Brandon Biggs later said he forgave Mallard.

"I still want to extend my

forgiveness to Chante Mallard and I want the Mallard family to know that they are in my prayers," he said Wednesday.

Brandon Biggs said he respects prisoners who are trying to give back to society. He would not say whether he opposes the death penalty but said overturning a death sentence would be a "great act of mercy."

Fred Moor, the "Compassion" coordinator and a member of St. Rose Parish in Perrysburg, Ohio, said he heard about the case and contacted Brandon Biggs about applying for a scholarship.

Few murder victims' relatives want to accept money from death-row inmates, Moor said. Brandon Biggs is only the third scholarship recipient.

"A family member has been murdered, so for them to go to a prisoner and ask for something is very difficult to do," Moor said.

No scholarship applicants are asked about their feelings on

the death penalty, Moor said.

The Catholic Diocese of Toledo, Ohio, handles the finances of the scholarship fund and newsletter, which is sent to the nation's 3,500 death-row inmates. Prisoners do not get paid for working on the publication.

"Brandon Biggs is an excellent example of compassion," Missouri death row inmate Dennis Skillecorn wrote in the newsletter's September issue. "Brandon's response (to Mallard) was far from typical."

Brandon Biggs, 20, is a sophomore pastoral ministry student at Southwestern Assembly of God University in Waxahachie, about 25 miles southwest of Dallas.

He said his father, a bricklayer, lost his car and home after loaning money to a friend about two years earlier. Brandon Biggs said he visited his father at a Fort Worth homeless shelter several times before his death.

Football "pray-in" causes controversy in Loranger

LORANGER, La. (AP) — A "pray in" before the latest Loranger High School football game drew enough people to surround the football field in what amounted to a protest against the American Civil Liberties Union.

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By Adam... THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK employers will be commuting compressed work schedules in 1990s are cutting work/life programs. The programs, however, have workers more seen as easy to eliminate. Although some ad programs and employees and employees. "It's hard economic and Lori Rosen, analyst for CC Riverwoods, Ill.-based information published a survey programs Wednesday saying where companies looking like this is a benefit to take it away." The survey of employers found offering dropped from 37% to 30 percent.

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