

# NFL SUSPENDS PACKERS' JOHNNY JOLLY FOR AT LEAST THE SEASON

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## New generation on dairy farms



### Coming Sunday

At a time when milk prices are at crippling lows and the number of dairy farms in Kenosha County is on steady decline, a hard-working new crop of young farmers has emerged, determined to keep dairy farming alive and well here.

Over the next week, the Kenosha News will profile five farmers who are taking a lead role in the operation of the family farm and the preservation of the county's dairy heritage, more than a century old. They are third and fourth generation dairy farmers who bring both hands-on and educated experience to the industry.

### BIRTHDAYS



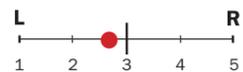
**George Wegmann Jr.** turns 90 today. He enjoys attending senior meals, watching TV and movies, and seeing his grandchildren.

Other local birthdays:  
**Jerome S. E. Christmas, 17**  
**Jason Sinnen, 21**

Celebrity birthdays:  
**Phyllis Diller**, comedian, 93.  
**Diahann Carroll**, actress/singer, 75.

Check out more birthday photos in the Weekday Report at [www.kenoshanews.com](http://www.kenoshanews.com).

### OPINIONS



**Susan Estrich** writes about the damage secrets can do to a family. **Charles Krauthammer** predicts how the rest of President Obama's tenure in the White House might play out, and **Eugene Robinson** claims the Democrats need a plan for November. Today's paper also has lots of letters to the **Voice of the People**.  
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## Inquest verdict: Co-sleeping infant died from neglect

District attorney says baby's mom had been smoking marijuana, used anti-anxiety drug

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An inquest jury found Thursday that the January co-sleeping death of a 6-week-old Paddock Lake infant was caused by neglect.

The six-person jury in

the inquest into the death of Colton Pollard found that there was probable cause that the baby's death was caused by the actions of his parents, Scott Pollard and Cassandra Taylor-Connelly, that endangered the baby's safety.

The probable cause finding is advisory to the Kenosha County District Attorney who may now move to charge the parents with a crime. District Attorney Robert Zapf said he hopes to make a decision on charges within 30 days. He could charge the parents with neglect causing death or with second-degree reckless homicide.

Colton Pollard died Jan.

15 while sleeping in bed with his parents and a 3-year-old sibling. When Pollard woke that morning he found Colton was not breathing. He called 911 and attempted CPR, however the baby was pronounced dead at St. Catherine's Medical Center in Kenosha.

According to testimony at the two-day hearing, Colton suffocated after his mother

rolled onto him in her sleep. Zapf said evidence at the hearing indicated Taylor-Connelly had been smoking marijuana and had taken a prescription anti-anxiety drug before the family went to sleep.

"Those combinations produce ... lethargic, drugged, dazed behavior, and sleeping

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## Storms of life hit woman hard

### Mother of 8 broke, needs home repairs

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The green and black paint won't be splashed across the walls of one Kenosha family's home as planned. The cans will remain unopened in a cabinet for now.

Linda Soto, 50, let her four youngest boys pick the colors for their rooms last week in the first step toward fixing their home — and life. One year sober from a crack cocaine addiction, Soto said she wants to start over. But her dreams to repair holes in the living room ceiling and window screens, to patch up the splotchy, mismatched colored walls and to replace the scratched wood floor and worn-out secondhand furniture are on hold once again.



NEWS PHOTO BY BRIAN PASSINO  
**Linda Soto**



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**Angel, 11, Frederico, 10, Marco, 8, and Lorenzo Limon, 13, from left, stand by their home, which was damaged in Thursday's storm. Branches went through the attic and their bikes were damaged in the totaled garage.**

See more on this story, including video clips, in the *Weekday Report*. Visit [kenoshanews.com](http://kenoshanews.com) and click on the *Weekday Report* button.

### Damage from tree

Now the single mother needs to find a way to repair new damage caused when part of a 200-year-old cottonwood tree's trunk and branches fell through her garage and roof in Thursday's afternoon storm. The garage is destroyed, along with the children's bikes and keepsakes from Soto's sister, who died six years ago. A branch tore a hole in the attic above the master bedroom and one of the boys' bedrooms, and part of the house's siding is damaged. Soto has owned the three-bedroom home in the 6000 block of 16th Avenue for 20 years, and says it's at least 100 years old. She believes a fairly new roof kept the damage from being worse.

The storm ripped through Kenosha and Somers quickly just after noon Thursday, knocking out power for about

5,000 people. While most received service by 6 p.m., about a dozen people were without electricity until 9 p.m. Strong winds tipped a plane, a camper and downed numerous power poles, wires — and trees.

Frederico Limon, Soto's 10-year-old son, said he heard a loud boom "like a gunshot" while watching "DragonBall Z" on Thursday. He looked out the window, saw the large tree and hollered for his brothers and mother.

"They were scared," Soto said of her children. "They asked if we had to move."

### Recovering addict

Soto's reaction was typical for a recovering addict in the face of trauma — she wanted to get high.

"It's a relief. You can run away from reality," she said,

crying. "My first thought was to go use but I looked at my boys and I just couldn't do it."

Instead she spoke with a counselor from Birds of a Feather, a local rehabilitation center she attended a few years back. She said she needs to keep remembering that if she uses drugs to escape the mess, everything will pile up into a bigger disaster.

### Financial worries

With \$9 in her checking account, there's no money for drugs anyway. She already stretches the \$150 weekly unemployment checks to pay for necessities: mortgage, utilities, insurance and groceries. She worries how she will pay for school registration, clothes and supplies in the fall.

Her homeowner's insurance won't pay for the totaled garage because it's not part of the house structure. A professional tree cleanup service, estimated to cost about \$1,000 to cut back the tree and remove the debris, is also not covered by insurance, she said. It would be too heavy and dangerous to do the work herself, so she and her children have just started to pick up the smaller branches at ground level.

"I'm completely broke," she said.

### Unemployed

Although she has an associate's degree in human services, she has never worked in the field. She was laid off in May from Carthage College where she worked in the dish room. She is having a hard time finding another job because of her criminal record, which is littered with drug possession and probation violations. She said she has no idea how she will pay for her home's repairs.

Until the mess is gone, her 11-year-old son Angel Limon will share his older brother's bedroom. He said he is scared the tree branches that pierce the attic will fall completely into his room. The younger boys, 8 and 10, share a bare, torn mattress in the family room.

"I'm worried about if it rains too," Angel said. "The water will go through the attic into my room."

Soto said the storm damage is one more struggle added to the list of many since she started using drugs a decade ago.

"My kids didn't have nothing," she said. "I spent everything on drugs."

Finally clean and trying to start fresh, her home-improvement plans came crashing down with the storm.

"It's like I'm being punished for the past but I just gotta stay strong," she said. "When I was using, it wasn't as painful, but now there's heartache. I'm trying to fix it and it's going to take a long time, even longer now."

## Scientists question whether BP's capped oil well stable

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — In a nail-biting day across the Gulf Coast, engineers struggled to make sense of puzzling pressure readings from the bottom of the sea Friday to determine whether BP's capped oil well was holding tight.

Halfway through a critical 48-hour window, the signs

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**Despite BP's efforts, nature will have to clean up most of the Gulf. Page B7**

were promising but far from conclusive.

Kent Wells, a BP PLC vice

president, said on an evening conference call that engineers had found no indica-

tion that the well has started leaking underground.

"No news is good news, I guess that's how I'd say it," Wells said.

Engineers are keeping watch over the well for a two-day period in a scientific, round-the-clock vigil to see if the well's temporary cap is

strong enough to hold back the oil, or if there are leaks either in the well itself or the sea floor. One mysterious development was that the pressure readings were not rising as high as expected, said retired Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen, the government's point man on the crisis.

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