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Battle brewing over rights to dig up dinosaur bones

Academics, U.S. officials want stricter guidelines

By Jim Erickson
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Geologist Peter L. Larson befelt a dinosaur skull and set it in place atop a 500-lb bone skeleton in the lobby of Tucson's Public Inn.

logical Research began digging at Ruth Mason Quarry in 1979. The privately owned quarry has yielded seven complete duck-billed dinosaur skeletons, and six have been sold to museums in Ireland, Wales, the Netherlands and Japan.

\$1.5 million. The skeleton of a triceratops went for \$995,000 — or \$200,000 for the skull alone. Commercial fossil collectors like Larson, president of the Black Hills Institute, say they perform a valuable service by harvesting a perishable resource — fossils — before it's pulverized by the weathering action of water, wind and ice.

educational organization that sponsors the largest of the 18 Tucson shows. "They are promoting the rape of our national heritage," Lindsey said of the society. "We invite convicts here to display what they've stolen from other people?"

Affording family leave

Law allowing time from job stirs concerns

By Ellen Gammelman
States News Service
WASHINGTON — When President Clinton signed the family leave bill Friday, he ended seven years of congressional deadlock over the issue. But business owners and employees are still at odds over what it will mean for the workplace.



David Hayden used Amphitheater's health and hardship leave policy to care for son, Tyler; Moxie, left, and Buddy accompany them

Ashe dies of pneumonia tied to AIDS

Tennis legend was 49, had blamed transfusion

NEW YORK (AP) — Arthur Ashe, a ground-breaking black tennis player and a crusader for the court for human rights and AIDS research, died yesterday of AIDS-related pneumonia. He was 49. Ashe died at 3:12 p.m. EST (1:13 p.m. Tucson time), said New York Hospital administrator Judith Lillivick. "An additional statement will come from his family and the hospital tomorrow," she said.

Major Southern Arizona companies already have family-leave provisions

By Suzanne McCormick
The Arizona Daily Star
Most major companies in Southern Arizona allow employees to take leave for family needs without fear of losing their jobs, according to an Arizona Daily Star survey of major employers, representing about 75,000 workers.

help employees balance work and family responsibilities. The companies, which are among the Star's 1992 ranking of the top 80 major employers, were surveyed last week before the Family and Medical Leave Act was signed by President Clinton.

According to the survey, local companies that offer more generous leave policies than the act include: IBM. Employees, with approval, can receive up to three years' unpaid leave and full benefits, according to Ron Ash, manager of the company's state internal program. IBM allows leave for work or life issues such as the care of a spouse or child.

WEATHER

Breezy and warmer. Today is expected to be breezy and a little warmer, with a high in the mid-70s. Tonight is expected to be clear and breezy at times, with a low near 45. Details on Page 1A.

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Right Demo woman for attorney general hard to find

By Stephen Lubatkin
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WASHINGTON — The mistake that has befuddled the Clinton administration in its protracted search for an attorney general have arisen in part from the scarcity of Democratic women with enough experience of the right kind to qualify for the job.

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But they said that if a man is picked, his qualifications would have to be so well-known and so well-suited for the job that his selection would be unquestioned. The fact that a number of influential figures, including first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, have pushed for a woman has greatly complicated the selection process.

women in their senior ranks. And during the Reagan and Bush administrations, Democrats were and large shift out from the Judiciary, the U.S. attorney's job, Cabinet and sub-Cabinet positions and other centers of power that have historically been steps on the way to heading the Justice Department.