## West Nile virus season returns

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Suspect helps find missing woman BENTON, Ark. (AP) - The White says the woman's body last heard from about 11 p.m.
body of a missing Texas woman was found in a remote area of May 1 while talking on the telewas found Thursday moming in southern Newton County, about phone to a friend. During the
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## TULIA

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR
Jewelry misplaced, not stolen
On my recent visit to your town, I stayed at the Best Western
Inn. On my return home I found my jewelry was missing. In
order to satisfy the insurance company, a police report had to be ry in the travel case wedged under the safety bar. But the report I want to deeply apologize to Mr. Craig Jones and his staff for all the inconvenience and sorry my mistake has put them
through. In all of this, Mr. Jones and his staff were most helpful and comforting.

## Tax TODAY IN HISTORY

By The Associnted Press
Today is Thursday, May 8, the $\mathbf{2 8 \text { th day of } 2 0 0 3 \text { . There are } 2 3 7}$
Today's Highlight in History:
On May 8, 1945, President Truman announced in a radio
address that World War II had ended in Europe.
In 1541, Spanish explorer Hermando de Soto reached the Mississippi River.
Palo Alto. The first major battle of the Mexican War was fought at
In 1884, the 33 rd president of the United States, Harry S Truman, was born near Lamar, Mo.
In I886, Atlanta pharmacist John Styth Pemberton invented the In 1958, Vice President Nixon was shoved, stoned, booed and spat upon by anti-American protesters in Lima, Peru. Way to the Forum" opened on Broadway. In 1973, militant American Indians who'd held the Sou
Dakotâ hamlet of Wounded Knee for ten weeks surrendered. In 1978, David R. Berkowitz pleaded guilty in a Brookl
courroomm to the "Son of Sam" killings that had terrified New

In 1987, Gary Hart, dogged by questions about his personal lif including his relationship with Miami model Donna Rice, wit fen the race for the Democratic presidential nomination. Herzegovina and rebel Bosnian Serbs signed an agreement for
Five years ago: Big Tobacco settled with the state of Minnesota for $\$ 6.6$ billion as the state's lawsuit was about to go to a jury

## LetTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

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## VIEWPOINTS

## Easier to raise strawberries

raise strawberries." That is something my late husband once said many years ago when our three older children were teenagers.
The frustrations of dealing with the teen years, and expense, were apparently getting to him at that particular time. Saturday, I remembered his comment. Saturday, 1 remembered his comment.
He had a lot of sayings, and that was He had a lot of sayings, and that was
one we often repeated. Dealing with the one we often repeated. Dealing with the
independence of teens as they explored life, can almost take a parent to the breaking point. Whènèver the tensions of raising children would get to me, he
would just say "strawberries" and I would remember it
As he died when the three older ones were in their later teens and the younger
one was only 12, he missed many "experiences" with them. When I would get frustrated as a single parent in those years, I would remember that statement. It would help to keep me grounded in
reality. berry plants Saturday as I thought of his berry plant
Working in the yard helps me to release tensions, and I'm spending a lot of my personal time lately "digging in
the dirt." If the tensions keep coming. should have an absolutely gorgeous

About 30 years ago I remember a
 the time and who had the most beautiful her husband. Knowing he wasn't helping her at all and that they were going through some difficult times, I'm sure the look on my face conveyed that I was wondering what on earth she was talk-
ing about. ing about:
I get angry on to explain. "Every time dig another with him, I get out here and I'm digging, I pretend I'm digsing his grave and I feelend Im digging his I'm finished. I'm not as angry with him afterwards either. It cuts down anger."
At fir At first, I thought the woman had lost her mind! I wondered if she should be
out on the streets. As the years passed, I out on the streets. As the years passed, I
realized she had taught me a valuable lesson about anger and stress management. And that she was much more sane than people who don't convey their feelings. She released those feelings. I haven't seen her in a number of years, and I often wonder about her.


Does legality make morality?


The first principle of a free society is
that each person owns himself. You are
your private property, and I am mine.
Most Americans probably accept that first principle. Those who disagree are obliged to inform the rest of us just who owns us, at least here on earth.
This vision of self-ownership is one of
those "self-evident" those "self-evident" truths to which the Founders referred to in the Declaration of Independence, that "All Men are created
equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienale Rights that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness." Like John Locke and other philosophers who influenced them, the Founders saw these rights as preceding government, and they said, "That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted."
The Framers of the Constitution recognized that while government was necessary to secure liberty, it was also liberty's greatest threat. Having this deep suspicion of government, they loaded our Constitution with a host of anti-congres-
sional phrases, such as: "Congress shall
and "shall not be violated.
Once one accepts the principle of selfownership, what's moral and immoral becomes self-evident. Murder is immoral because it violates private property. Rape and theft are also immoral -- they also volate private property.
Here's an important
Here's an important question: Would Congress passed morally acceptable if congress passed a law legalizing it? You
say: "What's wrong with you, Williams? Rape is immoral plain and simple, no Rape is immoral plain and simple,
matter what Congress says or does!" If you take that position, isn't it just immoral when Congress legalizes the taking of one person's earnings to give to another? Surely if a private person took money from one person and gave it to another, we'd deem it theft and, as such, immoral. Does the same act become moral when Congress takes people's money to give to farmers, airline companies or an impoverished family? No, it's still theft, but with an important differ-
ence: It's legal, and participants jailed.

Market allocation of goods and servic es depends upon peaceable, yoluntary
exchange. Under such exchanges, the exchange. Under such exchanges, the
essence of our proposition to our fellow man is: If you do something I like, Ill do man is: If you do something llike, III do
something you like. When such a deal is something you like. When such a deal is
struck, both parties are better off in their own estimation.
Billions of these propositions are routinely made and carried out each day. For example, take my trip to the grocery store. My proposition to the grocer is,
essentially: "If you make me feel good by essentially: "If you make me feel good by giving me that gallon of milk you own,
''ll make you feel good by giving you three dollars that I own." If my proposition is accepted, the grocer is better off. since he values the $\$ 3$ more than the milk
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Contrast the
exchange with its morality of market exchange with its alternative. I might go
to my grocer with a pistol and propose: give me a gallon of milk or I'll shoot you. Or, I might lobby Congress to take his milk and give it to me. Either way I'm better off but the grocer is worse off.
Lest there's misunderstanding, there are legitimate and moral functions of
government, namely that of preventing government, namely that of preventing
the initiation of force, fraud and intimidation, and we're all duty-bound to cough up our share of the cost. All other matters in our lives should be left to civil society and its institutions.

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## Train collides with tourist bus in Hungary

BY KARL PETER KIRK Associated Press Writer


Muppets maker company again in Henson hands LOS ANGELES (AP) The family of Muppet creator im henson hast-minute bid seceded in last-minute bid to repur-
chase the company they sold to a German media firm in 2000.

The Henson family decided only two weeks ago to bid or The Jim Henson Co., which they will buy for a fracfion of what Munich-based EM.TV pald for it, according Munich-based Munich-based EM.TV rights to such Muppet characters as Kermit the Frog and Miss Piggy in February 2000 for $\$ 680$ million in cash and stock.
But in May 2001, it said it was considering selling the Los Angeles-based firm. It has since sold some Henson Street" rights, for about $\$ 200$ Street" rights, for about \$200
million.


Altrusa International, Inc., of Pampa hosted an ice cream social for the residents at Schneider House recently. Above: (Left to right) Elizabeth Lynn (back to cam-
era), Pat Plemons, Desiree Carter, Altrusan Myrna Orr (tanding) era), Pat Plemons, Desiree Carter, Altrusan Myrna Orr (standing) and Marjorie
Light.

## WHO raises SARS

 death rate estimate
## BYNAOMI KOPPEL

 associated Press WriterGENEVA (AP) - The World Health Organization said Thursday it was sharply raising its estimate of the SARS death rate to 14-15 percent. The disease is much worse for people older than 65, with more than half likely
to die. odie.
The re
The revisions are based on Jata from Canada, China,
Hong Kong, Singapore and long Kong, Singapore and
Vietnam, the U.N. agency said. Until now the agency had put the rate at $6-10$ percent, although a study earlier this week of patients in Hong Kong said the death rate was around 20 percent.
"The likelihood of dying from SARS in a given area has been shown to depend on the profile of the cases, including the age group most affected and the presence of
underlying discase," underlying discase," the
health agency said it health agency said in a state-
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The death rate is below I percent for people aged 24 or percent for people aged
younger, rising to 6 percent younger, ning
for those aged 25 to 44,15 percent in those aged 45 to 64
and more than 50 percent for those aged over 65 . WHO said studying only those cases where the patient has diedor made a full recovery could skew the figures while the outbreak is stitl continuing because the average
time from illness to death is time from illness to death is shorter than the average time from illness to recovery. Its method takes account of the length of time for which patients have survived looking at the risk of dying in
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risk in the second week, and risk in the second week, and WHO said

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## SpORTS


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$\underset{\text { Radio }}{\text { PAMPA }}$ - KGRO Radio (1230 AM) will
broadcast the Area round playoff series between Pampa and El Paso Ysleta. The opener is set for
4:30 p.m. Friday at Zachery Field in Midland. The sec ond game wifl be played a
noon Saturday. Game 3 it noon Saurdy.
necessary will follow 30 basketball

WASHINGTON (AP) The Washington Wizards
abmupty dumped Michael Jordan: ending a relationship that produced much fanfare but little succ
over $31 / 2$ seasons. Disappointed with the team s poor recorra and
embarassed by infighting in and off the conn, owner his decision in 30 minute mecting at the team's arena. Jordan was the Wizards' president before coming out them the past two years. He retired for good last month and expected to return to the team's front office.
Now he's expected to
explore options with other teams, with the new expansion frinchise in Charlotte
one of the leading altema-

FOOTBALL
tuscaloosa, Ala. (AP) - Mike Shula was
cxcused from the Miami excused from. the Miami
Dolphins

practice | Dolphins $\begin{array}{c}\text { practice } \\ \text { Thursday, amid repors he he }\end{array}$ |
| :--- | will become the new

coach at Alabama. The Birmingham N ESPN Radio and the Miami Herald are reporting that
Alabama has setlled on the former Crimson Tide quarterback and current Dolphins assistant as its new head coach and that an announcement could come as early as Thursday. Calls to Shula's home
went unanswered Thursday went unanswered Thursday
morning, and athletic director Mal Moore did not immediately retur
seeking comment.
Shula, the son
SFL coach Don of former excused from Thursday's excused from Thursdays
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spokesman Harvey Greene spokesman Harvey Greene
said. Alabama spokesman Lary White declined comment on the reports. Alabama fired Mike
Price on Saturday after the Picce on Saturday atiter the
first-year coach, already wamed about his behavior. spent hundreds of dollars at a Pensacola, Fla.. topless
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considering appealing the termination. Alabama players left a meeting with university pressident Rober Wal and
athlectic director Mal Moore on Wednesday confident that they would have a new coach by the weckend and that he'd have wom the crimson and white jersey.

## Rodriguez Sparks Rangers past Blue Jays

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) sixth when Rodriguez had a Chris Woodward hit a sharp defense than what I do offen- increased his major league
Alex Rodriguez hit the leadoff homer, and rookie grounder into the - Alex Rodriguez hit the leadoff homer, and rookie grounder into the gap. sively," said Rodriguez, who leading RBIs total to 37 .
tiebreaking home run, and then Mark Teixeira hit an RBI dou- Rodriguez made a diving stab has just one error in 155 Gonzalez, who was 3 -for-4, tebreaking home run, and then Mark Teixeira hit an RBI dou-
made the defensive plays to ble after Ruben Sierra beat out keep the Texas Rangers ahead. a two-out infield single. Rodriguez led off the sixth Then Rodriguez, who wo with his 11 th homer. The short- his first Gold Glove last seastop followed with three diving son, showed some more plays the next inning and Texas held on for a $5-4$ win' over
Toronto on Wednesday night, Toronto on Wednesday night, fourth had already ended the stopping the Blue Jays' five- turned a difficult double play in
game winning streak. game winning streak. the sixth.
"Alex's defense was one of
"Their the big differences of the game. He made two or ihree plays not He made two or three plays not Toronto manager Carlos Tosca many people make," Rangers
manager Buck Showalter said

Rodriguez made a diving stab to his right, holding Hudson at
second as Woodward reached. Shannon. Stewart then hit another grounder toward the hole, and Rodriguez dove again, making the play and throwing to third for the forceout. After a strikeout. Rodrigúcz went into the hole for yet another ball, but Vermon Wells hit deflected off A-Rod's out-
stretched glove. A run scored stretched glove. A run scored
on that play, but that was all the on that play, but that
Blue Jays managed.
has just one error in 155
chances this season. "There chances this season. "There
were a lot of tricky plays. It was big to get that one forceout and save the run. Rangers remalmeiro of the 500 home for- 4 with three flyouts going 0 strikeout bur Cayouts and and. Juan Gonzaloz Delgado their 12th homiers, tying for hit major league lead. jor league lead.
Delgado's solo homer in the Elgado's solo homer in the Ar was his third in two night: even with Delgado in home-run race and tied the game at 3-3 when he homere leading off the fourth. He has leading off the fourth. He has against Torsonto this season. After Rodriguez's home Tanyon Sturtze (3-3) got tw quick outs before Sierra's hus tling hit and Teixera's double. Sturtze gave up five runs and eight hits over 52 and eight hits over 52
innings.


Casey Owens had lowes
earned run average on team.
Offense is starting

## HOUSTON (AP) - Throughout the Houston Throughout the Houston Astros' carly struggles, Lance Berkman was confident the offense would come around. "You can't look at this lineup and say we are a below- .500 team. There's too much talent here. We knew it was just a matter of time before we broke out," Berkman said after Houstor beat Pittsburgh 13-4 on Wednesday night for its sixth straight win <br> Jeff Kent had four hits and five RBIs five RBIs, and Geoff Blum singled home the singled home the go-ahead run during a four-run seventh. <br> Houston, which overcame a five-run deficit to win 10-9 Tuesday night. trailed 2-0 Tuesday night. trater after three innings. after three innings. Berkman drove in four runs for the Astros, who set a season high for runs for the second straight night and moved over .500 for the first time since April 23 . "Now we've got our any given inning we can put up five or six runs," Berkman said. <br> Kent went 4 -for-5 and raised his average to .328 with a two-run homer in the sixth. a run-scoring single in the seventh and a two-run double in the eighth. in the eighth. "Hitting <br> Hitting is contagious," Kent said. "I think this game is based on rhythms. The <br> Good things are happening for us right now." Houston's Nos. $2-5$ hitters - Morgan Ensberg/Blum, Jeff Bagwell, Kent and Berkman - combined to Berkman - combined to g 10 -for- 16 with 13 RBIs. said. "When you come back to win a couple of games like this, you start to case off that panic button a little bit and get little more confidence a little more confidence. Things are going good right Thing now. B But not for the Pirates have lost five straight. "It's a combination of us not playing well not playing well and them playing well," Brian Giles said. "They are hot right now said. "They are hot right now and everything is going there and everything is going there way. Things like that happen." way. Things like that happen." Pittsburgh's Salomon $\begin{array}{cc}\text { Pittsburgh's } & \begin{array}{c}\text { Salomon } \\ \text { Torres made his } \\ \text { third start }\end{array}\end{array}$ since replacing injured Josh Fogg in the rotation April 26 and gave up four runs and fiy hits in 5 1-3 innings. <br> Pittsburgh stranded ners, including eight in the first four innings. <br> "He started off good," manager Lloyd McClendon He started of good, manager Lloyd McClendon said. "Then he started elevatsaid. "Then he started elevat- ing the ball. You look up after ing the ball. You look up after five innings and you've got 10 five innings and you've got I0 guys left on base. We had the guys left on base. We had the bases loaded twice with one out. We had opportunities to break the game open with a wey hits.

Mavs, Kings meet for Game 2 tonight
DALLAS (AP) - Nick
Van Exel wants the Dallas
Mavericks to take a new
approach toward the
Sacramento Kings.
Forget about them.
Van Exel thinks his team-
mates are paying too much
attention to the Kings and not
focusing enough on them-
selves. Starting in Game 2 of
the Western Conference semi-
final tonight, Van Exel wants
the Mavs to concentrate strict-
ly on playing their best and
having the confidence that
it'll be good enough to win.
"It's about believing and
not having any type of
doubts," he said. "Sacramento is definitely a good tean
when it comes down you've got to have that att tude of 'forget) them."'
The Kings certainly have that singular for
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Sacramento spent the five days before the opener finetuning its game. The starters practiced against the reserves

- and, as Vlade Divac joked Wednesday, that's better than Wednesday, that s better than working out again
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By the time the Kings took the court in Dallas, they didn't care what the Mavericks tried. doubts," he said. "Sacramento They were going to do things

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Aramis Ramirez's two-run single put Pittsburgh ahead in
 he third. Kent's fifth homer gave
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