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## U.S. trade deficit hits all-time high at \$12.7 billion

WASHINGTON (AP) - America's trade deficit soared to \$12.7 billion in January as higher oil prices, rising auto imports and a flood of Chinese clothes, shoes and toys sent the imbalance in goods to an all-time high.

The Commerce Department said that the overall deficit was up 21.1 percent from \$10.5 billion in December. It was the worst showing since the government began compiling monthly statistics on goods and services trade in 1992.

The deficit in goods alone of \$19 billion was the highest in history, reflecting a 13.3 percent jump in auto imports, led by a surge in shipments from America's partners in the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Car imports from Canada were up 25 percent while imports from Mexico rose 12 percent. Car shipments from Japan were also up by a smaller 6 percent.

In a second report today, the Labor Department said that the number of Americans filing new claims for unemployment benefits rose by 3,000 last week to 312,000. Analysts, who had been expecting an even bigger increase, said that unemployment claims at this level still reflected a tight labor market. The overall unemployment rate stands at 5.3 percent.

America's foreign oil bill rose 5.2 percent to \$6.8 billion. Four-fifths of the increase reflected higher volume and the rest rising prices. The average price of a barrel of crude oil rose for a seventh consecutive month to \$21.99, the highest level since the Persian Gulf crisis in January 1991.

While President Clinton won a second term thanks in large part to the strength of the U.S. economy, the persistent and rising trade deficits represent the biggest blot on that record.

The overall deficit climbed to \$114.3 billion last year, its fourth consecutive increase and the worst showing since 1988. Most analysts

believe the deficit will climb even higher this year as the strength of the dollar makes American goods more expensive on overseas markets and imports such as Japanese cars cheaper for American consumers.

The deficit with Japan, which had been declining for much of 1996, rose in January to \$4.3 billion, an increase of 0.6 percent that reflected in part rising car imports.

While imports of cars and parts from Japan increased 6 percent in January to \$3 billion, American auto exports to that country fell 22 percent to \$286 million.

The Clinton administration proclaimed a 1995 auto deal with Japan one of the biggest trade successes of the first term, but recently U.S. carmakers have been complaining that their efforts to break into the Japanese market have been stymied by the rising dollar.

The deficit with China jumped 41 percent to \$3.7 billion, the worst showing since last October. Chinese imports were up 18 percent, led by higher shipments of clothing, shoes and toys and games. American exports to China fell by 28 percent to just \$941 million.

With the trade deficit with China threatening to overtake America's deficit with Japan, the administration has stepped up pressure on the Chinese to do more to lower their barriers to American goods. Trade tensions were expected to be one of the main topics when Vice President Al Gore travels to China next week.

The deficit with Mexico nearly doubled in a single month, rising to \$1.3 billion in January. Critics of the free-trade agreement with Mexico have been pointing to the record deficits as proof that NAFTA was a bad deal for American workers. The administration counters that the deficit reflects the severe recession Mexico has gone through following a 1994 currency crisis and the trade gap would have been even worse without NAFTA.



### Fire scene

The Hereford Fire Department responded to four grass fires on Wednesday. As long as high winds and dry conditions exist,

an extreme fire danger remains on the High Plains. Here, a firefighter sprays a hot spot on North Progressive Road.

## American, pilots reach tentative agreement on new contract

WASHINGTON (AP) - American Airlines and its pilots reached an agreement in principle to end a long-standing contract dispute, according to officials who said final details were being worked out.

A pilots union official said negotiators hoped to have a proposal ready for the union's board Friday, and American Airlines spokesman Chris Chiamis confirmed, "We have reached an agreement in principle."

Neither Chiamis nor Capt. Michael Cronin of the Allied Pilots Association would discuss details of the proposal, and union sources cautioned that some sticking points must be resolved before it is submitted to the union's board for approval.

"The details are still being worked on as we speak and we want our board of directors to hear it from negotiators and not from the press," said Cronin, the union's chief of legislative affairs.

Negotiators were to meet at an undisclosed location in Washington today to continue talks. The pilots board was set to meet in the capital on Friday.

Word of the proposal came as an emergency board sent President Clinton a report about the issues separating the pilots and the nation's largest domestic airline. The board was appointed by the president minutes after the pilots voted to strike last month.

In addition to wages, the dispute revolved around who will fly small jets that American plans to use to replace the turboprops now used on commuter flights.

The union insisted that its members fly the 70- to 100-seat jets. American's parent company, AMR Corp., wanted its lower-paid American Eagle pilots to move into jet cockpits.

After the presidential board

finished discussions with both the union and the airlines, Cronin said, the board's chairman, Robert R. Harris, offered his services as a mediator.

Both sides accepted, and the agreement in principle was developed during secluded meetings on Orcas Island, Wash., which ended Tuesday. Negotiators continued consultations by telephone, Cronin said.

"Principles have to be translated

into words on paper that people can be held to," he said.

The aviators, who already are among the highest-paid workers in the nation, with average salaries of \$120,000, and the airline have been negotiating since 1994.

Talks broke off, and on Feb. 15, the pilots declared a strike that would have affected one in five U.S. air passengers.

## Hereford Bull



By Speedy Nieman

That feller on Tierra Blanca Creek says the man who deals in sunshine is the man who gets the crowds; he does a lot more business than the man who peddles clouds.

As a youngster, I remember thinking that time must really pass slow for older people. Then, we started hearing grownups talk about how fast time flies.

That didn't make much sense when you were waiting for summer vacation, Santa's arrival, or a birthday celebration. Now we know what those adults were talking about.

Although it seems the school year just started a couple of months ago, spring break is next week - and there is about two months of school left! The CPA closed out our books on June 30 - which seems like three months ago - and now it's just three months until we do it again...amazing!

A former Hereford resident, Kevin Coupe, now an orthopedic surgeon in Houston, was quoted in a Houston Chronicle article Saturday that explained President Bill Clinton's knee injury.

Dr. Coupe, son of Joan Coupe of Hereford, said he sees injuries to the patella tendon often among athletes, particularly in sports that require jumping. "The tendon encapsulates the kneecap and connects the thigh muscles to the tibia, or shin bone. It probably is most familiar to the public as the tendon a doctor strikes with a rubber hammer to elicit a knee jerk reflex, signifying no lower spinal damage." However, Clinton

apparently tore it just above the kneecap.

Dr. Coupe is a surgeon with Baxter, Clanton & Winston Orthopedic Surgery clinic in Houston. He is a graduate of Hereford High School.

"Our president probably wants to go golfing," Coupe said, "but it's three to four months before you can get back to weekend warrior athletics."

The report by scientists that an adult lamb had been successfully cloned has set off debates concerning the ethics of such a procedure, especially the possibility of cloning humans.

No one is enthralled with the idea of cloning people. We've done a little research around Hereford and haven't found anybody who has suggested we need another one of anybody they know. You can just imagine how some guys would rant and rave if they had to put up with an identical brother-in-law!

What would Hereford do with another Don Cumpston? We'd soon be over-motivated! Or how about a Captain Billy replica? Just imagine what havoc that would create on the radio!

The list goes on...two Joe Kerrs? No way, Jose! How about a double dose of John Stagner and Charlie Bell? The Fun Breakfast silliness would know no end! A pair of Carey Blacks? I've had enough jokes pulled on me by one!

A replica of Speedy Nieman? Heaven forbid, you'd get twice as much bull by reading this column!

## Six school board candidates file; May 3 election races set

Six candidates filed for positions on the Hereford Independent School District board on deadline day Wednesday, assuring races in all three districts for the May 3 election.

No one else announced for the Hereford City Commission positions. The filing deadline for hospital board candidates is April 3.

The vacant District VI seat for HISD drew five candidates Wednesday - Norman Smith, Linda Minchew, R.L. Johnson, Lloyd Ames and Doris Wimberly.

Mark Landrum filed for the

school's District III seat, placing him in a race with incumbent Randy Tooley. In District I, incumbent Karen Sherrod will be challenged by Angie Alonzo.

The ballot is also set for the city election with just one race. Mayor Bob Josseland is unopposed, while Tom Conaway was the only candidate to file for Place 3. Silvana Juarez, Place 1, will be challenged by Maria Carrillo.

Three at-large positions are to be decided in the hospital board election. Three candidates have filed -

incumbent Mal Manchec, Chris Leonard and Chip Guseman.

Because of special enabling legislation, the hospital district has a different filing deadline, April 3. The district also has a requirement for candidates to file petitions with the names of at least 25 qualified voters.

Jim Robinson, Hereford Regional Medical Center administrator, said the board hopes to have those requirements changed next year so the hospital election will be the same as the other two local elections.

## Senate gives approval to bill that would require parental notification for abortions

AUSTIN (AP) - In a move hailed by abortion opponents, the Texas Senate has given preliminary approval to a bill that would require parental notification for a minor to get an abortion.

Another Senate vote is required before the bill can go to the House for consideration. But Wednesday's 22-9 vote for preliminary approval was significant.

It marked the first time since abortion was legalized 24 years ago by the U.S. Supreme Court that a major abortion bill has mustered enough support to be brought up for consideration by the full Senate. For the first time since Reconstruction, the Senate has a Republican majority.

Only one of the senators voting against the bill is Republican, Sen. Jeff Wentworth of San Antonio.

"I'm fearful, yes, that this does crack the door" to further restrictions, said Sen. Mike Moncrief, D-Fort Worth, who tried unsuccessfully to derail on a procedural motion the bill sponsored by Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano.

Abortion rights advocates predicted the measure would lead to more girls getting illegal abortions, while abortion opponents said it should result in fewer teen pregnancies.

Ms. Shapiro said her measure would strengthen parental rights.

"There is no other provision in Texas law where parents are denied the right to know what is going on in their minor daughters' or sons' lives," she said.

"I believe that when there is a potential for a life-altering, life-threatening invasive procedure, that

parents have a right to know what is happening in their minor daughters' lives."

There were 6,346 girls age 11-17 who obtained abortions in Texas in 1995, and a parent was informed of the matter by the minor in 75 percent of the cases, according to senators.

The House has voted once since 1973 on a similar measure providing for parental consent, approving it in 1981. That bill died in the Senate.

Ms. Shapiro's bill would not require parental consent, but only notification of a parent or guardian by the doctor who would perform an abortion on a girl under age 18.

A doctor who didn't follow the notification procedure could be charged with a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by up to one year in jail and/or a fine of up to \$4,000.

Exceptions would be provided for

medical emergencies, and a court procedure would be established for minors who do not want a parent or guardian to be notified.

The appointment of a lawyer or guardian to represent the minor in the court procedure, called a "judicial bypass," would be financed with family planning funds under an amendment to Ms. Shapiro's bill. Moncrief called that ironic.

"To take money out of one area in our government that is providing those services ... that teach young people not to make the mistakes that will lead to this kind of predicament doesn't make a great sense to me - especially to give that money to a bunch of lawyers," Moncrief said.

His amendment was one of just a handful offered to Ms. Shapiro's bill. None went on that would change its thrust.

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## Local Roundup

### Golf course to be closed

John Pitman Municipal Golf Course will be closed to the general public during the morning and early afternoon on Friday and Saturday for the Hereford High School Golf Tournament. The course will be available to the public for play after 3:30 p.m. on both days.

### HYSA needing coaches

The Hereford Youth Soccer Association is currently seeking coaches and volunteers to assist in their upcoming season. The league annually serves over 300 youths in Deaf Smith County. Anyone interested in coaching or volunteering should attend the HYSA seminar on Saturday morning at the Hereford Community Center, or call Emilio Romero at 364-8736 or Anna or David Cabezuela at 364-2644.

### Spring is here

Hereford reached a high temperature of 73 degrees and an overnight low of 39 degrees on Wednesday. For Thursday night, look for mostly clear skies with a low in the mid 40s. The winds will be from the southwest at 5 to 15 mph. Friday will be mostly sunny, breezy and warm with a high in the mid 80s. The winds will be from the west at 15 to 20 mph and gusty. The five-day forecast calls for partly cloudy skies and highs in the 70s. A slight chance of rain is forecasted for early next week.

## Emergency Services

Activities reported by law enforcement agencies Thursday:

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
 -- Disorderly conduct reported in the 700 block of La Plata.  
 -- Criminal trespass reported in the 400 block of Floss.  
 -- Phone harassment reported in the 500 block of Roosevelt.  
 -- Hit and run accident reported at West Gracy and South Lee.  
 -- Fighting incident reported in the 300 block of Avenue K.  
 -- Domestic disturbance reported

in the 500 block of West 1st.  
 -- 42-year-old male arrested for DPS warrants at Roosevelt and Hwy. 60.  
 -- 19-year-old male arrested for warrant for failure to appear.  
 -- 20-year-old male arrested for DWI at Texas and Park Avenue.  
 -- Fifteen citations issued.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
 -- Responded to four grass fires.

**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**  
 -- No arrest or reports.

## News Digest

### STATE

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**AUSTIN** - In a move hailed by abortion opponents, the Texas Senate has given preliminary approval to a bill that would require parental notification for a minor to get an abortion.

**WASHINGTON** - Even as illegal drug traffickers are operating with near impunity along sections of the U.S.-Mexico border, Texas isn't getting a large enough share of new Border Patrol agents, lawmakers are grumbling.

**AUSTIN** - The House will consider legislation that would increase a physician's ability to prescribe pain-killing drugs, despite partisan attempts to label it as legalizing marijuana.

**AUSTIN** - Many closed-door briefings of governmental bodies would be opened to the public under a bill overwhelmingly approved by the Texas Senate.

**AUSTIN** - The last of five young gang members sent to death row for the rape-murders of two teen-age girls in Houston 3 1/2 years ago had his death sentence upheld by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

**AUSTIN** - Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock is taking another swing at professional sports team owners, saying they should sell stock to fans rather than seek tax dollars to build plush new stadiums.

**AMARILLO** - Tulia High School senior Hollister Gardner is well acquainted with the members of the school board to which he's trying to get elected: They're defendants in his federal lawsuit. Earlier this year, Gardner sued each board member.

### NATION/WORLD

**HELSINKI, Finland** - Leaving behind problems at home, President Clinton and Russian leader Boris Yeltsin come together today voicing a common commitment to peace in Europe but deeply divided on how to ensure it.

**WASHINGTON** - Adding Poland and two or three other central European nations to the NATO alliance would extend U.S. security commitments in the region for the first time since Germany was reunified at the end of the Cold War.

**WASHINGTON** - Republicans appear headed toward a repeat of last year's showdown with President Clinton as they prepare to vote again to ban an abortion procedure used in second- and third-trimester pregnancies.

**WASHINGTON** - American Airlines and its pilots reached an agreement in principle to end a longstanding contract dispute, according to officials who said final details were being worked out.

**WASHINGTON** - Senators of both parties warmly greeted President Clinton's selection of George Tenet, a former Senate aide, to head the CIA while warning that they would not merely rubber-stamp the nomination.

**WASHINGTON** - A bill that could give some 70 million workers a choice between overtime pay and time off faces strong opposition in the Senate and a promised presidential veto after narrowly passing the House.

**KINSHASA, Zaire** - Zairian soldiers have received a direct order: Don't loot, don't steal, don't vandalize. The military is trying to get control of its troops - known for ransacking and running when rebel fighters near - at a time when fears of a military coup are growing.

## Obituaries

**JUANITA MIDDLETON**  
 March 18, 1997  
 Juanita Middleton, 91, of Lorenzo, died Tuesday. Her brother, J.B. Greenwood Jr. resides in Hereford. Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Adams Funeral Home with Lee Henry officiating. Burial will be in Ralls Cemetery by Adams Funeral Home.  
 She was born March 23, 1905, in Stanton. She married Doyle O.

Middleton on Dec. 9, 1923, in Roaring Springs. He died July 4, 1990. She was a member of the Church of Christ. She moved to Lorenzo from Lubbock in 1973. She was a homemaker.  
 Survivors include a daughter, Thersia Henry of Abilene; a brother, J.B. Greenwood Jr. of Hereford; a sister, Annie Henry Adams of Ralls; two grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.  
 Other amendments require:

# Tulia High School senior seeks election to school trustee seat

**AMARILLO, Texas (AP)** - Tulia High School senior Hollister Gardner is well acquainted with the members of the school board to which he's trying to get elected: They're defendants in his federal lawsuit.

Earlier this year, Gardner sued each member of the board, including his father, because of its policy to randomly test students in extracurricular activities for drug use. The pending suit, which he crafted

himself, claims that the district violated the Constitution's provisions against illegal search and seizure. "Really, it's just a way of telling people that there's another opinion out there," said Gardner, 18. "It's

not just the drug deal; there's other issues. Education for the kids is the most important thing."

Gardner, president of Tulia High School's National Honor Society, is challenging incumbent Jeannett Herring. Like all but one of the trustees, Ms. Herring supported the drug-testing program. Gardner's father, Gary Gardner, was the only dissenter.

"She's been on there for three terms," the younger Gardner said, adding term limits to his crusade. "I think she needs to step down and let somebody else do it."

Ms. Herring, the board's president, said the youthful challenge won't affect her campaign.

"I'm running for the same reason I always run, and that's for the students of the district. I've taught school for six years," she said. "I'm not running on the drug issue. I'm running because I believe in our school system."

Gardner said he plans to attend college elsewhere after graduation, but said he'll return home frequently enough to serve.

The inspiration to seek political office came from a recent Associated Press story he saw about a Hesston, Kan., student who is facing his high school government teacher for the mayor's seat.

"If he could file for mayor, I couldn't see why I couldn't file here for the school board," Gardner said.

Gary Gardner said he's "kind of neutral" about having his son join him at board meetings.

"I raised my kids up to think for themselves," he said. "I've got a sign on my wall that says, 'Checkout time is 18.' He's pretty well his own individual."

The election is May 3.



### Linking wishes for local children

West Central Intermediate School students are buying links in a paper chain to raise money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Texas Plains, which grants wishes to children with life-threatening illnesses. The effort is being spearheaded by West Central's Kids for Wish Kids program. The funds will go directly toward wishes for Hereford wish kids. Here, from left, fourth-grader Zack Ambold, Wish Coordinator Cindy Spanel and fifth-grader Sabrina Garcia add links to a paper chain being formed in the school gymnasium.

# Bill to allow workers to choose overtime pay or comp time faces much opposition

**WASHINGTON (AP)** - A bill that could give some 70 million workers a choice between overtime pay and time off faces strong opposition in the Senate and a promised presidential veto after narrowly passing the House.

House Republicans hailed the 222-210 vote Wednesday as a step toward meeting the desire of Americans to spend more time with their families. The bill, said Rep. Susan Molinari, R-N.Y., "will finally give our country's hard-working parents the kind of choice they so desperately need."

But President Clinton, in a letter proclaiming his veto intent, said the bill "fails to guarantee real choice for employees (and) real protection against employer abuse."

Clinton has joined Republicans in supporting the concept that workers should be able to choose compensatory time off, or comp time, instead of pay for overtime work. But the administration and unions contend that the GOP bill gives too much control to employers.

The vote was largely along party lines, with 13 Democrats backing the measure while 18 Republicans voted

against it. Republicans called the bill the "working families flexibility act" and made it a top legislative priority in this Congress. Democrats referred to it as the "paycheck reduction act."

The debate has pitted business groups, who lobbied hard for the bill, against unions who opposed it. "We, more than labor, understand the demands of family life on the employee's time and schedule," Bruce Josten, senior vice president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, said in welcoming the vote.

The measure faces an equally partisan battle in the Senate, where a companion bill was approved by the Labor Committee this week and is scheduled for floor action sometime in April. The Senate bill also contains a "flex time" provision allowing employees to work, for example, 50 hours one week and 30 hours the next. Democrats have labeled that a threat to the 40-hour work week.

"Laws written 60 years ago need to be updated to meet realities of the 1990s, when the demands of job and family are so often in conflict," said Sen. John Ashcroft, R-Mo., sponsor

of the Senate bill. The House bill amends the 1938 Fair Labor Standards Act, which covers some 70 million hourly wage workers and guarantees 1-1/2 times regular wages for every hour worked beyond the 40-hour week.

Workers covered by the law can't waive their right to overtime pay, or trade it for another benefit, such as paid vacation. An exception is that companies are allowed to offer, or force, comp time as long as it is taken during the same pay period that the overtime occurs.

The GOP bill allows employees to form agreements with employers giving them the option of taking pay or time off for overtime. Employees can voluntarily withdraw from the agreements and employers can opt not to offer comp time.

In a nod to Democratic concerns, Republicans endorsed amendments that would exempt seasonal and other part-time employees who don't work 1,000 hours a year for the same employer and reduced from 240 to 160 hours the amount of comp time that can be accrued in a year. Democrats said low wage and seasonal workers would be the most

vulnerable to abuses, and that workers risked losing their earnings if they built up too much comp time.

But House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri said the bill still hurt workers because it would shift power "to those employers who want to use this to get pay levels down by not paying overtime."

Democrats argued that there was inadequate protection against bosses who would discriminate against workers asking for pay rather than time off or who might force workers to take time off at management's discretion.

A Democratic substitute version supported by Clinton that addressed those issues was defeated, 237-193.

Rep. William Goodling, R-Pa., chairman of the Education and the Workforce Committee, denied that the bill was weighted toward employees. "Every worker is protected more than any other legislation that has ever passed in the House of Representatives, and an employer would be a fool if he tried to intimidate an employee," he said.

"Only the Washington union leaders testified against this bill," said Rep. Cass Ballenger, R-N.C., a chief sponsor.

AFL-CIO President John J. Sweeney argued that the bill meant "less money in paychecks today, smaller pensions tomorrow and more employer control over workers' schedules."

## Proposed budget gets approval

**AUSTIN (AP)** - The state Capitol would get a new chapel and organizations that perform abortions would get no family planning funds in the next two-year, \$83.3 billion state budget tentatively approved by the Texas House.

The proposed budget got first-round approval Wednesday after a daylong debate in which House members considered nearly 100 amendments. None of the amendments adopted would increase or decrease spending, but some moved money from some programs to others.

The budget, which faces a final House vote, would cover state spending from Sept. 1 to Aug. 31, 1999.

Under one amendment, organizations that perform abortions couldn't get state family planning funds.

"This is not a debate on abortion," said Rep. Charlie Howard, R-Sugar Land, sponsor of the amendment. "This draws a clear line between family planning and abortion services."

The amendment was adopted on a voice vote. Rep. Sherri Greenberg, D-Austin, said the change would hurt women in rural areas, where doctors working alone provide various services.

The bill has about \$93 million in family planning spending for each year of the budget. Nearly all of the money comes from federal sources and is given to private organizations.

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice to develop rules for a program in which state prisoners will pay a \$3 co-payment for medical services.

The State Preservation Board to use part of its scheduled \$10 million budget to reconstruct a chapel in the Capitol.

Rick Crawford, head of the Preservation Board, said the Capitol had a chapel from 1963 until 1993, when it was removed during a restoration project.

"The restoration sought to restore the Capitol to the time period of 1888 to 1915 and there was no chapel at that time, so it wasn't replaced," Crawford said.

In one of the few recorded votes, the House rejected, by a 110-33 vote, an attempt to cancel \$1.8 million in funding for the State Jail Standards Commission.

Rep. Terry Keel, R-Austin, said the commission hasn't prevented the state from being sued as it was meant to do when created in 1975. Opponents said the commission gives county sheriffs a single place to find standards for housing inmates.

The total budget is about \$100 million more than the original legislative proposal of \$83.2 billion. Gov. George W. Bush proposed an \$84.7 billion budget.

"The appropriations bill is, if not the most important, one of the one or two most important each session,"

said Rep. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, chairman of the budget-writing House Appropriations Committee. "It's one all the members have to buy into."

Junell said about \$1 billion was left out of the budget to fund a proposed property tax cut. He also said lawmakers could come up with another \$750 million to fund other programs, like an elementary school reading program, a state employees pay raise and a state water conservation program.

The state budget for the current two-year cycle, which ends Aug. 31, is about \$79.9 billion.

## Ulibarri fund set up at HSB

A benefit fund in the name of Herminia (Minnie) Ulibarri has been established at Hereford State Bank by friends.

Mrs. Ulibarri is a cancer victim and medical treatments have been more than the family can pay. Those who wish to help can make a donation to the Ulibarri Fund at HSB.



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TEXAS LOTTERY

**AUSTIN (AP)** - The winning Lotto Texas numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery:

1-12-29-36-38-45  
 (one, twelve, twenty-nine, thirty-six, thirty-eight, forty-five)

**AUSTIN (AP)** - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

(8-1-3)  
 (eight, one, three)

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# Lifestyles



## Sorority prize patrol

Alpha Iota Mu Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority recently Rushed for new members. The Prize Patrol delivered each potential member a check worth \$1,000 in "Beta Bucks," to be spent at Vegas Night at Hereford Community Center on Friday. Members of the Prize Patrol were, from left, Carol Moore, vice president; Kathy Gallagher, secretary and Glenda Chadwick.

## Taxpayers have new protections under Taxpayer Bill of Rights II

By DAVE SKIDMORE  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Taxpayers tangling with the Internal Revenue Service have new protections under legislation signed into law last summer.

The bill, known as the Taxpayer Bill of Rights II, gave the Office of the Taxpayer Ombudsman a new name - Office of the Taxpayer Advocate - and increased its power to intervene in disputes. It can, for instance, require the IRS to issue refund checks and meet deadlines in performing tasks for taxpayers.

A Problem Resolution Office in each IRS district reports to the advocate. Independent of all other IRS offices, they help taxpayers who haven't been able to resolve a problem through normal channels.

You can contact a Problem Resolution Office by calling the IRS at 1 (800) 829-1040. The line is often busy, so keep trying.

The law also:  
- Raised the limit on taxpayer lawsuits alleging reckless collection

actions by the IRS from \$100,000 to \$1 million.

- Required the IRS to investigate taxpayer complaints of false information returns, such as Form 1099 and Form W-2.

- Made it easier for taxpayers who win lawsuits against the IRS to obtain reimbursement of legal fees and raised the cap on reimbursement from \$75 to \$110 an hour.

- Required the agency to give taxpayers 30 days' notice before modifying or ending installment agreements for paying taxes, interest and penalties.

- Required the IRS to notify taxpayers annually of overdue taxes, rather than just allow penalties and interest to accumulate without notice.

- Obligated the agency to contact taxpayers within 60 days when it receives a payment it can't match with a particular account.

It's easy and costs nothing to get an automatic four-month extension if you can't meet the April 15 tax-filing deadline.

However, it won't get you out of

paying your taxes on time. You should make your best estimate of how much you owe and include a check along with Form 4868. If you pay too much, you can put in for a refund when you file your return by the new deadline of Aug. 15.

Even if you can't pay what you owe, file a return or an extension anyway and send as much as you can. The IRS will bill you for the balance due.

You can ask to pay in installments on Form 9465. But you'll have to pay a \$43 fee. And the IRS will charge you a penalty of a half a percentage point a month plus its interest rate on underpayments, currently 9 percent. That works out to an annual interest rate of about 15 percent, so it may be cheaper to get a loan.

If you just ignore the deadline, you'll also be charged a late-filing penalty of 5 percent a month.

You can file an amended return, using Form 1040X, if you file and then discover you've made a mistake or left something out.

Keep any records that support your tax return - receipts, canceled checks, etc. - for three years from the date the return was filed or for two years from the date the tax was paid, whichever date is later. Records that concern the value of your home and non-deductible contributions to your Individual Retirement Account should be kept permanently.

If you need a copy of an old return, use Form 4506. It will cost \$14.

Trust the government? Unsure about your ability to calculate your taxes? Let the IRS do it.

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The IRS will figure your tax owed or refund, your earned income credit and your credit for the elderly and disabled. But your taxable income must be less than \$100,000, you can't itemize deductions, and you must meet certain other conditions.

Don't forget to tell the IRS where they can send your refund if you move after filing your return. Use Form 8822 and send it to the IRS service center where you sent your return.

Ann Landers

## Reader fears that seeing old flame could renew heartache

Dear Ann Landers: A little over a year ago, my sister-in-law introduced me to a friend of hers - a wonderful young woman who, like me, was single. Despite the differences in our ages and backgrounds, "Tina" and I shared great conversation, warmth and a growing friendship. I knew she wasn't ready for anything more, but after a few months, I simply fell in love.

After several weeks and much discussion, Tina broke off our relationship, stating that she had to concentrate on graduate school and that she was too young to get serious with anyone. I respected her decision.

Over the next six months, I finally got over it. My work kept me very busy, and I had little time for regrets or foolish notions of contacting her again.

Recently, I had quite a shock. On my way to work, I saw Tina's car parked in front of an apartment building not half a block from my own. I almost ran off the road. I later learned she had been living there for several weeks. I can't believe that after I respected her decision to walk away from me, she moved a stone's throw from my house. We're bound to see each other sooner or later.

I don't want to drag my family into all this, especially my sister-in-law, who feels unfairly placed in the middle because she introduced us. I had hoped to heal my broken heart and get on with my life, but now I'm in trouble. Should I attempt to contact Tina? Should I move out and find another place to live? Should I just ignore the situation and try to be polite when we eventually run into each other? Please help me noodle this out, Ann. -- Renewed Heartache in St. Louis

Dear St. Louis: Under no circumstances should you attempt to contact Tina, nor should you move out of your apartment. If you run into her by chance, be politely cordial but not overly friendly.

It is possible that Tina's moving



Cold temperatures ruin the taste and texture of tomatoes so don't store them in the refrigerator. Wait until you're ready to serve them before you slice them; once cut, their flavor fades.

into your neighborhood had nothing to do with you. If this assumption is incorrect, you will know it soon enough.

Dear Ann Landers: You advised "Grieving Mother" to report her parents' neighbor, age 15, for sexually molesting her 5-year-old daughter. That was excellent advice. As a juvenile attorney in Connecticut, I see this sort of thing all the time. It is NOT a case of being a troublemaker, as her parents insisted. People who report molestation are doing everyone a favor, both society at large and the perpetrator.

Virtually every abuser was abused in some way. Many abusers end up in prison or on Death Row. They almost never stop. Reporting abuse is required of teachers and social workers, but it should be the responsibility of everyone.

People who "don't interfere" are, in effect, aiding and abetting extremely serious crimes. You cannot know who the next victim will be. The admonition to mind your own business must give way to society's safety.

"Grieving Mom," as a responsible adult, must act. Her parents' wishes are irrelevant. -- Stafford Springs, Conn.

Dear S.S. Conn.: You have

written an extremely important letter. People must be told over and over again that molesters rarely stop molesting. They must be apprehended, identified, dealt with through the justice system and kept under surveillance after their time is served. To assume they have been "cured" is a mistake. Thank you for an opportunity to repeat this advice.

Gem of the Day: Nothing is as helpful to an ignorant man as silence, and if he knows this, he is not so ignorant.

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## Jury selection complete in breast implant trial

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - A jury has been selected for the nation's first class-action lawsuit involving breast implants to go to trial.

Opening statements from attorneys and testimony is scheduled to begin Monday in the case involving Dow Chemical Co. The trial is expected to last eight weeks.

About 1,300 women are suing Dow Chemical, a 50 percent owner of Dow Corning, which once made silicone breast implants. The women claim their implants ruptured, causing health problems.

Dow Corning, once the largest manufacturer of the implants, won a halt to all suit against itself when it filed for federal bankruptcy court protection in May 1995.

Dow Chemical said its laboratories did some silicone testing many years ago under contract to Dow Corning.

But the company says none of the tests involved silicone used in breast implants.

The plaintiffs claim Dow Chemical was involved in testing breast implants in the 1950s and 1960s.

Dow Chemical has asked the Louisiana Supreme Court to stop the trial to give more women a chance to join the class-action suit. The company does not want additional women coming forward after a verdict has been reached.

A state appeals court reversed Civil District Judge Yada Magee on Tuesday and ordered nine women added as plaintiffs. The women had argued they did not receive written notice of a Jan. 15 deadline to join the suit or remain in a federal class-action suit pending in Alabama.

But the appeals court refused to stop the trial and extend the deadline.

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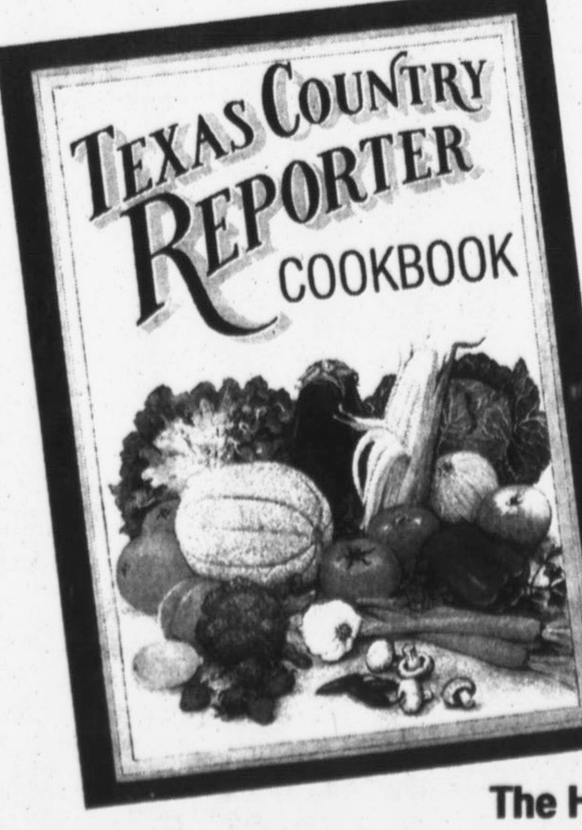
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**Saddle up**

Hereford's Monty Lewis captured the All-Around cowboy honors at the recent Swisher County Rodeo. He won one event and placed highly in two others. Area high school rodeo participants will compete in the Lazbuddie Rodeo this weekend at Hereford's B-S Indoor Arena.

**Webb hoping to land with NBA team soon**

By DWAIN PRICE  
Fort Worth Star-Telegram  
DeSOTO, Texas — Spud Webb sat near the steps leading to the basketball and tennis courts adjacent to his sprawling mansion by a golf course and wondered why is he at home this time of the year.

The NBA season is headed down the stretch, and one of the most productive little men in the game's history finds himself without a team. Webb's 11-year pro career is at a crossroads.

Webb, 33, had hoped to catch on with a contending team by now, but none would pull the trigger on a deal. Denver and Vancouver, two teams headed straight for the NBA lottery, called, but they have nothing to offer in terms of the playoffs.

"I've played 11 years, so money is not a factor," said Webb, who has been without a team since the Minnesota Timberwolves renounced his rights in July. "So I want to go to a team that's winning."

Webb has come to the realization that he might have to sit out this entire season and try to sign as a free agent with a team during the off-season, though he hasn't wanted to. That notion baffles Webb and his agent, Dallas-based Jeff Blakeley.

"I've experienced a lot of frustrating things in my life, but this is by far the most frustrating thing I've ever experienced in my entire (13-year) career (in the agency business)," Blakeley said. "I wake up and scratch my head every morning and say, 'What is the NBA thinking?'"

"Spud's an 11-year veteran, a solid quality character, a positive role model, a leader, a six-year starter. What more do you want? Are y'all living under a rock?"

In the past month, Webb thought he had an excellent chance of signing with Houston, Atlanta or Portland. But someone on the inside always squashed a potential deal.

Charles Barkley and Hakeem Olajuwon convinced Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich that they could win the NBA title with rookies Matt Maloney and Randy Livingston playing point guard. Then, two weeks ago, the Rockets signed out-of-shape Sedale Threatt as Barkley publicly questioned whether Webb was all washed up.

Hawks general manager Pete Babcock wanted to sign Webb to back up Mookie Blaylock, but Hawks coach Lenny Wilkens said that wasn't necessary. The Trail Blazers also wanted Webb as a backup to Kenny Anderson, but coach P.J. Carlesimo felt more comfortable signing Rumeal Robinson, in his sixth season in the NBA, because he said Robinson already knows his system.

Webb spent two terms playing for the Hawks, and also played for the Sacramento Kings and Timberwolves. The Hawks traded him to the Timberwolves on Feb. 22, 1996,

**Lewis ropes all-around title at Tri-State Rodeo**

SWISHER CO. — Monty Lewis was the closest thing to Superman last Saturday at the Swisher County Rodeo. He claimed top honors in the Ribbon Roping event, helped chalk up a fourth place effort in the Team Roping competition and then placed eighth overall in Calf Roping.

When it was all said and done, the Hereford cowboy racked up 20 points and walked away with the All-Around honors at the Tri-State High School Rodeo.

By winning, Lewis also improved his chances of advancing to the Texas High School Rodeo Association state finals, which will be held in Abilene's Taylor County Coliseum this summer. Lewis currently is one of the top ranked prep rodeo athletes in the Region I area.

In the Ribbon Roping competition, Lewis roped his calf and completed to run in a matter of 7.855 seconds. His time edged out fellow Hereford standout Trent Barber for first place by just over a half second.

Lewis, the son of Hereford's Wade and Debbie Lewis, teamed with Lazbuddie's Josh Morris in the Team Roping.

Hereford's Ty Boggeman also turned in a strong performance. Along with his partner, Boggeman won the Team Roping event with a run of 7.633 seconds.

Another Deaf Smith County rider

who performed well was T.J. Good. He placed fourth in the Calf Roping event with a mark of 12.946 seconds.

Dumas' Ollie and Dusty Lanham tied for sixth in team roping.

Area rodeo athletes, in preparation for the Hereford Qualifiers Rodeo on April 12-13, will be competing in the Lazbuddie High School Rodeo this weekend. The event will be held at the B-S Indoor Arena outside of Hereford.

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# Sports

## No shortage of sportage on tap for locals

By TOMMY WELLS  
Managing Editor

Like the All Sport commercial says: You have the right to be thirsty...

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At least that's the way life will be for Deaf Smith County residents this weekend, as the City of Hereford is slated to draw in well over 700 athletes by hosting four major sporting events in a two-day span.

And you had better believe there's something for almost everyone. Among the events the local sports fanatic will get to take in are high school track, golf, rodeo and tennis.

Golfers will get a chance to see

some of the best young talent in the Panhandle region this Friday and Saturday at John Pitman Municipal Golf Course as some 11 boys' and girls' teams are scheduled to tee off in the Deaf Smith County Invitational Golf Tournament.

Hereford Coach Stacy Bixler said every District 1-4A team will be entered, providing fans a measure of the competition the Herd linksters will face when district play starts March 27.

With individual matches, Bixler is expecting about 120 golfers to be

participating in the tourney.

Teams in the boys' division include Hereford's A and B squads; Randall, Caprock, Borger, Pampa, Dumas, Morton, Canyon, Trinity Fellowship and Memphis. Girls teams entered are Hereford A and B, Randall, Caprock, Borger, Dumas, Pampa, Denver City, Canyon, Trinity Fellowship and Vega.

While the HHS golfers are

putting the way around the greens, the Hereford tennis team will be trying to nail down the 1997 Beef Capital Tournament honors on the Whiteface Courts.

"It's going to be one of the toughest tournaments in the state," said Hereford head tennis coach Ed Coplen. "We have seven teams coming in that have real good boys' teams, and about five that have real strong girls' teams."

Among the teams set to compete in the event, which will begin Friday morning and run through Saturday afternoon, are Hereford, Muleshoe, Andrews, Sweetwater, Snyder, Canyon, Randall and Altus, Okla.

Andrews, which returns several regional qualifiers from last year's Beef Capital championship squad, is the early favorite.

Perhaps the largest event in Deaf

Smith County will take place at Whiteface Stadium. Over 40 teams are expected to step onto the HHS track for the annual running of the Hereford Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce Track Meet.

Events are scheduled to begin at 2:30 p.m. on Friday. Runningsfinals will start at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday.

That's not the extent of the action, however. Area high school rodeo stars will be in action this weekend in the Lazbuddie High School Rodeo on Saturday. The event is being staged at Hereford B-S Indoor Arena.



### Getting busy

Eric Ambold and the Hereford Whiteface baseball team will try and snap a seven-game losing streak this Saturday afternoon against Borger. Hereford is 6-8 overall and 0-1 in District 1-4A play.

## Johnston signs five-year agreement with Cowboys

IRVING, Texas (AP) - Dallas Cowboys fans can continue their "Moooose" calls for the next five years after fullback Daryl Johnston signed a \$7.575 million contract Wednesday, fulfilling the team's top offseason priority.

By locking up the two-time Pro Bowler, Cowboys owner Jerry Jones pacified quarterback Troy Aikman and running Emmitt Smith, both of whom made public pleas for Johnston to be re-signed no matter the price.

"I can't think of anyone in the league I'd want to have blocking for me other than Daryl Johnston," said Smith, who has won three Super Bowls and four NFL rushing titles by running behind Johnston.

"To not have him in front of me

would be uncomfortable. When he moved to tight end and I had someone else blocking for me last year, it was very uncomfortable. ... This is a great stepping stone for us."

Johnston, considered one of the best blocking backs in the NFL, becomes the league's second-highest paid fullback behind Arizona's Larry Centers, who last week signed a three-year, \$7.5 million deal.

Besides blocking, Johnston is considered one of the good guys on team whose image often takes a beating.

"He means too much to the heritage of the experiences we've had the last few years, to our future, to his teammates and to the community," Jones said.

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There is no charge for the training. Sessions will be held on 7 consecutive Tuesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. beginning March 25; and on three Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon beginning March 22.

Donna Prather, volunteer/education coordinator for Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice will be the instructor for the classes which will be held in the Hospice Den, 600 N. Tyler, Amarillo.

Volunteer opportunities include working with terminally ill patients and families in their homes, in the In-Patient Unit of Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice and also in nursing facilities. Volunteers also assist with office or clerical work and help patients and families with grief and spiritual needs.

Call 806-378-6715 to request registration information.

The American Cancer Society is hosting a Look Good...Feel Better program to help victims cope with the unpleasant side effects of cancer treatment.

The program is set for 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on March 24 in the American Cancer Society office at 3915 Bell Street.

With the help of cosmetology professionals, participants will learn quick and easy makeup tricks and how to compensate for hair loss, including how to use scarves and turbans to the best advantage.

To register or for more information, call 806-353-4306.

The Colony Frame and Gallery at 2606 Wolflin Ave. will present its fifth annual spring show March 28-April 26.

The group exhibit will feature the works of 20 artists in a variety of media and styles, including oils, acrylics, watercolors, pastels,

sculpture, photography, jewelry, pottery and stained glass.

Featured artists will be Amy Winton, Andrew Wilks, Nathan Warden, Richard Thompson, Beth Thomas, Sue Peck, Ann Pearce, Ruth Padilla, Pat Menke, Karla Man, Mary Lou Loewenstern, Ben Konis, Donny Hickmott, Barry Harvey, Dori Fletcher, Roylynn Evans, Janet Evans, Gary Dunn, Ann Crouch and David Alan Corbin.

The public is invited to meet the artists and view their work during the opening reception March 28 from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

The show will continue through April 26 and may be seen Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### MELROSE

The annual Melrose Easter Pageant, a musical drama entitled "Joy Comes in the Morning," written by David Danner will be presented at the Parks Arroyo, approximately two miles southwest of Melrose, N.M. March 29 at 7 p.m. or dusk.

There is no admission fee and the public is invited to attend.

The production is sponsored by First Baptist Church of Melrose. Call 505-253-4403 for additional information.

### PLAINVIEW

Wayland Baptist University's spring college preview BIG WEEK-END will be April 4 and 5.

This spring's event, sponsored by Wayland's Student Foundation and Admissions Office, features a concert by 1997 Grammy Award nominee and best-selling author Rebecca St. James.

Information sessions about financial aid, admissions, academics and campus tours fill out the Saturday morning schedule. Tours of the residence housing facilities and opportunities to visit financial aid and admission counselors will be offered

that afternoon.

Cost of the weekend is \$15 per student. Parents and sponsors can also register for BIG WEEKEND for the same cost.

For additional information, contact the Admissions Office at 1-800-588-1928.

### WTAMU

The West Texas A&M University Triathlon is scheduled for April 26 at the Virgil Henson Activities Center on the WTAMU Campus.

Sponsored by Wellness Services of WTAMU, the triathlon will include a 400-meter swim, a 10-mile bike ride and a three-mile run.

A race meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the triathlon at 9 a.m.

Entry fees are \$20 per person and/or \$35 per team. College and high school students pay \$10 per person and/or \$20 per team.

For those who enter after April 4, the entry fee will increase by \$10.

Preregistered participants will receive a race-day packet in the mail and a secure spot in the race.

For more information or to request an entry form, contact Wellness Services, WTAMU Box 923, Canyon, Texas 79016 or call 806-656-2335.

### PANHANDLE

Spring has arrived at the Square House Museum in Panhandle in the form of an extremely colorful show of Judy Rogers' oil paintings.

Rogers is an Amarillo artist who specializes in oil painting. For the Square House show, she has selected a range of topics, including landscapes, New Mexico churches, children and still life.

The public is invited to meet the artist at a reception on April 13 from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. "Selected Works of Judy Rogers" can be viewed in the Annex gallery through April 30 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday and from 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

For more information, call 806-537-3524.



### Last year's Cutest Misses

Saibree Mariah Beltran, center, was named Cutest Miss (pre-school and kindergarten division) in the 1996 Little Miss Hereford Pageant. Allison Nicole Riley, right was first runner up and Aryell A. Rodriguez, left, was second runner up. Entries are now being accepted at the Chamber of Commerce office for the 1997 Little Miss Hereford Pageant. The pageant will be April 5 at 6 p.m. in the HISD Administration Building. Entry deadline is 5 p.m. Friday.

## Show goes on despite fact that Lewis had no luck in putting end to two-year quarrel

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) - Even the devil himself couldn't end a dispute between a musicians' union and the Providence Performing Arts Center.

Jerry Lewis, who plays the devil in the musical "Damn Yankees," spoke to both sides but had no luck ending the two-year quarrel. Pickets went up outside the theater before Tuesday's opening night performance and were back up Wednesday night.

The American Federation of Musicians said they would remain until the show leaves Sunday.

"We came here to do a show," Lewis said. "We didn't come here for the nonsense of unions, negotiations and all that garbage. ... This show will go on."

The union wants an agreement with the theater recognizing it as local musicians' exclusive bargaining representative. The theater claims the

union really wants the center to hire the musicians as employees so they can get benefits.

**The 1 To See:**  
  
**Jerry Shipman, CLU**  
 801 N. Main  
 (806) 364-3161  
State Farm Insurance Companies  
 Home office: Bloomington, Illinois

## Hints from Heloise

Dear Heloise: This hint is appropriate for the holidays or any other time.

When traveling by plane or whatever, paste a couple of name tags inside your luggage. Also, when mailing boxes for a special occasion or any day, glue a couple of name tags inside the boxes.

This is a good safety feature to identify your boxes or luggage. — F. Grindel, Elkton, Ky.

Your hint should be helpful to anyone who checks luggage. There are thousands and thousands of unclaimed pieces of luggage out there! Thanks for writing. — Heloise

**BABY NECESSITIES CADDY**  
 Dear Heloise: I am the mother of a beautiful 7-month-old baby girl and I have received and discovered many

helpful hints recently. I'd like to share this one.

Buy a small version of the plastic shower caddy (like college kids use), which generally has a handle in the center and deep bins on each side and comes in many colors. I put travel-size (can be refilled) lotions, soaps, diaper-rash cream, clippers, comb, baby brush, cotton swabs, wet wipes, etc. in the bins and can carry it all in one hand anywhere in the house to make a change.

It can set flat on the bed, table or floor and it has a deep cleft underneath the bins that will fit over the edge of the crib or changing table. — Lora Harris, Mansfield, Mo.

**WALLPAPER SHELF LINER**  
 Dear Heloise: I've found that lin-

ing my shelves with sticky shelf paper can be a chore and quite expensive. Instead, I use vinyl-coated wallpaper, which I can easily cut to fit any shelf. I simply soak the sheets of wallpaper in water for a few seconds, place them on the shelf and wipe off any excess moisture.

It's easy to find rolls of wallpaper in patterns that have been discontinued, which are very inexpensive. Wallpaper comes in such a wide variety of colors and designs, the decorating possibilities are endless! — Lisa Marquess, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Send a money- or time-saving hint to Heloise, PO Box 795000, San Antonio TX 78279-5000 or fax it to 210-HELOISE.

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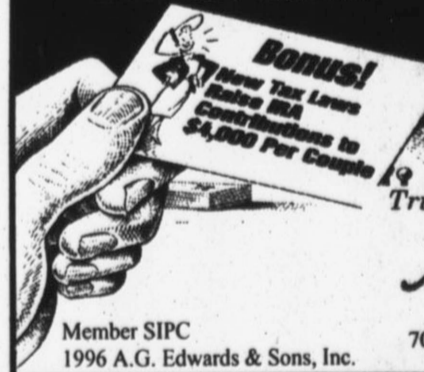
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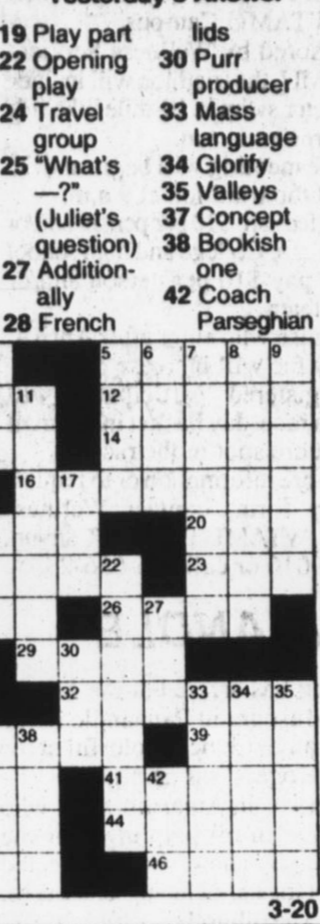
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Wanted: Experienced Ranch Hand, Wellington, Texas-\$6.00 an hour, 60 hour week guaranteed. 806 447-5463 after 6:00 p.m. or Daytime 806 898-7297. 33773

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RECEPTIONIST/BOOKKEEPER/SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR. Full time permanent opening for non-smoker in busy office. Please reply to BOX 673 OCS with resume and salary history. 33847

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--Give the price. A newspaper consultant says 70 percent of classified readers won't respond to an ad with no price.  
--Use key words to describe what you're selling. The key words for a car are make, model, year, body style, color, mileage and price. If it's a house, key words are location, type of construction, number of bedrooms and baths, and condition.  
--Don't use abbreviations. It's tempting to abbreviate and save money if ads are billed by the line. Brand ads are billed by the words, so spell them out so readers won't be confused trying to figure out abbreviations.  
-- Don't be misleading. Think accurate and factual when you write. Be sure to include a phone number and the best times to reach you.

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Holy Spirit, You who make me see everything and who show me the way to reach my idea. You who give me the Divine Gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me, and you who are in all instances of my life with me. I, in this short dialogue want to thank you for everything and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from You, no matter how great the material desires may be. I want to be with You and my loved ones in Your perpetual glory. Amen, Thank You for Your love towards me and my loved ones. (Grace obtained).

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### 1A. GARAGE SALES

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# Classifieds

## LEGAL NOTICES

Deceased c/o Susan L. Burnette, P. O. Box 31718, Amarillo, Tx, 79120.

All persons having claims against this estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 18th day of March, 1997.

CONANT WHITTENBURG FRENCH & SCHACHTER, P. C. Attorneys for the Independent Executor

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original letters testamentary for the Estate of Katherine Kirby Perrin, Deceased, were issued on March 10, 1997, in Docket No. PR 4307, pending in the County Court of Deaf Smith County, Texas, to Sue Kirby Noakes, Independent Executor of this estate.

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the estate addressed as follows:

Sue Kirby Noakes Independent Executor of the Estate of Katherine Kirby Perrin,

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### Science fair stars

The Tierra Blanca Primary School PTO donated a pizza party to the third-grade Galaxy students. The students were top winners in the HISD Science Fair. Pictured, from left, Shayla Wilcox, Jacob Orta, Michelle Langehennig, Kevin San Miguel, Mackenzie Watts, Amanda Estrada, Stefani Langehennig, and Victoria Garcia. Not pictured is Schuyler Cochran and Dianne Tannahill, Galaxy program teacher.

## Texas Tech professor conducts research on hail damage effects

By MARK BABINECK  
Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) - As Hollywood moves from one disaster to another in its quest for apocalyptic thrills, Milton Smith is pretty sure he'll never see one based on his research.

"A movie called 'Hail' doesn't quite have the same ring as 'Twister,' does it?" asked Smith, a Texas Tech engineering professor with more than 15 years experience studying the free falling balls of ice.

Hail hardly ever kills anyone and lacks the sheer devastation associated with hurricanes and tornadoes. In terms of property damage, though, nothing comes close.

That's why Smith spends his days whipping homemade ice balls at up to 400 mph from a series of contraptions designed to simulate hail storms.

Recently, he's been asked by the state Department of Insurance to take aim at roofing materials. As early as this spring, many Texas homeowners might see the results in their premiums.

"They're working to come up with things that will address this type of weather-related loss," said Jerry Johns, president of the Southwestern Insurance Information Service, which represents the industry. "Some of the things are materials for roofing that are more hail resistant, and the Texas Department of Insurance may approve credits for people that install that type of material."

"I know insurers want to have something in place before the advent of hail season."

Texas hail is most common from March through early May, although freak storms can induce it any time.

Sparingly populated southeastern Wyoming is America's hail sanctuary, Smith said. The area can expect 10 days of hail annually, though there's not much for it to hit there.

For insurers, one hailstone on a windshield is more destructive than 1,000 falling on the open range.

"The Metroplex around Dallas has become known as the hail capital of the world," Johns said. "They seem to get larger sizes and greater severity than any other part of the country."

Back-to-back hail storms in 1995 wreaked about \$1.2 billion in damage to North Texas homes, cars and businesses, Johns said. Particularly hard hit was Fort Worth, where dented vehicles still roam.

During springtime, Johns said Texas tends to withstand at least one million-dollar hailstorm a week. While rare along the coast, anyone living in the state's northern half knows hail is a threat.

Or an opportunity, as the case may be.

"Every roofer's dream is a hailstorm," said Wendy Moore, owner of Sweetwater-based Lone Tree Construction & Roofing. Bad hail there in 1990 and 1995 kept her busy, and her crews worked in Big Spring last year after hailstones wrecked every roof in sight.

As Smith's research moves forward, he's found that metal roofs are the only sure bet against holes caused by hail, though they're not as attractive as wood or composition shingles.

Mrs. Moore believes the insurance industry will come down on the side of composition shingles over wooden shakes, even though she said wood remains the best non-metallic protection against hail.

"There is no roof that is 100 percent hail proof," she said. "If you get large enough hail, it will even damage a metal roof badly enough that you'll need to replace it eventually."

Hail larger than an inch in diameter is so infrequent that Smith has never seen anything that big in more than decade of research on the South Plains, which itself tends to be a hail magnet.

In addition to firing the hail gun, Smith also will deploy about 50 special Styrofoam pads in Denver, Lubbock and Dallas-Fort Worth to measure hail size and speed this spring. Tech's tornado-chasing teams also might take along some pads and lay them in front of the violent storms they pursue.

"Tornado chaser teams quite often encounter hail," said Richard Peterson, who has studied twisters with Tech's renowned Institute for Disaster Research since 1973. Smith's studies has found that the same high winds that help fuel tornadoes usually accompany hail.

"Hail rarely falls straight down, and the higher the winds, the hail will have increased velocity when it makes impact," he said.

Hail's most insipid trait is that the bigger the stone, the faster it falls. Baseball-sized hail in a 60 mph gale might make landfall at 120 mph. Even without a breeze, that same stone will reach 80 mph.

Allstate Insurance is preparing to unveil a homebuilding material called "Hebel," a cellular concrete material with which it has developed siding and roofing material that is as "hail-resistant as anything can be," spokeswoman Sharon Cooper said.

It's being installed on 156 new homes in Dallas' South Oak Cliff neighborhood, where a \$10 million low-to-moderate income development

is almost under way.

"The goal there is to make a nice community and make homes insurance companies really want to insure," said Ms. Cooper, who recognized that insurers have been criticized for being slow to underwrite poor areas.

She said Allstate is anxious to have Hebel deemed hail-resistant by the state so homeowners buying it can lower their premiums.

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## Campus crusadors reach out to students on beach

By BILL KACZOR  
Associated Press Writer  
PANAMA CITY BEACH, Fla.

(AP) - Temptation is everywhere. Bars beseech students to drink all day for \$5. Bikini-wearing women beckon. Thong-clad boys cajole.

Into this Gomorrah wades the Baptist Student Union and the Campus Crusade for Christ with a weapon of their own - pancakes.

"We're not going to push God down their throat," said Rachael Elrod, 19, a sophomore at Campells-ville University in Kentucky.

But it can't hurt to grease the skids with flap jacks.

Campus crusaders spread across the hot beach sands of this spring break mecca every day inviting students to a free pancake breakfast. As they eat, they listen to talk about the Bible and Jesus in the hope they leave with more than just a full stomach.

About 300 young adults, some former spring break sinners, offer succor to the estimated 500,000 college students who annually make the pilgrimage to Panama City Beach. Called "Beach Reach," it preaches without getting too pushy.

"It's a confrontational type of evangelism, but it's done in a way that it's not confrontational," said the Rev. Darren Tipton, of Nashville, Tenn.

Tipton, a student evangelist assistant with the Southern Baptist Convention and leader of "Beach Reach," said revelers need a little reminder of morality.

"They are confronted with something they thought they left at home, a lot of them, or that they didn't expect to find on the beach," he said.

Traditional spring breaker Rob Pavis, 23, a University of Buffalo senior from Staten Island, thought he

would be drinking his breakfast.

Instead, he found himself eating pancakes and talking religion with William Stacy, a Baptist sophomore at the University of North Texas.

"I pretty much believe what they believe and I think they believe what I believe," said Pavis, a Roman Catholic. "It's nice to meet good people."

Stacy, 20, of Kerrville, Texas, said he's just trying to point people in the right direction.

"I'm not trying to convert anyone," Stacy said.

The crusaders also offer free rides to students, hoping to get in a little talk along the way.

One van crew had difficulty getting its message across to a handful of University of Louisville students, some of whom appeared drunk. After playing a game of guessing majors, the van arrived at its destination before anyone mentioned religion.

As the students got out they were invited to a pancake breakfast the

next morning at an amusement park parking lot.

Pancakes are not the only way to draw a crowd. The ministry sponsors volleyball tournaments and each evening Campus Crusade students gather in a huge blue-and-white striped tent for singing, Bible lessons and Christian rock and roll.

Jason Holbrook, 24, a 1995 University of Kentucky graduate, used to head to spring break for the usual reasons. Now he's with the Campus Crusade.

"Drinking a lot didn't make me happy, just the whole party lifestyle, I guess, chasing girls and that kind of thing," Holbrook recalled.

Holbrook gained about 40 pounds, was arrested for drunken driving and caused his parents a lot of grief before mending his ways. Now he works for a church in Texas and plans to begin seminary studies this fall.

"You'd party and spend all your money on spring break and just wake up hung over and miserable," Holbrook said. "I kind of grieve for these guys because I remember how I felt."

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