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NEWS

in brief

Jones to appeal dismissal of suit against Clinton

WASHINGTON (AP) - With the support of her chief financial backer and her lawyers, Paula Jones has decided to appeal an Arkansas judge's dismissal of her sexual harassment lawsuit against President Clinton, a source close to her legal team says.

Mrs. Jones made up her mind Wednesday following a series of meetings in Dallas with her attorneys, the source said. She scheduled a news conference there at 2 p.m. CDT today to announce her decision.

"She's made the decision to appeal, and unless something changes between now and 2 p.m. tomorrow, that's the announcement she'll make," said the source, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Attorney John Whitehead, head of the Charlottesville, Va.-based Rutherford Institute, the conservative foundation that has been paying expenses in Mrs. Jones' civil suit, said earlier Wednesday he was optimistic about an appeal.

The case was "alive and vibrant," Whitehead said. "It's going to hang in there and the White House is probably going to be sorry ... If everything works out the way we think it might, there will be an appeal."

Khmer Rouge leader Pol Pot dies peacefully in sleep

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) - Cheating pursuers who believed they were days away from capturing him for trial, toppled Khmer Rouge leader Pol Pot died peacefully in his sleep - evading prosecution in the deaths of as many as 2 million countrymen. He was 73.

Cambodians wept in disappointment after hearing that Pol Pot had died of heart failure Wednesday in a jungle hut on the Thai border, even as the last diehard members of his vanquished movement were moving toward surrendering him to an international tribunal.

"He deserved to die. I am only sorry that he died so easily without being tried," sobbed Kim Saren, whose entire family - mother, father and eight brothers and sisters - were killed by Pol Pot's regime.

Pol Pot's Khmer Rouge ruled Cambodia from 1975 to 1979, killing everyone who stood in the way of remaking the country into a Marxist agrarian regime. One person in five died of starvation, illness or execution.

Cambodian King Norodom Sihanouk, who the Khmer Rouge deposed, recently described Pol Pot as "one of the most powerful monsters ever created by humanity."

The last few hundred Khmer Rouge were on the run from government soldiers and the movement was nearing its demise at the time of his death. He was no longer the leader, but a prisoner of his own men who were offering to turn him over for trial in exchange for a peace deal.

Pol Pot's wife discovered his body when she went to arrange the mosquito netting around him for the night, said Nuon Nou, his Khmer Rouge jailer.

Study: Half of women who get mammograms receive false alarms

BOSTON (AP) - Few phone calls are more unsettling for a woman than one from a doctor who has seen something in a mammogram and wants to run more tests to check for cancer.

Most of the time, it turns out to be nothing. Millions of women have gone through these stomach-churning episodes only to learn that they're fine.

But a study published today shows for the first time how the risk of these frights adds up. It found that a woman who gets annual mammograms for a decade runs a 50-50 risk of a false alarm.

The researchers said that while mammograms clearly save lives, doctors should prepare patients better for the possibility of erroneous results.

"If women understand the chances of having to come back for further tests, they might not get so scared and anxious when that happens," said Dr. Mary Barton of Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, a Boston-area health maintenance organization. "As doctors, we should convey that information to patients."

Judge asks probe of Starr's links to conservatives

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) - A federal judge called for an investigation into links among Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr and conservatives, saying groups accused of funneling money to a key government witness might be behind his removal from a case.

The statement came Wednesday from U.S. District Judge Henry Woods, a lifelong Democrat. He was assigned to hear a fraud and conspiracy case against then-Gov. Jim Guy Tucker until the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals removed him in March 1996.

Starr asked that Woods be removed after the judge tossed out Tucker's initial indictment. Tucker also is a Democrat.

An Arkansas woman claims Whitewater witness David Hale received money from conservative activists working for a foundation that publishes the *American Spectator* magazine - and that Hale gave the magazine information about Starr's investigation.

Woods said it was "very disturbing to consider the possibility that this group" could interfere with

Agencies say program working

By DIANNA F. DANDRIDGE
Staff Writer

Crime, regardless of who commits an illegal act - felony or misdemeanor, affects residents, friends, neighbors and consumers. In other words, crime affects everyone, and police alone can't solve all the crimes.

A proven method of ridding the streets of criminal element is the state-sponsored Crime Stoppers program.

Local law enforcement agencies initiated the Crime Stoppers program in December 1981, and say they have had very good results.

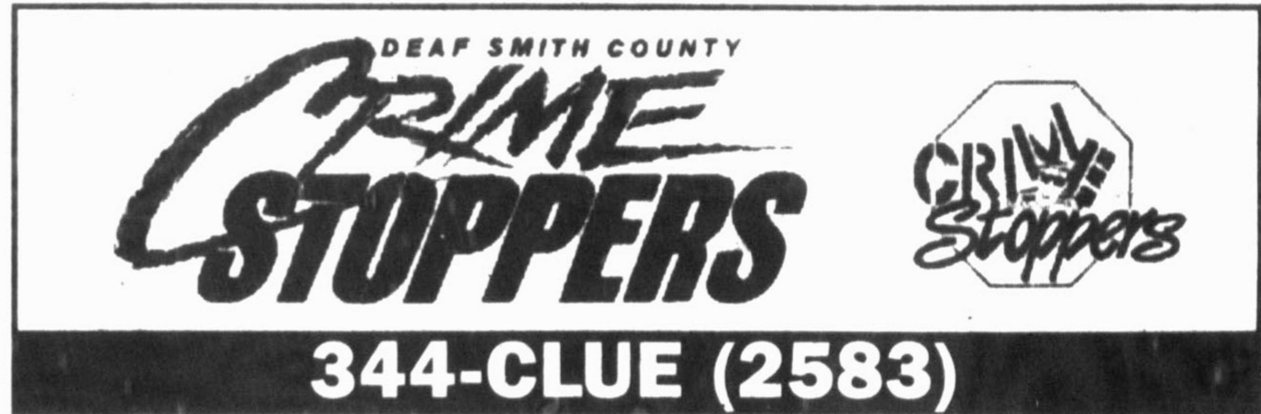
As of February, local law enforcement agencies have recovered \$193,918 in stolen property; confiscated \$80,745 worth of street value drugs; through forfeiture or restitution \$32,787 has been returned to victims.

Hereford Crime Stoppers has paid out \$27,475 to informants for the information leading to the arrest of 211 suspects.

Hereford Crime Stoppers has \$15,453 in the reward account, which is funded through probation fees paid by the criminals.

"We can take information on any criminal activity," Hereford Police Officer Robin Ruland said. "The reward amount depends on the crime, but if it leads to an arrest, there will be a reward."

Ruland said fugitive identification is the most common tip Crime Stoppers get, usually one criminal informing



on another.

"But the good thing is all callers remain anonymous. Suspects never have to face the person who identified them," Ruland said.

Informers give the Crime Stoppers operator a three-digit number or code and no one ever knows the identity, Ruland said.

"Even when the suspect goes to court, informers are not required to testify against the suspect. Their information is used only for the arrest and investigation," Ruland said.

Informers are told to call the clue line after the suspect has been arrested to receive information on collecting

their rewards.

As all crime affects all residents, Ruland said he would really like to see more people use the Crime Stoppers Clue line.

"There's a lot of information out there, just waiting to be put into hands that can use it to get criminals off the streets," Ruland said.

Rewards vary from as little as \$100 for misdemeanors to the maximum of \$3,000 for capital crimes.

Reward amounts are determined by a 12-member board, which oversees the funds and payments.

Anyone with information on any criminal activity can call the clue line at 344-2583 (CLUE).



Photo by Mauri Montgomery

Enjoying the afternoon

Eleven-year-old Cecilia Ramirez (left) gives a nudge to her playmate, Michelle Tovar, 4, Wednesday afternoon as the girls took a few minutes in the late afternoon to enjoy a pretty spring day and the swings in Dameron Park.

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Hale was a witness at a 1996 trial that resulted in Whitewater figure Susan McDougal's conviction for fraud, for which she was sentenced to two years in prison. She began that sentence March 9, after serving 18 months for refusing to testify before a Whitewater grand jury.

Starr, the independent counsel appointed to investigate Whitewater and other matters, said Tuesday that he hasn't decided whether he will look into alleged payments to Hale or ask the Justice Department to appoint a special investigator.

American Spectator publisher Terry Eastland has
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RANDALL, MOORE

Counties ban burning

Special to The Brand

Burning bans are in effect in two Panhandle counties in wake of a rash of grass fires, fueled by dry vegetation, high winds and low humidities, that have burned thousands of acres since the fire season began in early March.

Judges Ted Wood of Randall County and Billie Faye Schumacher of Moore County issued the bans Tuesday as a means of prevention.

Fire Marshal Jay Spain said this morning a similar prohibition hasn't been issued for Deaf Smith County.

"We must have had a little more moisture than they did. We have green, but if it really gets bad and (vegetation) starts turning brown and dying, we'll look at it," Spain said.

If a burn ban becomes necessary in Deaf Smith County, the fire marshal will make the recommendation to the county commissioners, who then would adopt a resolution prohibiting outdoor burning.

Within the last month, Randall County's six volunteer fire departments have responded to at least 10 grass fires, Wood said. Although the blazes have not been major fires, he said the potential is there and "we want to take a preemptive strike."

This is not the first burning ban Randall County has issued and Wood said he anticipates cooperation from residents.

"In past years, we have had great cooperation from our citizens. They understand the risk," Wood said.

The burning bans prohibit any outdoor burning with the exception of cooking on an enclosed barbecue pit, but not on an open-face grill on the ground, Canyon Deputy Fire Chief Joe Rice said.

Schumacher said she issued the ban because of high winds, which hit 38 mph Tuesday, and a lack of rain within the last month. She also said the ban is for everybody's protection, physically and financially, noting it costs taxpayers \$1,200 each time the fire department leaves the city limits of Dumas.

One major cause of recent grass fires in northern Randall County is burning of household trash. Often, trash barrels are used to burn the garbage but are not placed on cinder blocks nor have proper screening or gravel beneath and surrounding them, Osage Fire Chief Scott Johnson said. This increases the possibility of fire escaping and igniting nearby vegetation, he

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Lifestyles

Ann Landers

Thanks, blood donors

Dear Ann Landers: I am writing this as I start my 10th and final day of chemotherapy as I battle leukemia. During the next several weeks of hospitalization, I will be playing a waiting game, hoping I don't get any infections due to a weakened immune system.

Fourteen days ago, while seeking relief from a persistent sinus problem, headaches and fatigue, a blood test showed that I had white blood cell levels 40 times higher than normal. I was admitted to the hospital, and the diagnosis was made several days later after a bone marrow draw. You can imagine my shock.

At age 36, I believe that I have a very good chance of beating this life-threatening disease. My reason for writing is to thank the real heroes who are making my recovery possible. These are the men and women who take time out of their busy lives to donate blood and the Red Cross volunteers who man the blood drives and make them work.

It is the goodness in these people's hearts that has helped keep me alive these last 14 days. I have already received four whole-blood and nine platelet transfusions and will most likely need more in the next several weeks. I have been informed that it takes six to 10 individual blood donations to make up just one unit of platelets.

To anyone who has ever donated blood, I want to say thank you. It may be my life you are helping to save. To those who may be thinking about donating blood, please go for it. You are truly doing something generous and heroic beyond measure. -- R.D., Coventry, Conn.

Dear R.D.: Thank you for a beautiful letter. I am sure a great many people will decide to be blood donors because you wrote. As you said, your age is a big plus

in this battle. And think positive. You ARE going to make it. Please write again and let us know how you are doing.

Dear Ann Landers: You recently printed a letter about an "unusual lawsuit" regarding a waitress who was fired for refusing to sing "Happy Birthday" to restaurant patrons because it conflicted with her religious beliefs as a Jehovah's Witness.

I am concerned that characterizing this case as "unusual" might diminish its importance in ensuring that individuals do not have to check their religious beliefs at the workplace door.

It may not be commonly known, but Congress, the Supreme Court and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission are quite serious about keeping job policies from unreasonably compromising one's religious beliefs. The law that prohibits religious discrimination in employment states simply that employers must reasonably accommodate the religious practices of a current or prospective employee unless doing so would cause an undue burden on the employer's business.

Accommodations can include flexible scheduling to permit employees to honor religious observances or, as in this case, excusing an employee from performing an insignificant job duty.

I thought your readers would like to know that the law protects a value that Americans hold very deeply, and observers of many different religions are grateful for its protections. -- Ellen J. Vargyas, legal counsel, EEOC, Washington, D.C.

Dear Ellen Vargyas: Thank you for educating millions of readers today -- me included. A letter such as yours makes me especially thankful that my immigrant parents didn't miss the boat.



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Anniversary celebration will honor Williamsons

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Williamson will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open, no-gifts reception from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Hereford Country Club.

Children of the couple will be hosts for the occasion. LeRoy Williamson and Mary Elizabeth Ruffe were married April 11, 1948, in Grand Rapids, Mich. They met at the Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., when they were both assigned to the Naval Medical

Research Institute. The couple moved to Deaf Smith County in 1951, living in the Ford community prior to moving to their present home six miles northeast of Hereford.

Their children and spouses include Joel and Dixie Williamson of Dumas, Kim and Karen Williamson of Marshall, and Lisa and Danny Jackson of Amarillo. They have seven grandchildren.

Dettman gives book review

Audine Dettman reviewed the book "Norma", about Norma Zimmer, for the Valeda Study Club's recent meeting in the home of Della Hutto.

The book tells the story of Zimmer from her childhood when her father taught her how to play the violin and sing, through her years as a member of the group Girl Friends, to her time performing with Lawrence Welk.

Frances Crume led the Club Collect. Roll call was answered with

members giving their choice for "book of the year."

Crume appointed a nominating committee of Betty Gilbert, Mary Dziuk and Hutto.

The next meeting will be April 27 at Dziuk's home with Jean Beene as guest speaker.

Those present were Marcella Brady, Juanita Brown, Bettie Dickson, Theda Seiver, Margaret Zinser, Crume, Dettman, Dziuk and Hutto.

Telemarketers are topic of Bippus FCE program

Alta Mae Higgins served as hostess for the recent meeting of the Bippus Family and Community Education Club in the home of Sue Thweatt.

Mariellen Homfeld led the opening prayer and Thweatt conducted the opening exercise.

President Higgins recognized one visitor, Mattie Lewis.

Members answered roll call by responding to the question, "What was the last telemarketing phone call you had?"

A total of 115 volunteer hours of service to the community were reported.

Kate Bradley reported on the Council meeting and members were reminded of the Tasting Bee on April 23 at the Community Center.

Homfeld was selected as delegate for the State meeting in Corpus Christi Sept. 15-17.

Higgins presented a program titled "Don't Take a Chance on the Wheel of Misfortune." The program centered on telemarketing schemes and Higgins showed a video detailing how the elderly and others could avoid these schemes.

Members attending were Homfeld, Bradley, Thweatt and Higgins.

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Tea will honor local students

Los Ciboleros Chapter NSDAR will host a tea at 2 p.m. Sunday at Hereford Community Center in honor of winners of the American History Essay Contest and the DAR Good

Citizens Awards. Parents and families of the winners will be welcome guests along with school administrators, sponsoring teachers, librarians and friends.



Martha Jones, left, president of the Pilot Club of Hereford, presents a check to Alva Lee Peeler with Big Brothers/Big Sisters. The Pilot Club supports Big Brothers/Big Sisters as a Gold Friendship sponsor.

Pilots name new officers

Brenda Thomas will serve as president of the Pilot Club of Hereford for the coming year.

Other officers elected during the Tuesday morning meeting were Sue Hyer, vice president; Carolyn McDonald, recording secretary; Bobbie King, corresponding secretary; Marilyn Culpepper, treasurer and Shirley Easterwood, director.

Culpepper was selected to serve as delegate to the District Convention in Fort Worth on April 30.

It was announced that the Special Olympics will be April 25 with Pilot Club assisting.

Jean Schumacher was guest at the meeting.

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Earl Brookhart, left, owner of Picture Perfect, is pictured with, from left, David Chamberlain, Patrick Schlabs and Abby Wilkes, students at Community Christian School and members of the cast for the dinner theater production "First Church of Pete's Garage" which CCS will present this weekend in Christ's Church Fellowship hall. Brookhart has donated the pictures as prizes in a drawing with proceeds to benefit CCS. Tickets are \$10 each and will be available at the dinner theater Saturday and the dessert theater Sunday. A few tickets are still available for the Sunday performance. For chances on the pictures call Celia Clark at 364-6231. The drawing will be held Monday morning.

Area Events

WTAMU

The 1998 season finale for the Branding Iron Theatre, *The Diviners*, will be presented April 22-26 in the Fine Arts Building on the West Texas A&M University campus. Performance times are 8 p.m. April 22-25 and at 3 p.m. April 26.

Sara Zinck, a senior theatre major from Hereford will play the role of Norma Henshaw in the play set amidst the Great Depression in 1930 in the mythical town of Zion, a small rural community with a few houses and farms along the river.

Buddy Layman, one of the 40 residents of Zion, is a troubled young man who sensitivity to and fear of water make him a human divining rod.

The town come to rely on Buddy's "blessing" as a sign to plant their crops. But this changes when Buddy meets C.C. Showers, the disenchanted preacher whose unfailing friendship persuades the boy to put aside this fear of water.

For more information about the play or to reserve tickets, contact the WTAMU Department of Art, Communication and Theatre at 806-651-2798.

Native American storyteller Gail Ross of Fredericksburg will be the featured storyteller at the 8th annual Panhandle Storytelling Guild

Festival. The festival performances will begin at 7 p.m. Friday, April 24 in the Intimate Theatre of the Fine Arts Building on the WTAMU campus.

"Front Porch Tales" will be the theme for this year's festival.

Six WTAMU graduate students will also perform stories during the festival.

Ross will conduct a pre-festival workshop beginning at 3 p.m. April 24 in Mary Moody Northern Hall Atrium. Both the festival and the workshop are free and open to the public.

Reservations are recommended and seating is limited. For more information or to make reservations, call Dr. Trudy Hanson, associate professor of speech communication and director of the festival, at 806-651-2800.

AMARILLO

The Amarillo Symphony's second annual Palo Duro Pops, performing April 24-25 at 8 p.m., promise to be concerts of epic proportions, as the Amarillo Symphony plays romantic selections from the hit movie "Titanic," along with other pops favorite.

Held in the "TEXAS" Pioneer Amphitheatre, the concert will feature soloists Stella Zambalis, soprano, and Burr Cochran Phillips, bass-baritone.

Tickets are available by calling the Amarillo Symphony office at 806-376-8782.

Gilley to give Senior Recital

Eric Floyd Gilley, a senior music major at West Texas A&M University, will present his Senior Recital at 8 p.m. Sunday, April 19 in Northern Recital Hall on the WTAMU campus.

He will feature *Oskar Bohme Trumpet Concerto* on the B flat trumpet, *Intrada* by Honneger on the C trumpet, *Nightsongs* by Peaslee on the flugelhorn, and *Sonata con Tromba* by Corelli on the piccolo trumpet.

He will be accompanied by Karla Qualls on the piano and harpsichord and Brandon Cameron on the bassoon.

A reception will follow the ceremony.

Gilley has played in the WT Symphonic Band for four years and is presently first chair trumpet. He is the principal trumpet for the WTAMU Orchestra. He plays in the Jazz band, several small ensembles, and the pit orchestra for WT musicals.

For the last three summers, he has assisted Randy Storie as brass specialist with the Midland Lee Marching Band. He has also been on the crew for the WTAMU summer Band Camp which he attended for five years as a junior and senior high student.

While in high school, he advanced to state competition with his solo all four years.

Gilley, a 1994 graduate of Hereford High School, is the son of Terry and Caroline Gilley.

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Sports



Diana Detten of Hereford hits a shot during a recent practice at Whiteface Courts. Detten, along with Amanda Kriegshauser, make up the Lady Whitefaces' No. 1 girls doubles team. The two of them will be competing with the rest of the Hereford boys and girls teams at the District 1-4A tennis tournament in Dumas Friday and Saturday.

Coplen sees competitive District 1-4A tournament

By BOB VARMETTE
Sports Writer

The seedings are in and the only thing left to do is play.

The seedings announced Wednesday for the District 1-4A tennis tournament in Dumas Friday and Saturday produced no major surprises, and Hereford head coach Ed Coplen believes it's an open tournament in just about every bracket.

"Boys doubles is looking like it's going to come down to one and two," he said. "It's going to be those two (teams) there in the finals, more than likely."

The No. 1 teams from host Dumas and Canyon were selected the top two seeds in the boys doubles bracket.

"Probably all the seedings were about as expected," Coplen said. "The girls singles is going to be real strong with four girls that can win the tournament."

One of those four girls is Hereford senior Holly Weishaar. Weishaar earned the top seed in the girls singles bracket, surprising her a little.

"I'm happy," Weishaar said. "I kind of feel lucky."

Lucky isn't the only thing Weishaar feels as she enters District 1-4A tournament. There's pressure, too.

"It's just mainly there are expectations set for you," she said. "You're expected to win the tournament as the number one seed."

Seeds for the district tournament are selected by the district coaches and then seeded from first through fourth, according to Coplen. He said he thought Weishaar could have been seeded second with Jennifer Cade of Dumas the top seed.

Cade defeated Weishaar 7-5, 6-3 in the semifinals of the Harvester Tennis Invitational in Pampa April 4. Weishaar had won their previous matchup, 7-5, 6-4, in the finals of the Beef Capital of the World Invitational Tennis Tournament in Hereford March 28.

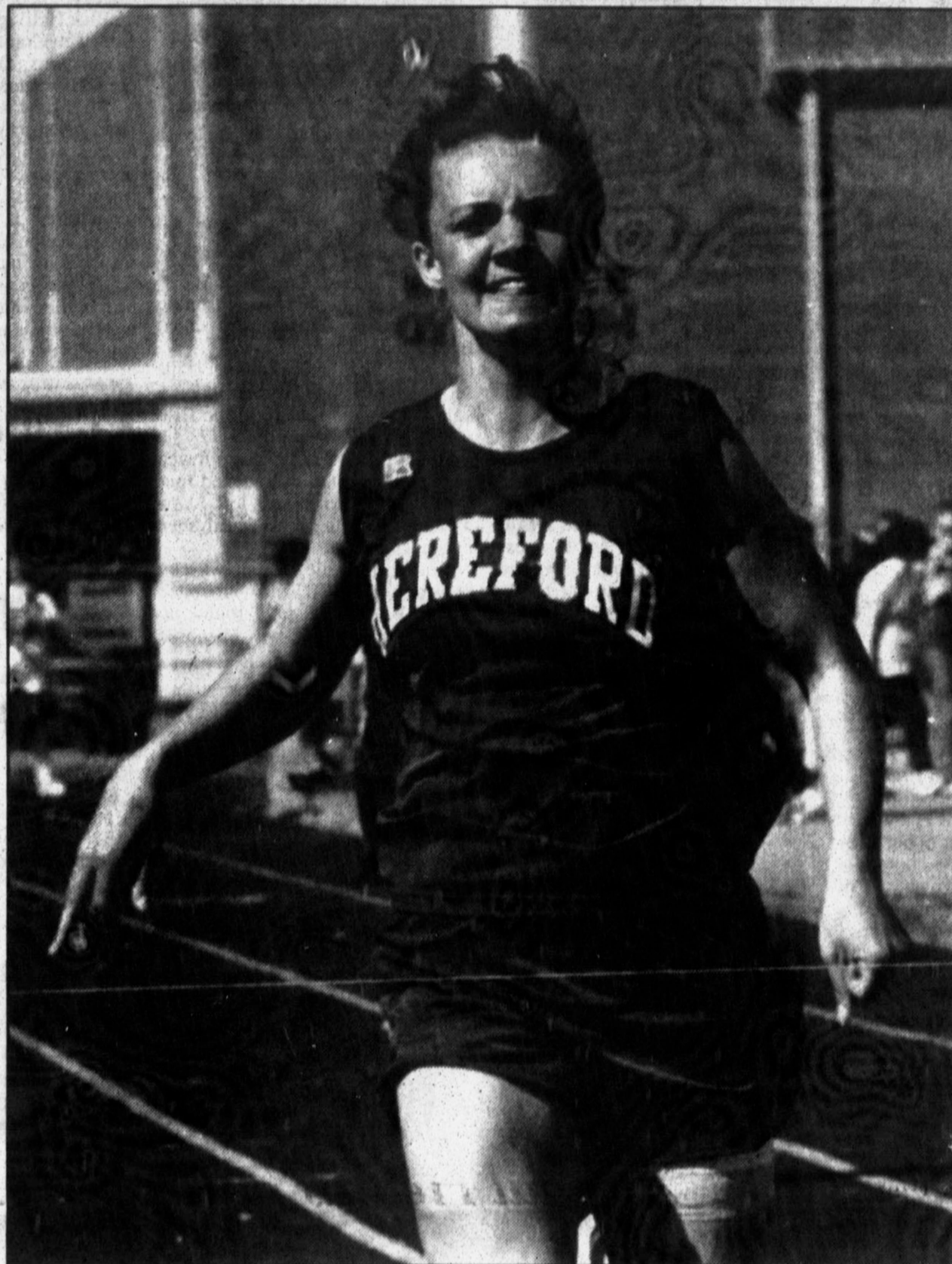
"Under our guidelines, she (Cade) had the most recent win over Holly," Coplen said. "They had split their two matches, but because (Cade) had the most recent win, Holly should've been two. It came down to the vote of three district coaches."

That doesn't mean he thinks his top girls singles player is undeserving, though.

"She's a good number one seed," he said.

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'IT'S JUST THE WANT'



Lost race in '97 drives Denison to win in 1998

By BOB VARMETTE
Sports Writer

Losing is the secret to her success.

More so than a love for running, more so than all the hard work and practice time she's put in, Hereford senior Kate Denison was driven to the success she's found in 1998 by a loss in 1997.

As a junior, Denison thought she was going to qualify for the Region 1-4A meet. She was wrong.

Although going into the District 1-4A meet in 1997 she had recorded the second-fastest time in the district, she was relegated to third place at the meet. That meant she spent the weekend of the regional meet at home.

"That's what really triggered all my extra hard work this year," Denison said. "I started at the end of volleyball season and I've been running ever since then every single day to make sure that didn't happen again."

Excellence often has a way of coming in the most inconspicuous of packages.

"It's neat to see all my hard work pay off. I really give God all the glory. I'm thankful for all the ability He's blessed me with."

-- Kate Denison

To first glimpse Denison, one's first thoughts probably wouldn't be she is one of the state's fastest girls in the 400 meters.

But then again, one probably wouldn't want to challenge her, either.

"She works incredibly hard," Hereford girls track coach Ray Baca said. "There were mornings it was cold and snowy and I would've loved to stay in bed, and I think, 'No, I better not, and I'd go on out and there she was.'"

Denison heads into the District 1-4A meet in Borger Friday and Saturday having run her fastest official time in the 400 meters -- 59.64 seconds -- in the Amarillo Girls Relays Saturday. That's the second-fastest time in Region I in Class 4A in 1998.

Only Chona Wright of San Angelo Lake View has been faster. The Maiden sprinter was clocked

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Kate Denison (above and second from left) with other members of the 1,600-meter Relay team -- (left to right) Lyndi Carlile, Brionne Yosten and Toni Eicke. Not pictured is Audra Witkowski.

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Julius Bodner

Belfour stops 44 as Stars ice Wings, 3-1

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DALLAS (AP) -- Outshot 45-16, the Dallas Stars needed goaltender Ed Belfour at his best against the Detroit Red Wings.

And that's exactly what the Stars got as Belfour survived an early Detroit power-play blitz and finished with 44 saves in a crucial 3-1 victory Wednesday night.

With Belfour winning his sixth straight, Dallas clinched best record and top playoff seed in the Western Conference.

"I thought he was outstanding early and they put up an awful lot of shots on the perimeter and put a lot of traffic in front of the net," Stars coach Ken Hitchcock said.

Pat Verbeek scored twice, including the go-ahead goal in the first period, and Greg Adams notched

Dallas' first goal to help the Stars improve to 107 points, three better than Detroit, which has one game remaining.

Dallas also maintained its one-point lead over New Jersey in the Presidents' Trophy race for the league's best record and home-ice advantage throughout the playoffs.

The Devils beat the Buffalo Sabres 5-4 in overtime Wednesday night.

Dallas' penalty-killing unit stopped all seven Detroit power plays, and the Stars' defensive unit received a dominating physical effort from Derian Hatcher, who was credited with seven hits.

"We had two things we had to accomplish tonight, which was win home ice and beat Detroit," Hatcher said.

The Red Wings had two victories and two ties against Dallas over the first four games of the season series before the Stars salvaged the finale.

"We look at it that we beat a good team," Hitchcock said. "We've now beaten all the teams in our conference, and that was what the guys talked about in the locker room."

Red Wings coach Scotty Bowman wasn't as concerned with the Western Conference title, scratching Steve Yzerman, Igor Larionov and Viacheslav Fetisov with minor injuries.

"It's good to have (home ice) once the playoffs start, but the thing that really matters is even if you have the top seed you can't just win at home," Bowman said.

The Red Wings had a chance to

take control early with three power plays and two two-man advantage situations in the game's first five minutes. Detroit had the night's first 14 shots on goal and outshot Dallas in the first period, 19-6.

But Belfour kept the Stars upright and Dallas grabbed a 1-0 lead at 12:23 of the first period on Adams' power-play deflection, his 13th goal.

"I felt pretty good right off the bat, made a few good saves and a few lucky ones," Belfour said.

Despite the loss, there were no signs of panic in the Detroit locker room.

"The bottom line is if we play well the next two months, it won't matter how we did in the regular season," Detroit right wing Doug Brown said.

Bodine hopes to revisit success at Martinsville

By MIKE HARRIS
AP Motorsports Writer

MARTINSVILLE, Va. -- Geoff Bodine knows his way around Martinsville Speedway better than most drivers.

The paper clip-shaped oval in the foothills of southwestern Virginia was where Bodine got his introduction to NASCAR, and it has been one of the most successful tracks for him.

Over the years, Bodine has won on the .526-mile track in modifieds, Busch Series and Winston Cup cars. But it didn't start out so well.

"I was just a kid, and I built this car that I was racing up in the Northeast," Bodine said in recalling his first visit to the track where he'll try to win the Goody's 500 on Sunday. "I heard a lot about Martinsville, and decided to come down even though I didn't even have a NASCAR rule book." That was a mistake.

"I should have won more races, but it isn't like it's a given that I come here and win, especially nowadays."

-- Geoff Bodine

The inspectors, led by Bill Gazaway, who later became competition director for the Winston Cup series, didn't like Bodine's modified.

"The first thing they found wrong was the



carburetor was sticking through the hood," said Bodine, who is celebrating his 49th birthday this weekend. "They kept looking at the car."

What they saw was a drive line was all offset to the left, like a supermodified. The fuel cell in the back was very low. The oil tank was behind the left front tire, and there were several other rules infractions.

"They looked at all of that and couldn't figure it out," Bodine recalled. "Bill Gazaway said, 'Son, we're not going to be able to let you run today. The car is about five years ahead of these other boys, and it just wouldn't be fair if we let you go out and run.'"

Bodine said Martinsville track owner and race promoter Clay Earles pleaded with NASCAR to let him race. When they wouldn't change their minds, Earles gave Bodine \$100 for his trouble and he made the long drive back to his home in

New York state.

"It was quite an experience, but I took home a NASCAR rulebook and changed a few things," Bodine said. "The next time I came down, they let me run."

And he has had plenty of success, becoming the only driver in the 50-year history of the track to win in all three classifications.

"I just took a liking to Geoff right from the start," said Earles, an octogenarian who remains chairman of the board and CEO at the track. "He came from a shorttrack background and just fit in here."

"And I like the way he drives. It seems like he has a feel for this track."

"A lot of people have asked me if there is something about this place that suits my driving

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in 58.93 seconds at meet in Big Spring last week.

"It's neat to see all my hard work pay off," Denison said. "I really give God all the glory. I'm thankful for all the ability He's blessed me with."

The recipe for success is most often a mix of various ingredients. God-given ability is a good starting point, but Denison acknowledges something else God-given.

"I'm thankful not just for the ability," she said, "but both the ability and the drive and determination He's given me. Determination and commitment are going to go a lot farther, even when I'm done with track."

But first and foremost, you have to love what you're doing.

"I love to run," Denison said. "It's always been a favorite sport of mine. I didn't do very well in junior high, and then my sophomore year, I started running and I love it."

But sheer love for the sport is just one of the reasons Denison dominates the 400 meters. There's lots of work involved, of course, and also something intangible -- competitiveness.

"I like it because it's an individual thing, and you, yourself, are running against other girls," she said. "I just like the competition. I like having that girl next to you and beating her. I just like that feeling."

She doesn't like the feeling of losing, which doesn't come often for Denison. She's only lost two races this season, and even though she acknowledges the competition helped improve her times, her voice gives away the feelings of not enjoying losing.

"It's just the want," Denison stated without a hint of equivocation in her voice. "I've seen other people accomplish something. With volleyball, we accomplished (a state title in 1997), and I wanted to do something on my own. I've never wanted something like this before in my life. It's just right there."

"To have this chance to go and do well is something I really want really badly. I really want to get to regionals and make it to the state track meet."

Denison realizes, though, that just wanting isn't enough. Her desire translates into hours and hours of practice, which began while the rest of the town was still celebrating the Lady Whitefaces' second-straight state volleyball championship in November 1997.

"As soon as volleyball was over, she started working out," Baca said. "She's worked out twice a day every day since then, other than the days I make her take off."

"She always showed up and did it even though it wasn't very fun. She spent a lot of time doing stuff she didn't like."

Baca and Denison conferred about exactly the plan she needed to follow to reach certain goals they wanted to achieve. And the improvement in Denison's 400-meter times have been almost defining -- she's cut almost two and a half seconds from her fastest time in 1997.

But Denison is not one of those runners with masochistic tendencies, all-consumed with running and getting faster.

"No, she's not at all," Baca said. "We started off back in early December running distance because I felt like she was going to be a really strong strength base if she was going to get very far under 60 (seconds) in the 400. I knew when we were doing that twice a day she didn't like it very much. We'd go out and run and she just was miserable. She was miserable while she was doing it, but there was no way I could keep her from doing it."

Strength is what defines the 400 meters, Denison said, the ability to run fast for the entire distance of a race. Therein lies much of the reason for her faster times.

"You can't ever slow down," she said. "That's the difference between it and a distance race. You have to be running really hard the whole time. You can't ever slow down just for a couple of seconds or you're not going to do well."

That means being strong enough to have the endurance, not just cardiovascularly, but in her legs.

"The shape I'm in right now, it doesn't hurt like it used to," Denison said. "My legs don't feel like they're going to collapse like they used to. That's what it is, building your legs up so strong, and your upper body, too. I lift weights two or three days a week, because you need your upper body, too, to run."

Denison is not, however, one of those athletes born running. She said she ran very little when she was young and didn't start to run competitively until the seventh grade.

Denison runs, in addition to the 400 meters, the anchor leg of the Lady Whitefaces' 1,600-meter Relay team. Her goal of making a trip to Austin also extends to that event.

"I've always thought our (1,600-meter) Relay was going to make it," she said. "I love that race. We have such a good relationship with each other. It's just a fun race. I always knew that we would make it."

Audra Witkowski, Toni Eicke, Brionne Yosten and Lyndi Carlile are the other four runners who alternate as the other three legs in the 1,600-meter Relay this year.

"I like having the anchor leg. I like knowing I have the race in my hands and knowing I have to get the job done," Denison said.

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style, but I always say, I've had good equipment and good teams. I've had some good luck here and I've had some bad luck.

"I should have won more races, but it isn't like it's a given that I come here and win, especially nowadays."

Bodine's four Winston Cup victories at Martinsville were in cars belonging to Bud Moore, Rick Hendrick and Junior Johnson. Since Bodine became an owner-driver late in the 1993 season, he has not come close to winning here.

"It's getting a lot tougher to win anywhere," said Bodine, who has 18 Winston Cup victories, but only one since 1994. "Martinsville is a real tough track.

"The size, along with its flat shape, long straightaways and tight corners makes it harder and harder to come here and have a good day."

Bodine says it's no secret that to win here you have to have a good car, good engine and, particularly, good brakes.

"More importantly, you have to understand how tough that race is and drive accordingly," he said. "It's real easy to knock fenders off, mess up your front end and over-rev your engine."

"But I love coming here. When I drive into Martinsville, I have a lot of good memories coming up the highway. The closer I get, the better I feel and the bigger my smile gets. ... By the time I drive in the gate, I'm ready to go race."

Texas tames Detroit, 7-3, completes sweep

ARLINGTON (AP) -- With 28 runs to work with, Texas Rangers pitchers had it easy against the Detroit Tigers.

Tom Goodwin's triple keyed a five-run rally in the sixth inning Wednesday night as the Rangers beat the Detroit Tigers 7-3 for a three-game sweep and their fourth straight victory.

Rick Helling (3-0) got relief help from Tim Crabtree in the seventh as Texas sent Detroit to its fifth consecutive loss.

"It's great to be pitching for this team because you know it's just a matter of time before they start scoring runs," Helling said. "Our lineup is solid from the one to the nine hitter. I just tried to throw strikes, let the defense work, and wait for the runs to come."

Helling went six innings and gave up six hits and three runs. After a walk, a single and Joe Randa's RBI single in the seventh, Crabtree came

on and shut down Detroit without further damage.

"We are really playing well right now," Texas manager Johnny Oates said. "We have a lot of depth on this team, more than we had last year. We had one good inning tonight and that's all it took."

Tim Worrell (1-2) gave up five hits in a row to start the sixth as Texas overcame a 2-1 deficit.

Fernando Tatis started the big inning with a single and scored on Goodwin's triple. Mark McLemore hit an RBI single, and singles by Rusty Greer and Juan Gonzalez produced another run.

Pinch-hitter Mike Simms had a sacrifice fly off reliever Sean Runyan. Ivan Rodriguez was hit by a pitch from Bryce Florie, who then gave up a run-scoring single to pinch-hitter Will Clark.

Worrell walked the first hitter he faced, then retired 13 in a row before Rodriguez homered.

Astros drop third straight

CINCINNATI (AP) -- The Cincinnati Reds extended their offensive surge Wednesday night as Willie Greene and Chris Stynes homered for a 4-1 victory over the Houston Astros.

The Reds got their fourth victory in five games and matched their win total for last April in half the time. Cincinnati opened last season at 7-18 under manager Ray Knight, setting a franchise record for April losses.

The Astros lost their third in a row -- their only losing streak of the season -- as Shane Reynolds (1-2) fell to 1-7 career against the Reds and 1-5 in eight games in Cincinnati.

The right-hander had trouble against a lineup that has just emerged from a deep slump.

Greene hit a three-run homer in the second inning and Stynes added a solo homer, his fourth, in the fifth inning to hand Brett Tomko (2-1) a 4-1 lead. The right-hander allowed only three singles and walked four over eight innings, and Jeff Shaw pitched the ninth for his fourth save in five chances.

Tomko also hit shortstop Ricky Gutierrez on the left hand with a pitch in the seventh. X-rays found no fracture and the injury was diagnosed as a bruise.

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Earning the No. 1 or a No. 2 seed translates into a first-round bye in the bracket. Coplen doesn't think that'll be a problem for Weishaar who has had problems this season with slow starts, but has rectified the problem in recent matches.

"It's only a problem if she lets it be one," Coplen said. "I think it's going to be good for her. She's hasn't had the problem (of starting slow) in the last couple of weeks. She's been out there getting after it. And I think district brings out more in all the players."

The Lady Whitefaces' No. 2 girls singles player, Leann Bivens, will play her first-round match Friday against Jeri Carlile of Borger.

The girls doubles bracket is another opportunity for the Lady Whitefaces to qualify for the regional tournament, Coplen said. Hereford's No. 1 girls doubles team of Diana Detten and Amanda Kriegshauser didn't earn one of the Top 4 seeds, but Coplen said he thinks they got a favorable draw.

"They've got a chance to advance," he said. "They play the

number four seed (from Pampa) in the first round. If they can get past that, they'll have a chance at the semifinals.

"If they get out and play, they have a chance to win the tournament, if they really get after it."

Hereford's No. 2 girls doubles team of Lisa Riley and Brynne Bryant will match up in the first round with a team from Canyon Randall.

On the boys side, Hereford's No. 1 boys singles player Andrew Carr drew the No. 4 seed while teammate Brent Erend was not seeded.

"Andrew had to be the fourth seed based on competitive scores and wins," Coplen said. "There are six boys that can win the tournament in boys singles. I think he and Brent are both in there."

Russ Dubose of Pampa drew the top seed and Grey Thompson of Borger was seeded second.

Carr will face Jeremy Gray of Borger in the first round and Erend matches up with Cody Strickland of Dumas.

The district tournament begins play Friday and will conclude Saturday.

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News in brief

Tornadoes kill four in Tennessee, Arkansas

MANILA, Ark. (AP) - A tornado shrouded by darkness skipped across northeastern Arkansas and western Tennessee early today, killing four people and injuring dozens of others.

Two of the deaths happened in Manila at 3:05 a.m. CDT, and two others an hour later in southeast Dyer County near Roellen, Tenn., across the Mississippi River some 50 miles away.

In addition, 19 people were injured at Jonesboro, Ark., Gov. Mike Huckabee's office said.

Radio station KLCN said a dozen people hurt at Manila were taken to hospitals - including one in critical condition airlifted to Memphis, Tenn.

Authorities searched for two other people missing after either a tornado or high winds wrecked their mobile home. Those people were found safe at a nearby house.

Judge kills lawsuit against tobacco by union health funds

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) - Cigarette makers plan to use a federal judge's dismissal of a lawsuit filed by labor union health funds to fight at least 40 similar suits nationwide.

U.S. District Judge Kenneth Ryskamp dismissed the suit brought by the unions that accused the tobacco industry of fraud and racketeering, saying the tobacco industry has become a political "whipping boy."

The decision, issued Monday but publicized by tobacco companies Wednesday, was the first lawsuit of its kind to be dismissed, tobacco lawyers said.

"This decision is going to be a persuasive authority presented to judges for their consideration in all of the other cases," said Steve Krigbaum, an attorney for Philip Morris Inc.

Clinton visits tornado damage in Alabama

MCDONALD CHAPEL, Ala. (AP) - To Phillip Rutland, President Clinton's visit to his tornado-ravaged neighborhood meant his son's nightmares might finally stop.

To Marvin Johnson, it brought the

possibility of work. To Herman Henderson, it meant hope.

"He came from D.C. to see poor people like us," said Henderson, who lost his home in the April 8 storm. "It gives everyone spirit to see that the president himself came down to help us rebuild."

Clinton's trip Wednesday was seen as a reminder by the community of McDonald Chapel, just northwest of Birmingham, that the nation is with them as they work to rebuild their lives after the deadly tornado.

The twister, which packed winds of up to 260 mph, swept through three Alabama counties last week, killing 33 people, injuring more than 160 and destroying houses, businesses and churches.

Miss America says sex ed programs inadequate in AIDS

WASHINGTON (AP) - Miss America says she finds many sexual education programs "grossly inadequate" in teaching students about AIDS and how to protect themselves from the HIV virus.

Kate Shindle said restrictions set by local and state school boards sometimes prevent her from speaking freely about the topic. During a recent visit to South Carolina, she said she was given a list of words she was forbidden to say. Among the taboo words: condoms, needles, alternative lifestyle, heterosexual, homosexual, gay, straight.

"Other than that, I could say anything I wanted about HIV prevention - it's laughable but it's also very scary," Shindle said during a speech Wednesday night at American University.

Prosecutor asks police for JonBenet evidence

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) - District Attorney Alex Hunter asked police for a formal presentation of evidence gathered in the JonBenet Ramsey murder case as he decides whether to convene a grand jury.

Police last month said a grand jury was needed to complete the investigation into the death of the child beauty queen. There have been no arrests in the 16-month-old case.

Hunter asked for the oral and

written presentation this week, police said.

A grand jury can be used to obtain sworn testimony, to obtain evidence not available through routine investigation, and to force uncooperative witnesses to testify. Proceedings are secret.

Poll: Protestant foes of accord in minority

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) - Nearly three out of four Northern Ireland residents surveyed support the peace agreement for the province, according to a poll out today. The findings spelled trouble for hard-liners trying to rally public opinion against the accord.

Seventy-three percent said they will vote "yes" in a May 22 referendum on the deal, according to a Harris Research Center Poll in *The Irish Times* and *The Guardian* newspapers today. Harris interviewed 500 people from Saturday to Tuesday; the margin of error was about 3 percentage points.

Just 14 percent said they had decided to vote "no."

Report: U.S. restricts aid to 30 Russian agencies

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) - The State Department has declared 30 Russian agencies and research facilities ineligible to receive U.S. assistance because they may have provided missile technology to Iran, *USA Today* reported.

The paper said it obtained a list that was sent last month to managers of U.S. programs that finance commercial ventures for Russian institutions formerly involved in Soviet weapons work.

Today's report said financing has been denied for at least three Russian projects because they are on the list.

"What we're doing is limiting our cooperation with Russian entities which might have or might be providing assistance to Iran's missile program," Gary Samore, a special assistant to President Clinton told the paper.

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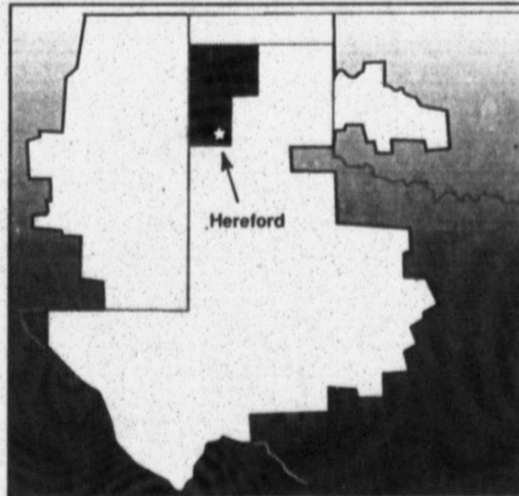
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Jack Lemmon may have helped oust Laguna Beach mayor

MALIBU, Calif. (AP) - Jack Lemmon appears to have helped oust the mayor with a warning that development could ruin this exclusive oceanside haven of movie stars - by making it just like Laguna Beach.

A videotape mailed to voters before Tuesday's election showed downtown Laguna Beach while Lemmon asked if they want "another crowded beach city filled with hotels, tourists and traffic."

The video cited Mayor Jeff Jennings' support of a plan to build 1.1 million square feet of malls and hotels on a 120-acre site, "fouling the air and destroying the tranquility that is Malibu."

Down the coast about 55 miles in Laguna Beach, people were not amused.

"I think Malibu would be very fortunate and lucky if they could become another Laguna Beach," Laguna Beach Mayor Steve Dicterow said of Lemmon's video.

Jennings apparently fell short in his re-election bid, trailing both Lemmon's favorite and another candidate in the race for two council seats. However, about 60 provisional ballots remained to be counted on Thursday.

JOSEPH HELLER

NEW YORK (AP) - "Catch-22" author Joseph Heller may live in the Northeast but his literary archives, including early drafts of a half-dozen books and more than 150,000 pages of notes and correspondence, have gone South.

The University of South Carolina paid an undisclosed sum Wednesday for Heller's papers.

"I made a little bit. Not much," Heller, 74, said coyly.

The funding came from donations, private funds and auxiliary university funds, said George Terry, the university's vice provost and dean for libraries and information systems. How much? "I would prefer not to talk about that, OK?" Terry said.

Heller, who lives in East Hampton,

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on Long Island, had a simple explanation for why his archives wound up below the Mason-Dixon line.

"South Carolina was more interested in my papers and manuscripts than anybody else," he said.

TERRY WAITE TERRY ANDERSON

NEW YORK (AP) - Two survivors of captivity in Lebanon, Terry Waite and Terry Anderson, will go to Colombia to appeal for the release of three missionaries kidnapped by leftist rebels.

Armed guerrillas abducted Dave Malkins, Mark Rich and Rick Tenenoff on Jan. 31, 1993, from their homes in the southern Panama village of Pucuro, and marched them toward the nearby Colombian border.

"I am not sure what we can do, but offer our names, and promise that if they release them, we can help it go smoothly and safely," Anderson said at a news conference Tuesday, flanked by the wives of the missing men.

The kidnapers demanded \$5 million in ransom, but have not been heard from since January 1994, and Colombian and U.S. officials believe the three missionaries are dead.

Anderson, former chief Middle East correspondent for The Associated Press, was abducted in March 1985 by guerrillas of the pro-Iran Hezbollah and held nearly seven years. He now teaches journalism at Columbia University.

Waite, a representative of Britain's Archbishop of Canterbury, went to Lebanon to negotiate freedom for Anderson and other Western hostages but was himself abducted in 1987 and

held more than four years. He now lectures and writes at Cambridge University.

SUPER DAVE

LAS VEGAS (AP) - Look up in the sky, it's Super ... oops, forget it, it's only Super Dave Osborne.

Bob Einstein, who played the death-defying but totally inept stunt man in the late 1980s syndicated "Super Dave" TV series, is bringing the character back for a movie, with scenes being filmed in Las Vegas.

For one scene, a Super Dave world tour bus trundled down Fremont Street on Monday night while 300 extras lined the sidewalks with party hats and streamers in celebration of New Year's Eve 1999.

Tourists were confused, until they realized it was Super Dave Osborne, whose stunts usually end with him mangled, compressed or charred.

"As long as he doesn't jump off the building, he's all right," said Gary Keating of Clinton Township, Mich. "He hits the ground rather hard sometimes."

"Be The Man - Super Dave," is produced by MGM and expected to be released in August.

DAN AYKROYD, DONNA DIXON

LOS ANGELES (AP) - It's another girl for actor Dan Aykroyd and wife Donna Dixon.

The couple's third daughter - Stella Irene Augustus Aykroyd - was born April 5 in New York and weighed 6-pounds, 14-ounces, publicist Susan Patricola said Wednesday.

The Aykroyds, who married in 1983, have two other girls, Danielle, 8, and Belle, 4. They live in New York.

The former "Saturday Night Live" comic and ex-Blues Brothers member currently stars in the ABC series "Soul Man." Miss Dixon appeared on the "Bosom Buddies" TV series.

JUNE LOCKHART

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) - June Lockhart is thrilled with her cameo role in "Lost in Space," the 30th anniversary movie version of her TV show.

Lockhart, who played Maureen Robinson in the CBS-TV series from 1965-68, talks in the movie with computer-whiz youngster Will Robinson, played by Jack Johnson.

"While I'm doing this, the kid,

unbeknownst to me, is morphing me into different figures and characters, one of which is something with a Pamela Anderson body," Lockhart said. "And, honey, I think all these years of working out and keeping in shape and finally to be on camera and to have that body under me is a hoot."

ED BURNS

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) - Ed Burns' new role is being an ambassador for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, a disease that hit some of his friends close to home.

The actor-director on Wednesday said that he got involved at the urging

of a friend whose daughter had the central nervous system disease. The mother of a woman he worked with also had MS.

"If my occasionally going out and talking about it gets more attention, then that's the least I can do," said Burns, who wrote, directed and starred in "The Brothers McMullen" in 1995.

More than 200,000 people nationwide were expected to participate in walks this month to raise research money for MS, which afflicts 3 million people worldwide. Its symptoms range from muscle weakness to numbness and paralysis.

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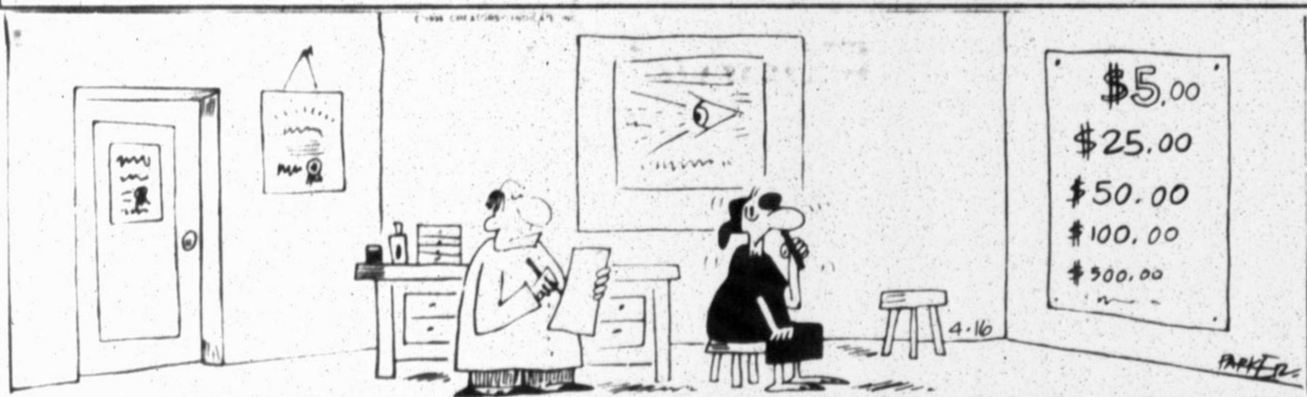
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Lawmaker rips Reno over Starr

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Justice Department has treated Kenneth Starr with "repeated and excessive permissiveness, a senior Democratic lawmaker charged today, adding that failure to resolve serious allegations against the independent counsel may tarnish any report he submits to Congress.

"The latest incident is truly unprecedented," Michigan Rep. John Conyers, senior Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee, said in a sharply worded letter to Attorney General Janet Reno. "Asking a clearly-conflicted independent counsel to investigate himself."

Conyers dispatched his letter a week after the Justice Department gave Starr the go-ahead to investigate allegations that a conservative foundation may have provided financial assistance to David Hale, a key witness in the independent counsel's Whitewater investigation.

Deputy Attorney General Eric Holder noted that the case might present a conflict of interest for Starr, or the appearance of one, and invited him to refer the matter back to the Justice Department if warranted.

Conyers and other Democrats have long been critical of Starr, a Republican whose investigation of President Clinton has consumed four years and \$30 million, and have also chafed at Reno for not doing more to rein him in.

The letter also came at a time when speculation is running high that Starr will submit a report to Congress this spring outlining possible evidence of impeachable offenses by Clinton.

Both parties have begun preparations for responding to such a report, and Conyers used his letter to suggest the material it might contain would be stained by questions that have been raised about Starr's conduct.

"Failure to resolve these outstanding questions besmirches both the institution of independent counsel and any report that Counsel Starr may issue," he wrote.

STARR

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said he was not aware of any money being given to Hale. But he and the magazine's foundation are conducting an audit to track \$1.7 million declined over four years to their "Arkansas Project," which was set up to dig up information on the Clintons.

The foundation received \$1.56 million between 1993 and 1996 from two groups controlled by Richard Mellon Scaife, a Pittsburgh philanthropist who has underwritten several anti-Clinton projects such as an investigation into whether former White House lawyer Vincent Foster was murdered.

Starr has several connections to the magazine foundation. Eastland and Starr are friends, and Washington lawyer Theodore Olson, another Starr friend and a former law partner, is on the foundation's board. Olson was Hale's attorney in the mid-1990s.

Comprehensive coverage of local news and happenings in Deaf Smith County can be found only in **The Hereford Brand!**



Laying bricks

Construction workers have begun laying brick on the walls of the new addition to the First United Methodist Church in Hereford. Sunny, warm weather recently has helped in the construction project, but winter's return today may hinder some of the work. But, everything should be back on track by the weekend.

VOTING MARATHON

Official wonders: too many elections?

AUSTIN (AP) - Another day, another election. Early voting for one more election began Wednesday, just one day after only 3.07 percent of Texas' 11.1 million registered voters bothered to cast ballots in the primary runoffs.

Maybe Texas holds too many elections, the state's chief election officer said.

"We are seeing the voter turnout decreasing election after election after election," Secretary of State Al Gonzales said.

"I think that anything that eliminates the number of elections and increases voter participation ... is something that we ought to look at," he said.

Texas already have been called to the polls twice this year - for the March 10 primary and Tuesday's runoff. Wednesday's early voting was for May's city and school board elections.

Here, according to the secretary of state's office, are total votes and the turnout percentages for the past three runoff elections in Texas:

1998: 342,960 - 3.07 percent
1996: 715,885 - 7.38 percent
1994: 948,080 - 10.59 percent

"What does that do when we have so many elections?" Gonzales asked. "First of all, it confuses voters. People don't understand how can I have an election yesterday and now be participating in another election today."

"Secondly, it creates fatigue, and it dampens enthusiasm for volunteers at the local level who are involved in running these elections."

For example, the secretary of state said, 103 elections have been conducted in Dallas County alone in the past decade. That's an average of 10 per year.

"Maybe they were all necessary. Maybe they couldn't have been consolidated. But I think we need to look at that. Was it necessary to have 10 elections a year for the past 10 years in Dallas County?" Gonzales asked.

Texas law schedules four "uniform election dates" - in January, May, August and November - for elections.

But the law also allows 10 reasons to hold other elections - including the March primaries and April runoffs - that can add dates for balloting in some areas.

HOPEFULS

release returns

AUSTIN (AP) - Lieutenant governor candidate Rick Perry, responding to charges from opponent John Sharp that he became a millionaire in state office through insider deals, defended his record and estimated his net worth at \$674,733.

Perry on Wednesday released his federal income tax returns for six years beginning in 1991, when he became state agriculture commissioner. He provided estimated 1997 tax figures, saying he has asked for an extension.

The 1997 estimate shows the Republican with an adjusted gross income of \$218,564. He paid estimated taxes of \$61,953, said spokesman Ray Sullivan.

Sharp's 1997 return showed his adjusted gross income at \$85,724, including \$72,602 in comptroller wages, \$15,736 in income from a real estate consulting business and a \$2,614 net loss from goat farming. He had a \$176 tax adjustment.

A great deal was made, for example, of the massive tax cuts enacted at the beginning of Ronald Reagan's first term as president, but the decade of the '80s was out of the entire amount of the cuts had been obliterated by Congressional changes in the rules.

These repeated changes have also become a problem. Elected officials are forever rewriting the tax code, ostensibly in pursuit of fairness and equity. But in seeking that goal, they have created a mass as impenetrable as Okefenokee.

BURN BAN

At one extreme are those who believe it is foolhardy to attempt designing a brand new system, such as a flat tax or a sales tax, contending that a piecemeal adjustment can correct abuses and injustices while avoiding potentially disastrous disruptions.

At the other are those who claim the system is broken, and that adjustments attempted within the existing framework can only worsen the confusion. It is just such attempts, they say, that created the unworkable, variously interpreted 17,000-page mishmash.

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said Johnson also suggested people wet the area around the barrel before igniting the trash.

The burning ban will be in effect until winds calm and significant rainfall has been received. A 20 percent chance of light rain and a north wind of 15-25 mph has been forecast through today, according to Ken Schneider, lead forecaster and fire weather spokesman for the National Weather Service.

"Winds are lower and humidity is up, but fuels are still critical," Schneider said.

The extreme wildfire danger warning issued by the Texas Forest Service remains in effect. Forest service officials urge Panhandle residents to postpone all outdoor burning until significant rainfall has been received.

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COMPUTER PROFESSOR

Program to grade essays stirring debate

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) - The time-honored college essay - where students are supposed to exhibit concise writing and persuasive arguments - could soon be read and graded by the artificial intelligence of a new computer program.

Some see a savior for overworked teachers, others reassurance for students suspicious that their poor grades come from bored, ignorant or vengeful teachers.

Critics say it misses the point - that essays teach communication between people.

"I think it's a terrible idea. Education is not about just spewing back information but assimilating it in language," said Mary Burgan, executive director of the American Association of University Professors.

The Intelligent Essay Assessor software is not yet ready for widespread use in the classroom. In development for 10 years, its creators have applied for a patent and want feedback from educators.

"The program has perfect consistency in grading, an attribute that human graders almost never have," said Darrell Laham, a doctoral student at the University of Colorado who helped with the development. "The system does not get bored, rushed, sleepy, impatient or forgetful."

Thomas Landauer, a university psychology professor who worked on the software, was to present it today at a meeting of the American Educational Research Association in San Diego. Peter Foltz, an assistant psychology professor at New Mexico State University, also helped.

This program does more than just count words or analyze mechanics and grammar, like earlier essay scorers. Landauer said it mathematically determines how well students understand the material they are taught.

"It's useful for all subjects," he said. "It's most appropriate when testing knowledge content rather than elegance of writing. It assesses whether the student understands what's in the textbook."

It "understands" through a new type of artificial

intelligence, Laham said. "In a sense, it tries to mimic the function of the human brain."

First, the program is fed information through online textbooks or other sources. It determines mathematically what words should appear, but is flexible enough to accept words with similar meanings, such as physician and doctor.

Then the professor grades enough essays to provide a good statistical sample, and feeds those results to the computer. Laham said student essays receive the same grade as the human-graded essays to which they are most closely matched.

The grade on the new program, however, is still out.

"It would be cheaper and more reliable. But we need to be careful about using it. This country overvalues standardized responses," said Monty Neill, acting executive director at Fair Test, a Cambridge, Mass.-based nonprofit group that advocates testing and assessment reform.

"Machines have real trouble with unusually creative students," he said.

Burgan, the head of the professors' association, said that a teacher fails to connect with students if he or she assigns an essay and then passes the grading off to a computer.

"Without interaction, there's no teaching," she said.

Some students would rather be confident that their grade is fair, Foltz said. When he asked students in his undergraduate psychology classes if they would rather a computer or a person graded their papers, they all chose the computer. He didn't say what reasons they gave.

"That's just weird," said Katrina Martin, a 21-year-old English and journalism major at Colorado. "I want a professor to look at my essay so that I know what I'm writing is correct."

"I don't want some computer to just spit out a grade."

Trainload of napalm may be on way back to storage in southern California

WASHINGTON (AP) - A trainload of napalm that triggered protests when it was shipped by train halfway across the country is apparently headed back to California.

The 12,000 gallons of jellied gasoline was being held in Kansas City today while the Navy searches for a waste management company to handle it.

Assistant Navy Secretary Robert Pirie, asked today if the Navy would send the train to the China Lake Naval Weapons Testing Center, responded: "We've been working on that alternative, yes." In any event, Pirie said, "We've gone out or our way to see there is no danger to the public."

Rep. Bill Thomas, whose district includes China Lake, said the Navy wanted to send the train back to California, but added, "The Navy and the state of California still need to work out some details on such an arrangement."

The China Lake facility is about 120 miles northwest of Los Angeles.

The search for a waste management company came after the original

company backed out, citing public uproar over the napalm.

The military and Battelle Memorial Institute, the primary contractor on the recycling job, said Wednesday they were searching for a storage place and for a company that could properly handle the sensitive cargo.

"The ideal solution is to find somebody that could take it and treat it," said Robin Yocum, a spokesman for Ohio-based Battelle. "We want it to happen now."

Finding a company with the proper permits and approval from environmental and health authorities might take some time, Yocum said.

Maggie Wilde, a spokeswoman for Laidlaw Environmental Services in Utah, said Wednesday her company has been approached and, with a minor permit change, could burn the napalm.

Laidlaw, which has seen business decline at its hazardous-waste incinerator in recent years, likely would welcome the Navy's business.

But Wilde said it first would need a slight modification to its permit to

allow it to mix water with napalm before feeding it into its furnaces.

"We hear the term 'napalm' and we have horrible images of what that is," said Dennis Downs, director of the Utah Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste. He said it is no more dangerous than any other flammable liquid that travels highways in large quantities every day.

The shipment, transported by Burlington Northern/Santa Fe Railway, left California on Saturday and traveled through parts of Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas before reaching Kansas City late Wednesday.

Railroad officials declined to say they were parking the single flatbed car in its Missouri yard or Kansas yard at Kansas City. It has facilities on both sides of town.

The 12,000 gallons, carried on one railcar, is part of 3.3 million gallons that were to be transported batch by batch over two years from a naval station at Fallbrook, Calif., near San Diego, to the Chicago area plant for recycling into fuel for cement kilns.

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Business briefs

Japan pressed to boost flagging economy
WASHINGTON (AP) - Japan came under increased pressure Wednesday from the United States and other nations to do more to boost its flagging economy, with top finance officials depicting Japan's economic problems as serious and growing worse.

The officials are concerned that troubles in the world's second largest economy could cause renewed financial turmoil in Asia and beyond. "The challenges facing Japan are serious and have intensified in recent months," the group said in a joint communique.

The economic fallout from the Asian crisis was topic No. 1 during more than five hours of discussions of finance ministers and central bank presidents from the world's seven wealthiest industrial countries - the United States, Japan, Germany, France, Britain, Italy and Canada.

Japan signed off on the communique from the G-7 group.

Bankers trying to restructure Indonesian debt
NEW YORK (AP) - International banks began meeting Wednesday with Indonesian government officials to try to salvage \$80 billion in foreign debt owed by private companies.

The debt-restructuring talks were being held at the Park Avenue headquarters of Chase Manhattan Corp. and could continue through Friday, said Andy Tuck, a Chase spokesman. The session is being co-chaired by representatives of Chase, Germany's Deutsche Bank AG and Japan's Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi Ltd.

Apple reports second straight quarterly profit
SAN JOSE, Calif., Calif. (AP) - Apple Computer Inc., helped by further cost cuts and popular new computers, on Wednesday reported its second straight quarterly profit, far outstripping expectations.

The company earned \$55 million, or 38 cents a share on a diluted basis, for the January-March quarter, traditionally a slow time for the computer industry. The profit compares with a loss of \$708 million, or \$5.64 cents a share, a year ago, when the company paid for a restructuring and an acquisition.

Revenue fell 12 percent, to \$1.4 billion from \$1.6 billion. But Apple shipped 8 percent more computers than it did a year ago, and margins rose, thanks to its new Macintosh G3 computers.

Quaker State, Pennzoil to merge
IRVING (AP) - Whether you get your car's oil changed at Jiffy-Lube or Q-Lube, you'll soon be filling the tank of the same company.

That yet-to-be named company will be formed through a merger announced Wednesday between Quaker State Corp. and a company split off from Pennzoil Co.

The merger would create a company with annual sales of \$3 billion and bring together two of the most popular brands of motor oil.

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