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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 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 assigend 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

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 effects 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





344-CLUE (2583)

"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 threedigit 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).



Enjoying the afternoon

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

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- U.S. District Judge Henry Woods

the workings of the judicial system.

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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 See STARR, Page 11

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

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 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

See BURN BAN, Page 11

Hereford Brand Local Roundup

Check the mail

Southwestern Bell telephone customers are encouraged to watch their mail for the ballots being sent out for the extended local calling to Canyon and Amarillo. The ballots will need to be completed and returned by a given date.

Troll book fair

The troll book fairs will once again be at Northwest Elementary and West central Primary schools the week of April 20-24. Students will be allowed to purchase books, posters, and other items from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The bookfairs will be in the school libraries.

Candidates forum

Candidates in the May 2 Hereford City Commission election will participate later this month in a forum sponsored by the Deaf Smith Chamber of Commerce and the Hereford Educators Association.

The candidates forum will be 7 p.m. April 23 at the Hereford Independent School District Administration Building, 601 N. 25 Mile Ave

Questions for the candidates may be submitted to the chamber office, 701 N. Main, or to Carolyn Waters with the educators

The public is invited to attend the forum.

Four positions, two at-large and two single-member district, are on the May 2 ballot.

At-large incumbents Roger Eades and Carey Black are being challenged by Martha Cavazos Rincon and Alma Delia Gamez, while Precinct 2 incumbent Eugene Condarco is being challeged by Angie Alonzo. Precinct 4 incumbent Wayne Winget drew no opponent.

Horse seminar

A free seminar to help horse owners and enthusiasts learn more about equine nutrition, health, training and management will begin at 5:30 p.m. April 20 at Hereford Riders Club Arena.

The seminar, open to the public, features Craig Cameron is part of a nationwide series being conducted by Purina Mills and its network of local dealers.

"This is part of the largest equine effort in the horse industry, and our meeting will be tailored to the specific interests of horse owners in the area," said Matt Harris, the owner of Foust Feeds. "We hope that breeders, trainers, employees of cattle feeding operations, and people who simply enjoy horses will attend and hear about the training techniques of Craig Cameron."

Admission to the seminar is free, but reservations are recommended. Harris said those attending should be sure to sign up for the drawing of a Sooner Trailer which is to be given

PLN study club meeting

The Promised Land Network is hold its first Southern Plains study club of 1998 at 7 tonight at the First State Bank in Canyon.

The meeting includes discussion of Carolyn Merchant's book, "The Death of Nature: Women, Ecology and the Scientific Revolution." The meeting's theme will be "Environmentalism and Agriculture: Do We Have the Same Goal?"

The meeting is open to the public. For more information, contact the PLN office at 364-4445.

Cloudy, cold

Tonight, cloudy and cold with a 40 percent chance of light rain or snow, low 30 to 35, northeast wind 10 to 20 mph, diminishing late

Friday, mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of mainly afternoon showers, high 50 to 55, east wind 5-15 mph. Friday night, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of evening showers, low 30 to 35.

EXTENDED FORECAST

Saturday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers, high in the lower 60s.

Sunday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers, low around 40, high around 70.

Monday, partly cloudy with a chance of showers or. thunderstorms, low 40 to 45; high 75 to 80.

WEDNESDAY RECAP

High, 74; low, 40; no precipitation.

NEWS in brief

Death penalty foes: Prison changes life of condemned man HOUSTON (AP) - Opponents of capital punishment say Joseph John Cannon should not be executed next week because 18 years in prison have

The Texas Coalition Against the Death Penalty also says Cannon should not be executed because he was only 17 at when he shot to death one of the few people who ever tried to help him.

Cannon, now 38, is to be executed Wednesday for the death of Anne Walsh in San Antonio

Ms. Walsh took in Cannon at the request of her brother, Dan Carabin, a public defender. Carabin had persuaded a judge to grant Cannon probation.

for a burglacy in which he stole food, then waited for police to arrive. Ward Tisdale of the Texas attorney general's office said that Cannon shot Ms. V/alsh, the mother of eight c'aildren, and then attempted to sexually

12-year-old boy's wish to become donor honored

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Gary Brigman's grandmother recalled that her 12-year-old grandson was eager to donate his heart and other organs to save lives when he died

'He never thought he was going to be such a young donor," Maria Brigman said Wednesday Hours earlier, her grandson died of injuries he suffered a day earlier

when he was struck by a car

not break the law," Police Chief Kim contributed approximately \$60 Onove Schoolcraft said. Police will million and \$155 million, respectivebe enforcing the city's ban on alcohol 1y, to the growth in loans and deposits consumption along Seawall Boule- as compared to the previous year. vard and discouraging large groups Shareholders' equity amounted to

Emergency response teams not ready

WASHINGTON (AP) - More than a year after passage of a \$30 million anti-terrorism plan, emergency response personnel in fewer than two dozen cities are trained to cope with an attack, congressional investigators

Texas' three largest cities, Dallas, Houston and San Antonio, have completed the training.

Nine other Texas cities have plans to do the training, but have not conducted it. They are Amarillo, Arlington, Austin, Corpus Christi, El Paso, Fort Worth, Garland, Irving and which training and equipment are

"In short, counterterrorism and executed without adequate

Under 1996 legislation, 120 of the The report said emergency largest American cities are to receive response personnel in only 11 cities training. But a General Accounting had completed the program at the Office report revealed that federal, time of the GAO review, but Hastert state and local officials have yet to and Rep. Ike Skelton, D-Mo., on assess the threat facing each city and Wednesday provided agency data showing that training is now complete in 22 locations.

"This report underscores my programs are being designed, funded concern that the left hand might not know what the right hand is doing, oversight from Congress and the said Rep. Ike Skelton, D-Mo., the executive branch," said Rep. Dennis House National Security Committee's Hastert, R-Ill., chairman of a ranking Democrat. "Nothing is more Government Reform and Oversight important than assuring the American subcommittee on national security. people that its government is living

up to their expectations."

Hastert plans hearings on the subject next week.

GAO investigators suggested Congress order federal and city governments to assess the risks facing each city. It recommended that the FBI play a lead role in such assess-

"While it is not possible to reduce risk to all potential targets against ... terrorism," the report said, "risk assessments can help ensure that training, equipment and other safeguards are justified and implemented based on threat, the vulnerability of the asset to an attack and the importance of the asset."

But the Defense Department, the project's overall leader, disagreed with the idea of risk assessments, saying such plans would not affect a city's choice of equipment and could boost costs by as much as \$30,000 per

Congress set aside about \$300,000 for each of the 120 cities.

The GAO report followed a leading scientist's comments that government health agencies are unprepared for biological terrorism, with no plan to get vaccines or antibiotics to victims or to detect the first illnesses in time to save lives.

"We're pleading" with the government to prepare, said Dr. Michael Osterholm, Minnesota's epidemiology chief and a principal researcher for federal efforts to detect emerging disease threats.

'We are working very hard to improve our ability to deal with any act of biological terrorism," Defense Department spokesman Kenneth Bacon said Wednesday, citing the training program studied by the GAO.

An earlier GAO report requested by Skelton found that American troops abroad remain vulnerable to terrorism because the military lacks mandatory security standards.

Mass transit systems are especially vulnerable to attack, a separate Transportation Department study found last year.

Plaque of appreciation

Sue Hyer, center, chairperson of the Deaf Smith Chamber of Commerce business retention committee, presents a plaque to Steve Stevens, of Stevens 5 Star Car and Truck Center, for contributions to the community and business. Also pictured are, from left, Don Cumpton, executive director of the chamber, Jerry Stevens, Bernadette Wright, Mitch Reeve and David McDonald.

HUD sues management firm THE HEREFORD BRAND

WASHINGTON (AP) - The government has filed civil fraud charges against a landlord who rents apartments in 26 states, including Texas, accusing him of making \$7.5 million in kickbacks

Housing Secretary Andrew Cuomo Bruce Rozet and associates pocketed millions of dollars in the kickback and insurance scam, Cuomo said.

HUD wants the repayment of what it says were \$7.5 million in kickbacks made between 1990 and 1997, plus damages and penalties that could reach \$20 million. It also is seeking unspecified additional amounts in the insurance case.

Rozet denies the allegations. "There's not a shred of evidence to support any of the charges they have made," he said Wednesday in a telephone interview. "We are doing

Students

beaches

for a two-day party.

vehicles.

the fraternity.

Vista and La Marque.

couple of years.

the island Saturday.

problems develop.

swarm TX

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) -

Ready or not, an estimated 100,000

college students will swamp

Galveston's beachfront this weekend

They'll come in 25,000 or more

Traditionally known as "Kappa

Weekend" because it was started by

Kappa Alpha Psi, a national black

college fraternity, the 15-year-old

event is being called Kappa Beach

many who have no connection with

event created a jam that extended into

the mainland communities of Bayou

We're not going to let people

gather in large crowds and disrupt

normal daily operations," School-

have indicated to city officials that

... an exemplary job in overseeing the apartments. housing projects that we are involved with. We have not been involved in covers housing projects in Alabama, any kickback schemes whatsoever Arizona, California, Colorado, and they have no evidence to support such charges.

The kickback charges involve 90 said Wednesday the suit alleges that low- and moderate-income apartment projects in 26 states, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico, the department

Insignia Financial Group of Greenville, S.C., a property management group that worked for Rozet and others, already has returned \$7.4 million to the government to settle disputed claims.

Last year, Rozet was charged with siphoning \$5 million from subsidized housing units at 17 complexes in California and Nevada.

The new charges include:

Banks

report

largest - and most controversial - \$5,381,000 for the first quarter of

events held here each year and draws 1998, an increase of 10.1 percent over

Last April, traffic generated by the compared to 57 cents a year ago.

The city will have 375 police from a year earlier. Loans totaled \$726 Galveston and other area agencies on million - up \$129 million, and

We want people to enjoy deposits of Texas Commerce Bankthemselves, but respect our city and San Angelo in September 1997

hand Saturday, the same number they deposits were \$1.378 billion - up

gathering along the beachfront, she \$151 million at March 31, 1998, an

Schoolcraft said she expects from of Cleburne, Eastland National, San

Most business owners who water, Texas National Bank of

75,000 to 110,000 people to swarm Angelo National, Stephenville Bank

complained about last year's event Southlake, and Weatherford National.

they will remain open Saturday unless ers' meeting will be held April 28 at

year before.

have hired for Mardi Gras in the last \$228 million from one year ago.

earnings

First Financial Bankshares, Inc.,

the total for the same period last year.

Earnings per share were 62 cents,

billion as compared to \$1.311 billion

As of March 31, 1998, the consolidated assets totaled \$1.545

The acquisition of loans and

increase of \$13.1 million from the

include Hereford State Bank, First

National of Abilene, First National

& Trust, First National of Sweet-

First Financial's annual sharehold-

the Abilene Civic Center.

The company's affiliated banks

Overcharging HUD for millions of dollars in rental assistance subsidies by requiring Insignia to pay one-third of its management feed to

Overcharging HUD for additional rental assistance by charging inflatedproperty insurance premiums.

 Improperly taking kickbacks and inflating costs for repair of damaged

not used EL PASO, Texas (AP) - One vote doesn't always count, an El Paso artist has proved. Lupe Casillas-Lowenberg fought a traffic jam Tuesday in order to get to her polling place 25 minutes before the 7 p.m. deadline.

Her vote was the only vote cast as Thomas Olivarez defeated Pedro Nunez 1-0 in a runoff for Democratic Party chairman of Precinct 118. There

District of Columbia, Idaho, Illinois,

Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisi-

ana, Maryland, Michigan, Mississip-

pi, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New

Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina

North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon,

Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Tennes-

is the head of Associated Financial

One vote

Corp. of Pacific Palisades, Calif.

Rozet, who lives in Los Angeles,

see, Texas and Virginia.

are 265 registered voters in the Election officials now say that even Ms. Casillas-Lowenberg vote

candidate lives in the precinct. Therefore, neither was eligible. In fact, neither candidate knew his

name was on the ballot. In the March 10 Democratic

won't count because neither

primary, there was no candidate for Democratic Party precinct chairman, It has mushroomed into one of the Wednesday reported net earnings of but Olivarez and Nunez each got one write-in vote. Both their names appeared on the ballot in Tuesday's runoff election.

That took them both by surprise when they learned about it after the

Fry assumes presidency

Stan Fry Jr. will assume the presidency of the Hereford Lions Club on June 1, 1998. Fry, presidentelect the past year, heads up the new slate of officers elected last week.

Mike Harris was chosen · as president-elect for 1998-99. Other officers elected:

Greg Lake, secretary, Ernest Cadenhead, treasurer; Leonard Nikkel, first VP: Phil Martin, second VP; Dickey Ma on, third VP; Lola Faye Veazey and David Castillo, directors; Keith Kalka and Sam Metcalf, Lion tamers; and Dave Anderson, Gilbert Rodriquez, Mark Andrews and Johnny Beltran, tail

Lewis Block and Joe Wallace are holdover directors of the club. Pete Holcombe will end his term as president in May.

The case announced Wednesday

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for April 15, 1998, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT Incidents

-- Charges of violation of a protective order have been filed against a 17-year-old man.

-- A formal complaint has been filed against the owner of a vicious dog, which attacked a woman in the 00 block of Knight. Accidents

-- A two car accident at the intersection of Fifth and East Park was reported.

COUNTY SHERIFF

Arrests -- A 26-year-old man was arrested for violation of probation.

Incidents -- An unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported.

TEXAS LOTTERY

AUSTIN (AP) - One ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The ticket was worth an

estimated \$4 million. The ticket was sold in: Schertz.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 3-6-9-18-24-43. Saturday night's drawing will

be worth an estimated \$4 million. AUSTIN (AP) - The winning

Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:



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Lifestyles

Ann Landers

Thanks, blood donors

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

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., Ellen J. Vargyas, legal counsel, 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 the boat.

Dear Ann Landers: I am writing in this battle. And think positive. You ARE going to make it. Please write again and let us know how you are

> 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. --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



MR. AND MRS. LEROY WILLIAMSON ... observe golden anniversary

Anniversary celebration honor Williamsons

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Williamson Research Institute. will celebrate their 50th wedding Sunday at the Hereford Country Club.

Children of the couple will be Hereford. hosts for the occasion.

LeRoy Williamson and Mary Elizabeth Ruffe were married April both assigned to the Naval Medical grandchildren.

The couple moved to Deaf Smith anniversary with an open, no-gifts County in 1951, living in the Ford reception from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. community prior to moving to their present home six miles northeast of

Their children and spouses include Joel and Dixie Williamson of Dumas, 11, 1948, in Grand Rapids, Mich. Kim and Karen Williamson of They met at the Naval Medical Center Marshall, and Lisa and Danny in Bethesda, Md., when they were Jackson of Amarillo. They have seven

Dettman gives book review

book "Norma", about Norma Zimmer, for the Veleda Study Club's recent of winners of the American History school administrators, sponsoring 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 Hutto.

Audine Dettman reviewed the 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 Bradly, Juanita Brownd, Bettie Dickson, Theda Seiver, Margaret Zinser, Crume, Dettman, Dziuk and

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

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.

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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.

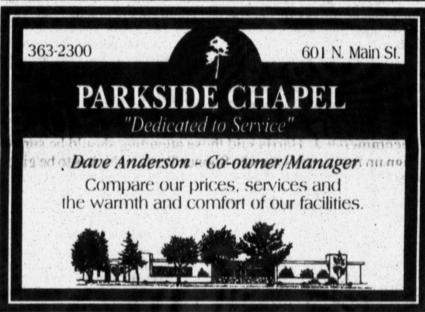
Higgins presented a program titled "Don't Take a Chance on the Wheel of Misfortune." The program centered on telemarketing schemes and Higgins showed a video detailing how the elderly and others could avoid these schemes.

Members attending were Homfeld, Bradley, Thweatt and Higgins.

> Classifieds Work!! Call 364-2030



Saturday, April 18th beginning at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall





Tea will honor local students

will host a tea at 2 p.m. Sunday at Parents and families of the winners

Hereford Community Center in honor will be welcome guests along with

Essay Contest and the DAR Good teachers, librarians and friends.

Los Ciboleros Chapter NSDAR Citizens Awards.

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,

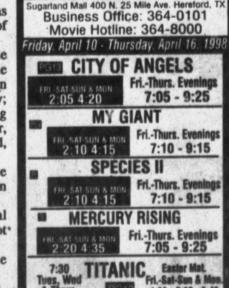
Culpepper was selected to serve as delegate to the District Convention in Fort Worth on April 30.

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

Jean Schumacher was guest at the



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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.



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Area Events

WTAMU

The 1998 season finale for the Branding Iron Theatre, The Diviners, will be presented April 22-26 in the Line 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

"blessing" as a sign to plant their 651-2800. 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.

Communication and Theatre at 806-

Native American storyteller Gail Burr Cochran Phillips, bass-baritone. Ross of Fredericksburg will be the featured storyteller at the 8th annual Panhandle Storytelling Guild 8782.

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

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

Six WTAMU graduate students will also perform stories during the

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

Reservations are recommended and seating is limited. For more information or to make reservations. call Dr. Trudy Hanson, associate professor of speech communication The town come to rely on Buddy's and director of the festival, at 806-

AMARILLO

The Amarillo Symphony's second annual Palo Duro Pops, performing April 24-25 at 8 p.m., promise to be for more information about the concerts of epic proportions, as the play or to reserve tickets, contact the Amarillo Symphony plays romantic WIAMU Department of Art, selections from the hit movie "Titanic," along with other pops favorite.

Held in the "TEXAS" Pioneer Amphitheatre, the concert will feature soloists Stella 7 imbalis, soprano, and

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

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 Northen Recital Hall on the WTAMU campus.

He will feature Oskar Bohme Irumpet 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

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

A reception will follow the cere mony

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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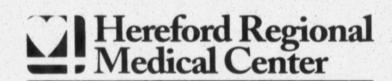
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Sports



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

The seedings are in and the only thing left to do

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 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,

"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.

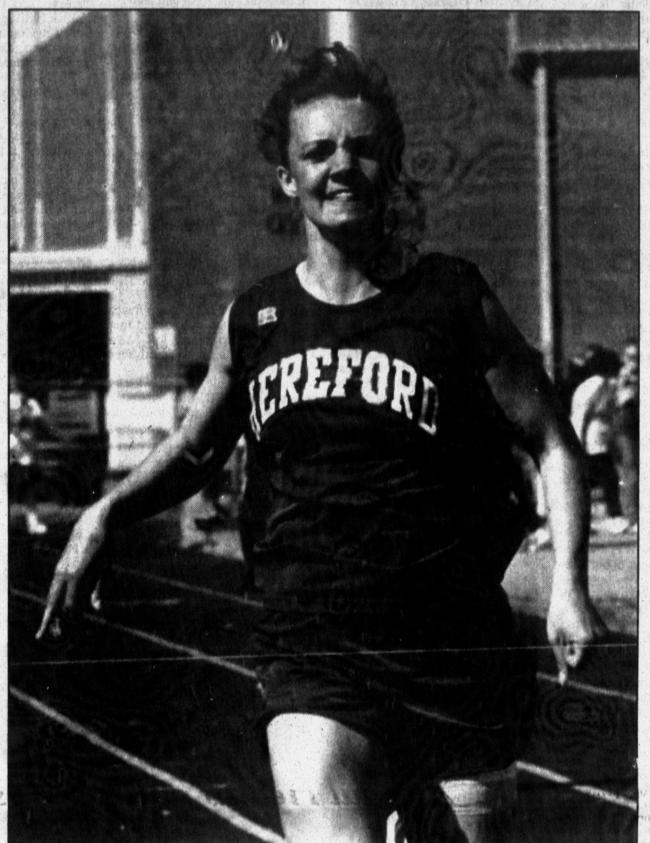
"Under our guidelines, she (Cade) had the most recent win over Holly," Coplen said. "They had split their two matches, but because (Cade) had the most recent win, Holly should've been two. It came down to the vote of three district coaches.'

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'





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.

> Photos by **Julius Bodner**

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 I-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 w 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

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

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Belfour stops 44 as Stars ice Wings, 3-1

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 of traffic in front of the net," Stars credited with seven hits. coach Ken Hitchcock said.

including the go-ahead goal in the home ice and beat Detroit," Hatcher first period, and Greg Adams notched said.

DALLAS (AP) -- Outshot 45-16, Dallas' first goal to help the Stars the Dallas Stars needed goaltender Ed improve to 107 points, three better and two ties against Dallas over the Belfour at his best against the Detroit than Detroit, which has one game remaining.

Dallas also maintained its one-point lead over New Jersey in the Presidents' Trophy race for the

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 shots on the perimeter and put a lot from Derian Hatcher, who was

"We had two things we had to Pat Verbeek scored twice, accomplish tonight, which was win

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 conferleague's best record and home-ice ence, 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 Brown said.

The Red Wings had two victories 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 "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

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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

"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

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

"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

"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

"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.'

Earning the No. 1 or a No. 2 seed

It's only a problem if she lets it

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

district brings out more in all the

singles player, Leann Bivens, will

play her first-round match Friday

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

They've got a chance to

favorable draw.

against Jeri Carlile of Borger.

The Lady Whitefaces' No. 2 girls

The girls doubles bracket is

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

Coplen

in recent matches.

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 400meter 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 need 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

"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

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.

number four seed (from Pampa) in the

first round. If they can get past that, they'll have a chance at the semifi-

if they really get after it."

a team from Canyon Randall.

Brent Berend was not seeded.

both in there.'

"If they get out and play, they

Hereford's No. 2 girls doubles

On the boys side, Hereford's No.

"Andrew had to be the fourth seed

will match up in the first round with

drew the No. 4 seed while teammate

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

Russ Dubose of Pampa drew the

Carr will face Jeremy Gray of Borger

The district tournament begins play

in the first round and Berend matches

up with Cody Strickland of Dumas.

top seed and Grey Thompson of

Borger was seeded second.

Bodine

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 ownerdriver late in the 1993 season, he has not come close to winning

"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.

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

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.

-- 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 Astros lost their third in a row

The Reds got their fourth victory

Houston Astros.

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

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."

The right-hander had trouble

Greene hit a three-run homer in the

against a lineup that has just emerged

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

Gutierrez on the left hand with a pitch

in the seventh. X-rays found no

fracture and the injury was diagnosed

Tomko also hit shortstop Ricky

from a deep slump.

in five chances.

as a bruise.

Astros drop third straight

Texas tames Detroit, 7-3, completes sweep

runs to work with, Texas Rangers further damage. 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

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

ARLINGTON (AP) -- With 28 on and shut down Detroit without

"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

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advance," he said. "They play the Friday and will conclude Saturday.

starts, but has rectified the problem have a chance to win the tournament,

be one," Coplen said. "I think it's team of Lisa Riley and Brynne Bryant

out there getting after it. And I think 1 boys singles player Andrew Carr

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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

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 said.

"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 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 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 Hereford Brand!

written presentation this week, police

A grand jury can be used to obtain sworn testimony, to obtain evidence not available through routine investigation, and to force uncoopera-tive 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 entitles which might have or might be murder case as he decides whether to convene a grand jury.

providing assistance to Iran's missile program," Gary Samore, a special assistant to President Clinton told the

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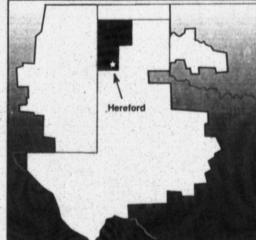
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BEST CHOICE

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 tranquillity 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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explanation for why his archives wound up below the Mason-Dixon

"South Carolina was more SUPER DAVE 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

The kidnappers 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

on Long Island, had a simple held more than four years. He now lectures and writes at Cambridge

University.

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, said that he got involved at the urging

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

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

unbeknownst to me, is morphing me of a friend whose daughter had the into different figures and characters, 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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Yard Sale: 813 S. Schley, Friday & Saturday, 8:30 till ???. Bit of everything.

Garage Sale: 302 Brevard, Friday & Saturday, 8:30 to 5:00. Clothing, shoes, mattress & miscellaneous.

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Saturday, April 18, 1998 at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall (Miles & 6th Avenue) 364-0771



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For Sale: 1995 GT Mustang, fully loaded, 26,000 miles, \$15,500.00. Call 364-5728.

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For Sale: 1995 Dodge Intrepid, 4 door, \$9,800. 364-6181 (day) or 364-0634 (night).

1976 Chevy 3/4 Ton Pickup, double cab needs work, \$500.00 OBO. Call 364-6394.

1978 Chevy 5/8 Ton Pickup, new paint. Must see to appreciate. Call 364-6394.

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9. CHILD CARE

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10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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-- 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

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The Board of Trustees of the Hereford Independent School District will receive sealed proposals on:

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CARPET PROPOSALS

are to be submitted to:

Terry Russell ssistant Superintendent

Support Senices Hereford Independent School District 601 N. 25 Mile Avenue Hereford, Texas 79045

Proposals will be received at the above address until 10:00 a.m. local time. May 6, 1998 at which time they will be publicly opened but not read (per Texas Education Agency section 3.2.3.2. Sealed bid Proposals). Negotiations with each bidder will be scheduled on an as need basis.

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> CARPET PROPOSALS Proposal Opening: May 6, 1998 10:00 a.m.

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For a copy of the proposal specification, please contact Terry Russell, Assistant Superintendent, for Support Services, Hereford Independent School District, Hereford,

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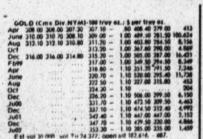
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Lawmaker rips Reno over Starr

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Justice Department has treated Kenneth Starr with "repeated and Democratic lawmaker charged today, adding that failure to resolve serious counsel may tarnish any report he officer said. submits to Congress.

Conyers, senior Democrat on the Gonzales said. House Judiary Committee, said in a counsel to investigate himself."

Conyers dispatched his letter a week after the Justice Department gave Starr the go-ahead to investigate foundation may have provided financial assistance to David Hale, a elections. 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.

Convers 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

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 iussue," he wrote.

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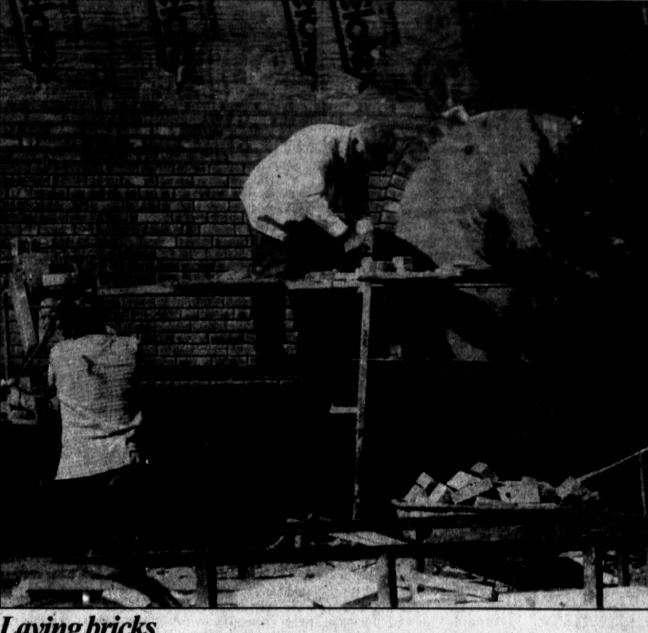
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said he was not aware of any money being given to Hale. But he and the magazine's foundation are conducting an audit to track \$1.7 million dedicated over four years to their "Arkansas Project," which was set up to dig up information on the

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 excessive permissiveness, a senior million registered voters bothered to cast ballots in the primary runoffs.

Maybe Texas holds too many allegations against the independent elections, the state's chief election

"The latest incident is truly decreasing election after election unprecedented," Michigan Rep. John after election," Secretary of State Al

"I think that anything that sharply worded letter to Attorney climinates the number of elections today. General Janet Reno. "Asking a and increases voter participation ... clearly-conflicted independent is something that we ought to look he said.

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

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

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 We are seeing the voter turnout so many elections?" Gonzales asked. Maybe they couldn't have been "First of all, it confuses voters. People don't understand how can I

have an election yesterday and now

be participating in another election "Secondly, it creates fatigue, and it dampens enthusiasm for volunteers

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.

Texas law schedules four "uniform election dates" at the local level who are involved in January, May, August and November - for elections. But the law also allows 10 reasons

"Maybe they were all necessary.

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

to hold other elections - including the March primaries and April runoffs that can add dates for balloting in some areas.

JOHN CUNNIFF Business Mirror

Tax freedom? Not so quick

NEW YORK (AP) - You have filed your tax and mailed your check, and the sense of relief is so great you're ready to shout "let freedom

Just a minute, please. "Tax Freedom Day" doesn't arrive until May 10. Until then, according to the folks who maintain the tax-freedom calendar, the average American will continue working just to pay federal, state and local taxes.

Or, perhaps, not pay taxes. Roughly 20 million Americans owe old tax bills to the federal government. And, considering they are probably paying interest and penalties too, their tax-freedom day is somewhere off in the future.

Taxes, as most people have become aware, take a bigger chunk of the ho isehold budget than food, clothing and shelter combined. And somehow, and in spite of much ballyhood tax cuts and rising incomes, the cut taken by taxes has been rising.

The Tax Foundation, creator and custodian of Tax Freedom Day, points out that in 1968, a leap year, the day of release was April 23. Thirty years later, more than two weeks have been added. The percent of taxes in relation to income was 31 percent back in 1968, but 35.4 percent, an all-time high, in 1998. Last year set the previous record, 35.2

According to the statisticians, this means that Americans commit two hours and 50 minutes of their eight-hour workday to financing Uncle Sam and all his nieces and nephews at the state and local level. Last year, the U.S. average was two hours and 49 minutes and 30 years ago it was two hours and 29 minutes.

As indicated, the time worked to ay taxes can't be blamed solely on Uncle Sam, nor solely on income

taxes. One hour and 55 minutes is accounted for by federal taxes, up two minutes from last year. And the total includes income, payroll, sales, property and other levies.

Complex reasons are offered for the seeming mystery of tax growth, but one aspect is easily explained. Tax increases, that is, are often hidden - at the gasoline pump, for example - but tax cuts are proclaimed to the heavens by the elected officials involved.

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 before the decade of the '80s was out 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.

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

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.

But regardless of your views, you may take satisfaction in the realization that despite the system's faults, your tax contributions purchase the best set of benefits of any nation in the world, today or yesterday.

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.

BURN BAN

From Page 1 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.

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

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

"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

"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

"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

trainload of napalm that triggered uproar over the napalm. protests when it was shipped by train halfway across the country is Memorial Institute, the primary

gasoline was being held in Kansas a storage place and for a company City today while the Navy searches that could properly handle the for a waste management company to sensitive cargo.

Piric, asked today if the Navy would it," said Robin Yocum, a spokesman send the train to the China Lake for Ohio-based Battelle. "We want Naval Weapons lesting Center, it to happen now. responded: "We've been working on way to see there is no danger to the some time, Yocum said.

public. includes China Lake, said the Navy wanted to send the train back to the state of California still need to napalm. 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

The military and Battelle apparently headed back to California. contractor on the recycling job, said The 12,000 gallons of jellied Wednesday they were searching for

"The ideal solution is to find Assistant Navy Secretary Robert somebody that could take it and treat

Finding a company with the proper that alternative, yes." In any event, pennits and approval from environmen-Pirie said, "We've gone out or our tal and health authorities might take

Maggie Wilde, a spokeswoman for Rep. Bill Thomas, whose district Laidlaw Environmental Services in Utah, said Wednesday her company has been approached and, with a California, but added, "The Navy and minor permit change, could burn the

> 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

WASHINGTON (AP) - A company backed out, citing public allow it to mix water with napalm before feeding it into its furnances.

'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

The shipment, transported by Burlington Northern/Santa Fe 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 signle flatbed car in it's 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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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. I 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 with Indonesian government officials Wednesday 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

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 bases, 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

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

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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