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GARRY MAURO
... Demo candidate

Mauro blasts pick for site of nuke dump

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- Garry Mauro,
Democratic gubernatorial candidate

SIERRA BLANCA (AP) - In a move that seems certain to earn him some accolades in West Texas, Democratic gubernatorial candidate Garry Mauro has taken a slap at a proposed radioactive dump - and Gov. George W. Bush.

Mauro visited the ranchland targeted for the state's low-level disposal site Wednesday and quickly denounced it as unsuitable.

"As governor, I will line-item veto any dollar appropriated for this facility," he said before reporters and anti-dump activists.

He blasted Bush for supporting the dump project and suggested the governor has changed positions on it depending on whether his audience supported or opposed the site.

"I am very clear in my opposition to this dump," Mauro said. "He says one thing in El Paso and another thing in Houston."

Bush has maintained that the dump will only be built if it proves safe for burying waste from Texas' utilities, universities and hospitals. A compact awaiting Congressional approval would also allow Maine and Vermont to ship its waste here.

"I am trying to determine to the best of our ability whether or not there is a potential compact," Bush said Wednesday. "If there is not a compact in place, we won't move forward. If there is a compact in place, then it depends on whether or not the site is safe as to whether or not we will move forward."

Both the facility and the compact have created dissent among the community and among political officials.

Mauro said he opposes the Sierra Blanca site, about 90 miles southeast of El Paso, for several reasons, including the possibility that leaks could contaminate groundwater.

"The impact of this facility goes far beyond a 477-acre ranch in Sierra Blanca," he said. "Only 18 miles from the Rio Grande, the potential for surface and groundwater contamination is simply too great to ignore."

Site official Joe Castro denied there was any danger. "Scientifically this has already been proven," said Castro, the field office supervisor.

Residents who were among a small group that welcomed Mauro weren't reassured, however.

"They cannot control the waste," said Darice McVay, whose parents own a ranch near the proposed site. "It has been proven in the past that every nuclear waste dump leaks. This one is no different."

Some in Congress thinking about a raise

WASHINGTON (AP) - Five months after lawmakers gave themselves a \$3,000 pay raise, leaders in the House are quietly gauging support among the rank-and-file for another, slightly larger increase to take effect on Jan. 1.

Speaker Newt Gingrich raised the subject of a cost-of-living increase at a recent meeting with Democratic leader Dick Gephardt and a small group of senior members of both parties, said several officials, speaking only on condition of anonymity.

These officials said Gingrich asked Gephardt about the prospects for any Democrats stirring up election-year controversy if the issue comes to the floor of the House. Gephardt said he'd have to discuss the issue with other members of his party.

As of late last week, Gephardt had not gotten back to the speaker to discuss the issue. The two men flew

together to Israel last Friday and it isn't known if the subject came up.

Congressional pay has been a contentious issue for years, and the current system of annual cost-of-living increases was created to reduce or remove the pressure on lawmakers to cast politically difficult votes on the subject.

Under a law passed in 1989, they are entitled to an increase equal to the base salary pay boost that federal employees receive, but are not entitled to an additional adjustment known as locality pay. Last year that was one-half percentage point.

The precise figures aren't yet known for the coming year, but President Clinton called for an overall increase of 3.1 percent in the budget he submitted. An increase of that size would give lawmakers a cost-of-living adjustment of \$4,237, and raise their pay to \$140,937.

An increase of 2.6 percent - minus half a point for locality pay - would amount to \$3,554, and leave most lawmakers with a salary of \$140,254.

The pay comes in addition to benefits that many other workers enjoy, such as health insurance and pensions, as well as special perks including free parking spots at the Reagan Washington National Airport a few minutes' drive from the Capitol.

Each year from 1993 until last year, lawmakers stopped their own cost-of-living increase by adding an amendment to that effect to a bill that provides money for the Treasury Department and other agencies.

A year ago, they allowed the legislation to go through without the provision disapproving their pay increase. The result was a raise of 2.3 percent, or \$3,072, that

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Photo by Becky Camp

The cover is off for summer at the Hereford Aquatic Center

Want to beat the heat? Aquatic Center's open

How do you beat the heat? Well, one good way to cool off is by going swimming -- something that in the water-challenged Panhandle isn't an especially easy thing to do.

Now, in other parts of Texas, like in East Texas, in the Hill Country or along the Gulf Coast, there're all kinds of creeks, rivers, ponds, bays, bayous, lagoons and gulfs for people to dive in and cool off.

In Hereford, Tierra Blanca Creek's been bone dry

for decades and there's no lake within easy walking, biking or skating distance, but there is the Aquatic Center.

And, it's open.

During this week, the center is observing an abbreviated schedule, with open swim set for 1-6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday; lap swims, 5-7 p.m. Friday; and water aerobics set for 8:30-9:15 a.m. Friday, and 6-6:45 p.m. and 7-7:45 p.m. today.

Starting June 1, the open swim times are 1-4 p.m. Monday-Friday and 1-6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

The lap swims will be 5-7 p.m. Monday-Friday and 6:30-8:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday, with water aerobics to be 8:30-9:15 a.m. and 5:15-6 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 6-6:45 p.m. and 7-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

For more information, call manager Shawn Gonzales at 363-7144.

U.S. economic growth is robust, not torrid

WASHINGTON (AP) - The U.S. economy expanded at a rapid 4.8 percent annual rate in the January-March period, but American corporations nevertheless suffered their second consecutive quarterly decline in profits.

The seasonally adjusted first-quarter increase in the gross domestic product was even better than last month's advance estimate of 4.2 percent, the Commerce Department said today.

The department said orders to factories for big-ticket durable goods expected to last three or more years shot up 2.6 percent in April, the biggest gain in five months.

Civilian aircraft orders surged 41 percent and orders for military goods jumped 52 percent. Excluding those two volatile sectors, orders slipped 0.2 percent.

Also, the Labor Department said the number of applications for unemployment benefits declined by 2,000 last week to 312,000. That's a level signaling strong demand for labor.

The chief reason for the GDP revision was a record increase in the inventories of unsold goods held on shelves and backlots. Without it, the economy would have grown at a 3.4 percent rate during the quarter, robust but not torrid.

The inventory increase could be a sign of trouble for the current quarter and beyond, particularly if consumer spending moderates from the first quarter's red-hot 6.1 percent rate, strongest in six years, and imports of foreign goods continue their rapid advance.

It would mean factories would need to curb production while inventories were sold off.

Corporate profits also sounded a sour note. They fell 2.2 percent from the previous quarter. That came on top of a 2.3 percent drop in the fourth quarter, worst in nearly four years.

Worries about a profit squeeze pushed the Dow Jones industrial average below 9,000 this week. It had hit a record high on May 13.

In addition to consumer spending, growth in the first quarter was driven by a 27.5 percent rise in business investment in new equipment, much of it computers. That was the largest gain in 141/2 years.

A housing boom, spurred by low mortgage rates, also contributed. Spending on residential construction soared at a 16.1 percent annual rate, best in nearly two years.

Detracting from growth during the period were a deterioration in the trade balance, a decline in government spending.



'THE' day is at hand

Most of them started way back in 1985 or 1986. They brought home Crayola pictures and little keepsakes made by their own two hands.

Along the way, there have been ups and downs, and sometimes the parents thought this day would never finally get here.

But at 7 p.m. Friday, 282 of Hereford's finest young people will walk across the stage and collect that long-awaited high school diploma.

Along the way, many of the students have collected kindergarten diplomas;

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THE SIXTIES: Moon walk, Super Bowl leading



WASHINGTON (AP) - With just a few days left to vote, the Moon walk and the start of the Super Bowl are the leading candidates for stamps celebrating the 1960s.

The U.S. Postal Service plans to issue 15 stamps commemorating that decade in its Celebrate the Century series. Voting on stamp topics is open until May 30.

It's the second set of commemoratives open for voting. Later, Americans will be asked to select stamps of the 1970s, '80s and '90s.

The current front-runner among the 1960s stamp topics is "Man Walks on Moon," the Postal Service reported Wednesday.

The beginning of the Super Bowl was in second place, followed by the Peace Symbol, the Beatles and the Ford Mustang.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream"

speech was in sixth place in the voting, with the Vietnam War next followed by the Green Bay Packers football team, Roger Maris breaking the home run record and the development of the computer chip in tenth place.

Rounding out the 15 leading vote-getters as of May 20 were the Woodstock music festival, development of lasers, the "Star Trek" television show, increased environmental awareness and the Motown sound.

Other subjects could replace some of these on the final list, depending on voting in the last few days.

Ballots are cast in five subject areas: people and events; science and technology; arts and entertainment; sports, and lifestyle.

Ballots are available at post offices across the country or can be cast via the Internet at <http://stampvote.msn.com>.



This week the post office is issuing commemorative stamps recalling the 1920s. Those topics, like all the sets for the first half of the century, were selected by postal officials.

The 1920s subjects are baseball star Babe Ruth, the novel "The Great Gatsby," enforcement of Prohibition, electric toy trains, the 19th amendment guaranteeing women's right to vote, etiquette arbiter Emily Post, anthropologist Margaret Mead, and flappers do the Charleston.

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Lifestyles

Xi Epsilon holds year-end meeting

"A Taste of Italy" was the theme that greeted members and guests of Xi Epsilon Alpha chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority during the final meeting of the club year recently. The event was held at the Westway Country Kitchen.

The cafe was decorated in an Italian restaurant motif as lighted candles set in wax-dripped wine bottles, red and white checkered tablecloths, and decorative fruit and bread were featured while music from "The Godfather" played. The cafe served salad, lasagna, breadsticks and a choice of desserts.

Guests recognized included Stacy Urbanczyk; Linda Arellano's daughter, Tara, and her toddler; and the chapter's adopted sister, Billie

Brown. Brown was surprised by a presentation of a scrapbook, in which ever member created a page telling about herself.

In other presentations, vice president Kim Hollingsworth presented the chapter's gift to president Diane Kreig for a "job well done." Scrapbook chairman Melinda Henson presented Kreig with a scrapbook detailing the past year.

Kreig announced that the chapter had selected the visit by Ricky the Drug Dog, hosted by Shelley Lewis, as the best program of the year.

Identities of Secret Sisters were revealed as gifts were exchanged then a drawing for new Sister Sisters was held.

Members voted to make club donations of \$250 each to the Deaf

Smith County chapter of the American Red Cross and to the Hereford Women's and Children's Crisis Center.

Prior to adjournment, incoming president Connie Matthews distributed new committee assignments.

Members in attendance were Holy Bixler, Sharon Bodner, Deann Harris, Peggy Hyer, Gaye Reily, Susan Shaw, Pattie Urbanczyk, Melinda Whitfill, Kay Williams, Arellano, Kreig, Henson, Hollingsworth, Matthews and Lewis.

Hereford has a number of excellent retail stores who make every effort to fill your needs or services. Shop at home with the local folks. They help support your church, your kids, your entire community.



A bridal shower honoring Christy Mayer Flemmons, bride of Jimmy Flemmons, was held Saturday in FirstBank Southwest. Greeting guests were, from left, Virginia Mayer, mother of the bride; the honoree; Dana Moreno, sister of the groom; Lucille Flemmons, grandmother of the groom; and Sharon Flemmons, mother of the groom.

Flemmons' bride is shower honoree

Christy Mayer Flemmons, bride of Jimmy Flemmons, was honored with a bridal shower Saturday in FirstBank Southwest.

The couple was wed Feb. 28.

Greeting guests with the honoree were Virginia Mayer, mother of the bride; Sharon Flemmons, mother of

the groom; Lucille Flemmons, grandmother of the groom; and Dana Moreno, sister of the groom.

Refreshments of quiche, sausage balls, fruit plate, nut breads and virgin champagne punch were served.

The serving table was centered with a spring floral arrangement and

accented with appointments in spring colors.

A blender, mixer and vacuum cleaner were gifts from hostesses Jean Cobb, Martha Jones, Janet Coleman, Leanna Messner, Anna Solomon, Mary Carter, Renee Huckert and Kay Rhodes.

Fisher selected as recipient of Scouts' Silver Buffalo Award

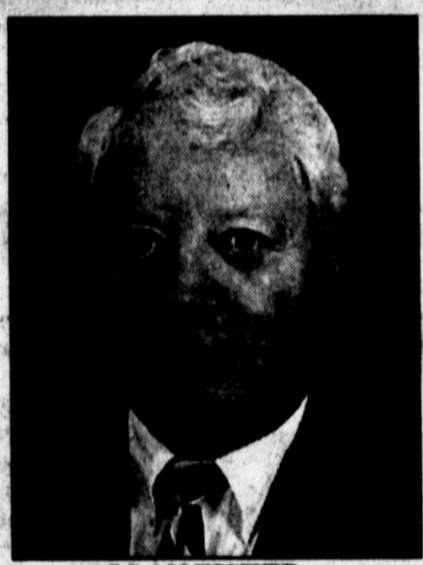
Allan D. Fisher of Visalia, Ca., brother of the late Wes Fisher of Hereford, has been selected to receive the Silver Buffalo Award - the Boy Scouts of America highest recognition for outstanding service to youth of the nation.

Pat Fisher of Hereford was recently notified of the honor to be given her brother-in-law. The award will be presented at the BSA National Council's annual meeting in San Antonio Friday.

Created in 1925, the Silver Buffalo Award is bestowed upon those who give noteworthy service to youth on a national level. The service must be national in character and may be directly connected with the Boy Scouts of America or independent of the movement.

Fisher, 63, is chairman of the board of Mission Medical Enterprises, a company which owns and operates nursing and rehabilitation hospitals in the Central Valley of California. He currently serves on the National Advisory Board of BSA.

In addition, he serves on the National Council Services committee and the National Council committee on Professional Development. He is a member of the BSA Western Region executive board, and served as vice chairman of the National Operations Committee for the 1997



ALLAN FISHER

National Jamboree.

He already holds both the Silver Beaver and Silver Antelope awards. Starting as a Cub Scout, Fisher has been involved with BSA for 39 years.

Fisher is a member of the Commonwealth Club, the Marine Club and the World Trade Club, all of San Francisco. He is an active member of the United Methodist Church. He has served on numerous boards involved in the health care industry.

Fisher and his wife, Sharon Ann, have a son, Mark, 35, and a daughter, Karen, 34.

New Arrivals

Keith and Karen Hacker announce the birth of twins on May 25 in Hereford Regional Medical Center.

A son, Kievan Andrew, weighed 5 pounds, 14 ounces and measured 21-1/4 inches.

A daughter, Kaitlyn Grace, weighed 5 pounds, 14-1/2 ounces and measured 19-1/4 inches.

Grandparents are Jean and Shorty Maxwell of Hereford, David Wright of Florida, and Gwen and Morris Hacker of Hereford.

Great-grandparents are Allen and Eunice Wright of Cleveland, Wis.

Hospital Notes

Patients in Hereford Regional Medical Center on May 28:

Lilia G. Arredondo, Roy E. Barringer, Raymond Bean, Peggy G. King, Andres Leal, Jessica Monzon, Lupita Pesina and infant girl Pesina, Alverna T. Schacher, Erika Salgado, Dennis J. Wosnitzky.

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 Dear Heloise: While shopping for vegetables, I found that the misted ones were always dripping with water and I needed a towel after making my selection.

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Walcott awards

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Dear Ann Landers: I married "Eddie" last November. A few years ago, Eddie and his then-roommate embarked on a real estate venture. They purchased two duplexes, for a total of four apartments, and rented them out.

Six months before our wedding, my apartment lease expired. Eddie and I moved into his last available rental unit because he didn't want to pay rent to someone else. I contribute half of all the expenses.

The apartment is a tiny one bedroom. There is a washer and dryer in the basement, but my husband and his business partner will not let me use them since the electricity is hooked up to the other tenants' apartments. There are four carpets, but I am not permitted to use any of them.

Our kitchen is so tiny, I have to stack food on the floor of our pantry. Our duplex has only one hot water tank. If the downstairs tenant takes a bath in the morning or does laundry, there are no hot showers for us. The apartment is freezing in winter and ungodly hot in the summer. Our counter space is so limited, I have to keep my toaster, blender and microwave on a roller cart. The crime rate in this neighborhood is so bad that Eddie's business partner and his new wife will not live in one of the units.

I recently found out I am pregnant. Eddie is ecstatic. I am trying to be happy, but life is hard enough without adding another human body to this hole in the wall. Eddie has no plans to move after the baby arrives. He says that our storage space is big enough to put in a crib and that I can sell whatever is stored in there now.

We both have good jobs and enough money saved to buy a house,

but Eddie refuses. I am willing to compromise, Ann. I have agreed to stay in the duplex for another couple of years, but I want to rent a different unit. The other three are much larger. Eddie says I am being completely unreasonable.

My husband is a very kind and loving man and has always wanted children. I love him and don't want to fight, but I feel he is putting his business venture before the needs of his family. I really need your help, Ann. What should I do? -- Distracted in Rochester

Dear Distracted: You say your husband is "a very kind and loving man," but his refusal to allow you, his pregnant wife, to move from that "hole in the wall" into a decent apartment, which you can well afford, does not sound very kind and loving to me.

I urge you to assert yourself and insist on one of the larger units immediately. Hang tough. No compromising. If you allow Eddie to win this battle, resign yourself to being told what to do and what you can spend forevermore.

Dear Ann Landers: My 40-year-old daughter, "Maureen," was recently divorced from her husband,

who cheated on her shamelessly. She and her sister, "Joan," came to dinner last week. Suddenly, Maureen got up from the table and snatched a photo of herself and her ex-husband off the wall where it had hung for a long time. She demanded that I get the scissors and cut him out of the picture. I refused.

After Maureen left, Joan said I was wrong to refuse Maureen's request. Was I? If you think I was out of line, I'll apologize. -- Winter Haven, Fla.

Dear Winter Haven: Hold the mea culpa. Maureen had no business snatching that picture off the wall and demanding that you destroy it. It sounds as if your daughter needs lessons in temper control. It would be diplomatic of you, however, to take that picture off the wall and put it in an album.

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Area Events

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The 13th annual Palo Duro Cowboy Camp Meeting will be held June 4-7 on the George 'Punk' Jackson Ranch in Palo Duro Canyon, 7 miles west of Spearman and 8 miles east of Gruver at Old Hansford, on Highway 15.

The guest speaker for the meeting will be Tom Nelson, Denton Bible Church, Denton. The music will be directed by Geary Brodgon of Houston. Youth minister will be Leann Shields of Spearman.

The Ranchmen Camp Meetings which are held throughout the Southwest are a Christian camping experience for all ages.

For more information call Les Barkley at 806-733-2776.

NOCONA

The sounds of Leon Rausch and "Bob Wills' Texas Playboys" will highlight the Chisholm Trail Western Swing Weekend June 4-6 in Nocona.

There will be three nights of western swing music in an event coordinated by the North Montague County Museum.

Gary P. Nunn will perform in the Benton Amphitheatre at 8 p.m. Thursday, June 4.

Don Walser and his Pure Texas Band will perform at 8 p.m. Friday,

June 5. Advance tickets for the Thursday and Friday concerts are \$8.

On Saturday, Dr. Charles R. 'Bud' Townsend, a native of Nocona and Wills' Grammy-award-winning biographer, will be honored with a special parade and free concert.

A full day's worth of activities are planned by the Nocona Chamber of Commerce for that day.

For tickets or additional information, contact the North Montague County Historical Society and Museum, 201 Clay Street, Nocona, Texas 76255.

DIMMITT

Dimmitt's 11th annual City-Wide Garage Sale will start at 8 a.m. on Saturday, June 6.

Free maps and garage sale listings will be available at the stoplight by the courthouse square and in the parking lots at Dimmitt Market and Thriftway beginning at 7 a.m.

For information, call the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce at 806-647-2524.

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Sports

Foursome shoots 29 to win scramble

From staff reports
The foursome of Craig Nieman, Lewis McDaniel, Freddie Gamboa and Jerry Shipman shot a 29 over nine holes to win the Wednesday Night Scramble at John Pitman Municipal Golf Course.

Two foursomes tied for second with scores of 31. Pete Rodriguez, Richard Saucedo, Armando Torres and Lillie Shipman made up one group to shoot 31. The other foursome was Linda Stevens, N.D. Kelso, D.J. Wagner and Dewayne Robbins.

Stars got nasty, got even in Game 2

By HARRY ATKINS
AP Sports Writer
DETROIT -- Sergei Fedorov got sandwiched by Pat Verbeek and Jamie Langenbrunner. Steve Yzerman was blindsided by Derian Hatcher. Kirk Maltby had to pry Craig Ludwig's fingers off his throat.

What was going on?
Easy. It was just the Dallas Stars getting a little nasty, and getting even with the Detroit Red Wings in the Western Conference finals.

After losing 2-0 in Game 1, the Stars rebounded with a vengeance for a 3-1 win in Game 2. Coach Ken Hitchcock said the Red Wings can expect more of the same when the best-of-7 series resumes Friday night at Joe Louis Arena.

"Getting the energy back, that's our personality and we have to play that way," Hitchcock said. "It's a little bizarre, but we have fun doing it."

The Stars, who had the NHL's best record during the regular season, can afford to live dangerously. Especially against Detroit. The Red Wings have scored on only 14 of 92 power-play opportunities during the playoffs.

That means the Stars can turn loose Hatcher, Ludwig and Richard Matvichuk without much fear. Even if they are penalized, chances of the defending Stanley Cup champions scoring with a man-advantage are slim.

"I think Matvichuk, Hatcher and Ludwig are one of the biggest keys to our group," Hitchcock said. "I think the nastier and harder Derian plays, the uglier that group of three plays, the better it is for us."

"We are prepared to pay the price sometimes with penalties," Hatcher has been especially nasty. In the first game, the hulking 225-pounder slammed Detroit forward Doug Brown into the boards, bruising his shoulder. Brown, who missed the Red Wings' first 11 games with a separated shoulder, sat out Game 2 at Dallas.

In the second game, Hatcher made repeated runs at Yzerman, who has been Detroit's best player during the playoffs. Still, the Red

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ALL TIED IN A KNOT

Ropers brought together by parents' wedding

By BOB VARMETTE
Sports Writer
The best thing that ever happened to the team roping tandem of Pecos Alford and Kip Kendrick took place nearly a decade ago. It was the marriage of Early and Millie Alford, and it brought together the two Hereford High School cowboys. Now almost 10 years later, the stepbrothers are reaping the benefits of years of living under the same roof.

"We know each other pretty well," Alford said. "When I rope with another partner, it's a little bit difficult to learn what he does from what Kip does."

Although Alford, a senior, and Kendrick, a sophomore, have only roped together competitively since Fall 1996, they've been practicing together for almost eight years. And because they live in the same household, they get plenty of opportunities.

"We practice almost every day," Kendrick said. "We know what we can do together."

Alford and Kendrick spend four days a week practicing, up to four hours each day. And that's just time in the arena. Each spends additional hours practicing on dummies and sawhorses to get their roping down.

All that time spent together has paid off. The two are now headed for the Tri-State High School Rodeo Association Finals in Childress. The finals begin Friday and will run through Sunday.

Kendrick and Alford lead the Tri-State Team Roping standings. Kendrick heads to Childress with 102 points as a header and Alford qualified for the finals with 114 points as a heeler.

This will be the last Tri-State final for Alford, who's earned a



Pecos Alford (left) and Kip Kendrick compete at the 1997 Texas High School Rodeo Association Finals in Abilene. Photo by Dudley Barker

rodeo scholarship to rope in college at Mesa Technical College in Tucumcari, N.M. Mesa will compete in National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association rodeos beginning in the fall.

"This is pretty much where we split up and go our different ways," said Kendrick, who wants to send Alford off to college on a winning note. "All we can do (at Childress) is try to get all three of them down. If we can do that... we've got a pretty good chance."

With first names like Kip and Pecos, it seemed a pretty sure bet the pair would end up in rodeo. But neither was pushed into the sport by their parents, although both Early, Alford's father, and Millie, Kendrick's mother, have rodeo backgrounds.

"We pretty much did it on our own," Kendrick said about the pair's decision to begin practicing together, "just to get started. We wanted to get better than find other people to rope with."

And both Alford and Kendrick have partnered with other ropers. TSHSRA rodeos allow team ropers to enter events with two different

partners.

Both also compete in Texas High School Rodeo Association competitions and United States Team Roping Roping Championships events. In the past, Alford and Kendrick also participated in High Plains Junior Rodeo Association and American Junior Rodeo Association roping events.

Alford and Kendrick have used several other partners, but have found the most success with each other. Although both could choose an additional partner in Childress, they've decided if they're going to win the TSHSRA team roping title, they'll win it together.

In this case, familiarity has bred respect. "Kip ropes a little bit different than some other guys," Alford said. "I think he uses his head more.... He's real calming because I know what he's going to do compared to other people who I don't know what they're going to do. He's just real smart about what he does really."

Back at you from Kendrick. "The header has got more things he's got to worry about,"

Kendrick said. "But heeling, it's tougher to rope so many in a row by two feet. It takes a lot more practice than heading does."

The skills for a header and heeler are different. So while Alford and Kendrick are practicing together, they're also practicing individually, focusing upon the aspects inherent to each role.

"Timing, how you throw your rope, your position of your horse -- all those things are really involved in how you're going to rope the steer," Alford said about heeling.

As the header, Kendrick is the set-up man of the pair. And that means his primary concern is handling cattle.

"Roping the horns is probably another skill -- getting it to where I don't miss," he said, "but the real definition of heading is handling cattle. It's not just roping horns, because if you can't handle cattle, you're not going to do well."

"It's like what I was saying," Alford jumped in. "I think Kip ropes a lot better than a lot of other people, he handles the cattle. He

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AL All-Star Voting

NEW YORK (AP) -- American League voting for the 50th All-Star Game, to be played Tuesday, July 7 at Colorado:

First Basemen
1. Will Clark, Texas, 26,016. 2. David Segui, Seattle, 14,474. 3. Fred McGriff, Tampa Bay, 9,957.

Second Basemen
1. Mark McLemore, Texas, 26,189. 2. Joey Cora, Seattle, 16,396. 3. Chuck Knoblauch, New York, 14,721.

Third Basemen
1. Cal Ripken, Baltimore, 39,977. 2. Fernando Tatis, Texas, 15,897. 3. Dean Palmer, Kansas City, 8,300.

Shortstops
1. Alex Rodriguez, Seattle, 25,485. 2. Kevin Elster, Texas, 24,061. 3. Nomar Garciaparra, Boston, 11,424.

Outfielders
1. Ken Griffey Jr., Seattle, 49,455. 2. Juan Gonzalez, Texas, 37,237. 3. Rusty Greer, Texas, 26,315. 4. Kenny Lofton, Cleveland, 18,070. 5. Tom Gooden, Texas, 17,350.

Catchers
1. Ivan Rodriguez, Texas, 48,877. 2. Sandy Alomar, Cleveland, 17,225. 3. Dan Wilson, Seattle, 14,390.

Minnesota guns down Rangers, 6-5

ARLINGTON (AP) -- Todd Walker says he has learned from his rookie mistakes, and the Minnesota Twins second baseman points to his current .372 batting average as proof.

Walker went 4-for-4 and hit a tiebreaking home run in the seventh inning as the Twins won their fourth straight game, 6-5 Wednesday over the Texas Rangers.

"In life you learn from your failures, and that's true in baseball," said Walker, who hit .194 in his first 108 at-bats as a rookie in 1997. "You talk to most successful people and they had to go through trying times before succeeding. I chalk up last year as a learning experience."

Walker also is feeling more comfortable in the field. Last season

he tried to play third base because of the presence of Chuck Knoblauch, and was awful at the position.

When Knoblauch was traded to the New York Yankees in February, Walker moved to his natural position of second base.

"He's getting better in the field," Twins manager Tom Kelly said. "If he keeps working at it, he will get better. He's swinging the bat real well. His hitting has improved since last year."

Walker hit a solo homer with two outs in the seventh on a fastball from Xavier Hernandez (1-1) for a 6-5 lead. He also tripled, drove in two runs in his second career four-hit game, and needed a double to hit for the cycle.

"That didn't even concern me," Walker said. "To come here and win two games from a great team that's beat up on us in the past is a great feeling."

Walker had a contingent of 50 family and friends at The Ballpark in Arlington, and he had 150 at that park for Monday's opener of the two-game series. Walker grew up in Bossier City, La., 2 1/2 hours east of Arlington.

Minnesota matched its longest winning streak of the season. Texas lost its third in a row.

Mike Trombley (2-2) pitched two innings of one-hit relief for the victory. Rick Aguilera worked the ninth against the heart of the Rangers lineup for his ninth save.

After Juan Gonzalez hit a two-out bloop double, Aguilera retired Will Clark on an easy grounder for game's final out.

"That was a tough task," said Aguilera, who has four blown saves this season. "You can't take anyone in their lineup lightly."

Gonzalez singled home a run in the fifth, giving him a major league-leading 62 RBI.

Gonzalez was playing in his 1,000th game. With 852 RBI, he has the seventh-highest total for 1,000 games in major league history. Hank Greenberg is the leader with 961 RBI in his first 1,000 games. Rusty Greer had three hits and drove in three runs for the Rangers.

NOTHING IN COMMON

Young NASCAR stars depart from 'shine-running' history of sport

By MIKE HARRIS
AP Motorsports Writer
The late Curtis Turner liked to say that stock-car racing never would have started if the federal government hadn't chosen to tax moonshine.

It's well documented that Turner and many of the pioneer drivers of NASCAR built their first fast cars to outrun revenue agents while hauling white lightning.

But that was 50 years ago. Back then, the fledgling sport existed mostly for the entertainment of good ol' boys in the southeastern United States. The drivers were hard-driving, hard-

drinking, hard-playing men from the farm or the service station. Quite often, the spectators were the same.

Now, NASCAR is a billion-dollar business, full of glitz, race tracks with luxury suites and drivers with razor-cut hair. From the spectacular growth curve, it seems to appeal to just about everyone.

The new young stars of the sport bear little resemblance to those of a half-century ago. But they do have one thing in common -- the desire to race door-to-door and win.

The biggest star in the sport right now is Jeff Gordon, 26 years



Nadeau



Petty

old and already a winner of 32 races and two Winston Cup championships. Gordon, born in California, moved to Indiana as a teen-ager to drive race cars in the Midwest without a license.

John Bickford, his stepfather and the man who oversaw his climb from go-karts to Winston Cup, took Gordon to the track the first time, but it was the boy who wanted to go back.

"When he was 9, he'd been racing karts for four years, and I thought he was getting a little burned out," Bickford said. "I told him to take the summer off, play with his friends and we'd see about racing."

After two months of riding bicycles, swimming and just playing around, Gordon knew what he wanted. "He said, 'Let's go racing,'" Bickford recalled. "He hasn't

stopped since. That story is a fairly common among the young guns now challenging the established Winston Cup stars.

Of course, one path to the big time is through family. Among the hot prospects in the Busch Series are third-generation drivers Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Jason Jarrett, son of Dale Jarrett.

Coming soon are others -- Terry Labonte's son, Justin, Kyle Petty's son, Adam, and Sterling Marlin's son, Steadman -- all racing now at lower levels.

"This has always been a family business," said Kyle Petty, who followed his father, Richard, and

his grandfather, Lee, to the NASCAR ovals. "I can't remember a time when it wasn't part of my life, and my daddy says the same thing."

"I wouldn't be encouraging my son to be part of it if I didn't believe it was a decent and worthwhile way to make a living."

Like Gordon, Tony Stewart is coming to stock cars by way of midwestern short tracks and open-wheel cars.

The 27-year-old Indiana native is the only driver to win titles in all three of the U.S. Auto Club's top divisions -- Silver-Cup, Sprint, and midget -- in the same year.

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HHS to conduct summer camps

Hereford High School will conduct eight summer sports camps in June and July, according to recent releases from the Hereford Independent School District athletic departments.

The football camp will be June 1-4 and cost \$25. The session for incoming fourth-through sixth-grade students will be from 9 a.m. to Noon each day. The session for incoming seventh-through ninth-grade students will be from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

Students who sign up for football will receive T-shirts. Students may wear either tennis shoes or cleats.

For information on registration times, please call Craig Yenzer at 363-7626.

The boys basketball camp is scheduled for June 8-11 and the cost will be \$25. The sessions for incoming third- through fifth-grade students will be from 9 a.m. to Noon daily. The session for incoming sixth-through ninth-grade students will be from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

For more information, please call Randy Dean at 363-7634.

The baseball camp will be June 15-17 and the cost will be \$25. The sessions for incoming fourth- through sixth-grade students will be from 9 a.m. to Noon daily. The session for incoming seventh- through ninth-grade students will be from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

For information on registration times, please call Pete Rodriguez at 363-7626.

The golf camp is scheduled for June 15-19; cost will be \$75. There will be one session for incoming third- through eighth-grade students from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily.

For more information, please contact Stacey Bixler.

Discounts are available for multiple-camp attendance and multiple-child attendance. Contact the Hereford High School boys athletic department for details.

According to Yenzer, parents can

register children for all camps at football registration. Registration will be set up outside the Field House.

Yenzer said parents may also arrive for registration earlier than 9 a.m. Coaches will be on hand to assist parents. Details on other camps may be obtained at that time.

A softball camp will be conducted by coach Jack Fox June 15-20 at a cost of \$20. One session will be conducted for incoming fourth-through ninth-grade students from 9 a.m. to Noon each day.

For more information, contact Fox at 289-5278 or 363-7633.

The tennis camp will be conducted in two sessions June 22-28; the cost will be \$25. The session for elementary students will be from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. daily. The session for junior high and high school students will be from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

For more information, please contact Ed Coplen at 364-6969 or 363-7633.

A camp for girls basketball will be conducted in two sessions June 29-July 2. The cost will be \$25.

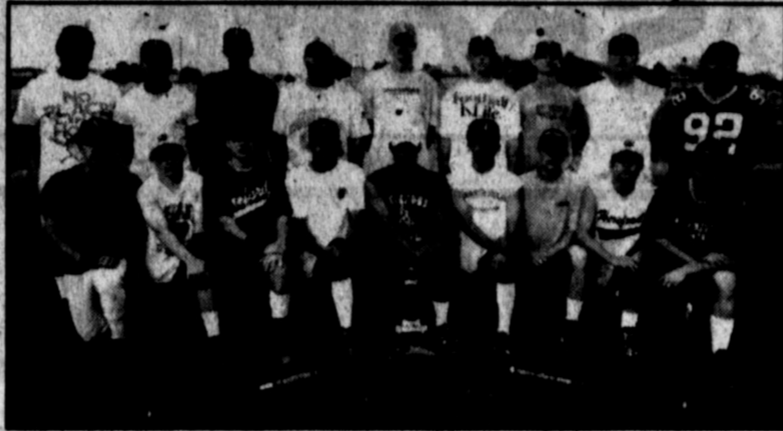
A session for incoming fourth-through sixth-grade students will be from 9 a.m. to Noon each day. Another session for incoming seventh- through ninth-grade students will be from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

For more information, please contact Key Harrison at 364-0187 or 363-7633.

The volleyball camp will be on session for incoming fourth-through ninth-grade students July 13-17. Cost will be \$30. The session will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

For more information, please call Brenda Kitten at 364-9147 or 363-7633.

Discounts for multiple-camp attendance and multiple-child attendance are available. For more information, please contact the Hereford High School girls athletic department.



Tournament winners

The Hereford Stars won a five-game, round-robin baseball tournament in Amarillo Saturday and Sunday by going undefeated. The Stars are (left to right), back row, head coach Johnny Dan Alaniz, Jeremy Gonzales, Hector Zambrano, Joseph Valdez, Brady Daniel, Seth Pietsek, Landon Noland, Corey Ortiz and assistant coach Manuel Carrizales; front row, Kyle Artho, Jacob Davis, J.P. Holman, George Castillo, Andrew Ramirez, Eddie Lacey, Richard Salinas and Craig Campbell. Not pictured is Ram Zambrano.

Ropers

makes it to where I can rope them a whole lot easier."

That means Kendrick must be constantly aware of where Alford is, where the animal is and how fast it's moving. Experience and adaptability make for useful characteristics in a header.

"It makes you a little nervous when you don't know what they're going to do," Kendrick said. "But you just go out there and rope them like we would our own, set them up like that."

Alford agreed.

"That's common," he said.

"Everywhere you go, you don't never know what they're going to do until you watch them a little bit."

"You never know what one's going to do. One time he might just run out there and be the prettiest steer you've ever seen, and just hop real pretty, and just kind of be saying, 'Rope me, rope me.' Next time, he might just fall down out there."

Header and heeler must function together as a team, and having all the time to practice together is a

benefit. But there are two other members of the team who must also be on the same page of the playbook -- the horses.

"They're real important," Kendrick said. "I'd say we've got the best horses around here, but that's my opinion. . . ."

And you just don't go out and buy any old horse for roping.

"A horse costs a lot of money," Alford said. "They're not like you just go out and buy one."

Alford and Kendrick said a good horse could run around \$5,000. Alford currently rides Roany, a six-year-old he's had for four years. Kendrick has Ralph, a 10-year-old he's had for six years.

Horses, like the team ropers who ride them, improve with experience and practice.

"They've been roped on before," Kendrick said. "But we have to adjust them to what we do."

"Mine can read my mind," Alford said. "He knows what I'm going to do before I'm even fixin' to do it."

NASCAR

Since then, he has moved up to the Indy Racing League, where he won the series championship in 1997, and the Busch Series, where he drives for Joe Gibbs Racing.

The plan is for Stewart to move into Winston Cup next year as Bobby Labonte's teammate. His path to the big time has a familiar ring, starting with a child's car in the back yard.

"My mom was so furious at the amount of yard that I tore up. It was 'Something's got to go.' So we got a racing cart and started in that," Stewart said. "I guess I was 8 years old."

"At that age, you don't know anything about what you want to do, but I was just having fun doing it. I didn't mind giving up things to do that. I didn't go hang out with my friends on the weekends -- I went racing. That was fine with me."

Jeremy Mayfield, a 28-year-old who stands second in the Winston Cup standings, heard the siren song of stock cars from his home-

town of Owensboro, Ky.

"My uncle and my dad kind of messed with racing some, and I hung around them some," Mayfield said. "But I don't know if that's what got me thinking about it or not. All I can tell you is as long as I can remember, I've wanted to drive stock cars and be in Winston Cup racing."

Rookie Jerry Nadeau took another route to the top.

The 27-year-old from Danbury, Conn., came by way of the Skip Barber Racing School in Sears Point, Calif., the Formula Opal series in Europe and IMSA's sports-car endurance series.

"I guess you can say it wasn't a traditional stock-car background," Nadeau said. "But it is a racing background."

"Originally, I figured I would wind up in Indy-car racing in the Indianapolis 500. But, the road took me to NASCAR and the Daytona 500, and I couldn't be happier."

Cardinals edge Colorado, 2-1

ST. LOUIS (AP) -- Todd Stottlemire outpitched Darryl Kile and the St. Louis Cardinals, despite ending their streak of 17 straight games with a home run, beat the Colorado Rockies 2-1 Wednesday night.

Stottlemire (6-4) blanked the

Rockies on three singles until the ninth, when Todd Helton hit his sixth home run with one out. Jeff Reed followed with a single, and Jeff Brantley relieved for his eighth save.

Kile (5-6) gave up only four hits in seven innings, all singles.

UP TO PAR

(This week's local Highlights and Golf activities)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCRAMBLE

The foursome of Craig Nieman, Lewis McDaniel, Freddie Gamboa and Jerry Shipman shot a 29 over nine holes to win the Wednesday Night Scramble at John Pitman Municipal Course.

Two foursomes tied for second with score of 31. Pate Rodriguez, Richard Saucedo, Armando Torres and Lillie Shipman made up one group to shoot 31. The other foursome was Linda Stevens, N.D. Kelso, D.J. Wagner and Dewayne Robbins.

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Reservations are taken for a specific park location on a first come, first served basis. Reservations must be made in person at the City Hall.

CITY OF HEREFORD

Stars

Wings' captain had no complaints. "They played with physical intensity," Yzerman said. "That's the way playoff hockey should be played."

But what about Ludwig's attack on Maltby?

Shortly after Vyacheslav Kozlov had scored, cutting Dallas' lead to 2-1 in the second period of Game 2, Ludwig whacked Maltby behind the net. But he wasn't finished. Ludwig grabbed Maltby's neck, dug his fingers into the flesh, tossed him to the ice and punched him repeatedly.

Maltby took the pounding.

looking all the while at referee Rob Shick. That gave the Red Wings a four-minute power play, but they couldn't take advantage.

"No one wants to take penalties, but you know you're going to get some penalties," Dallas forward Guy Carbonneau said.

The Red Wings, bidding to become the first team since 1992 to repeat as Stanley Cup champions, could take solace in the fact that the next two games will be at home. But they won't.

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Clinton to Starr: Take a hike

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton is turning down invitations to testify in the Monica Lewinsky investigation, but a judge says prosecutors' interests are important enough to compel two aides to answer questions despite a valid claim of executive privilege.

"If there were instructions from the president to obstruct justice or efforts to suborn perjury, such actions likely took the form of conversations involving the president's closest advisors," U.S. District Judge Norma Holloway Johnson said in declaring that Clinton confidant Bruce Lindsey and presidential adviser Sidney Blumenthal must testify in the Lewinsky probe.

The judge, in a 34-page decision made public Wednesday, concluded that a president's conversations with aides about an investigation of private conduct can be covered by executive privilege, including discussions involving Hillary Rodham Clinton.

"The president does need to address personal matters in the context of his official decisions," the judge wrote.

Even if the conversations are covered by executive privilege, Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr proved that his need for the information was greater, Johnson

wrote.

Prosecutors continued to press ahead with their investigation, summoning presidential friend Vernon Jordan for a third round of testimony before the grand jury in Washington. Jordan, who helped Ms. Lewinsky find a lawyer and a job, entered the courthouse without comment. He gave two days of testimony in April and for one day in May.

Johnson's decision earlier this month, which was not issued publicly, had been known, and Wednesday's document release detailed her thinking.

Clinton, who just four months ago vowed to present the facts in the Lewinsky matter, saying it was not sexual, has declined as many as four or five invitations since February from Whitewater prosecutors to testify in the investigation, The Associated Press has learned.

Johnson's ruling was released as it was revealed that Ms. Lewinsky's lawyer, William Ginsburg, wrote an open letter to California Lawyer, a legal journal, saying Starr should be fired and that, at best, his case involved a consensual sexual relationship between Clinton and the former White House intern.

New lottery game to debut

AUSTIN (AP) - With sales slumping, the Texas Lottery is breaking out "Texas Million," a new numbers game that has its first drawing Friday night.

Texas Million, which will be drawn weekly and costs \$2 per ticket, increases players' odds of winning big cash prizes, lottery officials say.

The top prize is \$1 million, and players have a 1 in 3.9 million chance of winning that, as opposed to the 1 in 15.8 million odds players have in winning Lotto Texas jackpots.

The overall odds of winning any prize in Texas Million are 1 in 20. Prizes awarded in the game start at \$10, then increase to \$300, \$10,000, \$25,000 and \$1 million.

"We spent about two years working on this game," said Pam Udall, the lottery's on-line product manager. "Our players say they like the game because they have multiple ways to win on one ticket, that they can play for a \$1 million cash prize and that the odds were only

1 in 3.9 million."

The dynamics of the game may take some getting used to, however.

The game ticket, which is similar to those used for Lotto Texas, Cash 5 and Pick 3, is divided into three categories.

The top section is for the \$1 million prize. The second section is for a top prize of \$25,000; and a third is for a \$10,000 prize.

Players choose or Quick Pick four numbers from 0 to 99 to win \$1 million.

They also receive six additional sets of four numbers that are automatically generated. Two sets of those numbers are in the \$25,000 category, while the other four sets are in the \$10,000 category.

Match all four numbers in the top section and win \$1 million. Match all four numbers in the second section and win \$25,000. Match all four in the third section and win \$10,000.

GOP activist, poultry exec to testify on hogs

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) - Two witnesses who defied state election officials by refusing to attend a hearing into political influence-peddling agreed to testify after they were told they would be arrested.

Republican activist Doug Boykin agreed to testify before the State Board of Elections today, and poultry company owner Marvin Johnson said he would appear Friday.

Boykin was found by State Bureau of Investigation agents Wednesday afternoon and about to be taken to jail "when we decided to give him a break," elections board chairman Larry Leake said.

Johnson was located in Maryland and agreed to appear after he returns to the state.

The board is investigating whether state House Republican leaders punished the hog industry with a two-year freeze on new or expanded operations for failing to provide \$200,000 in campaign contributions. The FBI and the SBI are conducting their own investigations.

If the panel finds at the end of its three-day hearing that Republican leaders pushed through the hog moratorium as a retaliatory measure, it may turn its findings over to prosecutors. Any violations would be misdemeanors punishable by fines.

GOP leaders deny the allegations.

In testimony Wednesday, Nick Weaver, an executive with Goldsboro Milling Co., said he believed Johnson served as a go-between for House Speaker Harold Brubaker with livestock operators because of his connections with the industry and his longtime GOP affiliation.

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Business Mirror

Business failures rise

NEW YORK (AP) - More than 83,000 U.S. businesses failed last year, according to a Dun & Bradstreet count, nearly 16 percent more than in the previous year.

This is the sort of news Americans had all but forgotten during the good years of the 1990s, when recessions were something that happened in history and the only news that caught the eye and ear concerned what was better and better.

But negative news hasn't ceased during the good times. There's the worsening trade deficit, the low savings rate, the high level of consumer debt and the rising tax bite to name a few. Not that consumers worry about such matters; consumer confidence is up.

In those business failures, however, there's a shock and a reminder that might make an imprint on the popular mind. Weren't we given to understand that folks everywhere were succeeding in newly formed businesses? Wasn't this the age of the entrepreneur?

Yes, and if forecasters are right the best is to come. The 1990 census found more than 3.4 million people worked from home, 54 percent of them self-employed. And in a recent study, AT&T Home Business Resources estimated 25 million people now operate home-based businesses.

The AT&T surveyors found the pace of entrepreneurship quickening, with 27 percent of the companies having been started within the past three years, and 35 percent within four to nine years. And, according to the survey, most find it a very positive experience.

So what happened? That's the lesson: Business is risk, and in most

of these instances it's risk without a safety net. Good economic times rouse the inventive spirit and the willingness to take risk, but as more take the risk, the competition intensifies.

You can trace the trend not just in the statistics for at-home entrepreneurs but in the high level of initial public offerings in the securities markets. You can view it in the new shopping malls and the reopened mines and the executive who quits to become a consultant.

They attract attention and make news when they go into business, but when they fail they are sometimes known only by their statistics. If then, D&B's actual count, 83,384, included only those failures who left a legal record or bills behind.

That is, it counted only those that ceased following assignment or bankruptcy; went through attachments or foreclosures; voluntarily withdrew leaving unpaid bills; were involved in court actions, or compromised with creditors.

For some of those who withdrew from self-employment the transition was easy: With corporations seeking experienced workers, many of those who had earlier made the break into the world of doing-your-own-thing returned to their old companies. It happens in good times.

Bad news also happens in good times, but tends to become buried in the news about things bigger and better and more profitable. It's been there all the time though, and as the economy begins slowing it gradually makes its way to the top of the heap.

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Lottery trailer makes stop

The Texas Lottery Commission promotes its numbers games and scratch-offs by sending out this lottery booth. Marcy Hughes mans the booth Wednesday at the 19th Hole Package Store, 203 S. 25 Mile Ave. Anyone who purchased \$5 in lottery tickets or scratch-offs got a free spin, with a chance to win vacation trips, T-shirts, cups and other prizes.

Pakistanis test nuclear weapons

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) - Escalating an arms race with rival India, Pakistan exploded two nuclear devices today in a remote western region, two weeks after the New Delhi government undertook its own nuclear tests.

Pakistan announced the tests in a statement, adding that it was ready to adapt a nuclear warhead to its newly tested long-range Ghauri missile.

"The long-range Ghauri missile is already being capped with the nuclear warheads to give a befitting reply to any misadventure by the enemy," the statement said.

Pakistan on April 6 tested the Ghauri missile, which is capable of traveling 900 miles and hitting most targets in India.

The devices were detonated in the Chagai region of Pakistan's desolate southwestern Baluchistan province, barely 30 miles from the border with Iran and Pakistan.

The United States and other nations had urged Pakistan to refrain from such a test, which is certain to bring international economic sanctions.

GRADUATION

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one from primary school; another from intermediate and junior high, but this is the BIG DAY.

The 1998 graduation ceremony has been scheduled for Whiteface Stadium, but in unlikely event of rain, the ceremony will be moved indoors to the varsity gym.

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News in brief

Archer Daniels fined in Canada for price fixing
 OTTAWA (AP) - Archer Daniels Midland Co., the giant U.S. food conglomerate, was fined \$11 million Wednesday for its part in an international price-fixing cartel.

In a plea bargain with the government, ADM pleaded guilty in Federal Court of Canada to price fixing. The penalty is more than double any fine imposed by Canadian courts for violations of the Competition Act.

In a statement of facts agreed to by both sides, ADM admitted to conspiring with seven other companies from Japan, Europe and the United States to fix prices and divide the Canadian market for lysine, a feed additive used in hog and poultry production, and citric acid, a flavor enhancer used in a wide variety of food and beverage products.

Investigators continue probe of Diana's fatal accident

PARIS (AP) - Authorities investigating the death of Princess Diana staged road tests using the same kind of Mercedes she crashed in and motorcycles like the ones photographers used to pursue her, a police spokesman said today.

The acceleration tests, which took place Wednesday on a race track outside Paris, were aimed at corroborating witness and photographers' accounts of the accident, the spokesman said on condition of anonymity.

A Mercedes 280S and about 10 motorcycles and scooters were used at the track in Montlhery, about 25 miles south of the capital.

Several injured at movie theater shooting

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. (AP) - At least eight people were injured during a shooting at a multiplex theater just as the final showing of a new comedy was letting out.

Authorities were called to the United Artists theater complex at a shopping mall around 11 p.m. Wednesday after someone inside began shooting, police Lt. Joe Moesta said.

Five people were in good condition at Kern Medical Center, nursing supervisor Erlinda Dela Cruz said. All had gunshot wounds, but none were life-threatening.

Two women were in fair condition at Greater Bakersfield Memorial Hospital, emergency room supervisor Lesley Taylor said. One had a leg wound and will likely need surgery, Taylor said. The other woman had a wound in her arm.

Woman freed after serving 25 years; won't be retried
 ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) -

Twenty-five years to the day after she was arrested for murder, New York's longest-serving female inmate learned she won't be retried for the crime and was released from prison.

Betty Tyson, who has spent half her life behind bars and turns 50 next month, had her second-degree murder conviction set aside a week ago by a judge who ruled that police had wrongfully suppressed evidence.

The former prostitute was freed on her own recognizance Wednesday night after being transferred from a prison near New York City to Rochester, where she met a jubilant crowd of relatives.

Toddler survives three-story plunge, lands on passer-by

NEW YORK (AP) - A 2-year-old girl fell out of a third-floor window and landed on the foot of a passer-by, escaping with cuts, bruises and a broken leg.

Heydi Chica was hospitalized in stable condition after Wednesday's fall.

The girl was playing at home when the roar of a passing motorcycle attracted her to the only window in her apartment without bars. She pushed against the screen and fell out.

She landed on the foot of Alis Lopez, 22, who was racing to catch a bus.

"I just heard a noise and I looked up," said Lopez, who suffered a swollen leg. "I saw the screen and the baby coming down."

Clintons salute American art abroad

WASHINGTON (AP) - Despite differences in race, religion and background, Americans "believe in the common values of freedom," a message carried throughout the world by American art on display in U.S. embassies, President Clinton says.

The president and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton welcomed art advocates, museum curators and contemporary American artists to a White House black-tie dinner Wednesday night. They saluted the Friends of Art and Preservation in Embassies for its work in bringing decorative arts to many U.S. embassies abroad.

Vanderbilt agrees to settle radiation experiment suit

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Pregnant women who ingested radioactive iron as part of a 1940s Vanderbilt University nutrition study will split \$10 million from a lawsuit settlement.

U.S. District Judge John Nixon gave preliminary approval Wednesday to the settlement of a class-action suit that could cover more than 300 women and their children.

There were 1,600 women in the study, and 829 unknowingly ingested radioactive iron.

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