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Demos leaders on tour of area

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Several Texas Democratic leaders on Friday will outline their plan to boost Texas families during an eight-town tour of the Panhandle.

The Democrats, including State Chairman Bill White, Agriculture Commissioner candidate Pete Patterson, Railroad Commissioner candidate Joe Henderson, and Criminal Appeals Court candidate Winston Cochran, will join local Democratic elected officials and supporters at the Panhandle rallies.

The Democrats will be at the Deaf Smith County Courthouse at 3 p.m. Friday, followed by a 4:30 p.m. appearance at the Castro County Courthouse in Dimmitt.

Other stops on the tour include Amarillo, Panhandle, Dumas, Channing, Plainview and Lubbock.

On the tour, the group will spotlight new proposals to improve public education, give families the right to choose their own doctors, and ban sales taxes on food and medicine.

On public education, the Democrats will propose increasing teacher pay, establishing smaller class sizes, equipping all Texas classrooms with computer technology and providing hard-working high school graduates with college scholarships if they maintain a B average.

The Democrats also will tout a "Patient's Bill of Rights," which seeks to ensure Texas families have

the right to choose the doctor they want; that medical decisions are made by physicians, not by insurance companies; and that families are provided information about all medical options, not just the least expensive.

The group also will discuss the party's proposal to seek a constitutional amendment prohibiting taxes on food and medicine. The Democrats contend a majority of Republicans in the Texas House voted during the 1997 session to expand the state sales tax and to give a tax break to corporations. The proposal failed to clear the Legislature.

The swing for White will be one of his last campaign tours as party chairman.

The Houston businessman and former U.S. Energy Department official, plans to leave the post he has held since 1995. White said he wants to spend more time with his family.

Cecile Richards, daughter of former Gov. Ann Richards, had been considered the leading contender to replace White; however, she announced earlier this week she will not seek election as party chief.

The decision by Richards, who cited her family responsibilities for opting against a bid for the post, leaves former Republican Molly Beth Malcolm of Texarkana as the leading contender.

The new party leader will be selected in June at the state Democratic convention.



Photo by Mauri Montgomery

Extinguish fire

Hereford volunteer firefighters cast shadows across the foam they used in extinguishing a car fire Wednesday on U.S. Hwy.

60 West. The scene was part of a two-vehicle accident that sent this car's occupants to Hereford Regional Medical Center.

Economic growth up in 1st quarter

WASHINGTON (AP) - U.S. economic growth picked up speed during the first three months of the year, ignited by a computer-buying spree that helped offset deteriorating trade with troubled Asia.

The nation's gross domestic product increased at a rapid seasonally-adjusted 4.2 percent annual rate in the January-March quarter, the Commerce Department said today.

That was up from a 3.7 percent rate in the final three months of 1997 and was the fastest pace in a year.

"The GDP report was super strong and domestically driven," said

economist Allen Sinai of Primark Decision Economics. "Consumer spending was about as strong as it can get and ... essentially there was no inflation."

Increased computer purchases by both individuals and businesses accounted for the step-up in first-quarter economic growth. Without it, the economy would have grown at a 3.5 percent pace, the department said.

Economists were predicting a more subdued, but still healthy, 3.3 percent

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Excellent melon, tomato crops seen

COLLEGE STATION (AP) - Last weekend brought harsh weather to north Texas, but more rain is needed there and throughout the state, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service reports.

In the South Plains, district extension director Jett Major of Lubbock said hail and high winds damaged wheat crops in several counties.

"We had some rough weather Sunday night in Floyd, Crosby and Hale counties," Major said. "The temperature instantly dropped 20 degrees right before the wind and hail set in."

"Several tornados were reported in Hale County," Major said. "Wind gusts in the 60 mile an hour range were damaging to wheat crops."

Major said the damage from tornados in Hale County was mostly structural, although some orchard and ornamental damage was reported.

Rainfall averaged one-half inch in most counties but was up to an inch

and a half in some areas, according to Major; however, that is not enough.

"We are still very short on moisture," he said. "We need rain for existing crops and for those yet to be planted."

The weather was milder in East Texas, according to extension horticulturist Marty Baker of Overton.

"We received some thunderstorms in East Texas but we welcomed the much-needed rain," Baker said.

Baker said rainfall amounts were anywhere from one-fourth to one-half inch Sunday night and up to two inches Monday night in some counties.

Baker said all crops will benefit from the recent moisture and he predicts excellent production for tomatoes, watermelons and blueberries this year.

He said most peaches will need fungicide spray for brown spot as a result of the rain.

In addition, Baker said the nursery

industry in East Texas is booming this year. He said shade tree and container tree farms have excellent production.

In the Panhandle, drought stress is obvious in many fields, according to Dr. Bob Robinson of Amarillo, district extension director.

Robinson said most counties received less than a half inch of rain Sunday night.

"We still need moisture for all crops and rangeland, and wheat in particular has become stressed," Robinson said.

Robinson said, however, the dry weather has allowed corn planting to rapidly progress. Corn is about 50 percent planted

and about 35 percent has emerged in the Panhandle.

Robinson said additional moisture is needed for the planting of soybeans and sorghum.

"Precipitation is desperately needed on dryland for any yield potential," he said.

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by area district extension directors:

PANHANDLE: Soil moisture very short to adequate. Ranges are fair to good. Cattle in good condition. Wheat is fair to good; rain needed. Land preparation continues for peanuts, soybeans, sorghum and cotton. Corn fair to good; warm, dry weather allowed rapid planting.

SOUTH PLAINS: Soil moisture short. Pastures, ranges in fair to good shape. Livestock in mostly good condition. Land preparation continues. Wheat is fair to good; moisture stress. Some areas planting cotton, peanuts, seed production sunflowers.

ROLLING PLAINS: Soil moisture short. Ranges, pastures fair; rain needed. Livestock are in good condition; still have adequate forage to graze. Wheat needs rain; leaf rust light with some increased infection. Pecans flowering; good condition.

TEEN POLL U.S. youths aren't cynical

NEW YORK (AP) - Today's teen-agers get along with their parents, believe in God and trust the government, according to a nationwide poll published today by *The New York Times*.

The poll of 13- to 17-year-olds also showed strong majorities who said they never drink alcohol and never smoke cigarettes or marijuana, the *Times* reported, without citing percentages.

Teens' worries for the future could come straight from a 1950s stereotype: a good job (28 percent), money (11 percent) and being successful (9 percent). Three percent worried about the environment.

The *New York Times*/CBS News Poll of 1,048 U.S. teen-agers was conducted by telephone from April 2 through April 7 and had a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Other responses:

- Six in 10 say distributing condoms in schools is a good idea.

- Almost half say sex before marriage is "always wrong."

- Just 1 percent said that teens' biggest problem is AIDS. Yet 18 percent said they personally knew someone who had tested positive for HIV, had AIDS or had died of AIDS.

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Moving in

Chairs have been assembled and computers are ready to be hooked up in Dr. H.R. Johnson's clinic in the new medical office complex adjacent to Hereford Regional Medical Center. The clinic should be open within days.

Coalition targeting 'veggie libel' laws

WASHINGTON (AP) - A free speech coalition including consumer activist Ralph Nader and a journalists' group announced Wednesday they will work to overturn or block "veggie libel" laws like the one Texas cattlemen used to sue Oprah Winfrey.

The new "Foodspeak Coalition" said the laws on the books in 13 states and pending in many others are intended to muzzle vigorous public debate about food safety and protect the profits of the food industry and agricultural interests.

"It seems corporations want to do what King George, foreign dictators and bad political bosses were unable to do: that is, shut up the American people," Nader told reporters.

He added that such laws, if applied in other areas of society, might have discouraged activists from exposing such things as harmful pesticides and food additives, unsafe cars, health effects of asbestos and bad consumer products.

"The dissenters of the past ... have been proven right again and again," Nader said.

The laws arose after apple growers unsuccessfully sued CBS' "60 Minutes" over a 1989 segment about the health effects of the spray Alar. Farmers and food companies say they need protection against unsubstantiated claims that can cost them millions of dollars by scaring consumers.

In the Winfrey case, Texas cattle

producers said comments on her popular talk show about mad cow disease triggered a drop in cattle futures prices. A federal judge rejected their lawsuit in February, but Winfrey has been sued again in a Texas state court.

While Winfrey has ample resources to defend herself, many others don't.

Amy Simpson, the Ohio Public Interest Research Group's state director, depends on free lawyers to fight a "veggie libel" lawsuit that Buckeye Egg Farm filed over her work on the practice of washing old eggs and repacking them as new.

"We are being buried in legal paperwork," Simpson said.

Even news reporters could find themselves targeted by such lawsuits, said Steve Geimann, immediate past president of the Society of Professional Journalists.

The coalition, which includes the American Civil Liberties Union and Center for Science in the Public Interest, intends to work with local organizations to repeal existing state laws and oppose new ones. It also will join lawsuits, hoping a case will eventually reach the Supreme Court for a definitive ruling.

States with "veggie libel" laws on the books are Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Texas.

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Local Roundup

Freshmen orientation

Parents of all current in-coming Freshmen are encouraged to attend a freshmen orientation at 7 p.m., May 4, at the Hereford High School Auditorium. Graduation plans and requirements will be discussed. Open house will follow at 7:30. Teachers and counselors will be available to answer questions.

Freshman counselor, Marsha Winget, will be at the Jr. High, May 5-7 to distribute registration material.

Parental meeting

The migrant department of Hereford I.S.D. will be host for a parental meeting on "Parents as Educators" at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the HSD administration building, 601 N. 25 Mile Ave.

The speaker will be Sal Martinez, bilingual/ESL educational specialist from Region XVI Education Service Center.

Baby-sitting and transportation will be provided. For more information or transportation, call the migrant office at 363-7609.

Meeting scheduled

The Deaf Smith Chapter of the American Cancer Society will hold a meeting to work on this year's "Relay for Life" at 6 p.m. today, Thursday, on the second floor of the courthouse. Anyone interested in helping with this year's event is welcome to attend. For more information, call Adam Treff at 364-2536.

Drivers beware

The Texas Department of Transportation will turn off the traffic signals Monday at the intersection of U.S. 385 and U.S. 60 to complete some needed repairs on the signal system. Traffic will be funnelled into the inside lanes with onely one lane in any direction. Temporary four way stop signs will be posted until the signal repairs are complete. A flagman may be available during the peak hours. Drivers are urged to avoid this area if at all possible. The signals will remain off until at least Friday.

Mostly clear

Tonight, mostly clear, low in the upper 40s, variable wind 5-10 mph.

Friday, becoming partly cloudy, high 80 to 85, south to southeast wind 5-15 mph. Friday night, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers, low 45 to 50.

EXTENDED FORECAST

Saturday, partly cloudy, high 70 to 75.

Sunday and Monday, mostly clear, lows 45 to 50, highs 80 to 85.

WEDNESDAY RECAP

High, 71; low, 40; no precipitation.

NEWS

in brief

Woman says she feared abductor would kill her

HOUSTON (AP) - A topless dancer has testified how she decided to jump from William Reece's speeding truck on Interstate 45 between Houston and Galveston when she became convinced that her abductor planned to kill her.

Sandra Sapaugh testified Wednesday how, 19 and pregnant with her third child, she was abducted at knifepoint after Reece offered to fix a flat tire on her van May 17.

Reece, a 38-year-old construction worker who lived near the restaurant where the abduction occurred, is charged with aggravated kidnapping.

He has also been named as the prime suspect in the slaying of Laura Smother, a 12-year-old Friendswood girl who was killed after being abducted near her home last April. Her family attended Wednesday's proceedings.

Man says his obsessive blood donations saved his life

IRVING (AP) - The king of Dallas blood donors, 58-year-old Charles Campbell says he's convinced his obsession saved his life when he had a heart attack in January.

Too weak to walk, he crawled into a hospital emergency room on all fours, screaming and delirious from the pain that was crushing his chest.

Campbell said doctors think it was his frequent blood donations over the past four decades that caused his blood to become thin enough that it was able to leak through his dangerously clogged arteries.

"They can't prove it without more studies, but I'm sure that's what pulled me through," Campbell told *The Dallas Morning News*.

Morales' decision brings cries of protest

AUSTIN (AP) - Attorney General Dan Morales' announcement that he won't appeal the Hopwood anti-affirmative action court ruling is drawing fire from civil rights leaders.

"Mr. Morales is myopic in his view of the educational opportunities available to minority children in Texas," said Cynthia Cano, staff attorney with the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

"In a state where decades of discrimination have blocked the advancement of Latino and African American children, it is unrealistic to expect that anything short of affirmative action will remedy the longstanding and continuing effects of that discrimination," she said.

Texas ended its university affirmative action policies when a federal appeals court found that a University of Texas law school policy designed to increase minority enrollment discriminated against whites. That ruling was allowed to stand by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1996.

Tarrant County man executed for 1988 fatal stabbing

HUNTSVILLE (AP) - Frank McFarland went to his death insisting he was "not responsible for the 1988 rape and slaying of a woman who was a shoeshine girl in a Fort Worth topless bar."

McFarland last night became the sixth person executed in Huntsville this year.

Teen-agers spotted 26-year-old Fern Hokanson when she emerged from behind a church in Hurst, a suburb northeast of Fort Worth, on Feb. 1, 1988.

Before she died, she told police that two men raped and stabbed her.

Prosecutors said she had been stabbed 79 times.

Her gold earring and scarf were found in McFarland's car. Hair and clothing fibers in the vehicle also were linked to the victim. McFarland insisted someone planted the evidence in his car.

Woman accused of endangering her sons

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - A 31-year-old mother of six who is said to be suffering from Munchausen's Syndrome has been arrested on federal charges of injuring and endangering two sons.

Cynthia Martinez Lyda was taken into custody Wednesday at a court hearing in which she sought to regain custody of her two youngest sons.

Her indictment and arrest culminates an investigation that began almost three and a half years ago. She is also under investigation in Arizona in the deaths of two other sons.

**National teen birth-rate lowest in years
Hispanic teen births now highest in nation**

WASHINGTON (AP) - Teen birth rates dropped in every state and across all races in the early 1990s, with births to black teen-agers at the lowest level ever recorded, the government said today.

Black teen birth rates fell by 21 percent between 1991 and 1996, though they remain nearly double the rate of white teens. Hispanic teens now have the highest birth rates, with

more than one in 10 Hispanic teens giving birth each year, according to the analysis by the National Center for Health Statistics.

The statistics were being released as the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy marked two years of work calling on parents to become more involved with their teen-agers' lives.

Nearly half a million American

teen-agers give birth ever year, with birth rates declining steadily since 1991. In 1996, nationwide, there was about one birth for every 20 women ages 15 to 19.

Those rates vary widely across the country, from 28.6 per 1,000 women in Vermont to 105.5 per 1,000 women in the District of Columbia for teens ages 15 to 19.

Between 1991 and 1995, teen birth

rates dropped 8.5 percent. They fell by at least that much in 33 states. Twelve states saw declines of 12 percent or more, and five states topped 16 percent.

The national rate dropped more dramatically among younger teens - ages 15 to 17 - than for 18- and 19-year-olds.

Experts attribute the drop to two factors: Steady increases in the number of teens having sex have ebbed, and more teens are using contraception.

The highest teen birth rate was recorded in 1957, when nearly one in 10 women gave birth. The rate was significantly higher throughout the 1950s and 1960s, but in those days, the mothers were much more likely to be married. In 1950, just 23 percent of mothers aged 15 to 17 were unmarried; in 1996, it was 84 percent.

Teen pregnancy rates are more difficult to determine than teen birth rates, because data on the number of abortions and miscarriages must be added. In 1994, about half of teen pregnancies ended in birth.

The teen pregnancy prevention campaign released research today showing that teens are less likely to become pregnant or to cause a pregnancy and more likely to use birth control if their parents are involved in their lives.

"Step one is to debunk the myth that by the time kids are teens it doesn't matter anymore," said Robert W. Blum of the University of Minnesota, who helped review the research.

The two-year-old campaign supports a variety of anti-pregnancy efforts, including programs that promote abstinence and those that encourage use of birth control. It hopes to cut the teen pregnancy rate by a third by 2005.

It also released new polling indicating that parents and teens are both reluctant to talk about the topic. Parents were more likely to blame parental discomfort and teens were more likely to blame teen discomfort.

About one in four parents but just 17 percent of teens said the biggest barrier to talking about sex was that parents are not comfortable. Nearly 40 percent of teens, but just 30 percent of parents, said teen discomfort was the problem.

The largest survey of adolescent health found that most teens say they get along well with their mothers and most mothers say they've talked to their teen-agers about sex.

Blum acknowledged that closeness to parents cannot be the only answer to stopping teen pregnancy if most teens say feel closeness. "Parental closeness isn't a magic bullet," he said.

The campaign was also releasing a guide for parents with teen-agers. Tips include talking "early and often" about sex, including questions about relationships and pressure to have sex; discouraging early, frequent and steady dating; and becoming closer to teens by listening to them, supporting their interests and building their self-esteem.



Ribbon cutting

The Deaf Smith Chamber of Commerce Hustlers, goodwill ambassadors for Hereford, hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony Wednesday for Legal Service and Research Company located in the HCR office complex at 110 N. 25 Mile Avenue. Warren McDonald of Dimmitt, owner (center), said the new operation will specialize in legal research for area law firms, but added that his company can also prepare binding legal documents for instances which don't require professional legal advice.

Wages, benefits on the rise

WASHINGTON (AP) - Americans' wages and benefits rose a moderate 0.7 percent from January through March, indicating that wage pressures were actually easing at the start of this year despite the tightest labor markets in 28 year years.

The Labor Department said today that the first quarter increase, the smallest in a year, reflected slower growth in both wages and salaries and benefit costs.

The first quarter increase compared to a much faster 1 percent rise in the final three months of 1997. The moderation was certain to be welcomed at the Federal Reserve, which watches this indicator closely for any signals that wage pressures are accelerating.

Various Fed officials have publicly expressed concerns that Asia has not slowed the U.S. economy as much as expected and unless the slowdown becomes evident soon, the central

bank may have to start raising interest rates to dampen economic activity.

The fear is that heavy consumer demand and tight labor markets will trigger rising price pressures that will translate into a worrisome pickup in inflation.

Today's Employment Cost Index report should allay some of the concerns in the wage area.

The 0.7 percent rise, below the 1 percent many economists had been expecting, came despite the fact that the unemployment rate averaged 4.7 percent in the first quarter this year, the best quarterly showing since 1970.

In a separate report today, the Commerce Department said that overall economic activity in the first quarter surged ahead at an annual rate of 4.2 percent, the fastest pace in a year.

The deceleration in wage pressures in the first three months of the year

reflected a slower rise in wages and salaries, up 0.8 percent compared to a 1.1 percent increase in the October-December period.

Benefit costs decelerated even more sharply, rising just 0.4 percent in the first three months of the year compared to a 0.8 percent advance in the fourth quarter.

Labor Department analysts said the drop reflected lower payments employees had to make for unemployment insurance. In the benefit category, health costs actually rose.

For the 12 months, ending in March, overall employment costs rose 3.3 percent, unchanged from the 12-month gain in December. That advance had been the fastest since a 3.5 percent rise in 1993.

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Emergency Services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for April 29, 1998 include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Incidents

-- A driver in the 800 block of South Texas reported having a beer can thrown at his vehicle.

-- A driver in the vicinity of Park and Avenue B reported having a beer can thrown at his car.

-- A criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of West Fourth.

-- Criminal trespass was reported in the 400 block of Avenue B.

COUNTY SHERIFF

Arrests

-- A 17-year-old man was arrested for violation of probation.

-- A 27-year-old man was arrested for traffic violations.

-- A 30-year-old man began serving time on a driving while intoxicated conviction.

-- A 22-year-old man began serving time on a driving while intoxicated conviction.

Incidents

-- Deputies took a report of child abuse.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

-- 4:39 p.m. Firefighters responded to a two vehicle wreck 8 miles west on U.S. 60. A pickup and a car collided. The car then caught fire. Two victims were transported to Hereford Regional Medical Center.

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Obituaries

LINDA WALKER CREWS
April 28, 1998

Funeral services for Linda Walker Crews, 35, of Hereford were scheduled at 2 p.m. today at Central Church of Christ with Rev. Tom Bailey officiating. Burial was in West Lawn Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Rix Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Crews died Tuesday. She was born and raised in Hereford and graduated from Hereford High where she was a member of the band and the flag corps.

During Jr. High she was state 4-H champion for two years in showing Quarter horses. Mrs. Crews was a runner up for Miss Teen Hereford and Miss Hereford. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include her parents, Virgil D. and Naomi Walker of

TIMMY KILPATRICK
April 27, 1998

Funeral services for Timmy Kilpatrick, 47, of Clovis will be 2 p.m. Friday in the the Rose Chapel of Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home with Rev. Jeremy Grant of the First Presbyterian Church and retired Pastor Roy Barringer officiating. Burial will be in West Park Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home. Mr. Kilpatrick died Monday. He was born August 14, 1950, in



Hereford; husband, Joe Crews of Amarillo; brother, Wade Walker of Hereford; grandmother Ormel Lee Walker of Hereford; and grandmother, Gertrude McGee of Shawnee, Okla.

Ft. Worth to S.G. Kilpatrick and Geneva Tennon Kilpatrick. He moved to Deaf Smith County in 1965 and graduated from Hereford High. He joined the U.S. Army in 1971 and was honorably discharged as a specialist 4, in 1974. He had worked as a taxi driver.

Survivors include his parents, S.G. and Geneva Kilpatrick; one sister, Brenda Johnson; three brothers, Charles Kilpatrick, Paul Kilpatrick, all of Hereford and Virgil Kilpatrick of Memphis, Ark.

LOTTO TEXAS
TEXAS LOTTERY
AUSTIN (AP) - Two tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.
The tickets together were worth an estimated \$17 million.
The tickets were sold in Rosenberg and San Antonio.
The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were:
3-4-7-40-44-50.
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:
1-9-7

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Big and little

Big Brother Chris Strowd receives a certificate of appreciation from Little Brother Nicholas Figueroa presented on behalf of Big Brothers/Big Sisters board honoring Strowd as a volunteer, a Big Brother and a board member. Strowd was recognized at a reception recently just prior to a career move to Lubbock.

New officers named

The Ladies Auxiliary to Roy Wederbrook Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4818 elected officers for the coming year at its April meeting.

Laura Smith will serve as president; Betty Boggs, senior vice president; Pixie Forbus, junior vice president; Colleen Schaeffer, conductress; Peggy Oakes, chaplain; Terry Rhyne, patriotic instructor; Earline Schneider, guard; Imogene Sweeney, one year trustee; Brenda Thomas, two year trustee; and Marie Goheen, three year trustee.

Plans for participating in and

sponsoring some events for Hereford's 100th birthday celebration were discussed at length.

Members were reminded of the upcoming VFW District 13 Convention to be held May 2-3 in Muleshoe.

The next meeting will be Monday, May 4 at the new time of 8 p.m., preceded by a meal at 7:30 p.m.

Those in attendance were Mildred Clements, Inez Hutson, Maxine Rickman, Frankie Ruland, Winnie Tyler, Anita Vardell, Boggs, Forbus, Goheen, Oakes, Rhyne, Schneider, Sweeney, Thomas, Schaeffer and Smith.

Relay for Life, 4-H are program topics

Members of Toujour Amis Study Club met recently for a program given by Jennifer Eggen from the American Cancer Society. She encouraged members to participate in the Relay for Life to be held in June at Whiteface Stadium.

Members decided to donate \$500 and also to walk in the Relay for Life. Hostesses Donna Kemp, Trish Brown and Julia Laing served cake with "gold" coins in recognitions of April 15 and paying taxes.

At the next meeting, also held in April, Brenda Campbell, Hereford 4-H leader, told members about the benefits of a "family club" like 4-H.

Craig Campbell, a Deaf Smith County 4-H club member, gave an "illustrated talk" about beef. His topics included: What is E-coli?, how to avoid contaminated foods, symptoms, sources, precautions and preparation.

Jaime Steiert and Robin Bell, also 4-H members, spoke on "innovative designs" for the disabled and elderly. Their topics included: making your home user-friendly and barrier-free, and how to accomplish the greatest level of independence possible.

President Sandy Josseland conducted the business meeting.

The scholarship committee

Dear Ann Landers: You recently printed a letter signed "Disgusted With Justice in Dallas," who told about a man who committed 14 rapes and received one life sentence and 13 additional life sentences that will run concurrently. According to "Disgusted," the 13 subsequent sentences were "free," and the man will be eligible for parole in 30 years. You were baffled by that decision and asked someone to explain it to you.

By pleading guilty and receiving the maximum sentence prescribed by law, the rapist spared taxpayers the expense of at least 13 trials and probably 13 appeals. More importantly, the victims were spared the trauma of recounting their horrific experiences before 12 jurors in a public forum.

It is important to note that though the rapist will be eligible for parole in 30 years, a period prescribed by the state legislature, there is no assurance that he will get it. In Texas, parole is granted only after a thorough review process, which takes into account the number of sentences the defendant is serving -- in this instance, a total of 14. Therefore, even though the man will be eligible for parole, it is extremely unlikely he will receive it.

Texas has never been known for its leniency, and my friend in Dallas has no reason to be disgusted. -- Charles F. Baird, judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Austin, Texas

Dear Judge Baird: I appreciate your taking the time and trouble to clarify the situation. The next letter is from a colleague in Beaumont.

Dear Ann Landers: I would like to respond to the letter from "Disgusted With Justice in Dallas" who objected to a rapist receiving one life sentence and 13 additional sentences to be served concurrently. "Disgusted" was concerned that the rapist would be out on parole in 30 years.

Becoming eligible for parole does not mean it will be granted. In fact, the parole approval rate is currently about 10 percent, and none of those approved has committed a violent offense.

It was interesting to read that letter

in your column since Texas is normally criticized for being too tough on crime. We have the largest prison system in the entire free world, and offenders sentenced here stay for an awful long time. Our system has its shortcomings, but being soft on crime is not one of them. -- Larry Gist, senior criminal district judge, Beaumont, Texas

Dear Judge Gist: It was good of you to write, and I am grateful. And now I would like to say a few words to any reader who might be considering doing something that is illegal. I will put it in large print so you will not miss it: STAY OUT OF TEXAS.

Dear Ann Landers: Like "Proud and Single in Nebraska," I cannot tell you how many times people have asked me, "When are you getting married?" I was recently in a wedding ceremony where some woman patted me on the shoulder and said, "Don't worry, dear, your time is coming."

I have a wonderful job, I travel, I spend my money on whatever I wish, and I don't have to answer to anyone. I feel fortunate to be free of the stresses that my married friends have. I may change my mind later, but for now -- One is a Good Number in N.C.

Dear N.C.: I can't imagine a decision that is more personal. Marriage is not for everyone, and I receive dozens of letters every day from women who would love to change places with you.

Drugs are everywhere. They're easy to get, easy to use and even easier to get hooked on. If you have questions about drugs, you need Ann Landers' booklet, "The Lowdown on Dope." Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$3.75 (this includes postage and handling) to: Lowdown, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$4.55.)

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New Arrivals

Tommy and Christy Gestes are the proud parents of a daughter, Emilee Kathryn, born April 23.

She weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and measured 21 inches.

Welcoming her home are a sister, Ammie, and a brother, Blake.

Hospital Notes

Patients in Hereford Regional Medical Center on April 30:

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Hereford Cattewomen make plans for future

Discussion of coming events highlighted the recent meeting of Hereford Cattewomen at the Hereford Country Club with president Teena Hughes presiding.

Events include:
 --tentative plans for a recipe demonstration at Homeland for Mother's Day promotion on May 9.
 --Beef for Father's Day on June 20 with steak on a stick offered in the parking lot of Pak-A-Sak.
 --a meeting August 18 to organize the fall style show.

It was reported that for Ag Day on April 18, Linda Fitzgerald, Jackie Murphey and Hughes handed out recipes and information pamphlets on beef.

Marn Tyler gave a report on Beef for Girls Town, stating that three hogs and 4 lambs were received from the Hereford Young Farmers Livestock Show.

Joan Coupe gave a program on beef gift certificates.

The next meeting will be May 19 with Lucinda Pullam from the Texas Beef Council presenting the program.

In attendance were one guest Judy Myers and members Leslie Easley, Marty McElhaney, Jill Johnson, Charmayne Klett, Rachel Hunter, Jodie Lawson, Linda Gilbert, Kari Montelongo, Charlene Sanders, Brenda Johnson, April Roby, Zula Arney, Murphey, Fitzgerald, Tyler and Hughes.

Bradly elected president

Officers for Veleda Study Club were elected at its recent meeting in the home of Mary Dziuk.

President for the coming year will be Marcella Bradly with Juanita Brown, vice president; Mary Dziuk, secretary; and Bettie Dickson, treasurer.

Jean Beene gave the program on

the history of Turkey, which she has visited.

Frances Crume led the club collect and roll call was answered with "your dream vacation."

Those present were guests Julia McNaney and Beene, and members Della Hutto, Theda Seiver, Norma Walden, Margaret Zinser, Dziuk, Bradly, Brown, Dickson and Crume.

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Hints from Heloise

Dear Heloise: When I am cleaning the kitchen and loading silverware in the dishwasher, I put all the forks in one section, the knives in another and so on. When the dishwasher is done, I just grab a handful and there's no need to separate the silverware; I just put it away. -- T.B., Dallas, Texas

Sounds like a timesaver that many people do. However, it is recommended that if you put like silverware in the same basket compartment, you should place the pieces alternately up and down. To make sure the silverware gets clean, dish-

washer manufacturers suggest that you mix the silverware in each compartment to keep it from nesting together. Nesting will prevent the silverware from being washed and rinsed thoroughly.

Also, as a safety precaution to prevent cuts, point sharp items such as forks and knives down. -- Heloise

JEWELRY PINS

Dear Heloise: There are times when I like wearing a pin on my dress or blouse, but the item I'm wearing may be of a delicate silk material and the pin is too heavy for it. Here's my solution:

I use a single square of toilet tissue or white tissue wrapping paper folded into a 1/2-inch square, which I use as a backer. I place the tissue on the reverse side of the garment and proceed to pin the material and the tissue at the same time. This holds the pin more securely and there's no damage to the material. It may sound complicated, but it really isn't. It works for me every time. -- Rose Rosen, Albany, N.Y.

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"Cowboy churches" springing up in unlikely locations worldwide

FORT WORTH, Texas - The first "cowboy church" I ever attended was in the bull-riding arena of Billy Bob's Texas, the immense nightclub in Fort Worth's historic Stockyards district known as the "world's largest honky-tonk."

I had never worshipped inside a bar before. But it was a memorable experience. Beer cans had been cleared away. About 100 men, women and children - many wearing cowboy hats and boots - sang Hank Williams' "I Saw the Light" and other country-flavored religious songs.

A western band played. Preaching that day was Jeff Copenhagen, a former Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association world-champion calf roper who helped organize the church.

We sat on metal folding chairs placed on the brown dirt, the same dirt where several cowboys had fallen the night before after being bucked off by real bulls - not mechanical ones. Nightclub visitors can see the rodeo bulls roaming around in a small corral outside.

Fort Worth's Cowboy Church still exists, although it has moved to the Stockyards Station a few hundred yards south of Billy Bob's. Bales of hay are stacked around the worship area to add to the Old West atmosphere.

Dozens of similar cowboy churches are springing up across the nation, said Ted Pressley, president of Cowboys for Christ.

"The cowboy nostalgia is still the greatest draw on the face of the earth," said Pressley, who has visited new cowboy churches being formed in this country and other nations, including Australia.

The cowboy appeal is worldwide, he said.

"I've preached in castles in Ireland and in places in Germany, Australia and in Russia when the Communists were there," Pressley said.

He founded the interdenominational Cowboys for Christ 28 years ago and now has chapters in 27 nations. He travels to rodeos and livestock auctions, praying with cowboys and livestock people and conducting worship services.

And recently he started his own cowboy church, which meets at 7 p.m. each Thursday at the Cowboys for Christ headquarters at 7022A Lake Country Drive in Fort Worth.

"The reigning world-champion bull rider, Scott Mendes, has been one of our main speakers," Pressley said. Other born-again rodeo stars often take part.

The cowboy image is of tough, hard-drinking, bar-brawling individuals. So it's impressive to see them giving Christian testimonies, Pressley said.

Western-themed churches attract many people who would not attend traditional services, he said. Working cowboys, ranchers and office workers dressed in western clothes attend his meetings, which are open to people

of all religious faiths.

"People are more comfortable in their Wranglers and boots, and aren't threatened by what they call the organized church," he said.

The growing number of cowboy churches coincides with a trend in which athletes - including rodeo athletes - are more openly expressing their faith.

Just as some football players kneel in prayer after scoring a touchdown, many rodeo athletes drop to their knees before or after a risky ride on a dangerous bull.

Copenhagen, who helped organize the Billy Bob's church, now lives in Granbury and is pastor of the Cowboy Church in the Pines on Texas 144 halfway between Granbury and Glen Rose. It is known as the "log church" because it was made of logs shipped from the Northwest United States.

The 500-seat building, located in a grove of pine trees unusual for North Central Texas, was put together in Republic, Wash., and shipped, log-by-log, to Texas.

Copenhagen, who still conducts roping clinics, agrees with Pressley that the cowboy church concept is growing.

"I know of 25 or 30 cowboy churches in Texas alone," he said. He mentioned a new one started in Nashville by a sister of country singer Johnny Cash.

God, it seems, is using the storied American cowboy to spread his message.

Area Events

DIMMITT

The Carlile Country Showcase will present an evening of bluegrass, classic country and gospel music at the Carlile Theatre in Dimmitt at 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 9.

Scheduled to perform are The U.S. Pickers from Plainview; Stephanie Silhan of Morton; Jerry Jaquess of Lubbock; and several performers from Dimmitt.

The show is being sponsored by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce and the Carlile Theatre. Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased at the Dimmitt Chamber office or the Carlile Theatre, or by calling 806-647-2091. Group discounts are available.

POST

The fourth anniversary of Old Mill Trade Days in Post will be May 1-3. Old Mill Trade Days is a monthly event that always occurs the Friday, Saturday and Sunday before the "first Monday" of each month.

Special features are planned on each day of the anniversary celebration.

Gates open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. with free parking. No admission is charged on Friday and only \$1 on

Saturday and Sunday.

Trade days is located at the historic Old Postex Mill, 5th and Texas Hwy. 207 off Hwy. 84.

AMARILLO

The Don Harrington Discovery Center and the Amarillo Astronomy Club will host Astronomy Day from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Discovery Center. The event is free to the public and offers activities for all ages.

Activities will include a telescope workshop, observing the sun through a solar telescope, water rocket and model rocket demonstrations, exhibits, constellation viewing in the Starlab Portable Planetarium, astronomy exploration on the computer, and crafts and activities.

An observing session will also be held from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and the same hours Saturday in the Discovery Center's parking lot.

A special showing of "Destination Universe" may be viewed at 8 p.m. in the planetarium. Tickets to the planetarium show are \$2 each for non-members and Discovery Center members are admitted free.

The Harrington String Quartet will hold its final subscription performance of the 1997-1998 season at 8 p.m. Saturday at Westminster Presbyterian Church at 2525 Wimberly Road.

Current members of the Harrington String Quartet, which was formed in the fall of 1981, are violinists Corinne Stillwell and Annie Chalex, violist Joanna Mendoza and cellist Emmanuel Lopez.

Single tickets for the concert are \$7 for adults and \$2 for students and senior citizens. Tickets are available in advance or at the church on the day of the concert. For information call the Amarillo Symphony office at 806-376-8782.

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, April 30, the 120th day of 1998. There are 245 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 30, 1945, as Russian troops approached his Berlin bunker, Adolf Hitler committed suicide along with his wife of one day, Eva Braun.

On this date:

In 1789, George Washington took office in New York as the first president of the United States.

In 1803, the United States purchased the Louisiana Territory from France.

In 1812, Louisiana became the 18th state of the Union.

In 1900, Hawaii was organized as a U.S. territory.

In 1939, the New York World's Fair officially opened.

In 1948, the Organization of American States held its first meeting, in Bogota, Colombia.

In 1970, President Nixon announced the U.S. was sending troops into Cambodia, an action that

sparked widespread protest.

In 1973, President Nixon announced the resignations of top aides H.R. Haldeman and John Ehrlichman, along with Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst and White House counsel John Dean.

In 1975, the South Vietnamese capital of Saigon fell to Communist forces.

In 1991, an estimated 125,000 people died as a cyclone struck Bangladesh.

Ten years ago: Gen. Manuel Noriega, waving a machete, vowed at a rally to keep fighting U.S. efforts to oust him as Panama's military ruler.

Five years ago: Top-ranked women's tennis player Monica Seles was stabbed in the back during a match in Hamburg, Germany, by a man who called himself a fan of second-ranked German player Steffi Graf. Convicted of causing grievous bodily harm, he received a suspended sentence.

One year ago: The Senate

approved the nomination of Alexis Herman to be labor secretary. ABC aired the "coming out" of the title character in the sitcom "Ellen," played by Ellen DeGeneres. President Clinton reopened the newly renovated Thomas Jefferson Building of the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

Today's Birthdays: Princess Juliana of the Netherlands is 89. Actor Al Lewis is 88. Actress Cloris Leachman is 72. Singer Willie Nelson is 65. Talk show host Gary Collins is 60. Actor Burt Young is 58. Singer Bobby Vee is 55. Actress Jill Clayburgh is 54. Actor Perry King is 50. Singer Merrill Osmond is 45. Movie director Jane Campion ("The Piano") is 44. Actor Paul Gross ("Due South") is 39. Basketball player Isiah Thomas is 37. Country musician Robert Reynolds (The Mavericks) is 36. Rapper Turbo B (Snap) is 31. Rock musician Clark Vogelger (Toadies) is 29. Rhythm-and-blues singer Chris "Choc" Dalrymple (Soul For Real) is 27. Rock singer J.R. Richards (Dishwalla) is 26. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jeff Timmons (98 Degrees) is 25. Actor Johnny Galecki ("Roseanne") is 23. Actress Kirsten Dunst is 16.

To Your Good Health

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I had a CT scan recently to check for osteoporosis. It was found that I not only had osteoporosis but gallstones too. As far as I can remember I have never had any trouble with my gallbladder and am in quite good health for my age - 79.

My doctor feels I am not in any danger. What are my chances of having trouble with gallstones? Should they be removed? - J.D.

ANSWER: Ever since the arrival of scanning machines, more and more people are discovered to have gallstones. These people have never suffered a twinge of pain from their stones.

When I was in medical school - not all that long ago - if gallstones were detected, the advice was to remove them for they could cause trouble when a person might not be in shape for surgery.

That advice has been abandoned. The chances that anyone with "silent" gallstones will suffer a painful attack are minuscule. In fact, if a person has had silent stones for 15 years, that person is virtually as-

sured of never needing stone removal. There are no diet prohibitions for such people other than to cut back on fatty foods, something good not only for the gallbladder but also for the heart.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Three years ago I was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis. I was put on minocycline. After one year I noticed steady improvement, and today I am back to playing basketball. I wonder about antibiotic treatment for rheumatoid arthritis. Is it becoming a more accepted form of treatment? - R.B.

ANSWER: A few studies have shown that the antibiotic minocycline is effective for some who suffer from rheumatoid arthritis.

One theory is that minocycline kills mycoplasma germs that may cause arthritis.

Another theory is that the drug inactivates enzymes that destroy joint cartilage.

The latest editions of two respected medical texts do not mention minocycline as a treatment. The FDA has not given it a seal of approval.

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Sports

Rangers set April record for wins

DETROIT (AP) -- Texas manager Johnny Oates hopes the Rangers' best start in history is just that -- a start.

The Rangers set a team record with their 18th win in April and a major league record for runs in the month as John Burkett rebounded from two poor starts to lead Texas over the Detroit Tigers 4-1 Wednesday night.

Texas (18-7) won its fifth straight and topped the old team win mark of 17, set in 1989. The Rangers have 178 runs in April, two more than Montreal scored two years ago.

"I would expect next month to be great, too," Oates said. "We've done a lot of good things this month and made things happen, and we've still got five months to go."

Burkett (2-3), who allowed 17 earned runs in 8 2-3 innings during his previous two starts, gave up four hits in seven innings. He struck out four and walked none.

"It hasn't been going real good for me," Burkett said. "One thing that's kept me going is watching everybody else and what they've done. It's nice to contribute tonight."

Burkett left after Damon Easley's leadoff single in the eighth. Danny Patterson finished the inning before John Wetteland pitched a perfect ninth for his sixth save.

The Tigers lost for the 13th time in 15 games. Their only run came on Joe Oliver's leadoff homer in the sixth, and two errors led to two unearned Texas runs in the third.

"We haven't been able to swing the bats, then every time we make a defensive mistake, we can't counterattack," Detroit manager Buddy Bell said. "That's because our offense has been so inconsistent."

Greg Keagle (0-5) lost despite his best start of the season. He gave up three runs -- just one earned -- and three hits in eight innings, striking out five and walking one.

"It's frustrating because I had a good outing and I got outpitched by Burkett," Keagle said. "If this was the middle of the summer and we weren't on this stretch here, the headlines would be about the pitching duel, not about the fact we lost the game."

Until Will Clark singled and scored on Ivan Rodriguez's double in the ninth, giving Texas a 4-1 lead, Tom Goodwin and Mark McLemore each had two singles for the Rangers' only hits.

But three of those hits figured in their first three runs.

"That's what makes this team so good," McLemore said. "It's not just one or two or three guys who have to do it every night; it's at least five or six guys contributing every night."

Texas scored in the first on singles by Goodwin and McLemore, and Rusty Greer's double-play grounder.

Third baseman Joe Randa's throwing error, a walk and Goodwin's bunt single loaded the bases in the third. Kevin Elster scored on McLemore's grounder, and Luis Alicea scored from third when second baseman Easley couldn't handle Greer's grounder.

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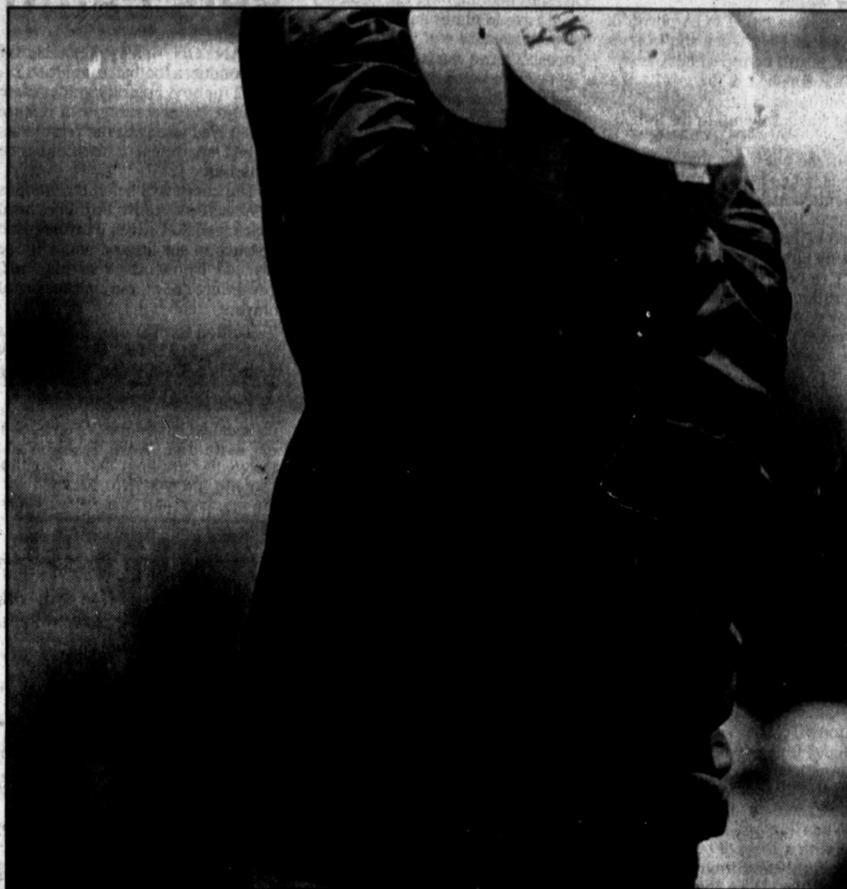


Photo by Julius Bodner

Texas Tech head football coach Spike Dykes was all wrapped up in golf Wednesday during Red Raider Day at John Pitman Municipal Golf Course.

Tech coaches upbeat as inquiry nears end

By BOB VARMETTE
Sports Writer

Texas Tech will know its fate in about four to eight weeks. That's when the NCAA's infractions committee is expected to release its final report concerning Tech's rules violations.

The results and recommendations, including possible sanctions, remain a source of speculation, but the university's three marquee coaches -- Spike Dykes, Marsha Sharp and James Dickey -- are already looking to the future.

Of the three, only Dykes mentioned the NCAA's ongoing investigation into the Red Raider's athletic department during after-dinner remarks Wednesday at the Hereford Country Club. The appearance of the three coaches was part of Red Raider Day in Hereford.

"The last two or three years have been hard," Dykes told the assembled group of Red Raider Club members and guests. "But in about six weeks, we won't have to mess with it anymore."

During an interview prior to the dinner, Dykes expressed relief at the coming end to the NCAA investigation.

"It's over with, thank goodness," he said. "That's what we've been waiting for. Everything's been rumors for all these

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years, and now it's all over with, so we feel good."

Prior to her remarks to Red Raider Club members, Sharp also expressed a sense of relief the matter is nearing an end.

"I think the most important thing to me is that it's winding down. I think, in our case, it's going to be a lot easier to deal with the truth than it has been with insinuation," she said.

Dykes said the self-imposed sanctions Tech levied in an effort to neutralize more than 50 punitive measures will have an effect, but doesn't believe it can't be overcome.

"It would hurt you to lose a few scholarships, but it doesn't kill you," he said. "A few, we can live with that. The one great lesson you learn in athletics is you have to learn to adjust to whatever the situation is. It's not always the way

you want, it's not always particularly stacked in your favor."

While Dykes minimized the impact of the NCAA's investigation, and said he didn't know of any potential recruits who did not sign with Tech because of the inquiry, Sharp said negative recruiting was a constant battle.

"We faced it all year long," she said. "I think people really used it against us a great deal and at least, from now on, we'll have the documents in hand that we can fight that off a little bit."

"I think particularly in our sport we feel pretty good about the fact we may have lost the one scholarship that we self-imposed, but we're hoping that we're going to avoid anything else. Really, I think the most important thing for us is closure."

Dickey concurred with Sharp, stressing the cloud under which the men's program has been forced to operate has hurt recruiting, but he is optimistic as the matter nears an end.

"I think we can see the light at the end of the tunnel," Dickey said. "I think we've probably had to neutralize more than we recruited the last three years. . . . I could go down a list of guys that we've lost for this reason. . . . It's had a dramatic effect."

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Photo by Julius Bodner

Hereford's Julie Rampley signed a basketball letter of intent Wednesday to Midland College. Also present for the signing were (left to right) Sherry Rampley, Hereford Girls Athletic Director Brenda Kitten, Midland College head coach Ron Jones and Doug Rampley.

Hereford's Rampley inks with MC

By BOB VARMETTE
Sports Writer

For months, it's been one of the most asked questions in the area.

Where will Julie go?

Wednesday afternoon at the Hereford Independent School District administration board room, Hereford's Julie Rampley made it official, ending all that speculation.

Rampley signed a basketball letter of intent with Midland College, opting to play for the Lady Chaparrals over Western Junior College Athletic Conference opponent Howard College of Big Spring, and Grayson County Community College, West Texas A&M, and University of Texas-San Antonio.

Rampley's signing ended the speculation, and also ended all the questions.

"It was becoming really hectic," Rampley said. "It's a relief to have it finally over with. I mean, it was an honor to be recruited, but it was getting to the point where I needed to decide."

Rampley said the reason for delaying her decision wasn't to keep everybody guessing -- she just wanted to make the right choice.

"I just wanted to make sure," she said. "I didn't want to make an irrational decision, it's such an important decision."

The Lady Chaparrals will be getting one of the Panhandle's standout players in basketball. Rampley led the Lady Whitefaces to a 28-5 record in her senior season, averaging 17.5 points, 7.2 rebounds, 5.7 assists and 4.5 steals per game.

Hereford reached the Class 4A Region I quarterfinals before being eliminated by Canyon.

"We're very happy to get Julie," Midland College head women's coach Ron Jones said. "We're happy to get her as a person and a player. She's very versatile, I think she can do several

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-- Julie Rampley

things for us. And we're excited about the type of person she is."

Hereford Girls Athletic Director, and Rampley's volleyball coach, Brenda Kitten said Midland College is not only getting an exceptional person, but an exceptional athlete.

"That's just the kind of kid she is," Kitten said. "She's one of the most competitive kids I've ever coached. I don't care whether it's volleyball, basketball or Tiddlywinks. She's the type of athlete, the more pressure in a game, the more she thrives."

Jones envisions the 5-10 Rampley fitting well into the Lady Chaparrals' style of play, and said she'll probably be a shooting guard.

"She's more than one-dimensional. She can play defense, she can rebound. She can do a lot of different things for us," Jones said.

Midland College, a two-year junior college with an enrollment of about 5,000, plays in the WC-JAC, which includes teams from Frank Phillips College in Borger and South Plains College in Levelland, among others. The confer-

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Talladega is not track where you want to be nice

By EDDIE PELLIS
AP Sports Writer

TALLADEGA, Ala. -- Bobby Labonte knows what a track like Talladega Superspeedway can do to a driver.

Although he was lucky enough to avoid a 20-car wreck in the DieHard 500 and win the race, he hasn't forgotten the perils of running on the world's biggest oval track.

"You spend 29 races a year trying to be nice to everybody," he said. "If you're in the way, you move out of the way and if you're faster, guys move out of the way for you. Here, it's just the opposite. It's kind of hard to have

friends."

Those thoughts were echoed in much stronger terms by almost every driver whose car was towed, pushed or scraped off the first turn after the fiery wreck put more than half the field out of contention last Sunday.

The accident wasn't surprising, nor was the reaction from officials at NASCAR's most dangerous track. They're already looking forward to their next race in October.

"Quite frankly, in my opinion, this is the most exciting race track in the world," said Talladega president Grant Lynch. "You see guys here racing side by side, lap



Labonte



Martin

after lap.

"Nobody in the stands sits down. They didn't leave their seats for 140 laps, until we had the mishap."

Because the accident didn't

cause any serious injuries, the day turned out almost perfect from the track's standpoint. About 125,000 people showed up. The race was decided, as usual, on the last lap.

Every complaint by a driver also seemed to serve as testimony to why racing fans love the track.

"As long as people want to see 40 cars going nose to tail, you're not going to see a change," said Jimmy Makar, Labonte's crew chief. "As long as they keep us bunched, I'd say, yeah, you're going to see stuff like that."

So the second-guessing will continue, mostly from inside the garage.

They'll blame it on speed-

limiting carburetor restrictor plates. They'll blame it on jittery drivers. They'll complain about 43 cars racing within a fuel filter's distance of each other at speeds of more than 190 mph.

"I feel really awful about it," said Ward Burton, whose innocent bump of Dale Earnhardt triggered the chain reaction. "Of course, it's nothing I would do on purpose by any means, particularly the 3 car."

"I will say I think I caused it, and I know a lot of people in the past have speculated and speculated and nobody has taken the blame for it."

A nice gesture, but not enough to make up for a week's worth of

lost work by drivers like Earnhardt, Bill Elliott and Mark Martin. The hopes of all three ended in the wreck.

"Sometimes you wonder if cars have outgrown this race track," said Martin, who believes the accident-free race he won last year at Talladega was a fluke. "That might have been the case when they were running unrestricted here at 190. It's surely the case now that they're running restricted at 190 and really want to go 230."

Lynch doesn't know if the track was built to handle a specific maximum speed. He does know

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Inquiry

Dickey and Sharp both stressed the future of their respective programs in their remarks after dinner.

"We're excited about the future," Dickey said. "Our last recruiting class was outstanding (and) I like the players we have coming back. I really feel like good things are going to happen to us."

The 1997-98 season was bitter-sweet for Sharp and the Lady Raiders. Tech went 15-1 in conference and won the Big 12 championship, but made an early exit in the NCAA tournament by losing to Notre Dame on their home court at Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

"It probably was the most devastating loss I've ever had to

endure," Sharp said. "I've really had a hard time trying to respond to that. I think that the most important thing is that you turn all of that into positive energy, and we've already started that process with our players."

Sharp was more upbeat about the upcoming season.

"I feel real good about the kids we're bringing in next year," she said. "And we do have four starters back, and three more off the bench."

Sharp had another reason to be excited -- Alicia Thompson was taken in the first round as the ninth overall pick in the WNBA draft Wednesday by the New York Liberty.

"I spoke with her just after she was drafted," Sharp said. "We're obviously proud of her."

Rampley

once is considered a stepping stone to Division I programs.

"I intend to go Division I after two years at Midland," Rampley said. "I need to get my feet under me. I need to be prepared to make that jump."

The Lady Chaparrals went 25-8 last season, 12-2 in the WCJAC, and were conference co-champions.

"They have a great program,

and it's a beautiful place. I like the girls, we got along really well. I felt in my heart Midland is where I needed to be," Rampley said.

Kitten believes Rampley is ready for the Division I caliber of basketball in the WCJAC.

"Without a doubt, she's ready," Kitten said. "By the time she finished competing for us, she was looking forward to the next level. She'll enjoy the challenge."

Spurs eliminate Suns

SAN ANTONIO (AP) -- Once again, the San Antonio Spurs relied on a one-two punch to knock out the opposition. Only this time, the players weren't David Robinson and Tim Duncan.

Avery Johnson continued his sizzling playoff run with a career-high 30 points, and Chuck Person's 3-point shooting helped ignite a decisive second-half surge as the Spurs defeated Phoenix 99-80 Wednesday night to win their opening-round series 3-1.

Johnson and Person came through on a night when San Antonio stars Robinson and Duncan struggled early against double-teams.

"We couldn't get anything going until Avery and Chuck stepped up," said Robinson, who finished with 15 points and 21 rebounds but shot only 3-of-12 from the field.

Duncan, the NBA's rookie of the year, had only 11 points and five rebounds for the Spurs, who pulled away from a 50-50 tie late in the third quarter.

But Johnson, who averaged 20 points in the series after scoring only 10 per game in the regular season,

scored nine during a 29-6 surge that put the Spurs up 79-56 with 6:53 left.

"They are a dangerous team, and I didn't want to go back to Phoenix, even if they do have a nice restaurant connected to the hotel," Johnson said.

Person, who averaged only 6.7 points during the regular season, hit three 3-pointers during the key run and finished with 18 points. Overall, he was 6-of-8 from 3-point range.

"Obviously, I've slowed down a lot because my back has been a problem," said Person, referring to back surgery he had 18 months ago. "But coach has been limiting my minutes, and I was fresh tonight."

The Spurs led by only seven points entering the fourth quarter, but they opened the final period with a 17-1 run to break the game open.

"We had a good season, but we should have been more competitive in this series," said Suns guard Jason Kidd, who finished with 12 points.

Kevin Johnson led the Suns with 18 points. Nash, who started in place of injured Rex Chapman, finished with 13 points on 4-of-13 shooting.

Rockets edge Utah Talladega

HOUSTON (AP) -- Thanks to Houston's three biggest stars, the Rockets are on the verge of pulling off one of the biggest upsets in NBA playoff history.

Hakeem Olajuwon, Clyde Drexler and Charles Barkley led the Rockets over the Utah Jazz 89-85 Wednesday night, giving Houston a 2-1 lead in the best-of-5 opening-round series.

The Rockets need one more victory to become only the second No. 8 seed to beat a No. 1 seed. No. 8 Denver upset top-seeded Seattle in 1994.

Olajuwon had 28 points and 12 rebounds, Drexler finished with 22 points, nine rebounds and five assists, and Barkley contributed eight points, six rebounds and a victory-clinching steal in the closing seconds despite playing with a hernia.

that the 2.66-mile layout isn't going anywhere. In fact, they keep adding seats, a sure message for drivers to get used to the idea of coming back despite the hazards.

"As a driver, to finish a restrictor-plate race is a bonus," Labonte said. "To win one is even more of a bonus."

Those thoughts were shared by Winston Cup points leader Rusty Wallace, who finished 12th, but avoided the crash and seemed only slightly less satisfied than the winner.

"I guess it's inevitable when you're running that close with the speeds we're running," he said. "There's a lot to be said just for surviving."

Sorenstam looks for first win of '98

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Sports Writer
DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. --

Annika Sorenstam can relate to Tiger Woods.

Sorenstam, the LPGA player of the year in 1997 when she won six times, is still on top of her game. She has finished in the top 10 in all six tournaments this year, her worst finish seventh in the Dinah Shore.

But the questions that dogged Woods, when he was in Sunday contention his first five tournaments of the season, now are aimed at the 27-year-old Swede.

Why haven't you won?

"I've been close a few times," Sorenstam shrugged. "I'm very happy with the way I'm playing. I felt when I was hitting the ball well I wasn't putting real well, and then I got my putting worked out and wasn't hitting it that well."

"Hopefully -- soon -- I'll play well and putt well," she said.

This wouldn't be a bad time to start.

Sorenstam goes after her first victory of the year Thursday in the Mercury Titleholders Championship, a tournament once regarded as the women's version of the Masters.

The Titleholders, considered a major championship from its inception in 1937 at Augusta Country Club until funding ran out in 1966, provides a green jacket to the winner. A field that has 48 of the top 50 on the money list also includes four select amateur champions.

Still, this year's tournament may resemble a U.S. Open.

When Tammie Green won last year with a 14-under-par 274, it marked the third time in as many years at the LPGA International course that the winning score was at least 14-under.

That may not be the case now. A dry spring has made the greens firmer and more difficult to hold approach shots. The fairways are more narrow and the rough is much more severe, especially around the green.

"The rough is definitely a larger factor," Green said Wed-

nesday. "The key to my win was putting, especially with the size of these greens. But now, if you start missing the fairways, you're going to start making bogeys."

It would not be surprising if a Swede were to win, although that doesn't mean Sorenstam. She has gone from being the best in the world to third-fiddle in her own country.

Liselotte Neumann, who leads the money list with nearly \$420,000, won last week outside Atlanta for her second victory of the year. Another Swede, Helen Alfredsson, is also a two-time winner this year.

"They're all over the place," said Karrie Webb, who won the Titleholders in 1996 and tied for third last year. "It gives me incentive. I'm not just chasing Annika like everybody thinks."

Even Sorenstam has taken notice of her fellow Swedes, even though she says there is no rivalry among them.

"I've been pretty impressed," Sorenstam said. "I'm happy for them. I know how it is when you win. It's a lot of fun."

Asked whether she has some catching up to do, Sorenstam rolled her eyes.

"We haven't even played a third of the season, have we?" she asked.

Sorenstam hasn't, only because she is taking mini-breaks early in the year to keep the batteries charged for a long season. It ends with the Tour Championship the weekend before Thanksgiving and includes a stop for the Solheim Cup in September.

Sorenstam hasn't played for three weeks, not since her third-place finish in the Longs Drug Challenge. Since then, she has worked some on her short game but got her biggest thrill came at Lake Tahoe with her new snowboard.

"I looked like a snowboarder," Sorenstam said. "And I had the attitude."

Then she narrowed her eyes and made a mock snarl.

"So, get out of my way," she said.

Lima, Bell lead Astros to win

HOUSTON (AP) -- Jose Lima got his fourth win and Derek Bell went 3-for-4 with two RBIs Wednesday night to lead the Houston Astros to their sixth straight win, 6-1 over the New York Mets.

John Olerud had two hits for the Mets.

Lima (4-1) gave up eight hits in 6 2-3 innings.

Mlicki gave up nine hits and four runs in six innings.

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Hereford freshman pitcher Eddie Lacey's start against Canyon Randall Saturday was his first varsity district start.

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WTAMU sets camp

CANYON -- West Texas A&M will conduct a football camp June 28-July 2 for boys entering grades three through 12, according to a release issued Wednesday by the West Texas A&M Department of Intercollegiate Athletics.

The camp will be on the campus of West Texas A&M. Buffaloes head coach Stan McGarvey will direct and instruct in the camps and will be assisted by members of his staff, guest coaches and professional players.

Tuition for boarding participants will be \$195 for the week of instruction. Commuter tuition will be \$155.

For more information, please contact McGarvey at (806) 651-2685, or write the West Texas A&M Football Office at P.O. Box 49, Canyon, TX 79016.

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UP TOPAR

(This week's local Highlights and Golf activities)

Red Raider Day winners

Two teams carded a 60 in the Red Raider Day four-man golf scramble Wednesday at Pitman Municipal Golf Course. Taking first place on a scorecard playoff was the team of Bob and Steve Sims, T Jones and Cuby Kitchens. The other team to shoot 60 was composed of Joe Hornaday, Bernie Orel and Andy Rogers. There was also a tie for third place as two teams shot a 62. One team was made up of Clovis Hale, Mike Heflin, Perry Kirkland and Wayne Richardson; the other team included Craig Nieman, Mike Lessinger, Ted McWhorter and Donnie Richardson.

Wednesday Scramble will resume Wednesday with a \$200 carry over.

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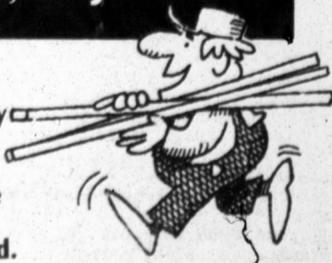


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Names in the News

EVEL KNEIVEL

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Evel Knievel, who survived hundreds of spectacular motorcycle jumps, said he has no more than six months to live unless he receives a liver transplant.

Bloodied over the years when his stunts went awry, Knievel said he contracted hepatitis C from a blood transfusion somewhere along the way. His condition has deteriorated in recent weeks.

"Three years ago, the doctor diagnosed five years (to live). But now it's just crept up on me so fast, they say three to six months," Knievel said Wednesday from his winter home in Clearwater, Fla.

He said he is on the list for donor livers.

Knievel, 59, has lost 15 pounds, down to 165, over the past few weeks.

Health officials estimate 4 million Americans have hepatitis C, some 300,000 of whom were infected by tainted blood transfusions before a reliable test was developed six years ago.

Knievel broke at least 35 bones and had 14 surgeries during his career, which included a jump at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas in 1967 when he crashed head-over-handlebars, crushed his pelvis and was unconscious for 29 days.

Since retiring in 1981, he has toured the country doing endorsements and promotions. His son, Robbie, also performs daring motorcycle jumps.

INDIGO GIRLS

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) - A free high school concert by the Grammy-winning Indigo Girls has been canceled after parents complained about the lesbian duo.

The May 7 concert at Irmo High School by Amy Ray and Emily Saliers was canceled by Principal Gerald Witt, school district spokesman Buddy Price said Wednesday. Some complained about the sexuality of the group, while others complained about having a rock concert during school hours.

The group had agreed to play for a half-hour as part of a talent show arranged by the school newspaper.

Witt approved the concert after listening to one of the group's recordings. The Indigo Girls released their debut album in 1989, and their latest album is "Shaming of the Sun."

DOROTHY MENERING

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Dorothy Menering, better known as David Letterman's mom, has been honored by Kiwanis International for her efforts to curb iodine deficiency disorders and mental retardation in infants.

For the past two years, Menering has sold signed copies of her cookbook, "Home Cookin' with Dave's Mom." So far, she's raised about \$100,000 to help pay for salt iodization programs in more than 60 countries.

"We don't have a lot of people who give more than \$10,000," Kiwanis spokesman David Williams said Wednesday, as the organization recognized her work.

More than 1.5 billion people are at risk of iodine deficiency disorders, he said. The thyroid gland uses the chemical to regulate brain development. Babies without iodine in their diet often are born severely retarded.

CARTER REUNION

PLAINS, Ga. (AP) - Neill Marriot of Salt Lake City gets the chance to sink her feet into Georgia red clay this weekend when she visits Plains for a reunion with 800 relatives - including third cousin Jimmy Carter.

The former president planned the reunion while researching the descendants of his great-grandfather, Wiley Carter.

It's been 45 years since Mrs. Marriot, then 15, visited Plains with her grandmother, who "picked up this big clump of red dirt and told me it was Georgia red clay," she said Wednesday.

"I look at (Carter) not so much as a president, but as a cousin. And he's one of many," Mrs. Marriot said. "For me, the reunion is so I can have

a sense of family."

Relatives from as far away as Oregon and California will begin arriving in Plains on Friday, doubling the population of the southwest Georgia town. A barbecue and dance are planned, and Carter is expected to teach Sunday school at Maranatha Baptist Church.

PEOPLE'S LIST

NEW YORK (AP) - In: Gwyneth Paltrow, Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Erykah Badu and Leonardo DiCaprio. Out: John F. Kennedy Jr., Tom Cruise, Michelle Pfeiffer and Mel Gibson.

So says *People* magazine's annual list of the 50 "most beautiful people in the world."

In addition to the expected actors (Matt Damon, Will Smith), actresses (Halle Berry, Calista Flockhart) and singers (Stevie Nicks), there are a few surprises.

Arundhati Roy, who wrote "The God of Small Things," made the list, as did British Prime Minister Tony Blair, 87-year old Titanic star Gloria Stuart and Bernard Parks, the police chief of Los Angeles.

Angeline Jolie, star of the HBO movie "Gia," also made the list. She told the magazine one of her beauty secrets: "Sometimes I'll watch TV and go into a lotion trance for an hour. I try to find brands that don't taste bad in case anyone wants to taste me."

The issue hits the newsstands in most cities on Friday.

Separate from the magazine's list, which is done by an editorial board, is a *People* Online poll asking Internet users to vote for their favorite most beautiful person from ranks that include DiCaprio and Gillian Anderson.

The polling doesn't end until May 8, but the front-runner Wednesday was a write-in candidate - Hank the angry, drunken dwarf, a beloved figure to Howard Stern listeners. Hank has more than 50,000 votes so far.

MADELINE ALBRIGHT

CHEN KAIGE

BEIJING (AP) - On a walk through a muddy studio set of imperial Beijing, Secretary of State Madeline Albright and leading Chinese director Chen Kaige found a common dislike: "Titanic."

"Why do people like it? I thought it was a terrible movie," Albright said Wednesday. Chen said he found the story superficial.

The two met at the state-run Beijing Film Studio, where they watched about 20 minutes of Chen's 1993 "Farewell My Concubine."

Albright said she hoped to see Chen when she visits again in June with President Clinton. They agreed maybe Clinton would like to see the studio, too.

"That would be cool," Chen said.

LAUREN BACALL

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Lauren Bacall may have been nominated for an Oscar and a Golden Globe last year, but she says good movie roles are hard to come by.

"They are not writing wonderful parts for women," she said in the *Los Angeles Times*. "That is the sad truth. They were certainly not breaking down the doors for me, anyway."

Bacall, 73, won acclaim for "The Mirror Has Two Faces." She'll make a two-episode guest appearance on "Chicago Hope" beginning this week, playing a wealthy artist with a brain tumor.

The part is worthwhile because "it's not a stereotype," she said. "I am not playing somebody's mother or somebody's aunt. It's refreshing to be offered something that is not like that, so I grabbed it."

SARAH FERGUSON

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Pitching her new cookbook and the Weight Watchers program, Sarah Ferguson says she still craves butterscotch ice cream, sausage rolls and mayonnaise. "The full-blown fat mayonnaise," she told a crowd of Weight Watchers stalwarts.

The Duchess of York likes to show off her weight loss.

"I think I've gotten a little more risque," she said. "Shorter skirts."

But the audience hissed when a reporter asked her weight.

Lawmakers worry about bank mergers

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Business briefs

WASHINGTON (AP) - Concern about the wave of huge bank mergers sliced across party lines, as members of the House Banking Committee voiced worry Wednesday consumers could be hurt by higher fees and reduced competition among banks.

A top Treasury official, Undersecretary John D. Hawke Jr., said the Clinton administration shares that concern, but some lawmakers weren't convinced.

Rep. Bruce Vento, D-Minn., said no federal banking regulators appeared to have a "fire in the belly" about ensuring consumers are protected as big banks and other financial institutions combine.

Health insurers set up rules for Viagra

NEW YORK (AP) - As health insurers scramble to decide whether to cover a popular new pill for impotence, many have set up temporary rules to make sure the drug goes to impotent men and not would-be Casanovas looking to spice up their sex lives.

For now, Cigna HealthCare will let some patients use the Pfizer drug, Viagra, but only if they are already using a rival treatment, such as injections or penile implants. HMO giant Kaiser Permanente is considering covering only half the drug's cost. California's WellPoint Health Networks will cover only its

commercial members. All require a doctor to diagnose the patient as impotent.

Testing shows RU-486 92 percent effective

BOSTON (AP) - The first formal testing of the abortion pill RU-486 in the United States found that it successfully ended pregnancies in 92 percent of women.

Although the drug has already been widely tested and used in Europe, the Food and Drug Administration requested that additional studies of its safety and effectiveness be done in the United States.

Those results are being published in today's issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine*. The drug's U.S. developer says it hopes to have the pill on the market sometime next year.

Microsoft's online service is unqualified flop

WASHINGTON (AP) - The last time Microsoft faced scrutiny by the Justice Department, it was over an electronic link for its online service that the company had included in

Windows 95.

Competitors such as America Online and CompuServe complained bitterly then that Microsoft was unfairly using its Windows muscle to lure subscribers.

But the online service proved an unqualified flop, reportedly losing hundreds of millions annually since 1995 with fewer than 3 million subscribers. AOL, by contrast, now has more than 11 million members.

Eisner wants expansion of Disney on the Net

HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif. (AP) - Mickey Mouse wants to become the world's most famous

Internet mascot.

Mickey's boss, Walt Disney Co. chairman Michael D. Eisner, is pushing to expand Disney's Internet business, which already includes three of the most popular sites on the World Wide Web.

Disney wants to become "an aggressive competitor on the Internet," Eisner told journalists gathered for the annual Society of American Business Editors and Writers conference Tuesday night.

New home sales slide, but remain fairly strong

WASHINGTON (AP) - Sales of new homes faltered a bit in March but remained relatively strong, boosted by ebullient consumer confidence, low mortgage rates and a robust job market.

Sales fell 5 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 828,000, the Commerce Department said Wednesday. That followed increases of 3 percent in February and 5.2 percent in January.

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'Seinfeld' finale is shaping up as commercial record-breaker

NEW YORK (AP) - Advertisers can be sure of one thing when it comes to "Seinfeld" - the finale certainly won't be about nothing.

The final episode of "Seinfeld," which is already on track to set a record for the highest prices for commercial time, may gain even more for NBC than originally thought.

The May 14 show may run about 15 minutes longer than the one-hour time slot originally set aside for it, sources familiar with the matter said.

The program is likely to fetch between \$1.5 million and \$1.7 million for a 30-second advertisement, said the sources, who spoke Wednesday on condition of anonymity.

The price is below the \$2 million commitment that NBC was said to have received from two buyers a few months ago when the commercial time was first made available. But it still easily surpasses the old mark of \$1.3 million set by the Super Bowl football telecast in January.

NBC declined to say what it was getting for ad time on the show. Buyers say that the true price is hard to pin down because some ads were sold as part of package deals involving other programs.

The long-running series starring comedian Jerry Seinfeld has attracted an avid following as it tracks the twists in the lives of four single New Yorkers and assorted associates.

The network expects that as many as 90 million people will watch some of the "Seinfeld" finale.

NBC had sold all 10 minutes of national commercial time available in the hour originally that the show was supposed to run. It was unclear how much longer the final episode may run or how many extra ads will be included.

To accommodate a potential runover, NBC would shorten a planned one-hour "Seinfeld" retrospective that is to precede the finale.

Advertisers who bought less expensive time on what is being called the "clips" show are getting first crack at paying the difference to be included in the expanded finale, and the network expects to find them willing buyers.

Among the advertisers on the final episode are the brewers Anheuser-Busch and Coors, the credit cards Visa and MasterCard, the fast-food chain Wendy's and Gardenburger, which sells vegetarian sandwich patties.

Wendy's, based in Dublin, Ohio, said it plans to promote a ham and chicken sandwich that will be on its menu only for a limited time.

"We need the widest exposure we can and we are hoping the audience will be there," said Wendy's spokesman Denny Lynch.

Steve Grubbs, who oversees national broadcast ad buys for the ad agency BBDO Worldwide, said "Seinfeld" was able to command commercial prices higher than for the Super Bowl even though it may attract a smaller audience.

"Seinfeld" has a unique audience - young, very upscale and well-educated. They are light TV users who are not easy to reach with TV," he said.

In addition, he said the final episode represents a one-time-only event for which there is wide anticipation.

"There just aren't that aren't that many places particularly at this time of year where you can draw that kind of audience," Grubbs said.

NYC parks head cans 'Seinfest'

NEW YORK (AP) - The show about nothing could mean nothing but trouble if a party for its finale is held in a small park, city officials fear.

The city rejected a request by Fujifilm to hold a party for the last episode of "Seinfeld" in Bryant Park, which covers about a city block behind the New York Public Library.

Police Commissioner Howard Safir and Parks Commissioner Henry Stern said Wednesday they feared the May 14 party would draw a larger crowd than the park could hold.

An estimated 12,000 people were expected to attend the "Seinfest." Dan Sieger, a spokesman for the Bryant Park Restoration Corp., said 12,000 people safely watched "Casablanca" in the park a few summers ago.

"Twelve thousand would be too much and it would probably have drawn many more," Safir said. "It was a public safety concern for me."

And Stern feared as many as 35,000 people would have shown up because of the event's heavy promotion.

"Fuji announced they were giving away 5,000 disposable cameras to further enlarge the crowd," Stern said. "And there would be contests, like soup-eating, Seinfeld imitations, stuff like that."

In a news release promoting the free party, Fujifilm said six 50-inch TVs would be placed on the park's lawn and one 15-by-20-foot screen would be placed on the park's terrace.

Fujifilm said it was extremely disappointed.

"As one of the advertisers on the final episode of 'Seinfeld,' Fujifilm had hoped to be able to help New Yorkers bid farewell to one of America's most beloved television shows," the company said in a statement.

Television

THURSDAY

APRIL 30

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
2	Movie: Land Before Time II: The Great Valley Adventure	Movie: Land Before Time III: The Time of Their Lives	Griffith	Griffith	Movie: Land Before Time IV: The Land Beyond the Great Valley	Goofy	Ballad of Hector	Zorro			
3	News	Ent. Tonight	Friends	Just Shoot Me	Seinfeld	Veronica's Closet	ER	News	(-35) Tonight Show		
4	News	Ent. Tonight	Friends	Just Shoot Me	Seinfeld	Veronica's Closet	ER	News	(-35) Tonight Show		
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12	News	Ent. Tonight	Friends	Just Shoot Me	Seinfeld	Veronica's Closet	ER	News	(-35) Tonight Show		

FRIDAY

MAY 1

	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
2	Goof Troop	Wonderland	Mermaid	Pooh	Bear	Katie-Orbie	Chip 'n' Dale	Madeline	Mermaid	Pooh	Jungle Cubs
3	Today				Leeza		Geraldo Rivera	Sunset Beach	Days-Lives		
4	Today				Leeza		Geraldo Rivera	Sunset Beach	Days-Lives		
5	Today				Leeza		Geraldo Rivera	Sunset Beach	Days-Lives		
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11	Today				Leeza		Geraldo Rivera	Sunset Beach	Days-Lives		
12	Today				Leeza		Geraldo Rivera	Sunset Beach	Days-Lives		

No more 'good mornings' from Gibson

NEW YORK (AP) - Charles Gibson knew where to turn for advice on calling it quits after 11 years as co-host of ABC's "Good Morning America."

Joan Lunden, his longtime partner on the morning show, had her own farewell seven months earlier. She warned Gibson that the adjustment to normal hours and a new job may take longer than he anticipated.

"Some people said that you're going to feel a sense of mourning this week," Gibson said. "Some people said you'll feel melancholy. Some people have said you'll feel elated. But I sort of think it won't sink in until it's done."

It will be done on Friday, when Gibson, 55, passes the "Good Morning America" baton to Kevin Newman. Gibson will become an anchor and correspondent for an ABC prime-time newsmagazine.

His exit severs one of the show's few remaining links between its glory years, when it was America's most-watched morning show, and its present status of distant second to NBC's "Today" juggernaut.

"Good Morning America" will have brought in two new hosts, Newman and Lisa McRae, in seven months.

Comics

The Wizard of Id

By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart



Marvin

By Tom Armstrong



Blondie

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



Barney Google and Snuffy Smith

By Fred Lasswell



Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
2	Tale Spin	Donald	Chip 'n' Dale	Tale Spin	Goof Troop	Timon	Aladdin	Dinosaurs	Growing	Growing	Brotherly
3	Days-Lives	Another World	Jenny Jones	Government	Government	Perspective	Perspective	Oprah Winfrey	News	NBC News	
4	Body Etc.	Painting	Time Goes	Government	Government	Perspective	Perspective	Sandiego	Science Guy	Wishbone	
5	(12:00) Movie: Joe Kidd (1972)	Flintstones	Flintstones	Looney	Dreams	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	
6	Jeopardy!	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Port Charles	Pictionary	Rose O'Donnell	News	ABC News	News	ABC News	
7	News	Empty Nest	Nest	(10) Major League Baseball	St. Louis Cardinals at Chicago Cubs	Tenth Inning	Saved-Bell	News	ABC News	Saved-Bell	
8	Bold & B.	As the World Turns	Guiding Light	Sally	Am. Journal	Edition	News	CBS News	News	CBS News	
9	Judge Judy	Medicine Woman	Little House on the Prairie	Metallix	Spider-Man	Turtles	Rangers	Fresh Pr.	Grace Under	Grace Under	
10	Billiards	Sr. PGA	Inside PGA	Senior PGA Golf Bruno's Memorial Classic -- First Round	Horse Racing	Up Close	Sportstr.				
11	(12:00) Home & Family	Shop/Drop	Shopping	Big Valley	Bonanza-Lost	Burnett	Burnett				
12	Movie: Green Ice (1991) Ryan O'Neal, Omar Sharif	PG	Movie: Meteor Sean Connery	** PG	(-45) Movie: GoldenEye Pierce Brosnan						
13	(12:00) Movie: Chain Reaction PG-13	Movie: Splash (1984) Tom Hanks, Daryl Hannah	PG	Face/Off	Movie: Twelfth Night ** PG						
14	(12:00) Movie: Hot Pursuit	Movie: Only the Strong Mark Dacascos	(-15) Movie: Trojan War Will Friedle	** PG-13	Movie: Multiplicity (1996)						
15	Movie: The Rounders	Movie: Day of the Evil Gun (1968) Glenn Ford	**	Movie: Thoroughbred Don't Cry (1937)							
16	Waltons	America's Country Hits	Crook & Chase	Dukes of Hazzard	Club Dance	Waltons					
17	Home	Housesmart!	Interior Motives	Great Chefs	Great Chefs	Travelers	Wings				
18	Law & Order	McMillan and Wife	Equalizer	Quincy	Northern Exposure						
19	Night Court	Movie: Stolen Babies (1993) Mary Tyler Moore	***	Designing	Designing	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Supernit	Debt		
20	Fit TV	This Week in NASCAR	Xtreme	V-Max	Nolan Ryan Outdoors	Sports	Baseball	Pennant	Big 12 Show		
21	Movie: Gunman's Walk (1958) Van Heflin	***	In the Heat of the Night	Kung Fu: Legend	Lola & Clark-Superman						
22	Rupert	Muppets	Looney	CharlieB	Tiny Toon	You Afraid?	Rocko's Life	Figure It Out	Tiny Toon		
23	Movie: School Ties (1992) Brendan Fraser	***	Baywatch	Saved-Bell	USA High	Baywatch					
24	Leonela	Huracan	Movie: A Walk in the Sun (1946) Dana Andrews	***	Real West	Crossed	Sabers-Cavalry				
25	Crossed	Vinegar Joe	Movie: A Walk in the Sun (1946) Dana Andrews	***	Real West	Crossed	Sabers-Cavalry				
26	Run-Roses	Run-Roses	70s Sweeps	Derby	2Day at Churchill Downs	Sportsman	Auto Racing: NASCAR Outlying				

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2	Movie: The Mighty Ducks ** PG	(-45) Movie: Three Amigos! Chevy Chase	** PG	Growing	Walt Disney Presents	Zorro					
3	News	Ent. Tonight	National Geographic	Dateline	Homicide: Life	News	(-35) Tonight Show				
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NEWS

in brief

One more week for Arkansas Whitewater grand jury

WASHINGTON (AP) - Facing a final week of work, a Whitewater grand jury in Arkansas is examining the testimony of first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton while a separate panel in Washington focuses on the first lady's former law partner, Webster Hubbell.

The grand jury here is investigating possible tax violations stemming from more than \$700,000 in payments that Hubbell received in 1994 and 1995 after his resignation from the Justice Department.

Many of the payments were arranged by friends of the president and first lady.

Report rips VA program for sick vets' dependents

WASHINGTON (AP) - A congressional report says the Veterans Affairs Department has been slow and ineffective in carrying out a program to examine the health of the spouses and children of Gulf War veterans.

The General Accounting Office, the investigative wing of Congress, says in a report being formally released today that at the beginning of this year the VA had completed only 872 of 2,802 requests for medical examinations. The examination program started in November 1994 and expires at the end of this year.

New performance test for principals unveiled

WASHINGTON (AP) - Would-be principals in four states will have to take a standardized test this fall that measures how well the candidates can deal with everyday matters such as budgets, discipline and safety.

Sponsors of the test hope more states will latch on to the idea that if teachers and students are held to measurable standards, school leaders should as well.

The council and Educational Testing Service of Princeton, N.J., unveiled the six-hour examination, the School Leaders Licensure Assessment, at a news conference Wednesday.

Ex-House historian drops plans to challenge Newt

ATLANTA (AP) - The House historian hired and fired by Speaker Newt Gingrich has dropped plans to challenge him after a federal judge ruled that she must take a leave of absence as a state university professor to campaign.

The rule that stymied Christina Jeffrey was put in place in 1977. That was after Gingrich had made two unsuccessful bids for Congress while a professor at West Georgia College. He quit the teaching post to run in 1978 and won.

U.S. District Judge Clarence Cooper on Wednesday rejected Ms. Jeffrey's challenge to a state Board of Regents policy requiring employees to take an unpaid leave if they run for state or federal office.

Flynn says he's running for Congress, not governor

BOSTON (AP) - Three months after announcing his candidacy for governor, former mayor Ray Flynn said Wednesday he has decided instead to run for the Congressional seat being vacated by Rep. Joseph P. Kennedy II.

Flynn, with wife and family in tow, took to the streets of the historic 8th District in an effort to collect the 2,000 signatures needed by Tuesday to get on the ballot.

Kennedy succeeded the late Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill - who in turn succeeded Kennedy's uncle, John F. Kennedy.

El Nino affects nation's fire season, too

BOISE, Idaho (AP) - Rain and snow from El Nino has turned the desert green, dampening the threat of an early wildfire season this year in the Southwest.

Yet if all that grass dries up, it could be a long, hot summer for firefighters. And the outlook isn't any better for the Northwest, which had a relatively dry winter, the National Interagency Fire Center said Wednesday.

El Nino has been blamed for flooding, drought, tornadoes, mosquitoes and any number of other problems across the West. Fire is next on the list.

Defense: \$1.77 billion damage claim flawed

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) - Cigarette companies, whose executives are accused of ignoring health concerns to protect profits, are attacking the bottom line of Minnesota's lawsuit against the tobacco industry.

The lawsuit's \$1.77 billion damage claim is flawed because it includes costs for problems that have nothing to do with smoking - hemorrhoids, schizophrenia and broken bones, a defense expert testified Wednesday.

"These are not on the surgeon general's list" of smoking-related diseases, said William Wecker, a private statistical consultant hired by the defense to look for problems in the plaintiffs' damage calculations.

The state and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota used the model to conclude they have spent \$1.77 billion treating smoking-related illnesses from 1978 through 1996. Both are also seeking punitive damages.

'Titanic' bootleg videos flooding black market

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) - The top-grossing film of all time is also No. 1 on the black market.

"Titanic," the ocean liner disaster movie that picked up 11 Academy Awards, has become the most-wanted pirate video on the streets.

The Motion Picture Association of America's video piracy unit has seized 1,500 videos from street vendors in New York City since January, and dozens more in sweeps in Newark, Philadelphia, Chicago and Cleveland.

SPENDING BATTLE

House-Senate bargainers finishing work on emergency bill

WASHINGTON (AP) - Republicans are daring President Clinton to follow through on a threat to veto an emergency spending bill financing U.S. troops abroad and recovery costs from natural disasters at home. And even some Democrats are showing discomfort with the election-year strategy.

House-Senate bargainers were hoping to shake hands on a compromise bill today so lawmakers could ship it to Clinton by week's end. The nearly \$6 billion measure was growing by the day, the last loose end being a Republican effort to include hundreds of millions of dollars to subsidize banks that make guaranteed student loans.

Presaging a possible showdown, White House budget chief Franklin Raines sent lawmakers a letter warning that Clinton might veto the measure. Administration officials were unhappy that the bill lacked \$18 billion for the International Monetary Fund and \$900 million in unpaid United Nations dues that Clinton wants, and that it contained provisions he opposes, such as cuts of up to \$2.6 billion from low-income housing.

But with public support questionable for the IMF and the United Nations, plus Clinton's own Pentagon warning it might start laying off civilian employees Friday if the spending bill is not approved, Republicans said they were ready to call the president's bluff.

"He's not going to shut down the Pentagon over this," said Rep. Sonny Callahan, R-Ala. "Let him try."

House Appropriations Committee Chairman Bob Livingston, R-La., said he doubted Clinton could persuade the public that money for U.S. troops and disaster victims should be delayed because Congress was withholding money for international organizations.

"I think it falls a little short of common sense," Livingston said, adding, "That's a tantrum."

Even Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., normally a loyal Clinton supporter, questioned whether there is enough support among voters for the IMF for the administration strategy to work.

"The calculation has to be done at the White House to see whether they can get these things,"

Lautenberg said. "Frankly, there's some doubt as I see it."

Other Democrats said they believed a Clinton veto would hurt Republicans once again. Polls show the GOP was blamed last year when Clinton vetoed a disaster aid bill for Midwestern flooding after Republicans included unrelated provisions he opposed, and when vetoes of spending bills in 1995 and 1996 triggered two federal shutdowns.

"They played chicken for three years with the president and lost," said Rep. Steny Hoyer, D-Md.

Bargainers excluded or watered down several provisions that Raines' letter listed as veto bait, including language that could have allowed assault-type weapons already seized by the government into the country. Another provision that would have required Clinton to get congressional approval before attacking Iraq was made nonbinding.

And an effort was abandoned to include money for farmers and agriculture research while not restoring food stamps to some illegal immigrants. The administration wants all three items approved.

The Senate voted 84-16 last month to attach the \$18 billion for the IMF to the emergency package. But the House has refused to go along, prodded by conservatives who insist they will only support the money if Clinton agrees to ban U.S. aid to groups that lobby to liberalize overseas abortion laws. A Democratic effort to include the IMF funds was rejected by bargainers 11-9.

In a bow to the House, negotiators agreed to cut enough spending to pay for the roughly \$3 billion for disaster and other domestic spending in the bill. The savings would come chiefly from low-income housing and airport projects.

But at the Senate's insistence, the measure's defense expenditures - about \$2.8 billion - will be paid for out of projected budget surpluses.

Livingston and others predicted the measure would pass the House as early as today with only a few conservatives who want the entire measure paid for with spending cuts voting "no."

"We set the agenda," said Rep. David McIntosh, R-Ind., a conservative House leader. "The risk was it could all come apart."

FBI to put bombing suspect on its list

WASHINGTON (AP) - The FBI is getting ready to add the suspect in the nation's first fatal bombing of an abortion clinic to its 10-most-wanted list and offer a \$1 million reward for his capture, officials say.

Bureau officials had originally planned to announce the addition of Eric Robert Rudolph to the list Wednesday, according to Justice Department officials who requested anonymity. But the action was postponed until next week to allow the FBI time to seek expected approval from Justice to boost the reward from \$100,000 to \$1 million.

The 31-year-old carpenter from Murphy, N.C., has eluded capture since the Jan. 29 bombing at the New Woman All Women Clinic in

Birmingham, Ala., which killed a security guard and badly injured a nurse.

Within a week, Rudolph was sought as a material witness. By Feb. 14, he was formally charged with using an explosive device to damage the building, which carries a possible death sentence.

On March 17, the task force investigating the Birmingham bombing was formally merged with an older task force assigned to solve three bombings in Atlanta, including one at Centennial Olympic Park in July 1996.

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Re-scheduled - 1003 Plains, Friday 8 to 3:30. 3 Family garage sale. Stereo, Entertainment Center, Dining Table, End Tables, Kitchen items, home exterior, women's & children's clothing, Tandy Computer & Monitor (has all books), lots of miscellaneous.

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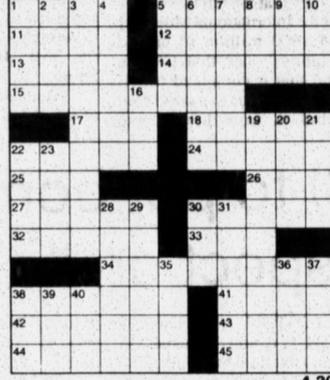
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Keeping an eye on Texas

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The Comptroller's office received 51 anonymous sales tax payments totaling \$4,883 in the past three years from taxpayers whose consciences apparently got the best of them. The "conscience" payments ranged from a low of four cents to a high of \$1,333.

SOURCE: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Echándole el ojo a Texas

"Caray, se me olvidó..."

En los últimos tres años la oficina del Contralor ha recibido pagos de impuestos anónimos sumando un total de, \$4,883, enviados por contribuyentes buscando la reconciliación. Los pagos de "reconciliación" han variado desde un mínimo de cuatro centavos a un mayor de \$1,333.

Fuente: John Sharp, Contralor de Cuentas Públicas.

DONALD M. ROTHBERG

Inside Washington

UGLY MOOD: It's not era of civility in D.C.

WASHINGTON (AP) - The mood in the capital is ugly. The rhetorical gloves are off. A senior House Republican directs a back-alley epithet at the president of the United States.

When Democrats complain, the House GOP whif counters by suggesting a public debate on whether there is a more appropriate term than "scumbag" to describe President Clinton.

Is this the worst of moods coming during what are generally considered the best of times?

The economy is booming, the budget deficit is vanishing and the nation is at peace.

Yet no president in memory has taken the personal criticism directed at Clinton.

"We ought to be feeling good about ourselves, but we seem to be in a food fight," said Lewis Gould, a professor of history at the University of Texas.

The epithet used by Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., was the harshest, but not the only, criticism that stretched normal rules of polite discourse.

"I do believe after looking at all that's going on that this president could very well be a sexual predator. And he has committed some heinous acts," said House GOP Whip Tom DeLay of Texas.

Rep. Dick Arme, R-Texas, the House majority leader, told schoolchildren that Clinton was "a shameless person."

Gould, who specializes in the history of the presidency, said other chief executives have taken harsh criticism, but "the level of venom now" seems much higher.

"Everybody's got the gloves off," said Henry Graf, a historian at Columbia University. "It's a form of violence in society."

Most surprising is the gloves-off attitude by members of Congress.

Usually, the president is treated with the same studied politeness members use toward each other.

The arcane language of House Rule XIV refers to "a Member ... called to order for words spoken in debate." It has most often been applied to personal attacks on another congressman.

Not even in the depths of Watergate when Congress was moving toward forcing Richard M. Nixon from the presidency did members use the kind of language against him that is routinely directed against Clinton.

Franklin D. Roosevelt and Lyndon B. Johnson aroused the passions of their political opponents, but the attacks, at least within Congress, were generally moderate.

Political rhetoric is another matter. When Thomas Jefferson first ran for president he was portrayed by his opponents as a supporter of the French Revolution and "a howling atheist." Abraham Lincoln was denounced during the 1864 campaign as "a half-witted usurper."

"Civility is cyclical," said Stephen Hess, a presidential scholar at the Brookings Institution. "It goes in waves in American politics."

Hess suggested that one difference between the mood now and a few decades ago is that members of Congress spend less time socializing with each other.

He looked back on a time when lawmakers "played poker together, and even though they were political enemies they got to know each other."

Donald M. Rothberg has covered national affairs for *The Associated Press* in Washington since 1966.

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The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make the return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Hereford, Texas, this 20 day of April A. D., 1998.

Attest:
Lola Faye Veazey, Clerk, District Court Deaf Smith, County, Texas, Courthouse, Hereford, Texas, 79045.



POLL

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Ninety-four percent say they believe in God.

Nearly four in 10 say a member of their household owns a gun, and 15 percent say they themselves own one. Thirty-one percent have had instruction in shooting. And when asked what they considered the biggest problem in their schools, 16 percent gave the most frequent response: violence. The survey followed shootings involving schoolchildren in Arkansas, Mississippi and Kentucky.

Many of the responses on behavior - smoking, drinking and sex, for example - varied widely between younger and older teens. Only 13 percent of 13- to 15-year-olds said they had ever had sex, compared with 38 percent of 16- and 17-year-olds.

The poll showed that most teens do get along with their parents: 51 percent said "very well" and 46 percent said "fairly well."

On politics, however, teens' views diverged sharply from those of their parents. Six in 10 teens said that "when there has been discrimination against blacks in the past," blacks should be given preference in the workplace and in college admissions. Only 35 percent of adults held that view in a *Times/CBS News Poll* in December.

And 51 percent of teen-agers said you could trust the government to do what is right always or most of the time; only 26 percent of adults agreed with that in January.

ECONOMY

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growth rate for total GDP in the first quarter. The surprising strength normally would have fed Wall Street fears that the Federal Reserve was preparing to squelch any developing inflationary pressures by pushing interest rates higher to slow economic growth.

A dramatic improvement in a price index tied to the GDP and a separate Labor Department report showing easing wage pressures helped reassure traders and spark an early rally in the bond market that pushed the yield on the benchmark 30-year Treasury bond down to 6 percent from 6.07 percent Wednesday.

The GDP price measure inched up at a 0.9 percent annual rate, the smallest in nearly 35 years. It had risen at a 1.4 percent rate in the fourth quarter.

Also, the Labor Department said Americans' wages and benefits rose a moderate 0.7 percent from January through March. It was the smallest rise in a year and followed a brisker 1 percent increase in the October-December period.

The Labor Department also said new claims for unemployment benefits edged up by 1,000 last week to 319,000, the highest level since late February and perhaps a hint of economic slowing after the torrid first quarter.

Economists had been expecting Asia's financial turmoil to crimp the U.S. economy by slashing export sales to the region and by encouraging Americans to buy goods cheaply from countries with devalued currencies.

Exports fell at a 3.4 percent rate, the sharpest drop in 4 years. At the same time, imports shot up at an 11.6 percent pace. The combination produced the worst deterioration of the U.S. trade deficit on record for the past half century.

Stimulation from a drop in long-term U.S. interest rates appears to have more than offset the deterioration in the trade balance.

Interest-sensitive sectors of the economy took off. Business investment in new equipment soared at a 28.8 percent rate, the fastest since late 1983. Spending on housing jumped at a 17.6 percent rate, the most rapid rate in nearly two years.

Growth in consumer spending more than doubled from a moderate 2.5 percent rate in the fourth quarter to 5.7 percent in the first, the speediest pace in six years. Expensive items from cars to computers, often purchased on credit, rose at an 18.4 percent rate.

Magruder quits pastorate

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) - The Rev. Job Stuart Magruder, who served seven months in prison for his role in the Watergate cover-up, is leaving his pastorate at a Kentucky church to become a consultant.

Magruder, 63, said he intends to step down at First Presbyterian Church after preaching May 31.

"I'd never planned to do it more than eight years. Preaching 38, 39 times a year is not simple," he said Tuesday.

In his new job with Resource Services Inc. in Dallas, Magruder will travel to churches nationwide to teach them biblical principles of money management while helping them raise funds.



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