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SHOWDOWN IN MIAMI

'They will have to take this child from me by force'

MIAMI (AP) — The Elian Gonzalez custody case hurtled toward a climax today, with the boy's Miami relatives vowing to defy a government order to surrender him for a trip to Washington and a reunion with his father. "They will have to take this child from me by force," the boy's great-uncle declared to a crowd of supporters.

After failing to reach an agreement with the family during a dramatic 2½-hour meeting attended by the Cuban boy, Attorney General Janet Reno ordered them to bring him to the Opa-locka airport outside Miami at 2 p.m. By early morning, 50 police cars ringed the airport and 200 officers had been deployed to the area.

The great-uncle, Lazaro Gonzalez, defiantly insisted that he would not relinquish custody of the boy he has cared for since Elian's mother drowned off the Florida coast nearly

five months ago.

"We will not turn this child over — not in Opa-locka, not in any 'locks," he said.

Elian, speaking in Spanish on a home video, addressed his father, saying: "I don't want to go to Cuba. ... I want to stay here." The video was obtained by the Spanish-language network Univision and shown today on ABC's "Good Morning America." The translation was ABC's.

If the family does not show up at the airport, Reno said, "We will enforce the order." She did not elaborate, but government sources have

said the Justice Department was prepared to send U.S. marshals and immigration agents into the great-uncle's house in Little Havana to remove the boy.

If it came to that, things could get bumpy: Protesters have repeatedly said they would link arms and form a human chain around the house to block federal agents from going in.

Shortly after 5 a.m. today, a stocky older man rushed out of a crowd of about 100 and tried to push over a police barricade at the home. He shouted, "Let's go — let's go for the kid." Fellow protesters pulled him back, but he was arrested.

The government's plan called for a plane to take Elian to Washington



Elian Gonzalez: Miami relatives swear to defy order to turn boy over to his father.



JANET RENO
Attorney general fails to reach agreement during 2½-hour meeting with boy's relatives.

for a retreat at a neutral site with the boy's father, Juan Miguel. No Cuban diplomats would be present. After the meeting, the government said, "care and parole of Elian will be transferred to Juan Miguel Gonzalez."

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Today's weather OUTLOOK



Mostly clear skies

Tonight: Mostly clear with a low around 50, south wind 10 to 20 mph with occasional higher gusts.

Friday: Partly sunny and windy with a high in the mid-80s, southwest to south wind increasing to 20 to 30 mph with higher gusts.

Friday night: Mostly cloudy and breezy with a low in the lower 50s.

Extended forecast

Saturday: Partly cloudy, high in the upper 70s.

Sunday: Mostly clear, low in the lower 40s, high around 80.

Monday: Partly cloudy, low in the mid-40s, high in the mid-80s.

Hereford weather

Wednesday's high, 73; low, 41; no precipitation.

Wholesale prices rise 1 percent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wholesale prices shot up 1 percent in March, led by the biggest jump in energy costs in nearly 10 years.

The advance in the Labor Department's Producer Price Index, which measures inflation pressures before they reach the consumer, was a worse showing on inflation than the 0.5 percent rise many analysts were expecting.

The jolt reported today came from a huge 5.8 percent gain in energy prices, the sharpest rise since a 7.5 percent increase posted in October 1990.

Outside the volatile energy and food categories, the "core" rate of inflation at the wholesale level rose a tiny 0.1 percent, right on target with many analysts' predictions, suggesting that most other prices were well behaved.

In February, wholesale prices also surged 1 percent, which marked the largest gain in nearly 10 years, while the core rate rose an expected 0.3 percent.

The government will report on price pressures at the retail level when it releases its Consumer Price Index on Friday. Many analysts are estimating a March rise of 0.5 percent.

The Federal Reserve has raised interest rates five times since June 30 to slow the speeding economy and to keep inflation from escalating. Given the outlook for strong continuing growth, many analysts expect the Fed will boost rates again on May 16.

Retail sales rose a bigger-than-expected 0.4 percent in March, but were less brisk than the month before. But excluding the volatile category of cars sales, March's total retail sales were up a strong 1.4 percent.

The number of Americans filing new claims for unemployment benefits last week rose by 3,000 to 264,000, but still left claims in a range suggesting companies are scrambling to find workers.

On Wall Street, the inflation-sensitive market for government bonds was falling before the reports and gave up more ground bond after the figures were released.

So far this year, wholesale prices have been rising at an annual rate of 8.2 percent, compared with a 3 percent gain for all of 1999. The pickup in this year's wholesale prices largely reflects rising energy costs.

The sharp 5.8 percent increase in energy prices in March reflected rising prices for gasoline, liquefied petroleum gas and natural gas, and falling prices for home heat oil.

Teens get taste of parenthood

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LINDA CUMPTON
Early Childhood Development instructor

By Dianna F. Dandridge

Nothing takes the fun out of a teenager's life quicker than having an unexpected little delivery that requires time, responsibility and sacrifice.

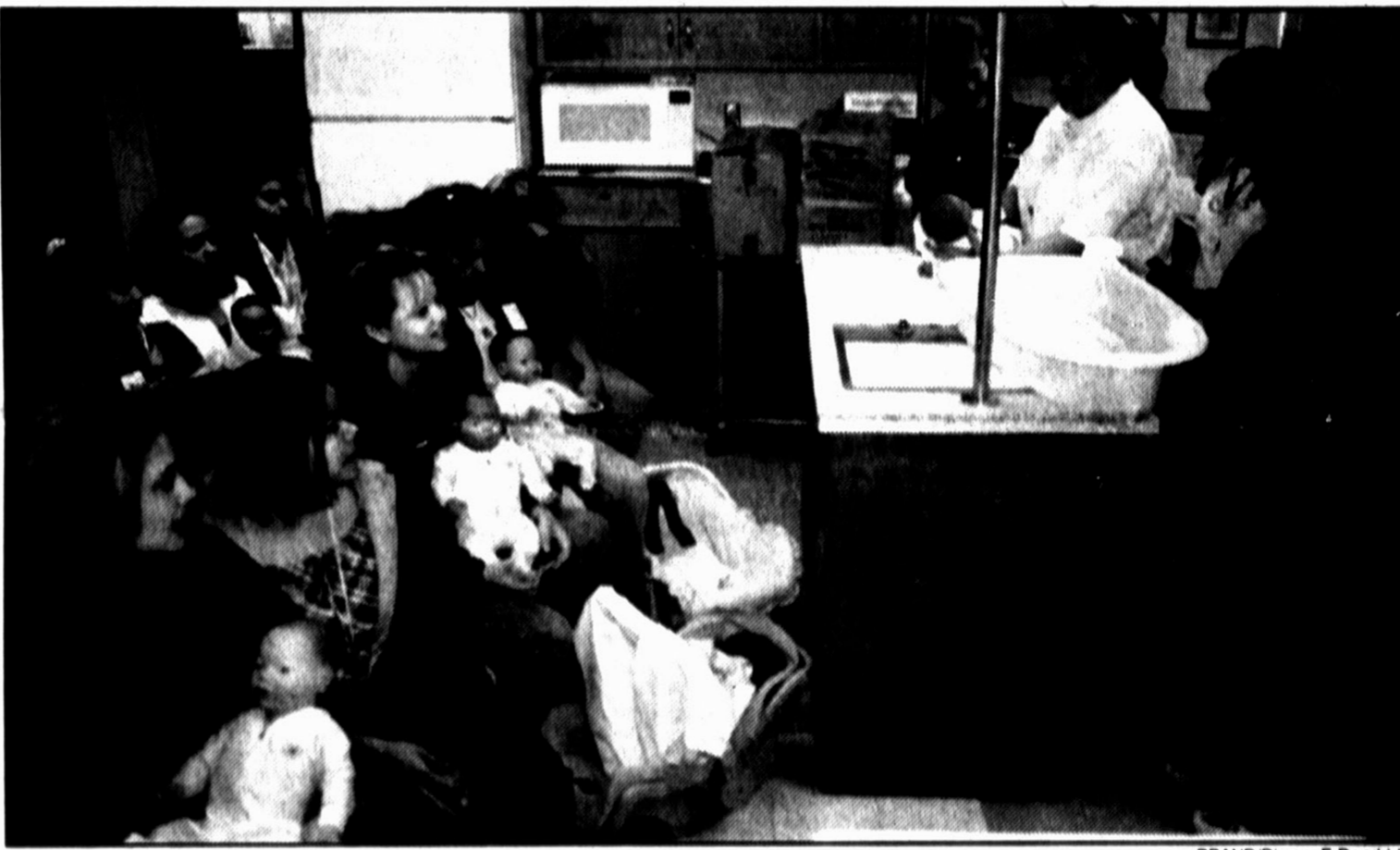
These little bundles of joy bring life-changing events into a young person's life, often long before the new parent is physically, emotionally, or psychologically mature enough to handle the added load of caring for a baby.

Students in Linda Cumpton's Early Childhood Development classes get a brief taste of parenthood each semester when they get to take home a "Baby Think It Over" doll home for one night.

The life-like electronic dolls simulate the actual activities of a real baby. Temporary parents use a key to control the baby's cries and an electronic monitor records how long the child cries before it gets attention. The dolls cry at unusual times and sometimes won't quit, much like a real baby.

Just like a real baby, the dolls have different cries for different situations — hunger, needing a change or something is wrong. The "parent" uses the key to stop the crying. If the baby cries when the key is removed, then the parent has to use more pressure and more time until the child no longer cries.

For the students in these classes, it's not a game — not something to be taken lightly. Students' parents have signed a release giving permission for participation and the "par-



Students in Linda Cumpton's class receive instructions before taking their "babies" home.

ents" are expected to keep a diary detailing when the baby cries and for how long, and what each cry means.

The babies come with full set of accouterments — a full diaper bag, a change of clothes and a car seat/carrier.

"The idea is for the students to get a real taste of what having a baby means," Cumpton said. "Part of that is babies have to be in car seats; parents have to carry full diaper bags and they have to know they can't just lay it down and forget about it or have someone else take care of it."

Most of the students who participate in these classes have either younger siblings or nieces and nephews and have taken care of them on occasion, but all of the students agreed the best thing about the dolls

is they are only temporary. "It's harder when it's a real human baby," Jessica Liscano said. "But it's a real wake-up call and lets us know what we face."

Vanessa Oroaco, who had just kept a doll Tuesday night, decided it would not be fun to have a baby at this stage in her life. Her diary included a note: "Please go to sleep!"

"Having a baby changes everything," Amy Crox said. "It ruins your life and changes all the plans you had."

Crox, who is expecting a child, said if she had taken this class earlier, she would have done everything possible to prevent it.

"You have to mature at a faster rate," Crox said, "and you lose out on so much."

The students get a full dose of child development, from beginning

with a birth film to nutrition to bathing and general care of the babies at various stages of their life.

Just as important are some of the other lessons the students learn.

Many of the students in the class commented that caring for the so-called doll, for even an evening, really made them think about who they would choose to be a baby's father.

"It's different for a guy than it is for a girl," Jessica Arras said. "They're partly responsible for the baby, but they can still go hang out with their friends and do stuff. We're still left with most of the care of the baby."

One student commented that after taking care of the doll she was sure she would take a real close look at any relationship she was in. "I want to know he will be as responsible for

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BAILOUT: House, Senate negotiators reach agreement on third straight package to assist farmers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Farmers are in a line to get their third big bailout from Congress in as many years, with most of the money arriving in the thick of this fall's political campaigns, under a budget agreement between House and Senate negotiators.

The deal reached Wednesday provides \$5.5 billion that would be paid to farmers by Oct. 1, with an additional \$1.64 billion to go out later.

"It's important to understand that there's a crisis in rural America, even while the rest of the economy's been growing," said Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa. "Depressed markets have left our farmers with the lowest prices in 25 years."

The money is included in a \$1.8 trillion spending plan that will frame government spending for the 2001

budget year. None of the farm payments can be made until Congress passes legislation necessary to release the money.

Lawmakers still must decide exactly how the aid is to be spent but \$5.5 billion is likely to be used for direct payments to farmers who grow grain and cotton and have "market-transition" contracts with the government, with the remaining money going to producers of other commodities, congressional aides said.

Congress has provided \$15 billion



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in special assistance to farmers over the past two years, including \$8.7 billion in 1999, to compensate them for low commodity prices as well as weather-related crop failures.

Because of the continuing slump in commodity prices, the Agriculture Department predicts net farm income this year would drop \$7.6 billion, or 16 percent, without another aid package from Congress.

The Clinton administration has proposed \$4.2 billion in farm income assistance, with most of the money

going to a new subsidy program that Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman wants to create.

In addition to the bailout money, the congressional budget agreement authorizes an additional \$8.2 billion in spending over five years to expand the federally subsidized crop insurance system and cut the premiums that farmers pay.

The House and Senate were expected to vote on the budget agreement as early as today.

Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., said the \$7.1 billion agreed to isn't enough.

Congress is likely to provide additional assistance for farmers who lose crops to drought or flooding this year, but it is too soon to know how much will be needed, said Pat Wolff, a spokeswoman for the American Farm Bureau Federation.

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Local roundup

Red Cross holds classes

The Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross will sponsor first aid and safety classes and babysitter classes in coming weeks.

First aid and safety will be offered 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 15, at 224 Main.

Babysitter classes will be offered April 20-21. Participants should register by April 19.

All classes cost \$35 and early pre-enrollment is recommended. For more information or to register contact the office at 364-3761.

Pilot Club scholarships

The Pilot Club is offering two \$1000 scholarships to graduating seniors. Applications may be picked up in the High School counselor's office.

HHS talent show try outs

Hereford High School's student council-sponsored fourth annual talent show will be May 4 at 7 p.m. at the High School Auditorium. Tryouts will be 2 p.m. Sunday April 30. Prizes of \$100, \$50, and \$25 will be awarded.

Entries may be picked up at the HHS office.

Healthcare scholarships available

The Deaf Smith Health Foundation Board of Directors is now accepting applications for the 2000 Fall Semester. Scholarships will be awarded to local students who are already enrolled in or have an acceptance from an accredited ancillary medical field.

Deadline for returned applications and required material is May 1.

For an application contact Sylvia Khuri at 364-22-66 or write to Deaf Smith Healthcare Foundation, P.O. Box 1858, Hereford.

Cattiewomen offer scholarships

The Deaf Smith Cattiewomen's Association will once again be offering scholarships to graduating seniors who will be entering agriculture or nutritional fields.

Deadline for returning applications is May 2. Applications may be picked up in the High School Counselor's office.

Emergency sirens to be tested

Emergency sirens will be tested Friday morning at 9 a.m. weather permitting.

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News digest

First Ridley's nest located

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — The first nesting site of the Kemp's ridley sea turtle for the year has been found.

The turtle laid 113 eggs in a nest that was discovered Wednesday morning on Padre Island National Seashore.

Donna Shaver, a U.S. Geological Survey research biologist who directs the Kemp's ridley sea turtle recovery program at the national seashore, told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times that wind and rain probably helped the nesting process.

Windy weather keeps eggs cool while they are on the sand, which is usually for only about 30 minutes, Shaver said.

She said the eggs will be incubated in a lab at the national seashore until they are ready to hatch, which will be in about 50 days.

Shaver has said that Kemp's ridleys are the "most critically endangered sea turtle species in the world."

A U.S. Geological Survey researcher who was on a daily patrol on Padre Island for sea turtles discovered the nest. Volunteers and workers have been combing the beach daily since early March in search of the nests.

"We're really excited and hope this is the beginning of a great nesting season," said Shaver.

Ford DMV battle over Web site

AUSTIN (AP) — Ford Motor Co. is battling the state of Texas over what constitutes an online sale, in a case that could change the way cars are sold over the Internet.

Ford argued before an administrative law judge Wednesday that state motor vehicle officials unfairly restricted e-commerce opportunities in the nation's second largest market when it shut down a Web site advertising used cars for sale.

The state said at the hearing that Texas law clearly prohibits the direct sale of automobiles by Ford or anyone else without a franchise license.

"It's very clear and simple," said Phillip Layer, a state attorney.

Only dealers licensed by the state can sell cars in Texas. Brokering — or arranging a transaction for a fee — is illegal, he said.

Ford argued the cars aren't actually being sold online.

The lead enforcement officer for the Texas Division of Motor Vehicles testified that she believes Ford Motor Co. broke state law by selling used cars through a Web site.

ELSEWHERE

SUSPECTED KILLER: A man convicted of killing his wife in Maine caught the eye of authorities in Lubbock after allegedly robbing a woman whose home he was painting over the weekend. On Wednesday, authorities raised James Hicks bond to \$250,000 for this weekend's alleged aggravated robbery. ...

SHRIMP THREAT: Texas' \$500 million shrimp business is in danger of collapse unless the commercial harvest is reduced, state officials warn.

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Cleanup piles -- Springtime cleanup often provides numerous chores for area homeowners. The owners of this house on Seventh Street apparently had trees trimmed away from high line wires and are now faced

with the prospect of cleaning up the piles of debris. Many of the pieces are fireplace sized logs, but much of it is only kindling size twigs. Sprucing up the trees has now left the owners at least one more chore.

Officials want more math classes

CHICAGO (AP) — America's students should be required to take four years of math in high school and receive at least an hour of math each day in elementary grades, a national teachers' group recommends.

The new standards released today by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics break down goals for students by grade levels and categories, including geometry, algebra, measurement, data analysis and problem solving.

The Standards 2000 project is the first major revision of the council's controversial benchmarks since they were released more than a decade ago.

The new guidelines "set higher standards for our students and set higher standards for ourselves," Lee V. Stiff, the council's president-elect, said today at the group's annual meeting in Chicago.

Students "must know more than just the basics. Number-crunching is not enough," he said.

Critics say the changes still toss aside math basics, such as learning multiplication tables, and are too ambiguous to be of worth to teachers.

In 1989, worried about America's math phobia and dropping test scores, the council called for a national overhaul of math teaching. It recommended making the subject

more meaningful by changing the focus from drills, rules and rote learning to "real-world" problem solving as a way to understand how numbers work. The council also recommended that all grades use calculators.

The updated goals still stress critical thinking skills over memorization.

They call for elementary teachers to spend an hour a day on math teaching, even if they do not normally block off time for specific subjects. And they say students should have mastered the basics of algebra and geometry by the end of eighth grade.

The high school standards call for four years of required math and also raise the possibility of integrated programs, which teach several math concepts at the same time rather than limiting subsections to

single semesters.

"The demands made on high school teachers in achieving the standards will require extended and sustained professional development and a large degree of administrative support," the council says in its overview.

Among the council's critics is Paul Clopton, co-founder of Mathematically Correct, a San Diego-based group that stresses rigorous math benchmarks.

"These are standards meant for the general case and don't have the object of defining what your child needs to know year to year," Clopton said, adding that the new standards should set benchmarks for each grade instead of for bands of grade levels, such as grades 3 through 5.

"They are still afraid to definitely say our kids should be able to add, subtract, multiply and divide," Clopton said.

Department challenges reading method debate

WASHINGTON (AP) — The best way to teach children how to read is not to fight over the best way to do it, the Education Department said today.

A 14-member panel of reading teachers, parents and college instructors found that children can be helped to read using many different methods.

The group's findings, after two years of research, is in-

tended to quell the dispute over two basic reading methods — phonics or whole language. Educators have long battled over which of the two methods should be used.

In whole language, students learn the meaning of words through the context in which they are used. Phonics teaches students how to read through sound and letter drills.

Many teachers support whole language because they say it emphasizes creative writing and immerses children in literature. Critics of whole language say students are not provided the tools to understand what they read. These tools, or building blocks, are provided by phonics, they maintain.

The panel's report concludes that neither side may be completely correct and stops short of endorsing either whole language or phonics entirely.

Instead, it says beginning-reading instruction should be balanced, taking the best from both methods. The report said children should start learning to sound out words, but that they also should build their vocabularies early.

Education Secretary Richard Riley said the new report's findings "is further evidence that the reading wars are over."

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Texas lottery

Lotto Texas

One ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated \$23 million.

The ticket was sold in Texarkana.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were:

18-28-34-38-40-44.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$4 million.

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Dear Ann Landers: I was really upset when you told the woman whose parents favored her brother to "get over it." Believe me,

it's not that easy. My older brother is adored by my parents. He can do no wrong, in spite of the fact that they have had to support him his entire life. They phone him every day to see if he's OK. They call me twice a month. When my brother had the flu, my mother called the entire family, even those out of town. When I had surgery, she didn't even mention it. No one knew a thing about it.

You have no idea what it's like to feel unloved by your parents. It is not possible to "get over it." I try to maintain a decent relationship with them, but I feel the heartache every day. — Lori in Massachusetts

Dear Lori: Those parents did not write to me. Their daughter did. She cannot force her parents to love her more or treat her better. She can, however, stop obsessing over their favoritism, accept the relationship for what it is, and make the best of it.

The subject of parental favoritism resonated with a great many readers. Many were hurt, others were bitter. Keep reading for more:

From New York: I have a different perspective on sibling favoritism. I am the oldest of four children, but my parents' favorite is clearly my youngest brother. They supported him through medical school, and he is now a surgeon. He IS wonderful, and I am proud of him. Face it, the youngest always benefits from the parents' financial situation later in life. Instead of being envious, I am happy my brother didn't have to struggle like I did.

Elko, Nev.: I always felt like "the inferior one" in our family. My sister was the beauty, and my mother put her on a pedestal. It was hard always being in her shadow. Now, 25 years later, the game has changed. My sister has let herself go, gained 30 pounds, and now, I'm the "beauty." Would you think I was awful if I said it feels good?

Tulsa, Okla.: I am the youngest in our family, and can assure you that most parents do not love "the baby" more than the others, although they probably enjoy us more. We were easier. We didn't demand as much. We wore the hand-me-downs. Now that I am an adult, I visit my parents more than my siblings. I listen to them. When my folks need attention, my siblings are "too busy" or "too tired." The shoe is now on the other foot, but I don't mind. The rewards are tremendous.

Los Angeles: My husband's parents have always favored his older sister. They visit her more often, and give her children preference over our children. My husband pretends to ignore it, but I know it hurts him. When parents treat a child as second best, no matter what the age, it ruins his or her self-esteem. I know, because it happened to me, too.

Houston: I hope "Inferior One" doesn't hold the parental favoritism against her brother. It's not his fault. My siblings always blamed me for being my parents' favorite. I was the prettiest and the most talented, but I paid a price. My brothers and sisters never liked me — and I feel it to this day.

Lafayette, Ind.: Favoritism doesn't end with the children. It continues with the grandchildren. My in-laws favor one of my kids over the other. It is difficult to explain to my son why Grandma buys gifts for his sister but not for him. This has been a thorn in my side for years, but I've learned to live with it.

And now, Dear Readers, this is Ann talking. The best way to deal with sibling favoritism appears in the line above. Learn to live with it.

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BOWL FOR KIDS SAKE



Elks Lodge #1 team was the high contribution team for the Big Brothers Big Sisters fundraiser Bowl for Kids Sake. Team members are, front from left, Josh Schroeter, Lynn Schroeter, back from left, Becky Bridges, Sandy Bridges and Carla Whitehorn.

40 teams bowl to benefit BBBS

Forty teams raised approximately \$11,000 for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hereford during the second annual Bowl for Kids Sake held recently at Hereford Recreation Center.

Teams were composed of five members and represented local businesses, clubs

and service organizations.

High scoring team in Bowl for Kids Sake was sponsored by West Texas Rural Telephone. Team members were Linda Wilcox, Stanley Wilcox, Karen McPherson, Brenda Elliott and Jackie Murphey.

Low score honors went to Key Clubbers Justin Carroll,

Lisa Coneway, Nick Celaya, Cathy Higgins and Kara Landrum.

The team bringing in the most in team contributions was Elks Lodge #1 team of Josh Schroeter, Lynn Schroeter, Becky Bridges, Sandy Bridges and Carla Whitehorn.

Girls need to register now for pageants

Registrations are now being accepted for those interested in competing in the Little Miss Hereford and the Miss Hereford pageants, according to a spokesperson for the Women's Division of the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce.

This year's pageants will be held June 17 in conjunction with the Town and Country Jubilee.

Registration forms are available at the Chamber of Commerce office, 701 N. Main.

Age divisions for the Little Miss Hereford pageant are Cutest Miss-preschool and kindergarten; Miss Petite-first, second and third graders; Little Princess-fourth, fifth and sixth graders; and Junior Miss-seventh, eighth and ninth graders.

Young ladies ages 16-21 are eligible to compete in the Miss Hereford scholarship pageant. Contestants vie for scholarships and prizes as they compete in casual wear, formal wear, interview and talent categories.

"We hope that any girls interested in competing in either pageant will complete registration forms and turn them in as soon as possible. This will assist us in finalizing plans for the pageants," Girl Richardson, pageant co-chairman, said.

Completed forms should be returned to the Chamber office. Registration deadline is May 26.

For more information, contact Kim Leonard at 364-8760.

Veleda Club views video at meeting

Members of Veleda Study Club answered roll call with "Easter traditions" at the regular meeting held in the home of Norma Walden.

President Juanita Brownnd conducted the business meeting and appointed Mary Dziuk, Bettie Dickson and Margaret Zinser to the nominating committee.

Program for the meeting was viewing of the Easter video by Harvey, "The Roman Centurian."

The next meeting will be April 24 and will be a 40th anniversary celebration.

Those present were Marcella Brady, Frances Crume, Della Hutto, Betty Gilbert, Walden, Brownnd, Dziuk, Dickson and Zinser.

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The theme for this year's Volunteer Appreciation Day, April 12, at the Senior Citizens Center was "Volunteers Give from the Heart." Heart-shaped balloons decorated each table. Volunteers were recognized and treated to sherbet punch, cookies, mints and other desserts.

Come help us take a "Bite out of Cancer".

We will have a bake sale in our lobby all day Friday, April 14th, from 8:30 a.m to 6:00 p.m. to raise money for the "Relay for Life" to benefit the American Cancer Society.

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Support group meets next week

In affiliation with the Alzheimer's Association, Panhandle Chapter, the Hereford support group for family caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, will meet at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 20 in Fellowship of Believers Church, 245 N. Kingwood, next door to Hereford Care Center.

A support group is a gathering of people with common problems, needs and interests to share their feelings, thoughts, questions, experiences and concerns in a

combined effort to better cope with and survive the challenge presented by persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

Friends, relatives and neighbors of these brave caregivers are encouraged to offer to stay with the person with Alzheimer's to allow the caregiver a rest. Respite care is vital for these caregivers whose days are typically 36-hours long.

Group facilitator is Nathan L. Stone, Ph.D., pastoral counselor

and former senior chaplain with Family Hospice of Temple.

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Sworn in Tuesday as the newest members of the American Business Club (AMBUCS) were Reni Mason, center, and Robert Briblesca, right. Conducting the ceremony is president Pat Michael. AMBUCS meets at noon Tuesday at the Ranch House Restaurant.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Area Events

HAPPY

There will be a Community Garage Sale at the Community Center in Happy from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday.

Profits will go toward paying for the livestock facility.

AMARILLO

Amarillo Panhellenic will host a Rush Information Meeting at 2 p.m. Sunday at 700 S. Avondale.

All senior high women who are interested in going through Rush should attend this meeting to receive important information on Rush packets and deadlines.

A short video and discussion will be part of the meeting.

For more information, call Helen Benton at 679-5808.

Master Gardeners of Potter-Randall County are presenting "Gardening with the Masters" as part of Gardenfest 2000 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on May 6 at the Texas A&M Research Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. W.

Potter-Randall County Master Gardeners are a volunteer network affiliated with the Texas Master Gardener Program conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University.

"Gardening with the Masters" at Gardenfest 2000 is their fund-raising event and is free to the public.

A class on native plants will be presented by Chris Chambers; a class on growing tomatoes will be given by Roland Roberts and a class on soil fertility will be conducted by Clay Robinson.

Tomato cages and water probes will be offered for sale and there will be drawings for two lawn benches, as well as a number of vendors.

For more information, call 355-6608 or 359-3036.

CANYON

West Texas A&M University will sponsor the 19th Annual Storytelling Festival at 7 p.m. on April 28 in the Intimate Theatre of the Fine Arts Building. The festival will feature tall tales by professional storyteller and banjo player Don Gibson.

In addition to the festival, Gibson will conduct a storytelling workshop for adults and teenagers from 3-5 p.m. on April 28 in the Atrium of Mary Moody Northern Hall.

BORGER

Jerry Smith will present "The Florida Boys" and "The Weatherfords" in a free concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 18 in Borger High School Auditorium.

The Weatherfords began their career in 1944 and developed a distinctive sound.

Steve Weatherford is the group's lead singer. Other members are Lily Fern Weatherford and Mark McLaughlin. The Weatherfords are regularly seen on the Bill Gaither video productions.

The Florida Boys have traveled across the country for 50 years ministering and entertaining along the way.

Members of the group include Glen Allred, Derrell Stewart, Allen Cox, Gene McDonald and Les Beasley.



The Florida Boys



The Weatherfords

Radishes herald gardening season

POUND RIDGE, N.Y. (AP) — Snowdrops, crocuses, daffodils traditionally herald spring's arrival. But in the pageant of Earth's renewal let's hear it also for the perky radish.

As the soil warms up, nothing thrives in it faster than a radish. It can sprout in three days and be ready to eat in 18. In other words, you're already harvesting a crop before you've even planted many other annual vegetables.

The radish's quickness has made it a favorite to acquaint children with gardening. At a time when patience is in shortest supply, the super-fast germination keeps their interest alive.

The taste of the crisp, cherry-skinned little beauties with the snow-white insides ranges from mild to sharp, depending on how long you wait before harvesting. If you want to keep a mild taste, dig them and store them instead of letting them age in the ground. In the growth period,

regular watering is helpful for good taste.

Radishes have long been used to mark the rows of slower-germinating crops, like carrots or parsnips. As the radishes mature, the soil loosens and makes it easier for the other plants to germinate and prosper.

Besides these early radishes like Cherry Belle and French Breakfast, there are so-called winter radishes ranging widely in color, size, harvest time and nuance of taste. The white oriental daikons are a mild variety of these. The hottest is called Long Black Spanish.

The early varieties are planted as soon in spring as the soil is workable while winter radishes are sowed in summer for fall harvest. Seeds of both varieties are planted one-half inch deep, with the early an inch apart and the late two to three inches apart.

They need no special soil preparation for growth.

The cabbage root maggot is their worst enemy. Wood ashes mixed in the soil before sowing and spread on top of new plants help repel the pest.

While native Americans were the first to grow some of the world's best-loved vegetables — like tomatoes, potatoes, beans and peppers — it was Europeans who brought radishes to the New World. They were growing in Mexico as early as 1500. The English settlers also introduced them early.

Believed to have originated in China, radishes are among the most ancient of cultivated foods. Orientals liked to pickle them. Egyptians were eating them before the pyramids were built. Greeks valued them so highly they sculpted small images of them in gold.

Radish sizes can bedazzle you — from cherries to basketballs, finger length to more than two feet long. Some weigh 100 pounds.

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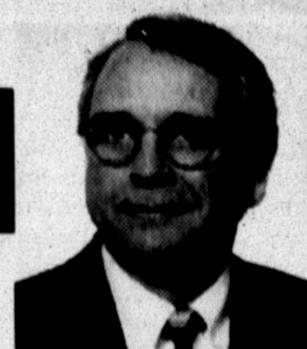
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SPORTS

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Hereford track team receives Amarillo honors



Ready to jump—Holly Schilling competes in the 400-meter hurdles at Saturday's Amarillo Relays. The Hereford High School track team will be in action again starting Tuesday at the district 3-4A meet.

Track teams get ready to defend home turf at district 3-4A track meet

The Hereford High School girls track team continues to bring in honors from around the Panhandle.

For the second straight week, several Lady Whitefaces were named to the *Amarillo Globe News* Honor Roll. The team as a whole was also named in Wednesday's edition.

Brionne Yosten was named for her efforts in the 3200 meter run, 800-meter run and 1600 meter run. Yosten placed sixth in the 3200-meter run with a time of 11-minutes 47.3 seconds. In the 800-meter run, Yosten is currently first with a time of 2 minutes 16.2 seconds, and she is third in the 1600 meter run crossing the finish line at 5 minutes 19.2 seconds.

The HHS girls track team placed seventh in the 400 meter relay. The team has recorded a time of 51.2 seconds for the event.

The 1600-meter relay team also received honors by running the event with a time of 4 minutes 5.5 seconds.

Audra Witkowski took honors with her performance in

the 400-meter run. Witkowski placed eighth with her time of 61.3 seconds.

Toni Eicke also received mention by her efforts in the 200-meter event. Eicke is currently fourth with a running time of 25.9 seconds.

Last weekend, the boys track team traveled to Plainview to participate in the Bulldog Relays. As a team, the Whitefaces placed fourth overall in division one with 53 points.

Kurtis Flood led the way by placing second in the discus throw. Flood's toss of 150 feet six inches held strong as Amarillo High School took both first and second places.

Trey Madrigal helped the team with his shot put throw of 45 1/4 inches.

Slade Hodges continued to improve on the track with a third place finish in the 200-meter run. Hodges placed third with his time of 24.2 seconds.

The HHS boys also keep getting better in their 1800-meter relay time. The team came in third place with their time of 3 minutes 35.5 seconds.

The girls and boys track team are preparing this week for the district 3-4A meet that takes place in Hereford April 18-20. Events begin at 9 a.m. Tuesday morning and last through 3:30 p.m. The track meet will take a day off on Wednesday and proceed with events on Thursday at 10 a.m.

The finals for all running events will take place on Thursday beginning at 2 p.m.

Dallas begins championship defense with 2-1 victory

Stars win series opener to take a 1-0 lead over Edmonton

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Stars have an interesting routine going. They beat the Edmonton Oilers by one goal, then talk about how lucky they were to do it.

The Stars opened their Stanley Cup defense with a 2-1 victory over the Oilers on Thursday night. It was their eighth straight playoff win over Edmonton, and seven of them have been by a single goal.

"We want to be prepared to win 2-1, 3-2 games," said Stars captain Derian Hatcher,

whose 13 hits helped slow the Oilers. "It went like a lot of other games against Edmonton, but we still can't take this for granted."

The Oilers, who will try breaking the spell tonight in Game 2 of the best-of-7 series, are getting pretty sick of it.

"It's been tough for me," said goalie Tommy Salo, who fell to 0-5 in the playoffs — all against Dallas — despite stopping 30 shots. "Sometime, someday, it's going to turn around. If we get a win, it'll put pressure on them and it'll be a different ballgame."

In other first-round playoff openers, Toronto beat Ottawa 2-0 in an Eastern Conference series, while St. Louis defeated San Jose 5-3 in the West.

Also playing series openers on Thursday, it will be Buffalo at Philadelphia; Pitts-

burgh at Washington; Florida at New Jersey; Los Angeles at Detroit; and Phoenix at Colorado.

This one followed the blueprint the Stars used to win their first NHL title last season: outshot the opponent 68-52, outshoot them 32-14 and get solid goaltending from Ed Belfour.

Belfour ran the scoreless streak that began in the Cup-clinching triple-overtime against Buffalo last year to 123 minutes, 30 seconds, then saw it end when German Titov snaggled a poor clearing pass by Darryl Sydor and fired it into the net. The puck slid right by Sydor, who screened Belfour.

The goal by Titov, his first since being acquired from Pittsburgh at the trading deadline, tied it at 1 with 13:00 left.

Dallas went up 1-0 on a second-period goal by Mike Keane. The Stars appeared to score again a few minutes

later, but it was waved off by a penalty. Other scoring chances were snuffed by Salo or wasted on bad passes.

The game-winner came with 8:29 left and was scored by Russian rookie Roman Lyashenko, the least-experienced of Dallas' newcomers. Like Titov, he was the recipient of an errant pass, only this one was right in front of the crease with Salo sprawled on the ice.

"My teammates worked hard for that goal," Lyashenko said. "I just put my stick on the ice and shot it into the net."

The Oilers didn't have a shot for the first 15:50 of the second period and took just three in the third period. Only two players had as many as two shots and the top line of Doug Weight, Ryan Smith and Bill Guerin had more giveaways (seven) than shots (four).

"I was happy with the first period, but very unhappy with the second," coach Kevin Lowe said. "It was a case of no execution and poor puck movement. It was the worst game

we've played against Dallas in a long time."

Stars coach Ken Hitchcock saw things differently.

"I thought we played conservative in the first period, then got stronger and stronger as the game went on," Hitchcock said. "I thought this was one of the best games we've played against Edmonton in two years."

Dallas is 18-2-1 against Edmonton since the Oilers eliminated the Stars from the 1997 playoffs. They've won the last 10 at Reunion Arena.

Two-time Selke Trophy winner Jere Lehtinen was a late scratch for Dallas because of an ankle problem that's plagued him all season. He might play tonight.

Edmonton wasn't sure whether it would have second-line left winger Ethan Moreau. He's questionable after leaving in the second period with a deep thigh bruise.

Blues 5, Sharks 3
Third-line winger Jochen Hecht scored two goals and set up another as St. Louis,

the top seed, beat San Jose.

The Western Conference series continues Saturday at St. Louis.

Goalie Roman Turek overcame a shaky beginning to his first playoff start and Lubos Bartecko and Marty Reasoner each scored his first career playoff goal for the Blues.

Chris Pronger added a third-period power-play goal for St. Louis.

Dave Lowry, Mike Rathje and Owen Nolan scored for the eighth-seeded Sharks.

Maple Leafs 2, Senators 0
Curtis Joseph made 30 saves for his ninth career playoff shutout and Darcy Tucker and Mats Sundin scored to give Toronto a victory over Ottawa.

The second game of the series is Saturday at Toronto.

Tucker scored in the second period and Sundin added an empty-netter with 20.8 seconds left for the Leafs, who reached the conference finals last year.

Ottawa outshot Toronto 17-7 in the second period.

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Astros salvage final game, 7-5

Houston figures out how to beat Cards at Enron

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros and St. Louis Cardinals looked like teams heading in different directions.

The Astros are off to their worst start in four years, while the Cardinals came up one win short of the best start in the 108-year history of the franchise after losing 7-5 Wednesday night.

The first-place Cardinals lead the league in runs scored and home runs, and have the league's leading hitter in Jim Edmonds, while the Astros are hitting only .221 and have an ERA of 5.29, among the worst in the league.

"It was very important for us to get one win against these guys," first baseman Jeff Bagwell said after the Astros salvaged the three-game set. "It's only April, but you don't want to keep digging yourself a hole."

"It's too early to say how this park will play, but obviously it's not as pitcher-friendly as the Astrodome," Houston manager Larry Dierker said.

It was friendly for Houston left fielder Richard Hidalgo, who hit his fourth homer, doubled twice and drove in three runs as the Astros ended the Cardinals' four-game win-

ning streak.

"The important thing is to get the team going, that's the only thing that counts, especially with all the new players that we have," Edmonds said. "If you struggle early it's hard to come together as a team. It's important to get off to a good start team-wise and individual-wise."

Hidalgo also walked and hit a tiebreaking, two-run double in the seventh as the Astros stopped a three-game slide.

"It was a relief to get a win, it was also a relief to see the Cardinals aren't perfect," Dierker said. "We knew if we could get Edmonds out and come up with some offense, we might be able to finally get a win against those guys."

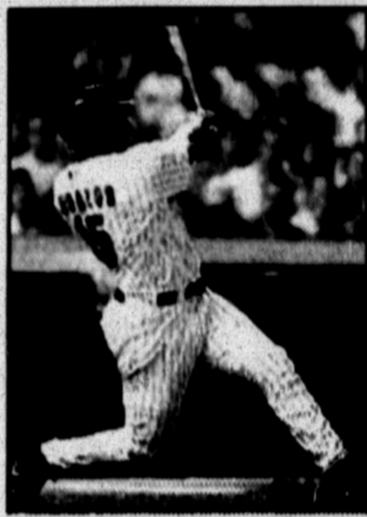
Edmonds, leading the majors with a .536 average, had his fourth homer and fourth double, giving him nine consecutive hits. His streak ended in the seventh when he struck out looking against Yorkis Perez (1-0).

"I think part of the problem were having is their hitters were too comfortable," Perez said. "I wanted to claim my part of the plate."

Edmonds walked in the sixth to tie the club record for consecutive times reaching base (12), set by Chick Hafey in 1929.

"I'm seeing the ball well and I'm putting it in play," Edmonds said. "It's just one of those things in baseball. Baseball is a game of streaks and I was in the middle of one. It's nice, it's special, but I don't want to bring too much attention to myself."

Moises Alou and Tim Bogar also homered for the Astros, while Thomas Howard connected for the Cardinals. Mark McGwire and J.D. Drew did not start for St. Louis.



RICHARD HIDALGO

"Edmonds just destroyed us in this series," Bogar said. "It's only April, but we needed to get one win from those guys just so they'll have it in the back of their minds the next time we meet, that we can beat them."

During the six-game homestand at new Enron Field, the Astros and their opponents combined for 24 home runs.

With the game tied at 5 in the seventh, Hidalgo doubled off the left-field wall against Dave Wainhouse (0-1). Roger

Cedeno, who reached on shortstop Edgar Renteria's throwing error, and Bill Splers, who walked, both scored.

"Last year I tried to pull the ball too much," Hidalgo said. "This year I'm trying to hit it more to center. I think that has really helped me."

Said Dierker: "He's the only guy we've got who's hot right now. And he's hotter than hot."

Howard homered for the second straight night, a two-run shot that put the Cardinals ahead 5-4 in the sixth. He also had an RBI triple in the fourth.

Bogar's home run in the sixth tied it.

Billy Wagner pitched the ninth for his third save.

Cardinals starter Andy Benes went five innings, allowing five hits and four runs. He struck out nine.

"It's always satisfying if your club plays every game hard and you win a series against a good club on the road," St. Louis manager Tony La Russa said.

Houston's Octavio Dotel lasted six innings, giving up five runs and nine hits with six strikeouts.

Edmonds homered in the second to open the scoring. Hidalgo and Alou hit consecutive home runs to start the bottom half.

The Astros began four games behind St. Louis, the farthest they've been out of first since the final day of the 1996 season. In their last four games the Cardinals have 15 homers.

Red raider day golf tourney scheduled

April 26th slated for tournament honoring former Brand publisher

The Speedy Nieman Memorial Golf Tournament and personal appearances from members of the Texas Tech University coaching staff will highlight this year's annual Hereford and Dimmitt Red Raider Day which has been set at Pitman Municipal Golf Course Wednesday, April 26.

First-year head Red Raider football coach Mike Leach and Tech Athletic Director Gerald Myers are expected to be keynote speakers at the event.

The golf tournament, which had previously been named in honor of late Tech boosters Tom Legate and John Sherrod, will this year honor O.G. "Speedy" Nieman, the long-time publisher of the *Hereford Brand*, an alumnus of Texas Tech and an avid Red Raider booster who died April

19, 1999.

Legate, Sherrod and Nieman had each been well-known proponents of the annual Red Raider Day observance and were active participants in the yearly get-together.

Following a sign-in at 1 p.m., Tech coaches and boosters are scheduled to begin play in their annual version of the Red Raider Cup Matches (a Florida scramble) at 1:30 p.m.

Red Raider Day activities will then conclude with a social hour and dinner at the Hereford Country Club from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., where boosters will also receive the latest outlook for Texas Tech sports.

The event is open to all Texas Tech sports fans. A \$45 entry fee includes green fee, cart rental, the social hour and dinner. Non-golfers are also invited to attend. The cost for the social hour and dinner only is \$15.

The deadline for golf tournament entries is Monday April 24. Entries may be made by calling the Pitman Golf Shop at (806) 363-7139; by mailing entries care of Dave Hopper, Box 150, Hereford, Tx. 79045, or by calling Hopper at (806) 258-7255.

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Purcella falls in roping winnings

Purcella slides to 11th place on professional rodeo circuit

From staff and wire reports

Hereford cowboy Steve Purcella continues to stay out of the top ten in his division in the National Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association.

The Hereford native is known for his talents in the Calf Roping (heading) category. Purcella currently is in 11th place with earnings of \$11,447.

All-Around

1. Jesse Ball, Goodwell, Okla., \$31,423. 2. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas, \$30,522. 3. Cody Ohi, Orchard, Texas, \$26,890. 4. Garrett Nokes, McCook, Neb., \$26,590. 5. Cash Myers, Athens, Texas, \$25,957. 6. Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, \$23,498. 7. J.D. Crouse, Canon City, Colo., \$20,013. 8. Dan Erickson, La Junta, Colo., \$19,218. 9. Guy Allen, Lovington, N.M., \$18,954. 10. Kurt Goulding, Duncan, Okla., \$16,975.

Bareback Riding

1. Mark Gomes, Nickerson, Kan., \$30,455. 2. James Boudreaux, Cuero, Texas, \$27,993. 3. Darren Clark, Weatherford, Texas, \$25,091. 4. Sean Culver, Grandview, Wash., \$20,494. 5. Larry Sandovich, Kaycee, Wyo., \$20,206. 6. Eric Mouton, Weatherford, Okla., \$18,672. 7. Jeffrey Collins, Redfield, Kan., \$15,739. 8. Ken Lensegraver, Kyle, S.D., \$15,663. 9. William Pitman II, Florence, Miss., \$15,491. 10. Kelly Wardell, Bellevue, Idaho, \$14,811.

Saddle Bronc Riding

1. Billy Elbauer, Rex Heights, S.D., \$64,667. 2. Rod Hay, Woodward, Alberta, \$39,867. 3. Dan Mortensen, Manhattan, Mont., \$33,816. 4. T.C. Holloway, Eagle Butte, S.D., \$19,620. 5. Bret Franks, Goodwell, Okla., \$19,466. 6. Tom Reeves, Eagle Butte, S.D., \$18,808. 7. Ned Lemmel, Mud Butte, S.D., \$18,431. 8. Robert Elbauer, Goodwell, Okla., \$16,291. 9. Ryan Mapston, Geysler, Mont., \$16,257. 10. Guy Shapka, Aik, Alberta, \$16,351.

Calf Roping

1. Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, \$44,406. 2. Blair Burk, Durant, Okla., \$33,818. 3. Ty Hays, Weatherford, Okla., \$31,274. 4. Justin Maass, Giddings, Texas, \$27,072. 5. Brent Lewis, Pison, N.M., \$21,540. 6. Clay Cerny, Eagle Lake, Texas, \$20,985. 7. Cody Ohi, Orchard, Texas, \$20,230. 8. Jeff Chapman, Athens, Texas, \$19,138. 9. Justin Nullich, Huntsville, Texas, \$18,648. 10. Shawn Franklin, Wetumka, Okla., \$18,827.

Team Roping (Heading)

1. Speed Williams, Jacksonville, Fla., \$35,642. 2. Matt Tyler, Weatherford, Texas, \$33,765. 3. Wade Whitley, Hughson, Calif., \$22,826. 4. Kevin Stewart, Glen Rose, Texas, \$18,576. 5. Bobby Hurley, Ceres, Calif., \$17,899. 6. Daniel Green, Oakdale, Calif., \$14,993. 7. Jason Stewart, Royal City, Wash., \$13,354. 8. Charles Pogue, Ringling, Okla., \$13,217.

Steer Wrestling

1. Byron Walker, Erma, Texas, \$37,987. 2. Frank Thompson, Cheyenne, Wyo., \$22,985. 3. Marvin Dubose, Lampasas, Texas, \$21,428. 4. Rope Myers, Van, Texas, \$21,028. 5. Bryan Fields, Corroto, Texas, \$20,062. 6. Garrett Nokes, McCook, Neb., \$19,477. 7. Teddy Johnson, Checotah, Okla., \$18,320. 8. Marty Musil, Crescent, Okla., \$17,377. 9. Oie Berry, Checotah, Okla., \$16,078. 10. Tommy Cook, Heber City, Utah, \$15,809.

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1. Rich Skelton, Llanito, Texas, \$33,647. 2. Clay O'Brien Cooper, Glen Rose, Texas, \$33,765. 3. Kyle Lockett, Ivanhoe, Calif., \$22,826. 4. Martin Lucero, Stephenville, Texas, \$18,576. 5. Monty Joe Patska, Turlock, Calif., \$17,699. 6. Tyler Magnus, Llano, Texas, \$14,126. 7. Britt Bookius, Claremore, Okla., \$13,217. 8. Bucky Campbell, Prosser, Wash., \$12,985. 9. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas, \$12,432. 10. Kory Kozart, Sudan, Texas, \$11,447.

Barrel Racing

1. Sherry Cervi, Marana, Ariz., \$27,446. 2. Charmayne James, Guthrie, Texas, \$21,032. 3. Gloria Freeman, Calhoun, Ga., \$18,439. 4. Kelly Yates, Pueblo, Colo., \$18,327. 5. Kristie Peterson, Elbert, Colo., \$18,289. 6. Janet Stover, Jacksonville, Texas, \$17,007. 7. Tami Fontenot, Ethel, La., \$13,869. 8. Darlene Kasper, Von Ormy, Texas, \$12,486. 9. Sharon Kobold, Big Horn, Wyo., \$12,101. 10. Amy Dale, Graham, Wash., \$12,046.

Bull Riding

1. Shane Drury, Weatherford, Okla., \$29,746. 2. Jesse Ball, Goodwell, Okla., \$26,890. 3. Tyler Fowler, Theodore, Ala., \$26,104. 4. Darrell Tipton, Spencer, Okla., \$24,194. 5. Dan Wolfe, Redmond, Ore., \$22,561. 6. Mike Moore, Wellington, Colo., \$18,329. 7. Ty Reeder, Corinne, Utah, \$17,636. 8. Kelly Armstrong, Big Valley, Alberta, \$16,335. 9. Kagan Britt, Bozeman, Mont., \$16,266. 10. Russ King, Killdeer, N.D., \$16,141.

Steer Roping

1. Guy Allen, Lovington, N.M., \$11,633. 2. Rocky Patterson, Pratt, Kan., \$11,483. 3. J.B. Whitley, Gardendale, Texas, \$7,144. 4. Cody Ohi, Orchard, Texas, \$6,660. 5. Mike Beers, Powell

Butte, Ore., \$11,863. 15. Danny McLanahan, Canadian, Texas, \$11,815. 16. Jason Jeter, Fort Worth, Texas, \$11,696. 17. Deb Greenough, Red Lodge, Mont., \$11,504. 18. Pete Hawkins, Weatherford, Texas, \$11,187. 19. D.J. Johnson, Hutchinson, Kan., \$10,854. 20. Marvin Garrett, Belle Fourche, S.D., \$10,376.

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1. Rich Skelton, Llanito, Texas, \$33,647. 2. Clay O'Brien Cooper, Glen Rose, Texas, \$33,765. 3. Kyle Lockett, Ivanhoe, Calif., \$22,826. 4. Martin Lucero, Stephenville, Texas, \$18,576. 5. Monty Joe Patska, Turlock, Calif., \$17,699. 6. Tyler Magnus, Llano, Texas, \$14,126. 7. Britt Bookius, Claremore, Okla., \$13,217. 8. Bucky Campbell, Prosser, Wash., \$12,985. 9. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas, \$12,432. 10. Kory Kozart, Sudan, Texas, \$11,447.

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1:30 & 4:05 7:00 & 9:25

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CITY OF HEREFORD PARK FACILITY RESERVATIONS

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Aquatic Pavilion Saturday, April 15 • 9:00-9:00 Vanessa Duran	Aquatic Pavilion Sunday, April 16 • 2:30-4:30 Chris Tijerina
Veteran's Pavilion Sunday, April 16 • 1:00-5:00 Maria Mariscal	Aquatic Pavilion Monday, April 17 Region XVI E.C.I
NW Corner Dameron Park W/V-Ball Saturday, April 15 • Sunday April 16 Still Available	Veteran's Pavilion Saturday, April 15 Still Available

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INSIDE

D.C. beefing up security before World Bank meet

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
News digest

WASHINGTON— A wary but optimistic Washington police force is stepping up security in the nation's capital as protesters converge for the World Bank-International Monetary Fund sessions.

An increased police presence — even for security-conscious Washington — was evident on bridges spanning the Potomac River, at downtown street corners and near office buildings, particularly in blocks surrounding the World Bank headquarters.

Buses filled with police rumbled down streets and groups of uniformed police gathered in small groups in the downtown area Wednesday. Police officers on bicycles cruised around buildings and up and down sidewalks patrolling for trouble.

The World Bank-International Monetary Fund complex has been blocked off for vehicular or pedestrian traffic. "Can I see your ID please?" one uniformed policeman asked a reporter Wednesday as he stood on a street corner looking at the building. "You can never be too careful," the officer commented as he walked back behind a barricade.

The protest activities are being coordinated by Mobilization for Global Justice, a coalition of groups with wide ranging complaints about the World Bank and International Monetary Fund's lending practices. They complain that too

often these loans go to projects that harm the environment and hurt the poor. They also want debt relief for developing nations.

Many of those same groups successfully disrupted meetings of the World Trade Organization in Seattle in December, forcing authorities to declare a state of emergency and call out the National Guard.

On Wednesday, hundreds of demonstrators were being given intense training in non-violent tactics, including ways to form a human chain that is difficult to break without using pepper spray or tear gas.

Rebel flag issue nears resolution

COLUMBIA, S.C. — State lawmakers have taken a key step toward removing the Confederate flag from the Statehouse dome and perhaps ending a racially tinged controversy that led to a punishing tourism boycott and new scrutiny of Southern heritage.

The state Senate approved a compromise bill on Wednesday, exactly 139 years after the Civil War began when Confederate troops fired on Fort Sumter, the federal installation in Charleston harbor.

The vote was 36-7. All opponents were Republicans.

"This is one more hurdle that has been overcome," said Democratic Gov. Jim Hodges, who supports flag removal.

The bill would remove the banner from the dome and place a similar battle flag behind an existing monument honoring Confederate soldiers on Statehouse grounds. The flag would fly from a pole no taller than 20 feet, an element added to satisfy black lawmakers and others who did not want the flag in a prominent position to passers-by.

The bill also would remove

Confederate flags hanging in the House and Senate chambers, and protect monuments, memorials and buildings erected or named in honor of the Confederacy or civil rights movement.

Bright ideas shown at inventors' fair

GENEVA — It's those everyday domestic annoyances that really get the imagination working.

How do you remove spiders from the house without killing them? How do you roll pastry without it getting stuck to the rolling pin?

Never fear. Nearly 700 inventors from 44 countries are in Geneva to show off creations aiming to solve these problems.

The International Exhibition of Inventions, New Techniques and Products of Geneva mixes serious business inventions in areas such as architecture, furniture, engineering and computer science with stunning new developments in areas such as toothbrush design.

One of the most popular exhibits was created by Irishman Tony Allen, who was tired of climbing all over the furniture to remove spiders in the bedroom of his 12-year-old son, Robert, who is scared of spiders.

Allen got to work in his tool shed and came up with a mechanical brush on a long handle that captures spiders without hurting them. His invention has been so successful that he is now marketing it full-time. For \$19, buyers also get a plastic practice spider.

"We got great public interest because people don't want to kill spiders. And it means Robert can pick up his own spiders now," said Allen.

Shirley student earns national recognition

A student at Shirley Intermediate School recently was named an All-American Scholar by the U.S. Achievement Academy.

Robert J. Orta will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, winners of the All-American Scholar Awards should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," Dr. George Stevens, executive director of the academy, said.

The boy is the son of Andy and Maggie Garcia of Hereford. His grandparents are Benito and Maria Rios of Hereford.



Robert Orta

Physician to relocate

Dr. Jesse Perales, who has been associated with the Hereford Health Clinic, will leave May 31. He is moving to Borger, where he will establish a private practice.

HRCM administrator James Taylor said the search already is under way to find a replacement for Perales.

"Another doctor is coming in as a backup," Taylor said. "Most of his practice is limited to the clinic and Janice Spriggs, a physician's assistant, will pick up his patients, under the supervision of Dr. (Howard) Johnson."

Television

THURSDAY

APRIL 13

6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Life of Birds	American President						Charlie Rose	NewsHour	
(8:00) Movie: The Sandlot	Movie: The Night of the Twisters (1996) ++							700 Club	Boos?	
News	Ent. Tonight	Friends	Oz	Preator	Better Parts	ER		News	(3:30) Tonight Show	
Movie: 101 Dalmatians	(2:25) Movie: You Lucky Dog							Movie: For the Love of Benji ++ 1/2	Smart Guy	Zorro
Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	(3:35) Movie: Magnum Force (1973) Clint Eastwood, Hal Holbrook ++ 1/2	(4:45) Movie: A Fish Out of Water (1984) ++							
News	Fortune	Whoops? Whoops?	Be a Millionaire	Wanderland	News	Seinfeld	Nightline			
News	Home Imp.	Diagnosis Murder	Chicago Hope	48 Hours	News	(3:30) Late Show				
3rd Rock	Simpsons	Movie: To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything	Mad	M*A*S*H	Frasier	Cops	Real TV			
Big League	Stanley Cup Playoffs Conference Quarterfinal Game 1 -- Teams to Be Announced									
Movie: 3 Ninjas: High	Movie: The Paper (1994) Michael Keaton, Robert Downey	Movie: Urban Legend (1998) Jared Leto, Alicia Witt, W.								
Movie: Waking Ned	Movie: Saving Private Ryan (1998) Tom Hanks, Edward Burns, ++ 1/2									
Movie: Why Do Fools	Movie: Warlock II: The End	(3:30) Movie: There's Something About Mary ++ 1/2								
Movie: Parade	Movie: It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World (1963) Spencer Tracy, Eric Adams, ++									
Matt Houston	Area Football Albany Firebirds at Nashville Kats									
Wild Discovery	On the Inside	Belarus Laboratory	Beyond Borders							
Law & Order	Biography	Investigative Reports	Love Chronicles	Law & Order	Biography					
Intimate Portrait	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: Falsely Accused (1993) Lee Harman Black								
Geniuses	Last Word	FOX Sports	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Houston Rockets							
ER	Movie: The Witches of Eastwick (1987) Jack Nicholson, Cher, ++	(4:45) Movie: Witness (1985) Harrison Ford, Kelly McGillis, ++								
Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Shooter	Shooter	Brady	Hillbillies	All in Family	Jeffersons	I Love Lucy	Switched	Happy Days
JAG	Walker, Texas Ranger	Movie: Air America (1990) Mel Gibson, ++ 1/2								
Sanadoras	Recess	Tree Mijeres	Agua y Fuego							
20th Century	Oz	U.S. Marshals	Para							
Movie: When Worlds	Movie: The Day After (1983) Jason Robards, Joseph Williams, ++ 1/2									
Full House	Full House	Movie: Fire Birds (1990) Nicolas Cage, ++								

FRIDAY

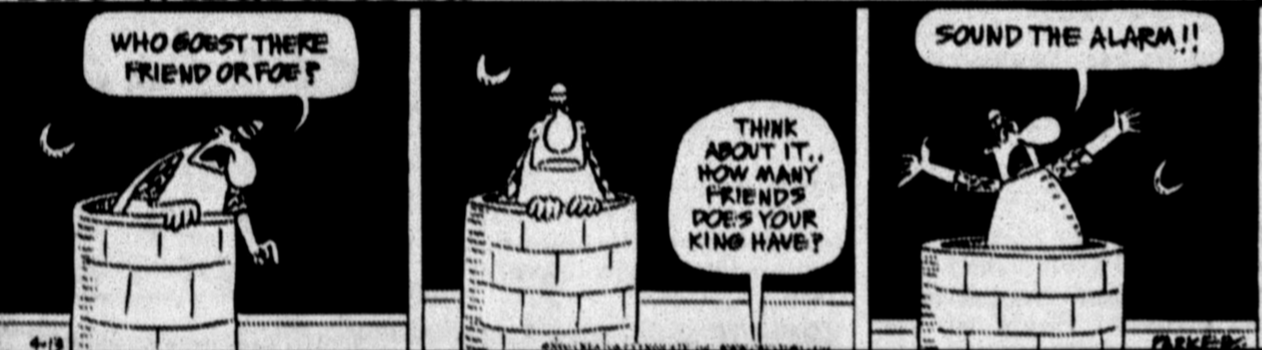
APRIL 14

7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
Barney	Teletubbies	Sesame Street	Arthur	Dragon	Barney	Teletubbies	Noddy	Zoboo	Mr. Rogers	
S Club 7	Mary Kate	Itsy Bitsy	CBN Special	700 Club	Parenting	Itsy Bitsy	Storyline	Bobby		
Today										
Timon	Pool	PB & J	Out of 2	Bear	Rolie Polie	Pash	PB & J	Out of 2	Bear	Rolie Polie
OffWorld	OffWorld	Little House on the Prairie								
Good Morning America		Live -- Regis & Kathie Lee	The View							
Early Show		Dr. Joy Browne	Price is Right							
Movie: Magic Bus	Movie: Martha Stewart Living	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Benji Him	Life in Ward	Kenneth C. Robinson	Maths		
Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter
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Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Dukes of Hazard	Bloopers-Jokes	Cagney & Lacey	Alena's Creative Living	Watsons				
Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Assignment Discovery	Home Matters	Design	Christopher Lowell	Home				
Northern Exposure	Night Court	Night Court	Murder, She Wrote	Magnum, P.I.	L.A. Law	Law & Order				
Antiques	Next Door	Designing	Designing	Chicago Hope	Unsolved Mysteries	Lifetime Live				
Sports	Last Word	Sports	Last Word	Geniuses	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
CHiPs	Lois & Clark-Superman	In the Heat of the Night	Movie: Seventh Cavalry (1956) ++ 1/2	Movie: Being Human ++ 1/2	Movie: Being Human ++ 1/2	Movie: Being Human ++ 1/2				
Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Maisy	Franklin	Gullah	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Franklin	
Videos	Videos	Hearts Alive	Almost	Ned-Stracy	Fired Up	Wings	Wings	Working	Naked Truth	Fozziebury
(6:00) Despierta America										
Year by Year	Real West									
Sharks	Monkeys	Incredible Hulk	Sightings	DarkShed	DarkShed	Highlander: The Series	Twilight Z			
Malibu, CA	Parent	Wayne	Cosby Show	Knight Rider	Mattok	Hawaii Five-0	News			

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224 Avenue B. Friday 12:00-?? Saturday 7:00am-?? Lots of Good items and name brand clothes, Low rider bike, lady's long leather coat with gloves.

GARAGE SALE!! 616 Avenue I. Thursday & Friday 8:00 til ??

GARAGE SALE! 710 Knight. Thursday and Friday 8:00 til 5:00. Knick-knacks, clothes (plus sizes also), dishes, and miscellaneous.

GARAGE SALE! Anderson's Tuxedo. Friday 8:00-5:30, Saturday 8:00-2:00. Furniture, collectibles & knick-knacks.

MOVING SALE! 815 South 25 Mile Avenue. Building just south of Burger King. Saturday 8:00-?? Girls white bedroom furniture, desks & office supplies, table & chairs, 486 Computer, Chev. Grill Guard, Set 16" Chev wheels & tires, set of 15" Chev wheels, 4-side mount tool boxes, little girls clothes, teen boy clothes, women clothes, heavy duty trash compactor, toys & games, lots of miscellaneous.

GARAGE SALE! 700 Stanton. Friday ONLY 8:00-3:00. Lots of little girls clothes, and adult, table & chairs, car seat and more.

MOVING SALE! 205 Fir. Friday 9:00-??, Saturday 9:00-12:00. Some furniture, sewing & craft items, antiques. Lots of miscellaneous.

TWO FAMILY Garage Sale! 515 Avenue J. Friday and Saturday 9:00-?? Lots of miscellaneous.

GARAGE SALE! 433 Star. Saturday and Sunday 8:00 til ?? Clothes, dishes, toys & miscellaneous.

GARAGE SALE! 220 Hickory. Friday ONLY 5:30-?? Knick knacks, clothes, end tables, Chrysler laser bra, TV antenna. Lots of miscellaneous.

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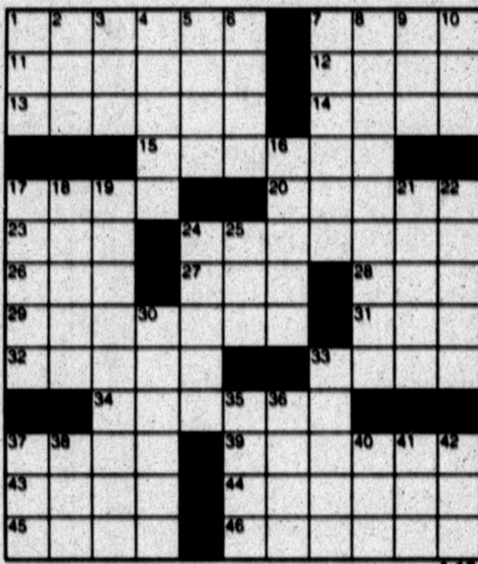
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- 1 Heady brew
- 2 Brown shade
- 3 Paul Newman film
- 4 Mecca natives
- 5 Alexandria's river
- 6 Valley
- 7 Tap
- 8 Honduras neighbor
- 9 Top card
- 10 Butter fasteners
- 22 Treat for Pooch
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Cuban boy

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Manny Diaz, an attorney for the family, said he would seek a federal court injunction to block the government from instituting the order.

Reno said she regretted the family's defiance. "Since his arrival in the U.S. they have acted as loving caregivers," Reno said. "It is now up to them to ensure that Elian's transition from their care to that of his father happens in the best and least traumatic way."

Reno's meeting with Lasaro Gonzales, the boy's cousin, Marielsa Gonzales, and other relatives, was held at the gated Miami Beach home of Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin, the nun who was host of a January meeting between Elian and his grandmothers from Cuba.

Elian moved from lap to lap at the table, and left the room only when the subject matter was too sensitive.

"She was very respectful and they were very honest," O'Laughlin said of Reno and the relatives. "The pain of this family and their understanding of the pain of Juan Miguel was very evident."

Diaz said Reno and Immigration and Naturalization Service Commissioner Doris Meisner heard ample evidence that Elian does not want to go back to Cuba but refused to take that into account.

Outside his home early today, Lasaro Gonzales told a cheering crowd: "They didn't want to listen to us."

"We are with you 'til death!" someone shouted.

Marielsa, the 21-year-old cousin who has regarded herself as a mother figure to Elian, reminded the protesters that Elian's mother gave her life to try to bring him to the United States. She said in a quiet voice, "They're going to have to come get him."

Elian's saga began when he was rescued by two fishermen while clinging to an inner tube in the Florida Straits on Thanksgiving Day. His mother and 10 other people fleeing Cuba drowned when their boat sank.

His Miami relatives have been caring for him ever since and have been fighting in court for an asylum hearing. The Clinton administration has ordered Elian back to his father in Cuba, saying only he can speak for the boy on immigration matters. A federal judge affirmed that decision; the family has appealed.

Reno has been vilified in Miami depicted with horns and chided for the Waco and Ruby Ridge confrontations of the 1990s. Reno said the relatives indicated that Marielsa, who has been hospitalized several times for stress and exhaustion, could not travel by plane to Washington, so they presented alternatives such as inviting Juan Miguel to a reunion at O'Laughlin's house.

"Everyone involved has felt that it would be dangerous for Juan Miguel to come to South Florida at this time," Reno said.

Elian's father indicated Wednesday that he was through negotiating. A planned meeting in Washington with the Miami relatives was abruptly canceled this week after Lasaro Gonzales said Elian did not want to go.

This morning, on CBS' "The Early Show," O'Laughlin said of Elian: "I think he suspects something is afoot, but I don't think he understands what exactly it would mean. He had been told he was going to Washington to meet his father, and he had really severe trauma thinking he was being put back on the raft again."

At the Cuban Interests Section late Wednesday, Juan Miguel Gonzales told an ABC News anchor he had spoken to Elian twice, and only briefly, since arriving in Washington.

"I've tried to forgive them so many times already," he said of his relatives in today's *New York Daily News*. "After this, I don't think I can do it again."

Jose Pertierra, an immigration lawyer who met with Juan Miguel, said the father had no plans to defect. "He told me in no uncertain terms he is not interested in that," Pertierra told "The Early Show." "He said, 'I like Cuba.'"

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GOP, Demos bicker over taxes

WASHINGTON (AP) — A 10-year, \$248 billion income tax cut for millions of married couples faces an uphill battle in the Senate as Republicans accuse Democrats of using irrelevant issues to block consideration of the legislation.

Unless the impasse is solved, Republicans will have to muster 60 Senate votes today to end delaying tactics. That would require five Democrats to side with the GOP, which appeared highly unlikely.

"This is an attempt to throttle this legislation here in the Senate," said Sen. Paul Coverdell, R-Ga.

But Democrats insisted on their right to offer 10 amend-

ments to the tax bill, including measures as diverse as a Medicare prescription drug benefit, a change in the tax treatment of idled farmland and a tax credit for college tuition.

Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said the amendments demonstrated Democratic priorities on how to use the projected budget surplus, part of which would be used to pay for the GOP's tax cut.

"There are other ways to spend that money," said Daschle. "In our view, all of these issues are relevant to the debate on the marriage penalty."

The GOP bill would gradually reduce income taxes for almost all married couples, in-

cluding the 25 million who now pay higher "marriage penalty" taxes than they would if single. More than half the tax cuts would go to millions of couples who now get a marriage bonus under the tax code, generally those in which one spouse earns most of the income.

The House earlier this year passed a smaller marriage tax cut totaling \$182 billion over 10 years. President Clinton, who also proposed a more modest marriage penalty relief bill, has threatened to veto both GOP bills, saying they would consume too much of the projected budget surplus.

As they do each year, Republican congressional leaders

are using the final week of the annual income tax filing season to underscore their political priorities for tax cuts and tax reform.

Another part of that ritual was acted out again Wednesday when the House again failed to approve a constitutional amendment requiring a two-thirds vote of Congress to raise taxes.

The amendment, which required a two-thirds vote itself to pass, fell 50 votes short.

House Republicans today planned votes on legislation that would end the current income tax code on Dec. 31, 2004, giving Congress time to come up with an unspecified replacement system.

'Bables'

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any child as I will have to be," she said.

This particular class was an all-girl class, but Cumpton says that several boys have been in some of the classes and many have done remarkably well when it came their turn to care for a child.

The strongest consensus, though, was the class should be taught at the junior high level, before kids really become sexually active and that it ought to be mandatory for all students.

"They ought to make everyone take this class, instead of some of the things we don't really need," Liscano said. "Every kid should experience this before they have to deal with it in real life."

The students are aware of the fact that Deaf Smith County has the highest teen pregnancy rate in the state and one girl said it all: "Little Hereford shouldn't be known for this."

HHS principal Linda Lowe said the program is extremely beneficial because it provides a much-needed look into the world of parenthood.

"Kids need to know what can happen and what the consequences of their actions are. These babies let them get just a touch of that reality," Lowe said.

The dolls for the classes were made possible through the donations of three community oriented organizations. The Hospital Auxiliary, Deaf Smith Home Health Care, and the Healthcare Alliance each donated two dolls which cost \$298 each. Replacement dolls now cost \$400.

Crime Stoppers agree to purchase of banner

When the Deaf Smith County Crime Stoppers met Tuesday night, it was strictly business.

That's because no awards for tipsters were approved.

The directors agreed to purchase two Crime Stoppers banners to be attached to the side of a pickup truck for the Town and Country Jubilee Parade in June. Members also discussed purchasing refrigerator magnets to be handed out at the Jubilee.

Hereford Police Officer Rob Roach reported the Felony Fugitive of the Week will be publicized, with \$50 to be

awarded to the anonymous caller whose tip leads to the arrest of the designated felon.

Information displayed for the Felony Fugitive will include a physical description, date of birth, and other general information received from the warrant worksheet information. A picture of the felon will not be included in the information.

Unlike Tuesday's meeting, board members usually receive information and vote on recommended rewards to be paid. Roach receives the anonymous calls which help solve crimes.

ENVIRONMENT

Study finds amphibians on a worldwide decline

The Associated Press

In the largest such study to date, researchers reported today that the world's frogs, toads and other amphibians are disappearing, and the decline began long before scientists first sounded the alarm in the 1980s.

Researchers reported that overall numbers of amphibians dropped 15 percent each year from 1960 to 1996, and continued to decline about 2 percent annually through 1997.

"This should put the last nail in the coffin for anyone who doesn't think there are some population declines for amphibians," said Andrew Blaustein, a professor of zoology at Oregon State University.

The findings, published in today's issue of the journal *Nature*, were compiled by a University of Ottawa researcher, using Internet contacts with some 200 scientists around the world.

Since the late 1980s, scientists have been concerned about catastrophic declines in populations of frogs, toads, salamanders and other amphibian species, particularly in Australia, South America, Central America and high-altitude regions of the American West.

Because they are more vulnerable than many other creatures, amphibians are considered a "canary in the coal mine" for environmental damage.

Scientists have yet to zero in on the causes but suspect a combination of factors: loss of wetlands to development; use of fertilizers and pesticides; increased ultraviolet light from an ozone layer thinned by industrial pollutants; and the introduction of exotic predators.

The study was initiated by Jeff Houlahan, a Ph.D. candidate in biology.

"By and large the evidence has been anecdotal. No one had ever quantitatively tried to say is there truly a global decline," Houlahan said. "I thought the best way to do that was simply to pile the data up ... and see what it tells you."

Houlahan gleaned studies from obscure scientific journals and combed university Web sites for the names of scientists studying amphibians, then e-mailed them to ask if they had data to share. He contacted more scientists through *Prolog*, the Internet newsletter of the Declining Amphibian Population Taskforce of the World Conservation Union's Species Survival Commission.

Data on 936 populations of amphibians and 157 species came in from 37 countries and eight regions of the world.

ANALYSIS

Elian saga focuses attention on clout of Cuban-Americans

The heart-wrenching drama of Elian Gonzales has drawn fresh attention to the influence wielded by Cuban-Americans in America's political system, clout that in the past has far outweighed their numbers.

The fate of the 6-year-old boat wreck survivor already has figured in the 2000 presidential campaign and continues to echo in the halls of Congress.

Still, anti-Castro activists and their allies in Congress, who for years have kept the U.S. economic embargo of Cuba in place, are having a hard time lining up followers this time.

Perhaps it's because public opinion polls show most Americans believe Elian should be reunited with his Cuban father. Or that images show a fervor on the streets of Miami's Little Havana that many Americans have a hard time fathoming.

A bill to grant Elian American citizenship, a rallying point for the Cuban-American lobby, has been quietly shunted aside in both the House and the Senate.

Another bill, to grant Elian and his Cuban family permanent residency status, also appears to be going nowhere, despite a flurry of attention after Vice President Al Gore suddenly — and surprisingly to many fellow Democrats — endorsed it late last month.

"I see very little support for this outside of the hard-core. Public opinion has changed," said James Thurber, a political scientist at American University. "Most Americans just want the boy to go back to his father."

Those seeking to prevent Elian from being returned to Cuba are not lacking in commitment or energy.

"This is a very passionately held issue," said Florida Sen. Bob Graham, a Miami Democrat whose staunchly anti-Castro views put him in the same camp as conservative Sens. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., and Bob Smith, R-N.H., and Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind.

It's company that Graham, with his middle-of-the-road voting record, does not often find himself in.

Graham now finds himself in the position of having to defend his hometown against suggestions of extremism.

"The Miami community is a law-abiding community," Graham said. But he adds: "I believe while they will abide by whatever is ultimately the decision of the law, their level of respect for the decision will be very much influenced by how that legal determination is reached."

Cuban-Americans in South Florida — they still call themselves



Tom Raum
The Associated Press

exiles — have a visceral view of Fidel Castro's tyranny, reinforced each time another refugee reaches Florida's shores. Similar views toward Castro exist in Hudson County, N.J., the largest Cuban-American community outside Florida.

But apart from these enclaves, other Americans, including other Hispanics, do not seem to share the bottled-up frustra-

tions or the passionate antagonism toward Castro.

In fact, some lawmakers have suggested that the Elian Gonzales matter may actually lead to an improved U.S.-Cuban relationship.

"I think it reminds a lot of people around the country — outside of Florida — about the unique nature of our relationship with Cuba and whether that ought to be revisited," said Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D. "And I think a lot of people think that. I know in South Dakota they do."

Daschle advocates a "new track" toward Cuba with more exchanges and interaction, a path he said had been gradually begun by the Clinton administration.

That said, President Clinton has worked hard to court the Cuban-American vote, as Gore is doing now. Miami's Cuban-Americans helped Clinton become the first Democratic presidential nominee since Jimmy Carter in 1976 to carry Dade County.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said in a recent interview with *The Associated Press* that it has been difficult to improve ties with Cuba, largely because of Castro, whom she called "a dinosaur in the system."

Cuba's shooting down of two Brothers to the Rescue planes in 1996, which claimed the lives of four airmen, "made it impossible" to continue to improve relations. "It's unfortunate," she said.

"Everyone has to admit up front that our relationship with Cuba is different," Albright said.

Meanwhile, those in Congress who want Elian to remain in this country continue to press their impassioned case against Castro, even if their words are not provoking a groundswell among colleagues.

"Castro has used this father to manipulate both Cuba and the United States," Sen. Connie Mack, R-Fla., prime author of the neglected Elian citizenship bill, asserted Tuesday. "And to this point, Castro has been successful."

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Candidates' Health Care Plans

Republican George W. Bush's health care plan provides tax credits to help working poor families buy health insurance. Democrat Al Gore wants to expand existing government health programs to cover more low-income Americans who lack insurance. A snapshot of the presidential candidates' proposals:

BUSH

Key provisions: Tax credit of up to \$2,000 per family for health insurance. Expand availability of tax-free medical savings accounts that can be used to pay for catastrophic health care expenses.

Cost: \$44.3 billion over 5 years (\$35 billion for tax credits, \$5 billion for MSA expansion, \$4.3 billion for rural health initiative).

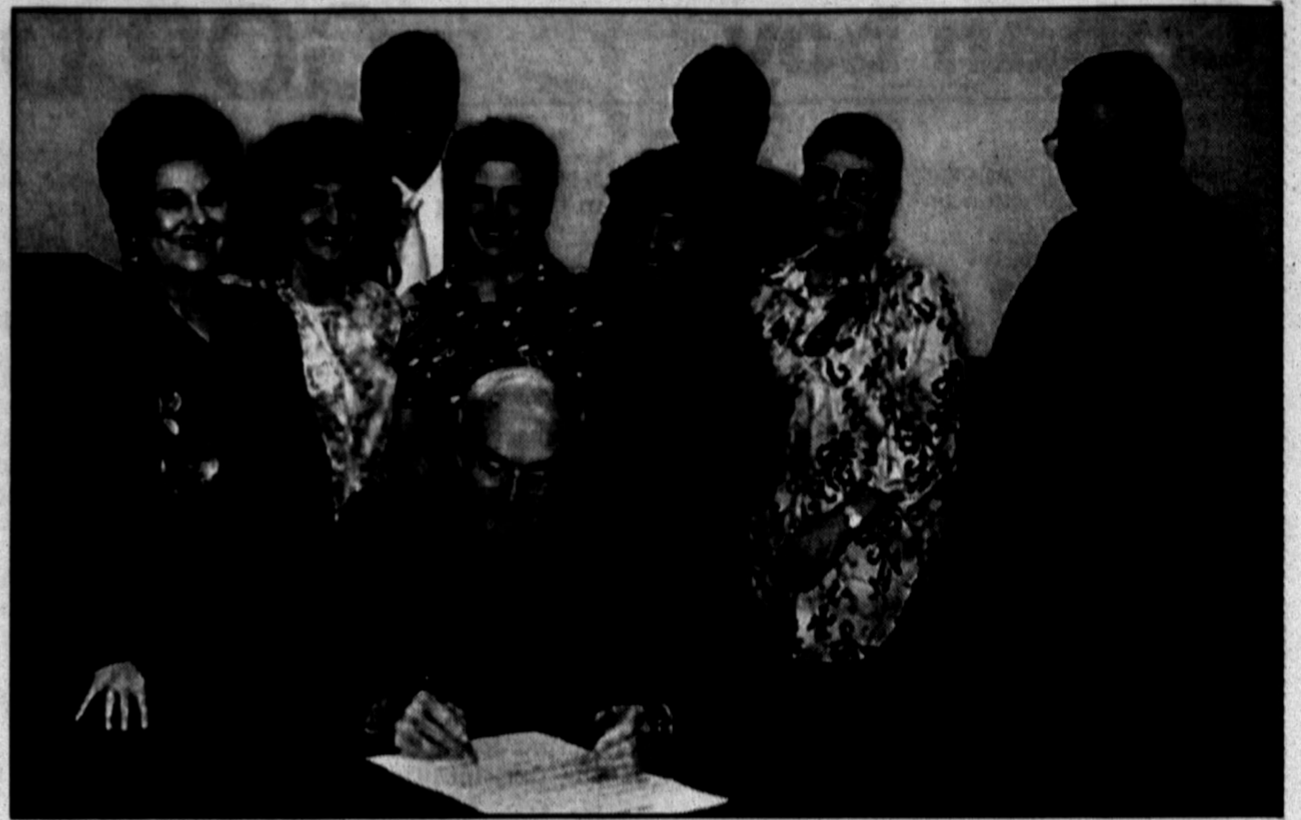
Whom it will help: Bush's plan is aimed at helping 18 million low-income Americans pay for health insurance. Four million to 5 million of these people lack insurance, the rest either have insurance through their employers or are covered by Medicaid.

GORE

Key provisions: Expand the Children's Health Insurance Program, a federal-state health plan, by easing the income eligibility requirement and allowing parents into the program. Families whose incomes exceed the requirements could buy into the program. Give a 25 percent refundable tax credit for uninsured people for the purchase of individual health policies.

Cost: \$146 billion over 10 years. Whom it will help: Between 11 million and 15 million children and adults who lack insurance would get coverage.

— The Associated Press



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Child Abuse Prevention Month proclaimed — Hereford Mayor Bob Josserand signed a proclamation Tuesday designating April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Hereford. Witnesses at the signing were (from left, rear) Richard Saucedo of the Child Welfare Board and Robert Caballero of the Children's Trust Fund; (center) Shannon Alejandre of the Children's Trust Fund and Child Protective Services workers Amy Rodriguez, Pat Allen and Ben Larson; and (front) Alva Lee Peeler of the Child Welfare Board and Diana Holguin of the Children's Trust Fund. During the month, residents are asked to display blue ribbons, such as those in Mother's Park tied around trees, as a symbol of their concern and to show they can positively impact and change the growing problem of child abuse.

Bush, Gore unveil rival health plans

WASHINGTON (AP) — George W. Bush's proposal to give \$2,000 tax credits to help poor families pay for health insurance received mixed reviews, with private experts calling it a generous plan that will assist millions and activists saying the "tiny" credits won't help most families.

The tax credits will help some 18 million low-income Americans buy health insurance, including 4 million to 5 million who couldn't afford it before, said John Goodman, president of the National Center for Policy Analysis, a conservative research group.

Ron Pollack, president of Families USA, which lobbies for universal health care, countered that most uninsured families couldn't afford coverage because the tax credits would cover too little of their out-of-pocket expenses. He prefers Vice President Al Gore's plan to include more low-income people in existing government health plans.

The debate underscores that health care — and the problem of getting insurance to the estimated 44 million Americans who don't have any — is a hot issue in the presidential race.

But both candidate's plans would still leave substantial numbers of poor people scrambling to afford health insurance, private experts and activists say.

Under Bush's plan, poor families earning up to \$30,000 would get tax credits for buying private health insurance. The aim is to give them the

freedom to choose their own coverage and provide tax relief to families that have already bought private insurance, said Goodman, who has helped GOP lawmakers craft similar tax credit proposals.

He estimates that the \$2,000 credit would cover about half of what a family would spend to buy a basic health insurance policy from a private insurer.

Critics say coverage for a family costs at least \$6,000 a year. At that rate, families earning \$30,000 would have to spend \$4,000, or more than 10 percent of their earnings, to buy insurance.

Karen Davis, president of the Commonwealth Fund, says studies show that people won't buy health insurance if their out-of-pocket costs exceed 5 percent of their income.

"This is really not affordable for anyone below \$40,000," Davis said.

Goodman said those who don't buy insurance will be taken care of by "safety net" providers such as public hospitals and free health clinics. He said that Texas families who have no insurance get about \$4,000 of free care from these providers each year.

Yet studies have shown that many safety net providers have curtailed services and are under severe financial strain because of budget cuts and the loss of paying patients to private hospitals and clinics.

On Wednesday, Bush proposed spending \$3.6 billion to boost the number of community

health centers serving low-income areas as part of his plan to strengthen safety net providers.

To address high out-of-pocket health expenses, Bush would expand tax-free medical savings accounts.

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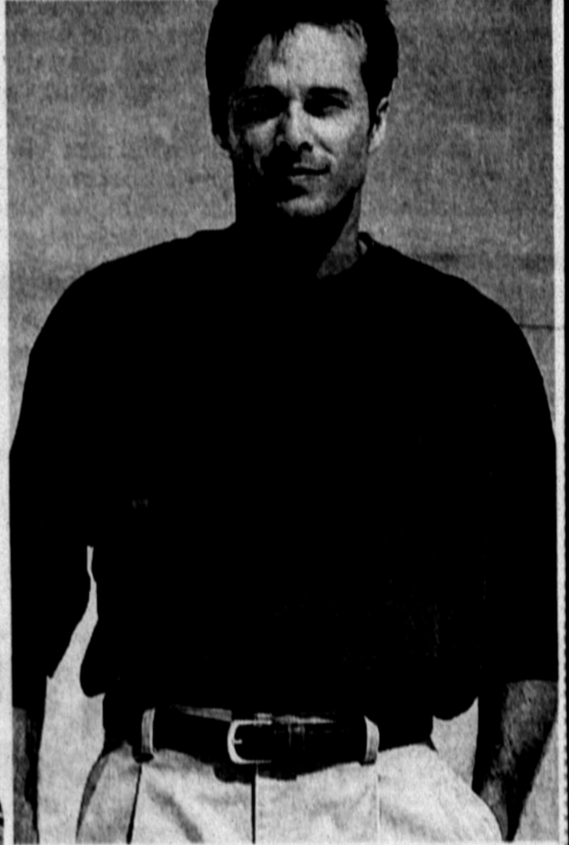
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Aerial gunners target coyotes

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — A North Dakota predator control program is using gunners in airplanes to kill coyotes, a practice meant to help farmers and ranchers that has recently drawn fire from environmental groups.

The U.S. Agriculture Department's Wildlife Services agents killed 2,071 coyotes in North Dakota under the program last year, but their goal is not to exterminate animals, said Phil Mastrangelo, state director of wildlife services.

The program has an annual budget of about \$810,000, which is funded by USDA and the state Agriculture and Game and Fish departments. The program also uses booming cannons to scare away birds and traps that capture beavers and muskrats.

Mastrangelo said his agency was able to document \$126,000 in livestock damage caused by predators last year. He said the agents are busy because of the threat coyotes pose during calving season.

"It's a good tool to use this time of year. Coyotes are establishing their territories, and we can get into these areas and remove those coyotes," he said.

Aerial coyote hunts drew fire this week from a Colorado environmental group that said the missions have caused 33 crashes nationwide, resulting in 17 deaths and 31 inju-

ries since 1983. A pilot and gunner escaped injury last month in north-central South Dakota when their plane crashed during a coyote hunt for the state.

"When they allow a bunch of federal cowboys to fly over the country blasting wild animals indiscriminately, that's wrong," said Wendy Keefover-Ring of the Boulder-based Sinapu, which has joined about 20 environmental organizations in campaigning against aerial gunning on public lands.

Craig Coolahan, director of Wildlife Services, said he believes the practice does comply with federal law because the hunts are specific to animals that have caused problems.

"A lot of aerial hunting is done on snow prior to the sheep arriving," he said.

Dave Yardley of the Colorado Woolgrowers Association, said that "aerial gunning is about the only tool we have left in an industry that's already over-stressed by a whole lot of factors as more and more people are being forced out of business."

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