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Today's weather OUTLOOK

Mostly cloudy skies

Tonight: Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms, some storms may be severe, low around 60, east wind 10 to 20 mph.

Thursday: Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms, high 80 to 85, east to southeast wind 10 to 20 mph.

Thursday night: Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms, low around 60.

Extended forecast

Friday: Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms, high in the mid-80s.

Saturday: Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, low 55 to 60, high 80 to 85.

Sunday: Mostly clear, low 55 to 60, high around 90.

Hereford weather

Tuesday's high, 103; low, 65; no precipitation.

TOO CLOSE TO CALL

Supporters of China trade agreement say momentum shifts their way; both sides vie for few remaining undecided lawmakers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supporters of a measure to normalize trade relations with China claimed to have seized the momentum as both sides of the issue dueling for a dwindling pool of undecided lawmakers.

A showdown vote was scheduled today in the House. The Clinton administration and business lobbyists worked behind the scenes to line up the votes needed for passage.

U.S. Rep. Larry Combest, the Lubbock Republican whose 19th District includes Deaf Smith County, already has announced his support for trade agreement.

"I think we're going to make this PNTR vote for China," a confident President Clinton told reporters late Tuesday night about one of his top legislative priorities for his final year.

Rep. David Dreier, R-Calif., who is chairman of the House Rules Committee, said negotiators had cleared away the last hurdles to a floor vote today with the inclusion of language sought by Rep. Christopher Cox, R-



Showdown vote on normal trade relations with China expected today in House.

Calif., to specifically list human rights protections that a watchdog commission would examine each year.

"We are going to win tomorrow. I am convinced we are on track for victory," Dreier said.

The bill would extend permanent normal trade relations to China, guaranteeing China the same low-tariff access to U.S. markets that nearly every other country in the world has.

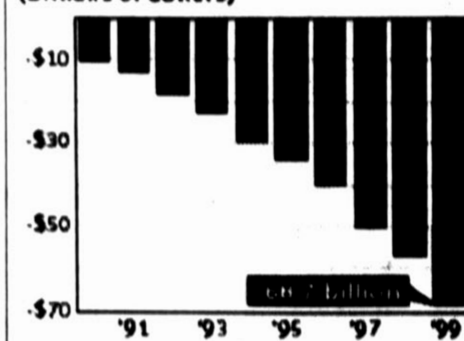
For the past 20 years, China has received this benefit, but only after an annual congressional vote, which gave opponents a platform to attack China's record on a host of issues from human rights to religious freedom.

In return for U.S. support for China's bid to join the World Trade Organization, China has offered to lower high trade barriers that American manufacturers

and farmers have complained are costing them billions of dollars in lost sales annually.

American corporations have spent millions of dollars lobbying on behalf of the China trade bill but they

Trade deficit with China (Billions of dollars)



Largest trades in 1999

U.S. exports to China	
Transportation equipment	\$2.3 BILLION
Electrical machinery, appliances	\$3.4 BILLION
Fertilizers	\$932 MILLION
U.S. imports from China	
Miscellaneous manufactured items (mostly toys)	\$17.3 BILLION
Footwear	\$8.4 BILLION
Office machines and equipment	\$8.3 BILLION

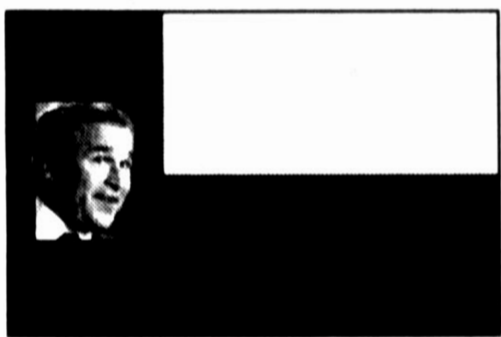
Source: Bureau of Census AP

faced determined opposition from organized labor, which believes normalizing trade relations will result in the movement of more high-paying U.S. manufacturing jobs to China. In a last-ditch effort to sidetrack

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Inside Today

"Our rattlesnakes the coiliest,
"Our beaches are the oiliest;
"Our politicians most corrupt;
"Our stop signs most abrupt..."
■ "Stupid Texas Song," the Austin Lounge Lizards' parody of boastful Texas songs.



■ Gov. George W. Bush's campaign for the White House is putting Texas and Texans under the national microscope — and some of what's being seen already is drawing fire from the apparent Republican nominee's critics. — Page A7

ANALYSIS

■ Martin Frost, the third-ranking House Democrat, says the China trade bill is "the single most important vote this session," while fellow Texan Bill Archer, Republican chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, said the measure is "the most important vote we will make — not only in this Congress, but perhaps in our careers." Associated Press writer Tom Raum examines the politics of the bill. — Page A9



Raum

CORRECTION

An article in Tuesday's edition of the Hereford Brand reported an enchilada dinner will be served Thursday evening at the Senior Citizens Center.

This meal will be served at noon Thursday.

PARCHED EARTH



Cracks in the ground near the Hereford Independent School District Administration Building are proof that the area needs rain. Only 4.02 inches of rain have fallen in the city this year and there has been no measurable rainfall since 0.02 inches was recorded on April 29. To make matters worse, the lack of rain has been accompanied by record heat, as Hereford saw the mercury hit 103 degrees at 4 p.m. Tuesday, a new high for the date.

GOP leaders refusing to ease Cuba embargo

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican congressional leaders have been trying to preserve the trade embargo on Cuba at the same time they have been rounding up support to grant China permanent normal trade relations.

Legislation that would allow sales of food and medicine to Cuba is attached to agricultural spending bills that have been approved by the House and Senate Appropriations committees. But House GOP leaders, led by Majority Whip Tom DeLay of Texas, have delayed action this week on the House version of the spending bill while they try to strip it of the Cuba provision.

"American farmers are being asked to provide indispensable support for the China trade deal at the very moment that House leaders are trying to stab agriculture in the back, by preserving for a few more months the obsolete and ineffective food and medicine embargo against Cuba,"

said Steve Hilton, a spokesman for Sen. John Ashcroft, R-Mo.

U.S. Rep. Larry Combest, a Lubbock Republican whose 19th District includes Deaf Smith County, supports lifting the embargo on food and medicine.

In addition to easing the embargo, the legislation would prohibit the president from including food and medicine in future embargoes of other countries without congressional approval.

The Senate overwhelmingly approved a similar trade measure last year, and supporters say they're confident it could pass the House as well. The House Appropriations Committee approved the measure 35-24 earlier this month over DeLay's objections.

"Fidel Castro has built a dictatorship that allows no existence of private property and economic freedom. Consequently, trade with that kind of government will only serve

to strengthen Fidel Castro," DeLay spokesman Jonathan Baron said Tuesday.

"By contrast, ... China has seen fit to allow significant free-market activity and commerce among its citizens," he said.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., has voiced similar concerns. The issue is complicated by election-year politics. Some of the legislation's most ardent supporters, such as Ashcroft and Rep. George Nethercutt, R-Wash., face tough re-election races. At the same time, the Cuban American community is a powerful force in Florida, a key state in this year's presidential campaign.

"I've told them (House leaders) it's important to the people of my district," said Nethercutt.

Rep. Lincoln Diaz-Balart, a Florida Republican and Cuban American, said he believes he could stop the trade provision by raising a parliamentary objection on the House floor.

Feeders hope CBP will pack some clout

By Dianna F. Dandridge

Hereford Brand Staff Writer

Years of marketing dissatisfaction for independent cattle feeders have led members of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association to form a new venture — Consolidated Beef Producers — with the sole purpose of selling fed cattle in a way that results in true value-based negotiated pricing.

CBP is a non-profit marketing association open to feedyards and their customers in Texas and the surrounding states. A nine-member board of directors will oversee the actions and policies of the organization.

"By law, we will be a cooperative," said Scot Keeling, of Keeling Cattle Feeders and a CBP director.

Organizers believe this venture, once it is fully organized, will give independent feeders better market negotiating options because of the number of cattle which will be available to the packers, which buy in mass quantity.

Producers will be able to join the cooperative with a \$3,000 membership fee and purchasing a minimum of 5,000 marketing rights at \$1 per head, with a goal of 750,000 head by Oct. 1.

Bob Sims of Tri-State Cattle Feeders and a CBP board member said, "A lot of people (feeders) and customers of feedyards are not satisfied with the way cattle have been marketed. A lot of negotiating has been done away with. What we are trying to do is put that back in. Up 'til now our negotiating options were either say 'yes, we'll take it' or 'no, we won't'."

Sims said the united effort of independent cattle feeders will offer a negotiator the opportunity to provide a given type of animal to particular packer. "Some packers are looking more for the high yielding animals and some are looking for specific quality animals. This way we can give the packers the type animal they want and they can give their customers what they want."

The bottom line, according to both Sims and Keeling, is to get a little bigger piece of the pie for the cattle owners from the fed cattle they send to market.

"Even though only four packers kill 80 percent of the cattle, this is still a highly competitive industry," Sims said.

The \$3,000 membership fee will be used as operating and startup

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**HEREFORD BRAND
Local roundup**

Low cost vaccination clinic

The Humane Society of Deaf Smith County will offer a low-cost pet vaccination clinic Sunday, June 4, in the courtyard of the Hereford Community Center from 1-5 p.m.

Canine vaccinations will be \$6 for rabies; \$12 parvo/distemper; and \$15 combinations.
Feline vaccinations will be \$6 rabies; \$20 distemper/feline leukemia; \$22 for combinations.

Proceeds will go to the Humane Society of Deaf Smith County.
All pets need to be leashed or crated.

Mid-Plains pioneers celebration

The Mid-Plains Pioneers celebration will be Saturday, May 27, at the Deaf Smith County Bull Barn. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and is \$5 per person. Participants are invited to bring a covered dish and enjoy the noon meal. Meat, bread and drinks are provided.

Summer School schedules

Summer school classes in Hereford Independent School District will be conducted June 5-30, 2000. Classes will Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the high school.

Classes will be small to insure individual attention in math, social studies, English, and science. TAAS classes will also be offered.

Students must meet attendance and behavior requirements to remain enrolled.

For more information contact Stacy Lea at 363-7620.

HISD offers summer food program

A summer food program will be offered by the Hereford Independent School District and Texas Department of Human Resources, June 5 through July 13.

The program will be conducted at Hereford High School cafeteria and the West Central School cafeteria.

Meals will be offered any child under age of 18.
Menus will be similar to school lunches served during regular school year. Lunches are free and will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

AC conducts registration

Amarillo College will offer registration for Hereford classes from 6-7 p.m. Thursday, at the High School.

Courses offered will be English, government, history, mathematics and physical education.

For more information contact Brian Hedrick at 363-7627.

Fireworks display

The Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce will present a fireworks display at 7 p.m. June 17 at Veteran's Park. The display will be presented after the Miss Hereford pageant and should last 20-30 minutes.

Residents are encouraged to attend festivities, but are asked not to bring private fireworks with them to the show.

Spring scrimmage cookout

The Hereford "Chefs" will be preparing hamburgers to be served at the first ever Spring Maroon and White Scrimmage which will be held 7 p.m. Thursday at Whiteface Stadium.

Hamburgers, along with chips, drinks and homemade sweets will be sold for \$4 with proceeds going to help send qualified varsity players from Hereford and other schools to attend a National Nike Tournament and play teams from all around the United States.

Burgers will served from 5:30-6:30 at the stadium, prior to the scrimmage.

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News digest**

Scout director did as he was told

DALLAS (AP) — The attorney for a Boy Scouts of America official who was suspended amid allegations of inflated membership says the 30-year salaried executive acted at his supervisors' direction when he signed beyond troop rosters.

Bill Alexander, who represents Raymond Montgomery, told The Dallas Morning News in today's editions that his client is being set up to take the fall for his bosses.

"This poor ... (guy) is a throwaway, and I am not going to let them throw him away," Alexander said. "He was hired to help. He just did what he was told, and I am not going to let them make a scapegoat out of him."

Montgomery, who declined to be interviewed at length, confirmed to the newspaper that he is the man disciplined last week by ranking Circle Ten Council officials for "improper conduct" found in an internal investigation.

The council includes 11 counties in North Texas.

Current and past Circle Ten employees and Boy Scout volunteers have told the newspaper that the U.S. Postal Inspection Service is investigating accusations that the group maintained false membership rolls that were used to solicit donations.

Federal investigators, who took records from the Circle Ten headquarters last month, have declined to comment.

Current and past employees who have talked with investigators say the inflated numbers involved mainly minority neighborhoods and that membership numbers were used to keep millions of dollars in donations flowing from parents and charitable groups, including the United Way.

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Raising the dust....



Making it safe -- Area youngsters are stirring up the dust at Kids Inc. Baseball Complex nightly as they slide into safety. Some of the younger players, like Joshua Davis, just like to see how much dust they can stir up.

"Safe" abandonment laws spread

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — Barbara Knott was abandoned as a newborn, left in a basement in New York City by a mother who couldn't care for her and had already given away other children.
Knott's story took a happier

turn: She ended up far away from Manhattan, a child of adoptive parents in Mobile.

Now 38 and with two teen-aged sons of her own, Knott fully supports a movement that started in Mobile and has spread across the country to

allow mothers to anonymously give up their newborns at hospitals.

"I would love to meet them, so they don't feel guilty," Knott says of what are often troubled and confused young mothers.

At least 28 states have either adopted or are considering "safe abandonment" legislation this year alone, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

The drive started in Mobile after the 1995 death of a newborn boy who was drowned in a toilet by a young, unwed mother. Local television reporter Jodi Brooks, who covered the 1998 murder trial and the abandonment of other newborns along the Gulf Coast, became outraged.

She got together officials from area hospitals, welfare offices and the district attorney, who agreed not to prosecute women abandoning their infants. The result was a policy allowing mothers to drop off newborns at Mobile-area hospitals within 72 hours of birth, no questions asked. That proposal was later adopted by prosecutors across the state — and emulated across the country.

"Relinquishing a newborn in the safe environment of an emergency room is not child abuse or child neglect," says chief assistant prosecutor George Ward in Wayne County, Mich., where the program is in place.

However, some child welfare advocates say it has drawbacks, including encouraging mothers to abandon their children.

Dr. Charles Shubin, head of pediatrics for Mercy FamilyCare Community Health Center in Baltimore, Md., also says anonymous abandonment leaves the child without knowledge of possibly important genetic issues, and if the mother

is already granted immunity there's no reason for her to remain nameless. Plus, he adds, it "doesn't get the mom any help."

Other critics have questioned how emergency workers would determine an infant's age or the role the mother's family or father plays.

It's unclear how many newborns are abandoned every year.

Michael Kharfen, a spokesman for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, says there were media reports of 105 infants abandoned in "public places" in 1998, including 33 who were dead. In 1991, the only other recent year for which figures were compiled, there were 65 infants abandoned in public places — eight of them dead.

Because the figures are based on media reports and are not compiled regularly, it's unknown whether the numbers reflect an increase over time, Kharfen says.

According to the NCSL, states that have approved or considered infant abandonment legislation this year include some of the most populous: California, Florida, New York and Pennsylvania.

Texas passed a law last year providing a favorable defense for a parent who voluntarily delivers a child 30 days old or younger to a licensed emergency medical services provider. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Texas, has also proposed legislation that would create a federal database on abandoned babies in hopes of finding out what influences the decision by parents. Lee acted after 13 babies were abandoned in a 10-month span in her hometown of Houston; three were dead.

In Alabama, where state officials estimate that about a dozen newborns are abandoned annually, lawmakers passed a law May 12 allowing hospitals statewide to accept the children without a court order.

Since the program began in Mobile for infants less than three days old, one baby has been rescued from a trash pile, another two have been turned in at hospitals, and two girls — aged 13 and 14 — have received counseling that guided them through successful pregnancies.

Every small victory in the struggle to save lives counts for nurse Sara Robinson, who helps spread the word about the Safe Babies project.

She works at Springhill Hospital, where two infants were surrendered by troubled mothers. One mother returned for her child, the other baby was adopted on Valentine's Day.

HEREFORD BRAND

**Emergency services
Traffic occupies officers**

Emergency services personnel responded to a major accident just before 2 p.m. Tuesday when Albert Owen, 77, driving a 1993 GMC pickup, failed to yield right-of-way from a stop sign at Progressive and Highway 60.

Reports indicate Owen pulled out in front of a 1979 International tractor-trailer, driven by Thomas Leroy Long. In the course of trying to avoid a collision Long's rig overturned, crushing part of the pickup.

Owen was transported to Hereford Regional Medical Center and then transported to Covenant Lakeside in Lubbock, in stable condition.

Traffic along Highway 60 was blocked for nearly an hour as crews tried to clear the wreckage.

Officers again responded to a traffic accident when a patrolling officer initiated an early morning stop of a small grey 4-door car with out-of-state license plates and a defective headlight. The driver of the car refused to stop and lead officers on a high speed chase, heading east on Highway 60.

Officers reported speeds in excess of 100 miles an hour, just past the city limits. Hereford officer disbanded the pursuit and notified Randall County to be on the lookout for the vehicle.

The vehicle later wrecked and the driver and passenger tried to escape on foot. Randall County officers apprehended two juveniles. Charges are pending.

Other activities include the following:

**POLICE DEPARTMENT
Arrests**

- A 14-year-old juvenile was arrested in the 700 block of East Park and charged with possession of marijuana.

Incidents
- A bike, valued at \$160, was reported stolen from the 600 block of East Third.

- An attempted suicide was reported in the 400 block of North Ranger.

- Criminal mischief was re-

ported in the 600 block of Irving.

- Possible theft was reported in the 500 block of North 25 Mile Avenue. Store manager reports a male suspect may have left the store with a pair of men's shorts. Charges were not filed due to lack of evidence.

- Business keys were supposedly taken from the 100 block of North 25 Mile Avenue.

- A two-vehicle accident was reported in the 300 block of Avenue C. One driver was issued a citation for unsafe backing.

**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
Arrests**

- A 48-year-old woman was arrested and charged with violation of probation.

- A 43-year-old man was arrested and charged with violation of probation of a furnishing alcohol to a minor charge.

- A 30-year-old man was arrested for surrender of surety for two counts assault and one count of failure to identify.

- A 27-year-old man was arrested and charged with violation of probation for possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

- A 23-year-old woman was arrested and charged with violation of probation.

FIRE DEPARTMENT
- 1:48 p.m. Firefighters responded to a wreck rescue at Progressive and Highway 60.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Texas lottery

Cash Five
The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:

6-16-33-35-36

Pick 3
The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

4-5-0

HEREFORD BRAND

Obituaries

**ILENE MARIE SCOTT
May 21, 2000**

Ilene Marie Scott, 62, died Sunday, May 21, 2000.

No services are planned at this time. Cremation is by Vega Funeral Home.

Mrs. Scott was born in Bakersfield, Calif., and lived in Hereford for the last five years. She attended Eastern New Mexico University. She was a homemaker and a Christian.

Survivors include a brother, Arthur Turnover of Eastover, S.C.; two sisters, Rosa Lee Ruther of Denver and Linda C. Davis of Clovis, N.M.

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THURSDAY-Enchiladas, Spanish rice, pinto beans, salad fixings, tostados, pineapple tidbits; or sliced ham.

FRIDAY-Fried pollock with lemon wedge, cheese grits, buttered mixed greens, coleslaw, lemon cake; or cook's choice, buttered yellow squash, plain cake.

MONDAY-Italian spaghetti with meat, Italian green beans, tossed salad, vanilla pudding; or chicken and noodles, fruit salad, D'zerta pudding.

TUESDAY-Chicken fried steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered green beans, pickled beet salad, bread pudding with raisin sauce; or chicken breast, pears.

WEDNESDAY-Roast pork with gravy, mashed sweet potatoes, black-eyed peas, sliced on-

ion and pickles, garden salad, pineapple upside down cake; or beef brisket.

ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., oil painting 9-11 a.m., exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., doll class 6-9 p.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

FRIDAY-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., line dance 10-11 a.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Pancake Supper 4:30-8 p.m.

SATURDAY-Pioneer Celebration, Bull Barn.

MONDAY-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., doll class 1-4 p.m.

TUESDAY-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., Golden K Kiwanis noon.

WEDNESDAY-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., ceramics noon-4 p.m.

Donation



Proceeds from L'Allegra Study Club's annual Plant Sale were donated to the Deaf Smith County Museum to be used for restoration of the E.B. Black House. Shelley Menke, left, treasurer for L'Allegra, presents the \$3,000 check to Paula Edwards, executive director of the museum.

Golden Spread Aggie Moms Club honors students

The Golden Spread Aggie Moms hosted their annual ice cream social on May 21 at Hereford State Bank. The spring event welcomes incoming area Texas A&M University freshmen and their families, recognizes Golden Spread Aggie Moms scholarship recipients and honors area Texas A&M seniors.

President Ginger Olson of Hereford welcomed guests and introduced Justin Sutton of Dimmitt, one of the club's scholarship recipients. Sutton was accompanied by his parents, Eddie and June Sutton. James Barrett, son of Bruce and Cindy Barrett of Muleshoe, was also awarded a scholarship but was unable to attend.

Other area students accepted to Texas A&M University for the fall semester are Kylee Auckerman and Ben Sublett, both of Hereford; Mindy Etheridge of Nazareth; Ivan Flores and Jared Townsend, both of Dimmitt; and Karen Wilhelm of Tulla.

Olson announced six university seniors, whose parents were presented with commemorative paperweights for their students. Recognized from Hereford were Amy Alley, daughter of Larry and Eileen Alley; Brack Bryant, son of John David and Beverly Bryant; Brent Marnell, son of Jim and Christine Marnell; Justin Scott, son of Billy and Carla Scott; and Jeb Skiles, son of Cliff and Jody Skiles.

Recognized from Dimmitt was Joel Townsend, son of Carter

and Dianne Townsend.

Recent Texas A&M University graduates are December graduate Amy Alley, with a bachelor's in finance and May graduates Brent Marnell with a bachelor's in accounting and finance; and Taylor Sublett, daughter of Susan Sublett of Hereford, with a master's in accounting.

Other Texas A&M students in attendance from Hereford were Justin Betzen, class of 2002; Brynne Bryant, 2003; Christina Fierro, 2003; and Sy Olson, 2001.

Attending from Nazareth was Susan Book, 2008.

Also in attendance to share "Aggie Brags" were family members, from Hereford, Eddie and Virginia Artho, Cheryl Betzen, Shelly Diller, Santos Fierro, Jerry and Mariellen Homfeld and daughter Kristy, Christine Marnell, Lucy McGowan, Steve Olson and Susan Perrin.

From Nazareth were Chris and Becky Book with son Eric and grandparents Bob and Nancy Hand of Longmont, Colo.

The Golden Spread Aggie Moms club provides support for area Texas A&M students and their families through awarding scholarships, providing care packages for students, and networking. New Aggie Moms are invited to join and enjoy the club's warm support and fun projects. Anyone interested in learning more about the club may contact Ginger Olson, 647-2868.

CREATORS SYNDICATE

Ann Landers



Dear Ann Landers: Please remind your readers about the risk of starting a friendship with a prison inmate. I am an authority on this subject —

one who learned the hard way. Here is my story:

Five years ago, I answered an ad in a magazine, believing I was corresponding with a truck driver. Two weeks later, I received a response from an inmate in Ohio, who told me politely that he had misrepresented himself, and would understand if I chose not to write him back. I thought I should at least let him know his letter was received. That was the beginning of a four-year correspondence.

Three or four times a year, I went to the prison to visit him. He sent me cards and letters, and occasionally, would call me collect. I sent him money orders for coffee and cigarettes, because he said those items were expensive. We made plans to move to his farm after his release last February. It turned out he was released to another woman, and invited HER to live with him on his farm. Later, I learned he had explained his relationship with me by telling her I was his aunt. She once called my house looking for him, but he wasn't with me. I told her he must have had some other woman in his life that neither of us knew about. We both agreed that we had been conned.

I wasted four years of my life believing this man, and it

ended up costing me \$8,000 — which I could ill afford. Let it be known that inmates will lie and tell you anything you want to hear. Meanwhile, they manage to live very well if they can get some foolish woman (like me) to support them. — Out 8 Grand and Four Years

Dear Out 8 Grand: It's always good to get a letter from a person who has been there and done that — and you certainly have.

Lonely women are extremely vulnerable, and you are Exhibit A. I've said it before, and I'll say it again: Your dream man will not be found behind bars. And here's warning No. 2: Personal ads are always a risk. You are far more likely to meet a responsible person through a friend, family member or a church or synagogue group. And please, take a second or third look if that person wants to borrow money. It's a bad beginning.

Dear Ann Landers: I am a senior in high school and a good student who is concerned about the problem of alcoholism in today's society. It all

began when I was sent to live with my aunt and uncle. I was only 7 at the time, but had experienced more than your average 30-year-old. I had witnessed a murder by an alcoholic, and had seen my mother get fall-down drunk on a daily basis. She is now 35 years old, and trying to get her life back on track.

I have not had a very good relationship with my mother for the last several years. I became so angry and fed up with her empty promises that I blocked her out of my life. I was sick of her self-pitying games and having her call me while she was drunk, complaining about her life.

I have tried everything I can think of to help her, but have run out of ideas. Can you help me? — Linda in Wisconsin

Dear Linda: You need to educate yourself about alcoholism and what it does to individuals and families. Anger is not the best response. Check with Alcoholics Anonymous. Find out if there is an Alateen chapter in your city.

Both should be listed in your phone book. If not, ask the local librarian for reading material on the subject. Your mother needs your love and your support. Please give it to her, for her sake, as well as your own.

That first kiss, that first embrace ... Remember all those things that brought you and your loved one together? Ann Landers' new booklet, "How We Met," is now available. This collection of sentimental love stories will make a terrific gift for that special someone. For a copy, please send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$5.50 (this includes postage and handling) to: How We Met, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, IL 60611-0562 (in Canada, \$6.50).

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MEETING NOTICE

The Amarillo District of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will hold an Elderly and Disabled Transportation needs meeting for its 17 county area June 21, 2000 at 1 p.m. The meeting will be held in the conference room of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC) located at 415 W. 8th in Amarillo. Individuals, agencies, and organizations are urged to attend to present their needs, and express concerns. Counties in the Amarillo TxDOT District are Dallam, Sherman, Hansford, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hartley, Moore, Hutchinson, Roberts, Hemphill, Oldham, Potter, Carson, Gray, Deaf Smith, Randall and Armstrong.

Each presenter is required to have both a verbal presentation lasting no longer than 5 minutes and a written copy using the following guidelines:

Name:

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Scholarship recipients - Janae Schiabs, left, and Joshua Briones were each the recipient of a \$500 scholarship from St. Anthony's Catholic Church. The scholarships are given to two St. Anthony's high school seniors each year.

Green Thumb seeks Texas' Outstanding Older Worker 2000

WACO, TX - Green Thumb, Inc., the country's oldest and largest provider of mature worker training and employment, recently launched its statewide search for Texas' Outstanding Older Worker for Year 2000.

To celebrate the ongoing accomplishments of older workers, Texas employers are urged to join this initiative by nominating their outstanding older employees.

Nominees must be at least 65 years-old, a Texas resident and work 20 or more hours a week for pay.

Last year's honoree, Albert Stuchly of Houston, retired from Coca-Cola's Food Division at age 65 and not long afterward began a second career with Gulf South Supply. Twenty-three years later, Stuchly is the senior member of the service and repair department and is extolled as Gulf South's "best technician."

To nominate, a supervisor or co-worker must provide a brief narrative covering the older worker's overall contribution to their employer, a description of new/additional skills the nominee has learned since beginning employment, any disabilities the nominee has overcome to perform his or her job, and a description of other community involvement. Nominees may be from any occupation.

Nominations will be evalu-

ated by a state-wide selection committee and the winner announced in mid-July. During October, the winner will attend the Prime Time Awards in Washington, D.C., in conjunction with the Presidentially-proclaimed Employ the Older Worker Week.

To learn more about Green Thumb's search for Texas' Outstanding Older Worker for Year 2000 and to obtain nomination forms call Green Thumb at 1-800-580-5292. The deadline for nominations is June 15.

In addition, Green Thumb is seeking America's Oldest Worker. The only criteria is that the applicant must be employed a minimum of 20 hours a week. The one who has the earliest birth date wins.

Workers may enter themselves or be nominated by employer, family or friends. Necessary information includes name, birth date (month, day and year), home phone and address, employer name and address, position or title, business telephone number, name of supervisor and number of hours worked each week.

Send a post card or note to Oldest Worker, Green Thumb, Inc., 2000 N. 14th St., Suite 800, Arlington, VA 22201, or enter the information directly on Green Thumb's website at <http://www.greenthumb.org/oldestworker>.

Deadline for entries is July 15.

FCE state delegates selected by Council

The Family Community Education Council selected delegates to the state meeting during a regular meeting Monday in the Deaf Smith County Library.

Selected as delegates were Maudette Smith, Mariellen Homfeld and Jo Lee, with Shirley Brown as alternate.

Members also voted to unanimously accept the nominating committee's slate of officers for the year beginning Oct. 1. Nominating committee members were Mary Brorman, Lee and Brown.

Roll call showed five clubs were represented with three having 100 percent attendance.

County Extension Agent for Family Consumer Sciences

Beverly Harder gave a report, thanking members for all the work put into the Appreciation Luncheon and hosting the District I spring meeting.

Discussion was held on the Town and Country Jubilee celebration on June 10. The FCE Council will sponsor a booth of arts, crafts and baked goods and will sell tickets on a quilt.

It was announced that recipients of the FCE scholarships were Jerry Baird and Kylee Auckerman.

Following adjournment, refreshments were served by members of the Bippus FCE Club.

The next Council meeting will be Aug. 28.

New Arrival

Kerry and Sharon Beard of Arlington are the proud parents of a girl, Emma Kay Beard, born May 19 at Arlington Memorial Hospital.

She weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches.

She has an older sister, Avery

Walkers are sought for cancer survivors lap

The American Cancer Society is looking for area cancer survivors to walk the first lap in this year's Relay for Life on June 2 at Whiteface Stadium.

The first lap of the event will be dedicated to those who have cancer, as well as those who have

beaten the disease. Those who are unable to walk may designate someone to walk for them or they may ride in a golf cart.

For more information, call Lani Long at 364-3551 or 364-8303.

Local church offering Summer Arts Program

First United Methodist Church is offering a Summer Arts Program with a variety of topics, beginning May 31.

The first class is "Handbells for the Non-Musician" and will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, May 31, June 7 and June 14. No music knowledge is required - just a willingness to try something new.

Another program is titled "Arts in Crafts" and is intended for third through eighth graders. Classes will be held from 10-11:30 a.m. each Thursday in June. This class will center on craft projects that teach worship symbols.

Summer band classes will also be offered for junior high to adults. These will include one morning and two evening rehearsals to participate in worship the following Sunday. These performances will be June 18 and August 6.

To take a closer look at nature, the Golden Mean and the connection of math, music and the universe, attend the Master's Design at 7 p.m. Wednesday,

June 21 in Ward Parlor.

A class for those who want to participate in some short Biblical dramas to aid in worship will be given at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays in July in Ward Parlor. This "Drama Ditties" class will be assisted by local theatrical celebrities and each class will complete a drama for worship.

Other activities included in the Summer Arts Program will be concerts on June 10 at 7 p.m. by Spirit Wind, July 19 by Kwahadi Dancers and August 20 by Alice Langehennig.

An art exhibition of paintings, photos, handiwork, pottery, etc. will be on display in the Welcome Center. Everyone is asked to submit display items as soon as possible.

There will be a Photography Excursion for those from junior high age to adults on Saturday, July 29 with a time and destination to be determined.

For additional information on any or all of these classes, call the office of First United Methodist Church at 364-0770.



Coloring contest winners - XIT Communications sponsored an Easter Coloring Contest for children at each of its customer care center locations with prizes awarded in three age groups, birth to 4 years, 5-8 years and 9-12 years. Pictured is mom Carol Bartley with Hereford winners Kayla Bartley, Megan Harris, Skylar Jones, Robin Smith, Laura Hernandez, Kailee Granadoz, and Sandy Granadoz.

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SPORTS

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Tired Knicks fall to Indiana, 102-88

■ Croshere and Sprewell each score 22 points to lead their teams in scoring

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Last year's non-factor scored 22. Last year's X factor scored four.

Austin Croshere dominated his matchup with Marcus Camby, giving the Pacers a weapon they never had in the past, and Indiana got double-figure scoring from six players Tuesday night in a 102-88 victory over the New York Knicks in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference finals.

"Last year, Camby was the X factor for them," Reggie Miller said. "(Croshere) is going to have to do the scoring this year as well as box Camby out. He can stretch their defense with his outside shooting."

That's exactly what Croshere did, going 4-for-5 from 3-point range and tying his career high in points by scoring 11 of his 22 in the fourth quarter.

The Pacers, displaying the type of potent, balanced offense New York hadn't seen in weeks, opened an early 18-point lead the Knicks never fully recovered from. Twice New York got its deficit down to two, but both times the Pacers responded quickly and decisively.

Indiana's lead was down to 52-48 at halftime after Mark Jackson was called for a flagrant foul against Latrell Sprewell on a breakaway with 3.2 seconds left.

The Knicks got within two early in the third before Jalen Rose finally got on the board and scored six of Indiana's first eight points of the quarter. The Pacers went up by as many as nine before the Knicks again cut it to two.

Sprewell and Rose then exchanged emphatic dunks on alternate possessions late in the third, as clear a sign as any that the Pacers had an answer for every Knicks' run.

It was 78-71 entering the fourth, and the Pacers got their lead back to double digits by opening the quarter with a 7-2 run while New York was missing seven of its first eight shots.

Miller scored 19, Rose 17 and Rik Smits 16. Dale Davis added 14 points and 16 re-

bounds and Jackson had 11 points and 13 assists as the Pacers put together the highest-scoring game against the Knicks this postseason.

"To beat a great defensive team, you have to have balance," Pacers coach Larry Bird said. "We had that tonight. It was one of our best all-around efforts of the season. This team is as focused as I have ever seen."

The Knicks, accustomed to focusing on just one or two offensive threats in the first two rounds against Toronto and Miami, couldn't cope with the many Pacers who all had their touch.

In their first 10 playoff games, the Knicks had not allowed an opponent to score more than 88 points. The Pacers reached that mark with more than six minutes remaining on a 3-pointer by Croshere that gave them a 14-point lead, and Croshere got them to 100, too, on a 3-pointer with 42 seconds remaining.

Shooting 7-for-10 from the field, including 4-for-5 on 3-pointers and 4-for-4 from the free-throw line, Croshere reached double figures for the fifth time this postseason.

"They left me open," Croshere said. "Everybody was out there sticking shots, and they had to leave somebody open with their double teams. I'm sure I wasn't their primary focus, and that's something I've tried to take advantage of all year — the attention teams pay to our other guys."

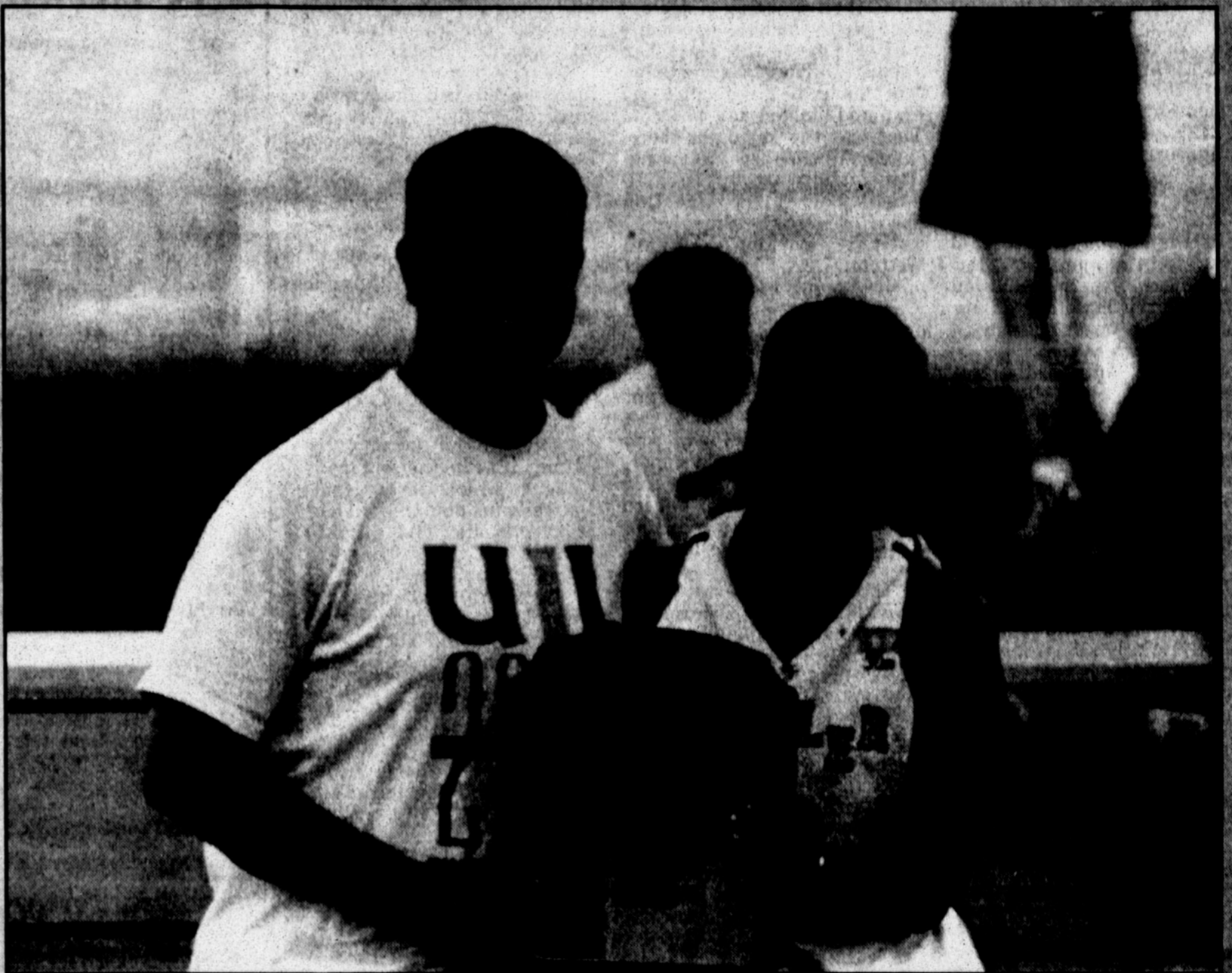
Sprewell scored 22 points, Patrick Ewing had 21 and Allan Houston 18 for the Knicks, who were coming off seven grueling, low-scoring games against the defensive-oriented Miami Heat.

Running into a different kind of team, one that can put points on the board quickly and much more easily, New York allowed the Pacers to score 35 in the first quarter — a total the Heat usually wouldn't reach until late in the second quarter or early in the third.

"They got the job done earlier than we did. We wasted a quarter," Knicks coach Jeff Van Gundy said. "When you waste a quarter in this league, you get beat. We were ill-prepared for their intensity in the first quarter, obviously."

With Smits making five of his first six shots, the Pacers

AWARD WINNERS



Casey Smith Memorial Award Winners — Seniors Kurtis Flood (left) and Kimberly Scott (right) were each presented with the Casey Smith Memorial Award on Monday night at Whiteface Field. Flood was a member of the Hereford High School track team and was the only member of the team to make it to the state meet on May 13. Flood placed first at the district meet and second at the regional meet in San Angelo. Scott was a member of the HHS tennis team this Spring, and she made it to the second round at the district 3-4A tennis tournament.



AUSTIN CROSHERE

jumped to a 17-7 lead just over six minutes into the first quarter. Croshere hit his first shot, a 3-pointer, to put Indiana ahead 24-13.

A dunk by Davis, a blocked shot by Miller and a 3-pointer by Jackson got the lead up to 14, and Croshere tipped in a missed 3 at the buzzer to give the Pacers a 35-17 lead after the first quarter.

"This is going to be a long series, a dogfight," Miller said. "This is only one game. I'm more worried about Thursday's game because now they'll have time to prepare."

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Texas wins game at KC, 4-3

Rangers have won 10 out of their last 12 games

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — After a slow start, the Texas bullpen is carrying the Rangers.

"This is the way we knew those guys could pitch," said Rick Helling (7-1), who went seven-plus innings Tuesday night in a 4-3 victory over Kansas City. "They're doing a great job."

The Rangers have won 10 of 12 games and seven straight to move into a virtual tie with Seattle for first place in the AL West.

The victory gave the Rangers a major league-best 15-5 record for the month of May. The bullpen has not allowed a run in the last four games and hasn't been charged with an earned run in five.

And they could hardly have been more poised Tuesday night. After Carlos Febles' home run leading off the eighth made it 4-3, Jeff Zimmerman relieved Helling and gave up a double to Mike Sweeney.

But Sweeney never got as far as third.

Then, with one out and runners at first and third in the ninth, John Wetteland got Johnny Damon to tap back to the mound.

Wetteland played it perfectly, getting the lead runner in a rundown between third and home, then finished the game by getting Febles to fly out.

"For Zim to leave (Sweeney) at second, that's a great job," said Helling, who gave up three runs, six hits and two walks with four

strikeouts while winning his fifth straight start.

"The Royals are doing everything they can to get him over and get it tied."

Wetteland got in trouble in the ninth by giving up one-out singles to Jorge Fabregas and pinch-hitter Jermaine Dye.

"Chances are pretty good with most closers out there that they're going to score that run somehow, especially with a guy at the plate like Johnny Damon," Helling said.

"He made a great pitch on him and fielded his position. That was the key right there. Those guys in pressure situations stepped up to the challenge. There's no question about it."

"It worked," said Wetteland, who has saved six of the Rangers' seven straight victories. "Sometimes it doesn't."

He knew Damon is tough to double up.

"I have to try to strike out a guy who doesn't strike out a lot," said Wetteland, who got his 11th save in 14 opportunities.

"That's what I set out to do, but I got in a position where I had to make him hit it."

"That was the best I could have hoped for," Wetteland said. "That's a bad situation to be in. But what am I going to do? Panic? Light my hair on fire?"

Chad Curtis and David Segui homered as the Rangers moved within percentage points of first-place Seattle, a 4-2 loser in Baltimore.

Royals manager Tony Muser said the pivotal play in the ninth could be viewed two ways.

"It kept us out of a double

play and let another batter get to the plate," he said. "On the other hand, you're sacrificing a baserunner who was 90 feet away. There are two things you don't want to do in that situation — hit it to third or to the pitcher."

Febles hit his first home run of the year leading off the eighth, making it 4-3 and bringing Zimmerman from the bullpen to replace Helling, who has not lost since April 25.

Curtis hit a three-run homer with two outs in the third off Miguel Batista (2-2). Jason McDonald walked and Luis Alicea singled.

Dates set for church league

The Hereford YMCA is currently registering teams for the Co-ed Softball Church League.

Registration lasts until June 15 for the summer league which lasts eight games plus double elimination playoffs. The softball league will begin play on Monday June 19.

Game nights are on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at Nazarene Field.

Awards will be given to the teams that place first and second.

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Purcella in fifth place as rodeo season continues

Hereford cowboy falls one in team roping division

Hereford professional roper Steve Purcella found himself out of fourth place and back in fifth after consecutive weeks of climbing the standings in money winnings.

Purcella is currently in fifth place with a total amount of \$25,129. Purcella had improved his position after climbing from eighth place.

Purcella competes in the team roping (heading) division of the National Professional Rodeo Association.

From staff and wire reports

ALL-AROUND
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BAREBACK RIDING
1. Mark Gomes, Nickerson, Kan., \$40,378; 2. James Boudreaux, Cuero, Texas, \$34,106; 3. Darren Clarke, Weatherford, Texas, \$32,195; 4. Larry Sandwick, Kaycee, Wyo., \$26,156; 5. William Pittman II, Florence, Miss., \$24,005; 6. Sean Culver, Grandview, Wash., \$23,197; 7. Kelly Wardell, Bellevue, Idaho, \$21,787; 8. Jeffrey Collins, Redfield, Kan., \$21,072; 9. Jon Brockway, Mansfield, Texas, \$19,078; 10. Pete Hawkins, Weatherford, Texas, \$19,052; 11. Eric Mouton, Weatherford, Okla., \$18,672; 12. Mark Garrett, Noland, S.D., \$17,800; 13. Lan Lajuness, Morgan, Utah, \$17,164; 14. Jason Jelle, Fort Worth, Texas, \$16,392; 15. Danny McLanahan, Canadian, Texas, \$15,981; 16. Ken Lensegraver, Kyle, S.D., \$15,663; 17. Davey Shields, Jr., Harina, Alberta, \$14,918; 18. Curt Corey, Powell, Okla., \$13,550; 19. Ron Lezer, Spring, Texas, \$12,516; 20. Deb Greenough, Red Lodge, Mont., \$12,262.

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CAL ROPING
1. Fred Whitfield, Hooker, Texas, \$53,851; 2. Ty Hays, Weatherford, Okla., \$39,132; 3. Blair Burk, Durant, Okla., \$36,937; 4. Cody Ohi, Orchard, Texas, \$32,404; 5. Justin Maass, Giddings, Texas, \$28,717; 6. Trevor Brazier, Decatur, Texas, \$26,300; 7. Brent Lewis, Pinon, N.M., \$25,901; 8. Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, \$25,643; 9. Clay Carry, Eagle Lake, Texas, \$24,536; 10. Justin Nullich, Huntsville, Texas, \$20,367; 11. Shawn Franklin, Wetumka, Okla., \$19,672; 12. Jeff Emmons, Grandview, Texas, \$19,013; 13. Jeff Chapman, Athens, Texas, \$18,136; 14. Tim Pharr, Resaca, Ga., \$16,288; 15. Todd Gould, Livingston, Ala., \$14,828; 16. Ricky Carlton, Cleveland, Texas, \$14,558; 17. Kurt Goulding, Duncan, Okla., \$14,458; 18. Roy Cooper, Childress, Texas, \$13,987; 19. Roy Alexander, Marana, Ariz., \$13,897; 20. Jim Bob Mayes, Elgin, Texas, \$13,743.

TEAM ROPING (HEADING)
1. Speed Williams, Jacksonville, Fla., \$38,189; 2. Matt Tyler, Weatherford, Texas, \$35,945; 3. Wade Wheatley, Hughson, Calif., \$27,403; 4. Daniel Green, Oakdale, Calif., \$26,010; 5. Steve Purcella, Hereford, Texas, \$25,129; 6. Bobby Hurley, Ceres, Calif., \$23,710; 7. Kevin Stewart, Royal City, Wash., \$23,064; 8. Jason Stewart, Royal City, Wash., \$20,095; 9. Johnnie Phillip, Washington, Texas, \$14,990; 10. Charles Pogue, Ringling, Okla., \$14,783; 11. Doyle Gallatin, Nampa, Idaho, \$14,551; 12. Turtle Powell, Alpine, Texas, \$14,302; 13. Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas, \$13,573; 14. George P. Aroa, Picacho, Ariz., \$13,304; 15. John Phillip, Washington, Texas, \$12,892; 16. Paul Petka, Lexington, Okla., \$12,428; 17. David Motes, Fresno, Calif., \$12,031; 18. Chance Kelton, Meyer, Ariz., \$11,638; 19. Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, \$10,690; 20. J.D. Yates, Pueblo, Colo., \$10,676.

TEAM ROPING (HEELING)
1. Rich Skelton, Llano, Texas, \$38,189; 2. Clay O'Brien Cooper, Glen Rose, Texas, \$35,945; 3. Kyle Lockett, Ivanhoe, Calif., \$27,403; 4. Kory Koortz, Sudden, Texas, \$25,129; 5. Monty Joe Petka, Turlock, Calif., \$23,710; 6. Martin Lucero, Stephenville, Texas, \$23,064; 7. Allen Bach, Valley Home, Calif., \$21,868; 8. Tyler Magnus, Llano, Texas, \$20,867; 9. Nick Rowland, Antlers, Okla., \$14,990; 10. Trevor Brazier, Decatur, Texas, \$14,961; 11. Britt Bockus, Claremore, Okla., \$14,783; 12. Buck Campbell, Prosser, Wash., \$14,533; 13. John Paul Lucero, Villavieja, N.M., \$13,662; 14. Cory Petka, Lexington, Okla., \$12,428; 15. Kiri Jones, Lubbock, Texas, \$12,047; 16. Aris Pearce, Washington, Texas, \$12,023; 17. Brent Lockett, Ivanhoe, Calif., \$11,638; 18. Bret Gould, Pollock, Texas, \$10,690; 19. Tooter Flack Jr., Bryan, Texas, \$10,522; 20. Wayne Foltner, Lubbock, Texas, \$9,687.

BARREL RACING
1. Sherry Cervi, Marana, Ariz., \$31,996; 2. Charynne James, Gustine, Texas, \$25,768; 3. Janet Stover, Rusk, Texas, \$25,160; 4. Gloria Freeman, Calhoun, Ga., \$23,290; 5. Kristie Peterson, Elbert, Colo., \$21,912; 6. Kelly Yates, Pueblo, Colo., \$21,189; 7. Tami Fontenot, Ethel, La., \$18,908; 8. Tona Wright, Moriarty, N.M., \$18,806; 9. Amy Dale, Graham, Wash., \$14,517; 10. Ruth Haislip, A. Campo, C. Ariz., \$7,151; 11. Denise Adams, Lufkin, Texas, \$13,888; 12. Taline Bird, Post, Texas, \$13,829; 13. Kay Biandford, Sutherland Springs, Texas, \$13,752; 14. Darlene Kasper, Von Ormy, Texas, \$13,096; 15. Melissa Hubler, Cleveland, Texas, \$11,262; 16. Kim West, Oklahoma City, Okla., \$11,578; 17. Sharon Kobold, Big Horn, Wyo., \$12,101; 18. Karen Ranshaw, Glasgow, Ky., \$11,376; 19. Kappy Allen, Austin, Texas, \$11,755; 20. Jymmy Kay Davis, Gonzales, Texas, \$11,750.

BULL RIDING
1. Shane Drury, Weatherford, Okla., \$41,238; 2. Tyler Fowler, Theodora, Ala., \$38,255; 3. Jesse Ball, Goodwell, Okla., \$28,680; 4. Daniel Tipton, Spencer, Okla., \$27,738; 5. Kagan Siret, Bozeman, Mont., \$26,037; 6. Dan Wolfe, Raymond, Ore., \$25,941; 7. Mike Petty, Zephyr, Texas, \$22,076; 8. Fred Boettcher, Rice Lake, Wis., \$20,860; 9. Kelly Armstrong, Big Valley, Alberta, \$20,597; 10. Josh O'Byrne, Glen Rose, Texas, \$19,871; 11. Mike Moore, Wellington, Colo., \$18,524; 12. Justin Keith Daugherty, College Station, Texas, \$17,985; 13. Gary Orfield, Milo, Alberta, \$17,891; 14. Come Bouvery, Empress, Alberta, \$17,773; 15. Ty Reader, Conroe, Texas, \$17,636; 16. Russ King, Kildeer, N.D., \$16,522; 17. Rocky McDonald, El Paso, Texas, \$16,259; 18. Gregory Potter, Whitt, Texas, \$16,087; 19. Jason Lagler, Loveland, Colo., \$15,433; 20. Casey Baize, San Angelo, Texas, \$14,886.

STEER ROPING
1. Guy Allen, Lovington, N.M., \$24,230; 2. Rocky Patterson, Pratt, Kan., \$16,693; 3. Cody Ohi, Orchard, Texas, \$12,451; 4. Rod Hartness, Pawnee, Okla., \$11,000; 5. Buster Record Jr., Buffalo, Okla., \$6,449; 6. JB Whitley, Gardendale, Texas, \$6,362; 7. Kelly Casabon, Afton, Okla., \$7,502; 8. Trevor Brazier, Decatur, Texas, \$7,418; 9. Dan Fisher, Andrews, Texas, \$7,151; 10. Lawrence Pharr, Lufkin, Texas, \$6,523; 11. Harold Burmquardner, Burns, Wyo., \$6,969; 12. Mike Beers, Powell Butte, Ore., \$6,870; 13. Jim Davis, Abilene, Texas, \$6,864; 14. Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas, \$5,801; 15. Cash Myers, Athens, Texas, \$5,356; 16. J.D. Yates, Pueblo, Colo., \$5,290; 17. J. Wickett, Salinas, Okla., \$4,992; 18. Neil Worral, Fredonia, Kan., \$4,965; 19. Jason Evans, Huntsville, Texas, \$4,680; 20. Roy Cooper, Childress, Texas, \$4,676.

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INSIDE

LOOKING AT TEXAS: Bush's White House effort puts state under microscope

By Michael Holmes
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — When the band Austin Lounge Lizards released "Stupid Texas Song" two years ago, the 2000 presidential campaign was not on their minds. But the Lizards' parody of boastful Texas songs — theirs goes, "Our rattlesnakes the coldest, our beaches are the oiliest / Our politicians most corrupt, our stop signs most abrupt" — could almost serve as Democrat Al Gore's anthem these days.

The presidential ambitions of Republican Gov. George W. Bush are drawing attention to Texas' record on everything from executions to smog, and Gore is leading the charge.

The vice president has been taking whacks at the way Texas deals with prisoners and drugs, saying "Governor Bush seems content" with it.

Other critics are taking aim at Bush's home-state record on issue after issue: Houston is the nation's smoggiest city; Texas has the nation's highest number of children without health insurance; Texas leads the nation in carrying out the death penalty.

Texas authorities are under greater scrutiny, too.

Two state officials — Charles Williams, chairman of the police training commission, and Health Commissioner William "Reyn" Archer — recently came under fire for comments they made about minorities. Both apologized, and Williams resigned. Neither man had been a household name, even in Texas, before the national spotlight found them, thanks to the hotly contested presidential campaign.

Blaming a candidate-governor for his state's deficiencies is hardly a new campaign tactic.

Bush's own father used it — successfully against Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis in 1988 and unsuccessfully against Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton in 1992. In the keynote address to the 1992 GOP National Convention, Texas Sen. Phil Gramm ran through a litany of Arkansas' problems and asked, "Do we want America to look like Arkan-

"We in Texas know that the vice president will all too soon resume his efforts to persuade the American people that south of the Red River lies a callous land with the air quality of Mexico City, the health standards of Rwanda and the criminal justice system of the gulags. Worse, we suspect that the American people might just believe it."

Paul Burka,
Texas Monthly

released into the environment. Texas had ranked first until mining companies and electric power plants were added for the new figures for 1998.

"If you look at the statistics, Texas is on the bottom in a lot of things," Buchanan said. But he also noted that both Republicans and

Democrats have steered Texas on its conservative course.

"This is an outgrowth of the political culture, a bipartisan decision not to emphasize some things," Buchanan said.

"We've decided not to coddle criminals, not to spend a lot on social services or education, not to overhaul the tax system" which relies on sales and property taxes while prohibiting a personal income tax.

"The question for the campaign is, what is Bush's fault?"

Some outsiders are confounded by the bipartisan nature of Texas policy, says T.R. Fehrenbach of San Antonio, author of the book "Lone Star: A History of Texas and the Texans."

Bush is only the second Republican elected governor in 120 years and Democrats have controlled at least one house of the Legislature during his entire tenure. "Two-thirds of the population of Texans are conservative voters. This muddies up the partisan thing," Fehrenbach said.

Lt. Gov. Rick Perry, who will be promoted should Bush win in November, has been on radio talk shows defending Bush and Texas. He noted that a booming economy brought so many new people

LOOKING AT TEXAS

Some Texas rankings among the 50 states, from federal statistics and other sources:

- First in executions.
- Second in state prisoner incarceration rate.
- Second in rate of children without health insurance.
- Second in births to mothers aged 15-17.
- Second in estimated number of undocumented immigrants.
- Ninth in percent of children living in poverty.
- 16th in crime rate.
- 19th in average annual unemployment rate.
- 28th in per capita personal income.
- 34th in teacher salaries.
- 44th in percent of homeowners.
- 45th in percent high school graduates.
- 47th in cost of living.
- 47th in percent of voting age population voting.
- 48th in per capita state taxes.
- 50th in per capita state spending.

SC to take down the rebel flag

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — With the stroke of a pen, Gov. Jim Hodges started a countdown to July 1, when the Confederate flag will be lowered from atop the state Capitol.

"This debate is over," Hodges said after signing legislation Tuesday that removes the flag from above the Statehouse along with Confederate banners now hanging in the House and Senate chambers.

"Let us move forward together and united."

That may take time.

Though the flags will come down — they will be moved to a museum — a square battle flag will rise on a 30-foot bronze pole at the Confederate Soldier Monument outside the Statehouse.

That's still too prominent for critics who contend the flag is a racist symbol.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People vows to continue the tourism boycott of the state that it began Jan. 1. The civil rights group says the monument, where the flag will fly, is still too prominent.

"In our opinion there really is no resolution," state NAACP president James Gallman said.

South Carolina alone flies the flag above the Statehouse, where it was raised in 1962 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Civil War. Supporters say it represents the state's heritage. Opponents say it was put up in symbolic defiance of the civil rights movement.

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Despite plot deficiencies, 'M:I-2' to be smash

By Bob Thomas
Associated Press Writer

When the first feature film version of the long-running TV series "Mission: Impossible" came out in 1996, critics complained that the plot was so murky as to be impenetrable. No matter. The high-tech action drama proved to be a huge moneymaker for Paramount and Tom Cruise, the movie's star and co-producer.

"M:I-2," as the sequel is called, also suffers from plotting deficiencies, but it will further enrich Paramount and its parent Viacom, as well as Cruise. The credit belongs to John Woo, who has transferred the chop-socky dynamics of Hong Kong quickies to big-budget Hollywood movies.

Like most films of its genre, "Mission: Impossible 2" purveys a doomsday theme. An Australian pharmaceutical firm has developed a horrendously virulent virus called Chimera which can kill millions in short order. The company's boss has also ordered an antidote which could be worth billions of dollars. Chimera falls into the hands of terrorists led by the vicious Sean Ambrose (Dougray Scott).

Ethan Hunt (Cruise) is pulled from a rock-climbing adventure to report to Seville, Spain, where he gets his orders from his superior (Anthony Hopkins in a brief, unbilled appearance). Hunt is told to search for the terrorists and recover the virus.

He is assigned a collaborator, a beautiful jewel thief named Nyah Hall (Thandie Newton). His logistical chief will be Luther Stickell (Ving Rhames, the only holdover from the 1996 film).

Hunt and Hall of course begin with an adversarial relationship, customary for buddy movies, male-male or male-female. And of course the relationship warms as they face unimaginable dangers together.

The romantic episodes offer brief respite from the wall-to-wall action. The method includes atomic-like explosions, extended shootouts lacking in sharpshooters, and gladiatorial kung fu accented by slow motion and earsplitting sound effects. It worked in Hong Kong,

and it works here — although the final hand-to-hand (or foot-to-head) battle of Hunt and Ambrose extends beyond plausible human endurance.

Cruise makes a convincing hero, and he reportedly performed many of his own stunts. His rock climbing and other daring feats seem like the real thing, but in today's world of digital magic, who

can tell? Newton, who appeared with Cruise in "Interview with the Vampire," is perfectly cast as the tough but vulnerable thief. Her future seems unlimited.

The eminent Robert Towne ("Chinatown," "Shampoo") wrote the screenplay based on a story by Ronald D. Moore and Brannon Braga. Towne wrote the first "Mission: Im-

possible," and this time he makes the story more accessible.

The Paramount release was produced by Cruise and Paula Wagner. Rated PG-13, excessive violence. Running time: 128 minutes.

"Mission Impossible 2" starts today at Moovies 6, 400 N. 25 Mile Ave.

Chinks in 'Millionaire' armor?

NEW YORK (AP) — Television's seemingly indestructible force, "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," finally showed some cracks in the armor last week.

The ABC ratings juggernaut was trounced Thursday by the season finale of "Frasier." The NBC sitcom, which is moving to Tuesday nights in the fall, had 33.7 million viewers compared to the 18.6 million viewers for "Millionaire."

That's about 9 million fewer viewers than the quiz show has averaged on Thursday nights this year, Nielsen Media Research said Tuesday.

"Millionaire" fans also didn't express much interest in the Thursday night "behind the

scenes" special. It had 13.4 million viewers, compared to the 34.5 million people who made the season finale of "ER" the week's most popular program.

Analysts say "Millionaire" can be beaten by strong competition. The game show is "default viewing" for many fans, said CBS researcher David Poltrack.

"I think a lot of people watch it because there's nothing else on that they like," said Steven Sternberg, a senior partner at the advertising firm TN Media.

That was evident Sunday night.

Against more lackluster competition, "Millionaire"

bounced back to 27.7 million viewers, just 200,000 fewer than its Sunday night average for the year. Two competing movies — "Growing Up Brady" on NBC and "The Linda McCartney Story" on CBS — did poorly.

"Frasier," where characters Niles and Daphne drove off from her aborted wedding in a Winnebago, was the highest-rated episode in the program's seven-year history.

The season-ending "Friends," with Monica accepting Chandler's marriage proposal, drew just under 31 million viewers. NBC quickly announced it would repeat the episode Wednesday, the final night of the ratings sweeps.

Television

WEDNESDAY

MAY 24

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
1	News	Ent. Tonight	Dateline	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	News	News	News	(35) Tonight Show	News
2	Movie: Shiloh	Blake Heron	PG	(40) Movie: Wish Upon a Star	PG	(15) Movie: The Wizard of Oz	PG	Zorro			
3	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	(05) Winston Cup Pole Night	(35) WCW Thunder	(35) WCW Thunder	(35) WCW Thunder					
4	News	Fortune	Be a Millionaire	Spin City	20/20	News	Seinfeld	Nightline			
5	News	Home Imp.	How to Survive a Disaster	Movie: The Wednesday Woman	(2000) Meredith Baxter	News	(35) Late Show				
6	3rd Rock	Simpsons	Movie: Happy Gilmore	(1996) Adam Sandler	**	M*A*S*H	Mad	Frasier	Cops	Real TV	
7	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Eastern Conference Final Game 6 - Flyers at Devils							Major League Baseball Teams to Be Announced			
8	Movie: Dream Little 2		Movie: Screen 2	(1997) David Arquette, Neve Campbell				Movie: Casualties of War	Michael J. Fox	*** R	Movie:
9	(15) Movie: The Golden Child	Eddie Murphy	PG-13	The Corner		(15) Oz		(15) Movie: Entrapment	Sean Connery		
10	Movie: Nobody's Fool	R	Movie: The Puppet Masters	Donald Sutherland	** 1/2 R	Movie: Blow Away	Corey Haim	** NR	Passion	Movie:	
11	Movie: *** Dark Passage		Movie: The Muppet Worker	(1962) Patty Duke	*** 1/2	Movie: A Patch of Blue	(1965) Sidney Poitier	*** 1/2	Movie: Dark		
12	Waltons	Dead Man's Gun	16 Wheels of Justice	Magnificent Seven	Cagney & Lacey	Basemast					
13	Wild Discovery	On the Inside	Nature's Wrath II	Violent Earth	Nature						
14	Law & Order	Biography	Investigative Reports	American Justice	Law & Order	Biography					
15	Intimate Portrait	Chicago Hope	Movie: Question of Privilege	(1999) Jessica Steen		Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Designing			
16	Geniuses	SW Sports	Major League Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at Houston Astros			National Sports Report	Geniuses				
17	ER	Movie: Bad Boys	(1982) Sean Penn, Ally Sheedy	***		Movie: Dominion	(1995) Brad Johnson	*** 1/2			
18	Hay Arnold!	Rugrats	Hay Arnold!	Hay Arnold!	Brady	Hillbillies	All in Family	Jeffersons	I Love Lucy	Bewitched	Happy Days
19	JAG	Walker, Texas Ranger	Movie: Our Mother's Murder	(1997) Roxanne Hart	*** 1/2	Strip Poker	Walker, Texas Ranger				
20	Por Tu Amor	Rosalinda	Tres Mujeres	Bienvenidos	P. Impacto	Noticiero	Viviana-Med				
21	20th Century	Alien Hunters	Spy Web: FBI	Jet Engines	Great Ships	Allen					
22	Crypt Tales	Tales-Crypt	Crypt Tales	Crypt Tales	The Stand						
23	Full House	Full House	Movie: G & A	(1990) Nick Nolte, Timothy Hutton	*** 1/2	News	MacGyver				

THURSDAY

MAY 25

	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
1	Barney	Teletubbies	Sesame Street	Arthur	Dragon	Barney	Teletubbies	Noddy	Zoboo	Mr Rogers	
2	Kids	Mary Kate	Itsy Bitsy	CBN Special	700 Club	Boos?	Itsy Bitsy	Itsy Bitsy	Storyline	Bobby	
3	Today			Later Today	Leza	Judge Lane	News	Days-Lives			
4	Bear	Pooh	PB & J Otter	Out of Bx	Rolie Polie	Bear	Pooh	PB & J Otter	Rolie Polie	Madeline	
5	DiffWorld	DiffWorld	Little House on the Prairie	Little House on the Prairie	Mama	Mama	Matlock	Hunter			
6	Good Morning America			Live - Regis & Kathie Lee	The View	Brown	Brown	News			
7	Early Show			Dr. Joy Browne	Price is Right	Young and the Restless	News				
8	Magic Bus	Martha Stewart Living	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Benny Hinn	Life in Word	Kenneth C. Robison	Mathis		
9	Sportscenter		Sportscenter					Sportscenter	Inside PGA		
10	(6:35) Movie: Kid Cop	G	(15) Movie: Good Times	Sonny and Cher	** 1/2	Movie: Finding Buck McHenry		(45) Movie: Native Son			
11	Movie: Muppets From Space	** 1/2 G	Movie: Loverboy	Patrick Dempsey	**	Mother and Daughter	Movie: Beaches	Bette Midler	** PG-13		
12	Movie: Dragon Chronicles	(15) Movie: Something Wicked This Way Comes	PG	Movie: The Object of My Affection	Jennifer Aniston	R	Movie:				
13	(6:30) Movie: Prosperity	Movie: The Keyhole	(1933)	(15) Movie: Stranded	(1935)	**	Movie: Shipmates Forever	(1935) Dick Powell	**		
14	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Dukes of Hazzard	Matt Houston	Cagney & Lacey	Aleane's Creative Living	Waltons				
15	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Assignment Discovery	Home Matters	Design	Christopher Lowell	Home				
16	Northern Exposure	Night Court	Night Court	Murder, She Wrote	Magnum, P.I.	L.A. Law	Law & Order				
17	Attitudes	Next Door	Designing	Designing	Chicago Hope	Unresolved Mysteries	Lifetime Live	Movie: Bad			
18	National Sports Report	National Sports Report	Geniuses	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Source			
19	CHiPs	Lois & Clark-Superman	In the Heat of the Night	Movie: Badlands	(1973) Martin Sheen	***	Movie:				
20	Thornberrys	Rugrats	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Malay	Franklin	Gullah	Franklin	Blue's Clues	Kipper	
21	Videos	Videos	Hearts Afire	Almost	Ned-Stacky	Fired Up	Wings	Wings	Working	Naked Truth	Foxworthy
22	(6:00) Despierta America			Maite	Quelida	Cosas del Amor	Inferno-Par				
23	Year by Year	Real West	In Search	In Search	FBI-Story	Crimes	Weapons at War	Mighty Miss			
24	Mummies	Ghostbats	Incredible Hulk	Sightings	DarkShad	DarkShad	Highlander: The Series	Twilight Z.			
25	Charles	Parent	Wayans	Cosby Show	Knight Rider	Matlock	Hawaii Five-0	News			

	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
1	Body Elec.	Alexander	Jenkins	Lions	Reading	Arthur	Wishbone	Zoom	Arthur	Creatures	Wishbone
2	Bad Dog	Monster	Candy	Kids	Angela	Allen	Big Wolf	Addams	Two-Kind	World's Greatest Magic	IV
3	Days-Lives	Passions	Donny & Maria	Maury	Oprah Winfrey	News	NBC News				
4	Mermaid	Mickey	Ducktales	Timon	Aladdin	Brotherly	Ready-Not	Torkelsons	GrowPains	GrowPains	Smart Guy
5	Hunter	Movie: Gator	(1976) Burt Reynolds, Lauren Hutton	***	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Full House	Full House	Roseanne	Roseanne	
6	Jeopardy!	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Roelle O'Donnell	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	News	ABC News			
7	Bold & B.	As the World Turns	Guiding Light	Sally	Hollywood	Texas	News	CBS News			
8	Mathis	Forgive or Forget	Divorce	Nanny	Magic Bus	Rangers	Best Wats	Digimon	Roseanne	Grace Under	
9	Sr. PGA	Big Ten	Thrill-Split	Indy 500	Carburant & Pit Stop	Up Close	Sportscenter				
10	(11:45) Movie: Native Son	(45) Movie: Goodbye, Columbus	Richard Benjamin		Movie: Immediate Family	Glen Close	Movie: Pee-wee's Adv.				
11	Movie:	(15) Movie: Big Business	Bette Midler	** 1/2 PG	Movie: Muppets From Space	** 1/2 G	Movie: Tootsie	(1982) PG			
12	Movie: Police Acad. 4	Movie: The Seventh Sign	Demi Moore	R	(10) Movie: Gross Anatomy	Matthew Modine	PG-13	Movie: The Confession	R		
13	Movie: China Seas	(1935)	***	Movie: Love on the Run	(1936)	***	Movie: Out of the Fog	(1941)	***	Movie: Music for Millions	
14	Waltons	Bloopers-Jokes	McCoy's	Alice	McCoy's	Alice	Cagney & Lacey	Waltons			
15	Home	Design	Christopher Lowell	Great Chefs	Great Chefs	Gimme Shelter	Your New House				
16	Law & Order	Northern Exposure	Night Court	Night Court	Murder, She Wrote	Magnum, P.I.	L.A. Law				
17	(12:00) Movie: *** 1/2 The Bad Seed	(1985)	Movie: The Disappearance of Vonnie	(1994)	** 1/2	Designing	Designing	Golden Girls	Golden Girls		
18	Source	Track and Field: Big 12 Championships		Baseball	Baseball	Board Wild	High Octane	Baseball	Last Word		
19	(12:00) Movie: *** 1/2 Dominion	(1995)	Kung Fu: Legend	L.A. Heat	Dark Justice						
20	Franklin	Doug	Doug	Thornberrys	Thornberrys	Rugrats	Rugrats	Double Dare	U Pick	All That	Catdog
21	Something	Wings	Wings	PGA Golf Memorial Tournament - First Round				Primer Impacto	Fuera	Noticiero	
22	Inferno-Par	El Nino que Vino del Mar	El Gordo y la Fiacra	Cristina				Weapons at War	Mighty Miss	Mississippi	
23	Mighty Miss	20th Century	In Search	In Search	FBI-Story	Crimes	Weapons at War	Mighty Miss	Mississippi		
24	Twilight Z.	Star Trek	Quantum Leap	Sentinel	Hercules-Jrny	Sliders					
25	News	MacGyver	Caroline	Caroline	Buzzi	Fam. Mat.	Cosby Show	Parent	Wayans	Fresh Pr.	

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
1	News	Ent. Tonight	Friends	Jesse	Frasier	Jesse	ER	News	News	(35) Tonight Show	News
2	Movie: Miracle in Lane 2	Frankie Muniz	2 Hour Tour	(10) Movie: Can of Worms		(40) Movie: It Runs in the Family	PG	(10) Zorro			
3	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	(05) Movie: Enter the Dragon	(1973) Bruce Lee, John Saxon	***	(20) Movie: Rumble in the Bronx	(1995)	** 1/2			
4	News	Fortune	Who's? Who's?	Be a Millionaire	20/20	Downtown	News	Seinfeld	Nightline		
5	News	Home Imp.	Diagnosis Murder	Diagnosis Murder	48 Hours	News	News	(35) Late Show			
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9	(5:00) Movie: Tootsie	PG	Children	Movie: The Last Days	(1998) PG-13	David Brenner	Real Sex 21	Movie:			
10	Movie: The Confession	R	Movie: Blind Side	Ruger Hauser	** 1/2 R	(45) Movie: BMM	(1999) Nicolas Cage, Joaquin Phoenix	(45) Movie: Go	(1999) R		
11	Movie: Music for Millions	Movie: Good News	(1947) Peter Lawford	***	Movie: Comrade X	(1940) Clark Gable	***	Movie:			
12	Waltons	Arena Football	Tampa Bay Storm at Iowa Barnstormers		Auto Racing: World of Outlaws						
13	Wild Discovery	On the Inside	Science Mysteries	Beyond Bizarre	On the Inside	Science					
14	Law & Order	Biography	Don Hanley Live	Inside Job	Law & Order	Biography					
15	Intimate Portrait	Chicago Hope	Movie: Final Justice	(1998) Arnette O'Toole		Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Designing			
16	Major League Baseball	Toronto Blue Jays at Boston Red Sox			Geniuses	Baseball	National Sports Report	Geniuses			
17	ER	Movie: The Hard Way	(1991) Michael J. Fox, James Woods	** 1/2	(35) Movie: Cobra	(1986) Sylvester Stallone	**				
18	Hay Arnold!	Rugrats	Skeeter	Skeeter	Brady	Hillbillies	All in Family	Jeffersons	I Love Lucy	Bewitched	Happy Days
19	JAG	Walker, Texas Ranger	Movie: American Ninja	(1985) Michael Dudikoff	**	Strip Poker	Walker, Texas Ranger				

INSIDE

Texans back trade deal with Chinese

In what the chairman of the House Rules Committee called "the single most important vote this session," Rep. Martin Frost of Dallas and other members of the Texas delegation are now supporting the China trade bill.



ANALYSIS

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The Associated Press

House Democrats Silvestre Reyes of El Paso, Solomon Ortiz of Corpus Christi, Ruben Hinojosa of Mercedes, and Sheila Jackson Lee of Houston also now say they'll change their undecided stances in favor of the China trade deal.

Ways and Means Chairman Bill Archer, R-Texas, upped the ante, calling it "the most important vote we will make — not only in this Congress, but perhaps in our total careers."

Frost, the third ranking House Democrat, decided to back the bill after securing a White House agreement that the Pentagon would spend millions to upgrade the Northrop Grumman plant in his district. The aerospace manufacturer told its 5,000 workers it would abandon plans to sell the plant.

Joined by Ortiz, Reyes insisted that El Paso be given a decision from the Environmental Protection Agency on whether the Longhorn Pipeline can start pumping gasoline from Houston to West Texas.

Democrat Jim Turner of Crockett also announced he would support the bill.

Rep. David Dreier, R-Calif., asserted that the China vote could possibly be the most important vote in the 200-plus year history of Congress.

To Rep. Bob Ney, R-Ohio, "This is the most important vote in 50 years." For Rep. James Moran, R-Va., "This may be the most important thing we can do for our children's children."

The China bill has produced more than its share of lofty rhetoric, grand characterizations and sweeping generalizations.

"The consequences of this vote will be felt after I am no longer president," President Clinton reflected on Tuesday. "Our country fought three

wars in Asia in the last half-century. We ought to give our children a chance to have a different 50 years ahead of us."

But to Rep. Bernard Sanders, a political independent from Vermont, "When all is said and done, this debate is about two words: corporate greed."

The bill seems rather straightforward at first glance. It extends permanent normal trade relations to China, giving the Chinese permanently the same access to U.S. markets Beijing has gotten annually for the past two decades. Nearly every other nation in the world already has such permanent trade relations with the United States.

Sponsors claim the measure is also a necessary step for U.S. businesses to be able to take advantage of the market-opening concessions China has made to join the World Trade Organization, the Geneva-based organization that oversees world commerce.

However, the vote in Congress has no bearing on Chinese WTO membership. But denying normal trade relations could mean other countries would get increased access to China's vast market, but not U.S. businesses.

Lawmakers have differing takes of what the legislation is really all about.

"This issue is not really about China. It's about America," said Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-Ariz., a supporter.

And the real objections to the bill seem to be political, not economic.

Opponents say it would reward a nuclear power that routinely violates human rights and which is a military threat to its neighbors — and possibly the United States.

Labor unions, still unhappy about their loss on the North American Free Trade Agreement in 1993, made defeat a

top priority. Millions were spent to influence the outcome of the House vote by rival labor and business groups.

In the final days, the Clinton administration helped build support by spreading largesse throughout the districts of congressional holdouts.

Vice President Al Gore, who hopes to preside over increased U.S. trade with China as Clinton's successor, said Monday that he strongly supported the bill "because I believe it is right for America's economy and right for the cause of reform in China."

But opponent Dana Rohrabacher, R-Calif., sees the legislation as, "creating a monster with blood on its hands."

"This is a terrible deal. We have lost our moral compass," said opponent William J. Pascrell, D-N.J.

Rep. Lynn Woolsey, D-Calif., another opponent, compared it to "marrying someone you hope to change. It doesn't work. It's a bad marriage. The United States must not say 'I do.'"

Then there's the matter of the Dalai Lama.

Clinton has been including the exiled Tibetan spiritual leader when he lists Asian leaders who have supported the measure.

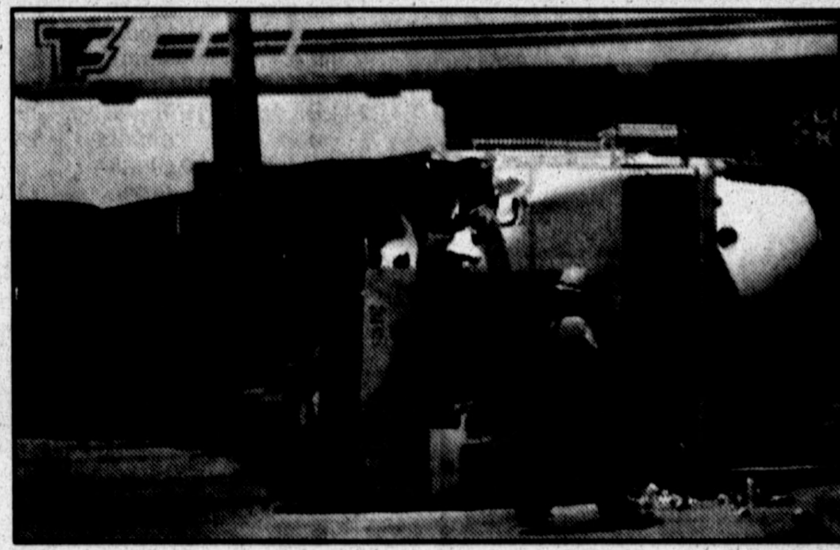
Dreier picked up on this theme, sending out a "Dear Colleague letter" that asserted, "When the Dalai Lama talks, we should all listen. Stand with the Dalai Lama and support PNTR."

That brought a rebuttal from Richard Nishimura of the International Campaign for Tibet, who said the exiled leader had only voiced support for China's WTO membership. In fact, there's an anti-trade bill link on the campaign's Web site (<http://www.savetibet.org>).

So the campaign put out its own letter to members emphasizing that "the Dalai Lama has not endorsed PNTR for China."

"Vote NO on PNTR," the letter concluded.

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Local man hurt — Hereford emergency personnel remove Warren Owen of Hereford from his pickup, which was crushed in a collision Tuesday with a tractor-trailer rig at the intersection of U.S. Highway 60 and Progressive Road. According to police reports, Owen apparently didn't yield right of way to the truck, which overturned, blocking traffic. Owen was taken to Hereford Regional Medical Center, then transferred to a Lubbock hospital for treatment.

Coffee may prevent Parkinson's

CHICAGO (AP) — Coffee, a product that makes people jittery, may prevent Parkinson's disease, a degenerative brain disorder that gives people tremors, a study published today suggests.

Outside experts said the findings, if confirmed, could lead to ways to treat Parkinson's more effectively or even prevent the disease, which afflicts 1 million Americans.

How coffee seems to block the disease is not examined in the federally funded study of 8,004 Japanese-American men in Hawaii.

The researchers said the

benefits are probably due to caffeine and they suggest some theories about how it might work.

The study found that men who didn't drink coffee were five times more likely to develop Parkinson's than those who drank the most — 4 1/2 to 5 1/2 6-ounce cups a day. Non-coffee drinkers were two to three times more likely to get the disease than men who drank 4 ounces to four cups a day.

The researchers said it is uncertain whether their results would hold for other ethnic groups and women.

The study was published in today's *Journal of the American Medical Association*. It was

led by Dr. G. Webster Ross, a neurologist at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Honolulu.

Ross said it is possible that heavy coffee drinkers have a brain composition that may make them resistant to Parkinson's. Previous studies have found low rates of Parkinson's in "thrill-seeking" people who tend to engage in high-risk behavior like smoking and heavy drinking, and heavy coffee drinking also fits that personality profile, he said.

He also suggested that caffeine may somehow protect against the nerve-cell destruction that causes Parkinson's.

China

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the legislation, opponents were considering offering an amendment to tie the trade benefits to Taiwan's security as a way to gain conservative GOP votes.

But supporters claimed momentum was on their side following the pickup of a number of fence-sitters Tuesday as the Clinton administration conducted its own version of "Let's Make a Deal" to offer inducements to wavering lawmakers.

Among those announcing in favor of the proposal Tuesday was Rep. Martin Frost, the third-ranking Democrat in the House, and four other mem-

bers of the Texas delegation.

Frost said he would vote yes after the administration provided assurances of financial support being sought by Northrop Grumman to keep its defense plant in Grand Prairie, Texas.

In an effort to gain support from black and Hispanic Democrats representing poor districts, the administration reached an agreement with Republicans on a package of tax breaks aimed at helping distressed rural and urban areas. Clinton and House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., announced the deal at the White House on Tuesday.

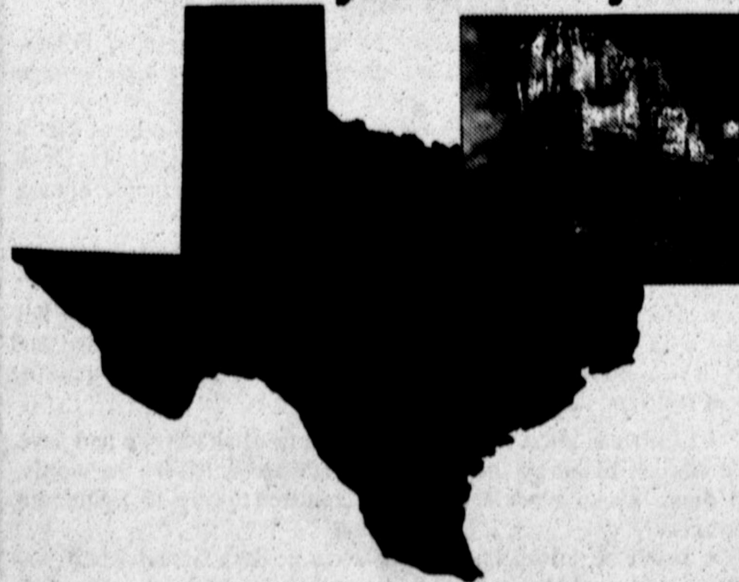
Hoping to pick up votes of lawmakers from tobacco states, the administration also announced that China had agreed to drop an 11-year ban on the importation of U.S. tobacco.

At the start of House debate, supporters argued that the world's biggest economy had to remain engaged with the fast-growing Chinese market.

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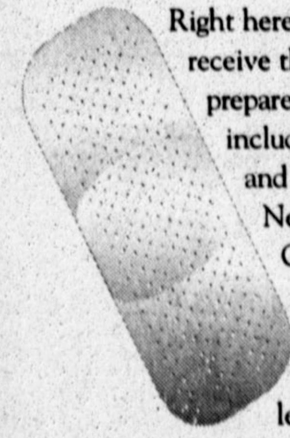
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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the estate of Dorothy Peters Warner, Deceased, were issued on May 22, 2000, under docket No. 4541 pending in the county Court of Deaf Smith County, Texas, to G. Patrick McGinty. Claims may be Independent Executor, Estate of Dorothy Peters Warner, Deceased, c/o Jerry Smith, P.C., Attorney At Law, P.O. Box 1191, Hereford, Texas, 79045. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated: May 22, 2000.

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Attorney for Applicant

Notice of Intent to Open Bids

Deaf Smith County Commissioners Court will open sealed bids for the sale of a 100 KW Generator powered by a CAT 3306 250 HP Engine, mounted on a 4-wheel trailer in open court at 9:00AM, Monday, June 12, 2000. Details may be obtained by phoning 806-363-7090 at Commissioners Precinct #1 barn. Equipment is available for inspection at the Precinct #1 barn. Deaf Smith County Commissioners reserve the right to refuse any and all bids.

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES — Here's how to work it: AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

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NEW YORK—United Airlines' parent company is buying US Airways in an \$11.6 billion deal that will give the world's largest airline a dominant presence on both coasts with more than 6,500 flights a day.

The boards of both UAL Corp. and US Airways Group Inc. have approved the deal, a source familiar with the talks said Tuesday on condition of anonymity. Both airlines declined to comment, but details were expected to be announced today.

Several newspapers cited sources as saying UAL Corp. will pay \$4.3 billion in cash and assume \$7.3 billion in debt and long-term leases. A combined company would have \$27 billion in annual revenue and more than 145,000 employees.

United reportedly promised to freeze some domestic fares for two years following the acquisition, except for increases to pay for fuel costs and inflation.

The deal likely means big changes for frequent fliers. United is part of the international Star Alliance, which includes Air Canada and Lufthansa among others, and has a separate mileage-sharing deal with Delta Airlines. US Airways and American Airlines, the world's second-largest airline, have their own mileage partnership.

United, based in Elk Grove Village, Ill., has major hubs in Chicago, Los Angeles, Denver, Washington, D.C., and San Francisco. US Airways — the nation's sixth-largest airline and the world's 10th-largest, based in Arlington, Va. — has hubs in Pittsburgh, Charlotte, N.C., and Philadelphia.

Israel withdraws from Lebanon

METULLA, Israel — The last Israeli troops and tanks rolled out of Lebanon at dawn today, completing a swift and dramatic pullout from the southern zone Israel occupied for nearly two decades and closing one of the most bitterly divisive chapters in the nation's history.

Unshaven, dirty and euphoric young soldiers gave each other bear hugs and high-fives as the last Israeli tank crossed over at 6:41 a.m. — less than six hours after Prime Minister Ehud Barak gave the final order to leave, and six weeks ahead of Israel's self-imposed July 7 deadline for getting out.

"We're going home," the last tank's commander, Sagi Bloomberg, a 26-year-old captain, said with a big smile. Troops padlocked the metal barrier of the Fatima Gate crossing behind him.

Relief over the safe completion of the hasty and hazardous withdrawal was tempered by sadness over the long conflict, which had cost the lives of more than 950 Israeli soldiers since 1982.

"The nightmare is over," said Ephraim Gandelberg, whose son was killed in Lebanon in 1996.

Soon after daybreak, the all-clear siren sounded in Israel's northern communities, letting people know it was safe to come out of shelters where many had spent the past two nights as fighting raged across the border.

The pullback went on throughout the night, with long convoys of tanks and trucks crossing the border before daybreak. Atop one tank, several soldiers held up a big Israeli flag. Others waved olive branches. A few climbed down from the armored vehicles and hugged each other after reaching Israeli soil.

Homosexuality an election-year issue

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. — When city commissioners adopted a bitterly contested resolution opposing discrimination against homosexuals, opponents didn't back down.

They began circulating petitions to force a vote in November on a proposed city charter amendment that would nullify the toothless resolution and prohibit commissions from approving gay-rights measures of any kind.

"Once the proverbial door opens, it continues to open," says Fred Weber, leader of the petition drive.

If his group collects enough signatures, Traverse City will join a growing list of cities and states where the debate over gay rights is being played out at the ballot box.

Referendums are proposed on same-sex marriage, on teaching public school students about homosexuality and on whether gays should receive the same civil rights protections as racial and religious minorities. Many votes are being requested by groups who oppose what they call "special rights" for homosexuals.

The Christian Coalition is seeking a September referendum on repealing a gay-rights ordinance in Dade County, Fla. Oregon activists are collecting signatures in support of banning homosexual instruction in public schools. And critics of an anti-discrimination measure adopted this year in Davenport, Iowa, have begun a drive to overturn it.

CBP

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costs, pay for manager/negotiator, staff and equipment. The \$1 per head marketing fee will be used for ongoing operating capital.

Sims said the CBP is not designed to significantly alter the retail price of meat, which is still driven by supply and demand.

CBP directors will hold meetings throughout Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Colorado explaining their purpose and attempting to recruit interested feeders.

Sims said the idea has gained interest through the years and feeders are ready to take action necessary to "get a better piece of the pie."

The organization has been more than 10 years in the making with Texas Cattle Feeders will act only as a facilitator.

CBP directors are Steve Denny of Wildorado; Paul Hitch of Guymon, Okla.; Keeling and Sims, both of Hereford; Viri LaMunyon of Perryton; Neal Odom of McLean; Jim Schwertner of Schwertner; Leo Vermedahl of Texline; and Guy Walker of Dawn.

Prosecutor says he didn't tie probe to Reno's future

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Justice Department prosecutor testified today that the investigation of 1996 Democratic fund raising was "a pressure cooker," but not because the attorney general's job might be at stake.

Career prosecutor Lee Radek, called before a Senate subcommittee to explain remarks he made about the probe during a 1996 meeting, said he didn't remember the disputed conversation. But Radek said he never linked pressure he felt investigating the fund raising for President Clinton's re-election to questions about whether Clinton would retain Attorney General Janet Reno in his second term.

"It would be a lie," Radek said. Instead of pressure to protect Reno, Radek said he felt pressured to "do a good job, to do it vigorously and do it well."

Workers could get tax break

WASHINGTON (AP) — They probably won't become instant millionaires by selling their shares like dot.com hustlers, but ordinary workers would get tax incentives when they exercise options to buy shares of their companies' stock, under legislation moving through the U.S. House.

But labor unions and Democratic lawmakers insist the proposal needs to be revised to make sure employers don't use the stock options to replace conventional retirement plans.

Stock options give their holders the right to buy shares of a company's stock at a specified price. The new legislation would allow employees of publicly traded companies to defer paying taxes until they sell the shares — in some cases, employees will be able pay taxes at rates for long-term capital gains, rather than higher income tax rates.

Under current tax rules, nearly all employees have to pay taxes when they exercise the options to buy the shares.

On Tuesday, the House subcommittee on employer-employee relations approved by voice vote the proposal authored by its chairman, Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio. The action sent the legislation to the full Committee on Education and the Workforce. Because the proposal would make tax changes, it also must be approved by the House Ways and Means Committee before being voted on by the full House.

Democratic members of the subcommittee said they supported the legislation in principle but expressed concern about key provisions, and the two sides promised to work together to try to resolve differences. The Democrats, for example, want the options to be available to 90 percent or more of a company's employees rather than the 50 percent or more in the proposal.

Boehner called the legislation an important step in helping the nation's workers "share in the tremendous growth of today's economy in

a way that benefits them, their employers and the entire economy."

By making employees shareholders in their companies, "stock options also make them valued team members who see their interests and those of the rest of their team as one and the same," Boehner said before the vote.

Stock options largely used to be a perk reserved for top company executives. Options for employees became wildly popular in the past decade, however, as scores of high-tech companies began to include them in compensation packages to lure talented workers.

At a time when job ads are filled with positions offering stock options, and young Silicon Valley employees have become overnight millionaires from selling their soaring company stocks, some lawmakers want to make options more widely available to workers at "Old Economy" companies.

Proponents of the legislation say it would give recep-

tionists, janitors or mail room workers at a company the same chance as higher-paid employees to buy a house or send a child to college. And, they say, when a large chunk of a company is owned by its employees, it is less likely to close factories, move to another location or lay off workers.

"I believe that this idea is a winner for our country," Rep. Robert Andrews of New Jersey, the subcommittee's senior Democrat, said at Tuesday's session.

Some Democrats voiced concern, however, about a provision that would allow companies to convert existing stock-purchase retirement plans, which cover nearly all employees, to a new stock option plan that would cover only a minimum 50 percent of workers.

They cited a letter Monday to subcommittee members from an AFL-CIO official strongly opposing the legislation as written.

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