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Today's weather **OUTLOOK**

Mostly cloudy skies; chance of storms

Tonight: Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of thunderstorms, low around 60, east to southeast wind 5 to 15 mph.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms, high in the lower 80s, southeast to east wind 5 to 15 mph.

Saturday night: Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms, low in the lower 60s.

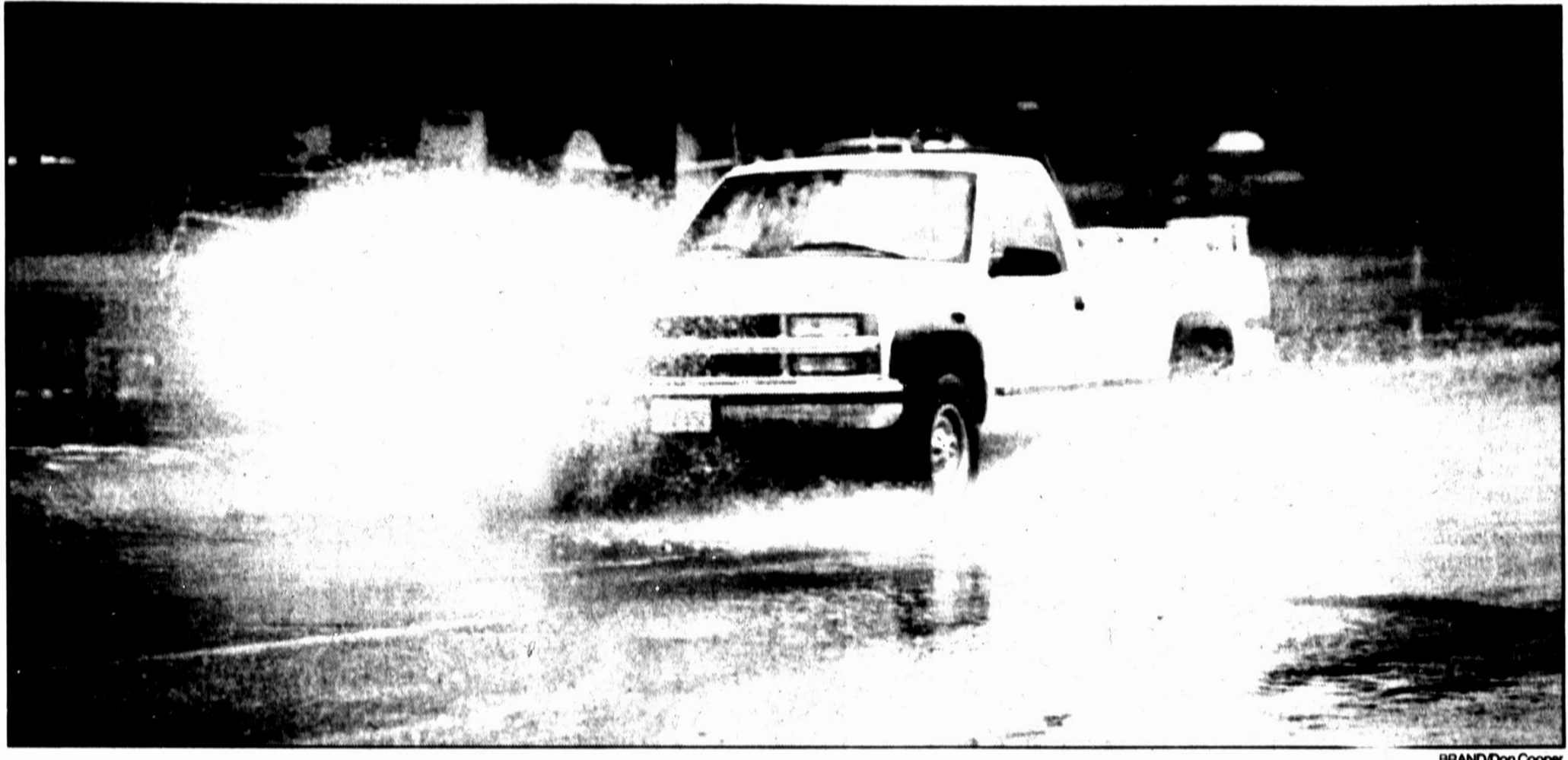
Extended forecast

Sunday: Mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms, high in the lower to mid-80s.

Monday and Tuesday: Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms, lows in the lower 60s, highs in the lower to mid-80s.

Hereford weather

Thursday's high, 84; low, 60; precipitation, 0.74 inches; year-to-date rainfall, 5.91 inches, according to KPAN Radio.



BRAND/Don Cooper

There's a big splash Thursday afternoon as a pickup truck goes through water that pooled at the intersection of Avenue C and East Park Avenue. The

water pooled after a thunderstorm moved through the city, dumping nearly three-quarters of an inch of rain. More rain is expected this weekend.

More rain's in forecast

Staff and wire reports

Welcome rain fell across Deaf Smith County on Thursday, with more rainfall expected over the weekend.

At 8 a.m. today, the city had recorded 0.74 inches of rain, bringing the year-to-date total to 5.91 inches.

The yearly total is running close to the region's average; however,

there have been long dry spells between the rains — dry spells that have created headaches for farmers.

A cool front is triggering showers and thunderstorms that began Thursday in West Texas. Flash flooding has been reported by the National Weather Service from near Amarillo and Canyon to near Lubbock.

Amounts of 1 to 3 inches have fallen over the region since Thurs-

day afternoon. Some locations have received up to 7 inches of rain, the weather service said.

Rain continued today over the extreme northwestern portions of North Texas including Vernon, Seymour and Childress.

A flash flood watch was posted for the South Plains and Permian Basin north of the Pecos River.

The front stretched from just south

of Lubbock to Childress.

Behind the front, winds were out of the north and northwest at 10 to 20 mph.

A chance of thunderstorms was expected in North Texas beginning tonight, with most favorable conditions for storms on Sunday. Isolated storms could develop in the south. More rain was possible in West Texas, including the Panhandle.

ECONOMY

U.S. jobless rate climbs; analysts say economy is slowing

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the most dramatic sign yet that the U.S. economy is slowing, the unemployment rate climbed back to 4.1 percent in May as American businesses lost 116,000 jobs, the worst showing in nearly nine years.

The Labor Department reported today that the nation's unemployment rate climbed by 0.2 percentage points from a 30-year-low of 3.9 percent in April. The increase returned the jobless rate to the same 4.1 percent level it had reached in March.

Average hourly earnings rose just 0.1 percent in May, a sharp slowdown after a 0.4 percent increase in April.

While fewer private-sector jobs and slower wage gains are not good for workers, Wall Street cheered today's weaker-than-expected jobs report, viewing it as strong evidence that the surging U.S. economy is finally slowing to a more moderate pace that will relieve pressure on the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates further.

Stocks surged in early trading, with the Nasdaq composite index climbing 183 points and the Dow Jones industrial average up 175 points.

The Commerce Department said today that orders to American factories fell by 4.3 percent in April, the biggest decline since November 1990, when the country was mired in the last recession.

The decline, which followed a 2.7 percent rise in March orders, reflected falling orders in a number of industries from steel plants to auto and aircraft factories.

Orders for durable goods fell 6.5 percent, the biggest setback since December 1991. Orders for nondurable products fell 1.5 percent.

Analysts saw the new reports as further indication that the economy is finally slowing under the impact of the Fed's interest rate campaign. The central bank has boosted rates six times over the past year.

TOP TEACHER



BRAND/Becky Thorn

Dorothy Syzdoski (right), or "Miss Syd" as she is known in Hereford Independent School District, receives a certificate from Kiwanis Club member Grace Gamez recognizing her as the Kiwanis Club Teacher of the Year. Syzdoski has taught for 27 years, all in Hereford. She taught for 15 years at LaPlata Junior High and the past 12 years at Hereford High School. She also has been cheerleader sponsor for 23 years and is head of the HHS science department. She teaches integrated physics and chemistry to sophomores. In 1997-98, she was recognized as HHS Teacher of the Year and HISD Secondary Teacher of the Year, and was a Region 16 Teacher of the Year finalist. She also was HHS Teacher of the Year and HISD Secondary Teacher of the Year for the academic year just completed.

Bush halts execution for first time

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Convicted killer Ricky McGinn, the recipient of Gov. George W. Bush's compassionate conservatism, will live to see another day.

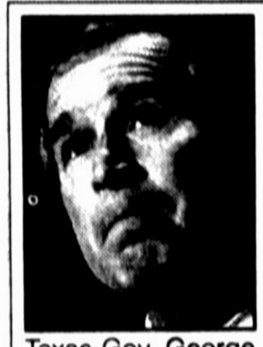
McGinn, 43, avoided near-certain execution Thursday evening when the Republican presidential nominee for the first time used his authority to grant a 30-day reprieve to a condemned murderer facing imminent death.

Bush stepped in shortly after the U.S. Supreme Court rejected the last of McGinn's appeals and less than a half-hour before McGinn would have been taken to the death chamber.

"Any time DNA evidence used in this context can be relevant as to the guilt or innocence of a person on death row we need to use it," Bush, campaigning in Sacramento, told reporters at a hastily arranged news conference.

In his 5½ years as governor, Bush refused to stop 131 lethal injections, keeping Texas by far the nation's most active capital punishment state.

But in the case of McGinn, a Brownwood mechanic convicted of the rape and ax killing of his 12-year-old



Texas Gov. George W. Bush granted a 30-day reprieve to allow for DNA testing of a condemned man.

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Dryland crop workshop set at WTAMU

Special to the Brand

CANYON — More than 20 international researchers will participate in portions of a two-week workshop offered by West Texas A&M University's Dryland Institute.

The 7th Annual Training Workshop on Sustainable Agroecosystems and Environmental Issues is June 9-23 and will attract scientists and government officials from several countries, including China, Korea, Rwanda, Ethiopia, Italy, Pakistan, Jordan and Eritrea.

"This program has been designed

to expose the international community to agricultural practices we've adopted in the United States," workshop director Dr. B.A. Stewart said. Stewart also is a professor of soil science.

"We'll talk about a lot of different things, but we won't necessarily encourage them to adopt our technologies. That's one of the mistakes Americans make; many of our technologies simply will not work abroad. It's not the technology, rather than principles behind the technology are what is important."

Participants will meet on campus for the first couple of days and see presentations about soil and water resources of the Great Plains and the history of agricultural development in the region. On June 10, the group will tour the WTAMU Nance Ranch operation east of Canyon.

The majority of the workshop will consist of two tours — the first of the southern Great Plains and the second of the central Great Plains.

About 15 participants are expected for the southern tour, which will include stops at Temple, where both

the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Texas Agriculture Experiment Station have research programs; the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center in San Angelo; the USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS) Conservation Systems Research Library in Big Spring; the Texas A&M Ag-CARES Demonstration Farm in Lamesa; and Texas Tech University and the USDA Plant Stress and Water Conservation Laboratory in Lubbock.

Between 20-25 participants are expected for the central Great Plains

tour, which will include visits to Colorado State University research sites near Sterling, Colo.; the USDA-ARS Central Great Plains Research Center in Akron, Colo.; the Southwest Kansas Research-Extension Center in Tribune, Kan.; ServiTech Soil Testing Laboratory in Dodge City, Kan.; and the USDA Southern Plains Range Research Laboratory in Woodward, Okla.

"What we hope to demonstrate to our visitors is optimal management

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Local roundup

Grazing bids being taken

UMBARGER - The Buffalo Lake National Wildlife Refuge south of Umbarger is seeking bids for the 2000 grazing season. Current livestock operators with livestock operations located within a 30 mile radius of the refuge are eligible to bid. Bids will be accepted until 1 p.m. June 12. A total of 811 AUM's must be bid with a minimum acceptable bid of \$8.30 per AUM. A 50 percent deposit must be included with the bid. Grazing season will run from July 3 through Oct. 31. Other regulations also apply. Bid forms may be obtained by visiting or calling the refuge headquarters at 499-3382.

Mighty Maroon seeks players

The Mighty Maroon Band is seeking Hereford High School students and alumni to march in the Town and Country Jubilee Parade on June 10. Participants will rehearse from 7-8 p.m. June 10 at the High School Band Hall. Percussion will practice at 6 p.m. Band directors invite all past and present band members to participate. Those needing horns or planning to participate should call Gary Owens at 363-7620.

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.

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.

TMC announces price schedules

The Texas Migrant Council has announced its policy for free and reduced-price meals served under the Child and Adult Care Food Program. The following details allowable monthly earnings for various size families:
 - 1 person, \$893 - 5 people, \$2,115
 - 2 people, \$1,199 - 6 people, \$2,421
 - 3 people, \$1,504 - 7 people, \$2,726
 - 4 people, \$1,180 - 8 people, \$3,032
 For each additional family member add \$306. Applicants must provide names of all family members; social security number of the head of household; and all incomes. For more information or an application contact Hereford Texas Migrant Council at 364-5972.

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News digest

Ministry's role comes to light

TYLER, Texas (AP) - The same New Jersey ministry that helped free death row inmate Kerry Max Cook hired the attorney who helped exonerate a convicted East Texas rapist this week, according to the church. Centurion Ministries first heard from A.B. Butler Jr. in 1991, when he pleaded for help and said DNA testing would clear him, founder Jim McCloskey told the Tyler Morning Telegraph. The ministry retained a Houston attorney for Butler in 1997 after reviewing his case and interviewing him - but not before McCloskey made the convicted man and his attorney promise not to disclose the connection. "I was the silent partner," he said. "I instructed A.B. Butler not to breathe a word of the Centurion Ministries relationship." On Wednesday, Gov. George Bush pardoned the 45-year-old Butler, who was convicted of rape and kidnapping and spent 10 years trying to have DNA testing done in his case. Butler was freed from prison in December after the tests cleared him in the kidnapping and rape of a 25-year-old Tyler woman. Butler's attorney, Randy Schaffer, admitted Thursday Centurion put Butler in contact with him. He declined to say who paid his fees, according to the newspaper. McCloskey said he kept quiet about helping Butler because of his "adversarial relationship" with the Smith County District Attorney's Office after the Cook case.

ELSEWHERE

TERRORISM PREPAREDNESS: Texas is better prepared than most states to handle the threat of terrorist activity, said the head of an anti-terrorist organization training center at Texas A&M University. This week, officials from around the state gathered to discuss how to allocate federal funds meant to ensure readiness against terrorist threats. ... CLEAR AIR: Public interest groups Thursday called on Gov. George W. Bush to overrule a Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission decision that prevents several Texas cities from being declared nonattainable ozone areas because they exceed acceptable federal eight-hour levels.

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Pedal pushin' Mama



Triking along -- Thursday's cooler temperatures and overcast skies were perfect for a little tricycle ride. Pauline Oscuna, enjoyed an early morning jaunt with her children Polly, in the back and Angel, riding in the front. The cyclist and her passengers had no particular destination in mind, they just wanted to go for a ride.

Zinnias get their day of fame

National Gardening Bureau offers growing tips on colorful blooms

HOUSTON - Once considered a Mexican weed, the zinnia began to gain popularity as a garden annual in the mid to late 1800s, thanks to hybridization. Those early, not-so-attractive single blooms evolved into doubles, and with the introduction of the giant dahlialike hybrids in 1920, zinnia popularity soared, according to the National Garden Bureau, which is celebrating 2000 as the "Year of the Zinnia." The appreciation of the annual that brings blooms late spring to frost has come full circle. As hybridizers tinkered, zinnia flowers not only grew in size and petal count, but the color range increased and now lacks only a blue. Plant heights climbed to 3 or 4 feet and came down again as dwarf varieties were introduced.

With such variations in height, form and color, zinnias can be used for edging and borders or colorful backdrops, massed in mixed beds, or to perk up vegetable gardens or containers. The taller types are a must in the cutting garden. Compact, low-growing, single-flowering zinnias are favorite summer bedding plants. An assortment of zinnia varieties is usually available in local garden centers in the spring, ready to plant in a sunny area in a well-draining, compost-enriched soil. The annuals need warm weather to thrive. And they are at their best with good air circulation, especially varieties with broader leaves. Seeds are available locally and through mail-order catalogs.

Zinnias love sun, good air circulation and good drainage. The National Garden Bureau recommends fertilizing zinnias in the garden at least twice during the growing season with a balanced granular or water-soluble fertilizer, or use a slow-release fertilizer when planting. Container plants can be fed monthly with a soluble fertilizer diluted according to label instructions, or a time-release fertilizer can be worked into the potting mix when planting. While narrow-leaf zinnias are more disease-resistant, there are two problems that can pester varieties with broader leaves - powdery mildew, which covers the foliage with a light gray mold, and alternaria blight, the fungus that causes reddish-brown spots on foliage and flowers.

Some gardeners camouflage the foliage of older, more disease-prone varieties by planting shorter varieties in front. But a little prevention can help: Avoid wetting the foliage and space the plants to provide good air circulation. Zinnias, which are drought-tolerant when established, are easy to grow from seed. Prepare an area by turning the soil and adding compost. Rake smooth, then use the handle end of the rake to make a shallow trench in which you'll drop the seed. Sow smaller seeds 1/4 inch deep and larger seeds 1/2 inch deep. Cover lightly with soil, and water well. Keep the soil moist until germination. When seedlings have two pairs of leaves, thin plants, if necessary, to about 6 inches apart.

Group persists with high risk activities

ATLANTA (AP) - Though AIDS has declined among gay men who use intravenous drugs, the government said Thursday that 5 percent of

share needles and have unprotected sex. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Thursday that 5 percent of

men in that high-risk group had been diagnosed with AIDS in 1998, down from 8 percent in 1990. The decline is due in large part to increased use of antiretroviral therapies that delay disease progression, the CDC said.

A survey of 513 men in the high-risk group who were diagnosed with AIDS from 1996 to 1998 showed many are taking part in risky behavior that can spread the disease to other groups. The survey showed that, in the past five years, 82 percent had used drugs, 34 percent had used intravenous drugs and 15 percent had shared needles. It also showed that 76 percent had sex with men and 43 percent had sex with women. Nearly half of those who were sexually active did not use condoms. Studying men in this high risk group, the CDC said, was important because they have multiple risks for contracting and spreading the disease. "Prevention measures that have an impact on that group could possibly prevent transmission to several different groups," spokeswoman Pascal Wortley said.

HEREFORD BRAND
Obituaries

ELVIN E. PRUITT, JR.
 June 1, 2000
 Memorial services for Elvin E. Pruitt, Jr., 67, of Hereford will be at 4 p.m. Saturday at the New Beginnings Church with Rev. Armando Pinales officiating. The family has chosen cremation. Arrangements are by Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home.
 Mr. Pruitt died Thursday at Kirkland Court Nursing Home. Mr. Pruitt was born Feb. 6, 1933, in Pittsburg, Kan., to Elvin Pruitt, Sr., and Edith Phillips. He married Bonnie Abney on Dec. 31, 1966, in Lubbock. He came to Deaf Smith County in 1992 from Plainview. He had lived Friona from 1970 to 1989. He was a mill operator for Hi-Pro Feeds and had served in the Army.
 Survivors include Bonnie Pruitt of Hereford; five sons, Jimmy Burns of Alice, Paul and Elvin Burns III, both of Hereford, Jesse Burns of Kress, and Patrick Pruitt of Plainview; one daughter, Kristy Pruitt, of Hereford; one sister, Shirley Munson, of Lathrop, Mo.

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Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for June 1, 2000, include the following:
POLICE DEPARTMENT Incidents
 - A theft of tie down straps, valued at \$50 was reported from a flatbed trailer.
 - Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 700 block of Thunderbird. A car stereo, valued at \$480, was taken.
 - A criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of South 25 Mile Avenue. The drive-up window of a business was damaged by shots from a BB gun.
 - A burglary of a habitation was reported in the 900 block of South Main, where a small amount of currency was taken.
 - A domestic disturbance was reported in the 500 block of Avenue G.
 - A bicycle, valued at \$175, was reported stolen from 100

block of Cherokee.
 - A window in the 600 block of Irving was broken out.
FIRE DEPARTMENT
 - 4 p.m. Firefighters went on weather watch.
 - 11:42 p.m. Firefighters responded to a natural gas line break 1 1/2 miles north on FM 2943. The line was struck by lightning and ignited.

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Texas lottery

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

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San Jose Jamaica will be Sunday from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. in Dameron Park. This annual fundraiser will once again feature all day musical entertainment, food booths, game booths, car show, bike show and much more. There will be something for the whole family. Jamaica coordinators are Filemon Valdez, right, and Leticia Valdez, left. Also pictured are Deacon Jesse Guerrero and Fr. Adalberto Ramirez. Not pictured is Fr. Nicolas Perez, pastor of the parish.

CREATORS SYNDICATE

Ann Landers



Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: A while back, you printed a letter from a widow whose husband died and left very little insurance money. She was struggling to make ends meet, and was told in order to qualify for Social Security, she could earn only a limited salary.

Tell her to go back to her Social Security office, and speak with someone who is more knowledgeable about survivor benefits. In many cases, her own benefits check might be reduced and given to her children. They could then use that money in a manner that best meets their needs, such as for housing, utility bills, clothing, medical care or future college education. Then, Mom could go back to work.

I was a widow at 32 with two children under four years of age. My husband had very little life insurance. I went back to school, earned a master's degree in nursing, and worked part-time until my children were old enough to stay home alone. The kids are now 18 and 20. My daughter recently said to me, "Mom, I'm glad I grew up with you as a single parent. If I had grown up with two parents and everything I wanted, I would be like all the spoiled brats I know who think nothing bad can happen to them."

My brother died recently. Because he knew of the struggle I went through, he made sure he had an excellent life insurance policy to take care of his wife and young children. His mind was at ease, knowing they were going to

get along just fine. I hope you will print this. Sign me — Been There in New York.

Dear New York: There is a wealth of wisdom in what you have written. And now, there's a new wrinkle — husbands with young children are taking out life insurance policies on their wives. A bright idea whose time has come.

Dear Ann Landers: When my parents were married in 1944, my mother asked her teenage sister, Anna Grace, to play the organ at the wedding. Anna agreed, and thus began a lifetime of playing for weddings. Twenty-eight years later, Aunt Anna got on a plane for the first time, and flew to California for my wedding. On July 1, 1972, I was the 40th bride to walk down the aisle to Aunt Anna's organ music.

It is now 28 years later. On June 3, our daughter will be married in a grove of redwood trees, and her beloved great-aunt Anna will provide the music. I don't know how often it happens that one person can participate in three generations of weddings, but Anna Grace Cram has been an important part of our family for a long time. Would you please print this and let her know how grateful and proud we are? — Esther in Santa Maria, Calif.

Dear Esther: Here's your letter, and I am sure it will give Aunt Anna a great deal of pleasure when she sees it. It's indeed quite extraordinary to participate in the weddings of three generations. I hope you are not too busy with your daughter's wedding to read this on your very special day.

Dear Ann Landers: I read with interest the letter from the 80-year-old woman in Ft.

Lauderdale, Fla., who thinks she should be informed when she will be stuck waiting for an extended period of time in a doctor's office. She is absolutely right. What she is asking for is respect, and she should get it from professional office personnel.

I would prefer to wait rather than come back another day, but I am too busy to wait an hour or more. If the office staff knows there is a delay, they should tell me, and give me the option of rescheduling. — Tampa, Fla.

Dear Tampa: I agree wholeheartedly. This small courtesy will be greatly appreciated.

Gem of the Day (Credit Mary Lou F. in Toledo, Ohio): It used to be that only death and taxes were inevitable. Now, there is shipping and handling.

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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Bargain Matinees on Weekends

Hereford Toastmasters select Cramer as best topic speaker

Sharon Cramer was voted best topic speaker at the Thursday morning meeting of Hereford Toastmasters held at the Ranch House Restaurant.

Others participating as topic speakers were Ryan Norsworthy, Daniel Morrisett, Paula Edwards, Margaret Del Toro and Jigger Rowland.

Tronica Owens acted as topicmaster.

Del Toro presided at the business meeting. Wayne Winget led the pledge and Rowland gave the invocation.

Toastmaster was Clark Andrews. Edwards served as timer, Del Toro was AH counter and Cramer was grammarian. As wordmaster, Edwards introduced the word "inflection" which means a

change in direction or voice alteration.

David Castillo was the only speaker and his topic was "Hope for a New Beginning." His presentation was evaluated by Don Tardy.

Morrisett served as general evaluator.

One guest, Adolfo Del Toro, was also in attendance.

Life, witness classes at Nazarene

Christian Life and Witness Classes for those assisting with Festival 2000 Aug. 18-20 with Franklin Graham are being held in Hereford at the Church of the Nazarene at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays through June.

Classes are taught by Billy Graham Team members and

are for everyone ages 13 and above.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Christian Life and Witness Classes without any obligation of being a counselor at the Festival; however, only those who attend these classes may become a Festival counselor.

Student Emphasis classes

are open to all adults. They will start 30 minute early and will feature music and drama.

Pastors are needed to be supervisors of counselors at the Festival and are encouraged to set the pace for their people by attending all classes. Classes are free and no registration is necessary.

Menus

HISD Summer Lunch Program

MONDAY - Pepperoni pizza, garden salad with dressing, seasoned corn, "candied" apple half, milk choice.

TUESDAY - Rib-a-que on bun, border beans, tator tots with catsup, orange cream bar, milk choice.

WEDNESDAY - Steak fingers

with gravy, mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas, whole wheat roll, hot apple cobbler, milk choice.

THURSDAY - Hamburger, burger fixings, curly fries with catsup, strawberry apple dessert, milk choice.

Meals served at West Central and Hereford High, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

College Report

Darrin Lem Gilley of Hereford has been named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Sul Ross State University in Alpine.

Undergraduate students

must be enrolled for 12 or more semester hours and maintain a grade point average of 3.3 or better on a 4.0 scale to be eligible for Dean's List.

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Hull lifts Stars in 2-1 win

■ Belfour back to normal in win

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — After getting blown out in the opening game of the Stanley Cup finals, the Dallas Stars stopped worrying about the New Jersey Devils and concentrated on themselves.

"We are going to have to play Dallas Stars hockey," coach Ken Hitchcock said Thursday night after the Stars evened the best-of-seven finals with a 2-1 victory. "That means we are going to have to pound the puck and get after people. That's the way we are going to have to win."

The Stars didn't do that in Game 1, dropping a 7-3 decision in a game in which they let the Devils speed dominate.

Game 2 was a much different story. The Stars got back to their tight checking, clutch-and-grab game, got two goals from Brett Hull and a 27-save performance from an unmedicated Ed Belfour.

Hull, who scored the Cup winner for the Stars last year against Buffalo, got the game-winner by batting a fluttering

shot out of the air past goalie Martin Brodeur with 4:16 to play.

Until then, Belfour kept the Stars in the game, stopping at least a half-dozen good scoring chances, including three by Randy McKay in the last two periods.

"That was definitely a lot more our style," said Belfour, who was embarrassed in Game 1 and eventually replaced after giving up six goals on 18 shots. "This is the kind of style we wanted. We've had such success with this style the last three years. If we can stick to playing this way, we'll have success."

The difference between winning and losing wasn't much, though.

In fact, the Devils just as easily could have taken a 2-0 lead in the series had it not been for Belfour, who blamed his poor Game 1 performance on using cold medicine before the game.

"The disappointing part of this game was it was certainly there for us," Devils defenseman Ken Daneyko said. "We knew they would play a little bit better, but they didn't do anything at all unusual or anything all that spectacular like they were

talking about.

"We knew they were a smart team and they capitalized on their chances. It's more disappointing in the fact it was certainly there for us. We could be up 2-0. Now we have to go on the road and try to get a win."

Games 3 and 4 at Reunion Arena should present an interesting matchup. The Stars have won 11 of 12 playoff games at home this season, while the Devils are 7-2 on the road.

"I don't think it's the end of the world," said Devils coach Larry Robinson, whose top line of Jason Arnott, Petr Sykora and Patrik Elias was shut out after compiling 11 points on Tuesday night. "It's the same. I don't think it's time to panic or anything like that. We certainly knew we didn't play very well, and we have to play a lot better in that building."

Hull, one of the great pure scorers in the game, was the difference in Game 2, scoring his 10th and 11th goals of the postseason. He gave the Stars an early lead with a rising shot in the opening minutes, and he got his 21st career playoff game-winner — second only to Wayne Gretzky's 24 — with 4:16 to go.

Both goals were set up by a Devils turnover.

On the first, Mike Modano



BRETT HULL

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West Texas Heat — The West Texas Heat is an AAU basketball club for 11-year-olds coached by Jackie Mercer of Hereford. The team recently won the BCI qualifying tournament in Dallas winning five games and defeating the Fort Worth Ballers in the championship game 39-26. Tiffany Teters (left), Krassey Reeve (middle) and Jessica Claudio (right) are on the team.

Deion gone because of salary cap

■ Jones saves \$23.5 million by releasing star corner

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys early today released Deion Sanders, leaving the star cornerback and punt returner free to pursue a possible deal with the Washington Redskins and saving the Texas team millions of dollars.

If Sanders had not returned to free agent status, he would have received a guaranteed \$23.5 million from the Cowboys over the next two years.

Dallas' decision was announced on the team's Web site.

"Deion was a great player for us," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said in a prepared statement. "He was a major contributor in our Super Bowl team and he has been a major contributor to the success we've had in recent years. But because of salary-cap reasons, we just can't afford to keep him under his current contract."

The Cowboys now say Sanders, 32, will count \$2.2 million against their salary cap this year and \$3.2 million against the 2001 cap.

Besides Washington, Tampa Bay and Denver have also expressed interest in Sanders. But Jones said he was not ruling out trying to re-sign Sanders to a restructured contract.

"I think that's still a possibility," said Jones. "The door is still open for that to happen and I wouldn't necessarily rule that out."

But Sanders has indicated since the end of last season that he anticipated being a free agent and wants to play for a team that can win the Super Bowl. He was reportedly seeking a multiyear contract with a signing bonus of at least \$8 million.

Washington Redskins owner Daniel Snyder, who has already signed several prominent free agents, has indicated that he would be willing to do whatever is necessary to sign Sanders.

In deciding not to exercise their option on the remaining four years of Sanders' contract, the Cowboys said the

move was strictly for salary cap reasons.

And the Cowboys said that whatever team Sanders joins, he has already proven he can aid in a turnaround, since he helped both Dallas and the San Francisco 49ers win the Super Bowl in his first season with each team.

Sanders, who has been especially talkative when he's the subject, hasn't been talking publicly about what will happen.

"I'm not going to talk about football," Sanders told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, refusing to comment on "where I'm going or what I'm going to do."

The player's agent, Eugene Parker, did not return phone messages left by The Associated Press.

Jones and his Cowboys' staff, including new head coach Dave Campo, are in Las Vegas, where they are expected to stay until Saturday.

When Sanders arrived in Dallas at the start of the

1995 season, his five-year, \$35 million contract was the richest in free-agent history. Jones said then that the deal was designed to get the league's best cornerback as well as a player that could return kicks and play offense.

Sanders last year signed a five-year, \$51.5 million contract, \$5.4 million of which is counting against the Dallas salary cap over the next two years even after the cut.

Now regaining his status as one of the NFL's top free agents, Sanders is more likely to get his market value because of his failed baseball comeback with Cincinnati this spring. He says his knee, surgically repaired after the Cowboys lost in the first round of the playoffs, is fine.

The Cowboys' release described Sanders' tenure with the team by saying the player had a flair for the dramatic — scoring seven touchdowns in five seasons, including the playoffs — but also being hampered by injury.

Dallas has already prepared for the pending departure of Sanders, who was selected to four Pro Bowls during his five seasons in Dallas and also played for the 1995 Super Bowl champion.



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SPORTS

Houston tames Storm, 77-47

SEATTLE (AP) — The Houston Comets are still the team to beat in the Western Conference.

Just one night after looking vulnerable against the expansion Portland Fire, the Comets looked more like the three-defending WNBA champions, routing another expansion team, the Seattle Storm 77-47 on Thursday night.

"I see Seattle as being unfortunate because we played poor last night in Portland," Comets coach Van Chancellor said. "It's not good to get Houston after a tough game so I feel for Lin Dunn's team."

Houston stars Sheryl Swoopes, Cynthia Cooper and Tina Thompson combined to score 52 points.

Swoopes led Houston with 20 points, six rebounds and six assists. Thompson added 19 points and nine rebounds.

"When Sheryl and Cynthia are on their game we're a tough team to beat," Thompson said.

Cooper had 13 points.

"We were able to get out and play the style of basketball we're used to," Cooper said. "We jumped out aggressively and pushed the ball up the court."

The Comets led the Storm 22-7 with 10:32 left in the first half. Thompson scored nine

points, including two 3-pointers during the run.

"They got us down early and it affected our inexperience," Dunn said. "I think another thing that was really frustrating for us was we couldn't hit our shots."

The Storm shot 34 percent (10-of-29) from the field and made just 10 baskets in the first half.

"The last couple of games we struggled defensively, but we got started early tonight and did a good job," Cooper said. "We got started early defending the way we defended the last three years."

The Comets forced the Storm into 17 turnovers.

Thompson and Swoopes scored 13 points each in the first half to help the Comets build a 40-23 lead.

Houston, playing its third game in four nights, stretched the lead to 24 during a 6-0 run to start the second half.

Chancellor was able to rest Cooper, Swoopes and Thompson most of the second half.

Quacy Barnes led Seattle with 16 points.

"Quacy Barnes is our warrior, I think she arrived as a legitimate post player in this league," Dunn said.

Houston outrebounded Seattle 32-23.

Sampras, Agassi headed home from France

Top American seeds continued to fall on Thursday while 1989 champion Michael Chang makes it to the third round

PARIS (AP) — Seventh-seeded Nathalie Tauziat bowed out of her 17th French Open on Friday, losing to American Chanda Rubin 6-4, 7-6 (3).

Another seeded Frenchwoman, No. 10 Sandrine Testud, also was eliminated. Asa Carlsson rallied to beat Testud 4-6, 6-3, 7-5.

The upsets left 10 of the 16 seeded players in the women's draw, including three from France. The last Frenchwoman to win the French Open was Francoise Durr in 1967.

No. 10 Alex Corretja beat Richard Krajicek 4-6, 6-2, 6-3, 6-2. Twelve seeded players remained in the men's draw.

On the warmest day of the tournament, with temperatures in the 80s, Rubin reached the fourth round at Roland Garros for the third time. She's best remembered in Paris for rallying from a 5-0, 40-love deficit in the third set to beat Jana Novotna in 1995.

Tauziat, 32, struggled with her serve and played a shaky tiebreaker, netting an easy volley and then hitting a lob long on match point. She has never had much success in the French Open, reaching the quarterfinals only once.

Tauziat's 17 appearances at Roland Garros ties a record. She plans to retire at the end of this year.

Carlsson, ranked 53rd, needed nearly 2 1/2 hours to beat Testud. The Swede reached match point by hitting a lunging volley for a winner, and when Testud dumped her final shot into the net, Carlsson let out a yelp and jumped up and down with glee.

Lindsay Davenport, bothered by back spasms in a first-round upset loss to Dominique Van Roost, pulled out of doubles because of the injury.

The only U.S. player still standing in the men's draw was a familiar name, but surprising nonetheless: Michael Chang.

Top-seeded Andre Agassi, No. 2 Pete Sampras and six unseeded Americans lost in the first two rounds.

Agassi, the defending champion, developed blisters on his big toe Thursday and was eliminated by Karol Kucera 2-6, 7-5, 6-1, 6-0.

Chang, the 1989 champion, was scheduled to play fifth-seeded Gustavo Kuerten on Friday.

It's the first time the injury-plagued Chang has reached the third round at a Grand Slam in two years.

Sampras' loss Monday was barely an upset, because he usually struggles on clay. But Agassi's defeat registered as a shocker, particularly because he lost 16 of the final 17 games.

He was so disappointed that he left for home in Las Vegas without talking to re-

porters. He rode back to his hotel with girlfriend Steffi Graf, coach Brad Gilbert and trainer Gil Reyes.

"No one said anything," Reyes said. "We want to give him some space right now. He's feeling an enormous amount of disappointment."

"It's very unfortunate, something completely unforeseen. He trained for this tour-

over Fabrice Santoro. Norman is the top remaining men's seed.

"I'm playing the best tennis of my life," he said.

No. 6 Cedric Pioline, No. 7 Thomas Enqvist and No. 9 Lleyton Hewitt also won Thursday.

Agassi appeared on the verge of an easy victory, leading 5-3 in the second set, before blisters on the big toe of his right foot began to bother him. He requested a trainer and received treatment at 4-1 in the third set.

The blisters tore open and Agassi couldn't move, even after he had the toe taped, Gilbert said.

The loss ends his run of four consecutive Grand Slam finals, a feat last achieved by Rod Laver in 1969.

Agassi was trying to become the first man to win consecutive French Open titles since Sergi Bruguera in 1993-94.

Play continued this morning at Roland Garros.



Foot problems — Defending French Open champion Andre Agassi (above) fell in four sets to Karol Kucera during Thursday's action at Roland Garros. Agassi played much of the match in severe pain caused by blisters on the toes of his right foot.

NEW CLUB FORMED

A new summer club is being offered to boys and girls ages nine and up.

The new activity group is called the Hereford Track Club. The club will begin on June 5 and last through the summer July 8.

The purpose of the track club is to promote track and field interest in Hereford.

During the club's season, members will workout on Mondays and Thursdays at 9 a.m. or 7 p.m. The workouts will take place at Whiteface Stadium while track competitions take place in the areas surrounding Hereford.

The cost to be in the club is \$25 which includes club membership, transportation to meets and a shirt.

To sign up for the club, those interested should be at Whiteface Stadium on Monday, June 5 at 7 p.m.

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Execution

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stepdaughter, Stephanie Flanary, the governor opted to allow extra time for additional DNA tests.

"I expect the courts and all relevant parties to act expeditiously to review the evidence and finally determine his guilt as to the charge of rape in this case," Bush said.

The rape element in the May 1993 killing is important because prosecutors must show an accompanying felony in order to make the crime eligible for the death penalty. Among items defense attorneys want retested is a public hair recovered from her body during an autopsy. Earlier tests identified the hair as belonging to McGinn, who insists the new tests will exonerate him.

"I'm glad," McGinn, described by prison officials as reserved, said when told of the reprieve. "Maybe they'll see what I've been telling them all these years."

After a brief telephone call to his family, McGinn, who already had eaten his scheduled final meal of a double cheeseburger, french fries and a Dr Pepper, was whisked back to death row, about 45 miles to the east.

"I know my brother and he's not guilty," McGinn's sister, Verilyn Harbin, of Grenada, Miss., said after waiting outside the Huntsville Unit prison for word of the reprieve. "It's been rough ... But we haven't gone through anything compared to what Ricky has gone through."

McGinn's attorney, Richard Alley, said while he had planned for the reprieve, it still brought "intense relief" when it finally was issued.

"We expect to have a working agreement within 48 hours as to how we're going to get the evidence and how we're going to get the testing done," Alley said.

By law, a new execution date would have to be set by McGinn's trial judge, but no execution date could be set for within the next 30 days.

Lee Haney, the Brown County district attorney who prosecuted McGinn, said he had mixed emotions "from the standpoint of the family who was sitting there in Huntsville waiting for this to happen."

Six members of Stephanie Flanary's family, including her parents and grandparents, were set to witness McGinn's execution. They left quietly.

"I feel for the Flanary family," McGinn's sister, Harbin, said. "They have to realize we have a brother and a son that almost died. We have feelings too."

A jury at his 1995 trial in Brownwood, about 125 miles southwest of Fort Worth, took only 40 minutes to decide on the death sentence for McGinn.

Among witnesses during the punishment phase were three women who said they were sexually assaulted by him. One, a relative, said she was attacked by McGinn when she was a preschooler.

Workshop

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of soil and water, which can be critical when trying to produce a crop on rainfall alone," Dr. Clay Robinson, a WTAMU associate professor of plant science. "Most of the best land for crop production in the world is already being used for that purpose. When the population increases, people begin to use more fragile land for production. They need to manage it well."

The Great Plains is one of the largest dryland agriculture regions in the world, and its development has had both positive and negative effects on crop production and the environment, according to Robinson.

"We've learned a lot about soil and water conservation since the Dust Bowl," Robinson said. "We must never again make the kind of mistakes that led us to the Dust Bowl, not here or anywhere."

Following the southern tour, the workshop will convene June 16 at the USDA-ARS Conservation and Production Research Laboratory at Bushland to focus on irrigated cropping systems, drip irrigation, center pivot irrigation, conservation tillage systems and evapotranspiration measurement.

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Rain aids embattled fire crews

PECOS, N.M. (AP) - A break from hot, dry conditions that have plagued New Mexico for weeks gave firefighters a chance to bolster their attack against a wildfire that has blackened more than 25,000 acres.

Temperatures dropped, humidity increased and rain fell as a string of thunderstorms rolled over the Sangre de Cristo Mountains on Thursday.

"The rain made a big difference," said fire information officer Dennis Cross. "There was very little flame activity Thursday afternoon and that will allow crews to work directly on the fire line instead of attacking it indirectly."

More wet weather was expected today. "If we get that rain, we're really going to get the upper hand on this thing," Cross said.

Just weeks after the worst wildfire in New Mexico history devastated Los Alamos, this fire began Monday and ballooned from 6,500 acres Tuesday to more than 25,000 Thursday night.

The fire - believed to be human-caused - was burning in the forests east of Santa Fe and was about 70 miles from Los Alamos. Early this morning, it was about a half mile from the Pecos Wilderness, a state preserve.

Before the rains came, the fire had slowed its march northward toward the wilderness and the main watershed for Las Vegas, N.M. There have been an undetermined number of evacuations but no serious injuries reported.



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