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## Deal nearing on authority of government to borrow

By DAVE SKIDMORE  
Associated Press Writer  
WASHINGTON (AP) - Republican congressional leaders and Clinton administration officials are signaling a deal on legislation to renew the government's borrowing authority into next year.

The progress came as the House and Senate prepared today to avert a partial government shutdown by adopting a one-week stopgap spending bill.

It would buy time for the administration and Congress to work out a compromise on a longer-term bill financing government operations during the 6-1/2 months remaining in fiscal 1996.

The Senate planned to resume debate on the \$160 billion longer-term spending measure today, with Democrats pressing to reverse nearly

\$1 billion in cuts to environmental programs.

Meanwhile, House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., and Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., decided Wednesday to abandon plans to use a debt-extension bill to carve big savings from Medicaid and welfare.

Senate Majority Whip Trent Lott, R-Miss., said GOP lawmakers instead were considering attaching line-item veto legislation and a measure increasing Social Security benefits for retirees who continue working after age 65.

President Clinton strongly favors the line-item veto, and the Social Security bill has wide bipartisan backing. Both were planks in House Republicans' 1994 "Contract With America" campaign manifesto.

In a suggestion that the administration supported the deal, Treasury

Secretary Robert Rubin commended Lott and Gingrich for "their constructive comments." He said the administration was "eager to work with the Congress in passing a mutually acceptable bill."

Lott said House and Senate negotiators were expected today to resolve differences in separate line-item veto bills adopted by the two chambers early last year. The bills would allow a president to veto an individual spending program or tax break without rejecting the larger spending bills of which they were a part.

The Social Security measure would allow recipients who work past age 65 to keep more of their benefits. Currently, recipients between ages 65 and 69 lose \$1 in benefits for each \$3 they earn above the current earnings limit of \$11,640. The proposal would raise the limit to \$14,000 this year and to \$30,000 by 2002. There is no limit for people 70 and older.

Only a week ago, Republicans were hoping the National Governors Association could broker compromises on Medicaid and welfare in time to link them with the bill extending the debt limit, which lapses after March 29, to July 1997.

Republicans' retreat from that plan is a concession there's little chance of enacting big parts of their budget-balancing agenda this year. GOP leaders had said last week they probably wouldn't attach a tax cut to the debt bill.

Meanwhile, Democrats and Republicans maneuvered in their fight over the longer-term spending bill. Clinton wants \$8 billion in extra spending. The Senate so far has provided less than half of that and the House version, passed last week, is far less generous.

## Decline in wholesale prices noted for Feb.

By JOHN D. McCLAIN  
Associated Press Writer  
WASHINGTON (AP) - Wholesale prices fell 0.2 percent in February, the first decline in eight months as milder weather restrained energy costs that had surged the previous two months.

The Labor Department said today the drop in its Producer Price Index was the first since an identical decline last June. The last time it was larger was in October 1994 when wholesale prices fell 0.4 percent.

Energy costs dropped 0.7 percent after shooting up 2.9 percent in January and 3.7 percent in December when severe winter temperatures boosted use of furnaces and other heating equipment. It was the first drop since energy prices fell 1 percent in November.

Food prices also fell in February for the second straight month, down 0.3 percent after a 0.2 percent decline a month earlier.

Excluding the volatile food and energy components, the core index rose a slight 0.1 percent. Overall, wholesale prices were rising at a 0.9 percent annual rate during the first two months of 1996.

"It says there was no inflation," contended Robert Brusca, an economist with Nikko Securities Co. He also said recent evidence suggesting an improving economy means Federal Reserve interest-rate policy "remains on hold."

The PPI was released a day before the government publishes its report on consumer prices for February.

Analysts expect a 0.2 percent increase in the Consumer Price Index, just half the 0.4 percent jump in January when severe winter weather

inflated heating costs.

Despite the tame wholesale inflation report for February, analysts now expect the Federal Reserve to hold interest rates steady when its policy-makers meet March 26.

Until recently, economists were looking for a small cut in rates - the third since December - to spur what had been seen as a weakening economy.

Residential electricity prices declined 0.4 percent in February, after a 0.1 percent dip in January and 0.4 percent in December. Gasoline costs plunged 4.2 percent, as dealers were unable to sustain a 13.3 percent surge in January.

The cost of heating oil did rise 0.6 percent, but the increase was less than half the 1.7 percent jump the previous month.

Vegetable prices fell 5.1 percent, the steepest decline since an 18 percent plunge in October. The cost of beef was down 1.4 percent; fish down 3.7 percent, and poultry down 1 percent.

Those declines helped offset increases for pork, up 3.2 percent, the steepest since a 4.8 percent rise in July, and fresh fruit, up 2.9 percent, largest since 5.7 percent in August.

Automobile prices were up 0.1 percent in February after falling 1.5 percent a month earlier.

The cost of prescription drugs was down 1.1 percent after rising 0.9 percent in January. Prices also fell for women's apparel, household appliances and tobacco products.

Prices for alcoholic beverages, sporting goods and soaps and detergents rose.

By ROBERT SEELY  
Associated Press Writer

DUNBLANE, Scotland (AP) - The sweet smiles of 28 youngsters posing for their first school picture shone out across newspaper front-pages today. The effect was more heart-wrenching than any report on the evening news that 16 of them had been slain.

This small town in Scotland was grieving today for the 16 kindergarten students and their teacher, gunned down by a local man who burst into their school gym and shot them to death before killing himself.

Wednesday's shooting was the worst in modern British history.

Twelve other children were wounded in the massacre, several badly, including a 5-year-old boy who was shot three times. Only one student in the room was not shot.

"There were little bodies in piles dotted around the room and items of children's clothing like shoes ... around the floor," said the first ambulance man to reach Dunblane Primary School.

"The strange thing ... was the virtual silence that we encountered as we walked in. Children were just sitting there in total shock with bullet wounds to their limbs and bodies, unable to cry out or speak," John McEwen was quoted as telling The Sun newspaper.

Residents of this close-knit, bucolic town at the edge of the Scottish Highlands placed flowers, cards, teddy bears and other toys on the sidewalk outside the school, where frightened parents had waited Wednesday to find out if their children were among the dead.

One card with the flowers read: "May God take better care of you than this world ever can."

"Everyone knows at least one family who's involved," said Moira Pope. Five-year-old John Petrie, who lived next door, was among the dead.

A doctor treating the wounded at Stirling Royal Infirmary learned that one of her own children was among the dead, said Dr. Jack Beattie. He declined to identify the woman.

Authorities said the 700-pupil school would be closed until Monday. Police said disgruntled former youth worker Thomas Hamilton

## Wildfire rages near Childress

CHILDRESS, Texas (AP) - A wildfire that burned thousands of acres of brush and grassland continued to spread today in Northwest Texas, law officers said.

Police said the blaze, which began Tuesday southeast of the city, has not yet spread to any residences. No one has been injured.

"It (the fire) was 50,000 acres last night before 11 p.m.," said police dispatcher Donna Hernandez. "This will be the third

day." (In Hereford, volunteer firefighters were dispatched to two fires on Wednesday -- a small grass fire just north of town at 11:37 a.m. and a grass and trash fire at Road G and Road 12 at 11:59 a.m. Neither fire was very large and there were no injuries reported.)

Hernandez said the Texas Forest Service was sending equipment from Decatur to aid in the firefighting effort.

Firefighters from Memphis, Paducah, Childress, Estelline, Quanah and other area departments also aided the effort.

The blaze began about 3 p.m. Tuesday seven miles southeast of Childress, said Ms. Hernandez. She said a cause has not yet been determined.

"It's mainly burned old abandoned houses and barns," she said. "It's a shocker how fast it spread."

Childress is 110 miles south-east of Amarillo.



## Burning trash

Hereford firefighters direct a spray of water at some grass and trash that burned Wednesday afternoon just north of town. The blaze at Road G and Road 12 was reported at 11:59 a.m. Residents are reminded that Deaf Smith County Commissioners have passed an outdoor burning ban in response to incredibly dry conditions in the county. Outdoor burning of trash to 8 a.m. to noon Saturday and Sunday, if conditions are favorable. State law provides for fines or jail time for people found to violate a county fire ban.

## Town mourns in aftermath of gunman's killing of 16 kindergarteners in Scotland

walked through the school's front entrance just after 9:30 a.m., armed with four handguns. He headed through the dining room, past the assembly hall and into the gym.

There, he opened fire and killed 11 girls and five boys, all aged 5 and 6, and their teacher Gwenne Mayor, 45.

The ambulance man said Mayor looked as though she had been trying to shield the children from the bullets.

"She was directly in front of a group of children who were all beyond hope," McEwen said, who called the scene a "medieval vision of hell."

"One boy of about five was sitting on the floor looking confused and shocked, pointing at a bullet hole in his arm," he was quoted as saying.

"He obviously couldn't grasp what had happened and was so shocked he couldn't cry. His arm was hanging limp and useless at his side and he looked up at me as if he was pleading for an explanation."

Two other women teachers were hospitalized with gunshot wounds in their limbs. The Times of London said they were believed to have been

hit when Hamilton opened fire as made his way to the gym.

Police had no motive for the attack in the town 40 miles northwest of Edinburgh.

Hamilton, 43, a man with a festering grievance about his ouster as a Boy Scout leader, was a gun enthusiast. He had run boys' athletics groups while demanding reinstatement as a local Scout leader after being expelled in 1974 for "unstable and possibly improper behavior."

London's Daily Mirror newspaper reported today that Scottish police investigated Hamilton in 1989 after complaints by parents who suspected their children had been abused during a weeklong holiday he supervised.

Hamilton, who lived five miles away in Stirling, wrote five days ago to Queen Elizabeth II complaining the Scout movement was sulling his name, British media reported.

In London, a Buckingham Palace spokesman said the queen's mail recently included a letter from a Mr. Hamilton but gave no details.

The British Cabinet minister

responsible for Scotland said he received letters from and once met Hamilton, and that the man complained of police harassment because he was involved with children.

"I did discuss him with the police. They were not able to find any evidence against him which could result in prosecution," said Michael Forsyth.

Neighbors said Hamilton was a solitary individual whose hobbies were photography and shooting.

Townspersons gathered in Dunblane's 13th century cathedral Wednesday evening to pray for the dead, the injured and the bereaved. The town has 9,000 residents and few are strangers.

"All that matters now is that we can be with the families and try and support them and be here for them as best we can," said the Rev. Colin McIntosh of the Church of Scotland cathedral.

Guns are more difficult to obtain in Britain than in the United States and shooting crimes are less common. Most police are armed only with batons.

The worst previous slaying came in 1987, when 27-year-old Michael Ryan shot 16 people in Hungerford before killing himself.

## Differing styles would be offered in Dole-Clinton presidential race

By JOHN KING  
AP Political Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - A presidential campaign pitting Bill Clinton against Bob Dole would offer a striking generational contrast between a gregarious Baby Boomer and a reserved World War II hero, two men who share a knack for consensus and small-town roots but have vastly different styles.

Clinton is a policy wonk; Dole accustomed to fashioning a plan by blending the ideas of others. Clinton a glad-hander who thrives on crowds and unscripted speeches; Dole an often awkward campaigner who reads from note cards.

Eight months before the general election, Clinton enjoys a double-digit lead over Dole in national polls

and the considerable power and trappings of incumbency.

But recent history favors Republicans in presidential elections, and Dole's Midwest roots and close ties to GOP governors give him a base of support in the battleground states likely to be pivotal in November.

Early handicapping of a Clinton-Dole contest consumed Washington on Wednesday, one day after Dole secured a virtual lock on the GOP nomination.

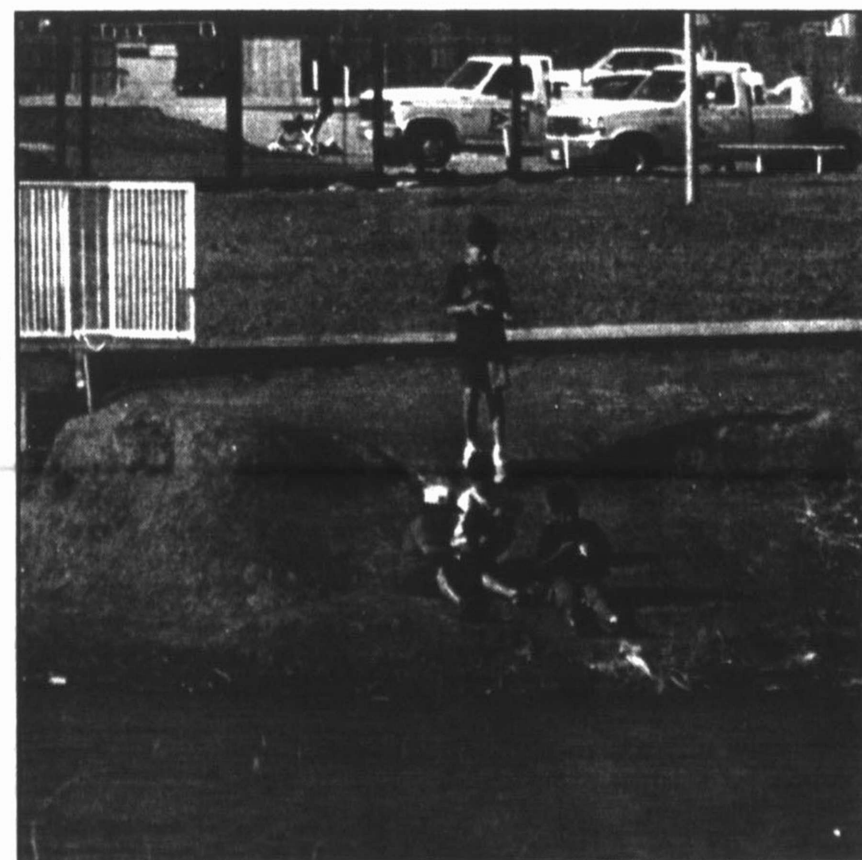
Many Democrats relished the prospect of the 50-year-old Clinton coming up in fall debates against the 72-year-old Senate majority leader. But even they concede the early election skirmishes will come on Dole's turf - in spring and summer legislative fights.

That portends a summer of legislative brinkmanship between two powerbrokers who place a premium on getting things done, even as they prepare to face one another come November.

"If there is something like balancing the budget that we can get done, we ought to get it done regardless of politics," Dole said in a weekend interview. "Maybe he benefits, maybe I benefit, maybe we both benefit. I don't know, but I think the American people expect us to get some things done."

In interviews Wednesday, political strategists in both parties said Dole's biggest challenge was to frame the race as a classic challenger vs.

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## Any fish down there?

Wednesday was fishin' day for these four boys as they dropped lines in the Aquatic Center Park pond in search of underwater life. The park area, which is still undergoing landscaping as part of a community-wide beautification project, has become a popular place for kids to play, adults to walk and people of all ages to fish or just look at the water.

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# Local Roundup

## Rain chances to tease us again

Forecasters are once again calling for a possibility of some moisture in Hereford. The forecast for tonight is for fog and a possibility of drizzle after midnight. The low will be 35 to 40 degrees with north to northeast winds at 5-15 mph. For Friday, the fog and drizzle are still possible, otherwise cloudy with a high in the mid-50s and northeast winds at 5-15 mph in the morning, becoming light and variable in the afternoon. On Wednesday, Hereford recorded a high of 79 degrees, with an overnight low this morning of 48 degrees, according to KPAN radio.

# News Digest

## World/Nation

**TAIPEI, Taiwan** - As the Chinese military held war games off the coast, Taiwanese officials today denied reports that draft-age men were fleeing the island and accused some businessmen of profiteering from government moves to prop up share prices.

**WASHINGTON** - Exposure to Agent Orange during the Vietnam War may be linked to higher rates of spina bifida, a serious birth defect, in veterans' children, according to new evidence evaluated by the Institute of Medicine.

**WASHINGTON** - A generation ago, a job with the federal government meant lifelong security and even prestige. But given the recent government shutdowns, campaigns to trim the federal payroll and a political climate hostile to Washington's bureaucracy, some wonder whether a career in the public service is losing its luster.

**OSWIECIM, Poland** - For decades, the people of this town have been shopping for bargains on everything from shoes to bananas in a group of brick and corrugated tin warehouses across the street from the former Auschwitz Nazi death camp. Now a Polish entrepreneur and a German financier have drawn outrage with their plan to refurbish the decrepit buildings into a modern mini-mall.

## State

**AUSTIN** - High school government teacher Victor Morales didn't put all of his family's savings into his shoestring campaign for the U.S. Senate. But it was close. His investment paid off in a big way: Morales was the biggest vote-getter in the Democratic primary race, besting two congressmen.

**AUSTIN** - It happened again. A congressman accustomed to the courting and courtesy of Capitol Hill found the road a little rougher back home. Rep. Jim Chapman became the latest in a long line of Texas congressmen to see his hopes for promotion dashed as Democratic primary voters made unknown schoolteacher Victor Morales the front-runner in the race for their U.S. Senate nomination.

**HARLINGEN** - The taint of legal and ethical troubles took its toll on several South Texas politicians in primary elections, including two incumbent state representatives who lost tight races.

**WASHINGTON** - Cheered by his reading of the "Super Tuesday" primary tallies, House Majority Leader Dick Armey is predicting big Republican gains in Texas' congressional delegation this fall.

**PLANO** - Electronic Data Systems Holding Corp. has adopted a poison-pill takeover defense as the computer services company moves toward independence from General Motors Corp.

**WASHINGTON** - By a razor-thin margin, the Senate has voted to retain a freeze on extension of federal protection to newly vulnerable plant and wildlife species.

# Emergency Services

Emergency services reports for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. contained the following information.

### HEREFORD POLICE

A 22-year-old male was arrested in the 100 block of Greenwood for reckless driving.

A 17-year-old male was arrested in the 600 block of Irving for public intoxication.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 500 block of East 15th Street.

Class B criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of Avenue H and in the 800 block of Brevard.

Domestic disturbance was reported in the 400 block of North Jackson.

Officers issued 10 traffic citations.

There were two curfew violation citations issued.

### DEAF SMITH SHERIFF

A 22-year-old male was arrested for violation of probation (burglary

of a motor vehicle).

A 49-year-old male was arrested for traffic.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT

Volunteer firefighters responded to a grass fire on North U.S. 385 at 1137 a.m.

Firefighters were called out at 11:59 a.m. to a grass and trash fire at Road G and Road 12.

### EMS

**Wednesday**  
Ambulances ran on two fire standbys, one transfer from Amarillo to Hereford and one medical run.

### Tuesday

Ambulances ran on one medical no transport, one motor vehicle accident (two no transports), one trauma call, one transfer to Amarillo, three medical runs, one landing zone set-up and one motor vehicle accident (one patient transported).

# U.S., Israel cooperation to combat terrorism strengthened by Clinton \$100 million pledge

By BARRY SCHWEID  
AP Diplomatic Writer

**JERUSALEM (AP)** - Standing with Israel in the face of terror, President Clinton today pledged at least \$100 million to combat terrorists and promised stronger security ties with the Jewish state. "Fear must be conquered, security must be restored and peace must be pursued," he said.

Wrapping up a two-day trip of summitry and solace, Clinton told Israeli citizens, "Only you can convince others to lay down their fears."

He warned that open societies are open to violence; the ballyhooed anti-terrorism summit can't wipe out terrorism.

"Can we create a risk-free world here in Israel? No," Clinton said in a joint news conference with Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres. "Can we reduce the risks and do much better? Yes."

Clinton and Peres met a day after they joined other world leaders in an unprecedented Red Sea summit against terrorism. "Yesterday the foundation was laid down ... to go ahead with peace and reject terror," Peres said.

Clinton expressed sympathy with Israeli victims of violent extremists.

Wearing a black yarmulke, the president followed a Jewish tradition and gently placed a stone at the gravesite of former Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who was slain Nov. 4 by a Jewish militant opposed to peace.

Clinton had brought the stone from the South Lawn, where Rabin shook

hands with Yasser Arafat to seal a historic Middle East peace pact with the Palestinians. Rabin's widow, Leah, locked hands with Clinton as they stood facing the grave.

And he stopped by Beit Hinuch, a Jerusalem high school that lost three graduates in the four suicide bombings that rocked Israel since Feb. 25. Outside, he told reporters: "If you want to be free and safe, you have to stand against terror. It doesn't matter whether you're Israelis or Palestinians."

Clinton pledged \$100 million over two years to pay for anti-terrorism initiatives, including training, bomb-detection scanners, X-ray systems and robotics for handling suspect packages.

White House officials said half of the money will come out of funds approved by Congress for other Pentagon uses. The other \$50 million would require a new spending bill. Clinton said he sent his request to Congress Wednesday night.

He left Israel for home late today, but CIA Director John Deutch and Lt. Gen. Daniel Christman were staying in Jerusalem to work on a counter-terrorism accord. It could result in increased cooperation between American and Israeli intelligence operations in going after terrorists, officials said privately.

The administration is working with Israel on a defense agreement, hoping to conclude it before Peres visits Washington at the end of April. The deal would provide for closer military ties between the nations.

Clinton said in Tel Aviv that

terrorism has its roots in "the grip of that ancient fear that life can only be lived if you're looking down on someone else."

"We know your pain is unimaginable, and in some extent unsharable, but America grieves with you," he said at a Tel Aviv performing arts center, his last scheduled stop of the two-day Middle East trip.

Earlier, the president tried to imagine how Americans would react to the type of horror suicide bombers brought Israel. "Our people would be off the wall; they would be angry, they would be furious, they would want action," he said.

Clinton's visit was bolstered by the Egyptian summit Wednesday that brought Israelis and Arabs together with other world leaders. He conceded that presidents, prime ministers, princes and all the politicians in the world can only do so much. Open societies are victims of terrorism, Clinton said, citing the Oklahoma City bombing and poison gas attacks in Japanese suburbs.

"There is no guarantee here," Clinton said. "There are no guarantees in life."

Peres pledged that the peace process would continue, though the terrorist attacks made it more complicated. "It's not black and white. It's like climbing a mountain. It is difficult, it takes time. You don't reach the peak in one jump."

Clinton became emotional when a reporter asked whether world leaders can stop suicide bombers. "No one can do that," he replied. "You couldn't do it before the meeting and we can't do it in six months time."

# Forbes collected 76 delegates, spent \$30 million on campaign

By RICHARD KEIL  
Associated Press Writer

**WASHINGTON (AP)** - With just 76 delegates to show for his \$30 million investment, Steve Forbes decided Wednesday to abandon his bid for the Republican presidential nomination and throw his support to GOP front-runner Bob Dole, aides said.

Forbes planned a Thursday afternoon withdrawal announcement in Washington, said campaign manager Bill Dal Col. A senior Forbes aide, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Forbes would endorse Dole and pledge his help in defeating President Clinton in the fall.

Dal Col said one reason Forbes put off the formal announcement for a day was so that his family could join him.

"No doubt about it - it helps," Dole said when asked about the effect of Forbes' withdrawal. He declined further comment until Forbes makes his remarks Thursday.

Forbes had vowed as recently as Wednesday morning to stay in the race through the March 19 Midwestern primaries, maintaining as he has in recent weeks that he wants to take his flat-tax message to the voters.

But in the face of Tuesday's defeat, he talked openly about getting out of the race if he didn't have a strong showing in next week's Rust Belt primaries, setting in motion a series of night-and-day consultations that led to his decision to withdraw.

And after spending much of the day closeted in a Washington hotel room with advisers, Forbes accepted their judgment that the chances for a victory in Illinois, Ohio, Michigan or Wisconsin were bleak, given Dole's big lead.

Forbes then began considering quitting sooner and contacted several associates outside his senior campaign staff before making his decision, sources said.

A key issue was when and where to make the announcement. Forbes considered returning to his New Jersey home to withdraw, but eventually decided to stay in the capital, according to a source familiar with the deliberations.

Consulting with Forbes during the day were former Sens. Malcolm Wallop and Bob Kasten. Former Housing Secretary Jack Kemp - whose offer to serve as a bridge between Forbes and Dole enmeshed the campaign in controversy during its final days - also attended some of the sessions.

"My hope would be that Bob Dole would reach out to Steve immediately," Kemp said after the decision became public. "So far he has shown no magnanimity in victory... (T)hey made a rather half-hearted plea for unity last night but didn't mention Steve's contribution to the debate and to the cause."

Forbes' decision came after the euphoria of winning the Delaware and Arizona primaries evaporated in the face of a string of resounding defeats.

Since Arizona, Forbes has not spent much money on television advertising, a sign to campaign watchers that he had reached the limit of how deep he was willing to dig into his personal fortune to finance his campaign.

Overall, Forbes spent more than \$30 million, nearly all his own money, to earn 901,000 votes during the primary season - 16 percent of those cast, putting him third behind

"I wish I had it in my power to reach into the hearts of those young men who have bought some apocalyptic version of Islam and politics that together causes them to strap their bodies with bombs and blow themselves to smithereens and kill innocent children," the president added. "I wish I could do that."

"The question is can we improve the capacity of Israel and the Palestine Authority to prevent these things from happening. The answer is yes," Clinton said.

He said the United States would immediately begin providing Israel with additional anti-terrorism equipment and training, and join with Peres to develop "new anti-terrorism methods and technologies."

The promise of new money carries political implications here and in Washington. Clinton hopes his visit will enhance Peres' prospects for winning election May 29 against the Likud opposition. For Clinton, the visit stamps him with the look of a world statesman.

Clinton also met today with opposition leader Benjamin Netanyahu. But he insisted, "I will not interfere in domestic politics." Netanyahu said Clinton's visit was a boost for Israel, not Peres.

Washington politics seeped into the news conference. Though Peres included Congress when he praised Clinton, the president chastised Republican lawmakers for failing to pass anti-terrorism legislation.

Clinton suggested that terrorists, not Israel, are to blame for closing the Gaza Strip and West Bank.



## Kite fliers

Pre-spring breezes plus a nice warm day Wednesday combined for the perfect weather for these two young people to put a kite in the air in the park area of Avenue C and East 15th Street. The kite can be seen just below the light.

## DOLE-CLINTON

incumbent contest, making Clinton the major issue.

This will be no easy task for Dole, since he is so closely identified with a Republican Congress that is out of favor with the majority of voters.

Clinton, on the other hand, has risen to the best poll standing of his presidency by casting himself as a defender of the middle ground against an "extremist" GOP.

This strategy is likely to continue, with the White House trying to link Dole to House Speaker Newt Gingrich and other Republicans who have high negative ratings, including Dole rival Pat Buchanan.

"The Buchanan-Dole-Gingrich group," was how Vice President Al Gore put it. "Those way over on the extreme right-wing fringe have gained an incredible amount of influence over the Republican Party, not just in this campaign for the nomination but in Congress."

With Democratic and Republican loyalists remarkably polarized since the 1994 elections, such rhetoric is a bald attempt to convince independent-minded voters to side with Clinton in the fall.

But pollster Gordon Black, a leading advocate of creating new political parties, suggested most voters in the middle would be turned off by a Dole-Clinton choice.

"I think you would have depressed turnout if these two were the only choices," Black said. Black, who occasionally consults with Ross Perot, is convinced Perot will run under the banner of his new Reform Party this November.

Polls show a Perot candidacy hurting Dole at this point, though strategists say it is impossible to say if that would hold true in the fall, given the uncertainty of the legislative debate.

In the meantime, Clinton aides said they were in no rush to criticize Dole. But as they praised Clinton, there was clearly an effort to underscore Dole's perceived weaknesses. "The president has both a vision of where we should go and the ability to communicate that vision," said deputy Clinton campaign manager Ann Lewis.

Dole himself has said he would be no match for Clinton on the stump, promising to focus instead on "credibility and trust, my record as a doer not a talker," by pointing out Clinton's failure to deliver on promises to cut middle class taxes, balance the budget and reform welfare.

As for Dole's own message for the remaining primaries, "he ought to be talking about economics, lower taxes, values and the role of government," said GOP pollster Ed Goetz.

Ralph Reed, executive director of

the Christian Coalition, urged Dole to ignore the polls and focus on drawing thematic differences with Clinton, noting that Ronald Reagan and George Bush were both well behind their

Democratic opponents at this stage of the 1980 and 1988 campaigns.

"We have NCAA finals in March and presidential elections in November," Reed said.

# Texas Lottery

**AUSTIN (AP)** - Four tickets bought in La Porte, San Antonio, Wichita Falls and Bellville correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth \$25 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were: 1, 9, 19, 24, 38, and 48.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Saturday night's game will be \$4 million.

**AUSTIN (AP)** - Four tickets each won \$81,008 in the Cash 5 lottery drawing.

The winning tickets matched all five numbers drawn in the Tuesday night drawing.

Another 1,043 tickets matched four numbers drawn making each ticket worth \$466.

The winning numbers were 3, 8, 18, 31 and 32.

**AUSTIN (AP)** - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

6-1-7 (six, one, seven)

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# Lifestyles

## Therapy treatments available for arthritis

New guidelines for the non-surgical treatment of arthritis of the knee and hip offers hope to patients suffering from these conditions, Crystal Backus, physical therapist at Hereford Regional Medical Center, said.

"The American College of Rheumatology and the Arthritis Foundation have recently published new guidelines for treatment that emphasize physical therapy intervention," Backus said. "The new guidelines are a major shift away from drug therapy and a strong endorsement of exercise to reduce pain and increase function."

Backus explained that exercise strengthens muscles, increases mobility and improves symptoms.

"The physical therapist is really the health care expert who can most help the patient devise an effective exercise routine," she said. "We work

with the physician to determine the level of exercise needed, and then customize a plan for each patient. All physical therapy requires the referral of a physician," Backus added.

Patients can try some simple exercises on their own, she said. "Try walking slowly for five minutes a day, and then increase gradually to 30 minutes a day," she said. "That may be all you need. However if the pain stays the same or increases, stop the walking and consult your physical therapist."

Another recommendation from the American College is to lose weight. "Excessive weight causes unnecessary stress on the afflicted joints," Backus said. "Frequently, weight loss will bring as much relief as other treatments."

For more information about the exercise which can help in the treatment of arthritis pain, contact your local physician or Crystal Backus in the Physical Therapy Department at HRMC, 364-2141, ext. 294.

## Florist speaks to garden club

Terry Sparks, local florist, spoke to the Garden Beautiful Club at its recent meeting in the home of Jerry Wheeler.

Sparks discussed his floral business, where his flowers come from, and tips to keep flowers fresh longer.

He also gave tips on drying flowers and brought several examples of his work with dried flowers.

Wheeler and co-hostess, Audine Dettman, served refreshments to Leona Andrews, Vada Axe, Doris Bryant, Ruby Carmichael, Marguerite Cole, Dorothy Noland, Helen Spinks and Bessie Story.

## New Arrivals

Ed and Donna Sue Clements of Arlington announce the birth of their daughter, Emma, on March 5.

She was welcomed home by a sister, Lauren, age 2.

Grandparents are Jim and Evelyn Clements of Dumas, formerly of Hereford.

Great-grandmother is Emma Luke of Hereford, after whom the infant was named.

## To Your Good Health

**DEARDR. DONOHUE:** My 2-year-old gets more than her share of middle ear infections. Her ears look normal, so it is hard to know when she has one. I know only when she starts to fuss or tugs tugging at her ear. Is it serious? Will she outgrow this? — Mrs. C.C.

**ANSWER:** Ear infections take place out of sight. Your daughter's occur in the recesses of the middle ear, on the other side of her ear drum. You can, however, get closer look with special tools. One device presents an illuminated closeup view of the drum surface. Another has a small pump that delivers a puff of air against the drum. If inflamed, the drum does not respond with visible movement, as will a healthy eardrum.

Parents worry, I know, about these mysterious ear infections so common in tots. Usually their little justification for great anxiety, since antibiotics remove the pain and infection in two or three days. Pain that persists or recurs calls for evaluation.

Repeat middle ear infections in young children usually indicate an as yet incomplete development of the inside ear drainage system. By that I mean the twin tubes extending from middle ear to throat openings. Germs may become trapped within partly formed tubes (eustachians). Later, the body catches up.

Things to keep in mind: 1. Children are most prone to the infections between ages six months to three

years. 2. Antibiotics end the pain and get a good hold on the infection in two or three days. 3. If pain persists beyond the three-days limit, report it. Something other than simple infection may be going on.

**DEARDR. DONOHUE:** What can you tell me about shark cartilage? I am told it does wonders for cancer, arthritis and male impotence. Is this true? — I.J.N.

**ANSWER:** The shark cartilage idea was aired on television recently. The show described work done in Cuba by researchers who claimed wide-ranging effectiveness in treating such disparate problems, as those you list.

The substance did show some anticancer activity in lab animals. It seems to work in preventing growth of new blood vessels, which supports cancer spread. The same characteristic explained anti-arthritis claims. I am not sure how the impotency cure was explained.

As usual with such research, practical application in human patients is a long way and many studies away.

Of more immediate interest is isolation of a shark substance with powerful antibiotic qualities. Again, more research remains to be done.

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Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him at P.O. Box 5539, Riverton, NJ 08077-5539.

### Keeping an eye on Texas

#### Movies made in Texas

Budgets for feature films made in Texas totaled \$157.7 million in 1995. The films include:

- Carried Away
- The Big Backyard
- Puro Tejano
- Powder
- Waiting for Guffman
- Ace Ventura II
- In the West
- Lone Star
- Space Marines
- Children of the Corn: Millennium's Child
- Camp Charlie
- Cadillac Ranch
- Ruta Wakening
- Spamarama
- The Whole Wide World
- Courage Under Fire
- The War At Home
- The Evening Star
- Tin Cup
- Lolita

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and Texas Film Commission.

## Ann Landers

**DEAR ANN LANDERS:** Three years ago, I married "Joe," my dream man. He is a joy to live with. The problem is his dogs, 10 and 14 years old. They are ruining our marriage.

My husband loves the dogs dearly, but he failed to train them, which was grossly irresponsible. They sleep on the beds and the couches and drink from the toilets. I can live with that, but I cannot tolerate the way they relieve themselves in every room of the house. I am scrubbing floors and carpets constantly, and the house still smells terrible. It's embarrassing to have visitors.

I'm becoming bitter toward these pets, but I try to hide my anger. I don't want my children to grow up not liking animals.

I finally told Joe I will no longer clean up after the dogs. Now he cleans up the messes on the tile floor with household cleaner and a paper towel, but I don't consider that adequate. He ignores the carpeting altogether.

I realize this is a ridiculous reason to break up a really good marriage, but I can't take this much longer. I need your advice. -- Trouble in Paradise

**DEAR TROUBLE:** You've been married three years and just noticed this? How come?

Dogs that are fed properly and walked in the evening should not be making messes in the house. Joe did his pets no favor by being so permissive.

A vet should be consulted for possible underlying physical problems the dogs might have, plus suggestions on the best way to handle this situation.

**CONFIDENTIAL TO MARGO:** Happy birthday, darling daughter -- and many more.

**DEAR ANN LANDERS:** Can you stand just one more letter on downsizing? You were much too hard on "Issaquah, Wash." when you suggested that a negative attitude might have something to do with her husband's bad luck finding a job. It's not pretty out there for folks looking for work.

It took my husband three years to find a job at 35 percent less than he had been making. We consider ourselves lucky and count our blessings. Even though I have a college degree and teaching credentials, I took a job at \$8 an hour. I'll never forget the employer who told me that if I wanted medical

benefits I'd have to pay for them myself.

I have friends living out of the country because the over-50 spouse could not find a job in the United States. When college-educated folks have a hard time finding work with no benefits, the unskilled will surely end up on the street.

The middle class is shrinking, Ann. The rich are getting richer, which means more folks are joining the ranks of the working poor. A negative attitude plays little part in whether these people are working or not. What counts are corporate profits and the bottom line in a global economy. According to an article in the Marn Independent Journal, between 1992 and 1995, IBM reduced its work force by 122,000; AT&T reduced its work force by 83,000; General Motors, 74,000; U.S. Postal Service, 55,000; Sears, 50,000; GTE, 17,000; Baxter International, 16,000; Amoco, 12,300; and Bank of America, 12,000.

Until our elected officials start to deal with the critical issues of funding education and providing employment opportunities and health care, the future looks bleak for our children. -- Worried in California

**DEAR CALIFORNIA:** You've made some excellent points and backed them up with chilling statistics. P.S. AT&T just began laying off another 40,000.

What can you give the person who has everything? Ann Landers' booklet, "Gems," is ideal for a nightstand or coffee table. "Gems" is a collection of Ann Landers' most requested poems and essays. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$5.25 (this includes postage and handling) to: Gems, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562.

## Study club program presented by Veazey

Nena Veazey, assistant superintendent, who is director of curriculum in the Hereford Independent School District, gave the program for the Hereford Study Club when it met in the home of Evelyn Wilson.

The program "About Feminine Mystique," consisted of analyzing the personalities of the members present. Members took a "True Colors" test, which is the condensed version of the Myers Briggs test, that showed certain personality traits. Veazey explained this could be used in selecting committees by putting a blend of personalities on committees for a more interesting group of ideas working together.

Wilson and co-hostess, Nedra Robinson, served refreshments to Barbara Allen and daughter Brenda Hagar, Jean Ballard, Willie Braddy, Doris Bryant, Morgan Cain, Elizabeth Cesar, Jeanne Dowell, Hazel Ford,

Betty Gilbert, Elizabeth Hellman, Betty Martin, Carole McGilvary and daughter Mona Ward, Helen Spinks, Bessie Story, Mary Stoy, Virginia Winget, Gladys Scliff and Joan Yarbro.

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# Sports

## Pitman to host 28 area high school golf teams

Pitman Municipal Golf Course will be filled with high school golfers Saturday and Sunday, as the local course hosts 28 teams for the Hereford Invitational.

The tournament begins with 9 a.m. shotgun starts both days. The fields for boys and girls boast impressive lineups. Both fields include two teams of Hereford players - A and B. All of the District 1-4A teams except Canyon will be there, adding Borger, Pampa, Caprock, Randall and Dumas to the fields.

Andrews is a strong Class 4A program and Tulia is a strong Class 3A program, and both will be there. Rounding out the boys' and girls' fields will be Perryton, Dalhart, Trinity Fellowship, and Clovis, N.M.

The only difference between the boys' and girls' fields is that Olton and Hart will bring boys' teams but no girls' teams.

The Hereford baseball team has only a few more games to prepare for the start of District 1-4A play Tuesday, and those games will come in the Canyon ISD Classic IV baseball tournament.

Hereford (3-6) was to help

open the 16-team tournament at 8:30 a.m. today against Lubbock High. They were to play at Canyon's Conner Park - one of four sites the tournament will be using.

Hereford and Lubbock High (5-6) are not exactly strangers. Hereford whipped the Westerners 18-8 in the season opener Feb. 19 in Hereford, then LHS got revenge eight days later with a 4-3 win in Lubbock.

The other first round matchups in this tournament include: Pampa vs. Levelland; Borger vs. Childress; Randall vs. Dalhart; Tulia vs. Amarillo High; Caprock vs. Palo Duro; Monterey vs. Perryton; and Canyon vs. Sanford-Fritch.

Since this week is Spring Break for Hereford schools, the Hereford tennis and track teams - both boys and girls - are taking the weekend off.

They'll be back in a big way next weekend (March 22-23), as Hereford will host the Beef Capitol of the World Tennis Tournament and the Hereford-Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce Invitational Track Meet.

## UCLA faces tough task defending title

By The Associated Press  
UCLA didn't really want to be in Indianapolis for this year's NCAA tournament. Next year, they won't mind at all.

"Next year the Final Four is here. We like the fact we get a chance to play on this court," Bruins coach Jim Harrick said as the defending NCAA champions prepared for their tournament opener tonight against Princeton.

UCLA won the Pac-10 by three games over Arizona, but was made the No. 4 seed in the Southeast Regional. Arizona was No. 3 in the West.

UCLA's opposition is Princeton, playing its final season under coach Pete Carril. The Tigers have lost their last four NCAA tournament games

by a total of 15 points.

"For the last 10 or 15 years, the team everybody would least like to play in the NCAA tournament in the first round is Princeton," Harrick said. "They play that style for 30 games and you never play that style. I've always felt that when one team plays one style and you play another and you never get to see that (other) style, in the tournament, they'll have an advantage over you."

Basketball at Princeton is a little bit different from the other NCAA tournament teams. Carril, the Tigers' coach for 29 years, remembers having to play short-handed during a regular-season game in 1975.

"We were coming off a long trip back from Cornell on a Saturday night and playing at Virginia on a

Tuesday," he recalled. "Two of my players were being interviewed for Rhodes scholarships."

No. 14 UCLA (23-7) and Princeton (21-6) will be the final game of the day at Indianapolis, following Duke (18-12) vs. Eastern Michigan (24-5) and No. 19 Mississippi State (22-7) vs. Virginia Commonwealth (24-8).

Twelve other games will be played on the tournament's opening day:

At Providence, R.I., it's Bradley (22-7) vs. Stanford (19-8), top-ranked Massachusetts (31-1) vs. Central Florida (11-18), No. 18 Penn State (21-6) vs. Arkansas (18-12) and No. 20 Marquette (22-7) vs. Monmouth of New Jersey (20-9).

At Dallas, it's No. 2 Kentucky (28-2) vs. San Jose State (13-16),

Wisconsin-Green Bay (25-3) vs. No. 22 Virginia Tech (22-5), No. 17 Iowa State (23-8) vs. California (17-10) and No. 12 Utah (25-6) vs. Canisius (19-10).

At Albuquerque, N.M., it's No. 15 Syracuse (24-8) vs. Montana State (21-8), No. 16 Memphis (22-7) vs. Drexel (26-3), No. 4 Purdue (25-5) vs. Western Carolina (17-12) and Georgia (19-9) vs. Clemson (18-10).

Princeton is 513-260 under Carril, who could be rolling up a program on the bench for the final time tonight. His players say Carril's retirement won't help them against the Bruins.

"That won't give us extra rebounds or stop their dunks," guard Sydney Johnson said. "We've got to stay true to ourselves and not let the emotion get to us."

Forward Steve Goodrich agreed. "We can give the best we have," he said. "The fact that it's his last game means something, but that won't affect the way we play."

## Alabama's treys doom Illinois

By BOB GREENE  
AP Sports Writer

When Illinois turned away Alabama's inside game, the Crimson Tide turned to its 3-point game.

That turned a 10-point deficit into a 72-69 victory for visiting Alabama and a second-round berth in the National Invitation Tournament.

"We hit the 3-ball pretty well in the second half," Alabama coach David Hobbs said. "We don't usually do that."

Wilted under the long-range barrage was Illinois and Lou Henson, who coached his last game after 21 seasons at Illinois and 34 seasons overall.

"It's kind of sad to go out the way we went out, but we're not quite good enough to beat the clubs we're going up against," Henson said. "If we were, we'd win these games. The story of this ball club is great effort and a great bunch of guys."

The story of the game was Alabama's 3-point shooting.

With the Illini zone putting the clamp on Alabama's 6-foot-10 center Roy Rogers, Henson's team grabbed a 42-32 lead on Kiwane Garris' 3-pointer with 16:57 remaining. It was, in effect, Henson's last hurrah.

Alabama (17-11) responded with 10 3-pointers in outscoring Illinois (18-13) 33-15. When Rogers hit a 2-point basket, the Crimson Tide led 67-57 with 4:59 to go.

Illinois was finished, however, pulling to 69-67 with 1:41 left as Garris completed a 4-point play - hitting a 3-pointer, then adding a free throw. But Garris and Bryant Notree missed subsequent shots and Jerry

Hester's basket with 5.8 seconds left wasn't enough to overcome Brian Williams' three free throws in the final 30 seconds.

"It seems like down the stretch we didn't play as smart as we could," Notree said. "We wanted to win. We didn't want this to be the last game of the season."

Alabama returns home for a second-round game against Missouri on Monday. Missouri advanced by nipping Murray State 89-85.

In other first-round NIT games Wednesday, it was Rhode Island 82, Marist 77; College of Charleston 55, Tennessee 49; South Carolina 100, Davidson 73; Michigan State 64, Washington 50; Minnesota 68, Saint Louis 52; Illinois State 73, Mount St. Mary's, Md., 49; Wisconsin 55, Manhattan 42; Vanderbilt 86, Arkansas-Little Rock 80; and Fresno State 58, Miami, Ohio 57.

The opening round continues tonight with St. Joseph's (15-12) at Iona (21-7), Nebraska (16-14) at Colorado State (18-11), and Gonzaga (21-8) at Washington State (16-11). Providence (17-11) vs. Fairfield (20-9) Friday night at New Haven, Conn., will complete the first round.

Second-round matches on Monday will have Vanderbilt at South Carolina, Missouri at Alabama, Tulane at Minnesota and Illinois at Wisconsin. On Tuesday, Rhode Island will play College of Charleston and Fresno State will play Michigan State.

The other second-round pairings will not be completed until Friday's game.

## Sign up for Kids Inc. Saturday

Kids Inc. will hold a registration session for its baseball and softball leagues from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday at the Hereford Community Center.

Fees are \$35 per child, or \$45 for Babe Ruth players. Bpys aged 5-15 by Aug. 1 are eligible for Kids Inc.;

girls must be 5-16 by Sept. 1.

There will be only one more registration session after Saturday, and that will be from 6-9 p.m. March 28 (that's a Thursday).

Games will start around the second week of April.

## UConn, La. Tech place 2 each on women's All-America team

Tech's Atkins named to second team

By CHUCK SCHOFFNER  
AP Sports Writer

There's a reason Connecticut and Louisiana Tech are two of the best women's basketball teams in the country.

They have players. Good players. Second-ranked Connecticut had two first-team choices, while No. 1 Louisiana Tech had a first-teamer and a second-teamer among The Associated Press All-America selections announced Wednesday.

Center Kara Wolters and feisty guard Jennifer Rizzotti of Connecticut both made the first team. Louisiana Tech landed versatile Vickie Johnson on the first team and guard Debra Williams on the second. Those were the only schools with more than one player on the three teams, chosen by a national media panel. Also on the first team were Georgia guard Saudia Roundtree, the leading vote-getter, and forward Latasha Byears of DePaul.

Wolters and Rizzotti have kept Connecticut playing at a high level following the departure of all-everything Rebecca Lobo. The Huskies (30-3) repeated as Big East champions and are seeded No. 1 in the NCAA Midwest Regional.

"Think of it this way," Connecticut coach Geno Auricemma said. "We lost the national player of the year who scored 2,000 points and had a thousand rebounds, yet we go 30-3 with all the pressures that come with being the defending champions."

"The one kid (Wolters) shoots 65 percent and our point guard is just the greatest leader ever to play women's college basketball."

The 6-foot-7 Wolters averaged 18.9 points and 7.9 rebounds and shot 63.7 percent. She also was a presence on defense, blocking 91 shots.

"She's a phenomenal player," Auricemma said. "I'm prejudiced, obviously, but I think she's the most dominant player at her position in the country."

Rizzotti's scoring is down slightly this season, 10.8 points a game, but her value lies in other areas - running

the team, passing, playing defense and diving for loose balls. The 5-5 senior averaged 5.7 assists, 3.1 steals and untold floor burns.

Though only 5-9, Johnson is a fierce rebounder and defender. She averaged 15.3 points and 6.3 rebounds, shot 52 percent and teamed with Williams to give Tech perhaps the best perimeter combination in the nation.

Williams led Tech in scoring with an 18-point average and made 41 percent of her 3-point shots.

"Vickie is the total package," Tech coach Leon Barmore said. "She rebounds, she defends the other team's best player if she's not 6-4, she's our team captain, she does everything."

Roundtree dominated the All-America voting after some spectacular play in leading fifth-ranked Georgia to a 23-4 record and a No. 2 seeding in the Midwest Regional.

She averaged 16.2 points, 5.8 assists and 2.4 steals, and the bigger the game, the better she played. During a five-game stretch in January, all against nationally ranked opponents, Roundtree had 20 points against Tennessee, 26 at Auburn, 27 at Connecticut, 29 at Penn State and 32 at Florida. Georgia won all five games.

Roundtree was the only player named on all 40 ballots. She was a first-team pick on 37 and compiled 192 out of a possible 200 points awarded on a 5-3-1 basis. Wolters had 165 points, Johnson 157, Rizzotti 157 and Byears 109.

Williams was joined on the second team by Stanford's Kate Starbird, Oregon State's Tanja Kostic, Texas Tech's Michi Atkins, Virginia's Wendy Palmer and Ohio State's Katie Smith. There are six players because Palmer and Smith tied for the final spot.

The third team has Tennessee freshman Chamique Holdclaw, Alabama's Shalonda Enis, Penn State's Angie Potthoff, Vanderbilt's Sheri Sam and South Carolina's Shannon Johnson.

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# Sonics stand up to Orlando

By CHRIS SHERIDAN  
AP Basketball Writer  
Everybody stood for the national anthem, then they played basketball.

On the court, at least, it was a normal night in the NBA. The league was abuzz Wednesday with talk of Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf's suspension from the Denver Nuggets for refusing to stand during the national anthem. But when it was time to do what they get paid for, the players did just that.

The night's best game was at Seattle, where the SuperSonics scored the final seven points of the game and defeated the Orlando Magic 100-99 in a matchup of division leaders.

With the victory, Seattle became the first Western Conference team to clinch a playoff spot.

The Sonics made their comeback without floor leader Gary Payton, who was ejected with 8:46 left in the game for head-butting Joe Wolf after the two collided and went face-to-face in the lane.

Shaquille O'Neal's putback gave the Magic a 99-93 lead with 49.4 seconds left. Sam Perkins made a 3-pointer with 43.8 seconds left, making it 99-96.

After Nick Anderson's inbound pass was stolen by Perkins, Hersey Hawkins made a layup with 34.9 seconds left. Dennis Scott missed a running shot from the lane and Eric Snow fed Detlef Schrempf for a 17-footer with 14.7 seconds left. Anderson then missed a jumper from the corner as time expired.

Payton led the Sonics with 23 points and Schrempf added 20.

Anfernee Hardaway had 22 points and O'Neal added 20 points and 11 rebounds for Orlando, which lost for the second straight night on its four-game Western road trip that concludes with games Friday at Vancouver and Sunday against the Lakers.

The Magic, 32-0 at home, are 15-17 on the road. Seattle improved to 27-3 at home and avoided its first two-game home losing streak of the season.

## Bulls 103, Bullets 86

The bad news for the Bulls came before the game when they learned that Scottie Pippen will miss 10-14 days with a variety of injuries.

Toni Kukoc replaced him in the starting lineup, and the Bulls didn't miss a beat, improving to 31-0 at home. They can tie Orlando's mark Friday against the Nuggets, one of the seven teams to beat them this season.

Michael Jordan scored 37 points and Kukoc and Luc Longley each had 16. Chicago broke open the game in the third quarter as Jordan had 18 points and the Bulls outscored the Bullets 34-22 to take an 18-point lead.

"We know they are still tough, with or without Scottie. It goes to show why they are on their way to a championship," Washington's Juwan Howard said. "We wanted to be the first team to come in and break the streak, but it didn't happen."

## Pistons 118, Suns 115

At Auburn Hills, Mich., Grant Hill had 18 points, 17 rebounds and 11 assists and Detroit overcame a season-high 45 points from Charles Barkley.

Detroit, which has won seven of eight, stayed one game behind New York in the race for the Eastern Conference's fourth playoff seeding. Phoenix, which has lost four of five, dropped a game below .500.

The Pistons also got 23 points from Otis Thorpe and 24 from Dumars, 13 in the fourth. Kevin Johnson had 25 points and 12 assists for Phoenix and Michael Finley had 21 points. Phoenix played without Danny Manning, who sprained his ankle in Tuesday's win over New Jersey.

## Hornets 91, Jazz 85

Charlotte knocked Utah out of a first-place tie in the Midwest Division, sending the Jazz to their second loss in as many nights and dropping them a half-game behind San Antonio in the standings.

The Hornets blew a 14-point lead, missed 16 of their 31 free throws and went through an extended field-goal slump in the fourth quarter - yet still got the victory.

"We got some breaks," said Dell Curry, who made several key plays in the closing minutes to help the Hornets to their first victory this season in 13 games against teams that have won at least 60 percent of their games.

## Knicks 106, Timberwolves 82

At Minneapolis, the Knicks won their second in a row under new coach Jeff Van Gundy.

Patrick Ewing scored 11 of his 21 points in the first five minutes of the second half when the Knicks broke the game open.

Anthony Mason had a career-high 20 rebounds and 18 points and John Starks added 20 points off the bench.

"Holding (the Wolves) to 35 points in the second half was a good sign," New York coach Jeff Van Gundy said. "We played a good 48 minutes tonight."

## Kings 104, Bucks 95

At Sacramento, Mitch Richmond scored 25 points, Brian Grant had 21 points and 10 rebounds, Tyus Edney had 19 points off the bench and reserve Michael Smith contributed 13 points and 11 rebounds.

The Kings won their third in a row after losing 17 of 18. The loss was the fifth straight and 10th in the last 11 games for Milwaukee.

"Three wins in a row as we head out on this (four-game) road trip, that's real positive for this team," Kings coach Garry St. Jean said. "It's got to do something for our psyche in a positive fashion."

## Celtics 110, 76ers 100

At Boston, Todd Day scored 23 points, Rick Fox 21 and David Wesley 20, and the Celtics scored 14 of the game's final 17 points.

# NFL owners take no action at meetings

By DAVE GOLDBERG  
AP Football Writer  
PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) - The NFL is treading cautiously on its most pressing issue, franchise free agency.

The owners officially ended their meeting Wednesday with no action on the two latest proposed moves in a year in which five franchises either have relocated or said they plan to. The action on one - Houston to Nashville - probably will come at a special meeting next month.

Otherwise, the only tangible action was a decision to experiment with instant replay during the exhibition season and, in a less visible way, the regular season.

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue said the lack of action was intentional. "We had nothing really pressing that had to be done now," he said. "This was a good time to step back and discuss what we have to do."

That doesn't mean that action isn't urgent, particularly in the Houston-Nashville move and in Seattle's proposed move to southern California. That's likely to be one on which the owners take a stand.

"I think we're pushing around the

fan," said Robert Kraft, owner of the New England Patriots. "If this continues, the ripple effect could be tremendous."

The major obstacle remains the courts, which have consistently held under antitrust laws that the NFL is not a single entity, but a group of 30 separate businesses that have the right to do business as they wish.

Tagliabue said the league might challenge the moves in court. The NFL has been reluctant to do so on the relocation of the Rams from Los Angeles to St. Louis and Art Modell's franchise from Cleveland to Baltimore.

But when asked if Seattle was where the line would be drawn, Tagliabue replied, "Next question." When the next question was the same, he said: "We've made it very clear we're trying to assist teams and communities to resolve their problems."

But some owners were more candid.

"The Seahawks belong in the Pacific Northwest," said Buffalo's Ralph Wilson, the most outspoken owner on franchise moves.

Officials from Seattle were

optimistic that the league would help them in their attempt to keep the Seahawks.

They met with the league's finance and stadium committees to try to block the Seahawks' move. Their object was to undercut the claims of Seahawks owner Ken Behring, who contends the Kingdome is unsafe because of possible earthquake risks. Behring says that invalidates his lease, which has another 10 years to run.

The Seattle group said it was well received by the owners and Neil Austrian, the league president, said the issue would be addressed in April. Gary Locke, the King County executive, said his experts are confident safety measures could be incorporated into a long-term improvement program.

Tagliabue did concede there was a "higher sense of urgency" both to the Seahawks' plans and the search by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers for either a new stadium or a new home.

As for Houston, Tagliabue said he would have a recommendation soon on whether the Oilers met the NFL's guidelines for moving. A year ago, Tagliabue held that the Rams didn't

meet the guidelines for their move from Anaheim to St. Louis, and the owners blocked it, only to relent a month later after threatened court action by both St. Louis and the team.

Most owners think the league will approve the move. But the city of Houston already has used the NFL's decision to guarantee Cleveland a team by 1999 when Modell left town to ask for the same guarantee.

There was no vote on the move to experiment with instant replay, largely because there were numerous views of what kind of system to use.

Tagliabue, who made the decision to go ahead with the experiment, said it would involve challenges by coaches of a limited number of plays. The review is likely to be on the field, with the referee making the final decision.

It will be used as an actual part of the game in the 15 exhibition games that are televised nationally by the five networks carrying NFL games - Fox, NBC, ABC, ESPN and TNT. During the season, there will be simulations, but coaches, players and fans will be unaware of what plays are reviewed or the outcomes.

# Moore's working to keep NFL in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) - John Jay Moore, owner of the San Diego Padres baseball team, has arranged enough money to buy another NFL team for Houston once the Oilers leave, a spokesman for Moore said. "He's got the money. We can start shopping for a team," Austin media consultant Bill Miller told the Houston Chronicle in today's editions.

Moore has said he was seeking other investors to spend \$150 million to \$200 million to buy an expansion

team or an existing one and bring it to Houston.

Miller said no teams have been contacted.

"We're just starting what likely will be a long process," he said. "I'm not sure we know what's what. We just want to keep our options open and keep communication free."

NFL officials have said it is unlikely Houston will get an expansion team, because league owners are balking at adding teams, which bite into the television

revenues they share.

So Moore's likely must rely on buying an existing team. One owner having financial difficulties is the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' Malcolm Glazer, whose companies are embroiled in legal problems and who has been unable to get a commitment for a new state-of-the-art stadium in Tampa.

NFL owners on Monday gave Houston mayor Bob Lanier a cold shoulder in his demand for a team to replace the Oilers, expected to begin play in Nashville, Tenn., by 1998.

Lanier told the owners he would build a new football stadium and allow the Oilers to leave now if the city got another team. But amid a feud between Lanier and Oilers owner Bud Adams, the owners appear unlikely to help Houston at this point. Moore's did not attend the NFL

owners meeting this week in Palm Beach, Fla., saying he did not want to impose on the presentation Lanier made with Harris County Judge Robert Eckels.

"If we come with the political guys, it would have been a three-ring circus," Miller said. "We would have been a distraction."

Many owners want the league to ban colleagues from owning franchises in other sports because they want ownership solidly behind their sport and not sharing interest with another.

But two NFL owners control teams in other sports. The San Francisco 49ers' Eddie DeBartolo owns the Pittsburgh Penguins hockey team, and the Miami Dolphins' Wayne Huizenga owns the Florida Panthers hockey club and the Florida Marlins baseball team.

# Arizona eyes Hellestrae

PHOENIX (AP) - The Arizona Cardinals have offered Dallas Cowboys offensive lineman Dale Hellestrae a contract, his agent says.

Steve Endicott of Dallas told The Arizona Republic on Wednesday the Hellestrae wanted more than the one-year, minimum \$275,000 salary

the Cowboys offered.

Cardinals officials said they were unaware of any offer.

Hellestrae, who has 11 years in the NFL, has been backup center, deep snapper and guard for the Cowboys since 1990.

# Chiefs sign QB Richardson

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) - The Kansas City Chiefs have signed four-year veteran quarterback Bucky Richardson, who was not on any regular-season roster in 1995, to a two-year contract. Terms were not disclosed.

Richardson last played in the NFL in 1994 for the Houston Oilers, said Chiefs spokesman Bob Moore on Wednesday. Richardson was released by the Oilers in 1995 but played preseason stints with them, as well as with New England and Dallas.

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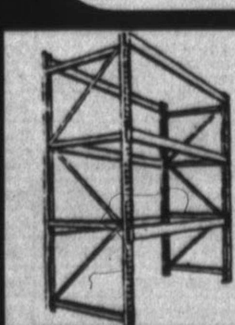
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# A good cover letter can attract potential employers

## Sending a letter with a resume is often forgotten, but can create interest

**By L.M.Sixel  
Houston Chronicle**  
HOUSTON - There's no getting around it - cover letters are a pain to write.

Those letters that you send to prospective employers along with your resume have to be bright and snappy to attract enough interest to get those employers to read your resume.

The best cover letter is concise. It says what you're applying for and highlights two or three of your achievements that match the skills or experience a company is seeking in its candidates. Then the letter should close by saying you're looking forward to talking about the job opening.

Unfortunately, many job seekers don't follow those basic rules, and they don't get through the first applicant cut.

"Cover letters are one of the most underrated tools of the job search," said Timothy D. Half, author of "Trashproof Resumes."

Most job seekers are frightened by the prospect of writing a cover letter, so they copy the samples out of books, Half said. And usually the result isn't very good.

The key is to analyze the target audience, Half said. What does the employer you're writing to need? Forget the all-purpose samples you've seen, and boil down your skills to the most important three or four that particular employer is looking for, Half said.

"It's not a time to do a mass mailing," he said.

Experts say you should never use more than one page for a cover letter. Three or four paragraphs are the best.

A short and clear cover letter is one way Robert E. Lee determines how much time to spend looking at an applicant's resume.

"It's tough to wade through a two-to-three-page cover letter when you're looking over 50 applicants," said

Lee, vice president and trust officer of University Bank in Houston.

Most experts also advise against being cute in a cover letter. It doesn't usually work.

Jack Bradshaw gets about 75 resumes a day as vice president and managing director in Houston of A.T. Kearney/EDS, an executive recruiting firm.

One job seeker sent him a bottle with a letter and resume rolled inside. "I thought, 'Why in the world would someone send something like this?'" Bradshaw remembered. Then he cut his hand getting the resume out of the bottle.

"I was not impressed," he said. But for every rule there's an exception.

Jon Hein knew the one-page anti-cute rule but figured the only way to get a big-time television producer to notice him was to write a clever cover letter.

The recent University of Michigan graduate was looking for a screenwriting job when he penned what has become one of the most famous cover letters.

"A million to one. The Hollywood Reporter. Premiere magazine. My skeptical parents. They all agree on my chances of bringing a comedy to television."

Hein then went on to list his accomplishments and narrowing his odds for success. He finally got down to 1,000 to 1.

"Not bad, considering where I started, but a brief phone conversation with you would certainly help my numbers."

Hein said he mailed the flippant two-page letter to 50 top producers and expected to follow up a week later with phone calls.

To his surprise, 12 producers called - including six on one day - to say they wanted to talk and see more of Hein's writing.

And the producers who didn't call Hein took his calls because the

secretaries remembered his funny letter. Hein flew out to Hollywood and got some work writing scripts.

In an ironic twist, Hein can't use the letter anymore because it was reprinted in the book "How to Survive Without Your Parents' Money: Making it from College to the Real World."

Not that he didn't try. He had sent it to a top producer at Spelling Entertainment who was indignant that Hein had the gall to plagiarize. It turns out the producer had bought the book for his son and saw the letter.

Here are some other pointers to make your cover letters less painful and more acceptable:

- If you heard about the job opening from a friend, relative or co-worker, mention that in the opening. Never forget it's not what you know, it's whom you know.

- Get someone else to proofread your cover letter so you don't make spelling and grammatical errors. Some employers say they automatically deep-six a cover letter with misspelled words.

"It shows they have no attention

## Man dies less than year after winning Lotto

DALLAS (AP) - A Dallas pharmacist has died less than one year after winning nearly \$12.9 million in a Lotto Texas drawing.

A funeral is scheduled for Saturday for Johnny R. Brewster, 49, who died Saturday at Charlton Methodist Hospital in Dallas after suffering a heart attack. Services will be at Mount Horeb Missionary Baptist Church.

Under Texas lottery regulations, Brewster's unclaimed winnings now go to his estate.

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to detail," said Joy Snow, home office recruiter with Owen Healthcare Co. in Houston. "I question their level of professionalism."

"Take some time to find out the name and title of the person you're writing to, Half said. There's nothing much worse than sending a letter to someone whose name you got out of some directory who left the company last year. And if you can, find out a little something about the recipient's needs and frustrations so you can better tailor your letter.

- Be sure to spell out your new goals

if you're trying to change careers, Bradshaw said.

- Be specific on your skills and experience. Don't waste space with talents most people claim, such as "I work well with people."

- Follow the job advertisement's directions. If the company wants to know what you're earning, for instance, include it, Snow said. She often asks for applicants' salary history and expectations, but more times than not, they don't provide it.

- Provide your daytime phone number so the interviewer can reach

you, Snow suggested. A perfect place is in your closing.

- Sign your letter. About 20 percent of the letters Snow receives are unsigned. It's understandable not to sign a letter if you send it over a computer modem, but it's odd when an unsigned letter comes through the mail, she said. You have to wonder if the job is important enough and whether the job seeker pays much attention to details.

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## SHAMROCK

The St. Patrick's Day Celebration on March 15-17 will be Shamrock's 50th.

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The fun gets started with a banquet and carnival, then continues with an arts and crafts show, a Donegal-beard growing contest, dancing, beauty contests for all ages, and much, much more.

For more information, contact the Shamrock Chamber of Commerce, 207 N. Main St., Shamrock, 79079. 806-256-2501.

## MULESHOE

The eighth annual Eastern New Mexico and West Texas Women's Spiritual Growth Retreat has been set for the weekend of April 12-13.

The retreat will be held in the Bailey County Coliseum in Muleshoe and will feature Donna Otto as the guest speaker.

This is a non-denominational event designed to minister to women of all ages and backgrounds.

The deadline for registration is April 1, after which there will be a late charge of \$10. Registrations will not be accepted after April 11 and there will be no on-site registration.

Everyone is encouraged to attend. Make your reservations early, space is limited. For more information call Master's Book and Gifts 1-800-452-6818.

## LUBBOCK

St. Mary Hospital's Joe Arrington Cancer Research and Treatment Center in Lubbock will present "Lighten Up For Spring! (or, Salads Aren't Just For Rabbits!)" from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. on March 29 in the St. Mary Education Center at 6502 Slide Road.

The program will feature St. Mary Hospital executive chef Joe Gariepy, who will demonstrate fun and unusual salads that are easy to make and healthy, too. Gariepy will offer samples and recipes of his creations.

The program is open to the public at no charge; however, since space is limited, reservations are required.

For more information, or to make reservations, call (806) 796-4777.

## PANHANDLE

The final installment in the "Trails and Rails in the Panhandle" series of three lectures will be held at the Square House Museum in Panhandle beginning at 3 p.m. on March 24.

Dale Worley of Amarillo will speak on the topic "From Cattle Trails to Steel Rails."

This lecture will conclude the story of exploration and travel in the region that began with Dr. Don Blakeslee's lecture on "The Coronado Expedition" and continued with Alvin Lynn speaking on "From Comanchero to Cattle Trails."

Worley will chronicle the spirits of the 19th century Texas railroads and their impact on the Texas Panhandle.

Worley was born in Canadian to

## Class of 1966 to hold meeting

The Hereford High School class of 1966 will hold an organizational meeting today, Thursday, in the Hereford State Bank at 7 p.m.

Plans for the upcoming class reunion will be discussed.

For further information contact Charlene at 364-3556.

## Rebekah Lodge to hold bake sale

The Hereford Rebekah Lodge will hold a bake sale Saturday in the Homeland Super Market.

## Names in the News

NEW YORK (AP) - Emergency surgery to remove his appendix has slowed Mel Gibson down for a while.

The 40-year-old actor suffered an appendicitis attack while flying from California to New York and underwent surgery Sunday at New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center, publicist Alan Nierob said. He was released the same day.

"He's doing great," Nierob said Tuesday. "I don't know how long he has to rest, but it won't be long."

a railroading family and his own railroad career began at age 17. He retired in 1990 after 49 years of service.

He is author of *Iron Horses of the Santa Fe Trail* and is currently president of the Texas Panhandle Railroad Society Historical Society.

The lecture will be held in the auditorium of the Hazlewood Arts and Education Building and admission is free.

## WTAMU

West Texas A&M University is hosting their 14th annual Junior/Senior Preview on March 23. All area high school juniors and seniors are welcome to spend the day on the WTAMU campus.

Registration for Junior/Senior Preview will be held from 2:30 p.m.-3 p.m. in the Ballroom of the Virgil Henson Activities Center.

The event begins at 3 p.m. with information about admissions and financial aid. From 4:45 p.m.-6 p.m. campus tours will be given. There will be games from 6 p.m.-6:30 p.m. followed by dinner with WTAMU students, staff and faculty from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. in the South Dining Hall.

The evening will include a comedy club by Buzz Sutherland from 8 p.m.-9 p.m. and a dance along with casino games from 9 p.m.-midnight. The Regulators, a country music band, will play for the dance.

There will be no charge to attend; however, reservations are required. The deadline to register for Junior/Senior Preview is March 21.

For more information or to register, contact the Office of Admissions in Room 124 of Old Main or call 806-656-2020 or 1-800-99-WTAMU.

The Harrington String Quartet will hold the third and final performance of their 1995-96 season at 3 p.m. on March 24 at Northern Hall at West Texas A&M University. Previously the date for this concert was March 23.

The Quartet will perform a concert featuring Russian music.

The four members of the Harrington String Quartet are Dawn Harms, violin, John Meisner, violin, Amy Brandfonbrener, viola and Emmanuel Lopez, cello. All four are Principal players in the Amarillo Symphony and faculty members at WTAMU.

Single tickets are \$7 for adults for \$2 for students and senior citizens. Tickets are available at the concert hall or by calling the Amarillo Symphony box office at 376-8782.

## AMARILLO

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The program is held in the American Cancer Society office at 3915 Bell in Amarillo. Facilitator is Dr. James Luce.

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The Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority Child and Adolescent Services is offering parenting classes for parents, grandparents, foster parents -- anyone who has children in the home and is interested in looking at different ways to discipline children.

SOS! HELP FOR PARENTS is a six week class for parents of children ages 2-12. The class meets on Tuesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. beginning March 19 and ending April 23.

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This class will be taught by two staff members of Child and Adolescent Services -- Troy Navarrette, BSW, and Denise White, MEd.

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Music and laughter will fill the Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium March 23 when Amarillo Opera and the Amarillo College Opera Workshop present Johann Strauss' comic opera, *DIE FLEDERMAUS*, at 7:30 p.m.

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*DIE FLEDERMAUS* will also highlight our area's remarkable reputation for professional quality singers. Brenda Lintner Scott will sing the role of Rosalinda, Erma Rush performs as Adele, Dale Elliott as Eisenstein, Robert Hansen as Alfredo, Camille Nies as Orlofsky and Greg Shapley sings the role of Dr. Falke.

Thanks to BRAVO!, the support organization for Amarillo Opera, the festivities will continue with a Masked Ball Gala in the Grand Plaza immediately following the performance.

Tickets for the performance and the Gala may be purchased by calling the Civic Center Box Office at 806-378-3096. Ticket prices for the performance are \$10, \$15 and \$20. Gala tickets are \$50 for BRAVO! members and \$55 for non-members.



## Opera performers

A masquerade ball provides a grand setting for much of the story, *DIE FLEDERMAUS*, a fun and rousing opera to be presented by the Amarillo Opera and the Amarillo College Opera Workshop at 7:30 p.m. in the Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium on March 23. The opera's title translates literally to "the bat."



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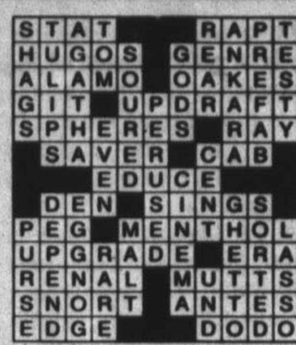
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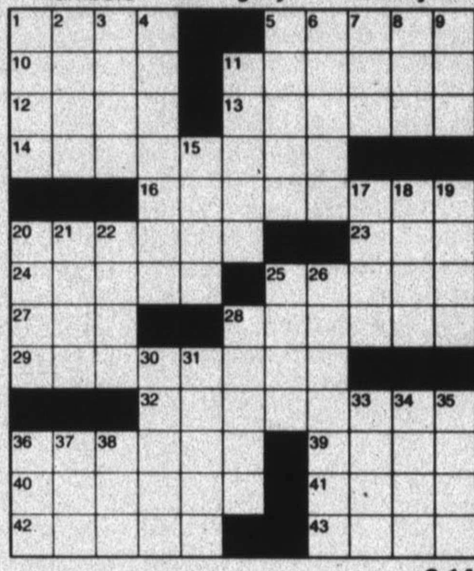
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# Single mother faces possible deportation to Mexico

## 21-year-old has American kids, mother with green card, but may have to leave US

**EDITOR'S NOTE** - When is an immigrant legal or illegal? Should a person who has broken no laws be deported after reaching a certain age? Here is the story of one family of Mexican immigrants under the threat of being torn apart as the United States tightens its restrictions on immigration.

By **MARTHA IRVINE**  
Associated Press Writer  
NAPA, Calif. (AP) - Rosaura

Rincon has lived legally most of her 21 years in the rolling hills of Northern California's wine country. She has two young sons who are U.S. citizens.

Her mother is a legal immigrant who has a green card, a permit to live and work in the United States.

But Rosaura Rincon, who had dreams of becoming a member of the California Highway patrol, is faced with possible deportation to Mexico.

Why? She recently became an adult.

Rosaura doesn't know much about the fine print of U.S. immigration policy. She simply shrugs when asked about California's Proposition 187, the measure, now being challenged in federal court, that restricts government aid, education and health care to illegal immigrants.

Her questions reflect a more personal predicament.

"How am I going to go back to Mexico?" asks Rincon, who has lived in the United States since she was 7. "I've made my life here."

As she speaks, she stares blankly at a television that blares a newscast in Spanish. She teeters on the edge of the couch in her parents' living room, which doubles as her bedroom.

"She's really in limbo right now," said Camille Cook, a San Francisco immigration attorney who's been trying to help Rincon stay with her family, all of whom are legal residents.

legal immigrant category by about 30 percent.

"It's quite radical. It's not just conservative," said Katherine Brady, a staff attorney at the Immigrant Legal Resource Center in San Francisco.

In the 1980s, the United States admitted an average of about 700,000 legal immigrants each year. That's more than twice the number admitted in the 1970s and 14 times the number in the 1930s, when the Great Depression bolted U.S. doors like never before in this century.

"It's really heartbreaking."

She told the story of 2,000 Chinese immigrants from California who recently wrote letters to Congress, including photos of themselves and the siblings and other extended relatives they hoped to bring to the United States. Some of them have been waiting as long as 10 years to be reunited.

Kay, from Rep. Smith's office, conceded that the choices are difficult. But he and other proponents of immigration reform offer little sympathy.

# 'Betasweet' chosen as name of new maroon A&M carrot

By **KEELY COGHLAN**  
Bryan-College Station Eagle  
COLLEGE STATION, Texas - "Purple Passion" is out. So is "Purple People Eater," "Bunny's Best," "The Barney Carrot" and "12th Man Carrot."

Texas A&M University vegetable guru Leonard Pike weeded through more than 500 suggestions for the name of his new maroon carrot before he and a panel of 13 people chose "Betasweet" as the name of their new carrot.

Progressive Farmer named Pike its Man of the Year in the past for his work for southwest agriculture, including development of the 1015 onion and establishment of the Vegetable Improvement Center.

Pike ended up with a 17-page list of single-spaced names. Readers of Progressive Farmer sent in almost 350 names. Others were sent in by watchers of the syndicated "The Produce Man" segments on local news shows across the country and by A&M students or former students.

associate Barbara Rogers, the carrots pass the "I don't like vegetables" teen-ager test.

"I had three teen-agers in with me this weekend, and one of them wouldn't eat vegetables at all," she said. "He told me he only ate meat, cheese and French fries. I gave him one of the maroon carrots, and he ate the whole thing."

A lot of schoolchildren say they don't like carrots, Pike said. "But they reach in and get one of ours because they look so different," Pike said.

Most of the other top contenders also included some reference to the carrot's high betacarotene content: "Beta King," "Hi Beta," "Sweet Beta" and "Texas Mega Beta." "Texas Sunset" was the only Top 6 candidate that didn't.

About 75 percent of the final 50 names included some mention of "beta," in reference to the carrot's increased level of betacarotene, said Pike, director of the Vegetable Improvement Center at A&M.

And then there appear to be a few submissions from possible University of Texas jokesters, including "Gig 'Um Carrot" and "High Noon Maroon."

Pike threw out a lot of names that referred to color or A&M, including "Carmine Miranda," that failed to pick up on the health aspect - the carrot's biggest asset.

Pike's carrot packs a healthier punch: more betacarotene, more vitamin C, a little bit more sugar to sweeten the taste and a crunchier texture.

Pike has roomfuls of carrots - all kept chilled in bags and boxes - from his latest harvest. But these carrots won't be headed to a store near you - at least, not this year.

Pike is picking out the best carrots - ones that are dark maroon on the outside and orange inside - for re-seeding.

"We will keep working on the carrots for a higher dark color on the outside and a higher orange color inside," he said. "We're still getting variations, but within two years I will have 100 percent where I want them."

"When I talked to people, I said I don't want it to be an Aggie joke carrot," Pike said. "I think a lot of people picked up on it."

The winning contestant, John Duncelman of Clewiston, Fla., also submitted four other names. He will receive some cookbooks and possibly some maroon carrot seeds from Progressive Farmer, which sponsored the "Name the Maroon Carrot Contest."

The university will do a name search to ensure that there is no conflict with any other product with that name, and then Pike will begin marketing the carrot under that name.

"The big winner will be the marketing," said Karl Wolfsohhl of Progressive Farmer. "The name is half the battle."

And, said senior research

The carrots will not be available in stores until next January, when a very limited supply will be sold, pre-peeled, pre-cut and pre-packaged, as part of a marketing study.

Two Rio Grande Valley companies, McManus Produce Co. in Weslaco and Griffin and Brand in McAllen, have agreed to set up processing lines and help with the first-year costs, Pike said.

"I want to keep producing them, but they're good like they are," Pike said. "Everybody's wanting the carrots now, so I'm trying to get them out next year."

On her 21st birthday in January, Rincon entered an immigration classification that bills pending in Congress are aiming to quash. She is an adult child of a legal immigrant. The proposed legislation bills would eliminate siblings and other extended family members from the longstanding "family reunification" policy. That means Rincon could be deported.

Sponsored by Sen. Alan Simpson, R-Wyo., and Rep. Lamar Smith, R-Texas, the bill, known as the Immigration in the National Interest Act, is part of an immigration reform movement that has come to the forefront in Congress.

For Rincon, the possibility of being deported becomes all the more difficult for her since her sons, Mark, 4, and Ritchie, 3, are U.S. citizens.

"I don't get child support. But I'm not going to welfare asking for money," said Rincon, a single mother who works as a waitress. "I'm trying to make it with the money I get from my job."

Delays, caused by problems ranging from the recent federal shutdowns to her marriage to an undocumented Mexican immigrant - they're now divorced - kept her from receiving a green card as a 20-year-old.

As an adult child, she faces an average waiting time of about five years for a green card, though Congress soon may make that a moot point.

The current bills, which shift the focus from family reunification to attracting skilled workers, cuts the

number of visas for extended family members by 20 percent.

"We have gotten off track," Kay said. "There seem to be arguments as if there is a right to immigrate to the United States - and it's not."

Complaints about the proposed reforms have been particularly strong from the West Coast, Kay said. California, which has 6.5 million foreign-born residents, would be hard hit.

Brady said the latest round of bills are part of a 40-year cycle of anti-immigrant sentiment that follows economic hard times.

That sentiment has turned to legislation, from the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 to later bills aimed at Japanese, eastern European and finally Mexican immigrants, she said.

"Very few people would assert that legal immigration is a problem in the U.S.," Brady said. "I would assert that immigrants - especially those who come to stay with family - contribute much more to the economy than they take away."

Rincon's story, she said, is a common one.

"There are thousands and thousands of cases just like that," Brady said.

That person chose to separate themselves from his or her family," Kay said.

The sentiment in Washington to rein in immigration numbers crosses party lines.

Take, for example, the recommendations from the U.S. Commission on Immigration Reform, headed by Barbara Jordan, the late Democratic congresswoman from Texas, appointed by the Clinton administration. The commission's recommendations to the president included cutting the number of visas for extended family members by 20 percent.

Rincon, who was born in the dusty farmlands of the Mexican state of Michoacan, stops short of saying she has a right to stay in this country. But she cannot imagine living anywhere else.

"I was raised in kind of the American way, I guess," she said softly.

Having dropped out of high school after the 10th grade, she had hoped to return for her diploma and then attend Napa Valley College. She wanted to join the California Highway Patrol.

But all of that requires a green card, she said.

"I guess through the years I've had some bad luck," she said.

If she is deported, Rincon says, her sons would stay in this country. But her mother, a house cleaner who has had her green card since 1986, says that she would return to Mexico with her daughter.

"She doesn't have anyone there. All her family is here," she said in Spanish. "I'm a mother. I do what I can for my six children. It's all I can do."



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## 1995 income tax filing

# Changes in tax rules relatively minor this year

**By DAVE SKIDMORE**  
Associated Press Writer  
WASHINGTON (AP) - Presidential candidates this year are talking about radically simplifying the federal income tax and reducing returns to post cards, but - for now - taxpayers are stuck with the old system.

Changes in tax rules this year affecting 1995 returns are relatively minor. So, unless your personal circumstances have changed, you probably can use last year's return as a general guide for this year.

There's a slim chance that if President Clinton and Congress resolve their budget impasse, they could enact some retroactive changes. But as time passes the likelihood of that grows slimmer.

Here's an overview of what's new this year. Publication 553 has the details.

**- TAX RATES:** The tax rates are

the same as last year: 15 percent, 28 percent, 31 percent, 36 percent and 39.6 percent. But the brackets have been adjusted for inflation.

For a single person, the first \$23,350 of taxable income - what is left after subtracting exemptions and deductions - is taxed at 15 percent. The next \$33,200 is taxed at 28 percent; the next \$61,400 at 31 percent; the next \$138,550 at 36 percent, and everything over \$256,500 at 39.6 percent.

The first \$39,000 of a couple's taxable income on a joint return is taxed at 15 percent; the next \$55,250 at 28 percent; the next \$49,350 at 31 percent; the next \$112,900 at 36 percent, and everything over \$256,500 at 39.6 percent.

Capital gains are still taxed at 15 percent or 28 percent - no higher.

**- EXEMPTIONS:** Your children are more valuable this year. The amount for each exemption -

generally yourself, your spouse and your dependents - is \$2,500, an increase of \$50.

**- STANDARD DEDUCTION:** The deduction has been increased to \$3,900 for single people and \$6,550 for couples filing joint returns, up from \$3,800 and \$6,350 respectively. Deductions can be smaller for dependents and larger for those 65 or older or blind.

**- HIGHER-INCOME PEOPLE:** Couples and individuals with adjusted gross income over \$114,700 (up from \$111,800 the previous year) may have to give up part of some deductions. They lose all or part of their exemptions when their adjusted gross income is over \$114,700 for single people and \$172,050 for couples, up from \$111,800 and \$167,700.

Upper-bracket taxpayers who elected to pay their 1993 tax increase in installments must pay the third installment by April 15.

**- EARNED INCOME CREDIT:**

The earned income credit for the working poor has been increased. Depending on its income, a family with more than one child can receive a maximum of \$3,110, families with one child, \$2,094, and childless people, \$314. The income limits, when eligibility for a partial credit ends, have risen to \$26,673 for families with more than one child, \$24,396 for families with one child, and \$9,230 for the childless. Most nonresident aliens no longer can claim the credit. But military personnel on extended active duty outside the United States now are eligible.

**- SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE TAXES:** Only the first \$61,200 of wages in 1995 was subject to the 6.2 percent Social Security tax. If you had more than one employer and paid more than \$3,794.40, any overpayment can be claimed as a

credit against your income tax or refunded. Note it on line 59 of Form 1040 or line 29d of Form 1040A. If any one employer withheld too much, see that employer. All wages are subject to the 1.45 percent Medicare tax.

**- BUSINESS DEDUCTIONS:** For most business expenses, starting Oct. 1, 1995, you need receipts only for expenditures of \$75 or more. For the earlier part of the year, the old threshold of \$25 applies.

**- EMPLOYER-PAID TUITION:** The tax exemption for employer-paid tuition expired at the end of 1994. If your employer paid your tuition last year, the amount should show up on your W-2 form as income, and you'll have to pay tax on it. If Congress renews the program retroactively, your employer will have to give you a new W-2, and you can file an amended return.

**- HEALTH INSURANCE:** Congress this year retroactively restored the health insurance deduction for the self-employed, which had lapsed. It's been increased to 30 percent for 1995, up from 25 percent. If you were eligible and didn't claim it for 1994, file an amended return.

**- SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS:** Social Security numbers now are required for all dependents born before November, 1995. Last year, babies younger than a year didn't need numbers.

**- UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION:** You now can report unemployment compensation on the simplest tax return, Form 1040EZ. Previously, you had to use 1040A or 1040.

**- MILEAGE:** The standard mileage rate for business use of a car is 30 cents

a mile, up from 29 cents. The mileage deduction for charitable purposes remains 12 cents a mile and, for medical purposes, 9 cents.

**- 401(k) PLANS:** The limit on contributions to these employer-sponsored retirement accounts and simplified employee pension plans in 1995 was \$9,240, the same as in 1994. The limit rose to \$9,500 for 1996.

**- NANNY TAX:** There's a new Schedule H for reporting the Social Security and Medicare taxes you withheld from the checks of household employees earning \$1,000 and more. The form replaces five separate forms that had to be filed in past years.

**- DIRECT DEPOSIT:** Rather than taking the chance their refund check will get lost in the mail, taxpayers filing paper returns now can have their refund electronically deposited into their bank account. To request direct deposit, they should attach Form 8888 to their return after double-checking their account number with their bank and asking for its routing transit number. Previously, only those filing electronically or using a computerized return, Form 1040PC, could get direct deposit.

**- PAYMENT VOUCHERS:** More taxpayers will receive payment vouchers, Form 1040-V, in their tax packages this year. If you owe the IRS, attach your check to it and put it, loose, in the same envelope as your tax return.

**- PAID PREPARERS:** About 33 million households who used a paid preparer last year should have received an IRS postcard in the mail rather than a package of tax forms. The postcard includes a pre-printed label they can take to their preparer.

## Rules show who doesn't have to file

**By DAVE SKIDMORE**  
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WASHINGTON (AP) - Before you go through the pain and agony of doing your own taxes, you'll want find out if you can skip the chore in the first place.

That's no small task. The rules on who must file are complex and depend on the interaction of many factors, including your income, age, marital status, whether you have children and whether you're someone else's dependent.

Even if you're not required to file, you may want to anyway, to claim the earned income credit or get a refund of any amount withheld from your wages.

Publication 501 or your tax package has all the details, but here are the basic filing thresholds:

**- SINGLE:** \$6,400 in gross income if younger than 65 on Jan. 1, 1996, and \$7,350 if 65 or older. This includes divorced, legally separated and many widowed people.

**- HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD:** \$8,250 if younger than 65 and \$9,200 if 65 or older. This status, which carries a lower tax rate than single

status, is for unmarried people who provide a home for an unmarried child or grandchild or a dependent married child or grandchild, parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew and most in-laws. Their parent need not live with them but any other relative must. Some married people who lived apart from their spouse during the last six months of 1995 also are eligible.

**- MARRIED, FILING JOINTLY:** \$11,550 if both spouses are younger than 65, \$12,300 if one spouse is 65 or older, and \$13,050 if both spouses are 65 or older. If you file jointly but did not live together at the end of the year, the threshold is \$2,500.

**- MARRIED, FILING SEPARATELY:** \$2,500, any age.

**- QUALIFYING WIDOW or widower with dependent child:** \$9,050 if younger than 65, \$9,800 if 65 or older. To qualify, your spouse must have died in 1993 or 1994, you must not have remarried in 1995 and you must have paid over half the cost of keeping up a home for yourself and a dependent child who lived with you all year.

**- DEPENDENTS:** The thresholds are lower for dependents and vary depending on marital status, whether or not the dependent is blind or 65 or older and on the type of income involved, earned or unearned.

Children younger than 14 don't have to file separately if their parents include their income in their own by using Form 8814.

The child's income must have come entirely from interest and dividends, the income must be less than \$5,000, and the child must have had no tax withheld from income and made no estimated tax payments.

This could be an expensive option, though, because with a few exceptions the child's earnings will be taxed at the parents' top rate. That could be as high as 39.6 percent; most children who are taxed normally pay a top rate of 15 percent.

Once you know you need to file a return, you must choose a form. The basic return for all taxpayers is the 1040. But there are two simpler alternatives - the 1040A and 1040EZ - for people who don't itemize deductions and whose income was

less than \$50,000 after subtracting their exemption and standard deduction.

To use the 1040EZ, you must have no dependents and your filing status must be single or married filing jointly. Also, you must be younger than 65 and not blind, you must have had no more than \$400 of interest income, and the rest of your income must come entirely from wages, salaries, tips, scholarships and unemployment compensation.

You can use the 1040EZ to claim the earned income credit if you did not have a qualifying child. You can't use it if you received advance earned income credit payments through your employer.

The 1040A allows more income sources than the 1040EZ, adding to the list: pensions, annuities, Social Security benefits, Individual Retirement Account withdrawals, interest in excess of \$400 and dividends.

Unlike the 1040EZ, the 1040A allows you to deduct IRA contributions, claim the credit for child care expenses and the credit for the elderly and disabled. You can also use it to claim the earned income credit.

Yet Castro has always had apologists, here and abroad. It has become popular in some circles to see him as a "kinder, gentler" revolutionary communist dictator. That view was evident in our government's recent relaxation of travel and other restrictions against Cuba.

The folly of such appeasement and accommodation is now tragically apparent. Last week Congress voted to restore U.S. policy to its previous, proper direction, to isolate Castro's government, put a shield around it and hasten the day when it will fall. The measure we enacted will reinstate U.S. economic sanctions against the Castro regime, deny it foreign investment and hard currency, and protect the interests of American citizens whose property the Cuban government seized illegally decades ago.

In the absence of massive Soviet subsidies that propped it up for decades, the provisions of this legislation will inevitably bring the Castro government to the brink of two alternatives: surrender power voluntarily, or have it taken away by the long-suffering Cuban people.

The administration was right to reinstate restrictions on contacts with Cuba that it earlier had relaxed. We should renew efforts to gain international support for our economic embargo of Cuba. We should hope that the International Olympic Committee will reconsider Cuban participation in the upcoming Olympics. And we should demand the nuclear reactor projects be suspended.

It would be a fitting testament to the sacrifices of those men who lost their lives in this incident if it strengthens American resolve and so hastens the day that Castro's regime crumbles and freedom is restored to the Cuban people.

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Fidel Castro's dictatorial regime in Cuba has been a thorn in America's southern flank for nearly 30 years.

The cold-blooded murder of four American citizens by Cuban warplanes on February 25 was just the latest example of Castro's ruthlessness. It was an outrage against the United States of America, against international law, and against every concept of human decency. Neither the United States, nor the world community, should allow these murders to go unpunished.

At the same time, we must confront another vexing problem posed by Castro: the construction of two nuclear reactors on Cuban soil. These reactors are fatally flawed, Chernobyls-in-the-making 90 miles off the coast of Florida. In the event of an accident, lethal radioactivity would threaten the entire southeast United States. These reactors cannot be allowed to go on line. I have called on the President to ensure they don't.

All of us were shocked by what happened in the skies over the Caribbean Sea, but none should have been surprised. Castro is a brutal dictator, with no regard for basic human rights or international law, who nurses an abiding hatred of the United States and all it represents. This is the man who is responsible for the suffering in Cuba -- hunger, forced labor, oppression and worse. This is the man who has sent equipment and soldiers to foment civil war in our hemisphere and around the world. This is the man who tried to put his finger on the launch button of nuclear missiles aimed at the United States.

A series of American Presidents, Republicans and Democrats, has understood that Castro is evil and sought to isolate and eventually bring down his government -- for the good of the Cuban people, the United States and the whole world.

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As office manager for Foster Electronics of Hereford, she oversees a very demanding schedule generated by the local computer company's growing clientele.

And since she recently added a new last name to her list of accomplishments, she freely admits that her need for a cellular phone hasn't always been business related.

"I'd say I use my cellular phone 50-50 between business and personal calls," she said. "Lately though, I think my personal calls have increased, and more calls have been made on the road than in town."

"I've been an XIT Cellular customer for about two years, and they've been fabulous to me," she said. "XIT recently offered a FREE phone-cleaning clinic, and besides cleaning my phone, they found and repaired a defective battery. They are very customer-oriented and I'm very impressed!"

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