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Combest outlines plan

Today's weather OUTLOOK



Chance of showers

Tonight, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, lows in the mid-60s.

Friday, partly cloudy with a high in the lower 90s. Friday night, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of evening thunderstorms, lows in the mid-60s.

Extended forecast

Saturday and Sunday, partly cloudy with a chance of mainly afternoon and nighttime thunderstorms, lows in the mid-60s, highs upper 80s to around 90.

Monday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of late afternoon and evening thunderstorms, lows in the mid-60s and highs in the lower 90s.

Hereford weather

Wednesday's high, 91; low, 67; no precipitation, according to KPAN Radio.

Lawmaker addresses problems confronting agricultural producers

By Dianna F. Dandridge

Hereford Brand Staff Writer

CANYON -- U.S. Rep. Larry Combest agrees with farmers that something's broke in U.S. agriculture and he wants to fix it.

Combest, the Lubbock Republican who chairs the House Agriculture Committee, sit down Wednesday afternoon with area producers and businessmen to discuss a proposed agriculture reform bill he hopes to present within the next few weeks.

"We want to pass something really good and we want to see some positive changes," Combest said. "We're going to have to pass a bill on a national basis that will also address local needs and issues."

Combest made a series of stops across the 19th District to get comment from producers about the proposals.

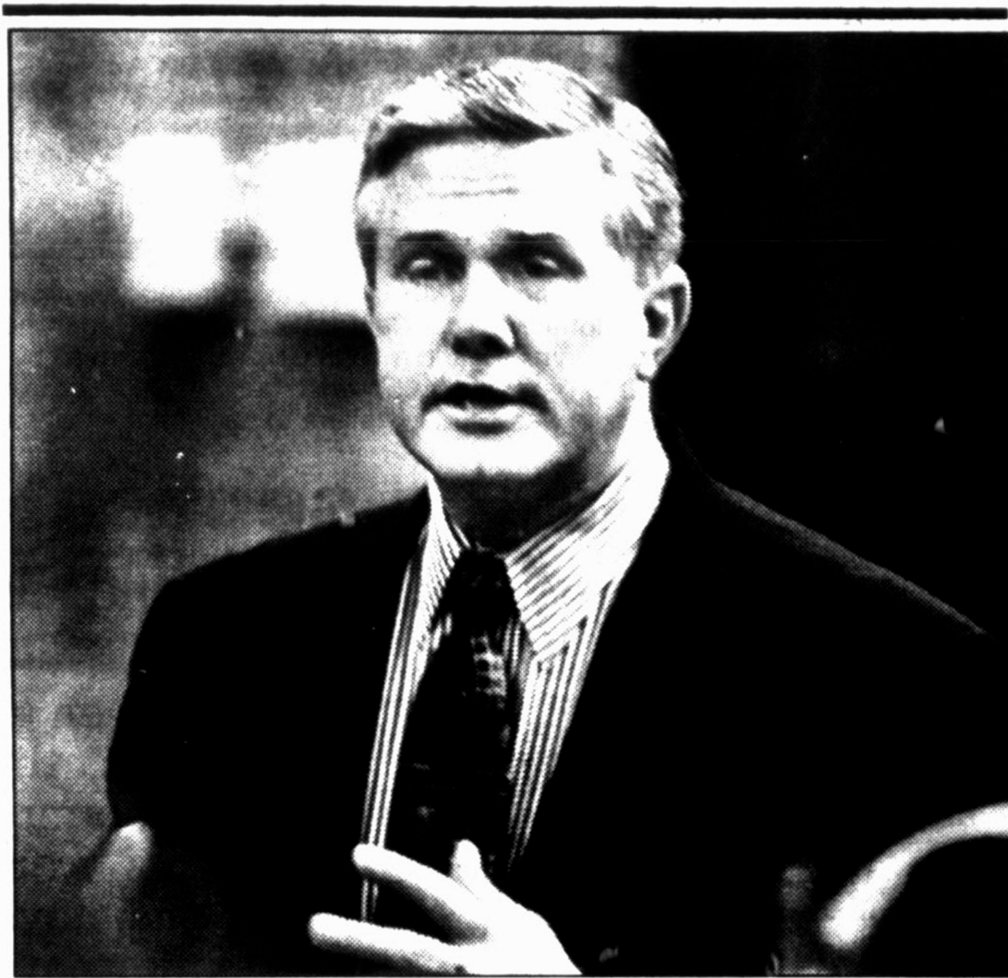
As the congressman outlined his plan, the first phase of the new agricultural packet would provide for crop insurance premium assistance calculated as a percentage of total imputed premiums.

Under this plan, the committee proposal starts with the effective levels of assistance for the 1999 crop year and builds on these levels. Producers would be able to choose the amount of coverage they desired.

Combest also will propose policies to protect production or revenue and equal percentage of assistance or total premiums for those policies.

Actual production history will be used to determine adjustments.

Combest's package retains the current 50/55 catastrophic loss cover-



BRAND Mauri Montgomery

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Rep. Larry Combest, R-Lubbock

through more efficient risk management programs," Combest said. "This does not address prices. That is something we are still working on."

One of the ongoing projects is to develop an insurance coverage for livestock producers beyond just death insurance on an individual basis.

Combest's plan would dedicate up to \$55 million per year to conduct pilot revenue for production insurance programs for livestock producers with no more than 20 percent of the funds allocated to livestock insurance to be expended toward a specific pilot.

"We want to reward producers for being good farmers and using good management decisions," Combest said. "Under the current law, some crops have been covered that most people wouldn't recommend."

Combest also said many problems have occurred as a result of people "working the system."

Combest and his team have been working on this concept for more than two years and want to get some final comments from those most affected before presenting the bill for adoption.

Combest is not the only Texas lawmaker making an effort to boost agriculture.

In June, Republican Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison outlined a comprehensive proposal designed to boost agricultural competitiveness, stabilize farm income, increase exports

and eliminate unfair trade practices. Hutchison's proposal also includes provisions to reform the way Con-

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SEN. KAY B. HUTCHISON
Made proposal to help farmers

Bingo players do their part

Special to The Brand

AUSTIN -- Bingo players in Deaf Smith County did their part in contributing to local charities during the first quarter of 1999.

State Charitable Bingo Director Billy Atkins said, "Players and charities across Texas were big winners with bingo during the first quarter of 1999."

"Players in Deaf Smith County did their share contributing to various local charities and, of course, collecting lucky bingo prizes during the first quarter of the year," he said.

Charitable bingo players who frequented the two licensed bingo charities in Deaf Smith County won \$106,612 in January, February and March of this year, Atkins reported.

Bingo attendance for the quarter reported by the charitable organizations in Deaf Smith County was:

- Elks Lodge No. 2269, 4,259;
- San Jose Catholic Church, 2,495.

Additional information concerning all charitable organizations licensed to conduct bingo games in Deaf Smith County is available upon request.

The \$106,612 won locally is part of the \$101 million in prizes that bingo charities across the state paid to winners. Local government in Deaf Smith County this week received

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Farmers market opens -- Customers look over the produce being sold by Brandy Tempelman of Portales, N.M., (above) at the summer farmers market on the parking lot in front of Covenant Family Health Care Center in the 100 block of West Park Avenue. Meanwhile, Kyle Schlab apparently has an electric zucchini, judging from his reaction. The boy had been using a cloth to wipe dirt from one of the squash being sold at his family's booth. The farmers market will be open Wednesday afternoons for the rest of the harvest season.

BRAND Don Cooper

Searching the Web

Study: Search engines lagging behind the Internet's expansion

The Associated Press

Internet search engines aren't keeping pace with the explosive growth of the Web and are covering only a fraction of what's available online, researchers reported today in the journal Nature.

Their study found that search engines — which enable a computer user to find information by typing in a word or combination of words — cover a diminishing fraction of Web pages and take a long time to list new sites.

The most comprehensive engine, Northern Light, covers only about one-sixth of the Internet pages that search engines can reach, the study

found. That is down from one-third for the best engine 18 months ago.

Northern Light is closely followed by Snap and Altavista. Hotbot, which led with 34 percent coverage in the previous study, was down to 11 percent.

The study also found that it takes more than six months on average for a new Web page to make it into a search engine's listings.

The study of 11 search engines was conducted by computer scientists Steve Lawrence and C. Lee Giles at the NEC Research Institute in Princeton, N.J.

Lawrence and Giles esti-

mated that as of February, the searchable Web consisted of 800 million pages containing more than 6 trillion characters. Their December 1997 survey put the number of pages at about 320 million. By comparison, the 532 miles of shelves in the Library of Congress contain an estimated 20 trillion characters.

Search engines use computers called "spiders" that continuously surf the Web. They save each page they visit, then follow the links on the page to find other pages. When a user types in a word, the engine looks in its index to see which pages contain it. A page that's not listed in the index will not

be found.

The spiders are more likely to find pages that have more links going to them from other pages. Lawrence said that may make it hard for new sites to make it into search engine listings.

Lawrence also said search engines may be lagging because their databases become more expensive as they grow, without necessarily creating more advertising profits.

Marc Krellenstein, chief technical officer at Northern Light, said he believes the fraction covered by the search engines is actually larger, be

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Canada offering right prescription

MONTREAL (AP) — Elisa Jarling has been fighting breast cancer for almost three years, relying largely on prescription drugs she buys in Canada for a fraction of what she would pay in the United States.

Until this year, the 40-year-old mother of four saved almost \$1,000 annually by going to a pharmacy in Hemmingford, Quebec, a 30-minute drive from her home in Swanton, Vt.

Then the pharmacist told her she needed to start bringing prescriptions from a Canadian doctor for insurance purposes. Now she's in a bind.

The cost of prescription drugs has become a political rallying cry across the United States, particularly where Americans can slip across to Mexico or Canada to take advantage of lower prices. Some U.S. officials are looking to make it easier for Americans to lower their pharmaceutical bills.

Many countries control drug prices. Drug makers say they sell their products for higher prices in the United States in part to support the costs of developing new drugs — hence the runs across the border.

After all, U.S. law a

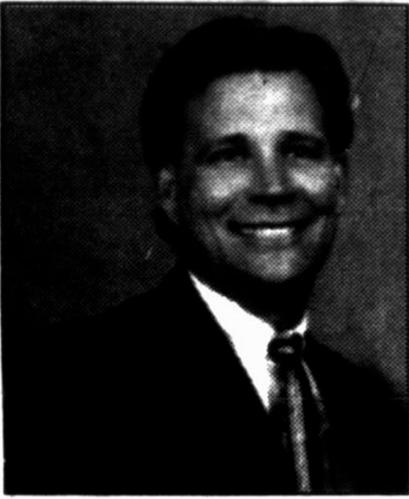
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Local roundup

Local graduate named prosecutor of the year



Randall Harris
Curry County DA

Randall Harris, a 1979 Hereford High School graduate was recently named prosecutor of the year by the New Mexico Bar Association. Harris attended Eastern New Mexico University in Portales on a football scholarship. He received a bachelor's degree in Business management and finance. He then attended the University of Tulsa School of Law.

he has worked in the Clovis office for about 15 years off and on.

In 1987 he was named assistant district attorney and at the ripe old age of 28 he was elected to the DA's office, making him the youngest district attorney in the New Mexico's history.

"It was never a choice of being a prosecutor or defense attorney," Harris said. "It is a moral decision to do what is right that makes someone become a prosecutor."

He said he sees his job as an opportunity to seek and expose the truth. In his opinion, cases involving children is the hardest to deal with and white collar crimes are the most fun.

"It's all a game and I enjoy the game very much," he said.

Harris wants to see justice served, but he says the system is set up to free the guilty - "It is the criminal justice system."

He has been featured on 20/20 and will be included on a future Dateline program.

He and his wife, Traci, have one son, Ryan.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
News in brief

Sergeants face sex charges

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Two Brooks Air Force Base sergeants face an August hearing on charges they had sex with several female students at the base, the Air Force reported Wednesday.

Master Sgt. Mark E. Gibson and Tech. Sgt. Apolinar Paul Bernal have been accused of having "unprofessional relationships" with the women, all of them recent basic training graduates from Lackland AFB, Brooks spokeswoman Maj. Erin Campbell said.

"These instructors allegedly used their authority over newly enlisted trainees to entice them into unprofessional conduct," Brig. Gen. John Jernigan, whose command includes the school, told the San Antonio Express-News for today's editions. "This violates the integrity of the instructor-student relationship and undermines good order and discipline."

Gibson, a 15-year veteran, is accused of having sexual relationships with two women and making sexual overtures to a third from October 1996 through March 1998. He faces a maximum of 21 years in a military prison if convicted.

Bernal is accused of having sex with two women, groping a third and trying to develop an unprofessional relationship with a fourth student from January 1997 to May 1998. He could get up to 17 years in prison if convicted.

Ex-lover's credibility questioned

WASHINGTON (AP) — Prosecutors intend today to probe the recollections of a Texas lawyer whose testimony contradicts that of their star witness in the conspiracy case against former Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros.

Taking the witness stand at a pivotal pre-trial hearing, Lubbock lawyer Bruce Magness testified Wednesday that he did not direct Linda Jones to alter tapes she had secretly recorded of her phone conversations with Cisneros.

Ms. Jones, who began a highly publicized extramarital affair with Cisneros in 1987 while he was mayor of San Antonio, testified two weeks ago that Magness and a fellow Lubbock attorney suggested she review the tapes and delete sections harmful to her interests.

The lawyers' recommendation to edit out her threats against Cisneros and other embarrassing passages came as she was preparing to file a lawsuit in 1994 alleging that her former lover had breached his financial duty to her, she recalled.

"That just flat did not happen," Magness said Wednesday. His co-counsel, Floyd Holder, also has contradicted Ms. Jones' claim.

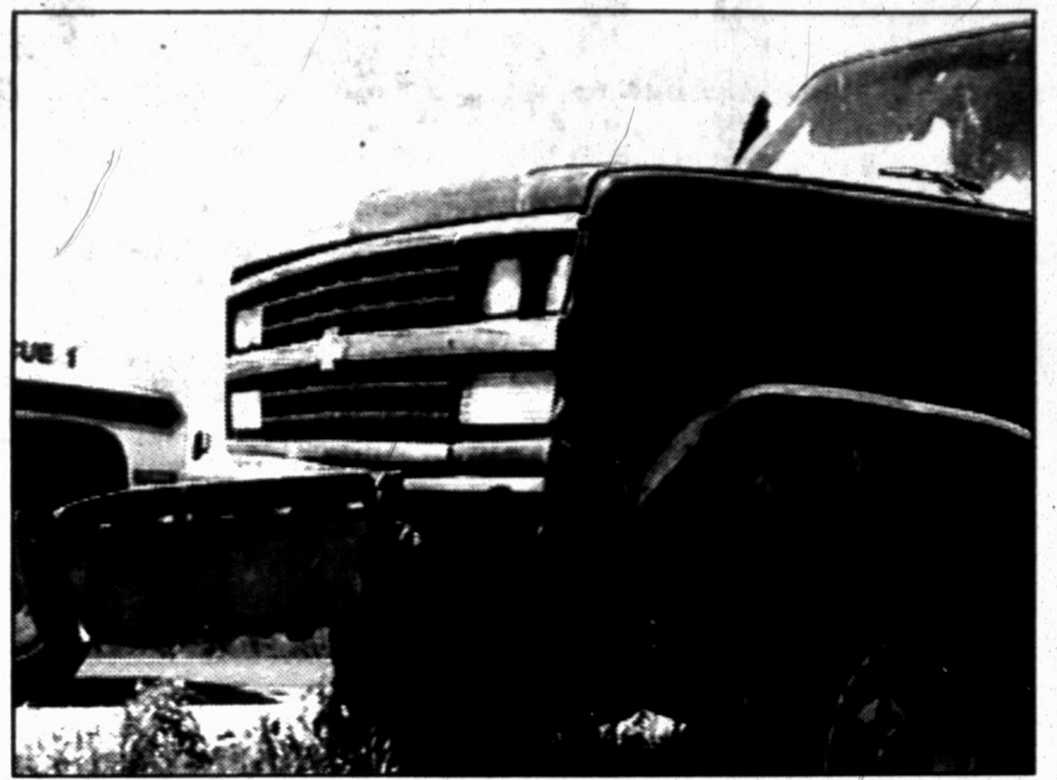
PBS honors slain singer Selena

BOSTON (AP) — Selena started crooning as a child. By the time she was in her 20s she had become a hometown hero — a Mexican-American star who donned sexy outfits and sang in sultry Spanish, a cultural icon in the making.

In 1995, just as her music was crossing over to mainstream audiences, she was shot to death by the president of her fan club, a woman who embezzled money from Selena and who many thought had become obsessed with the singer. Yolanda Saldivar was convicted of murder and is serving a life in prison sentence.

A public television special airing July 23, "Corpus: A Home Movie for Selena," looks at the star's hometown and the legacy she left behind.

Since Selena's death, her popularity in her hometown of Corpus Christi, Texas, hasn't faded. Many saw her as a much-needed role model, a Chicana face on the cover of magazines, finding success.



Afternoon collision — An early afternoon collision at the intersection of FM 1058 and FM 1057 sent one woman to the Hereford Regional Medical Center Wednesday. Department of Public Safety reports indicate a 1990 Chevy Suburban, driven by Sylvia Cumpain, 32, and a 1993 GMC Sierra, driven by Brandon Brown, 18, were eastbound on FM1058. Cumpain was attempting a left turn onto FM1057 when her vehicle was struck by Brown, who was trying to pass. Cumpain was transported to HRMC and Brown was cited for failure to pass on the left safely.

Races separated by technology costs
Low income blacks and Hispanics less likely to have or use Internet

WASHINGTON (AP) — The disparity between whites and black and Hispanic Americans who own computers and use the Internet is growing significantly toward a "racial ravine," in many cases even after accounting for differences in income, the government reported today.

The Commerce Department's "Falling Through the Net" survey shows dramatic gains in the number of Americans embracing technology. But it also cites money, education and whether a person lives in an urban area as key factors affecting how closely they use those high-tech tools.

"The Net is increasingly becoming part of our national heritage — for some people," said Larry Irving, a Commerce undersecretary and President Clinton's top telecommunications adviser. "The worst persons (for likely access to technology) would be low-income blacks or Hispanics in a rural community."

Most troubling for government experts were indications these disparities can't be blamed solely on differences in income. Among families earning \$15,000 to \$35,000, for example, more than 33 percent of whites owned computers, but only 19 percent of blacks did — and that gap has widened nearly 62 percent since 1994 despite plunging computer prices.

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Commerce Department reports

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But the government survey also found, predictably, that as income rises, the likelihood of PC ownership and Internet use also rises. Families with incomes above \$75,000 were more than five times as likely to own a computer at home and 10 times more likely to have Internet access than families who earned less than \$10,000.

And the gaps in computer ownership and Internet use narrowed between white families and blacks and Hispanics earning more than \$50,000.

"There is a way to buy your way out," said Irving, adding that falling computer prices will continue to help. "Above \$75,000, there is almost no gap between blacks

and whites."

Other key findings:

—About 47 percent of all whites own computers, but fewer than half as many blacks do. About 25.5 percent of Hispanics own computers, but fully 55 percent of Asians do. Asian families also are most likely to have Internet access, with 36 percent online.

—A child in a low-income white family is three times more likely to have Internet access as a child in a comparable black family and four times more likely than a Hispanic child.

—People with college degrees are more than eight times more likely to own a computer and 16 times more likely to have Internet access than people with elementary school educations.

The report, the third such survey by the government

since 1995, did not suggest specific ways to encourage Internet use or computer ownership except to recommend continuing to provide online access at community centers, such as schools, libraries and other facilities.

"It allows minorities to come into an area that's populated by themselves and learn how to use the technology," agreed Willie Atterberry, chairman of the AfroNet Web site and magazine in Los Angeles. "You don't have to worry about going to Silicon Valley. It comes to you."

Some industry experts suggested that minorities might also be discouraged by computers and the Internet as difficult to learn, or at least consider the Web a medium whose benefits haven't been sufficiently explained.

"I really don't think the advantage of being online has been instilled in them," said Trevor Farrington, a director at the Massachusetts-based African American American Internetwork, a Web site aimed at blacks. "Online banking, investing — that's hotter than pornographic sites now but it's not being driven home among African Americans."

"I really don't think they understand it," Farrington said. "They think it's too technical, (but) it's as easy to use as TV and it's better. Once they understand that, it should grow."

Cosco recalls child safety seat/carriers

WASHINGTON (AP) — About 670,000 Cosco car seats that double as baby carriers are being recalled because the handle locks can release and let infants fall out.

An announcement today by the Columbus, Ind.-based company on its Internet site said there have been 151 reports of handles releasing on Cosco Arriva and Turnabout carriers, injuring at least 29

children.

The company noted it was instituting the recall in cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

"Parents should continue using these rear-facing infant car seats, but should not use the carrying handle until a repair kit has been installed," Ricardo Martinez,

head of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, said in a statement made available by the company.

The recall involves Cosco models made from March 1, 1995 to Sept. 9, 1997.

Consumers can get a free repair kit, which the company says can easily be installed at home, or more information by calling Cosco at 800-221-6736 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT, Monday through Friday.

Information also can be obtained, and repair kits ordered, at the company's Internet web site at www.coscoinc.com.

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Obituaries

STAN BARRETT
July 6, 1999

MULESHOE — Funeral services for Stan Barrett, 79, of Muleshoe will be 11 a.m. Friday in the First United Methodist Church with Dr. Stacy Conner, pastor First Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery by Ellis Funeral Home.

Mr. Barrett died Tuesday. He was born in Wendell, Idaho, and moved to Muleshoe in 1955 from Hereford. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church. He farmed and owned and operated Barrett Produce of Muleshoe.

In 1992, Mr. Barrett was inducted into the Texas Citrus and Vegetable Association Hall of Fame. He helped develop the Red Norland Potato variety. He had served as the director for the Texas Citrus and Vegetable Association.

He married Rhea Platts in 1941 at Pocatello, Idaho.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Pat King and Lynne Box, both of Muleshoe; one brother, Frank Barrett of Hereford; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Alzheimer section in the new Muleshoe Area Healthcare Center.

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Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for July 7, 1999 include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT
Arrests

— A 37-year-old man was arrested in the 300 block of South Texas and charged with domestic assault.

— A 17-year-old man was arrested in the 800 block of East First and charged with violation of probation.

— A 22-year-old man was arrested in the 600 block of Irving and charged with criminal trespass.

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Incidents

— A man was taken to Hereford Regional Medical Center for self inflicted wounds.

— Forgeries were reported at several locations in town.

— Class A domestic assault was reported.

— A burglary was reported.

— Gasoline theft was reported at a local convenience store.

— A domestic disturbance was reported. No injuries were reported.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
Arrests

— A 34-year-old woman was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license.

Incidents

— A domestic assault was reported.

— A burglary was reported.

— A harassment was reported.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

— 12:28 p.m. Firefighters responded to a wreck rescue 6 miles west on Harrison Highway. One person was transported to Hereford Regional Medical Center.

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Texas lottery

Lotto Texas

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket would have been worth an estimated \$17 million.

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

8-14-21-23-28-35

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$21 million.

Pick 3

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

7-3-7

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Lingering smoke smell causes doubts

Dear Ann Landers: Recently, my husband and I purchased a car for our 16-year-old daughter. She had to sign a contract with various stipulations stating she would lose all rights to the car if she was caught smoking or drinking.

Yesterday, I smelled smoke on her breath. She swore that her breath smelled of smoke because she had been kissing her boyfriend. (He smokes.) She insisted that she does not smoke and is upset that I don't believe her. In my heart, I want to believe her, but my head says no. The thought that she would lie to me is more bothersome than the possibility that she may be smoking behind my back.

Ann, can the smell of cigarette smoke linger so long on a person's breath that it can be transferred by kissing and would still be noticeable 15 to 20 minutes later? Please answer soon. Trust is important to me, and I don't feel that I have that now. — A Worried Mom in Pennsylvania

Dear Pennsylvania Mom: It could be that the scent of cigarette smoke was actually in your daughter's hair or on her clothes, where it would linger until washed. Give her the benefit of the doubt, and put this matter behind you.



Creators Syndicate Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I am a 26-year-old woman, engaged to marry a fabulous man. "Edward's" family loves me, my family loves him, and we plan to get married next year.

Here is the problem. A few years ago, I became pregnant by another man. At the time, my family and I decided the best option was to put the baby up for adoption. My fiancé knows all about my past and has been very supportive and understanding. Edward's mother, however, is quite conservative and somewhat narrow-minded.

Do I need to tell her before I marry her son that I have a child out there somewhere? If so, should I wait until after we have started a family of our own? I am afraid if she knew, it would damage the good relationship we have built. I am, however, very uneasy about keeping this secret from her. There is always the chance that this child could turn up in a few years and want to establish a

relationship with me. I need your help with this, Ann. Please advise. — Alice in Wonderland

Dear Alice: Mama does not need to know this information unless you want to tell her. If the secret is weighing heavily on your mind, however, and you feel it is necessary to clue in Mama, take Edward with you when you talk to her. If she cares for you as much as you say, she will understand.

Dear Ann Landers: Our daughter, her husband and their child came to visit us recently. We love it when they visit, but their 8-year-old child is really a handful. When I asked her to please not run all over the place, it made no impression. She immediately tore into the garage and stepped on a shovel that put a big dent in our brand-new car.

We told our daughter, "Amanda," about the incident, and she said they would pay to have the car repaired. Af-

ter they went home, we had the fender repaired and sent them the bill. Amanda sent us a check promptly, but she has not been very friendly to us since that time. I asked her on the phone if everything was OK, and she said, "Yes, of course," but I have the feeling it isn't. Were we wrong to expect her to pay for the dented fender? — Bewildered Grandparents

Dear Grands: You did nothing wrong. You didn't ask Amanda to pay for the dented-fender repair job — she offered to do so. If you are having second thoughts about it, send Amanda a lovely gift in the price range of the repair bill. You will feel better, and so will she.

When planning a wedding, who pays for what? Who stands where? "The Ann Landers Guide for Brides" has all the answers. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$3.75 (this includes postage and handling) to: Brides, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$4.55.)

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Exhibits art—Sherri Newman is a versatile and talented artist, working with oil painting, pencil drawing and photography. Several pieces of her interesting and attractive work, now on display at the Deaf Smith County Library, have won numerous prizes at shows in Oklahoma and Colorado.

Art center sets classes

The Lubbock Municipal Garden and Arts Center, 4215 University Avenue, is now accepting registration for the class "Comic Books: The Sequential Art Form," instructed by William Terrell, comic book publisher for Lucid Press and artist and creator of *The Journeyman and Dark Ages*.

Students will learn the basic techniques of comic book art and sequential art forms. This class, for adults and teens, will meet Saturday, July 17-August 7, 1-4 p.m.

The center will also host a "Watercolor Experiments" workshop, instructed by Helen Gwinn, a local artist. This three-day intensive workshop will give

adults and teens the fundamental skills in creating beautiful watercolor paintings.

Color mixing, painting on dry and wet paper, and compositional skills are just a few of the areas covered in this workshop.

This workshop will meet July 17-19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

For more information or to sign up for either class, call the center at 806-767-3724.

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Couple creates wildlife haven

ABILENE, Texas (AP) — It sounds like one of those Texas tall tales, though it happens to be true.

Russ and Diane Meier have to drive about a half mile to reach the farthest reaches of the backyard of their Fairway Oaks property when they find it too muddy to walk.

This requires a little explanation because their estate is only about 17 acres. It wasn't the size of the place, but its qualities, however, that persuaded the National Wildlife Federation to bestow its Backyard Wildlife Habitat designation on the Meiers' place last month.

They'd already made their land pleasing to a variety of wildlife, and incidentally to themselves, long before they ran across the conservation organization's backyard habitat program on an Internet web site. From there, it was mainly a matter of documentation.

They'd made their property attractive to wildlife by providing four essential elements: food, water, cover and a place for creatures to raise their young largely unmo-
lested.

The Meiers' backyard actually consists of three parts: the original backyard that came with the house they bought seven years ago plus two strips of undeveloped land out back acquired later.

The first, adjoining their original lot, they bought three years ago, and the second was purchased about a year

ago in partnership with Jerry McAlister. The near strip and the far strip of the added acreage are mostly separated from each other by a long, narrow strip of land backing up from New Beginnings Church on Buffalo Gap Road. A one-acre tract beyond the east end of the church's property connects those near and far strips, giving the Meiers' access by a leisurely walk when the ground is dry.

When it's wet, though, they have to get there by motorizing west to Buffalo Gap Road, then north a few blocks, and finally east on a gravel road.

On their original property, the Meiers turned an empty box of a backyard into a lush, well-landscaped area with a swimming pool at its heart. The overall effect is hardly out of the ordinary for an upscale, urban home. Still, it manages to be hospitable to a variety of native birds.

A clutch of baby wrens nest in a hanging fern basket, and other birds enjoy nibbling at the seeds of the wild sunflowers just inside the back gate as they ripen.

After they added their

acreage, the Meiers replaced their wooden back fence with wrought iron so they could see into their nature preserve as well as their livestock pasture and barn. Most of the nature area they keep open, but they've also planted wildflowers and allow the natural thick growth of vines and other weeds to surround some of their trees, creating more cover for the wild things.

Cactus, piles of rock and decaying fallen tree limbs accent the natural effect.

Their northernmost outback seems to be the Meiers' real pride and joy.

Its wooded expanse contains not one but two ponds. Russ estimates the north pond at 180 feet by 120 feet, and the south not much smaller.

From the age of the trees on water's edge, the north looks to be the older pond, and may well be natural, he said. The south, he's not so sure about.

The reed- and weed-lined shores of the twin ponds provide cover and habitat to a

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Hospital Notes

Patients in Hereford Regional Medical Center on July 8:

Erminio T. Arroyos, Estella Cervantez, Ellen L. Collins, Maria Cruz, Barbara J. Kerr, Petra Lopez, Janie Schumacher, Robbie May Seed, Una S. Ward, Laura West.

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Area Events

AMARILLO

Internationally renowned composer, concert artist, teacher and clinician Jane Bastien will present a free piano workshop from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on July 14 to be hosted by Tolzien Music Company, 3800 I-40 W., Amarillo, and the Neil A. Kjos Music Company.

Bastien has conducted master classes and pedagogy workshops in every state of the United States and throughout the world. Her focus on the young student has revolutionized the field of preschool piano music education and has stimulated the creation of a repertoire dedicated to achieving early childhood success.

At this workshop, Bastien will review the latest in materials for teaching piano to beginners, elementary students and intermediate students of all ages, present/new ideas on how to motivate students and boost their achievement records, and share ways to make sure the lesson sequence is set up for student success.

KMML and Gene Messer Ford are sponsoring a blood drive Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Gene Messer Ford dealership located at 3400 Soncy.

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For the second year in a row, Amarillo Little Theatre is teaming up with the Panhandle's own "Lawrence Welk Show" veterans, Roger and David Otwell (aka the Otwell Twins), to bring local audiences a full night of toe-tappin', country swing entertainment in this rousing tribute to the Lone Star state, "Can't Get Enough of Texas."

This production premiered on the ALT stage last summer and has been revamped for a

second season.

ALT's own Tammy Hysmith, of "Always...Patsy Cline" is featured as guest artist in the production. Completing the cast is 15-year old Candace Carthel.

This summer, ALT has extended this event to include an optional prime rib buffet, catered by a local restaurant, prior to the performance each evening.

"Can't Get Enough of Texas" will continue its run at ALT each Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening through July 31. The prime rib buffet begins at 6:30 p.m. and the show starts at 7:30 p.m.

PANHANDLE

Sixteen pastels and one acrylic painting by Amarillo artist and art teacher Steven Napper are currently on exhibit at the Square House Museum in Panhandle.

Half are portraits of Native Americans, combining the

artist's skill at portraiture with his love of the American West. Most of the others are landscapes of places in Texas and Colorado, in particular the area around Rocky Mountain National Park.

Napper was born in West Texas and currently lives in Amarillo. He received both a bachelor's and master's degree in art from West Texas State University.

Napper handles several mediums with distinctive freshness and strong use of color. His use of colors, the interaction of warm and cool, high and low contrast, and his skills as a draftsman have made his work easy to distinguish and highly sought.

A reception for the artist will be held from 2:30-4 p.m. on August 1, the last day of the show. "Selected Works of Steven Napper" can be viewed in the Opal Weatherly Purvines gallery in the Square House Annex

from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday and from 1-5 p.m. on Sunday.

CANYON

The Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon presents *Canyon Rhythms*, an art show and sale benefitting the museum on Sept. 11-12.

Artists from throughout Texas and the Southwest will showcase their work throughout the weekend event.

Artwork will be presented in a variety of mediums, including sculpture, oils, furniture, jewelry, ceramics, woodblock prints and batik. Artists include B.J. Briner, Roy Brown, Doyle

Goebel and Curtis Nazworth (doyle curtis), Robert Deurloo, Melanie Fain, Lila Hahn, Rosemary Healy-Gonzalez, Daryl Howard, Mark Kohler, Phil Poirier, Doug Ricketts, Micheal Stipeck and Michael Untiedt.

Canyon Rhythms is a presentation of the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society.



Each piece of furniture produced by Doug Ricketts of Higgins is a one-of-a-kind work of art.

Haven

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changing variety of creatures.

The rarest to date was a peacock that dropped by for a couple of days last month. Russ fed the fowl with the splendiferous tail just the food he was sure to like, but that wasn't enough to persuade him to stay. The Meiers did manage to snap a couple of pictures of the peacock, though they had to get all wet in the process.

"A better picture would have been us standing in the water up to our thighs," Diane said with a giggle.

At least one deer has been known to drop in to enhance the rustic atmosphere shared by an assortment of ducks, blue herons, red-winged blackbirds, turtles, rabbits, squirrels, mice and a large, fog-horn-voiced bullfrog.

Russ, a Cisco Junior College sociology professor, says he's fortunate to have summers off to "piddle" with their land. And doubly fortunate to have found such a place literally outside his back door.

The Meiers have no present plans to sell their acreage, which remains zoned agricultural open space, though its location seems attractive to development.

The woods and water of their outback provide serenity and comfort.

On a hot summer evening, the slightest breeze stirring off the water through the trees feels truly refreshing, Russ said.

Diane's oldest daughter,

who teaches in Fort Worth, finds it perfect to come back to and quell her big-city anxieties.

She recalls her daughter telling her, "I forget that I'm

in the city, in Abilene.

"I don't think you can be a whole person unless you're connected with nature," Diane continued. "It's just good for the soul."

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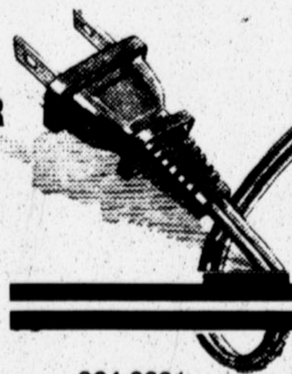
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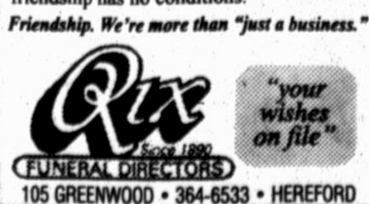
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SPORTS

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L.V. Watts chips the ball toward the green during scramble action Wednesday at Pitman Golf Course.

Golf Scramble action continues success

From Staff Reports

The team of Lewis McDaniel, Mark Brown, Pete Wilt and Dwayne Robbins took the team title of the Wednesday Night Golf Scramble at Pitman Golf Course.



The team shot 29 for the day, beating out Johnny Alaniz, John Kouags, Art Clark and

Armando Torres, who shot 30 for the competition.

Three teams tied for third by shooting 31 in the course.

L.V. Watts, Richard Davila, Dwayne Davison and Jerry Shipman were one of three teams who tied for third.

The others were the team of Brian Smith, "Doc" Weaver, Aaron Roberts and Wallace Hill and the team of Steve Stevens, N.D. Kelso, Armando Alaniz and Don Davison.

Roy Riley, Dave Anderson, David Allison and Lillie Shipman brought up the rear with a score of 33.

Rangers break losing streak, beat Oakland 7-4

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — The offense has been inconsistent and the starting pitching has been a disappointment. The only constant for the AL West-leading Texas Rangers this season has been relief pitching.

And the biggest constant in that bullpen has been a rookie who made it only as far as Double-A in the minors last season but is an AL All-Star this year.

Reliever Jeff Zimmerman celebrated his All-Star selection Wednesday by pitching 2 1/3 scoreless innings to lead the Rangers to a 7-4 win over the Oakland Athletics and become the first Texas pitcher to start his major league career with eight victories.

"I can't think of anyone in my memory who came on the scene with less publicity and did as much," Texas manager Johnny Oates said. "These things happen — not often, maybe once in a lifetime, and this is my once."

Two seasons ago, Zimmerman was starting for Winnipeg in the independent Northern League. Last season, the Rangers converted him into a reliever in their farm system. He came to spring training this year as a non-roster invitee.

Zimmerman (8-0), who lowered his ERA to 0.89, has not allowed a run in his last 16 appearances — tying a club record. He was chosen Wednesday for the All-Star squad, along with fellow Texas reliever John Wetteland.

"This is absolutely the ultimate pinnacle to me. Just to be named to an All-Star team is unbelievable," Zimmerman said. "Every day is still a wonderful new experience for me."

Oates said Zimmerman, who has

struck out 46 and walked only nine batters in 50 1/3 innings, showed Wednesday he deserves a spot on the All-Star squad.

"He pitched like an All-Star, didn't he? Yes, he did," Oates said. "Right now it's arguable he could be our Most Valuable Player through the first half of the season."

Wetteland pitched the ninth for his 26th save, tops in the majors, as the Rangers broke a four-game losing streak. He walked the bases loaded before getting Miguel Tejada on a popout to end the game.

Lee Stevens' two-run single broke a seventh-inning tie as the Rangers avoided being swept by Oakland for the first time in five seasons.

Stevens, who entered the game in the sixth as a defensive replacement, broke a 4-4 tie with his single and the Rangers added another run in the seventh on a throwing error by Oakland catcher Ramon Hernandez.

Brad Rigby (3-4), the second of five Oakland pitchers, allowed one run in two-thirds of an inning. The Oakland bullpen has eight losses and seven blown saves in the last 21 games.

Todd Zeile drove in two runs for Texas with a sacrifice fly in the second and an RBI single in the fourth. Roberto Kelly had a two-run double in the sixth to knock out A's starter Kenny Rogers.

"I got in trouble a couple of times, but that last one hurt. I needed to make a pitch on Kelly and I didn't. I made a mistake there," Rogers said.

Rogers allowed four runs on eight hits in 5 2/3 innings. Texas starter

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D-Backs rip Astros

PHOENIX (AP) — The long ball is back in Arizona's game. Now the Diamondbacks only hope it will stay there.

Arizona's on-again, off-again offense was definitely on again in the 13-7 pounding of the Houston Astros on Wednesday night. But the Diamondbacks have teased their fans this way twice before in their recent slump.

In its last eight games, Arizona has scored one run, or none, five times. The other three, they've scored nine, a club-record 17 and 13.

"It's hard to say," Damian Miller said when asked if the offense was back to stay. "We thought we had it figured out Sunday in St. Louis when we had all those hits (in the 17-run game). I think tonight is a pretty good indication that we're starting to pull out of it."

Three of the Diamondbacks' homers came with two outs in the third off Wade Miller (0-1), a 22-year-old right-hander making his big league debut.

"The mistakes you make in Triple-

A, they're not going to foul them off or swing through them up here," Miller said. "They're going to hit it hard. It's not the way I wanted it to happen, but at least the first one's out of the way."

Finley, who had gone 21 games without a homer, had his fourth two-homer game of the season. He hit two-run shots off reliever Trever Miller in the sixth and seventh innings to increase his season total to 17.

Finley had struggled ever since he hurt his back diving for a ball in the outfield. He said he has changed his swing slightly to compensate for the soreness, and it seemed to work.

"I'm learning to deal with it," he said.

In the third, Matt Williams hit a two-run home run, Miller had a three-run homer and Andy Fox hit a solo shot.

Arizona won for only the fifth time in 17 games and just the second time in seven games against Houston.

"You knew sooner or later they

were going to break out like that," Houston's Craig Biggio said. "They've got a lot of big bats over there. I think only a couple of guys didn't hit a home run."

Biggio tied his career best with four hits — a home run, two doubles and a single — for the Astros. He led off the game with his seventh homer of the season. Jeff Bagwell's 27th home run, off Arizona starter Brian Anderson, drove in three runs in the third.

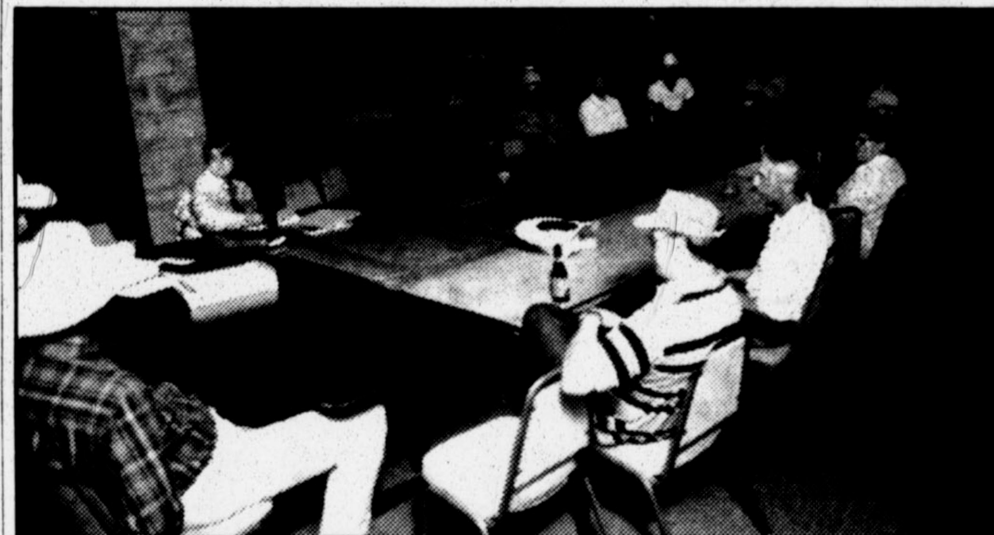
Williams' home run was his 22nd of the season. He also had an RBI single, giving him an NL-best 78 RBIs this season.

Finley followed Williams' homer with a single and Travis Lee walked before Miller broke a 1-for-22 drought with his fifth homer of the season. Fox hit Miller's next pitch over the right-field fence for his fifth homer.

Bobby Chouinard (2-0) pitched 3 1-3 innings for the victory.

Miller, called up from Triple-A New Orleans on Monday, got the start because of Mike Hampton's sore pitching wrist.

Taking Care of Business



Members of the Spicer Grip Memorial Roping Committee met on Wednesday to discuss the upcoming event, coming Aug. 7 and 8.

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Nation feeling soccer fever

LOS ANGELES (AP) — There'll be pageantry and President Clinton. A record-breaking crowd in the Rose Bowl. And the world's two best women's soccer teams.

But after the hoopla ends, the Americans say the quality of play is what will make Saturday's Women's World Cup final between the United States and China a showcase game.

"It's going to be two teams that are fit, that are ready, that are going to go out to win this game and they're not going to hold anything back," U.S. coach Tony DiCicco said Wednesday. "They're going to play attractive soccer."

Forward Cindy Parlow predicts a low-scoring final because the United States and China play well-organized defense. But that doesn't mean viewers will be yawning.

"Both teams love to attack, love to take chances going forward and that's very exciting for the fans," she said. "Both teams will attack at all costs."

A sellout crowd of 90,000, including President Clinton, is expected to jam the Rose Bowl in Pasadena. The attendance would be a record for a women's sporting event.

"It's a dream come true to have it in our country in a packed stadium with the president," she said. "I couldn't set it up any better."

The Rose Bowl played host to the 1984 Olympic soccer tournament and the 1994 men's World Cup. A sellout crowd saw Brazil defeat Italy on penalty kicks after regulation ended in a scoreless tie.

It was a frustrating result after days of buildup. "I still remember the fabulous atmosphere, but the game still lagged behind," FIFA spokesman Keith Cooper said.

"You ask most people what they thought of the final of 1994, they'll say disappointed because there were no goals and they finished on penalties. The game's got to be good."

DiCicco said goals alone don't make a game memorable.

"As long as there's attacking soccer and teams trying to score goals and plays by the goalkeepers and near-misses, it doesn't have to be a lot of goals," he said.

Because many of the Americans and Chinese have worked years to reach this level, forward Tiffany Milbrett said, "We don't have to make sure we're reminding each other to play high level, it's just going to be that."

"At the end of the day, it always comes down to the game," FIFA's Cooper said. "I'm pretty confident that Saturday's going to be a good day."

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Women's Sports have come a long way since Title IX

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Title IX. The 1996 Olympics. The WNBA.

And now the Women's World Cup.

All have been major steps in the progression of women's sports in the United States. Marla Messing, who has overseen the phenomenal success of the soccer tournament that concludes Saturday, isn't about to forget that.

Neither are the players.

"We are seeing the impact of Title IX on the field," Messing said Wednesday. "Not on the organization of

the tournament, but on who is playing for the United States. These are Title IX babies. They are reaping the benefits of the legislation that has enabled them to play soccer their whole lives."

Indeed, when Title IX was passed in 1972, requiring that women be allowed to participate in athletics in the same proportion as their share of a school's undergraduate student body, exactly half of the U.S. team had been born. All of them would prosper from the law.

"Title IX opened up oppor-

tunities for girls to play sports through college," Brandi Chastain said. "By getting those opportunities, we've been able to show young girls that they can do what we have done, that the chance to do it is there."

The '96 Olympics also contributed to the success of the World Cup. The biggest American stars in the Atlanta Games were the basketball, soccer and softball players and the gymnasts. The Olympics proved there was an audience for women's sports, and "his tournament

cultivated that audience.

The biggest success story emanating from the achievements in Atlanta has been the WNBA, and Messing believes the basketball league has aided the World Cup.

"The WNBA helped us be successful by showing the way as a (professional women's) league," she said. "Hopefully our success will help other women's sports be successful.

"It's been like a cultural shift, and the way the tournament caught fire, we've tipped into something."

Purcella jumps two spots in money list

Staff and wire reports

A Hereford professional cowboy is holding onto a spot among the top money winners on the rodeo circuit, according to figures released by the National Professional Rodeo Association.

Steve Purcella, who was No. 12 in team roping (heading) last week, bounced back into the top 10. Purcella has \$26,712, good for No. 8 in the ratings.

However, Justin Henderson of Hereford, who was No. 20 in bareback riding with \$14,513 in winnings last week, fell out of the top 20.

The standings through July 4:

All-Around Cowboy

1. Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, \$114,762.
2. Ty Murray, Stephenville, Texas, \$83,076.
3. Herbert Theriot, Poplarville, Miss., \$50,798.
4. Trevor Brazile, Childress, Texas, \$48,469.
5. Chad Hagan, Leesville, La., \$47,804.
6. Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas, \$45,414.
7. Roy Cooper, Childress, Texas, \$43,784.
8. Kurt Goulding, Duncan, Okla., \$39,318.
9. Guy Allen, Lovington, N.M., \$38,972.
10. Robert Bowers, Brooks, Alberta, \$37,850.

Saddle Bronc Riding

1. Rod Hay, Wildwood, Alberta, \$75,430.
2. Dan Mortensen, Manhattan, Mont., \$50,690.
3. Glen O'Neill, Water Valley, Alberta, \$44,875.
4. Ty Murray, Stephenville, Texas, \$42,947.
5. Dean Schlattmann, Basin, Wyo., \$34,721.
6. Ryan Mapston, Geysers, Mont., \$34,243.
7. Steve Dollarhide, Wikeup, Ariz., \$31,182.
8. Billy Etbauer, Ree Heights, S.D., \$30,672.
9. Cliff Norris, Goodwell, Okla., \$30,621.
10. Justen Washburn, Corona, N.M., \$30,125.

Bareback Riding

1. Pete Hawkins, Weatherford, Texas, \$49,517.
2. Jeffrey Collins, Redfield, Kan., \$49,173.
3. Mark Gomes, Nickerson, Kan., \$45,108.
4. Eric Swenson, Bonham, Texas, \$36,643.
5. Chris Harris, Arlington, Texas, \$35,203.
6. Jason Wylie, Stanchfield, Minn., \$34,671.
7. Denny McLanahan, Canadian, Texas, \$31,113.
8. Scott Montague, Fruitdale, S.D., \$27,488.
9. Clint Corey, Culver, Ore., \$27,350.
10. Deb Greenough, Red Lodge, Mont., \$26,787.

Bull Riding

1. Gregory Potter, Weatherford, Texas, \$68,058.
2. Vince Stanton, Weiser, Idaho, \$43,283.
3. Josh O'Byrne, Animas, N.M., \$39,795.
4. Mike Moore, Wellington, Colo., \$38,118.
5. Tony Mendes, Reno, Nev., \$37,817.
6. Myron Duarte, Auburn, Wash., \$35,450.
7. Jason McClain, Kiowa, Colo., \$32,344.
8. Cody Hancock, Taylor, Ariz., \$30,296.
9. Scott Breeding, Edgar, Mont., \$29,492.
10. Francis Wilso., Sidney, Neb., \$29,376.

Calf Roping

1. Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, \$98,593.
2. Blair Burk, Durant, Okla., \$79,063.
3. Cody Ohl, Stephenville, Texas, \$55,494.
4. Ricky Hyde, Conway, Ark., \$44,228.
5. Jerome Schneeberger, Ponca City, Okla., \$37,146.
6. Ty Hays, Weatherford, Okla., \$35,808.
7. Stran Smith, Tell, Texas, \$35,681.
8. Tony Reina, Brazoria, Texas, \$34,420.
9. Jim Bob Mayes, Elgin, Texas, \$34,184.
10. Clay Cerny, Eagle Lake, Texas, \$32,692.

Steer Wrestling

1. Lee Graves, Calgary, Alberta, \$48,263.
2. Byron Walker, Ennis, Texas, \$40,762.
3. Birch Negaard, Buffalo, S.D., \$40,079.
4. Jason Lahr, Empo-

- ria, Kan., \$39,321.
5. Ote Berry, Checotah, Okla., \$38,096.
6. Rope Myers, Van, Texas, \$37,308.
7. Chad Hagan, Leesville, La., \$36,859.
8. Vince Walker, Oakdale, Calif., \$30,350.
9. Rod Lyman, Victor, Mont., \$28,958.
10. Brad Gleason, Touchet, Wash., \$27,985.

Team Roping (Heading)

1. Daniel Green, Oakdale, Calif., \$50,903.
2. Speed Williams, Jacksonville, Fla., \$41,239.
3. Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas, \$31,849.
4. Kevin Stewart, Glen Rose, Texas, \$30,220.
5. Mike Cervi, Midland, Texas, \$29,617.
6. Charles Pogue, Ringling, Okla., \$29,603.
7. Jimmy Tanner, Tifton, Ga., \$28,981.
8. Steve Purcella, Hereford, Texas, \$26,712.
9. Jake Barnes, Cave Creek, Ariz., \$25,548.
10. Paul Petska, Lexington, Okla., \$25,531.

Team Roping (Heeling)

1. Allen Bach, Turlock, Calif., \$50,903.
2. Rich Skelton, Llano, Texas, \$41,239.
3. Tyler Magnus, Llano, Texas, \$31,849.
4. Wayne Folmer, Stephenville, Texas, \$31,234.
5. Martin Lucero, Stephenville, Texas, \$30,220.
6. Kory Koontz, Sudan, Texas, \$29,617.
7. Britt Bockius, Claremore, Okla., \$29,603.
8. Brad Culpepper, Sylvester, Ga., \$28,981.
9. John Paul Lucero, Stephenville, Texas, \$26,011.
10. Cory Petska, Lexington, Okla., \$25,531.

Steer Roping

1. Guy Allen, Lovington, N.M., \$32,715.
2. De Lynn Jones, Hobbs, N.M., \$24,370.
3. Marty Jones, Hobbs, N.M., \$23,343.
4. Trevor Brazile, Childress, Texas, \$20,267.
5. Jb Whatley, Gardendale, Texas, \$18,319.
6. J Paul Williams, Ponca City, Okla., \$17,063.
7. Rocky Patterson, Pratt, Kan., \$16,659.
8. Bucky Hefner, Chelsea, Okla., \$15,015.
9. Tee

- Woolman, Llano, Texas, \$13,565.
10. Roy Cooper, Childress, Texas, \$13,463.

Barrel Racing

1. Sherry Cervi, Midland, Texas, \$70,084.
2. Janet Stover, Decatur, Texas, \$51,032.
3. Kristie Peterson, Elbert, Colo., \$34,611.
4. Rachael Myllymaki, Arlee, Mont., \$32,938.
5. Tona Wright, Moriarty, N.M., \$31,813.
6. Gail Hillman, Waller, Texas, \$31,101.
7. Talina Bird, Post, Texas, \$29,793.
8. Ruth Haislip, Acampo, Calif., \$26,999.
9. Kay Blandford, Sutherland Springs, Texas, \$25,005.
10. Sue Miller, Lott, Texas, \$22,446.

Rangers

From Page A5

Rick Helling gave up four runs on six hits in five innings.

Eric Chavez and Ben Grieve homered for the A's,

who were trying to sweep a three-game series against Texas for the first time since Aug. 5-7, 1994, at Oakland.

Rafael Palmeiro, picked as an All-Star reserve earlier in the day, had two hits for the

Rangers. Teammate Juan Gonzalez, who probably would have been taken as a reserve but said he would not play unless selected by fans to start, had two hits and scored three times.

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1. The polling company/TM January 1998
2.5 "The Economics of the Estate Tax", A bipartisan Joint Economic Committee Study, December 1998
3. Aaron Henry and Alicia H. Munnell, "Reassessing the Role for Wealth Transfer Taxes" National Tax Journal 45, No. 2 (June 1992): 119-143
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INSIDE

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Steve Chao, programming director, USA Network

USA Network is battling evils of conventional TV

By Lynn Elber

The Associated Press
As its shorthand title suggests, the new USA Network drama "GvsE" takes a flip look at the battle between good and evil.

In the realm of television, USA Network programming chief Stephen Chao sees a different kind of eternal struggle: the one in which unconventional shows compete for shelf space with cookie-cutter fare.

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Chao, who's marking his first year at the cable channel, is in the right spot to exercise his brand of idealism. USA Network has managed to pin audiences with wrestling, reruns and truly cheesy and predictable series ("La Femme Nikita" aside) but could use some fresh moves.

"I didn't really like the network unless a 'Jaws' rerun was on, but I liked Chao," said Josh Pate, who created "GvsE" with his twin brother, Jonas. "None of us are crazy about the programming, but this is a beginning of a new era for USA Network."

If Chao can do better, or at least do something different, he has a boss likely to let him try. He and USA Network owner Barry Diller were successfully paired once before, at fledgling Fox Broadcasting Co.

Chao, a producer at the time, helped then-Fox Inc. chairman Diller muscle in on the turf of the big three networks with the late 1980s reality-TV innovations "COPS" and "America's Most Wanted."

As his track record indicates — and his Harvard University education notwithstanding — Chao isn't likely to turn USA Network into an intellectual haven.

Asked what he enjoys as a viewer, Chao, who favors jeans and T-shirt, ticks off the following: World Wrestling Federation, MTV, "The Simpsons," and, of course, "shows with a twist."

"GvsE," his first USA Network series, is just that. The fantasy-drama turns Los Angeles into a stamping ground for agents of the devil who prey on vulnerable souls. Their adversaries: The Corp. who are in service to the Almighty.

Clayton Rohner ("Murder One") and Richard Brooks ("Law & Order") co-star in the series debuting 7 p.m. CDT Sunday, July 18. The supporting cast includes former NFL player Deacon

Jonas. If the premise echoes other shows (including the recently departed "Brimstone," which pitted Peter Horton against evil), the style doesn't. The show has a decidedly retro look, including the "Afro" hairstyle and 1970s wardrobe sported by Brooks.

That contrasts with the new-wave editing featuring quick cuts and fervid, split-screen images. The show was pitched in shorthand, Josh Pate says, as "techno Blaxploitation" with a satiric edge.

"It's in the tradition of deconstructive science fiction, like 'Ghostbusters.' 'Men in Black,'" Pate adds. "I think even 'Buffy the Vampire Slayer' gets kind of deconstructive."

The Pate brothers have a "vernacular sense of fun and humor that I don't see that often in TV but I see a lot in films (like 'Pulp Fiction' or 'Men in Black,'" said Chao. "I just think they have a very smart voice ... and they don't write in 'TV words.'"

As Chao sees it, TV words are those conventions followed by popular series like "NYPD Blue" or any Aaron Spelling drama. "But if you look at film, there's a little more variety and a few more interesting voices," he said.

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Major networks hit all-time ratings lows

NEW YORK (AP) — For the major TV networks, it was a week to forget.

Americans didn't spend much of the July Fourth weekend and the previous week in front of their TV sets, as NBC set an all-time ratings low in prime-time and CBS had its second-lowest week ever.

That doesn't say much for its rivals, either, since CBS won the week and NBC came

in second. Newsmagazines, led by ABC's "20/20" on June 30, accounted for nine of the week's 20 top-rated shows.

The low ratings were inevitable, said David Poltrac, CBS's top researcher. Networks concentrate their best material during the TV season that ends in May, and try to drum up more viewer interest as the new fall season approaches.

"You can pretty well predict that the July Fourth weekend will be the lowest point every year," he said.

CBS's first-place showing came with a 6.1 rating and 13 share, followed by NBC's 5.5 rating and 11 share. ABC had a 5.3 rating and 11 share for the week, Fox was at 3.8 and 11, the WB had a 2.1 and 4, UPN was at 1.4 and 3 and Pax TV had a 0.7 rating and 1 share.

TELEVISION

THURSDAY

JULY 8

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FRIDAY

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Marvin comic strip by Tom Armstrong. Panel 1: "SINCE YOUR DADDY HURT HIS BACK, THE COACH IS MOVING HIM TO A DIFFERENT POSITION." Panel 2: "GO OUT AND PLAY RIGHT FIELD, JEFF!" Panel 3: "YOU GOT IT, COACH!" Panel 4: "UH... I FORGET... IS THAT MY RIGHT OR YOUR RIGHT?"

Barney Google and Snuffy Smith comic strip by Fred Lasswell. Panel 1: "TATER GOT IN YORE RASPBERRY PIE!!" Panel 2: "I CAUGHT HIM RED-HANDED" Panel 3: "--AN' RED-FOOTED AN' RED-LEGGED!!"

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The principals in the application are Tamara Durham, Henry Y. Fowler, III, and Frances C. Price.

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Missiles at center of pork debate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two House Armed Services Committee members are trying to make the Navy buy new Tomahawk cruise missiles that the service doesn't want. A company in one of the lawmakers' districts would be a major beneficiary. The push by Reps. James V. Hansen, R-Utah, and Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., embroils the sea-launched missile in a controversy over wasteful spending, just weeks after its performance was acclaimed in the Balkans conflict. Hansen and Hunter have persuaded their committee to authorize reopening the production line for the current

version of the Tomahawk. They argued the Navy, after shooting 200 of the missiles in Serbia and Kosovo, has too few left to support another major conflict. "I see them being shot all over the place and nothing is filling the gap," Hansen said. The two lawmakers said their efforts have nothing to do with the fact that engines for the soon-to-be-obsolete missile are made in Hansen's Utah district, by Williams International. The Navy stopped production of the current Block III Tomahawks last year in favor of a new generation of Tactical Tomahawks due out in 2003. The service believes

it has enough of the missiles to wait until then and contends that reopening the line wouldn't be worth the cost, said Lt. Megan Mariman, a Navy spokeswoman. The new missiles will cost \$569,000 each, compared with \$1.5 million for the Block III. Despite the lower cost, the Navy says the new Tactical Tomahawk will fly farther, be reprogrammed in flight and take pictures just before impact to determine whether the target was hit. "For members to throw money to their constituents for parochial reasons is an example of politically motivated waste," said retired Rear Adm. Eugene Carroll,

who now works for the Center for Defense Information, a watchdog group on military matters. Congress often adds costly items — derided by critics as "pork" — to the defense budget that haven't been requested by the Pentagon. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., a GOP presidential hopeful, compiles a list each year. Recent examples include \$18 million for automatic grenade launchers and \$15 million for an anti-ship missile decoy system. The price tag for the new Block III Tomahawks would be \$90 million if the Armed Services Committee's language stands.

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES — Here's how to work it: AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW. One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different. 7-8 CRYPTOQUOTE. UB WZMMHS PBR PZTTIYE Z. RBWZU WZE GH WZSSJHX, JM. ZYRZEV TYHZVHV PHS MB. XJVBDHS MPZM MPHSH JV Z. UJOH WZU RPB RIVPHV VPH. RHSH UBM. — P.Y. WHUOAHU. Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THE SCHOLAR WHO CHERISHES A LOVE OF COMFORT IS NOT FIT TO BE DEEMED A SCHOLAR. — CONFUCIUS

Agriculture

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Temperatures cooling in East

NEW YORK (AP) — It's finally cooled off across the East, but the debate is heating up in New York after 200,000 people endured a 19-hour blackout during a deadly heat wave that smothered the region for three days. "It would seem to me that over the years they would develop more of a fail-safe system," Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said Wednesday of Consolidated Edison, which cut power throughout upper Manhattan one night earlier. Scattered outages continued to plague thousands of people Wednesday in mid-Atlantic states and the Northeast. But temperatures finally sank below the baking, humid level that contributed to at least 23 deaths since last weekend.

from any other section of the city, and the situation was made worse by heat-damaged cables, spokeswoman Toni Yuille said. The utility offered partial reimbursement for lost perishables, but Giuliani has threatened to sue Con Ed for losses to residents and the city. "We're going to lose all the meat," said Reso Infante, manager of La Mundial specialty meat market in upper Manhattan. The stench of spoiled meat wafted from the open freezer door up the rickety wooden stairs to the sidewalk. Infante estimated the loss at \$15,000. Rafael Colon threw out about \$70 worth of groceries from his refrigerator and sent his mother and grandmother to stay with an aunt across town. "We're on a tight budget as it is, and we didn't need this," he said. The heat wave started Sunday, bringing temperatures over 100 degrees and intense humidity to many areas across the Midwest and East. Farmers also suffered big losses. Allen Family Foods Inc. in Delaware lost 33,000 chickens from Saturday through Monday, said Tom David, director of live operations. The company has more than 20 million birds in the field. Maryland-based Perdue Farms Inc. said it had not tallied its losses. However, the area's growers produced more than 600 million birds last year and it would take a loss of millions of birds to affect the price of poultry, said Bill Satterfield of Delmarva Poultry Industry Inc. in Georgetown, Del.

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Bingo

From Page A1. \$2,739.35 in charitable bingo prize fees covering the first quarter of 1999, Atkins said. The payments cover prize fees collected by charitable bingo organizations from winning players in Deaf Smith County for January, February and March of this year. Cities and counties that imposed the gross receipt tax on a local-option basis prior to Jan. 1, 1993, receive quarterly payments of up to 2.5 percent of the prizes won by bingo players in their jurisdictions. The state also receives a 2.5-percent share of the prize fees. The Texas Lottery Commission this week allocated \$2,739.35 in prize fees among Deaf Smith County units of government. The payments were part of the \$2.4 million in prize fees allocated to Texas cities and counties this week. In total, 67 county governments received \$1.2 million in prize fees, and 121 city governments received \$1.1 million.

Internet

From Page A1. Krellenstein also questioned whether search engines need to concern themselves with every new site. He said they focus on good sites that are of more interest to users. "The fact that the Web is growing so fast doesn't mean the quality part is growing as fast," he said.

Drugs

From Page A1. Still, consumers are anxious for a better deal. To prove it, Sanders organized a trip to a Montreal doctor on Wednesday for Ms. Jaring and four other women. Each had a brief consultation with Dr. Nii Quao at his office, then had their newly minted prescriptions filled at a nearby pharmacy. "It cost me \$57 (\$38.75 U.S.)," said Ms. Jaring, who was diagnosed with two types of breast cancer in 1996 and 1997. "In the states it would have cost me \$189." Ms. Jaring, however, still faces the dilemma posed by her Canadian pharmacist's demand for a Canadian-authorized prescription. For now, she will keep going to her Vermont physician. "There is too much history to change doctors at the drop of a hat," she said. On the Mexican border, where pharmacies accept prescriptions from U.S. physicians, more and more Americans are traveling south for less expensive drugs. It's not as common in Canada. Larry Labor, vice president of professional services at the North Country Hospital in the Vermont border community of Newport, said there are plenty of residents who go to Canada to get prescription drugs — despite the hassle of finding a Canadian doctor. "You've got to go sit (in a doctor's office) and wait for a signature. He's not going to do that pro bono," Labor said. It's much cheaper, though. A study by the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee staff found that of the 10 most widely used drugs by seniors, Americans pay 81 percent more than Canadians. "It's the same product, often manufactured in the same factory, and put in the same bottles," Sanders said.

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Clinton visiting Watts

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LOS ANGELES — For three days, President Clinton has stressed the need to invest in the poorest areas of the country. But here, on economically deprived turf that is still trying to recover from deadly race riots, he is arguing for investing in the poorest people themselves.

The president was visiting the community of Watts, scarred by riots nearly 30 years apart, to make the case today for private firms to help disadvantaged young people gain the skills they need for high-tech jobs in the new millennium.

Among those lined up to accompany Clinton was Magic Johnson, the former Los Angeles Lakers star who has revitalized South Central L.A. and other inner cities with multiplex movie theaters.

Clinton was touring a youth training facility within Alain Leroy Locke High School, named for the first African American Rhodes scholar. Later, he was going to nearby Anaheim for the annual conference of the National Academy Foundation — where chief executives were huddling to discuss ways to connect employers with disadvantaged youth, especially those aged 16 to 24.

Tobacco firms held liable in lawsuit

MIAMI — Just seven months after agreeing to pay states more than \$200 billion, the tobacco industry faces another potentially massive award — this time to hundreds of thousands of smokers suffering from emphysema, lung cancer and other illnesses.

A jury on Wednesday held the nation's five largest tobacco companies liable for making a defective product in the first class-action lawsuit by smokers ever to go to trial.

The jury found that the industry "engaged in extreme and outrageous conduct... with the intent to inflict severe emotional distress," which could support an award of punitive damages in the trial's next phase.

Those damages could exceed even the national settlement.

"The verdict will almost certainly be regarded as a landmark in finally holding the tobacco industry accountable for the damage it does in addicting children and in causing tobacco-related disease," said Bill Novelli, president of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids.

Richardson agrees to nuke agency

WASHINGTON — In the most significant fallout yet from the controversy over Chinese espionage and lax security, Energy Secretary Bill Richardson has agreed to a semiautonomous nuclear weapons agency within his department.

Richardson until this week has strongly opposed a Republican proposal for such an agency saying it would weaken the authority of future energy secretaries and create "a new fiefdom in a department of fiefdoms."

But under pressure from Congress — and reportedly a strong signal from the White House to reach some accommodation on department reorganization — Richardson has accepted creation of the new agency, with conditions.

"I'm ready to move on this," Richardson told The Washington Post, adding that he had directed his staff to "work with Congress on details to craft a bipartisan package."



Lions Club officers — The Hereford Lions Club installed new officers during Wednesday's meeting at the Hereford Community Center. The new officers are (front, from left) Mike Harris, president; David Castillo, director; Cynthia Dotson, sweetheart; and Vaavia Edwards, secretary; and (rear) Beverly Harrison, director; Carey Black, director; Allen Tessenner, first vice president; Keith Kalka, second vice president; Wade Littlefield, tail twister; and Carlos Ruiz, tail twister.

McCain opposes Internet tax

PALO ALTO, Calif. (AP) — Republican presidential candidate John McCain told an audience of conservatives he firmly opposes Internet sales taxes, but softened his stance later when addressing reporters, saying the issue needs more study.

Seeking to distinguish himself from Texas Gov. George W. Bush, who is still considering the issue, McCain said flatly in a speech Wednesday he favors a ban on Internet taxes.

"The ban must be permanent," McCain said. "Because you can be sure that the special interests that yearn to tap the cash cow to finance their projects will (gain) a competitive advantage through friendly rules and will pay their soft money dues to pursue the prize."

Yet asked for the details of his proposal after the speech, McCain deferred to the Advisory Commission on Electronic Commerce. Congress created

the panel last year to study Internet tax policy.

"I think we ought to look at the results of this commission before I would take a hard position on it," McCain, an Arizona senator, said.

"But I believe that when you look at the jobs and the revenue that are created as a result of this industry, this technology, we ought to seriously consider not imposing taxes on it."

Congress last year imposed a three-year moratorium on new federal, state and local electronic commerce taxes, which expires in October 2001. Aides said McCain at the time favored a permanent ban.

During a campaign swing here last week, Bush spokeswoman Karen Hughes said the Texas governor is still considering whether commerce on the Internet should be taxed.

McCain spoke in this city

six days after Bush did, and he echoed Bush on several high-tech issues. But he tailored his stump speech on campaign finance reform to the area's high-tech industry and traced many of its headaches to "special interests."

McCain wants to abolish soft money, the unlimited contributions made by corporations and interest groups to party committees to influence campaigns. He is seeking a Senate vote on a bill he co-wrote that would do that.

He bemoaned a shortage of skilled foreign workers allowed into the country, and he denounced the nation's "out-of-control" civil justice system.

Like Bush, McCain attacked the Clinton administration for dragging its feet on a bill approved last week that would make it harder to sue companies for Y2K-related problems. The White House repeatedly threatened to veto such bills.

First lady 'listens' in New York

SARANAC LAKE, N.Y. (AP) — Alysia Miller was hustling to finish her errands, but she paused on the sidewalk in this Adirondack Mountains village long enough to consider upstate New York's newfound national celebrity as a political proving ground.

First, Miller snorted at the idea that Hillary Rodham Clinton's semiformal debut as a New York Senate candidate this week is being billed as a "listening tour through upstate New York." Albany, where Mrs. Clinton began her campaign-style swing Wednesday, may be north of New York City, but it is still roughly 150 miles of mostly Republican real estate south of here.

"She says she wants to

know us, but how can she? She's never been here," Ms. Miller said.

Mrs. Clinton, who filed preliminary campaign paperwork Tuesday but has not formally declared her candidacy, has never lived in New York. Her possible GOP rival in 2000, New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, has been trying to brand the first lady a carpetbagger.



Hillary Rodham Clinton

"What the hell does she know about New York State?" asked Mike Campisi of Tupper Lake, N.Y., as he loaded purchases into the saddlebags of his motorcycle. "I mean give me a break. She should run in Arkansas."

And then there's that bit

of unpleasantness about the bugs. The New York media have been having fun for two weeks with the dismissive remark of a Hillary Clinton aide, quoted in the *New York Daily News*, apparently ruling out a vacation in the "fly-infested Adirondack Park."

The Adirondacks were one New York State locale mentioned this spring as a possible vacation destination for the Clintons, who are also said to be house hunting in and around New York City.

Yes, there are black flies in the Adirondacks, a vast state park in New York's "North Country," and yes, they do bite.

But all in all, the dry spring and pesticides have made this a pretty trouble-free year, said Ray LaRose, from his post next to the Adirondacks fishing maps at the Blue Line sport shop.

Unemployment claims decline

WASHINGTON (AP) — Declining claims for jobless benefits and rising retail sales are providing fresh evidence of a booming economy.

Claims for jobless benefits fell unexpectedly last week, the Labor Department said today. The number of Americans filing new claims dropped for the second week in a row to the lowest level in more than three months.

And, most of the nation's largest retailers said today that their June sales rose to better-than-expected levels.

Discount chains, such as Wal-Mart, Target and Kmart, reported the biggest gains. Specialty clothing stores including the Limited and the Gap also fared well as did department stores, which lured shoppers with seasonal fashions such as capri pants and tank tops.

June's strong sales — which followed big gains in May — were attributed to the hefty U.S. economy and warmer-than-normal weather that sent shoppers into stores for everything from bathing suits to air conditioners.

The late Memorial Day holiday on May 31 also helped out. Many retailers began their bookkeeping month May 29 or 30, which meant that much of the buying over

the holiday weekend was included in June's sales.

The Labor Department, meanwhile said 294,000 Americans filed new claims for jobless benefits for the week ending July 3 — down by 6,000 from the previous week. Last week's level was the lowest since 289,000 in the week ending March 27.

Many analysts had expected jobless claims to rise.

The four-week moving average for claims, which smoothes out week-to-week volatility, also was down to 299,000, the lowest level since April 3, when they were at 296,500.

The jobless claims applications are remaining at low levels, which analysts say reflects an extremely tight labor market, something the Federal Reserve is keeping a watchful eye on.

Karen Dexter, an economist with Merrill Lynch, said the downward trend in jobless benefits claims is suggesting that laid-off workers are not having a difficult time finding a new job. Dexter said "the job market continues to look healthy" and that "jobless claims are likely to be volatile in the coming weeks because of the 4th of July holiday and car factory shutdowns."

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