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PAMPA — Fancy hood ornaments must be the item of choice for thieves who helped themselves at Robert Knowles Automotive Monday night.

Police today are investigating the theft of 11 silver and three gold ornaments from Cadillacs and a Plymouth at the Hobart Street dealership.

The ornaments, valued at \$2,510, were removed between Monday evening and Tuesday morning, Pampa police reports show. Another vehicle was damaged when thieves attempted to remove its ornament.

A 1994 Chrysler LHS four-door car was scratched across its right back quarter panel and along the right passenger door. A 1995 Chevrolet ABS van was burglarized and an AC/DC 14-inch television, video tape player and cabinet, all valued at \$520, were stolen.

Hood ornament thieves did not limit themselves to the car dealership. A Cadillac hood ornament and trunk key cover were stolen from William M. Sims, 819 Gwendolen, on the same evening. The ornament and cover are valued at \$152.

PAMPA — Pampa's Recreation Department will be holding a final registration session for the Summer Recreation program from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday at Pampa Middle School.

The first session of the program begins June 6 and lasts until June 17 while the second session begins June 20 and continues until July 1.

For more information about the various classes offered, call Shane Stokes, Pampa's recreation superintendent, at 669-5770.

PAMPA — The renovation work at the city of Pampa water plant No. 2 has been completed.

Residents can now get their well water at the Hobart Street Park well water shelter, beginning today. The well water is available free to those who bring their jugs or other containers.

With the re-opening of the well water shelter at Hobart Street Park, residents no longer will have to travel to water plant No. 3 to obtain water there.

PAMPA — Gray County's Chapter of the Red Cross will be offering instructor classes in CPR and First Aid from June 16-18 at its offices located at 108 N. Russell.

Classes begin at 6 p.m. on June 16 and June 17 with the June 18 class beginning at 8:30 a.m.

For more information, contact the Red Cross office at 669-7121.

OTTAWA (AP) — Higher interest rates may have hurt some parts of the economy, but exports remain strong and the outlook remains bright, Finance Minister Paul Martin said Tuesday.

Martin was buoyed after Statistics Canada reported the economy shrugged off rising interest rates in March and surged ahead by 0.5 percent, led by manufacturing.

"It may well be that interest rates are going to have an effect on certain sectors of the economy," Martin said outside the Commons. "But I feel that the economy is very well-anchored and I am really quite confident that it is going to continue to grow. Overall, the situation looks very, very optimistic."

Interest rates jumped by about 2 percentage points in March and have remained above 6 percent ever since. The Bank of Canada's key bank rate jumped Tuesday, rising to 6.59 percent from 6.31 percent last week. It peaked at 6.61 percent on May 10.

OSLO, Norway (AP) — For half a century, John C. Ausland avoided the little green box that held the letters he sent home from World War II's battlefields, including Utah Beach on D-Day.

The bombs of another war, in the Persian Gulf, finally jarred the retired U.S. diplomat into opening the box, and sharing his observations, horror and humor in a book called *Letters Home: A War Memoir*.

"I knew that there were a lot of Iraqis being killed, but TV — as it always does — was presenting it as theater. As if there was no blood. There was," said Ausland, who lives in Oslo.

He said understood why the Gulf War was necessary, but it disturbed him. He decided it was time to confront the small metal box, in which his parents had saved his letters. They had given the box to him when he came home from the war, and he carried it from post to post around the world.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Haitian boat people seeking political asylum in the United States are to be screened at a facility planned for the neighboring Caribbean island of Jamaica, administration officials say. President Clinton's special adviser on Haiti, William Gray, was in Jamaica working out details of the arrangement, the officials said Tuesday.

U.N., U.S. mount pressure on North Korea

By LOUIS MEIXLER
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UNITED NATIONS (AP) — North Korea has begun removing a critical group of fuel rods from a nuclear reactor, jeopardizing the ability of inspectors to determine whether the country is making nuclear weapons, according to an official with a watchdog agency.

The source, an official with the International Atomic Energy Agency, spoke Tuesday on condition of anonymity.

U.N. weapons inspectors, the United States and other countries have been pressuring North Korea to let U.N. weapons in-

spectors monitor the refueling of the nuclear reactor at Yongbyon and the removal of spent fuel rods.

The Communist North has resisted inspections, saying its nuclear program is peaceful. But its refusal for more than a year to allow full inspections of its nuclear facilities has deepened suspicion that it is developing nuclear weapons.

The IAEA source said the North Koreans have begun removing a group of spent fuel rods that were replaced in 1989, before the country first declared that it had produced a small amount of weapons-grade plutonium.

North Korea said it had

replaced those rods for safety reasons, and at the time, the IAEA did not find that claim suspicious. But with the later disclosure that North Korea had manufactured weapons-grade plutonium, this group of rods became critical to tracing the history of the fuel in the reactor.

By examining the kind of radiation and level of radiation in those rods, the IAEA had hoped to determine whether fuel was diverted for weapons production.

Over the weekend, the IAEA reported that North Korea was unloading spent fuel rods from the reactor so quickly that within days it may be impossible to determine whether nuclear

materials were diverted.

U.S. officials say the 5-megawatt reactor at Yongbyon could produce enough plutonium to make several atomic bombs.

On Tuesday, White House Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers said the Clinton administration was "very concerned about the situation." Pentagon spokeswoman Kathleen deLaski said: "The pace of removal is a concern, but we are hopeful we can find a diplomatic settlement."

Diplomats at the United Nations also sounded troubled.

"There is no smoking gun, but there is circumstantial evidence that points in one direction and that is not a direction

that makes the Security Council comfortable," said Sir David Hannay, Britain's ambassador to the United Nations.

Myers said the White House was very concerned about the situation and that it would be up to the agency to determine "whether the continuity of safeguards has been broken."

Myers said President Clinton spoke with President Kim Young-sam of South Korea for about 20 minutes on Monday evening.

They talked after the U.N. Security Council adopted a non-binding statement urging North Korea to stop refueling its reactor in a way that could destroy evidence of its nuclear intentions.

Birthday fishing excursion



Nathan Carnagey, left, 7, shows his brother Ryan, 4, one of the fish he caught this morning on a fishing excursion to Pampa Lake in Recreation Park as a duck wanders on the beach. Today is Ryan's birthday and he wanted to go fishing, so his parents, Todd and Donna Carnagey, took their sons to the city lake. Mr. and Mrs. Carnagey both teach at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School; he teaches physical education and she teaches resource reading. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Miami set for its 46th Cow Calling festivities

MIAMI — The 46th annual Cow Calling Championship is set for Friday and Saturday in Miami.

Scheduled for Friday are Frontier Follies and cowboy poetry in the Miami School auditorium. A country dance sponsored by Miami Emergency Medical Service is set for 9 p.m.-1 a.m. in the Roberts County Barn.

Pioneer roundup will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday in the Miami Community Center. Roberts County Museum will host an open house 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with a special traveling exhibit of buffalo hide tools courtesy Devil's Rope Museum, McLean. An antique gun exhibit will be shown courtesy of Tom Wheeler. A noon barbecue will be served in Roberts County Park. Class reunions include 1946 at Bubba's, 1949-1956 at the community center and 1974 at Kay Swart's home.

The national cow calling championship will begin at 1 p.m. Children's games are sponsored by Miami Lions Club. Miami High School 1995 seniors are offering ice cream. Team roping will begin at 1 p.m. north of Red Deer sponsored by S.C. Mayo.

A western dance sponsored by the American Legion will be 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. in the Roberts County barn. Music is to be by Smokey Valley Boys including Frankie McWhorter. Miami High School seniors will sell pizza. The legion will operate a hamburger stand.

For more information, call 868-3721.

24 lose lives in Memorial Day traffic accidents

AMARILLO — Twenty-four people lost their lives in traffic accidents over the Memorial Day weekend, according to Trooper L.B. Snider, public information officer for the Department of Public Safety.

The count is lower than the projected 35, but obviously higher than need be, Snider said. He credits publicity as a primary aid to the lower than expected death count.

One-vehicle accidents were the leading type of fatal accidents, taking 11 lives. Seven two-vehicle accidents claimed eight lives. There were three pedestrian accidents.

As expected, speed was the leading cause, being a factor in 13 of these wrecks, with alcohol known to be a contributing factor to at least seven of the accidents.

Right of way, turning and overtaking figured into five of the fatalities, Snider said, adding that inattention was a primary element of these wrecks.

Snider noted this is the lowest Memorial Day weekend count since 1991, and asked motorists to continue to buckle their safety belts, operate at safe speeds and be alert to help ensure a safe start for the summer weather driving season.

County OKs museum renovations

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
News Editor

Gray County commissioners today gave the go-ahead to a representative of the White Deer Land Museum board to hire an architect for museum annex renovations.

Ensign-Tunnell of Amarillo was recommended by board representative Larry Franklin. Renovation estimates are \$99,000, which includes the \$15,000 already spent to purchase annex space next door to the present museum, he said. Originally it was believed the facility could be renovated for about \$60,000 but meeting Americans with Disability Act requirements added a "considerable amount" to the estimate, Franklin explained.

The annex was purchased with funds from the Ruth Ann Holland estate. Renovations are to be funded from the same source, said Ann Davidson, curator of the museum.

The architect will prepare schematics and bid specifications. Construction will be on a bid basis, said Franklin.

The museum is now about 7,800 square feet, with the annex, just north of the present

building, to add about 3,500 square feet.

Commissioner Gerald Wright asked Franklin if space might be available for artifacts from the Red River Wars. Franklin responded that one goal of the museum is to display the relationship between Gray County and the military history of the area.

Franklin said with the opening of M.K. Brown's apartment, visitorship to the museum has risen.

Franklin noted that board goals for the museum include building a meeting area to seat about 40, office and archive space separate from public areas, additional exhibit areas, and work and storage space.

Commissioners entered an agreement with Petroleum Fund Inc., a Paris, Tenn., company which proposes to try to recover excess taxes paid on petroleum products. In a letter to the commission, company representative William Dan Brown offers to file for a refund of overcharges for a \$25 filing fee and 20 percent commission on the amount recovered. The overcharge period is Aug. 19, 1973 to Jan. 27, 1991.

The refund request is based on current consumption. In 1993 Gray County used 92,803 gallons of petroleum products, said

County Auditor A.C. Malone. No refund estimate is available from Petroleum Fund papers.

In other action: The commission entered an agreement with Texas Department of Criminal Justice to provide building site preparation at the Rufe Jordan Unit.

The panel tabled until the next meeting a request to join in a resolution asking the U.S. Congress to change the name of Labor Day to Try America Day.

"I feel uncomfortable messing with it without having a little more knowledge on it," said Precinct 1 Commissioner Joe Wheeley.

The court tabled until fall budget proceedings a request from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to up the county's support of state trapper Bryan Byron of Donley County.

An approval agreement and ground lease agreement with Dr. J. Jay Sewell for hangar space at Perry Lefors Airport was passed.

Bills of \$217,873.53 were approved. The panel approved a request by American Gathering to cross a Precinct 2 road with a pipeline.

Italy's new premier vows to bring Nazi to justice

ROME (AP) — Italy's new government has assured Nazi-hunters it will bring to justice a former SS captain accused of a World War II atrocity.

That could raise some thorny issues for Premier Silvio Berlusconi. His coalition includes a party descended from followers of Fascist dictator Benito Mussolini, a Nazi ally.

Berlusconi met officials of the Simon Wiesenthal Center of Los Angeles for 50 minutes on Tuesday and promised that Italy would seek the extradition of Erich Priebke from Argentina.

Priebke, 80, has admitted taking part in the retaliatory murder of 335 civilians at the Ardeatine Caves outside Rome in 1944. He is now under house arrest.

"This trial is going to make many sectors of (Italian) society uncomfortable, and they should be uncomfortable," said Rabbi Abraham Cooper, the center's associate dean.

He called the case a test of Berlusconi's resolve to repudiate any links with Italy's Fascist past. It was time for the younger generation in Italy to confront that period, he said.

"There were many, many Fascists who said, 'We were never connected to these excesses,'" Cooper said.

"But the bottom line is the brutality of the Nazi regime, the utter contempt for the basic norms of humanity."

A trial of Priebke will force Italy "to look in the mirror, and say, 'These are the people you were in bed with,'" Cooper said in an interview.

He acknowledged that Italians never embraced Adolf Hitler's Final Solution of exterminating all Jews, and that they protected many Jews, particularly in areas the Italian army controlled.

"That's an important, but small, source of

solace," he said. The Fascist regime passed racial laws in 1938 and about one 8,000 Italian Jews were deported.

Cooper said a vigorous prosecution of Priebke would send a "profound and practical" message to neo-Nazi movements in Europe who may feel emboldened by the success of Italy's National Alliance, a member of Berlusconi's coalition.

Cooper and Shimon Samuels, the center's European representative, met with Berlusconi and Justice Minister Alfredo Biondi. They passed on two binders of documents gathered from British and U.S. archives.

They include references to Priebke and to SS Lt. Col. Herbert Kappler, now dead, who commanded the operation.

Biondi said the extradition request was being translated and would be sent within days.

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Clinton opens trip to Europe with D-Day remembrance

By RON FOURNIER
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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton, hoping to boost his sagging image at home and abroad, opened an eight-day European trip commemorating World War II by urging Americans today to remember the heroes of D-Day.

"We can honor their legacy by carrying it on," he said.

Dwarfed by a monument to one of the nation's greatest infantry units, Clinton said, "Let us all, from the president to every other citizen, do our best to say a simple thank you — thank you for what you did. Thank you for the years you have given us. Thank you for the example you have set through sacrifice and courage and determination."

Before leaving American soil, Clinton said he wanted to pay special tribute to the "home front army" that remained behind during World War II to build democracy's arsenal, "and who, themselves, were heroes."

Honoring women who built planes and rolled bandages, men who worked in suffocating coal mines and children who collected scrap metal and rubber, Clinton said, "With the strong leadership of President Roosevelt, they awakened the slumbering genius and giant of American industry."

Clinton, who was born two years after D-Day and avoided military service during his generation's war in Vietnam, said World War II soldiers "have given us 50 years of freedom and strong nationhood, they have nurtured generations of young Americans and given us the chance to work with the rest of the world to bring the Cold War to an end."



President Clinton, accompanied by first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, lays flowers today at the 1st Division Rodham Monument, a World War II monument in Washington, D.C., before leaving for Europe. (AP photo)

After an eight-hour flight, Clinton was landing in Rome to prepare for his Thursday meetings with President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro and Pope John Paul II. His talk with the pope comes as the administration faces

increasingly sharp criticism from Catholic leaders furious with Clinton's aggressive support of abortion rights.

The bulk of the trip is symbolic, taking him to historic venues in

Italy, France and England commemorating the 50th anniversary of the allied landings in Italy and Normandy. The highlight will be Monday's visit to Normandy, where the allied forces broke through Hitler's wall June 6, 1944, and spelled the end of World War II.

The trip is politically important to Clinton, who is trying to reverse perceptions of a muddled foreign policy. His failure to make inroads — or at least send clear signals — on conflicts in Bosnia, Haiti and North Korea has begun to affect the public's overall perception of the Clinton presidency.

Clinton's political advisers hope he can bask in the glow from ceremonies marking some of the greatest victories of the Western world.

The president has held up the World War II as a model for how American can shape a democratic world today. Borrowing from Roosevelt, Clinton said before leaving, "Our successes will not come with rushing speed, but we must see our battles to the end."

The White House selected a poignant site for the trip-opening speech, putting him in the shadow of a monument dedicated to the First Infantry Division. A white column topped by a gold "winged victory" angel towered above him. Flowers formed the shape of a No. 1, nicknamed the "Big Red One."

The infantry was the first installation into France in World War I, the first on Normandy's beaches in World War II, the first in Vietnam and the first to engage Iraqi troops in the Persian Gulf War, the White House said.

Court hearing held on Brady challenge

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — A government lawyer says Graham County Sheriff Richard Mack's lawsuit challenging the Brady Law should be thrown out because he didn't have legal standing to sue.

But Mack's lawyer responded that because Mack will suffer the legal and political consequences of enforcing or not enforcing the new law, he has every right to challenge it.

U.S. District Judge John Roll heard oral arguments Tuesday in the lawsuit brought by Mack challenging the constitutionality of the Brady Law, one of six such lawsuits by sheriffs nationwide.

The new federal statute requires prospective handgun buyers to wait five days while local officials check for criminal history or other background that would disqualify them.

Mack contends the law violates his Fifth Amendment protection from prosecution under vague laws. He argues that although his duties under the law are poorly defined, he could be prosecuted by the federal government for failing to enforce it.

But Justice Department lawyer Pamela Eppli argued that because there is no intent to prosecute Mack or other local officials, he cannot demonstrate that he would be harmed and therefore lacks standing to sue under the Fifth Amendment.

She said a Justice Department opinion and accompanying letter from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms to local law enforcement officials makes it clear that it is up to them to decide what constitutes a reasonable background check.

"And in some rural, sparsely populated counties, that may mean no search at all," she said.

If Mack were to make no effort at all to enforce the law, the government probably could sue him to force action but wouldn't prosecute him as a criminal, she said.

The judge said that if the law is so vague a legal opinion is required to determine who enforces it and how, then that in itself could pose a constitutional problem.

"I guess I'm just alarmed that the meaning of a criminal statute can change from one administration to another, from one attorney general to another, or even upon the changing of personnel within a single agency," Roll said.

Roll took the case under advisement without indicating when he would rule.

Mack was the first of six sheriffs across the country to sue the federal government after the law took effect March 1. A federal judge in Montana found part of the law unconstitutional earlier this month, and two other sheriffs have had hearings but no rulings.

Mexican rebels to vote on peace deal

By BILL CORMIER
Associated Press Writer

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Armed rebels in southern Mexico say they have started voting on whether to accept a government peace plan to end their half-year-old revolt.

The Zapatista National Liberation Army, in a communique published Tuesday, said it had finished weeks of meetings with supporters in southernmost Chiapas state and was beginning a "final assembly" to vote on the plan.

President Carlos Salinas de Gortari's government on March 2 proposed sweeping reforms to end the revolt in Chiapas which claimed at least 145 lives in fighting with the army before a Jan. 12 cease-fire.

The government offer included new roads, housing and schools, greater respect for Indian rights, and fair elections throughout Mexico.

The rebels had made election reform a key demand, but it is unclear whether the government can quell the revolt and scattered violence before presidential elections in August.

Political tensions are on the rise nationwide against a backdrop of violent land disputes, two kidnappings of prominent business leaders and occasional violent protests nationwide.

A police officer escaped unharmed Tuesday after some 300 peasants and Indians blocked a highway in Chiapas and set his patrol car ablaze.

In Mexico City on Monday, riot police clashed with hundreds of rock- and bottle-throwing squatters, leaving at least 29 people injured, according to reports.

Chief among rebel demands is a call to end 65 years of rule by the Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, which has allowed limited election reform, including a first-ever televised debate by presidential candidates.

The PRI has not lost a presidential vote since being founded in 1929.

By law Salinas cannot seek another six-year term and his candidate, Ernesto Zedillo, faces two major challengers: Cuauhtemoc Cardenas of the left-leaning Democratic Revolution Party, and Diego Fernandez de Cevallos of conservative National Action.

The new communique was the first major statement from the guerrillas since they told government peace envoy Manuel Camacho Solis on May 5 that they were considering the government's peace offer.

The communique gave no hint whether the guerrillas would find the proposal acceptable, saying only

that the vote count would be made public at an unspecified date.

"A permanent assembly has been declared to count the votes, analyze the opinions and deliver a response," said the rebels, who go by the Spanish acronym EZLN. "In due time, a date and place will be announced for a news conference to disclose the decision of the EZLN."

The communique also said the opinions of Mexicans nationwide would be taken into consideration. Thousands of people from all walks of life have filled out surveys in several major cities.

The rebels had said they needed to discuss the government offer with members in small villages dotting remote jungles of Chiapas, more than 460 miles southeast of Mexico City.

The rebel leader, Subcomandante Marcos, warned Cardenas during his visit to rebel territory last month that violence could resume if the presidential election wasn't fair.

"We do not ask for democracy. We do not beg for it. We insist on it. If there is no peaceful transition then there is another way: that of war," Marcos declared at a meeting in the jungle, backed by some 500 rebels.

Authorities hope to try youth as adult in A&M case

DeSOTO, Texas (AP) — Authorities say they hope to try as an adult a 15-year-old charged with capital murder in the shooting deaths of two Texas A&M University students.

The 15-year-old should stand trial as an adult because of the "viciousness" of the May 23 slayings of Reginald Broadus and Crystal Miller, Capt. C.V. Johns said.

The youth, from Lancaster, and Broderick Lavon Hardy, 20, of Dallas were arrested Friday and charged in the robbery, kidnapping and slaying of the students.

Broadus and Ms. Miller, both 21, were abducted from a south Dallas party May 23. They later were found dead near a DeSoto warehouse. Both students, found partially clothed, had been shot in the head.

Johns said the students were held prisoner and driven around in a car for about two hours before they were killed. He wouldn't say what happened during those two hours.

Gore issues blueprint for delivering benefits electronically

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Al Gore says millions of low-income Americans will receive their monthly benefits through electronic banking, taking the government out of the business of writing welfare checks and printing food stamps by 1999.

Gore wants to expand a system known as Electronic Benefits Transfer, or EBT, from a handful of local experiments into a national network. Using a single card, the system ultimately could deliver \$111 billion a year in benefits ranging from welfare to Social Security and military pensions.

EBT already is being used statewide in Maryland and in several cities around the country to deliver welfare benefits and food stamps through automated teller machines and electronic retail terminals.

The primary users of the national EBT network would be food stamp recipients and Americans who receive other public benefits, but who do not have bank accounts and direct deposit.

Among the biggest losers: the check-cashing companies that charge stiff fees to cash welfare checks and the drug dealers who exchange drugs for food stamps.

Under the system food stamp recipients would use their card to pay for groceries at a supermarket checkout, just as many people now use credit and debit cards. Pensions

and other benefits would be credited to the recipient, who could then withdraw the money from automated teller machines.

According to Gore, EBT reduces "waste, fraud and abuse," and cuts red tape, while saving an estimated \$195 million a year when fully implemented.

The federal investment in designing and implementing nationwide EBT is estimated at \$83 million from 1994 through 1997.

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Opinion

Blaming violence on scapegoat issue

Last month, bereaved spouses of people killed by a madman in a San Francisco office building last year filed suit against the manufacturers of the gun used in the mass slaying.

The basis for their claim? The lawsuit filed in San Francisco makes clear the plaintiffs aren't claiming that the weapon was faulty. Rather, they are suing because it functioned precisely as it was supposed to.

You see, the suit claims the Florida maker of the TEC-DC9 semiautomatic firearm, as well as the Colorado manufacturer of its trigger mechanism, were supposed to know that the weapon "would be used to kill or injure innocent people in a violent criminal act, particularly the kind of mass killing committed by (the assailant)."

If that sounds like a bit of a stretch, consider the source: The suit, seeking yet-unspecified damages, was actually filed on behalf of some of the victims' survivors (there were eight killed in all) by the Center to Prevent Handgun Violence.

Along with other groups like Handgun Control Inc., the Washington, D.C.-based center has been pushing for ever more stringent gun controls. And like all such groups, the sky's the limit; the Second Amendment, the practical need for self-defense, the concerns of sporting enthusiasts, etc., are all of no concern in this liberal group's radical agenda to stigmatize and restrict firearms.

And this lawsuit is the latest publicity stunt by the anti-gun lobby to exploit the grief of crime victims in pursuit of greater gun control. The survivors, sadly, are mere props in this dog-and-pony show.

That said, there's something else this absurd legal action exploits, our right to arms notwithstanding - America's growing obsession with passing the buck. This is the same syndrome that fuels so many other specious lawsuits nowadays.

Too often, blame is shifted from the real culprit to some remote source, usually with deep pockets to cough up a hefty contingency fee for the lawyer.

In this case, an apparent lunatic, acting alone, opened fire on a building's occupants for reasons all his own. He happened to abuse a firearm which, as a semiautomatic, was functionally indistinguishable from literally millions of other such weapons, few of which are or likely ever will be used in violence.

The killer, who also ended his own life in the melee, could have misused many other conceivable implements to the same end. But with him gone, the Center to Prevent Handgun Violence has found a convenient patsy.

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Where's the liberal outrage?

"As women and as lawyers, we must never again shy from raising our voice against sexual harassment." So said Hillary Rodham Clinton at a 1992 American Bar Association luncheon feting Anita Hill.

Funny that the women and lawyers who raised their voices in support of Hill have uttered nary a peep about Paula Corbin Jones. Maybe it's because Hill cast aspersions on a conservative Republican while Jones has made her accusations against a liberal Democrat.

The various women's groups that were only too willing to buy Hill's highly questionable story, are all too willing now to dismiss Jones' far more plausible story as a fiction.

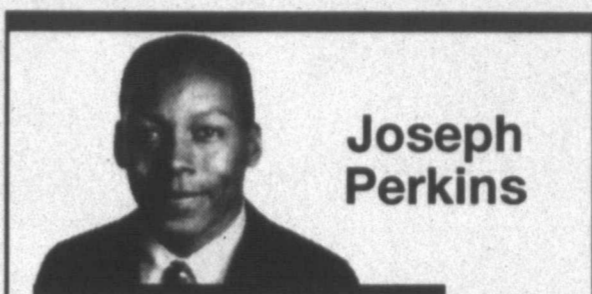
Take Patricia Ireland, the hypocritical president of the National Organization for Women. Even if Jones is telling the truth, she said, that former Gov. Clinton invited her up to a hotel room, dropped his pants and asked her to perform a sexual act, "it would be a stretch to say that it was sexual harassment."

Well, tell that to Bob Packwood, the Republican senator from Oregon. Ireland and other NOW officials have called for a public hearing to investigate sexual harassment charges against him that are no more or less serious than those filed by Jones.

No less hypocritical are protests from the president's liberal support groups that Jones has been put up to her lawsuit by so-called Clinton haters.

These are the same folks who conspired with Democratic staffers on the Senate Judiciary Committee to leak Hill's confidential FBI testimony to their operatives in the media in a last-ditch effort to derail Clarence Thomas' certain confirmation.

Some of the president's defenders question the timing of Jones' accusations. The incident in ques-



Joseph Perkins

tion is alleged to have occurred in 1991. Why did she wait three years to come forward with her complaint, after the criminal statute of limitations had expired?

That's a good question. Wonder why they never thought to ask that of Hill. She waited until 10 years had passed before accusing Judge Thomas. Yet, her charges were treated as seriously by the folks who now question Jones as if the alleged harassment had occurred only days before Thomas' confirmation hearing.

The most ironic attack on Jones is that she's some kind of goldigger. That she's pressing her case against the president in the hope of becoming rich and famous. Well, maybe she is or maybe she isn't. But we know that Hill has won fame and fortune by accusing a Supreme Court nominee.

Indeed, had she not besmirched the good name and reputation of Clarence Thomas, few Americans ever would have heard of her. She would not be raking in thousands of dollars per speech. She would not be toasted at lunches by the likes of Hillary Clinton.

There is another thing about Jones that troubles

Ireland and other feminist leaders. She's not their kind of sexual harassment accuser. They prefer someone like Hill - liberal, Ivy League-educated, professional, upper-middle class. Just like them. Jones is almost the complete opposite. A former \$12,817-a-year clerk.

But gender crimes occur across class lines. And even women who come from the other side of the tracks - like the young Massachusetts woman who was brutally raped by several men on a pool table - can be authentic victims. Indeed, women's groups rushed to the victim's aid, arguing (properly so) that outrage over gender crimes should not be based on a woman's pedigree.

So Jones is a nightmare for the feminist left, which finds that its political use of sexual harassment has come home to roost. It was a wonderful weapon to deploy when the targets were conservatives, deemed insufficiently supportive of the feminist agenda. But now the weapon has been turned on one of their kind of men, Bill Clinton. And suddenly they've grown faint.

One needn't be a liberal Democrat or even a Clinton supporter to sympathize with the president. While Jones appears to have a much stronger case than Hill, her sexual harassment charges against Clinton are no less calculated than Hill's accusations against Thomas.

The women's groups that support the president are trying to assuage their guilty consciences by saying that Jones is a moll for right-wing Clinton haters. But the blame really resides with Ireland and her friends on the feminist left who first began using the highly explosive charge of sexual harassment to destroy their political foes.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, June 1, the 152nd day of 1994. There are 213 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 1, 1813, the U.S. Navy gained its motto as the mortally wounded commander of the U.S. frigate Chesapeake, Captain James Lawrence, was heard to say, "Don't give up the ship" during a losing battle with a British frigate.

On this date:

In 1792, Kentucky became the 15th state of the union.

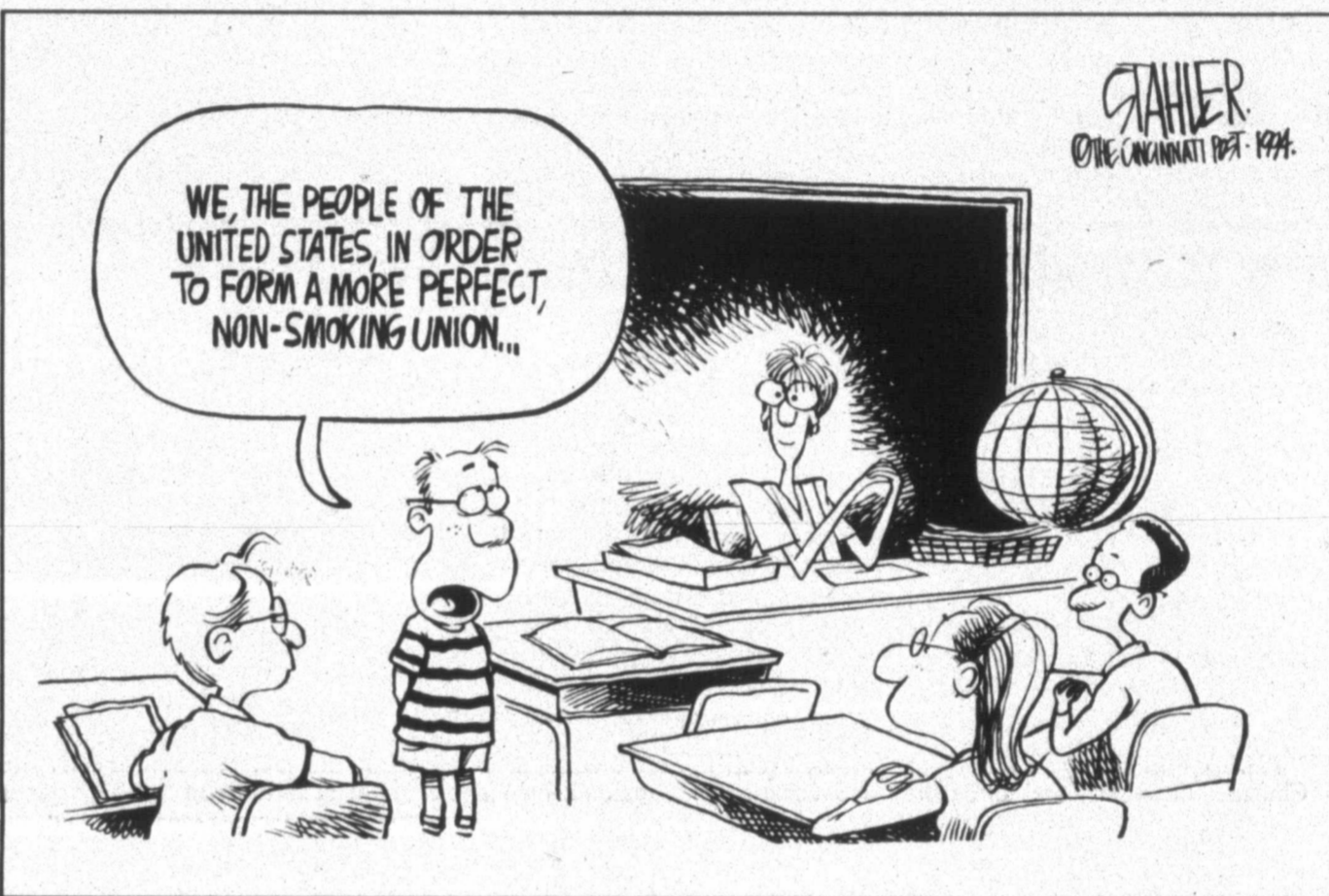
In 1796, Tennessee became the 16th state.

In 1801, Mormon leader Brigham Young was born in Whitingham, Vt.

In 1868, James Buchanan, the 15th president of the United States, died near Lancaster, Pa.

In 1888, California got its first seismographs when three of the devices were installed at the Lick Observatory.

In 1926, actress Marilyn Monroe was born in Los Angeles.



VA hospitals: A 70-year lesson

In 1921, a government bureau was created to handle veterans' affairs. A year later, it was given the responsibility of meeting their health needs. And in the seven decades that have followed, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has grown to include the largest health care system in America - the Veterans Health Administration - 100 percent government-owned and 100 percent government-operated.

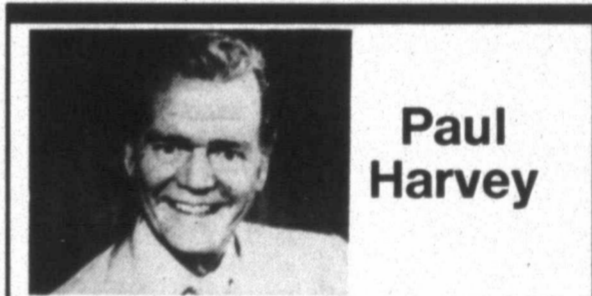
If you've been wondering what socialized medicine would be like in the United States, we've had it ... for 70 years.

Governmentalized health care got a rocky start in America. As with all government bureaucracies, the temptation for graft and greed was great, and the first program director, Charles Forbes, received his fill of both. Forbes ended up in Leavenworth, and his compatriot, Charles Cramer, committed suicide.

Unfortunately for the veterans, that was only a foretaste of things to come.

In 1931, angry vets rioted in Washington. During the Depression, VA hospitals floundered under an ever-increasing patient load, and after WWII, the influx of ex-servicemen pushed the system toward extinction.

"In the clinic," recalls former VA physician Robert K. Moxon, "chaos was endemic."



Paul Harvey

But did the confusion end with the government's outlay of billions to resurrect the program? Apparently not.

Dr. John T. Lord, testifying about the VA's inefficiency before a Senate committee just last year, described the system as "archaic."

When we look at recent statistics, it's easy to see why.

According to a 1993 study put out by the General Accounting Office, 55 percent of veterans wait up to three hours for routine examinations, 11 percent wait the same length of time for "urgent" examinations, and nearly all of them are delayed three months to see a specialist. Even then, only one trip in seven results in treatment.

And what treatment. One patient having abdominal pain for three

weeks after surgery was discovered to have a "misplaced" surgical sponge lodged in his stomach.

Another vet, because of misdiagnosis, ended up paralyzed.

A third, known to be psychotic and suicidal, killed himself in the parking lot after waiting four hours without service.

And a father of two died in heart surgery when a technician misread his vital signs.

For the Cato Institute, Robert Bauman's research reveals that 90 percent of American veterans opt for private health care.

Nine out of every 10 veterans choose to pay for private health care rather than entrust themselves to the "free" governmentalized system.

Americans, our vets are trying to tell us:

If the current VA medical centers can't properly care for a tenth of our veterans with an operating budget of nearly \$16 billion per year, how is the government ever going to care for you?

The answer should be too obvious to require elaboration.

No matter how big we want to make government-controlled health care, no matter how much money we're willing to spend, a casual stroll down the shadowy corridors of any VA hospital will reveal what "government medicine" is really like.

Health Police: Happy to scare us about food

You know what bothers me most when the Health Police announce yet another food they say will kill us?

It isn't the loss of the victual itself, although it is bound to be something delicious. It's the leers and sneers the Health Police effect when they tell us we can't have the goody anymore. They get a kick out of tormenting us, and that's what really gets to me.

I can just imagine them snickering while they're preparing their assaults. "I can't wait to tell them they can't have movie popcorn. Tee hee." Or, "They're gonna groan and pop their corks, when we tell them to lay off Moo Shu Pork. Tee hee."

You know they spend a lot of time planning their taunts because they're always ready with a quip or a colorful quote. They say things that don't just pop into a person's head and obviously had to be thought up beforehand. Things like, fettuccine Alfredo is "a heart attack on a plate" - which is what a Center for Science in the Public Interest person said when they zapped Italian food. Or, "Theater popcorn ought to be the Snow White of snacks, but instead it's the Godzilla" - which is what a CSPI person said when he waylaid movie popcorn.

Now comes this nutritionist from Harvard, Dr. Walter Willett, who says that margarine is more pernicious than pokeweed, or words to that effect. Actually, he was talking about vegetable oils that have been hydrogenated or partially hydrogenated to solidify them. They are full of trans fatty acids, which increase the bad cholesterol in our blood.



Joseph Spear

Dr. Willett has come up with an impressive number. He says that as many as 30,000 Americans may be expiring every year from trans fatty acid-induced heart attacks. Let me put it to you another way: Eat that cookie and die, pal.

I exaggerate, do I? Read the label on just about any processed food. Go ahead: Crackers, chips, pies, those little butterscotch cakes. They are all made with hydrogenated or partially hydrogenated oils. Peanut butter? Check it out, buddy. You'd do better with a bowl of hemlock soup.

So, scores of wonderful foodstuffs get knocked off in one fell swoop - a stupendous accomplishment for the Health Police. Eggs, meat, milk, cheese - all these made the verboten list years ago. And sweets - you see where they are on the new food pyramid? Now lasagna and Kung Pao Chicken. Is anything left?

Well, yes, there is. Food scientists have discovered some new compounds they call "phytochemi-

icals," which seem to prevent cancer and are therefore good for us. One of these substances, called sulforaphane, is found in broccoli, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, kale and turnips.

Did you get that? I said turnips. I told you 18 months ago I had evidence that a radical group of turnip farmers called the Turnip Underground was the real force behind all the assaults on food. The idea is to discredit every food substance except turnips. Since they completely control the turnip market, they will be rolling in clover.

I don't want you to think I'm capitulating or anything, but I have been collecting turnip recipes. Escallops de navet, turnip croquettes, Tournedos nabos, stuffed turnips, turnip pizza and so on. If you have turnip recipes, let's share.

Because the Health Police will sooner or later find something wrong with turnips, too, I instructed the Spear Foundation several months ago to come up with a plan on how to eat every food on earth has been condemned. The SF devised what appears to be a foolproof scheme, and it is this:

Buy whatever food you want, throw it away and eat the container it came in. You'll have to avoid canned foods, of course, but there are so many things you can do with paper and plastic cartons. Boil them, roast them, steam them. Chew slowly, swallow with lots of liquids and forget about fats and things.

Will the HP be happy when we are subsisting on Styrofoam?

Brewster County jail closed after state investigation

ODESSA (AP) — State officials have temporarily closed the Brewster County Jail and moved the prisoners because an investigation revealed that they "pretty much had the run of the jail," a prosecutor says.

All 24 prisoners at the facility in Alpine have been moved to the Fort Stockton Detention Center, District Attorney Alberto Valadez said Tuesday.

An investigation revealed widespread drug use and a situation in which prisoners had unlimited access to jail evidence lockers and other off-limits areas, he said.

"They pretty much had the run of the jail," Valadez told the *Odesa American*.

The investigation was launched by Valadez following an April 25 escape during which an inmate walked out of the jail through an unlocked gate, assaulted his girlfriend in Alpine and returned to the jail undetected.

Brewster County Sheriff Jack McDaniel asked the Texas Rangers to investigate whether the escape was aided by jail personnel.

No evidence surfaced that the inmate was assisted, but other problems were discovered during the investigation by Texas Ranger Ronald Stewart.

"The investigation progressed, and it developed that narcotics were being smuggled into the jail, as well as alcohol," Valadez told the newspaper.

During the investigation, authorities placed two confidential informants in the jail on two separate occasions. Although the informants did not know about each other, they emerged with the same information, Valadez said.

"Both came out with almost identical stories," he said. One underwent a polygraph test.

The jail was closed Tuesday following a "shakedown" search.

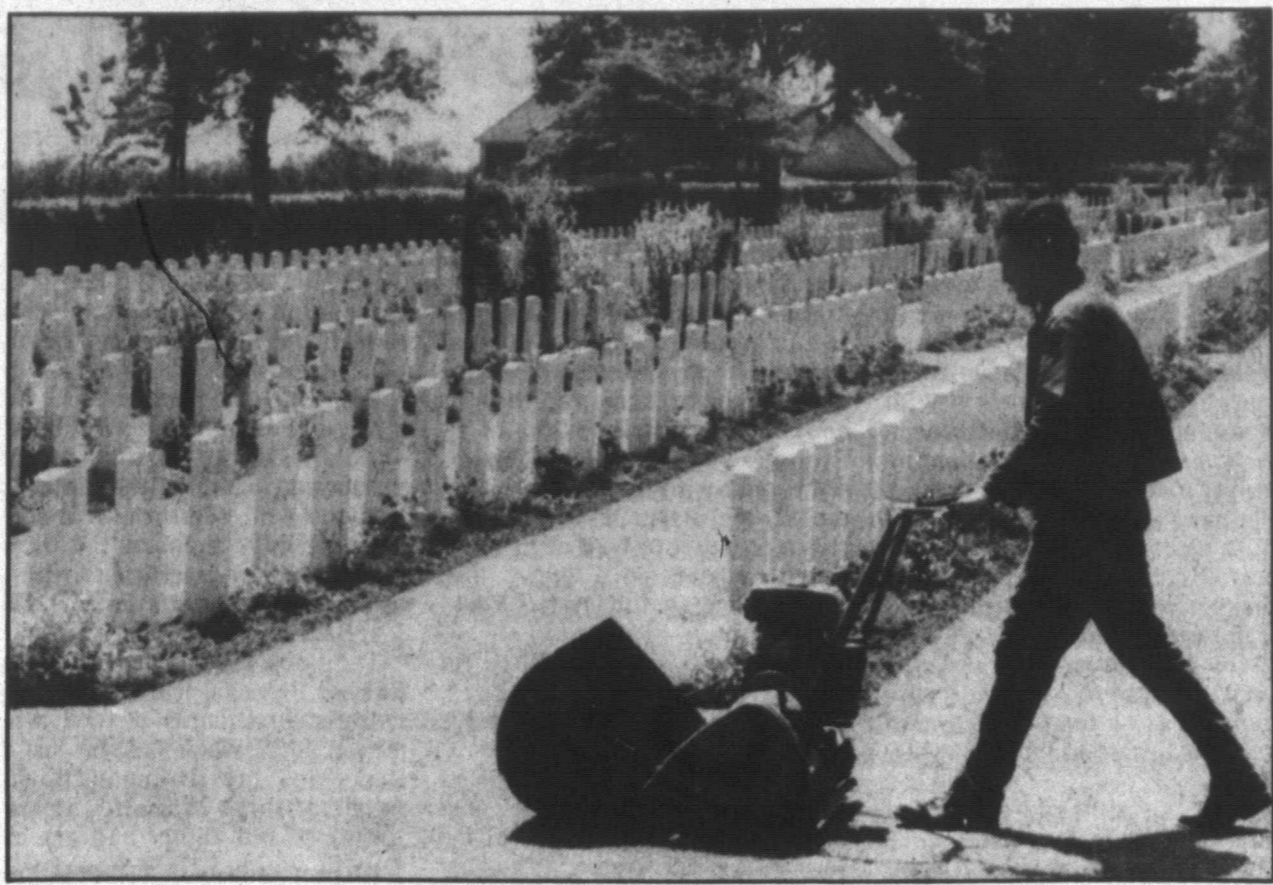
Valadez said authorities began the search by shutting off water to the facility to keep inmates from flushing drugs down the toilets. Each inmate was strip searched and put into new uniforms and a drug-sniffing dog combed the jail.

No drugs were found, but the dog did alert handlers as if drugs were in the area. Valadez said he believes the inmates got suspicious after the second informant left the jail and used or disposed of the narcotics the dog smelled.

Valadez said all inmates and sheriff's department employees who worked in the jail are being interrogated.

"All personnel in the jail are being investigated," he said.

D-Day preparation



A French workman mows the grass at the British Cemetery at Bayeux, Normandy, today during preparations for the 50th anniversary of the D-Day landings of World War II. Britain's Queen Elizabeth II will visit the cemetery as part of the commemoration. (AP photo)

Astronomers find amino acid evidence in space

By PAUL RECER
AP Science Writer

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — An amino acid has been found for the first time in large galactic clouds, proving that one of the molecules important to the formation of life can exist in deep space, researchers say.

Yanti Miao and Yi-Jehng Knan of the University of Illinois at Urbana reported Tuesday at a meeting of the American Astronomical Society that they detected glycine in clouds of gas and particles near the center of the Milky Way.

Glycine is an important amino acid, playing a role in the formation of many types of protein.

"This supports the concept that life could occur elsewhere in space," Knan said, though he emphasized that finding the amino acid in no way proves that life exists elsewhere or that glycine from space played a role in Earth's biology.

Patrick Palmer, a University of Chicago astronomer and an expert on molecules in space, said the finding "is an important step

toward an understanding of interstellar chemistry."

He said that more than 100 molecules have been found in space but that this was the first discovery of one of the basic molecules of life.

The discovery adds fuel to the debate among scientists over whether the amino acids that formed early life arose in space and were somehow deposited on a primitive Earth, or were created on Earth through atmospheric chemistry and such energy sources as lightning.

"This discovery forces a re-examination of the whole idea," Palmer said.

Miao, Knan and their colleagues used radio telescopes of the Berkeley-Illinois-Maryland Array in Northern California to scan galactic clouds 23,000 light years from Earth in the Milky Way, the galaxy that contains the solar system.

The researchers said the instruments detected the signature of glycine, the smallest of the commonly occurring amino acids, in an active star-forming region known as Sagittarius B2.

Miao said that the glycine may

have been coating grains of matter in the cloud and was then boiled off as the grains were heated. The amino acid, she said, was detected in a gaseous state.

The area is rich with other types of chemical molecules, containing about 90 percent of all interstellar molecules that have been found, she said.

"The fact that glycine can exist in this very harsh environment of space may mean that it is more common in the universe than we thought," Knan said. "This supports the concept that some of the chemistry for life may be out there."

Palmer said the idea that asteroids or comets could have brought to Earth the amino acids for life is controversial. The molecules in large meteorites would be destroyed in the collision with Earth, and molecules on very small space rocks would be destroyed by ultraviolet light from the sun, he said.

But in theory, Palmer said, intermediate-size meteorites could deliver amino acids to Earth.

"It is a fascinating idea," he said, but still unproven.

Forecasters prepare new equipment for hurricanes

By TRACY FIELDS
Associated Press Writer

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP) — New equipment is expected to help forecasters better predict the paths of major storms during the Atlantic hurricane season that begins today.

A new satellite will be working by the season's end in November to provide a national weather picture every 15 minutes, twice as often as before.

And more Doppler radar units have been erected on the ground to measure wind speed and thunderstorm activity.

But all this won't help emergency planners gauge what people are going to do, said Bob Sheets, director of the National Hurricane Center.

Sheets said he worries about complacency among people living in coastal high-rises. Only 30 percent of those living on Florida barrier islands evacuated before Hurricane Andrew slammed into South Florida in 1992, he said.

"I don't think the people on the barrier islands really understand what would have happened if (Andrew) hit there," he said. "Instead of the loss of 15 lives in Dade County, there would have been loss of life in the hundreds, and that's what's going to happen if they don't get out."

Forecasters are excited about the new storm-watching satellite that

will be used for the first time this season. During dangerous storms, forecasters will be able to activate the satellite to provide details every six minutes.

The new satellite is the first of five that will be strung around the globe over the next eight years.

"It'll take several years before they know exactly how much better things will get," Sheets said. "Intuitively, we believe it will improve our forecasting."

William Gray, a hurricane expert at Colorado State University, predicted a close to average season — 10 named storms, six of them hurricanes and two of those intense. He predicts hurricane activity based on factors such as rainfall in Africa and the El Nino ocean-warming effect in the Pacific Ocean.

A hurricane has sustained winds of 74 mph or higher. Forecasters assign names to weather systems when they become tropical storms with wind speeds exceeding 38 mph.

Last season brought eight named storms and four hurricanes. Only one hurricane, Emily, struck the United States. It killed three people as it battered North Carolina's Outer Banks on Aug. 31.

The names chosen for the 1994 season's Atlantic storms:

Alberto, Beryl, Chris, Debby, Ernesto, Florence, Gordon, Helene, Isaac, Joyce, Keith, Leslie, Michael, Nadine, Oscar, Patty, Rafael and Sandy.

Cattle price drop leads farm price decline

WASHINGTON (AP) — The lowest prices in nearly six years for steers and heifers helped cause a 1.4 percent drop in the prices farmers got for their raw products in May, the Agriculture Department says.

Prices also dropped from April to May for milk, eggs and corn. Prices rose for tomatoes, broilers, celery and peaches.

The May index held even with year-ago levels, however. Increases for corn, soybeans, oranges and cotton offset decreases for cattle, tomatoes, hogs and onions.

The monthly report, issued Tuesday, said beef cattle prices averaged \$67.70 per hundredweight, down \$4.30 from April and \$9.40 from a year ago. The report said the average price of \$70.30 for steers and heifers, the chief slaughter animals, was the lowest monthly price since August 1988.

The decline follows a glut of cattle in feedlots, where the animals are fattened on grain for slaughter. Dry conditions in the Southeast and Southern Plains led ranchers to sell their stock to the feedlots rather than graze them.

The feedlot pressure should ease this spring and summer because of better grazing conditions, the department said in a separate report.

That separate analysis also said retail beef prices should drop this summer, averaging \$2.88 a pound, down from a record of \$2.93 last year.

In the prices-to-farmers report, the department said milk dropped 30 cents a hundredweight to \$13.20 in May, but was still up from \$12.90 a year ago.

Eggs dropped to 58.2 cents a dozen, from 61.7 cents a month earlier and 63.3 cents in May 1993.

Corn dropped to \$2.60 a bushel in May, from \$2.65 the previous month, but was still higher than \$2.14 in May 1993. The department said the decrease from April to May was due to favorable growing and planting conditions in the major states and a projected rebound in 1994 production after last year's flood- and drought-shortened crop.

Judge rules King Fahd not defendant in slavery lawsuit

HOUSTON (AP) — Since he's a head of state, King Fahd of Saudi Arabia won't be a defendant in a lawsuit alleging members of the royal family enslaved two domestic servants at a Houston hotel, a judge has ruled. U.S. District Judge Lynn N. Hughes dismissed Fahd from the lawsuit Tuesday after the U.S. State Department said foreign heads of state are immune from such a civil action.

Jerry Payne, the Houston lawyer representing the servants, didn't object to the State Department's intervention.

The State Department didn't challenge the fact that the government of Saudi Arabia is named as a defendant.

In the lawsuit, Josephine Alicog of the Philippines and Sryani Marian Fernando of Sri Lanka allege the late Prince Saad Bin Abdul-Aziz Al Saud and his former wife, Princess Noora, forced them to work and abused them before they escaped from Houston's Ritz-Carlton Hotel in late 1991.

Prince Saad, who was staying at the hotel while being treated in Houston for cancer, died in July.

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Chocolate cake, it's not just for breakfast anymore

By MARY MacVEAN
AP Food Writer

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The oversized, laminated menu at Brennan's lists 15 "eye-openers." There's brandy milk punch, Mr. Funk of New Orleans, absinthe frappe, or the Sazerac, made with bourbon and "a little mystery."

But Ted Brennan will not be lured by these or any other mysteries on this sunny spring morning. The waiter brings a Diet Coke to his table overlooking a courtyard.

In classic dieter's fashion, Brennan follows that with Eggs Bayou LaFourche — poached eggs on andouille Cajun sausage and Holland rusks with hollandaise sauce — and then a slice of dark chocolate "suicide" cake. Dessert, he says, is his favorite part of the meal.

It's breakfasts like these that lead Ted Brennan to note that he could stand to lose about 20 pounds and soon will return to one of two diets he says work — a low-carbohydrate regimen or a commercial pro-

gram that requires prepared food he found pretty awful.

And it's breakfasts like these — big, groaning, rich breakfasts with Creole, Cajun and French accents — that have made the restaurant his father opened in 1945 famous.

It's just 10 a.m. on a Saturday, but many of the 550 seats at the sprawling old French Quarter mansion that houses Brennan's are taken. You can eat lunch or dinner here, but it's breakfast that tourists know and locals who can spare three hours for a morning meal love.

Breakfast at Brennan's takes its cues from a pre-Civil War tradition in the nearby French Market, Brennan says. After an early start to the workday, the merchants would break around 10 or 11 o'clock for a three- or four-course breakfast that would include egg dishes, meats, dessert and wines.

In the 1950s, his dad opened one room for similar morning meals. "It took about 10 years to really catch on," he says. Now, locals come on the weekends, but week-

days are mostly tourists.

"It would be hard to go back to work after a three-hour breakfast with eye-openers and wine," he says.

It might be hard to go to work the next day, in fact. The menu suggests a traditional Brennan breakfast (\$50): oyster soup Brennan, eggs Benedict, sirloin with fresh mushrooms and hot French bread, bananas Foster (a flaming dessert made tableside), coffee. Suggested accompaniments: a \$35 bottle of champagne and a \$4.75 cocktail called absinthe suisse, "guaranteed to put you in the mood for this carefree old city."

"One thing about this place, you don't leave here hungry," said Brennan, as he leans back in his chair, well aware of the understatement.

So much for the old coffee cart and factory-made danish.

Despite his protestations, Brennan, wearing a conservative navy blue suit and tortoise shell-framed glasses, looks fairly trim for someone who owns a place that checks

your cholesterol counter at the door.

"When people come here, diets be damned," he says. "We never got into the low-fat, health-conscious mores of the '70s and '80s."

A modest assessment. The grits, for example, taste so sensual because, he says, instead of adding butter before serving, they're cooked with lots and lots of it. Even the virtuous seasonal berries are served with double cream. Of the 12 egg dishes, every one has cream or butter or both as a prominent ingredient.

Then there are the Oysters Rockefeller.

"You know what I like? You get the taste right here," he says, stroking his neck, just beneath his right ear.

Two restaurants, his and Antoinette's, he says, do it properly: "It's just sauteed vegetables, and one of the vegetables is not spinach." The right ingredients, besides oysters, are green onion, celery, parsley, bread, Tabasco, Pernod and "tons of butter," he says.

This and other secrets to Brennan's kitchen are revealed in a new book, "Breakfast at Brennan's and Dinner, Too" by Pip, Jimmy and Ted Brennan (published by Brennan's Inc., \$27.50). The book is a companion to a public television series being broadcast on 215 stations nationwide.

Brennan is having breakfast with a reporter to publicize the book, which tells the history of the restaurant, including the brothers' version of the schism that divided among family members the Brennan empire of restaurants: Brennan's, Commander's Palace, Mr. B's, Bacco.

The book is dedicated to Owen Edward Brennan, patriarch of New Orleans' first family of food, who died in 1955, when Ted was just 7. It is time, says Brennan, now a father of three himself, "to pay tribute to our father and get his story in writing."

Ted, the youngest of Owen's sons, says all the brothers considered other careers. "But when it came time, you realize what was in

your blood."

He had spread his wings to San Francisco, in the late 1960s. But while it might seem an easy shift from the Big Easy to the Haight, Brennan found he didn't quite fit in.

"I was no hippie," he says. To illustrate the point, he tells a story about how, one day after work in a restaurant, he decided to go to a movie.

"So I put on a coat and tie," he says. And strode, unashamed and equally unaware, into a theater that was showing "Easy Rider."

The theater, he recalls, had enough marijuana smoke to get him high from what now might be called second-hand smoke. By the time of the climactic scene — set in New Orleans during Mardi Gras — he was feeling a double pang of dislocation and homesickness.

That was more than 30 Mardi Gras celebrations ago. Brennan again wears a coat and tie while many around him are in jeans and T-shirts.

But this time, he's very much at home.

Healthier cookbooks abound

(AP) — Some recent low-fat cookbooks: — "Butter Busters" by Pam Mycoskie (Warner Books, \$16.95). From a woman who started with her own efforts to reduce fat, this very personal book, originally self-published, has been a surprise best-seller. Its 350 recipes are aimed at feeding your family, and Mycoskie includes a guide to shopping and fitness and tips on modifying high-fat recipes. She uses name brands and lists new products she recommends, but some of the supermarket information is local to her Texas home.

— "Get the Fat Out" by Victoria Moran (Crown Trade Paperbacks, \$9). A compendium of 501 suggestions for doing as the title suggests. Ideal for browsing to find ideas that suit individual tastes and lives; not everyone will want to eat imitation butter flakes, while substituting chestnuts for other nuts may appeal more. Some of her ideas are innovative, others more pedestrian.

— "The New Dr. Cookie Cookbook" by Marvin Wayne and Stephen Yarnall (Quill, paperback, \$14). Two doctors offer 150 cookie, cake and bread recipes that are less fat than conventional versions. A cookie in the book may still get nearly half its calories from fat, but some of the desserts are much slimmer and some have no fat at all. And lots of the recipes include healthy measures of nutritious fruits and vegetables.

— "The 99 Percent Fat-Free Cookbook" by Barry Bluestein and Kevin Morrissey (Doubleday, \$25). An attractive recipe book, rather than a nutritional guidebook, this is food you can serve to company, although many recipes are easy enough to make any day. Every recipe contains no more than a gram of fat per serving. Recipes include mushroom strudel, shrimp jambalaya and pumpkin swirl cheesecake.

— "Provencal Light" by Martha Rose Shulman (Bantam, \$29.95). Shulman's books are always appealing and they always deliver. This time, she takes the best of a wonderful culinary region and provides healthy recipes that are inherently hefty with produce, grains and flavors. These are not fat-free recipes, but the food of a region that has traditionally eaten healthfully. Among the more than 200 recipes are salade Nicoise, bouillabaisse, stuffed tomato gratin and pan-roasted quail with quinces and figs.

— "Thin for Life" by Anne Fletcher (Chapters, \$24.95). The bulk of this book comes from Fletcher's interviews with 160 people who successfully lost weight. She combines their stories with diet research and nutrition information. The weight "masters," as Fletcher calls them, provide recipes as well as inspiration.

Strawberry trifle — an elegant delight made easy, delicious

By The Associated Press

Sweet, vine-ripened strawberries are transformed into a decadent sabayon-sponge trifle using just eight ingredients. The recipe is the creation of Jeremiah Tower of Stars Restaurant in San Francisco.

Strawberry Sabayon Trifle
8 large egg yolks
1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons sugar
Pinch salt
1/2 cup Grand Marnier
1/4 cup freshly squeezed orange juice

1 cup heavy whipping cream
3 pints strawberries, hulled
1 spongecake
Fill a large bowl one-quarter full of ice; set aside.

Whisk together egg yolks, 1/2 cup of the sugar and the salt in a large, stainless steel bowl. Whisk in the Grand Marnier and the orange juice. Place the stainless steel bowl over a large pot of boiling water. Vigorously whisk the egg-orange juice mixture until it is thick and increased in volume.

This will take about 5 minutes. Immediately put the bowl over the ice bath and whisk until it is room temperature.

Whip the cream either by hand or with an electric mixture until thick.

Fold the cream in the cooled mixture.

In a food processor, using on and off turns, chop the strawberries. Do not totally puree the berries. Add the remaining 2 tablespoons sugar to the strawberries. Add more sugar to taste, if necessary.

Slice the spongecake in half horizontally. Place a layer of strawberries in the bottom of a 2 1/2-quart clear glass bowl. Top with a layer of the sabayon (egg-orange juice mixture). Cover the sabayon with a single layer of cake. Repeat this layering process, finishing with a layer of sabayon.

Refrigerate the trifle for at least 8 hours, preferably overnight. Spoon the trifle in the bowl; serve with a vanilla custard sauce. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

Area's best recipes wanted

The Pampa News is interested in receiving the Panhandle's best recipes for publication.

Along with your recipe, include any interesting anecdotes or history readers might be interested in knowing.

Recipes will be printed as space permits.

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A fishy dish for those on the go

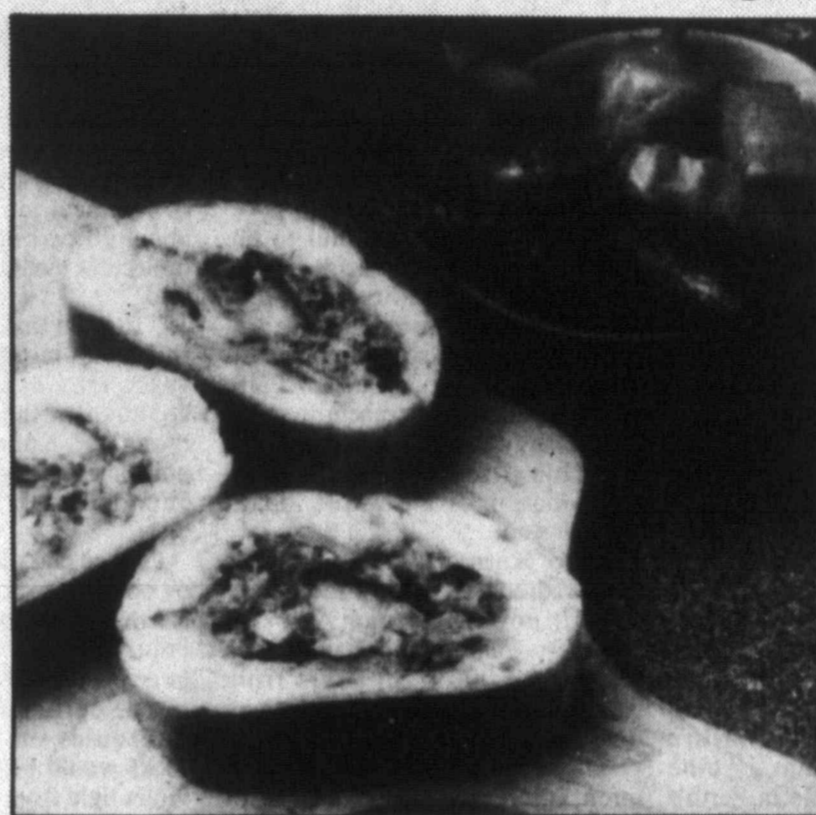
By The Associated Press

Hikers and picnickers alike will enjoy this portable, make-ahead sandwich loaf filled with sardines and crisp vegetables. The sandwiches can also be sliced 1 inch thick for appetizers or snacks.

Sardine-Stuffed Picnic Rolls
2 French rolls (each about 6 inches long)
Two 3 3/4-ounce cans sardines in oil, drained
1/2 cup chopped green onions
1/2 cup marinated artichoke hearts, drained and coarsely chopped
1/2 cup shredded radishes
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 tablespoons white-wine vinegar
2 cucumber spears (each about 6 inches long)
Halve rolls horizontally; hollow out, leaving shells about 1/2-inch thick. Reserve crumbs for another use.

In a bowl combine sardines, onions, artichokes, radishes, oil and vinegar.

For each sandwich: Lay a cucumber spear on one half of the



Sardine-Stuffed Picnic Rolls (AP Photo)

French roll. Top with the other half; press together. Wrap securely in plastic wrap. To serve, halve diagonally for individual sandwiches, or slice 1 inch thick for appetizers or snacks. Make 2 large sandwiches. Makes 4 serving.

Make that special occasion extra sweet

By The Associated Press

For a bridal shower, graduation or any special occasion, serve berry linzertorte with hazelnut crust. Linzertorte is a rich Viennese dessert, named for the Austrian city of Linz. But it's really a tart, not a torte. The lattice top is always set diagonally, instead of at right angles, to produce the signature diamond shapes that crown the linzertorte.

Berry Linzertorte with Hazelnut Crust
For the filling:
10-ounce package sweetened frozen raspberries, thawed, undrained
1 1/2 cups whole frozen blackberries, thawed, undrained
5 tablespoons sugar
3 tablespoons cornstarch
1 tablespoon lemon juice

1 tablespoon water
For the pastry:
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup finely ground roasted hazelnuts
3/4 cup sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
1/2 teaspoon finely shredded lemon peel
1/2 teaspoon finely shredded orange peel
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 1/2 sticks butter (6 ounces), softened
1 egg
1 egg yolk
For the filling: Mix all filling ingredients in a saucepan; simmer for 5 to 6 minutes, stirring gently until thickened. Set aside to cool.

For the pastry: Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Mix all dry ingredients, lemon and orange peel together. Using a pastry blender, cut in butter very finely until mixture has the consistency of coarse sand. Beat egg and egg yolk together.
Make well in center of dry ingredients, pouring in the beaten egg and blending with a fork, until all dry ingredients are moistened, about 2 to 3 minutes. (It will be very soft). Do not use a food processor.
To assemble: Press half the dough in the bottom of a 9-inch tart pan with removable bottom or a 9-inch spring-form pan.
Spread the filling over the dough. Using a pastry tube fitted with a 3/8-inch plain or ridged tip (tips Nos. 21 or 21 will also produce a satisfactory

result), pipe diagonal lattice over filling. Pipe a continuous border of large dots around outer edge where lattice intersects. Bake at 350 degrees F for 35 to 40 minutes.
Cool tart completely before attempting to unmold. Dust with powdered sugar. Makes 8 to 10 servings.
Note: To roast hazelnuts, preheat oven to 275 degrees F. Spread shelled whole hazelnut kernels in a shallow pan and roast for 20 to 30 minutes, until skin cracks.
To remove skins, rub nuts with a rough cloth or between hands while still warm. (For sliced or diced hazelnuts, simply roast until nuts turn light brown and honey colored, being careful not to overcook.)
Two pounds of inshell hazelnuts will yield about 3 cups hazelnut kernels.

Tidbits

NEW YORK (AP) — "America's Best Meal Deals" is a survey of 1,391 restaurants in 31 cities where lunch or dinner averages about \$10 per customer. The 220-page book (Zagat Survey, \$12.95) is based on reviews by 40,000 survey participants. In the forward, publishers Nina and Tim Zagat suggest that a city's character is revealed far more accurately in its "everyday, roll-up-your-sleeves establishments than in its most expensive bastions of haute cuisine." Among the cities and restaurants listed: Uglesich in New Orleans, described as a "funky, real New Orleans kinda dump" serving oyster loaf, soft-shell crabs and roast beef po'boys; Patsy's Pizza in the New York City borough of Brooklyn; and Sweet Lady Jane in Los Angeles, where "the best pastries and cappuccino are what you'll find in this always crowded bakery and dessert shop, specializing in cheesecake served in a dozen different flavors."

AVERY ISLAND, La. (AP) — Sept. 30 is the deadline for entering the fifth annual Tabasco Community Cookbook competition, sponsored by the McIlhenny Co. Nonprofit organizations that published a fund-raising cookbook in 1993, or will publish one in 1994, are eligible. Winners receive contributions for designated charities, plaques for their organizations and stickers for their books. Entries are judged on layout and design, title, theme, storyline, reflection of regional culinary traditions, recipe content and the organization's fund-raising efforts.

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Lifestyles

Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I have been a pediatric nurse for 13 years. I love children and most aspects of my job.

The hardest part is when I draw blood, start IVs, give injections, or perform other painful procedures on my patients. I work very hard to explain things fully at the child's level of understanding. I'm honest about the pain, and always assure them that it's not because they did anything wrong.

Yesterday I witnessed an incident in the waiting room that is all too typical. A giggling 2-year-old ran down the hall away from her father. He chased after her, picked her up (none too gently) and said in an irritated voice, "If you don't behave, I'll have the doctor give you a shot!" A frightened look came over the little girl's face, and she began to squirm and cry.

Abby, please advise your readers with young children never to use threats of shots as a form of discipline. It causes children to fear every visit to the doctor.

It is also unfair to the health-care professionals who try so hard to provide quality care in as positive an atmosphere as possible.

PEDIATRIC NURSE IN SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR NURSE: Thank you for reminding parents never to make a doctor or nurse an "enemy" to be feared. That brings to mind a letter I ran several years ago, which was written by a policeman. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I am a uniformed police officer with the Indianapolis Police Department, and you would be amazed at the number of people who threaten their children with what a policeman will do to them if they don't behave.

On one occasion, I was having lunch at a snack bar when a young mother pointed her finger at me and loudly told her child, "If you don't eat your vegetables, I'm going to have that policeman arrest you and take you to jail!"

Abby, I am sick and tired of that line. Just the other day, I was at a firehouse when the firemen were showing off a fire truck to a small boy.

I asked the boy's mother if perhaps her son would like to see a police car. I was rewarded with a tongue-lashing about how intimidated children were of the police.

She ended her tirade with, "I don't want my son to have anything to do with the police!"

I walked away with a lump in my throat.

OFFICER BILL WEBER,
INDIANAPOLIS

DEAR OFFICER BILL: Perhaps the young mother had a bad experience with a police officer. However, most people know that the majority of police officers are "good guys." They daily risk life and limb protecting law-abiding citizens.

DEAR ABBY: Being a dedicated reader of your column, I have read many letters about odd names. Here's another one - mine.

I have been "Cool" all my life. I was "Cool" before it was "cool" to be "Cool."

I grew up in a "cool" family. My father, mother, sister and brother were all "Cool."

I was a "Cool-Smith" for 43 years. Now I'm a "Cool-Figge."

IRIS L. COOL, A 65-YEAR-OLD COOL KID,
NUEVO, CALIF.

Miss Virginia, a champion of the elderly

By KATE BAILEY
Associated Press Writer

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — At 22, Nancy Glisson has outlived many of her childhood playmates.

As a curious youngster in Williamsburg, Ms. Glisson wandered her neighborhood, knocking on doors and charming her way into the living rooms of white-haired neighbors.

When the current Miss Virginia was 7, a 98-year-old man was her closest friend, she said.

"He was at home alone and we would walk around the block together," she said. "It didn't matter how old he was. He (was) just an ordinary kid to me."

The man she knew as Mr. White died before she was 11, but not before he taught her some valuable lessons, Ms. Glisson said.

"There is a whole wealth of the population that is neglected," Ms. Glisson said. "All they want is attention."

She believes adult day care is a solution.

Instead of languishing in nursing homes or remaining isolated at home, able-bodied elderly people

can socialize with their peers, Ms. Glisson said.

The day care option is cheaper and more attractive than full-time nursing care for many people. It also helps the elderly remain independent longer and frees their families from the burdens of constant care, she said.

Some adult day care programs are housed alone while others are affiliated with nursing homes or hospitals, said Dorothy Howe, spokeswoman for the American Association for Retired Persons in Washington.

Ms. Howe said the national average cost of adult day care is \$35 a day, compared with about \$100 a day for nursing home care.

Having someone like Miss Virginia publicly support the program helps promote awareness of adult day care, a subject that is unfamiliar to most people, Ms. Howe said.

Ms. Glisson first became interested in adult day care as a senior at Virginia Tech when she did a story on the subject for the school television station.

She later volunteered to help in several programs for the elderly in

Blacksburg and was struck by how many older people seemed abandoned by their families.

As Miss Lynchburg, Ms. Glisson made frequent visits to elderly residents at the Virginia Baptist Hospital. She often sang to patients and always made a point to talk with them individually.

"I think it made them feel good to know that someone with her title would stop in and say hello," said Melisa Moon, a therapist at the hospital.

While Miss Virginia does have to make a number of public appearances, including an occasional parade, Ms. Glisson said she takes advantage of any chance she finds to promote elderly rights.

Lynne Seward, past president of the Virginia Institute of Adult Care, said Ms. Glisson is an especially effective advocate for adult day care because of her youth, enthusiasm and willingness to fight for a "non-sexy issue."

"Anytime that she talks about adult day care people are going to listen," Ms. Seward said.

Ms. Glisson has met twice with President Clinton's special assistant on long-term health care. She also

spoke to Virginia's General Assembly about the issue at this year's session.

During the 1993 Miss America pageant, Ms. Glisson made a pitch for adult day care that she said would have cost about \$150,000 in commercial air time. She was fourth runner-up in the pageant.

"The exposure prompted a number of letters from viewers who wanted to know more about day care for the elderly."

"I was dumbfounded," she said. "It feels great knowing you've had an effect on someone."

Ms. Glisson said the attention she can command as a beauty queen sometimes has a down side when dealing with experts on elderly issues.

"Sometimes people feel that you may be less intelligent" and do not take her seriously, Ms. Glisson said.

"I want to speak. I want to turn around that ... bimbo image," she said. "That's very important."

She hopes to attend graduate school and pursue a broadcasting career when her term concludes in July.

Patten to speak at Brooks Clinic

Dr. Bernard M. Patten will be the guest clinician of the Edie Brooks Memorial Clinic for Myasthenia Gravis patients. The clinic, co-sponsored by the High Plains Baptist Hospital and Northwest Texas Chapter of the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation, will give free diagnosis and treatment. This clinic was established by a grant from Frank Brooks family, formerly of Amarillo, in memory of their daughter who was stricken when she was nine years old.

The clinic will be this Friday and Saturday at the High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo and will be restricted to Myasthenia Gravis patients. Clinic hours on Friday will be 8:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to noon. For an appointment call 358-5580.

Patten, chief of neurology at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, is a member of the medical advisory board of the National Myasthenia Gravis Foundation and is on the Medical Advisory Board of the Northwest Texas Chapter.

To be auctioned



Grady and Charline Milton, Carson County Square House Museum dinner co-chairmen, display a hand painted lady's duster painted and donated by Doris Alexander. It is among several items that will be auctioned off at the museum's seventh annual auction and dinner this Friday at 6:30 p.m. in Panhandle. For more information, call 537-3524. (Courtesy photo)

Club news

The Civic Culture Club met May 17 at Senior Citizens for luncheon and installation of officers for 1994-95, followed by a short business meeting. The meeting was conducted by Helene Hogan, outgoing president, who used the theme of essential items to take on a trip for the coming year and gave each officer a gift for her journey. Teresa Reed, president elect, was presented with a rose corsage by Hogan. Other officers installed were Marilyn Butler, vice president; Georgia Holding, secretary; Florence Rife, treasurer who will be assisted by Geneva Dalton; Eva Dennis, reporter; and Helene Hogan, parliamentarian.

Holding gave a brief resume of the club's programs and activities for the past year.

Vivian Dykes was welcomed as a visitor. This was the last meeting until Sept. 6.

Bonnie and Rudy Herrmann have been elected to serve as worthy matron and worthy patron of Pampa Chapter No. 65, Order of the Eastern Star, for the coming year. Officers elected and appointed to serve with them are: Carol Sue Knutson, Robert Craig, Babe



Bonnie and Rudy Herrmann

Mastin, Mildred Pierce, Wanda Carter, Donna Swindle, Johnnie Alexander, Edie Hudson, Betty Crawford, Frances Guthrie, Marilyn Lewis, Bettie Craig, Pat Winkleblack, Martha Earhart, Linda Winkleblack, and Franklin D. Bliss.

Installation of officers is scheduled for June 4 at 7 p.m. at the Pampa Masonic Lodge Hall at 420 W. Kingsmill.

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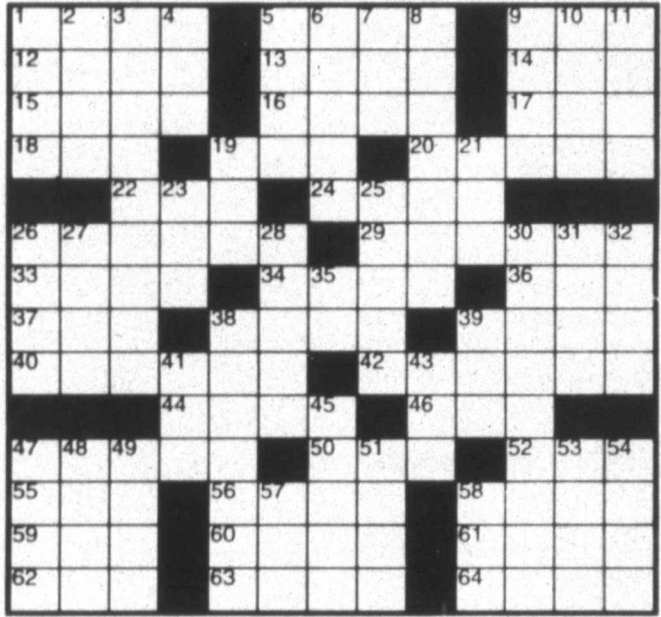
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NEA Crossword Puzzle

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WALNUT COVE



By Mark Cullum

Astro-Graph

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Unfortunately, others might not show you the same consideration today you showed them in the past. It doesn't look like old accounts will be squared up today. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you to understand what to do, to make the relationship work. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) There's a possibility you might talk to the wrong people today about confidential matters. If you make poor choices, secrets might soon become common knowledge.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Examine your motives honestly today pertaining to your behavior towards a friend. Are you treating him/her coolly because of envy?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your failure to take a firm position on important issues could prove annoying to persons with whom you're involved today. Trying to placate everyone might make you look like Chicken Little.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If subordinates do not live up to your expectations today, the fault might not be solely theirs. It could be due in part to your faulty instructions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Keep your guard up today if you find yourself in the company of someone you know from past experience tends to be a trifle deceitful.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Neither you nor your mate may be at your best today where making major decisions is concerned. It's wiser to wait until you both have clearer vision.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you don't plan your day properly, you could spend a lot of time being busy but actually produce very little. Avoid wasted motion.

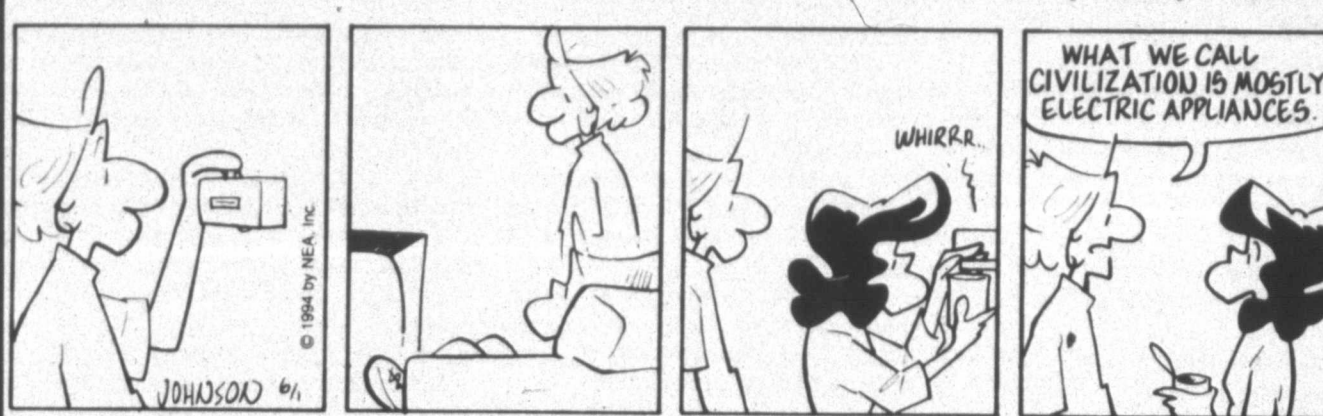
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) There is a possibility you may be too much of a risk taker today for your own good. Don't count on Lady Luck to bail you out if you go in where the odds are stacked against you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your chart indicates that you might be inclined to toss in the towel today just when the end is in sight. Once you commit yourself to a course of action, see it through.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) In situations today where you should be bold, you might be unduly cautious. Conversely, in matters where you should be wary, you might be a tad too reckless. Find the balance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If buying special merchandise today, don't go beyond your top price. Should you permit your desires to exceed your means, you may end up sadder but wiser.

ARLO & JANIS



By Jimmy Johnson

ECK & MEEK



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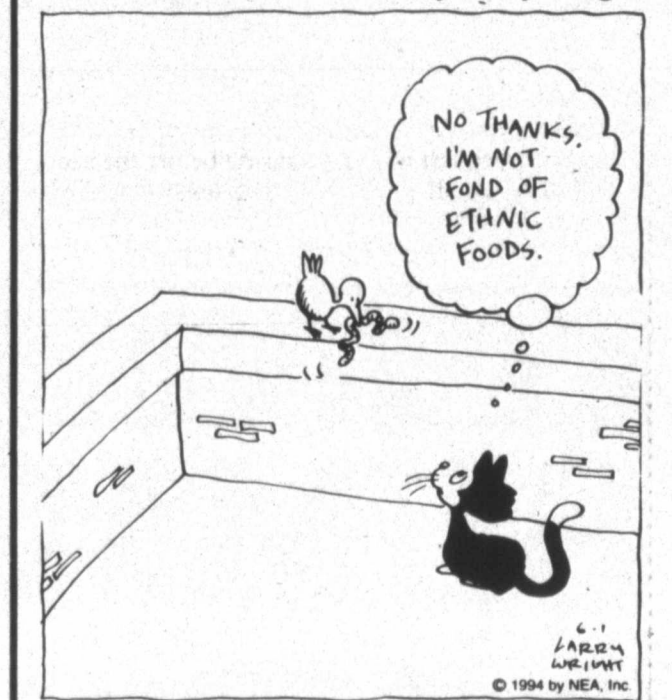
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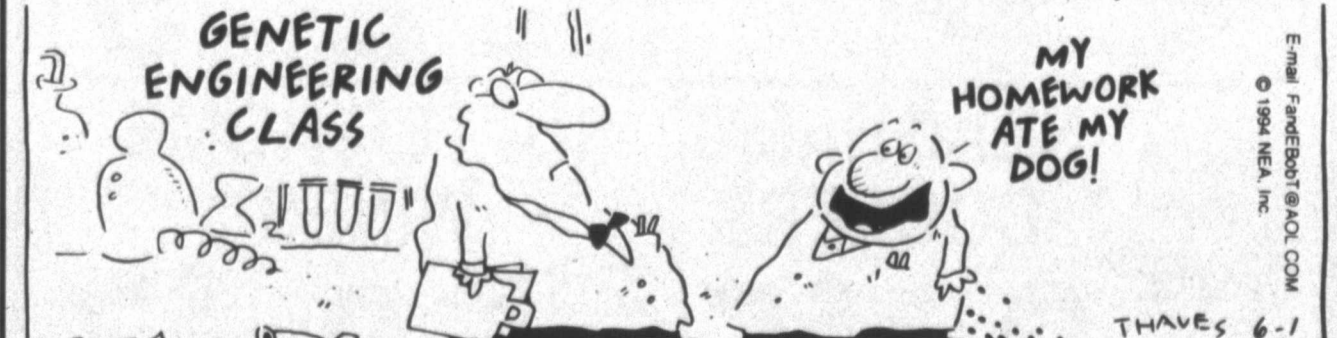
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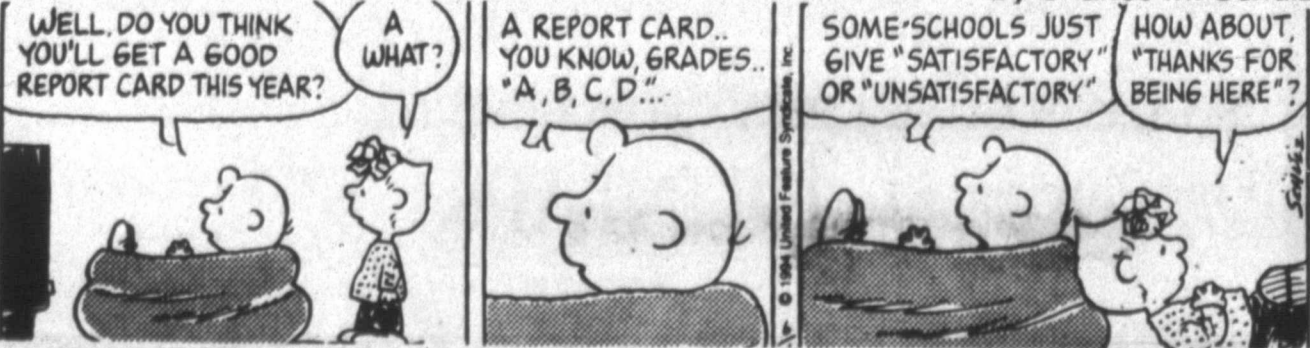
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Sports

Notebook Rockets land in NBA finals

PHYSICALS FOR ATHLETES

PAMPA — Physical examinations for incoming Pampa 7th graders and 9th graders who will be involved in athletics the next school year will be given by Dr. Keith Black. These athletes can receive the physicals by making an appointment with Dr. Black.

Physicals for the incoming 7th and 9th grade athletes will also be given July 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. at Coronado Hospital.

There is no charge, but the physicals will be administered to athletes only.

BASKETBALL CAMP

PAMPA — Robert Hale's Top O' Texas Basketball Camp will be held July 10 through July 15 in Pampa.

The camp will again be divided into two divisions. Division One will be for boys entering the third and fourth grades. Division Two will be for boys entering the fifth through ninth grades.

Application forms can be picked up by calling 669-6447 or 669-4832. Interested youngsters are urged to pick up these forms as soon as possible.

All fundamentals will be covered during the camp with emphasis on team play and shooting. League games will be played.

Special awards will be passed out during the camp. Camp t-shirts and basketballs will also be awarded. Tuition is \$75 and a \$35 deposit will be accepted. Hale is head coach of the Pampa Harvesters.

WILD THING RELEASED

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros gave up on relief pitcher Mitch Williams on Tuesday, announcing at a news conference that they have asked for unconditional release waivers.

The Astros acquired the 29-year-old Williams last Dec. 2 from the Phillies, who dealt him "for his own good" after he fell into disfavor with Philadelphia fans after giving up a World Series-ending home run to Toronto's Joe Carter.

In his brief stay at Houston, Williams lived up to his reputation as "Wild Thing." In 20 innings, he was 1-4 with six saves — and two blown chances — and a 7.65 ERA. He gave up 21 hits and walked 24.

"We felt it was in the best interests of the '94 Astros to make this move at this time," Astros general manager Bob Watson said at a news conference.

"The decision was made based on his performance, the level of confidence we had in him in the late innings, and the direction our team is headed."

SEMINOLE TROUBLES

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Two former All-American football players at Florida State were paid for phony summer jobs and an aspiring agent arranged for a loan for a former player's mother, Sports Illustrated reported Tuesday.

This marks the second recent article in Sports Illustrated alleging violations in a scandal that has shaken the Seminoles' national championship football team.

Coach Bobby Bowden, who turned down an interview request by the magazine before the second story, said the matter is being investigated by an independent law firm from Kansas City, Mo.

"If what they say in Sports Illustrated is true, they'll get to the bottom of it," Bowden said in a statement released by the university. "I stand behind my program, my staff and the system we have in place to check on these things."

In the latest story, the magazine quoted a Jacksonville woman who said a Florida State booster paid former All-Americans Lawrence Dawsey and LeRoy Butler for fictitious summer jobs.

The booster named by the magazine, Rick Blankenship of Jacksonville, originally told SI the players worked at a clinic he owned, but other employees could not remember them having worked there. The Jacksonville woman quoted was a former employee of Blankenship's clinic.

Butler told the magazine he had never worked for Blankenship; Dawsey did not return calls to SI. There was no answer Tuesday at Dawsey's Tampa home.

Butler, a Pro Bowl cornerback with the Green Bay Packers, left Florida State after the 1989 season. Dawsey, Tampa Bay's leading receiver before injuring his knee last season, played his final year in 1990.

Blankenship had left the clinic Tuesday night and was unavailable for comment. There was no home listing for him in the Jacksonville area.

Blankenship and his wife, Kandy, are listed by the Seminole Boosters Inc. as "Golden Chiefs," who contribute \$5,000 to \$10,000 annually to the organization.

The four-page article, called "Seminole Shame," also said a Florida State graduate and aspiring sports agent helped arrange a total of \$23,000 in loans to Katherine Pondexter, mother of former Seminole star Tamarick Vanover.

Vanover and his mother denied she got any loans from the prospective agent, Doug Andreas.

Andreas said he and two other people told the school's compliance director, Brian Mand, of a November shopping spree at a local sporting goods store shortly after it occurred. The shopping spree had been disclosed in a previous SI article.

"Even my friends knew about Foot Locker and they don't even care about football," Andreas said.

Vanover told SI the trip to Foot Locker quickly became common knowledge among the players, even those who hadn't taken part in the after-hour shopping spree paid for by an unregistered agent.

But the school Tuesday defended Mand. "I have absolutely no doubt in my mind that Dr. Mand would have reported any potential NCAA infraction to me and to the Atlantic Coast Conference," said athletic director Bob Goin. "He has an impeccable reputation and 15 years experience in athletic administration at Florida State."

Mand, in a television interview Tuesday night, said he was confident he would be cleared once the facts were known.

"I do my job to the best of my abilities," he told WCTV in Tallahassee.

Andreas also told SI he was threatened in a telephone call by defensive back Corey Fuller while the player was in Mand's office. Fuller told the magazine he talked to Andreas from Mand's office but did not threaten him.

By CHRIS SHERIDAN
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — For most of the night, the Houston Rockets looked like the absolute best team remaining in the NBA playoffs. No doubt about it.

Now they have a chance to prove they can be champions.

Playing almost perfect basketball for the first 3 1/2 quarters the Rockets riddled themselves of the Utah Jazz with a 94-83 victory Tuesday night for a 4-1 victory in their best-of-7 Western Conference championship series.

And after eight years, a period in which three mini-dynasties came and went, the Rockets are back in the NBA Finals.

It was a totally lopsided game until Utah struck with a 16-0 fourth-quarter run. But the Jazz were down by 24 when the spurt started and they just couldn't catch up.

Houston came out hitting

almost everything it put up, took a 13-point lead after one quarter, built the lead as high as 22 in the second and avoided a "Choke City" breakdown in the second half.

Everyone contributed. Robert Horry had his best game of the series, scoring 22 points. It was the same story for Vernon Maxwell, who hit four 3-pointers in the first period to give the Rockets the momentum they never lost. He finished with 19 points.

Hakeem Olajuwon scored 22 points and Otis Thorpe had 11 points and 16 rebounds.

The Jazz shot poorly right from the start and couldn't keep up with Houston's onslaught. Jeff Hornacek scored 21 points and Karl Malone had 31, but no one else played as if it were a do-or-die game, and that, more than anything else, led to the loss.

So it's on to the championship round for Houston, which will begin June 8 at the Summit against New York or Indiana. That series is tied 2-2

with Game 5 set for Wednesday night at New York.

It will be the third appearance in the finals for Houston, which lost to the Boston Celtics in 1981 and 1986.

Since then, the Rockets have watched Los Angeles Lakers, Detroit Pistons and Chicago Bulls each win back-to-back championships. But with the stars of those teams — Magic Johnson, Isiah Thomas and Michael Jordan — all retired, and this is a year in which someone else has a chance to take over the league.

Houston started the game with a barrage of 3-pointers. Maxwell had four in the 8 1/2 minutes and Horry made two. Horry also had a pair of dunks and three free throws for 13 points, and the Rockets shot 67 percent for the quarter. Only two or three shots were contested by Utah, and Houston had 11 assists in the quarter for a 33-20 lead.

In the second quarter, Houston started with a 12-4 run in which no shot was longer than

15 feet. The Rockets held Utah to 15 points in the period for a 53-35 halftime lead.

Utah got within 56-42 early in the third as they started the quarter with a 7-3 run, but Houston came right back with a 10-4 run capped by Maxwell's fifth 3-pointer to increase the lead to 22 again, 71-49. It got to 26 with 36 seconds left on Olajuwon's falling turnaround from the corner, and when the scoreboard read 79-55 after three quarters.

But Utah had 16-0 run midway through the fourth quarter to cut the deficit to 83-75. Houston went 5:21 without a point before Olajuwon scored on a jumper. Horry made a tomahawk dunk with 1:32 left and Kenny Smith made four foul shots in the next 30 seconds to get the lead back to 11 with a minute left.

Houston now has a week off while the Knicks and Pacers batter each other out East.

The Rockets got here by beating two of the teams that tried unsuccessfully to bring the

West its first title since the 1987-88 season. The Portland Trail Blazers, losers to Detroit in 1990 and Chicago in 1992, dropped a best-of-5 series 3-1. The Phoenix Suns, runners-up to Michael Jordan and the Bulls last season, were outlasted 4-3 in a great semifinal series.

The Rockets have a history of success in Game 5 of the Western Conference final. In 1986, they beat the Lakers in five games on Ralph Sampson's buzzer-beating shot at the Forum. And in 1981, Houston beat the Kansas City Kings 4-1, winning the last game at Kansas City.

Among Houston's possible final-round opponents, the Knicks are a team that has been without a championship since 1973. The Pacers, before this year, hadn't even won a single playoff series since joining the league in the 1976 ABA-NBA merger.

One of them will have to face a team that looked almost invincible, at least for most of one night.

Delivering the pitch



Kimberly Clark of Mr. Gatti's Pizza delivers a pitch to a Farm Bureau batter in girls' 10-12-year old fastpitch softball league action Tuesday at Pampa Optimist Park. Farm Bureau won, 10-7. (Pampa News photo)

Boosters concerned about coaching carousel at WT

AMARILLO (AP) — West Texas A&M boosters say they're alarmed by what they see as a coaching carousel: Ten head coaches have quit or been fired during athletic director Mike Chandler's three-year tenure.

"I'm very concerned about it," said Canyon businessman Corky Dawson, quarterback of the school's 1962 Sun Bowl championship team. "I've had people from all over the Panhandle call me up and ask me what's going on over there, and I can't tell them anything because I don't know."

But Chandler said the turnover rate isn't unusual, given the athletic department's struggle since 1991 to pay off a \$2.2 million debt. That debt now is down to about \$500,000, he said.

"Our coaches are going to make less than coaches at other schools and even some high schools just because of the nature of Division II," Chandler said. "None of them have left for a worse job. It's not real abnormal or unusual."

Since Chandler was hired in 1991, the head tennis coaching job has changed hands four times. Two head coaches have come and gone for both volleyball and men's basketball.

Football coach Ron Steele resigned in March, saying, "I wasn't happy there, so I decided to go do other things." And baseball coach Mike Marshall was fired last month.

"The pattern needs to change," Dawson said. "Coaches are brought in and funneled out, and it seems like they're

leaving a lot of the time over petty things."

"I think they need better communication," he said. "Mike Chandler cannot communicate with the coaches."

Several coaches left for jobs at bigger universities. Others cited decreased money available for scholarships and salaries.

Of the existing programs in place at the time Chandler arrived in 1991, only women's basketball has the same head coach. Soccer coach Butch Lauffer, Chandler's first hire, is second in seniority among coaches.

Jerry Morgan, president of the Foundation for Buffalo Athletics, denied that the turnover has hurt the university's ability to raise money.

"The program is moving forward and upward," Morgan said. "More sports are being offered, and there's been a bigger commitment from student service fee for athletics. I think things are being done in a positive way."

Retiring President Barry Thompson recently extended Chandler's contract through May 1997.

"I feel more positive about this program by far, than I ever have," Thompson said. "I think we're on the verge of being very competitive. I also am not so naive as to believe that will make anybody happy, but that goes with the territory."

that this is a much too valuable market for the NBA to abandon," he told WCCO-TV.

Harper signs one-year deal with Cowboys

IRVING (AP) — Wide receiver Alvin Harper, who was almost traded several times this off-season, signed a one-year deal with the Dallas Cowboys on Tuesday that will make him a free agent after this season.

Harper, a restricted free agent who at this time of year had to re-sign with Dallas, will make \$866,000 this season.

He could have made more from the Pittsburgh Steelers, who had worked out a trade with the Cowboys for Harper. That deal fell through when Harper rejected a

long-term deal from Pittsburgh.

Other teams also were interested in Harper around the NFL draft, but no deals could be worked out, leaving the fourth-year pro no choice but to return to the Cowboys.

Harper will be an unrestricted free agent after this season and vowed he will leave Dallas. He said the Cowboys, who made him the 12th player taken in the 1991 draft, never offered him a long-term deal.

"But I didn't expect one because they knew I wouldn't sign it," he said.

Operating Company downs Glo-Valve in Optimist play

Operating Company bested Glo-Valve Service, 9-5, Tuesday in Optimist Major Bambino play.

Derrick Johnson was the winning pitcher. He gave up three earned runs, eight hits, walked three, hit one batter and struck out nine.

Josue Silva started for Glo-Valve. He gave up three unearned runs on two hits while walking one and hitting a batter. Shawn Strate came on in relief. He allowed four unearned runs and two hits. Strate struck out four and walked four. Cody Shepard finished pitching for Glo-Valve. He allowed two unearned runs and no hits. He walked three and hit two batters while striking out five.

Tanner Hucks led off the top of the first inning for Operating Company with a single off Silva's glove. He moved to second and third on a passed ball and a wild pitch. He scored on a single by Bryce Jordan. Jordan stole second, Johnson walked and both scored on an error on a ball hit by Brett Hoggett. Glo-Valve got one back in the bottom of the first on a triple by Eric Lemons and a double by Silva.

A walk, an error and a fielder's choice scored Hucks in the second inning as Operating Company took a three-run lead.

Jonathan Brockington singled to open the Glo-Valve second. Kyle McCullough was safe on an error and Taylor Harris walked. Brockington and McCullough scored on a single by

Shepard to make the score, 4-3.

Glo-Valve tied the game in the third inning when Matthew Smith was hit by a pitch and scored on a triple by McCullough.

In Operating Company's fourth inning, Cory Bromwell walked and went to second on an error. He advanced to third on a single by Hucks. An error on a ball hit by Jordan scored Bromwell and sent Hucks to second. Johnson aided his own cause with an infield single, loading the bases. Shepard came on to pitch and an infield out scored Hucks. Jordan scampered home on a wild pitch to make the score, 7-4.

Operating Company added two insurance runs in the sixth inning without a hit. Hucks and Johnson walked and scored on a Glo-Valve fielder dropped a flyball hit by Henry Scott.

Glo-Valve fought back in the sixth inning, scoring a run on a triple by McCullough, a double by Kyle Keith and a single by Strate. Johnson ended the game with a strikeout.

Hucks led Operating Company with two hits and four runs scored. McCullough led Glo-Valve with two triples, two runs scored and one RBI.

Scott and Jordan made several sparkling plays in the field for Operating Company to keep Johnson out of trouble.

Operating Company improved its season record to 2-2. Glo-Valve fell to 2-2.

Harris pitches Rockies past Mets

NEW YORK (AP) — Greg Harris scrapped Plan A for Plan B Tuesday night and ended his three-game losing streak.

Harris allowed five hits in eight innings Tuesday night, leading the Colorado Rockies to a 3-2 victory over the New York Mets.

"I have been throwing down and away from the batters consistently," said Harris (3-2), who struck out three and walked one.

"The batters got wise to what I was doing and waited me out. I was throwing ball one, ball two, and they laid back and drove the ball against me."

"I finally figured it out ... go to a different plan. Throw fastballs for more strikes. We have an excellent defense so why not use it? Tonight everything was great."

Walt Weiss went 3-for-4 and drove in a run, and ex-Met Howard Johnson went 2-for-4 with an RBI for the Rockies.

Harris was on his way to a complete game when Mike Kingery's two-out double in the eighth, and the Rockies one-run lead, forced Colorado manager Don Baylor to pinch hit for Harris.

Bruce Ruffin pitched the ninth for his fifth save.

"I had a chance to get another run," said Baylor, "and that's why I used a pinch-hitter. I would have liked to let him go and restore his confidence with the complete game."

Doug Linton (4-2) allowed six hits and three runs in five innings.

Shawn Hare and Jeff Kent had two hits apiece for the Mets. New York took a 1-0 lead in the second on Kent's one-out triple and David Segui's sacrifice fly. Colorado answered with a run in the third on a leadoff walk to Mike

Kingery, Harris' forceout and Weiss' RBI single.

Colorado scored two runs with two outs in the fifth aided by two New York errors. Weiss reached on an infield single and took third when Linton threw the ball into right field. Nelson Liriano singled in Weiss and advanced to second when center fielder Ryan Thompson bobbled the ball. Johnson's single made it 3-1.

New York closed to 3-2 in the sixth when Shawn Hare tripled and scored on Joe Orsulak's sacrifice fly.

Mets manager Dallas Green was not happy about the two costly errors.

"That's a reaction play," Green said of Linton's ill-advised throw. "There is no way he could have thrown him out."

"Then Thompson makes his error right after that. That was as perturbing as Linton's. It's mental ... nothing physical. The worse case scenario was a tie. The best was a 2-1 win."

Notes: Weiss is batting .417 (15-for-36) in his last nine games. He has reached base safely in 46 of the last 50 games including 21 of the last 22. ... The Rockies did not commit an error for the first time in 12 games. ... Andres Galarraga and Weiss are the only Rockies to start every game. ... Hare, recalled from Norfolk last week, has hit safely in each of his four games going 5-for-15. ... Dwight Gooden, who pitched three innings of hitless ball Monday night, will make his next rehab start on Friday for Binghamton in the Eastern League against Canton-Akron. ... Bobby Bonilla went 0-for-4 and had his hitting streak end at 12 games.

Justices refuse to allow courthouse to post copy of Ten Commandments

By RICHARD CARELLI
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court, which 14 years ago banned the Ten Commandments from classroom walls in public schools, Tuesday refused to let them and other religious laws be posted in a county courthouse.

The justices, without comment, let stand rulings that forced Cobb County, Ga., officials to remove from their courthouse complex a three-by-five-foot framed panel containing the Ten Commandments and teachings of Jesus.

In a bold appeal, county officials had urged the justices to allow greater accommodation of religion in public life.

"The judicial branch of our government has been allowed to coerce the American people into an amoral straight jacket which has begun to tear our society apart at the seams," the appeal said. "No society, nor any individual, can navigate the stormy seas of life for very long without a spiritual or moral compass and rudder. In this regard, religion serves a secular purpose."

The panel was donated to Cobb County, and until 1967 hung outside the original county courthouse. When that building was destroyed, the panel was moved inside the Cobb County State Court Building in Marietta. It hung for 27 years on a wall across the hall from the traffic court courtrooms.

The panel contains the commandments and the Great Commandments taught by Jesus: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with

all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Bruce Harvey, a criminal defense lawyer, and James Cunningham, a county resident, sued in 1992 to get the panel removed.

Their lawsuit said the panel violated the constitutionally required separation between government and religion.

A federal trial judge and the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals agreed, and ordered the county to remove the panel. It was taken down March 14.

The lower courts relied heavily on a 1980 Supreme Court decision that struck down a Kentucky law requiring the posting of the Ten Commandments in public school classrooms.

In their appeal, Cobb County officials said the 1980 ruling shouldn't apply in this case because it involved government conduct "in the context of a compelled educational setting."

The appeal said the lower court rulings are "tantamount to calling for removal of all references to the Ten Commandments or God from U.S. currency and from public buildings."

But U.S. District Judge Marvin Shoob had ruled that the Ten Commandments panel could remain in the courthouse if officials were willing to make it part of a larger educational display outlining various influences on modern law.

The case is Cobb County vs. Harvey, 93-1721.

'Flintstones' makes big impact in debut

LOS ANGELES (AP) — *The Flintstones* provided bedrock for what is expected to be a blockbuster summer movie season, making an estimated \$37.5 million in the biggest opening on record during a Memorial Day weekend.

Despite mixed reviews, the live-action version of the Hanna-Barbera cartoon topped the \$37.03 million holiday debut of *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade* in 1989.

"We're very elated," said Alan

Sutton, spokesman for Universal Pictures, which released the movie. "It's terrific news not only for Universal, but for the industry in general. It bodes very well for a good summer."

Maverick, a big-screen remake of the old TV show with Mel Gibson as the Western gambler, was No. 2, selling \$18 million in tickets in its second weekend, industry sources said.

Beverly Hills Cop III, starring Eddie Murphy, opened at No. 3, bringing in \$15.5 million.

Next in line for Mormon presidency: 86-year-old Howard Hunter

By VERN ANDERSON
Associated Press Writer

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — If the Mormon Church adheres to tradition, the mantle of "prophet, seer and revelator" will fall on Howard W. Hunter, an 86-year-old lawyer and former businessman with a history of health problems.

The church presidency became vacant Monday with the death of Ezra Taft Benson at age 94.

As the faith's senior apostle, Hunter, who nearly died a year ago of complications from gall bladder surgery, is next in line to become the 14th president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

After Benson's funeral, the 14 apostles in the church's senior hierarchy will meet in the Salt Lake Temple to pray and ordain a successor.

Never in the church's 164-year history has anyone but the senior apostle been named president.

Nor can the pattern be changed except by revelation, since church leaders have described it as "divine."

The president of the 8.7 million-member church is revered as a living prophet of God. The appointment is for life.

Apostle Boyd K. Packer, asked in a 1986 interview if aging apostles could ever be retired or given emeritus status, declared, "Absolutely not."

Historian D. Michael Quinn, who has written extensively on the Mormon hierarchy, said Monday that any deviation from the tradition of apostolic succession would be "a momentous change."

"If Howard Hunter as the senior apostle were to tell (his fellow apostles) there should be a change in apostolic succession, then that would change things," he said. Barring that unlikely



Howard W. Hunter

turn of events, he said, the tradition will hold.

The result since the 1960s often has been church presidents who become enfeebled in office and whose administrative duties are taken over by other members of the hierarchy.

In Benson's case, the two most senior apostles after Hunter — Gordon B. Hinckley, 83, and Thomas S. Monson, 66 — increasingly ran the church as Benson's health declined.

Benson himself was 86 when he succeeded Spencer W. Kimball, who died at age 90.

Despite a leadership vacuum at the very top, the Mormon Church has grown at an impressive rate — from 5.9 million to 8.7 million members under Benson — with a full-time missionary force of 50,000.

Hunter would be the first Mormon president born in this century, and the second-oldest to assume the office.

In 1980 he had surgery to remove a benign tumor and then suffered a heart attack. In 1986 he underwent quadruple bypass surgery, and in 1987 he underwent operations for a bleeding ulcer and a painful lower-back condition.

In 1989, Hunter, who had been receiving physical therapy for leg weakness, fell backward from the pulpit. He was helped up and resumed speaking, learning later that he had broken three ribs.

His authorized biographer, Eleanor Knowles, wrote that when Hunter underwent gall bladder surgery in 1993, he suffered an adverse reaction to medication and "went into a deep sleep from which he couldn't be roused."

"At least once the doctors thought he wouldn't survive the night," Knowles wrote, and he did not awake for three weeks.

After a long recovery, Hunter resumed his duties as president of the Council of the Twelve Apostles. He gave addresses in April and on May 21.

Hunter became an apostle in 1959 and president of the Twelve in 1988.

He was born in Boise and attended the University of Washington in Seattle.

While working as an examiner with the California Banking Department, he attended the Southwestern University Law School in Los Angeles at night.

He practiced corporate law in Southern California and served as a director for about two dozen corporations, including Thriftway Inc.

Puzzling eruptions detected on powerful star, observers say

By PAUL RECER
AP Science Writer

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — New images of the Milky Way galaxy's most powerful star show it shines with 3 million times as much energy as the sun, erupts like a volcano and looks "like an ant in a tutu."

The star, which is called Eta Carinae and has puzzled astronomers for centuries, is "an honest-to-God mystery," University of Minnesota astronomer Kris Davidson said Tuesday at the national meeting of the American Astronomical Society. "We really can't explain it."

Records more than 300 years old showed that for two centuries it flickered up and down in brightness, and even varied in colors. In 1837, it blew up and became exceptionally bright.

"This was the brightest star in the southern sky for 20 years," Davidson said.

Instead of eventually dimming and collapsing into a neutron star, as do many exploded stars, Eta Carinae lived on and continues to shine brilliantly.

"It is the most powerful star that we know much about," Davidson said.

New images taken of Eta Carinae by the repaired Hubble Space Telescope show the star has formed two spherical clouds joined in the middle, creating a shape that resembles a barbell.

"I think it looks like an ant in a tutu," Davidson said.

The astronomer said that a belt separating the two clouds has to be a rotating disc, like the rings of Saturn. The images show that stream-

'This star is like a geyser or a volcano.'
— Kris Davidson, astronomer

ers of material are flowing from the disc and far out into space.

The star is located in the constellation Carina, which is visible only in the southern hemisphere. Most of its energy is expelled as ultraviolet radiation, which is invisible to the human eye.

It spews out about 3 million times as much energy as the sun, but appears less bright than the sun because it is 9,000 light years away. One light year is the distance light travels in one year in a vacuum,

about 5.87 trillion miles.

When it erupts at intervals, it is even more powerful.

"This star is like a geyser or a volcano," Davidson said.

Measurements show it still has about 100 times the mass of the sun and is expelling a mass equal to the sun every 3,000 years.

Stellar wind, the material moving out from the star, was measured at about 1.5 million mph.

Until the Hubble telescope was repaired, pictures of Eta Carinae showed it only as a shapeless blur. But the new views clearly show the barbell shape.

Davidson said this shape, called bipolar, is becoming increasing familiar to astronomers as more and more astronomical objects are found with definite left and right sides.

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