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## Fair will have new divisions, favorite competitions

By KELLIE JONES  
Staff Writer

The 1995 Howard County Fair, Sept. 4-9, promises entertainment for the entire family.

The lamb show will kick off the fair with a concert by Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys.

There are a few changes in the schedule this year concerning entries that will be judged. Pies have been excluded this year but fair officials will still accept entries for breads, cakes, cookies and candy.

All baked goods entries will be accepted Saturday only from 1-5

p.m. They must be on disposable plates and covered with plastic wrap. One \$50 cash prize will be awarded to the adult or youth grand champion in each category.

Each year the fair also adds a new division, with this year's being "Antiques - A Treasure from the Past."

The antiques must be at least 50 years old and must be table-top size so they can be displayed properly.

All judging is scheduled to be complete by 10 a.m. Sept. 4 and the exhibits will open at that time. All entries, such as

clothes or crafts, must have been completed within the last three years and must not have earned first place in a previous fair.

Here is a schedule of events:

•Saturday - creative arts and baked goods entries received at the Dora Roberts Fair Building 1-5 p.m. This is the only day baked goods can be received.

•Sunday - creative arts entries can be turned in 1-4 p.m.; lamb arrivals by 5 p.m.; lamb weight cards turned in at 6 p.m. and showmanship contest with sale to follow at 6:30 p.m. in show arena.

•Monday - lamb show at 8 a.m. in the show arena; 4-H omelet supper 5-7 p.m. in the activity barn; pet show at 5 p.m. in the small tent; ranch rodeo 2-7 p.m. in the rodeo bowl; Howard County Fair Queen contest 8 p.m. in the entertainment tent; carnival open all day at the fair grounds.

•Tuesday - Agriculture products received 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in the activity barn; agriculture products judged at 5 p.m. in the activity barn; Battle of the Cheerleaders at 7 p.m. at the rodeo bowl; carnival open as well.

•Wednesday - horseshoe and washer pitching 6 p.m. in the show arena; county team roping 7 p.m. in rodeo bowl; Jody Nix and Texas Cowboys at 7 and 9 p.m. in the entertainment tent; carnival open as well.

•Thursday - arrival of junior steers in the afternoon at the cattle barn and carnival is open.

•Friday - all junior steers in place at noon in the cattle barn; steer weigh-in and class 1 p.m. in the show area; Joel Nava concert 8 p.m. in the rodeo bowl; carnival open as well.

•Saturday - steer judging 8 a.m. in the show arena; Kountry

Kids Kontest 10:30 a.m. in the entertainment tent; antique tractor pull 1 p.m. west of the carnival; Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys concert 7 and 9 p.m. in the entertainment tent and carnival is open as well.

All creative arts entries should be brought to the east door of the main building. The entries can be picked up after 11 p.m. Sept. 9 or between 8 a.m. and noon on Sept. 10.

Ticket prices are \$4 for adults and children 12 years and older, \$2 for children ages 6-11 and no charge for children younger than six.

## County approves courthouse facelift

By KELLIE JONES  
Staff Writer

The Howard County Courthouse will soon be busy with contractors renovating the building.

Commissioners unanimously approved a motion to allow County Judge Ben Lockhart to sign contracts with the various companies to begin their work once the asbestos abatement is complete.

After asbestos in the basement is removed, contractors can begin renovations around the middle of September.

Lonestar Waterproofing has been given the go-ahead to begin cleaning the exterior of the building now, as they will be working outside. They expect to complete their work in 90 days.

Other contracts that were signed Tuesday include one with Lee George Construction for \$70,100 for miscellaneous renovations; Dover Elevator for \$14,800 to bring the elevator up to code; Acme Electrical for \$295,000 and a contract allowance of \$5,000 for the electrical renovations; and Anthony Mechanical for \$808,200, with two alternates and a contract allowance of \$7,000 for the mechanical renovations.

Commissioners also took the following actions during the meeting:

•Authorized the county to go out for bids to purchase tires and tubes.

•Awarded bids to companies to purchase used county equipment, with the award going to the highest bidder.

•Tabled the approval of overtime for the sheriff's department and setting the fees for medical and dental services for jail inmates.

These items will be placed on the next meeting's agenda.

•Approved the 1995-96 budget for the 911 district.

## LAST SPLASH OF SUMMER



Despite school having started, there is still plenty of hot weather left for weekend fun, as Kristina Miller gets blasted with a wave of water from Betsy Toman at Moss Creek Lake Saturday afternoon.

## Show your art skills at the fair

By KELLIE JONES  
Staff Writer

The 1995 Howard County Fair offers people a chance to enter their art, food, animals or crafts to be judged to see who has the best in each category.

One area that attracts much local talent is the art exhibit. This portion of the fair is broken down in several divisions including media, professional and by age.

Painting in oil, acrylic, watercolor, graphics, pastels or mixed media fall under the media division. The professional division is for art teachers, college art majors and those who have won recognition in state or national exhibitions. Those entries will be divided into different media for award purposes.

The adult age divisions are broken into professional and non-professional. School art is judged according to grade with each age group receiving prizes. A best of show will be awarded to the one overall best exhibit that was entered.

Some of the rules include:

•A limit of two paintings per exhibitor.  
•Paintings can be of any subject, style or size as long as they are original works. School art has a size limit of 12 inches by 18 inches because of the lack of space.

•All paintings must be framed and ready for hanging and must not use saw-tooth hangers.

•Paintings must not have received an award in a showing at the Howard County Fair in the past.

•There is no entry fee. Entries cannot be picked up until the fair closes, which is after 10 p.m. Sept. 9.

•School art that is not framed must have a loop of string or thread on the back. Teachers are asked to have the work ready to hang before it is brought to the fair.

•Ribbons and trophies will be awarded to the winners.

•The fair is not responsible for loss or damage of the exhibits.

Entries will be accepted 1-5 p.m. Saturday and 1-4 p.m. on

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## Conjoined twins bring new issues, attorneys

By PAMELA WARD  
Austin American-Statesman

AUSTIN — A few days after the rare birth of conjoined twins in Austin, a trio of attorneys assembled at the Travis County Courthouse. One spoke for the state's child protection agency, a second for the babies, a third for their mother.

As they began discussions, a realization hit.

"We said, 'Wait a minute,'" lawyer Larry Schaubhut Jr. recalled. "We had one lawyer for two babies. We needed a lawyer for each baby."

None of the lawyers had encountered a situation like this. The premature twin sisters shared a connection at the head and a single bassinets, but they almost certainly would develop competing interests. What was best for one might not be best for the other.

The May 15 births set into motion events that would present unique challenges, events that would test or disrupt the

lives of a number of Austinites.

St. David's Hospital officials, who initially confirmed only that "twins were born here," eventually found themselves and their doctors pushed into the national spotlight, caught between protecting patients' rights to privacy and quenching

team accomplished the delicate task of separating the twins, giving baby Michelle a chance for life and her sister Nichelle a perhaps-peaceful ending.

But the spotlight and the people involved in the twins' lives will continue to follow the fate of baby Michelle and her moth-

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John Howard, attorney

public interest.

Young lawyers who had never had a reporter interested in any of their cases suddenly were hounded by coast-to-coast media. The mother of the twins, Alicia Tejeda, was adamant that the births remain secret.

But the crescendo came last week when a 14-person medical

alleged crack cocaine addict whose six older children were taken away from her because of neglect. He got hate mail. Angry callers told him "they couldn't understand why a woman like this should be allowed to live. And I thought, 'Oh boy, am I going to be man enough to handle this? Is my staff big enough to handle the calls?'"

Lawyer John Howard drew the role of representing baby Nichelle. The young bearded lawyer jumped in the ring ready for a fight.

"My first response was, 'Gosh, she ought to be tried with a criminal offense for what she did to those babies.'"

He learned, however, that drug use is not believed responsible for the abnormal birth.

Howard's legal role was diminished when Nichelle became terminally ill. Howard began to arrange a funeral for his tiny client.

"It's a sad situation all around," said Leigh DuBose, a

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**TEXAS TRIVIA**

The four sculptures entitled "Backs" adorning Burnett Park in Fort Worth were created by what famous French artist?

Henri Matisse

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**WORLD/NATION**

**Nation:** Weary, waterlogged residents of the Carolinas were keeping watch on bloated waterways today as they headed home to mop up in the wake of flooding that left at least seven people dead. See page 5.

**World:** The United Nations blamed Bosnian Serbs today for firing the shell that killed 36 people outside a Sarajevo market, and weighed whether to punish them with NATO airstrikes at the risk of aborting peace talks. See page 4.

**STATE**

**Speak English**

A judge overseeing a child-custody case told a Mexican native that speaking only Spanish at home constituted abuse to her 5-year-old daughter. State District Judge Samuel C. Kiser told Marta Laureano that she must speak English in conjunction with Spanish when talking to her daughter. See page 3.

**Woman set on fire dies**

A 21-year-old woman died seven hours after police say her husband doused her with a flammable liquid and set her afire. The man was swept up accidentally in the flames. See page 3.

**TODAY'S WEATHER**

Tonight **97** ▲ Highs **67**  
▲ Highs **67**  
▼ Lows

**Mostly clear**

Tonight, mostly clear. Low in the upper 60s. South to southeast wind 5-10 mph.

**Wednesday** **Partly cloudy**

**Permian Basin Forecast**  
Wednesday: Partly cloudy. High in the mid to upper 90s. South wind 10-15 mph.  
Thursday: Partly cloudy, high lower 90s.



NEWS IN  
BRIEF

Missing woman found  
dead in her car trunk

GALVESTON (AP) — IRS worker Dianne James was last heard from Aug. 20 when she spoke to her mother on the telephone. The next day, she didn't show up at work and was reported missing to Austin police.

Last Friday, police in Galveston found in a valuable piece of evidence regarding Ms. James' disappearance when they discovered her car.

On Monday, a decomposing body believed to be James was finally discovered — in the trunk of her car, which was opened only when police tried figuring out what was causing a stench at a Sheriff's Department garage.

"All indications are that it's her," an Austin police spokeswoman said.

An autopsy was to be conducted this morning at the Galveston County medical examiner's office. The death is being investigated as a homicide, Police Capt. Leo Singleton said.

Although the water is off, the park will remain open for the holiday weekend. Park workers and signs in three languages have warned people not to drink the park's water for several weeks.

Trial set for man accused  
of killing ex-wife

DALLAS (AP) — While the courts have set a trial date for an Arlington man charged with murdering his ex-wife, police say they still are stymied as to the whereabouts of his most recent wife.

"There's been no change," said Arlington Police spokesman Dee Anderson. "We've still got one detective working on it."

Jack Reeves, a 54-year-old retired Army sergeant, is free on bond awaiting trial in the death of Sharon Reeves, 34. She was found dead of a shotgun blast to the chest in her home in Copperas Cove in July 1978.

The couple had divorced seven days before her death, according to court records.

Her death was listed as a suicide until Arlington police investigating the disappearance of Reeves' fourth wife, Emilita, found evidence they say links the man to Sharon Reeves' death.

Jailed judge steps  
down from bench

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A county court-at-law judge who served jail time for ignoring a higher court and claimed she was the victim of "vicious political harassment" is resigning.



Judge Bonnie Reed, surrounded by dozens of supporters, announced her resignation Monday.

"I have been constantly under siege and on the defensive," she said. Reed denounced a state law that gives court case delays to attorneys who are legislators while the Texas Legislature is in session. It was Reed's interpretation of that law that led to her legal trouble this summer.

In June, Reed was ordered jailed by the 4th Court of Appeals because she disobeyed one of the appellate court's orders. She served 13 days of a 30-day sentence in the county jail.

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AMARILLO (AP) — A judge overseeing a child-custody case told a Mexican native that speaking only Spanish at home constituted abuse to her 5-year-old daughter.

Hispanic groups in Amarillo are chastising the judge for ordering Marta Laureano to speak English to her kindergarten.

An order by State District Judge Samuel C. Kiser does not prohibit Laureano from speaking Spanish at home. Instead, Kiser on Aug. 16 ordered the mother to speak English in conjunction with Spanish.

Language became an issue in the child-custody case when the girl's father claimed that the only English she was learning was what he taught her.

Timothy Garcia is seeking rights for unsupervised visits with his 5-year-old daughter. Kiser granted the father's request.

At a hearing this summer, Kiser equated lack of English proficiency with ignorance and abuse.

"If she starts first grade with the other children and cannot even speak the language that the teachers and the other children speak, and she's a full-blood American citizen, you're abusing that child and you're relegating her to the position of a housemaid," Kiser said, according to a transcript of the hearing.

Kiser studied in South America as a college student and said he occasionally speaks Spanish to his children at the dinner table.



Marta Laureano holds her 5-year-old daughter near a window in her home in Amarillo. A judge overseeing a child-custody case told Laureano, a Mexican native, that speaking only Spanish at home constituted abuse to her daughter. Laureano was ordered to speak English to the girl as well as Spanish.

Laureano, who was born and raised in Mexico, said she speaks Spanish at home because she wants her daughter to grow up bilingual. "I am giving her an advantage that not everybody has," she said. But Garcia defended the judge. "He was fair," the father said. "He was fair to both of us."

Woman dies after being  
set on fire by husband

DALLAS (AP) — A 21-year-old woman died seven hours after police say her husband doused her with a flammable liquid and set her afire.

The man was swept up accidentally in the flames, police said. He remained in fair condition Monday night at Parkland Memorial Hospital, Sgt. Gary Kirkpatrick said.

Police said the incident occurred about 1:30 p.m. Monday in a North Dallas apartment.

"He apparently came home and she was confronted by her husband," Sgt. Larry Lewis said. "He poured some type of flammable liquid on her — we think it was gasoline — and set her on fire."

Police said late Monday they would not disclose the couple's names until they could notify the victim's family.

It wasn't immediately clear whether the woman lived in the

apartment alone or with her husband.

No charges have been filed, but the man is under police guard at the hospital.

Carlos Wallace, a witness to the incident, told KDFW-TV that the severely burned woman banged on doors pleading for help.

"A girl was banging on the door, saying, 'Somebody help me, somebody help me,'" Wallace said. "She begged for us to get her two kids."

He let the severely burned woman into his apartment and helped keep her calm. Then he went to her apartment and saw the woman's husband "just walking around" with burns to his face and hands.

The children, ages 1 and 4, were not injured.

The woman was burned over 98 percent of her body and her husband over 18 percent of his body, the station reported.

Man found guilty of capital  
murder for gay man's death

TYLER (AP) — A second man accused of abducting and killing a 23-year-old medical clerk because he was homosexual has been found guilty of capital murder.

A Smith County jury deliberated about four hours Monday before finding Henry Dunn Jr., 21, of Tyler guilty.

The bullet-ridden body of 23-year-old Nicholas West was found in a gravel pit south of Tyler in November 1993. Prosecutors said West was killed because he was gay.

Donald Aldrich was convicted of capital murder last year and is on death row. A third defendant, David McMillan, has yet to be tried.

West was abducted from a Tyler park, stripped, put on his knees and shot "as many as 12 times, no less than nine," Smith County District Attorney Jack Skeen Jr. said at Aldrich's trial.

During closing arguments Monday, Skeen told jurors Dunn was a "principal actor" in a crime of hate. "This is a cold-blooded execution born out of hate, born out of prejudice" and the need for property — the truck West was driving, he said.

Aldrich had told investigators he and two friends intended to steal West's cash and take his truck. He said he panicked and fired two shots after Dunn opened fire on West.

Defense attorney Melvin Thompson told jurors "not to worry" about Aldrich's confession, but to concentrate on who fired the shot that ultimately killed West.

A Tyler pathologist testified that although West suffered nearly a dozen wounds to his torso and arms, he could have survived had it not been for the final shot to the back of his head.

Unsafe water found at  
state park in Galveston

GALVESTON (AP) — It's going to be rougher than usual for those who chose to "rough it" at Galveston Island State Park over Labor Day weekend.

There will be no water for drinking, showering or flushing toilets at the park following the discovery last weekend that the park's water tested positive for the coliform bacteria, which is found in fecal matter.

The presence of coliform bacteria is a sign of the presence of E. coli, although that dangerous bacteria has yet to be found. The water has been turned off since Saturday as a precaution.

The bacteria can cause many diseases, including typhoid, hepatitis and dysentery. It can infect people through drinking or washing in contaminated water.

Although the water is off, the park will remain open for the holiday weekend. Park workers and signs in three languages have warned people not to drink the park's water.

The park will have chemical toilets and a 350-gallon emergency supply of drinking water, said Rob McCorkle, spokesman for the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife.

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### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Clinton defends federal child support law

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration is defending the federal "deadbeat parent" law from a constitutional challenge and trying to get Congress to toughen its provisions.

Declaring that "parental responsibility does not end at the state line," President Clinton sent the Justice Department to court Monday in Phoenix to try to save the Child Support Recovery Act of 1992. The law makes it a federal crime for a parent to withhold support from a child living in another state.

The act was declared unconstitutional July 26 by U.S. District Judge Paul G. Rosenblatt in Phoenix. So far, his ruling applies only in Arizona; the act remains in effect elsewhere.

It was used by FBI agents earlier this month in Vermont to arrest the nation's worst deadbeat dad, Jeffrey Nichols, who owes \$582,000 in overdue child support payments.

#### Analysts argue about benefits of bank merger

NEW YORK (AP) — The \$10 billion merger deal to create the nation's biggest bank — the new Chase Manhattan Corp. — will put more money in customers' pockets, bankers and analysts say.

But consumer advocates warn that the merger mania sweeping the industry has already lessened competition and increased bank fees.

"There's no evidence that mergers like this one have benefited consumers in any way," said Stephen Brobeck, executive director of the Washington-based Consumers Federation of America.

Chase agreed Monday to merge with Chemical Banking Corp. to form a bank that will have 25 million customers nationwide and rank third in mortgage lending and fourth in credit cards.

#### Wilson formally enters presidential race

NEW YORK (AP) — With the Statue of Liberty as a backdrop, California Gov. Pete Wilson formally entered the GOP presidential race Monday with a dark portrait of a federal government "out of step, out of touch and out of control."

Wilson pledged to restore fairness to a nation that he said has slipped into decline since his immigrant grandparents came from Ireland at the turn of the century.

The famous statue has long been a beacon to immigrants, but Wilson used it as a symbol of his fight against illegal immigration.

Wilson sought to portray himself as an activist governor who gets things done while Republican rivals merely debate the issues. He criticized affirmative action programs and expansion of welfare — central themes, along with crime, of his effort to tap into voter anger and fear.

Wilson on Monday noted he has come from behind before in his long political career. Last year he overcame a 23-point deficit to beat Democrat Kathleen Brown for governor.

## Southeast flooding kills seven

Weary, waterlogged residents of the Carolinas were keeping watch on bloated waterways today as they headed home to mop up in the wake of flooding that left at least seven people dead.

Mostly sunny skies were forecast today, but leftovers from Tropical Storm Jerry swamped the Carolinas with up to 20 inches of weekend rain. The rains began tapering off late Monday.

Hundreds of people had been forced to evacuate. And while streams receded Monday at higher elevations, rising rivers caused new flooding in low-lying areas downstream.

Residents of Richland County, S.C., were warned Monday that the flood threat isn't over.

"Anybody who has had problems with flooding in the past will probably have it in the next few days," said Greg Sox, emergency services director. "It's wait and see and stay tuned."

Eve Sauvage crawled through mounds of mud, wadded paper and overturned furniture Monday in her apartment in Chapel Hill, N.C.

Sauvage, dressed in shorts and a T-shirt provided by the Red Cross, said she dozed Sunday evening and woke up to find a mess.

In western North Carolina two members of an Asheville river rescue team had to be rescued Monday from the fast-moving French Broad River.

The Asheville Fire Department team was practicing rescue techniques on the river in Buncombe County when its



A rescuer from Fort Bragg, N.C., talks with Brent Morrison after Morrison and friend Jeff Cope were rescued in Pittsboro, N.C. by Fort Bragg personnel using a Blackhawk helicopter. The two abandoned their kayaks and were stuck in trees for more than three hours along the swollen Haw River.

boat hit a cable and capsized. Two team members made it to shore on their own. Two others held onto the boat until they were rescued by other river rescue team members.

At least one traffic death Monday was blamed on the rain.

Three members of a North Carolina family died when their car was swept into a swollen creek, and a South Carolina woman's body was recovered from her submerged car Monday. An 8-year-old South Caroli-

na boy drowned when he slipped into a flooded culvert while skateboarding.

Two men drowned while trying to rescue others, a North Carolina firefighter helping to save a motorist and an 18-year-old who jumped into a South Carolina creek in a bid to save 17-year-old Leigh Brandenburg.

Brandenburg was sucked through a drain pipe but survived.

By the Associated Press

## Bomb threat delays air traffic across the country

NEW YORK (AP) — A bomb threat at the air traffic control center for the city's three major airports delayed flights for tens of thousands of travelers across the country.

Arrivals and departures of 210 planes were suspended from 5:45 p.m. to just before 7 p.m. Monday at Kennedy International and LaGuardia airports in New York and Newark International Airport in New Jersey, said Port Authority spokesman Peter Yerkes.

Flights bound for New York were put in holding patterns, diverted to other cities or not allowed to take off.

The air traffic control center in the Long Island town of Westbury handles about 6,000 flights each day.

An unidentified man called an unpublished number at the center at 4:30 p.m. and said a bomb would go off at 6 p.m., said Nassau County police spokesman James Fullam.

After most of the center's 80 workers were evacuated, police searched the building with bomb-sniffing dogs, but found nothing, Fullam said.



People wait for delayed flights at the International Arrivals Building of John F. Kennedy International airport in New York Monday evening.

The New York City area's three major airports were closed for more than an hour and hundreds of flights were delayed after a bomb threat forced the evacuation of an air traffic control center in Westbury, on Long Island, which directs planes in and out of the three major airports, as well as Westchester County Airport.

## Governor pleads innocent to charges

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Gov. Jim Guy Tucker pleaded innocent Monday to federal fraud and conspiracy charges in the Whitewater probe and vowed he would not negotiate a plea bargain.

"They're not going to make me knuckle under," Tucker said after his arraignment.

The 11-count indictment he answered Monday accuses the governor of conspiracy, wire fraud, bank fraud, mail fraud and misapplying funds.

U.S. Magistrate Jerry Cavaneau set a tentative trial date of Oct. 10.

"It may require every dime of resources I have, plus what I can borrow, but these people are going to have to come prove in court their allegations and not simply beat this person down with all their weight of authority," he said, denying broadcast reports that he was negotiating a plea bargain.

## Procter & Gamble Co. sues Amway employee

CINCINNATI (AP) — Procter & Gamble Co. sued an Amway Corp. employee Monday for allegedly spreading rumors linking P&G to devil worship.

The Cincinnati-based consumer products company filed the federal lawsuit in Salt Lake City against Randy Haugen of Ogden, Utah, seeking more than \$50,000 from the high-ranking Amway distributor. Amway is a competitor of P&G.

The lawsuit claims Haugen used Amway's voice mail system to spread the rumors to other Amway distributors.

"We have been fighting this outrageous rumor for over 15 years," said James J. Johnson, P&G senior vice president and general counsel.

"Throughout that time, people associated with Amway

have played a role."

The rumors typically claim that P&G's moon-and-stars trademark is a satanic symbol.

Haugen has an unpublished home number and could not be reached Monday.

Amway, a direct sales company based in Ada, Mich., said Monday that it "does not condone the spreading of false and malicious rumors against Procter & Gamble or any other company."

Amway also said it would cooperate with P&G and would enlist the support of its independent distributors to stop the rumors.

P&G said it has answered about 200,000 calls and letters about the rumors over the years.

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## Seles triumphant in return to Open

NEW YORK (AP) — Hit and giggle tennis is back in prime time.

Monica Seles made a triumphant return to the U.S. Open with a display of hard-hitting tennis, needing only 56 minutes to trample Ruxandra Dragomir of Romania 6-3, 6-1 in her first-round match Monday.

Then came another winning performance in her giggle-filled news conference.

"I was nervous," Seles said of her first match at the National Tennis Center since she captured the women's singles title in 1992. "I was just real nervous that I was going to play the Open."

Sidelined since being stabbed during a tournament in April 1993, Seles returned to the sport two weeks ago in Toronto, winning the Canadian Open. She hasn't lost a match at the U.S. Open since falling in the third round in 1990.

"She is unbelievable," the Dragomir said. "I couldn't even imagine that she is that good."

Seles is seeded second behind the co-favorite, Steffi Graf, who was scheduled to play her opening round match today against

Amanda Coetzer in an intriguing rematch.

The unseeded South African upset Graf in the second round of the Canadian Open two weeks ago. It was Graf's first loss of the year in 33 matches.

Coetzer, currently ranked 21st in the world, pulled off two more upsets in Toronto, ousting Jana Novotna and Mary Pierce before losing to Seles in the final.

Seles appeared to be in a hurry to get into the next round when she finally got on Stadium Court. She took no time between serves, and was always waiting for Dragomir to settle down for the next point to begin. She said it was nerves.

"Today is very different obviously because it is the first time you are going out there to play at the Open," Seles said. "I mean, there is so much excitement, so much nervousness."

"I went out there just trying to focus on the ball, and I wasn't focusing on the ball. I was hitting them as they were coming. I was missing them as they were coming. I had no plans."



Monica Seles tosses a towel to the fans after her first-round victory over Ruxandra Dragomir at the U.S. Open Monday.

## Stern: Rockets may forego trip

NEW YORK (AP) — The Houston Rockets won't be going to London on Oct. 19 if NBA players vote to dissolve their union.

NBA commissioner David Stern said Monday that the McDonald's Open, featuring NBA champion Rockets and five foreign championship teams will be canceled immediately if players vote for decertification and against a proposed labor deal. Results of the election will be announced Sept. 12. "We'd have to cancel it on the 12th," Stern said. "It wouldn't be fair to the sponsors."

A league-wide lockout has been in force since July 1, and the NBA has said it will continue if players reject the labor pact.

The three-day tournament, staged jointly by the NBA and FIBA, basketball's international governing body, is to be the first tournament pitting club champions from the world's top leagues against one another.

Along with the Rockets, the field includes Sheffield of

England; Real Madrid, the European champ; Buckler Bologna of Italy; Maccabi Tel Aviv of Israel; and the undecided Australian champion.

McDonald's and other European sponsors have already paid the NBA fees for the event, and that money would have to be refunded if it's canceled, Stern said. Some money for promotions will have to be rebated regardless.

"It (cancellation) would be a serious blow to our credibility in the international marketplace," Stern said.

A sharply divided body of NBA players will decide the fate of their union and of the proposed collective bargaining agreement in votes on Wednesday and Sept. 7.

Orlando's Shaquille O'Neal became the NBA's biggest star to come out in support of the proposed labor deal. While Michael Jordan has been leading the players advocating decertification, O'Neal said players should vote against disbanding their union.

## Rookie class makes up full fifth of Cowboys' roster

IRVING (AP) — A fifth of the Dallas Cowboys roster will be rookies, a "compliment" to the scouting department, says coach Barry Switzer.

"We needed an infusion of young blood and we think we got some," Switzer said.

The only draft choices not to make the team were former Butkus Award winning line-backer Dana Howard of Illinois, a fifth-rounder, and Linc Harden of Oklahoma State, a fourth-round pick.

Offensive lineman Shane Hannah, a second-round pick, underwent knee surgery on Aug. 4 and will be on the injured reserve list. He can

practice but not play for the Cowboys this season.

"There were some surprises," Switzer said. "Who would have thought we would keep a kick-off specialist? But to help the kickoff teams we decided to keep Jon Baker. That's why we had to make some tough cuts in other areas."

Baker was a free agent as a pick from Washington; defensive end Darren Benson of Trinity Valley Community College, a third-round supplemental draft choice; cornerback Alundis Brice of Mississippi, a fourth-round pick; wide receiver Ed Hervey of Southern California, a fifth-round pick; defensive end Oscar Sturgis of North Carolina, a seventh-

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Larry Laceywell

round pick; tight end Kendall Watkins of Mississippi State, a second-round choice; safety Charlie Williams of Bowling Green, a third rounder; and running back Sherman Williams of Alabama, a second-round pick.

"We're pleased with the way this group progressed in training camp," said personnel

director Larry Laceywell. "We're certainly impressed with the way they played against Houston in the final preseason game."

The Cowboys second team beat the Oilers first team 10-0 Saturday night in the Alamodome. The Cowboys kept out most of their first line regulars. Brice returned an intercepted pass for the only touchdown of the game.

"We had some criticism on draft day about our choices so it was nice to see this bunch come through like they did," Laceywell said.

Bjornson was expected to see immediate duty along with

Watkins but suffered a bruised shoulder against the Oilers which will make him doubtful for next Monday night's opener against the New York Giants in the Meadowlands.

"That's one of the reasons we didn't want to play (starting tight end) Jay Novacek," Switzer said. "We hope Eric can be ready."

Watkins will come in when the Cowboys go to a double tight end set.

The remainder of the rookies will play on special teams with Williams giving Emmitt Smith a breather at running back should he need one.

## Name games and other ruminations

I hate to tear your attention away from the upcoming football season, but there's a few other things I want to talk about:

If author Susan Faludi married former Oakland baseball player Joe Rudi, would she then be called Susan Faludi-Rudi?

Is it just me, or is more difficult to tell the difference between pro boxing and pro wrestling?

Baseball purists may be grumbling, but I love the wild-card races. Anything that keeps the Rangers in playoff contention past the All-Star break can't be

all bad.

Speaking of baseball, has anyone noticed the nose-dive the Astros have taken?

A few weeks ago, they were breathing down the Reds' neck in the National League Central division, and now the team's logo is showing up on the side of milk cartons.

Chili's Restaurants is offering Deion Sanders free meals if he signs with the Dallas Cowboys. Heck, give me free food and I'll play for the Cowboys.

But not the Oilers. A guy's gotta have his standards, you know.

Jeff Tarango, the tennis player who was suspended and fined by the ATP for his wildman antics at Wimbledon, said his haranguing of the umpire was a form of "civil disobedience."

As a co-worker said, he got it half-right.

As Cal Ripken Jr. closes in

on Lou Gehrig's consecutive-games record, he is receiving more and more death threats.

People who make death threats to anyone, much less some guy playing a game, should be identified, rounded up and put in the same room with Don King and Hulk Hogan.

That I'd pay \$50 to see.

I say we put Peter McNeely and Vinny Vecchione in a locked room and, you know, throw away the key.

I sincerely hope and pray that the NBA settles its labor troubles and begins its season on time.

If the NBA season is delayed or lost because of labor strife, so many fans are going to swear off sports that I may be out of a job.

Speaking of basketball: As a public service, I should tell you it is only two months until Dick Vitale hits the airwaves again.

## ASTROS HIT NEW LOW



Florida's Quilvio Veras, left, dives safely back to first base as Houston's Mike Simms waits for the throw during the fifth inning of their game Monday in Miami. Houston lost, 6-4, for its club-record 11th straight defeat.

## SHOT OF THE DAY



Going down Poland's Ronald Mehlich grimaces after failing to clear a hurdle in the men's 110-meter hurdles event at the World University Games in Fukuoka, Japan Thursday. Mehlich was uninjured.

## TEXAS SPORTS

### Bagwell back in action

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Jeff Bagwell, the injured first baseman for the Houston Astros, went 0-for-2 with two walks during his first game on a rehabilitation assignment for Double-A Jackson.

In the Texas League game against Tulsa, Bagwell lined out to center field, grounded out to shortstop and walked in his final two at-bats.

The 1994 National League MVP hadn't played since breaking his left hand July 30, when he was hit by pitch. It was the third straight season he suffered that injury.

"It's not back to normal right now. It is a little sore still, but doctors tell me I'm not going to get hurt by playing," Bagwell said before Monday's game, which Tulsa won 6-3.

Bagwell is aiming to be back in Houston's lineup Friday night.

## NATION/WORLD

### Piazza, Surhoff honored

NEW YORK (AP) — Los Angeles Dodgers catcher Mike Piazza, who hit .467 with eight homers and 14 RBIs, was selected National League player of the week. B.J. Surhoff of Milwaukee won American League honors, hitting .464 with three homers and 10 RBIs.

### Expos, Cubs swap players

CHICAGO (AP) — Jose DeLeon was traded by the Chicago White Sox to the Montreal Expos for Jeff Shaw in a swap of right-handed relievers. DeLeon, 34, was 5-3 with a 5.19 ERA in 38 games, while Shaw, 29, was 1-6 with three saves and a 4.62 ERA in 50 games.

## ON THE AIR

### Tennis

U.S. Open, 6:30 p.m., USA (ch. 38).

### Baseball

Major League Houston at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m., TBS (ch. 11).

### Bowling

Jacson PBA Senior Championship, 8 p.m., ESPN (ch. 30).

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American League

All Times EDT  
East Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	70	.431	—
Baltimore	54	.478	16
New York	55	.478	16
Toronto	49	.438	20 1/2
Detroit	48	.411	23 1/2

Central Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	77	.589	—
Milwaukee	58	.513	19 1/2
Kansas City	55	.496	21 1/2
Chicago	48	.432	28 1/2
Minnesota	40	.357	37

West Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
California	67	.478	12 1/2
Texas	57	.418	—
Seattle	57	.504	9 1/2
Oakland	55	.478	12 1/2

Monday's Games

Cleveland 9, Toronto 1  
Kansas City 4, New York 3  
Minnesota 4, Texas 3, 10 Innings  
Chicago 6, Milwaukee 5  
Only games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

Seattle 2-1 at Boston  
(Wainfield 14-2), 7:05 p.m.  
Toronto 3-0 at Cleveland  
(Clark 7-5), 7:05 p.m.  
Oakland 8-5 at Baltimore  
(Khrdva 2-2), 7:35 p.m.  
California 13-9 at New York  
(Cone 13-7), 7:35 p.m.  
Milwaukee 8-9 at Kansas City  
(Jacome 3-2), 8:05 p.m.  
Texas 7-13 at Minnesota  
(Rios 9-12), 8:05 p.m.  
Detroit 6-8 at Chicago  
(Kaysar 3-5), 8:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

California 9-6 at New York  
(Pattite 6-6), 1:05 p.m.  
Texas 12-9 at Minnesota  
(Tremblay 2-4), 1:15 p.m.  
Toronto 6-11 at Cleveland  
(Martinez 8-4), 7:05 p.m.  
Seattle 9-6 at Boston  
(Hanson 13-4), 7:05 p.m.  
Oakland 2-0 at Baltimore

National League

All Times EDT  
East Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	72	.643	—
Philadelphia	59	.518	14
Montreal	54	.478	18 1/2
Florida	51	.459	20 1/2
New York	49	.437	23

Central Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Cincinnati	71	.634	—
Houston	67	.594	14 1/2
Chicago	56	.498	15 1/2
St. Louis	48	.421	24
Pittsburgh	47	.418	24 1/2

West Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Los Angeles	60	.525	—
Colorado	50	.438	11
San Diego	55	.481	4
San Francisco	52	.460	7 1/2

Monday's Games

Chicago 7, Atlanta 5  
Cincinnati 5, St. Louis 2  
Florida 6, Houston 4  
Colorado 6, Pittsburgh 3

Tuesday's Games

Philadelphia 6-6 at San Francisco  
(Mullolland 3-10), 3:35 p.m.  
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(Hammond 7-4), 7:05 p.m.  
St. Louis 6-6 at Cincinnati  
(Burba 8-2), 7:35 p.m.  
Colorado 9-9 at Pittsburgh  
(Wagner 2-13), 7:35 p.m.  
Houston 9-8 at Atlanta  
(Mierker 7-8), 7:40 p.m.  
New York 7-8 at Los Angeles  
(Martinez 13-7), 10:05 p.m.  
Montreal 12-10 at San Diego  
(Hamilton 6-5), 10:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

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Chicago 9-7 at Florida  
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(Portugal 8-8), 7:35 p.m.  
Colorado 3-2 at Pittsburgh

U.S. Open

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**Singles**

First Round

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Stefan Edberg, Sweden, def. Martin Damm, Czech Republic, 6-0, 6-3, 7-6 (7-4).  
Marcos Ondruska, South Africa, def. Mark Petchey, Britain, 7-6 (7-0), 6-1, 6-0.  
Jared Palmer, Tampa, Fla., def. Leonardo Lavalle, Mexico, 6-4, 7-5, 6-3.  
Tim Henman, Britain, def. Juan Albert Vicosa, Spain, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.  
Andrei Medvedev (16), Ukraine, def. Hicham Arazi, Morocco, 6-7 (5-7), 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.  
Petr Korda, Czech Republic, def. Shuzo Matsuoka, Japan, 7-6 (7-4), 6-7 (4-7), 6-7 (8-10), 6-5, retired.  
Jason Stoltenberg, Australia, def. Radomir Vasek, Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-4, 6-3.  
Sergie Serganov, Armenia, def. Michael Joyce, Santa Monica, Calif., 7-6 (7-1), 2-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-1.  
Jerome Golmard, France, def. Wayne Ferreira (10), South Africa, 7-5, 7-6 (7-5), 6-1.  
Boris Becker (4), Germany, def. Alex Lopez-Moran, Spain, 6-1, 6-0, 6-3.

**Women**

**Singles**

First Round

Ann Grossman, Grove City, Ohio, def. Dany Rendriantely, Madagascar, 6-1, 6-3.  
Sabine Hack, Germany, def. Elna Reinach, South Africa, 6-3, 6-3.  
Sabine Appelmans, Belgium, def. Elena Likhovtseva, Russia, 6-2, 6-1.  
Melanie Schnall, Austria, def. Maria Strandlund, Sweden, 6-2, 6-3.  
Nathalie Tauziat, France, def. Nicole Bradtke, Australia, 6-3, 6-1.  
Patricia Hy-Boutelle, Canada, def. Virginia Ruano-Pascual, Spain, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2.  
Martina Hingis, Switzerland, def. Nancy Feber, Belgium, 6-2, 6-3.  
Christina Singer, Germany, def. Lee Ghriradi-Rubbi, France, 6-1, 6-0.  
Larisa Neland, Latvia, def. Beate Reinastadler, Austria, 6-2, 6-4.  
Naoko Sawamatsu, Japan, def. Rachel McCulligan, Australia, 1-6, 6-1, 6-3.  
Ines Gorrochategui, Spain, def. Linda Harvey-Wild, Hawthorn Woods, Ill., 7-6 (7-3), 6-0.  
Erika de Lone, Lincoln, Mass., def. Petra Schwarz-Ritter, Austria, 7-6 (8-6), 6-2.  
Dominique Monami, Belgium, def. Veronika Marinke, Germany, 6-3, 6-0.  
Karl Phebus, Newport Beach, Calif., def. Brie Rippner, Chico, Calif., 6-3, 6-1.

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Habitat conditions should make for excellent dove-hunting season

LUBBOCK (AP) — Bountiful sunflower and milo crops should make for good dove hunting when the season opens Friday across much of the state.

Texas Parks and Wildlife officials say habitat conditions couldn't be better.

"It looks really good," said game warden Mark Collins, who works in Hale and Floyd counties northeast of Lubbock. "There's a lot of birds right now. We just have to hope that there aren't any early cold fronts."

Dove season opens Friday for the north and central zones of the state — roughly everything in Texas north of a line from Del Rio to San Antonio to Houston. Dove season for the south zone opens Sept. 22.

Officials estimate the autumn dove population in Texas at 50 million. They say the birds are more abundant this year than in 1994, which was dry.

**OUTDOORS**

State rules include these:

- Hunters must have a Texas hunting license, which costs \$13.
- The daily bag limit for doves is 15. The possession limit is 30.
- Hunting from public roads is not allowed.
- Shooting hours are from a half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Hunters who break the rules can wind up with their licenses revoked or suspended. Fines vary from \$25 to \$500 for each bird killed illegally.

"We'll be out rooting around in the woods, looking for those violators," said game warden Ed Russell, who is based in Wichita County. "It'll probably be a pretty busy weekend."

Meanwhile, some landowners and hunting outfitters are

pushing the state game commission to reinstate half-day dove hunting.

Several ranchers in Throckmorton County have agreed to limit the length and frequency of bird hunts, in hopes of not driving away the prey.

Corky Redden, county agricultural extension agent, said about one-third of people leasing dove fields around Throckmorton are limiting hunts to half-day.

Game warden R.C. Brooks predicted that half-day hunting would cut down on double dipping — the illegal practice of shooting the limit in the morning, putting the birds in storage and then hunting again in the evening.

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Cleveland at New England	St. Louis at Green Bay
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Houston at Jacksonville	Buffalo at Denver
Kansas City at Seattle	Dallas at N.Y. Giants
Minnesota at Chicago	LSU at Texas A&M

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- Any entry form that does not contain a legible name, address, etc., will be disqualified.
- Entries that fail to forecast a winner from each and every game will be disqualified, as will entries that fail to distinguish between the Jets and Giants of New York and, when necessary, between the Houston Oilers and the Houston Cougars.
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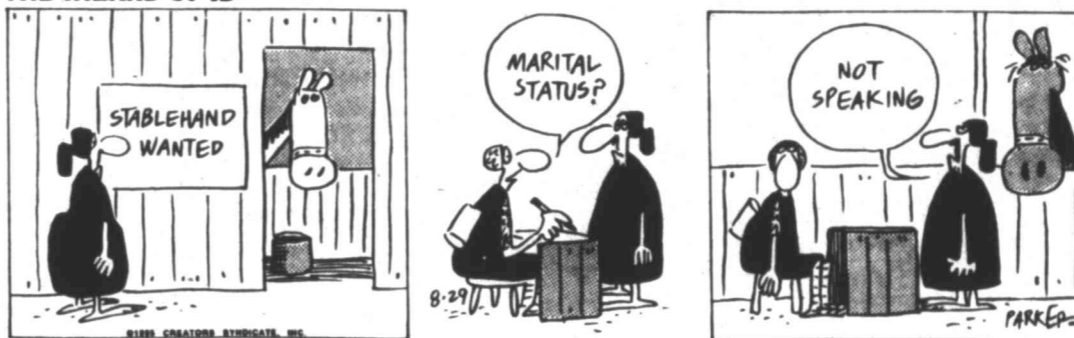
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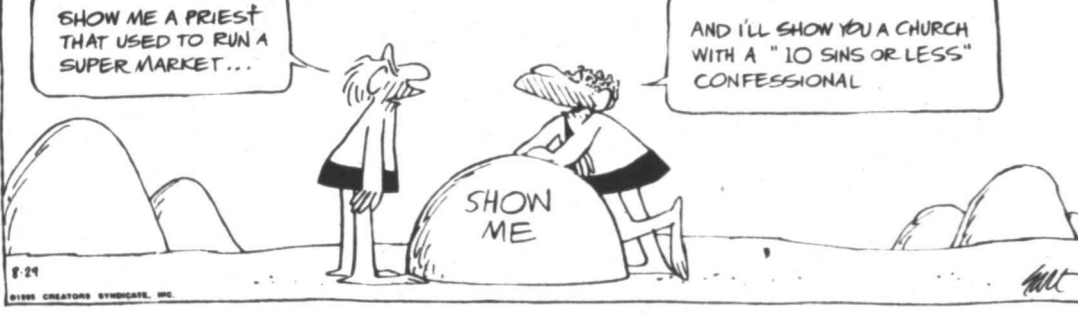
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THE Daily Crossword by James L. Beatty

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

- ACROSS: 1 Reasonable, 10 The Charles' dog, 14 Greenspan or Thicke, 15 French income, 16 Kind of gun, 17 Faxed, perhaps, 18 Ham it up, 19 Voice votes, 20 Scorch, 21 Start of quote from 'Julius Caesar', 23 Devours, 25 TV sitcom, once, 26 Rules of conduct, 29 Farm buildings, 32 Noted violin maker, 33 Aria, 34 Johnny, 37 More of quote, 41 Safe haven, 42 Pianist Peter, 43 Polish money, 44 Artist Grandma, 46 Declaims, 47 Brogan, e.g., 49 Con game, 50 With final 's,' end of quote, 54 Outdo, 58 Hearty's partner, 59 Sky-blue, 60 Always, 61 Army group, 62 More ominous, 63 Flying prefix, 64 Voluptuous, 65 TV dramas, 66 Exploited, DOWN: 1 Fresh talk, 2 Away from the wind, 3 Zola work, 4 Pica, 5 Builds, 6 Display models, 7 - job (battery), 8 James or Kati, 9 Lecher's expression, 10 Vast chasms, 11 Soft leather, 12 Retinue, 13 Vaulted church recess, 22 Quayle or Rander, 24 Landed, 26 'I Remember', 27 Gen. Bradley, 28 - and file, 29 Dutch colonists in Africa, 30 As well, 31 A Reiner, 33 Capt. Hook's mate, 34 Cheer, 35 Art deco artist, 36 Tunician rulers, 38 Chosen ones, 39 Pound, the poet, 40 Lighted torch, 44 Half, 45 Finished, to poets, 46 Early pigments, 47 Classic Western, 48 Spiral, 49 throat, 50 So, 51 Fathers, 52 Basso Pinza, 53 Distinctive quality, 54 Holiday periods, 55 Withered, 56 Walked on

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 29, the 241st day of 1995. There are 124 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Aug. 29, 1944, 15,000 American troops marched down the Champs Elysees in Paris as the French capital continued to celebrate its liberation from the Nazis. On this date: In 1533, the last Incan King of Peru, Atahualpa, was murdered on orders from Spanish conqueror Francisco Pizarro. In 1632, English philosopher John Locke was born in Somerset. In 1809, American author Oliver Wendell Holmes was born in Cambridge, Mass. In 1877, the second president of the Mormon Church, Brigham Young, died in Salt Lake City, Utah. In 1896, the Chinese-American dish chop suey was invented in New York City by the chef visiting Chinese Ambassador Li Hung-chang. In 1943, responding to a clampdown by Nazi occupiers, Denmark managed to scuttle most of its naval ships. In 1957, Sen. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, then a Democrat, ended a filibuster against a civil rights bill after talking for more than 24 hours. In 1965, Gemini 5, carrying astronauts Gordon Cooper and Charles 'Pete' Conrad, splashed down in the Atlantic after eight days in space. In 1966, the Beatles concluded their fourth American tour with what turned out to be their last public concert, at Candlestick Park in San Francisco. In 1975, one of Ireland's most prominent figures in its quest for independence, Eamon de Valera, died at a nursing home near Dublin at age 92. In 1981, broadcaster and world traveler Lowell Thomas died in Pawling, N.Y., at age 89. Ten years ago: Elena was upgraded from a tropical storm to a hurricane as it swept toward the Gulf Coast, prompting more than 125,000 people from Florida to Louisiana to flee. Five years ago: A defiant Iraqi President Saddam Hussein declared in a television interview that America could not defeat Iraq, saying, 'I do not beg before anyone.' One year ago: Bosnian Serb officials announced the results of a weekend referendum in which Bosnian Serbs overwhelmingly rejected what was billed as a last-chance peace plan. Today's Birthdays: Actor George Montgomery is 79. Actor-director Sir Richard Attenborough is 72. Sen. David Pryor, D-Ark., is 61. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., is 59. Actor Elliott Gould is 57. Movie director William Friedkin is 56. Actor Richard Gere is 46. Singer Michael Jackson is 37. Actress Rebecca De Mornay is 33. Thought for Today: 'The trouble with being poor is that it takes up all your time.' - Willem de Kooning, Dutch-born artist.

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