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Panel gets new details on Clinton ties to investment banker

WASHINGTON (AP) — Before their work was halted five weeks ago, Senate investigators gathered evidence about the ties between then-Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton and an investment banker lobbying for state business — a topic that has long caused the president political problems.

Before its authority expired Feb. 29, the Senate Whitewater Committee was looking into a 1985 meeting at which the banker, Dan Lasater, made a blunt pitch to Clinton for state bond contracts.

The panel was examining internal memos from the governor's office showing that Clinton and his aides kept a close eye on Lasater's efforts to win state work.

Documents from the governor's office include a letter by Lasater to Clinton asking for monthly meetings and advance notice of opportunities to bid on state bond business. Lasater wrote the letter weeks before it was disclosed in federal court that he had helped pay off a drug debt for Clinton's younger brother, Roger.

A few months later, Clinton and his aides monitored Lasater's progress in securing a piece of the state bond business to finance a proposed \$30 million state police communications system.

The data assembled by Senate investigators could provide a new avenue for Whitewater hearings once they resume. Democrats and Republicans

have not agreed how to extend the investigation.

Lasater contributed to Clinton's gubernatorial campaigns and hired Roger Clinton. Lasater and Roger Clinton became the focus of a drug investigation, and both pleaded guilty to cocaine charges and went to prison.

The state contracts, the drugs and the ties to Roger Clinton have long made Lasater a political issue during Clinton's campaigns for governor and president.

Lasater, who has been questioned by Senate investigators, participated in 15 state contracts but says that, overall, the business wasn't profitable.

In a recent interview with The Associated Press, Lasater said

he sought a private meeting with Clinton in 1983 or 1984 because other bond houses had been getting favorable treatment from state agencies and he wanted the governor "to level the playing field."

"We tried to make as much hay as we could with Clinton and tried to get as much business as we could, but it never worked," Lasater said.

He said he told Clinton, "Look, we are the second-largest capitalized firm in the city (Little Rock) and we're not doing any of this business, and I think we are entitled to some of it."

According to Lasater, "Clinton said that he'd look into it. He made no commitments at all and it didn't help us any at all." Internal memos from the gov-

ernor's office reveal new information about the state police communications contract.

Days after the state police commission awarded the work to Lasater and two other bond houses, a lawmaker suggested the project might be better financed through other means.

That prompted Clinton's chief of staff, Betsy Wright, to alert the executive vice president of Lasater's company, Michael Drake, according to a memo reviewed by the AP. The memo said Wright urged the firm to jump into the fray to keep the project on track.

"I have suggested" that executives at the firm "get" an Arkansas state police commissioner to contact the lawmaker, Wright wrote Clinton on May

13, 1985.

Wright said Clinton's office never favored Lasater and never had monthly meetings with his firm, but did direct agencies to invite more bond houses to bid on to increase competition.

The former chief of staff said she contacted Drake in order to get the state police communications system built quickly. Reopening the debate over how to finance the project would have meant lengthy delays.

Of eight competitors on the project, the proposal submitted by E.F. Hutton, Lasater and a third company won the contract.

Lasater's firm got a \$115,000 management fee for the contract but lost money on the deal, Lasater and Drake said.

HOMER HIGH FIVE



HERALD photo/Tim Appel

Wes Davis, right, gets a high five from a teammate after he blasted a grand-slam home run, his second home run of the inning, as Howard College's Hawks scored 10 runs in the third inning of their contest against El Paso Community College in the Hawks' most recent home game. Tuesday is a busy baseball day locally, with the Hawks hosting McLennan in a double header and both Big Spring and Coahoma at home.

Mitchell County converting two county roads to Farm-to-Market

By SARA SOLIS
Staff Writer

Fewer accidents and less traffic congestion are two reasons for the planned state farm-to-market road conversion of portions of two Mitchell County roads, CR 141 and 202.

Mitchell County Judge Ray Mayo said the Commissioners' Court met late last month and approved the purchase of a right of way for the road conversion.

The road, which lies north of Interstate 20, connects with Rogers Road, which runs alongside the Colorado City state prison facility.

"We're in the process of acquiring the right of way," he said. The Mitchell County Board of Economic Development is currently negotiating that cost with several property owners.

Mayo said the county requested the state conversion because of the amount of traffic running between Snyder and Colorado City. He said the increased traffic is mainly due to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. "We have quite a few people who live in Snyder that commute" to work at the state prison in Colorado City. The state will also benefit, in an official capacity, from a more direct route between its two correctional facilities in Snyder and Colorado City, he said.

He said the new road will be a two lane paved road. Once the right of way is purchased the state will take over the construction project, he said. "We just need to get it ready for them." According to Mayo, the state is expecting to award the construction contract next month.

Bobby Lemons, vice chairman of the Mitchell County Board of Economic Development, said as soon as the right of way is secured from the land

owners he will meet with the commissioners to have the purchase approved. He said cost of securing the right of way will not be reimbursed by the state.

"The county always furnishes the right of way and the state builds the road," he said.

Lemons said the county is acquiring a little over 25 acres of land to construct 1.5 miles of roadway. The road will connect state highway 208, which leads to Snyder, and Rogers Road. "It's really a bypass road," he said. The new road, which will be designated FM 3525, will run from Highway 208 as far south as 10th Street, he said.

Lemons estimates the acquisition will cost the county a little less than \$20,000. He said that amount includes the land cost, cost of fencing and all the closing costs.

He said he is dealing with 11 different land owners for 14 tracts of land. "Most of them (the landowners) are grateful to see that road getting paved," he said.

Lemons said the road also has several health and safety benefits. A lot of farmers transporting cotton to the gin and equipment from one side of town to the other will be able to avoid the downtown area by using the new road, he said.

He said the road will also be an asset for the Colorado City state correctional facility. "Prison buses will use it and their trucks that transport all their goods in and out will use it."

Lemons said several accidents at the intersection of Interstate 20 and Highway 208 influenced the county to request the construction of the bypass road.

He is hopeful the purchase of the right of way will be completed soon. "I lack three (agreements) right now," Lemons said. Pending the purchase of the right of way, the state is hoping to have the road completed in time to get asphalt on it by fall.

EMT's await results of state test retake

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Currently the city's of Big Spring's ambulance service has 12 paramedics, four Intermediate Emergency Medical Technicians or EMT-I's and 16 EMT's, but that could change depending on how eight EMT's per-

formed on a retake of the state's paramedic exam Friday.

If all eight EMT's passed the exam, ambulance service personnel would be restructured to include 20 paramedics, three EMT-I's and eight EMT's.

Emergency Medical Services Coordinator Tina Stone said the state just finished giving a big paramedic exam and it will

probably take about three to six weeks to get the results back from the exam.

The EMT's who did not pass the retake of the state paramedic exam last November have undergone as many as 80 hours of additional classroom instruction in preparation for Friday's state exam retake.

89th ginners' meet opens Thursday in Lubbock

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The largest gathering of Texas cotton industry associates will convene at the 89th annual Texas Cotton Ginners' Association Convention and Trade Show Thursday and Friday in Lubbock.

The show will bring more than 5,000 people to the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

The theme, "Building on Generations of ginning" gives asso-

ciates a chance to reflect on history and prepare for the future.

TCGA Executive Vice President Tony Williams said, "1995 was a record breaking year for prices in our industry, but also a year of major pest destruction. The problems that we faced in 1995, and what we learned from them, must be used towards protecting the industry for future generations. There will be many other challenges that we will face

and we must continue to work together to overcome them."

Two hundred exhibitors will also attend the convention with products to bring the cotton industry into the next century.

The public is invited to the convention, which is free of charge, to visit with industry associates and take a look at all the cotton industry exhibit areas.

The show opens at 9 a.m. Thursday and will run through Friday night.

Monahans wins district; BSHS students advance

By SARA SOLIS
Staff Writer

Monahans, Andrews and San Angelo Lake View finished 1-2-3 in the District 4-4A University Interscholastic League meet at Howard College. The meet was held March 29 and results were released Friday.

Over 300 high school students gathered to compete in several subject areas ranging from debate and public speaking to journalism, mathematics, accounting and computer applications.

In addition to the top three schools, students also competed from Big Spring, Fort Stockton and Pecos.

Monahans claimed the dis-

trict title with 346 points, followed by Andrews with 309 and Lake View with 211.

Several Big Spring High School students placed at the meet and will advance to the Area UIL Meet. They are: Jacob Quisenberry, third in mathematics, first in chemistry and second in science overall; Chanda Lawdermilk, second in prose interpretation; and Ramnath Subbaraman, second in number sense.

Other Big Spring High School students placed in alternate positions at the meet and will advance to the Area UIL competition, only if one of the first through third place winners should be unable to attend or are disqualified. They were:

Melinda Garcia, first alternate in accounting; Abel Hilario, second alternate in accounting; Duemani Reddy, second alternate in mathematics; Ramnath Subbaraman, tied for second alternate in science overall.

Big Spring High School's accounting, calculator applications, mathematics and science teams all won alternate positions for the area meet. Their members are, accounting: Melinda Garcia; Abel Hilario; and Joni Douglas; calculator applications: Josna Adusumilli; Jacob Quisenberry; and Duemani Reddy; mathematics and science: Jacob Quisenberry; Duemani Reddy; and Ramnath Subbaraman.

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North Koreans aggressive again

North Korean troops again marched into the DMZ between North and South Korea. Page 6A.

Unabomber suspect leaves trail

The Unabomber suspect's trail leads from Montana to California and some place him in Sacramento, Calif., near where bombs were mailed. Page 5A.

TEXAS

Molester to San Antonio

Child molester Larry Don McQuay is set to be sent to a San Antonio facility where officials say he will be under a close watch. Page 3A.

Corruption trial to start

The second trial seeking a conviction of Rio Grande Valley officials in a corruption case begins. Page 3A.

TODAY'S WEATHER

Today

75 [▲] Highs [▼] 50
Lows



Tonight



Today

Mostly sunny. Highs near mid 70s, lows near 50 and fair. Light winds today.

Permian Basin Forecast

Tuesday: Highs in mid 80s. Fair with light wind. Lows in the lower 50s.

Wednesday: Highs in mid 80s. Fair with light wind. Lows in the lower 50.

Texas Trivia

When was Dallas first settled and for whom was it named?

1841, after U.S. vice president George Mifflin Dallas

OBITUARIES

Daisy Pearl Wright

Service for Daisy Pearl Wright, 89, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She died Sunday, April 7, 1996, in a local hospital.

Grover Griffice

Service for Grover "Griff" Griffice, 73, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 9, 1996, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

Arrangements under the direction of Connally Funeral Home of Seagraves.

Another brother: Billy Ray Griffice, Ruidoso, N.M.; two sisters: Betty Jean Barnett, Lubbock, and Tince Ory, Stanton; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Marler, Yuma City, Calif., and Linda Summersell, Big Spring; and Gary Liles, Dallas; two daughters: Shirley Perrin, Rocky Hill, Conn., and Sandra Arndt, Crestone, Colo.; two sisters: Maudie Blair, Big Spring, and Juanita Fancey, Visalia, Calif.; and seven grandchildren.

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Ben Liles

Funeral service for Ben Liles, 75, Plains, was 2 p.m. today at the First Baptist Church in the Plains with the Rev. Glenn Harlan and the Rev. Bill Wright officiating.

Mr. Liles died Saturday, April 6, 1996, at the VA Medical Center after a long illness.

He was born on May 15, 1922, in Howard County. He married Dorothy on August 26, 1968, in Big Spring. He lived in the Big Spring community all of his life and was a Baptist. He belonged to the VFW, DAV, Cosden 25-year-club and the Big Spring Senior Citizens Center. He worked for Cosden & Fina Oil for 30 years, retiring in February 1981. He was a veteran of World War II having served three times in the military for 7 1/2 years.

Survivors include his wife: Dorothy Griffice, Big Spring; two daughters: Dewey Ann

IN BRIEF

THE BIG SPRING HERALD is currently seeking submissions to its monthly "Readers Corner" that runs the last Wednesday of each month.

Readers are encouraged to submit stories or poems should be about a page and a half in length. Photos should be in focus and not too light or too dark. Make sure you identify who or what is in the picture and who took the photograph.

When space is limited, submissions will be held over for the next month.

The next "Readers Corner" is scheduled for April 24 and the deadline to turn in your submissions is April 15. If you have any questions, contact Kellie Jones, 263-7331 ext. 112.

THE GARDEN CITY HEAD START will be having registration April 24 through April 26 and May 1 through May 3 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the head start classroom.

When registering please bring the following:

Proof of income (income tax return, W-2 statement, salary check stubs, AFDC, unemployment, social security and child support payments), birth certificate, immunization record, and social security card for all household.

Head Start reserves spaces for children with disabilities.

WEST TEXAS OPPORTUNITIES, INC. will

distribute commodities at the Commodity Distribution Center, 1607 East Third, on April 11 from 8:15 a.m. to 2 p.m. All recipients to be certified through December 1995 may pick up their food. For more information, call 267-9536.

This facility is operated in accordance with the United States Department of Agriculture policy. It prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, age, handicap, religion, national origin or political belief.

CHRISTMAS IN APRIL is scheduled for April 27 and your financial support is urgently needed to continue the success of the program.

The program is run by volunteers and all the funds come from the local community. Senior citizens in the area have their homes repaired by 500 volunteers who spend the day helping their neighbor.

Send your tax deductible donation to: Christmas in April; P.O. Box 2326; Big Spring, Texas; 79721-2326. The money is used to help purchase materials for the renovations.

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, also known as Meals on Wheels, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 267-4503 or 263-4016.

MARY SOLIS, 24, HAS been diagnosed with uterine cancer. She is the wife of Vintz Allen and has two pre-school age children.

There has been a fund set up at Norwest to help defray expenses and cover costs of operation in Galveston.

If you have any questions contact Brenda Claxton at Norwest.

For more information call Sonya Madry at 263-5330, or 267-7789 (work).

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE will help senior citizens, low-income, non-English speaking and handicapped people with basic tax returns. The person's income is primarily from wages, tips, interest and dividends. They will also help with refunds of credit such as child care credit, earned income credits and credit for the elderly.

Volunteers will be at the First Presbyterian Church, 800 Runnels, on Monday, April 8. The times are 9 a.m. to noon and appointments can be made for other times by calling 398-5522 or 263-4211.

This is a free service. Please bring your tax package you received from the IRS and a copy of last year's income tax return when you come for assistance.

ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL has announced plans for the Ackerly "Wheels For Life" Bike-A-Thon on April 14 at 2 p.m. at the football field. Coordinator for this year's event is Dorothy

Big Spring ON THE RUN

Nichols who encourages all resident and businesses to support this community effort. Last year, this small community collected over \$700 for the hospital.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, founded in 1962 by the late entertainer Danny Thomas, is the largest childhood cancer research center in America in terms of the number of patients treated and treatment success.

A HIGH PLAINS WEEVIL RECALL MEETING is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday at the cafe across from the ball park, north of the Post Office in Ackerly.

This meeting is to discuss Weevil Recall Election.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD of West Texas, Inc. provides birth control methods and information, pap smears, breast exams, testing for sexually transmitted diseases, pregnancy testing and referrals, mid-life services and anemia and diabetes screening.

Mammograms are currently available to qualified patients. Services are based on a sliding fee scale and all services are confidential. Call 263-8351 for information and appointments.

The Big Spring clinic address is 618 Gregg Street.

Hours of operation for April are: Monday, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 6 p.m., and Tuesday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 5 p.m.

AN ALICE HAYNES SCHOLARSHIP FUND has been established at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, 79720, Attn: Cheri Sparks, President.

The Alice B. Haynes Dental Hygiene Scholarship will be awarded each year at Howard College to a deserving dental hygiene student, in honor of Dr. Haynes.

THE HOWARD GLASSCOCK CHAPTER of the American Cancer Society is hard at work preparing for the second annual Relay For Life, scheduled for May 17 and 18 at Blankenship Field at Big Spring High School.

This is a fun event with a great goal - to find a cure for cancer. Clubs, church groups, businesses and families are urged to get a team and join the Relay For Life.

Jay Phinney is in charge of team recruitment and information is available at the Karat Patch, 1008 11th Place, or call 267-1480.

THE CYSTIC FIBROSIS "GREAT STRIDES" will be 9:30 a.m. May 4, according to Wanda Wise.

The project helps raise funds for research to help fight cystic fibrosis, the No. 1 genetic killer of children and young adults in the U.S.

For more information, call Wise at 267-1929.

THE 10TH ANNUAL RECEPTION and Western Dance sponsored by the Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council, will be Friday, May 3.

The reception will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the home of Eddie and Vicki Cole, 606 Mathews, and dance from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. at the Stampede with Jody Nix and The Texas Cowboys.

With a donation of \$200 or more you become and benefactor, with a donation of \$100, a patron, and with a \$50 donation, you become a sponsor. Your donation entitles you to join the festivities with your name appearing on the invitation as a donor, two dance tickets, and an invitation to the pre-dance reception.

For more information, contact the Volunteer Services Council at BSSH.

A SECOND BONE MARROW DRIVE to benefit Meagan Stanley will be this Saturday at First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A small sample of blood will be taken and tests run to see if the bone marrow is compatible with Meagan's, who has been diagnosed with leukemia.

There is a \$20 fee to cover the cost of the testing. Contact Barbara Morrison, 267-7960 or Nancy Marshall, 263-8053, for more information.

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331, BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 2 P.M. To submit an item to the Springboard, put it in writing and mail or deliver it to us one week in advance. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; or bring it by the office at 710 Scurry.

TODAY -Tops Club (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), weight-in is from 5:30 to 6 p.m. and meeting starts at 6 p.m. Carriage Inn, 501 W. 17th St. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.

-Big Spring Commandery No. 31, stated meeting, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 211 1/2 Main, 6:30 p.m. dinner.

-Big Spring Assembly No. 211, Social Order for the Beaucaunt stated meeting, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 211 1/2 Main, 6:30 dinner.

TUESDAY -Comanche Lake Duplicate Weekly, Dora Roberts Civic Center, 1 p.m. Come early at 12:15 for mini-lessons.

-MS group, 6:30 p.m., Canterbury South.

WEDNESDAY -Relay for Life committee will meet, noon, First United Methodist Church.

-The Howard College Business Development Center will be having a Minority and Small Business gathering at Herman's Restaurant, 7:30 a.m. Guest speaker will be Dana Tarter, Howard County Extension Agent with the Texas Agriculture Extension Service, Texas A&M University. The topic of discussion will be "Time Management." All business owners are invited to come. For more information call Delia Barraza at 264-5164.

THURSDAY -American Legion & Auxiliary Post 506, 7 p.m. Call 263-2064 for more information.

-Masonic Lodge #598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

-Christmas in April, noon, 1607 E. Third. Call Theresa Hodnett at 263-0147 for more information.

-Christmas in April Repair Project meeting, 1607 E. Third. Contact Theresa Hodnett, 263-0147, for more information.

-West Texas Republican Women's Club, noon, Big Spring Country Club.

FRIDAY

-Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

SATURDAY -Howard County Scottish Rite Club, 7:30 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 21st & Lancaster. Breakfast served (\$4). All Scottish Rite Masons welcome.

MONDAY -Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Jan Noyes, 267-5811.

-Tops Club (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:30 to 6 p.m. weigh in and 6 p.m. meeting at the Carriage Inn, 501 W. 17th. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.

-New Voice Club, a support group for laryngectomies and their families, 6:30 p.m., Dora Roberts Community Center.

TUESDAY -Comanche Lake Duplicate, 1 p.m., Dora Roberts Civic Center.

-Encouragers support group, (for widow/widowers) 5:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 8th

and Runnels. Marcy Weir, Creative Memories, will be the speaker. Call 398-5522 or 398-4369. Enter through patio. Please bring a salad.

-Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center.

WEDNESDAY -Relay for Life committee will meet at noon at the First United Methodist Church.

THURSDAY -Masonic Lodge #1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster. Call Dalton Lewis, 263-8411.

-Rackley-Swords Chapter 379 Vietnam Veterans of America, 7 p.m., Jonesboro Road.

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POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 1 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. Monday:

-JESSE VALVERDE, 28, of 909 East Sixth, was arrested for public intoxication.

-MICHAEL KEITH FRYAR, 42, of 708 Abrams, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

-ELIAS MUNOZ, 40, of 704 North Johnson, was arrested for disorderly conduct and assault.

-WESLEY WAYNE CROW, 18, of 2903 Cactus, was arrested for public intoxication.

-RAMONA LEE WHITE, 35, of 606 San Jacinto, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

-RAY MUNDO GONZALES, 25, of 708 Creighton, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

-PIO SOSA BUSTAMONTE, 62, of 1505 West Fourth, was arrested for public intoxication.

-JIMMY PADILLA YANEZ, 47, of 1002 North Main #19, was arrested for assault.

-PAULINE G. HERRERA, 32, of Colorado City, was arrested on local warrants.

-DOG BITE in the 1600 block of Avion.

-DOMESTIC DISTURBANCES in the 1600 block of Lark, 500 block of Runnels, 500 block of Lancaster and 1100 block of East Sixth.

-BURGLARY OF A HABITATION in the 1600 block of Meadow.

-CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 3000 block West Cherokee and 2300 block of Kentucky.

-THEFTS in the 1100 block of Lamesa, 1700 block of East Third and 900 block of Willia.

'Primal Fear' edges out 'The Birdcage' for first place spot

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Primal Fear," a courtroom drama starring Richard Gere, knocked "The Birdcage" from its four-week perch as North America's most popular movie, industry sources said.

"Primal Fear" grossed an estimated \$10.3 million in its first weekend, while "The Birdcage" was close behind with \$10.1 million.

"A Thin Line Between Love & Hate," a comedy starring and directed by Martin Lawrence, debuted with \$9.1 million for third place.

The figures are preliminary estimates by industry and studio sources for ticket sales Friday through Sunday. Final

figures were due out today.

- THE TOP 10:
1. "Primal Fear," \$10.3 million.
2. "The Birdcage," \$10.1 million.
3. "A Thin Line Between Love & Hate," \$9.1 million.
4. "Sgt. Bilko," \$6.4 million.
5. "Executive Decision," \$5 million.
6. "Oliver & Company," \$3.7 million.
7. "Fargo," \$2.6 million.
8. (tie) "Up Close and Personal," \$2.2 million.
9. (tie) "A Family Thing," \$2.2 million.
10. "Flirting With Disaster," \$1.8 million.

MARKETS

May cotton futures 87.60 cents a pound, up 5 points; May crude oil 23.17, up 42 points; Cash hog steady at 50 cents higher at 50 cents; slaughter steers steady at 62 cents even; April live hog futures 53.27, up 70 points; April live cattle futures 63.40, down 37 points.

Table with market prices for various commodities like Amoco, Atlantic Richfield, etc.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL 24th & Johnson 267-8288

Nalley-Pickle & Welch FUNERAL HOME 906 Gregg St. Big Spring, Tx. (915) 267-6331

Daisy Pearl Wright, 89, died Sunday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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RECORDS

- Sunday's high 69, low 42, average 77.
Average low 44.
Record high 93 in 1946.
Record low 27 in 1939.
Rainfall Sunday 0.00.
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Month's normal 0.15.
Year to date 1.41.
Normal for the year 2.17.
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McQuay will live under tight security in San Antonio facility

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Child molester Larry Don McQuay was expected to be released from prison today, but officials say he'll still be under close watch in his hometown of San Antonio.

McQuay, 32, was scheduled to be placed in a privately contracted Wackenhut Corrections facility that qualifies as a halfway house.

McQuay's placement will be "much more secure than a conventional halfway house, not in a neighborhood," said Allan Polunsky, chairman of the State Board of Criminal Justice.

McQuay's release is causing extra concern because of his admission that he has abused about 240 children and his insistence that he will molest children again once he is free.

With his mandatory release

from Skyview psychiatric prison at Rusk, McQuay will join about 300 sex offenders under parole officers' active supervision in San Antonio.

For some, the McQuay case has brought back memories of child murderer Raul Meza, who was often stymied in attempts to find a home after prison because of a blizzard of publicity.

Officials abandoned initial plans to release McQuay to Houston following protests from an area victims rights' group.

Meza, who served 11 years of a 34-year sentence for raping and killing an 8-year-old Austin girl, met with public outcry following his release in June 1993.

He wound up in Uvalde County after his transfer to six other Texas locations, including San Antonio.

Meza's parole was revoked in 1994 after he was spied on the street one night when he was supposed to be home. He claimed he needed cigarettes.

Meza, also a former San Antonian, was sent to prison in East Texas and is eligible for parole in November 2012.

Despite the similarities between McQuay and Meza, Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Glen Castlebury said there are two distinct differences.

"In Meza's case, he killed a child, and it was a horrible crime and an extreme amount of community emotion about that child," he said. "In McQuay's case, I think the larger issue is the statement he has made about harming other children in the future."

Second Valley corruption trial to start

LAREDO (AP) — Both prosecutors and defense attorneys will be looking for a different outcome for five Hidalgo County officials accused of public corruption in a retrial scheduled to begin today.

Much is already different, including the venue, the judge and the number of defendants.

The first trial ended in December after two months with a hung jury in McAllen. But several things have changed since then, and some political analysts say prosecutors could benefit.

"Virtually everything that's happened since the first trial has been to the advantage of the prosecution," said Jerry Polinard, a political science professor at the University of Texas-Pan American. "The defense won the first battle, but the war's continuing and the momentum certainly has shifted to the other side."

Opening statements were set to begin this morning.

The defendants are suspended Hidalgo County Judge J. Edgar Ruiz, County Commissioners Sam Sanchez and Abelardo Arcaute, former Commissioner Leonardo Camarillo and Head Start Director Luciano Ozuna.

They are accused of violating state and local purchasing policies by awarding \$1.1 million in county business to favored companies at inflated prices. In

return, prosecutors allege, they received more than \$25,000 in kickbacks in the form of cash and airline tickets.

The officials are named in a 102-count indictment that includes charges of mail fraud, bribery, extortion, racketeering and money laundering. The number of counts each defendant faces ranges from four against Sanchez to 75 against Ruiz.

Initially, eight people were charged in the alleged scheme. Prior to the first trial, former County Commissioner Ramiro Cavazos pleaded guilty to one count of official extortion. He has not been sentenced.

Midway through the trial, charges were dismissed against drainage district secretary Imelda Villarreal because of a lack of evidence.

Then, in what could be a significant prosecution boost, former drainage district manager Joaquin Cerda pleaded guilty to making illegal purchases.

Cerda, who pled out following the mistrial, also admitted to trying to frame a witness who testified against him. Facing up to 15 years in jail and a \$500,000 fine, Cerda is expected to testify against his former colleagues.

Defense attorneys said they're not concerned about that possibility. Some said Cerda cut a deal just to get out of jail, where he was held for weeks following

the witness-tampering charge.

"I don't think the guy is guilty of anything. The poor guy just had to find a way out of jail," said Ruiz's attorney, Joe Cisneros. "If he tells the truth, I don't believe he's going to hurt my client."

The change from McAllen, where jurors knew the defendants, to Laredo is considered a boon for the state. Following the mistrial, several jurors hugged and kissed Ruiz.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Greg Surovic, who sought to move the trial, said he is confident the jury in this border city 120 miles west of McAllen will be a fair one.

"They haven't had any of the publicity jurors in McAllen had or any personal relationships with the defendants like we saw here," Surovic said.

An all-Hispanic panel of nine men and seven women, which includes four alternates, was selected last week to hear the case.

There is precedent for the conviction of a Hidalgo County official in Laredo. In July 1994, a federal jury convicted then County Sheriff Brig Marmolejo Jr. of taking \$151,000 in bribes for allowing a drug trafficker to enjoy special privileges in jail.

Marmolejo is serving a seven-year jail sentence for racketeering, bribery and money laundering.

Convicted arsonist on the loose in Dallas-Fort Worth

FORT WORTH — Federal agents were hunting Sunday for a convicted arsonist who escaped from the Federal Medical Center, reportedly in a mail truck.

Anthony Wayne Elrod, serving a 20-year sentence, was accused of masterminding a six-member arson ring that twice torched his own Dallas carpet cleaning business to collect

more than \$185,000 in fraudulent claims.

Officials discovered Elrod missing about 5 p.m. Friday, during the evening count, center spokeswoman Betty Taylor said.

Ms. Taylor said the FBI, U.S. Marshals Service, and local law enforcement agencies were notified, to help in the search. The

center's perimeter fence "is still unbreached," she said Saturday.

FBI spokesman Todd McCall said Sunday that Elrod was still at large.

Elrod began serving his sentence for arson, aiding and abetting and use of a firearm to commit a felony in November 1993.

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Shortage of ambulances getting serious at Houston, officials say

HOUSTON — A shortage of ambulances combined with an increase demand for service is becoming a very serious problem at Houston, a city official says.

"This is a very serious ongoing problem," Dr. Paul Pepe, director of the city's emergency medical services, said. "As a person with a family here, yes, I'm concerned."

Pepe said city officials have made a good faith effort over the years to meet Houston's ambulance needs despite budget constraints. But he said the continuing increase in demand for service makes it important that the city purchase new ambulances.

Wes Warnke, the new assistant chief in charge of the Houston Fire Department's EMS division, said the department is requesting five new ambulances at a cost of about \$133,000 each.

The division has 52 EMS ambulances, each of which costs more than \$300,000 a year to staff and operate.

man accused of molesting six girls as he wrapped up a deferred sentence for a similar crime has outraged advocates of stricter penalties for sex offenses.

It has renewed a debate over deferred adjudication, a form of sentencing that allows a defendant to plead guilty to a crime and have the conviction erased from his record if he commits no new offenses within a given period.

In Tarrant County, 30 of 56 sex offenders, or 54 percent, have received deferred sentences since Sept. 1, 1995, according to records released by 12 cities responding to open records requests filed by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

In Arlington, 86 percent of the registered sex offenders received deferred adjudication; in Fort Worth, it was 37 percent. In North Richland Hills and Bedford, the percentage was 66 percent.

But criticism of the practice has increased following the January abduction and murder of 9-year-old Amber Hagerman in Arlington and the new charges facing James Harley of Arlington, unrelated to the Hagerman case.

Officer wins in efforts to reform juvy offenders

BRYAN — A Brazos County probation officer would like to see his peers use a little more education and a little less fear to turn around the lives of juvenile offenders.

"You can scare these kids for a day or two, but that never lasts," says Oscar Davenport. "We try to educate them — to make them better people."

His tactics seem to be working.

In Texas, juvenile apprehensions are up 44 percent; in Bryan, they're down 15 percent.

Juvenile apprehensions decreased from 572 in 1994 to 488 in 1995, Bryan Sgt. Choya Walling said. There have been only 84 apprehensions so far in 1996, he said.

Austin mulls building telecommunications network

AUSTIN — The City Council is set to decide Thursday whether a plan to build a new city-wide telecommunications network is a jump start on the 21st century or a pipe dream.

If the council chooses to pursue negotiations to build such a network, backers say it would provide an electronic pipe to every home and business in Austin, allowing access to everything the Internet offers, even complex multimedia programs that involve video and sound.

The electronic pipe — a mix of fiber-optic lines and coaxial cable, which already is used to provide cable TV — would be big enough to carry a new cable company to compete with Austin CableVision and a telephone company to compete with Southwestern Bell.

Augie Grant of the College of Communications at the University of Texas says the network is as important to Austin's future as the first bridge built across the lower Colorado River.

"That bridge opened up transportation and commerce," Grant said. "This network is going to revolutionize commerce and business in this city."

Inmate sues over officer's 'improper conduct'

WACO — An inmate in a Texas women's prison at Gatesville has sued both a former officer and the prison system, alleging he sexually abused her and his superiors did nothing to stop it.

The officer, who was later fired for inappropriate conduct with another inmate, says he also plans to sue the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, for wrongful termination.

Amy Smith, who is serving 20 years at the Mountainview unit for cocaine possession, and former Capt. Porfirio Franco, who works at a trailer rental outlet after 10 years as a correctional officer, both said the system is unfair.

"This isn't a justice system," Ms. Smith, 37, told the Waco Tribune-Herald. "It's a joke."

Student tries to change rodeo citizenship rule

HOUSTON — An honors student who was chosen as a congressional intern may not even be considered for a rodeo scholarship because she is not a U.S. citizen.


Claudia Pena is a legal resident of the state, however. The senior at Aldine Eisenhower has won awards for writing about Texas history.

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo now requires applicants to be U.S. citizens, a policy that has come under fire from some who say academics, civic service and Texas residency should be the main considerations.

Debate renewed over deferred adjudication

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OTHER VIEWS

Governor's plan shortchanges uninsured

Early periodic screening and treatment of health problems among children are an obvious benefit of the federal Medicaid health-insurance program for the needy.

If the nation's governors get their way, however, this prevention program will become a sham, with kids getting the screening but no guarantee of medical care. This half-a-loaf approach is the governors' proposed contribution to balancing the federal budget.

Their misguided proposal, soon to be introduced in Congress, is so flawed it doesn't deserve serious consideration as an answer to controlling Medicaid spending. To be sure, the governors have a right to worry about this spending. It consumes a substantial part of their budgets because states pay about half the cost of their Medicaid programs, with the rest covered by the federal government.

But concerns about cost are no reason to abandon Medicaid's mandated benefit standards, the goal of the governors. Their proposal would give states authority to abandon the federal standards and decide for themselves the amount, duration and scope of Medicaid services.

As the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities notes, abandoning the federal standards could mean the beginning of the end to guaranteed medical coverage for poor pregnant women, poor children under age 12 and some of the elderly. The center warns that, under the governors' plan, Medicaid coverage for these groups could be reduced to skeletal benefits and could exclude key health care services.

The center also says the governors' proposal would allow states to reduce their share of Medicaid spending by roughly \$200 billion over the next seven years without corresponding loss in federal Medicaid payments. Reducing the current federal-state matching requirement would give states an excuse to scale back health benefits for the poor.

Rather than restricting these benefits, states and the federal government should be figuring out ways to expand health care to all the nation's uninsured.

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OTHER VIEWS

Standoff in Montana

Federal officials have gotten it right so far. They're moving slowly and carefully against a group of far-out right-wing extremists holed up on a farm in Montana.

The Waco fiasco in 1993 has forced everyone involved with the Freeman episode to respond with great care. In recent days 100 FBI agents have gathered around the compound, named Justus Township by the extremists, after three members of the group were arrested March 25. The three have been accused of writing millions of dollars in bad checks and threatening to kill public officials who stand in their way.

Those still inside the compound, on a 970-acre farm near Jordan, Mont., have reportedly built bunkers and stockpiled food, fuel, and weapons.

The scariest aspect of their behavior is that the Freemen are imitating the physical fortress approach taken by Branch Davidians. The Freemen, however, go further; they claim to have their own legal system. Some local residents say they have constructed their own private jail on the property. It's clear that they are violently at odds with any actions of government that might challenge what they believe to be their rights.

Press accounts suggest that many of the other residents of eastern Montana have no use for the group, which is seemingly little more than a criminal gang using the rhetoric and style of the backwoods militias that have been sometimes a feature of recent rightwing extremism.

FBI officials have wisely turned back supporters and curiosity seekers who want to enter the compound — and they have been equally careful in spurning proposals from members of other militia groups to mediate the dispute.

Keeping control of access and negotiations, while holding the Freemen under what amounts to house arrest, makes sense. Even if the result is a prolonged standoff, it could at least be one which this time ends with no loss of life.

-The Toledo Blade

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This convention will be just right for dog days

Chicago Mayor Richard Daley tried to get the Democratic Convention cut to three days instead of the traditional four, but the White House turned him down.

The mayor will get no sympathy from me. It was his idea to invite the Democrats here in the first place, so let him suffer through the full four days of foolish blather. My personal plan is to flee town before the first delegate arrives and go to the North Woods and hole up in a secluded cabin that doesn't have a TV set and stay there until the last foolish speech has been made. By doing that, what will I miss? First, I will not have to watch hundreds of TV crews take turns setting up their equipment at Balbo and Michigan avenues so pompous TV reporters can jiggle their eyebrows and say: "... And this is where the infamous confrontation between Chicago police and anti-war demonstrators took place in 1968, the last time the convention was held in Chicago."

The studio will cut to old film footage of Chicago cops gleefully swinging billy clubs at long-haired Yuppies, hippies and assorted dipples. Then the TV creature will say: "In 1968, the mayor was Richard J. Daley, the last of the big-city bosses. But today, there is another Daley in the mayor's office, and the mood of the city has changed. ..."

Yes, and that's why I'll be leaving town. I would gladly stay if I thought the cops were going to bang heads again, because then it would be a fun convention. I've covered about a dozen political conventions, and 1968 was the only one that wasn't 98 percent boredom.

There are those who say 1968 was a shameful stain on Chicago's history. Yes, maybe it was. But it was also one heck of a show. What other city has given us liberal delegates being shoved into paddy wagons while hysterically screaming that this was the beginning of the end of democracy and western civilization? The action in the streets was

so exciting that hardly anyone paid attention to what went on in the convention hall, except when a wild-eyed Dan Rather was roughed up — a joyous moment — and Old Man Daley yelled something like "Foo to you" at trembling fellow delegate Abe Ribicoff.

Which was fine, because hardly anything ever goes on in the convention hall that is worth seeing or hearing. Especially for four long days. Why should it take four days for every self-adoring Democrat to tell us how kind, loving, sensitive, compassionate and caring they are? And that if we have pain, they feel it? Well, listening to them causes considerable pain in my head and backside. But do they feel that? Of course not. If they did, they would shut up about their goodness, kindness and sensitivity and get on to telling us what is really on their minds.

Which is to pluck as much money from our paychecks as they can get away with and spend it on as many government programs they can dream up that will legally buy them votes.

They could knock that off in one morning. Then spend the afternoon listening to President Clinton accept the nomination and tell us how his cup of goodness and decency runneth over.

But the worst part of a modern political convention is that it is actually two conventions in one. Besides the politicians and political groupies, there is that giant multiheaded beast known as The Media.

Why, I don't understand, but covering a political convention

is still considered a plum assignment for journalists. So they come by the thousands, toting their cameras, laptops and tape machines, from the humblest papers and small TV stations to the limo-riding network anchor snobs and the all-knowing Washington pundits.

And they spend almost a week trying to find genuine news at an event in which there isn't any because everything is planned, programmed and decided in advance.

Before it is over, every delegate will be interviewed about his or her goodness and decency an average of 105.7 times. Most journalists will be shuffling around the convention hall like zombies, interviewing each other or just staring at some political ranting on the TV set, which they could have done just as easily back home. Others, out of frustration, will turn their wrath on the city, describing the shocking fact that Chicago is too hot and muggy or the restaurants charge too much or the city has — eek — neighborhoods that are segregated, poor and dangerous. Imagine that!

Then it will end and all that will have occurred is that Clinton and Al Gore will be renominated, which we already know is going to happen. And the only people who will have enjoyed themselves will be the city's restaurant and hotel owners and cabdrivers, who expect a booming business. And they might be disappointed.

As they will discover, when it comes to spending their own money, liberals are cheap tip-pers.



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Unabomber suspect's trail leads from Montana to California

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — As federal agents searched for proof that Theodore Kaczynski left Montana to mail bombs, two people said Sunday they had seen the hermit in Sacramento, Calif. — in the area where the Unabomber mailed his last four bombs.

Frank Hensley, a desk clerk at the Royal Hotel, next door to the bus depot in downtown Sacramento, told The Associated Press he saw Kaczynski in the neighborhood or staying at the hotel almost annually during the last five years. He stayed at the hotel two or three times, usually in the late spring or summer, Hensley said.

"If it wasn't for all this, I'd be expecting to see him about now," Hensley said, referring to Kaczynski's recent arrest.

At a Burger King restaurant next to the bus depot, manager Mike Singh said he saw Kaczynski a few times in recent years. On one occasion, Kaczynski was carrying an armload of books.

"He said he was doing research," Singh said. "He looked like one of those bums who come in in the morning and have a sandwich and cup of coffee and walk out."

FBI spokesman George Grotz confirmed that agents were investigating whether Kaczynski had traveled to the Sacramento area.

The New York Times reported today that federal agents had uncovered hotel records placing Kaczynski in Sacramento on the same days that some of the Unabomber's package bombs were mailed from the city. The report was attributed to unnamed federal officials.

The last four bombs from the Unabomber were mailed from Northern California: Two bombs postmarked in Sacramento exploded in June 1993, wounding one person in San Francisco and another at Yale University in New Haven, Conn. A bomb mailed from San Francisco in 1994 killed a New Jersey advertising executive. And a fourth bomb postmarked in Oakland, Calif., exploded April 24, 1995, killing a timber industry lobbyist in Sacramento.

Years earlier, on Dec. 11, 1985, a man was killed by a bomb he found near his computer rental store in Sacramento.

Federal investigators tracking Kaczynski's movements are trying to learn how the former math professor, who had no visible means of support, could get to other states where the Unabomber's bombs were mailed or left.

They reportedly are checking whether he rode buses to those states; two bus line employees

in Montana told the AP that Kaczynski was a passenger numerous times.

Kaczynski, 53, was taken into custody at his cabin near Lincoln, Mont., on Wednesday and is being held without bail in a Helena jail. He has been charged in federal court with possession of bomb-making materials.

The charge is intended to keep Kaczynski in custody while investigators build a case against him for the Unabomber attacks that killed three people and injured 23 in nine states over the past 18 years.

Hensley said FBI agents approached him in March and showed him Kaczynski's photo. "I recognized him right away," he said.

Hensley described Kaczynski as "quiet and intelligent."

FBI agents collected registration cards from the Royal and three other hotels in the neighborhood under the same ownership, Hensley said.

The agents were searching the Royal records for a guest registered by the last name of Konrad, but did not explain why, he said.

The Chicago Tribune reported Sunday that federal agents in mid-March searched a shed at the Kaczynski family home in the Chicago suburb of Lombard, Ill., and found matches, traces

of gunpowder and half-empty containers of compounds used in making explosive devices.

The first bombs contained either wooden match heads or gun powder. One of the devices contained both, the Tribune reported.

The newspaper, citing unnamed sources, said agents also determined that Kaczynski was in the Chicago area when the first four Unabomber devices were planted or mailed from there in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

Newsweek magazine reported Sunday that Kaczynski approached a grocer in Lincoln in the summer of 1994 to ask about getting a job.

"He said he was running out of funds," grocer Becky Garland told the magazine. "He said, 'I don't know how to go out and get a job. It's been so long since I've done something like that.'"

He gave her a handwritten letter that included his difficulties growing up as "a genius in a kid's body and sticking out like a sore thumb in his surroundings as a child," Garland said.

The painstaking search of Kaczynski's 10-foot-by-12-foot cabin also continued Sunday. Grotz said investigators were combing the cabin and the surrounding forest.

The cabin search already has

turned up a partially completed pipe bomb, bomb-making chemicals and components, and notes on making bombs.

One law enforcement official said a typewriter found in the cabin appears to be the one the Unabomber used to type his 35,000-word manifesto and letters. Another said investigators defused a live bomb in the cabin on Friday that they believe was intended for someone in particular.

Kaczynski's brother, David, led authorities to his brother after he found old writings of Theodore's that resembled the Unabomber's 35,000-word manifesto in the family home.

David Kaczynski initially tried to get prosecutors to agree not to seek the death penalty against his brother, The Sacramento Bee and Newsweek reported. Prosecutors refused and he eventually turned over his brother's writings.

Tony Bisceglie, the Washington lawyer who acted as an intermediary between David Kaczynski and the FBI, said he would hold a news conference at 10 a.m. today in Washington, D.C. The Kaczynski family will

not attend the news conference and will not speak with reporters, he said.

U.S. attorneys from California, New Jersey, Montana and Utah were scheduled to meet today in Washington, D.C., to discuss where to hold the Unabomber trial.

The Sacramento Bee has reported that officials are leaning toward Sacramento as the site because two of the killings were there.

Former attorney general Dick Thornburgh said it is unlikely the case would be tried in state court, as California Gov. Pete Wilson has requested.

"The track record of criminal cases in the federal court is somewhat better than it is in most state courts, and I think the department and the attorney general will be much more comfortable having it tried in federal court," Thornburgh said Sunday on ABC's "This Week With David Brinkley."

Thornburgh said today's meeting also will focus on whether Kaczynski should be charged with most or all of the Unabomber's crimes.

Satellites will keep watchful eye on crops from 450 miles

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three summers from now, every acre of crops on Earth could be under the watchful eyes of satellites 450 miles high relaying essential information to farmers within a day it is obtained.

Farmers and their advisers will view the images, print out color maps and make statistical analyses — and know exactly where on the farm to find their soil or crop problems. That could lead to more informed, timely decisions on correcting the problems.

An airplane-carried prototype of the data-collection system already is in operation, giving customers images once a week from each land area of about 160 acres. The satellites will greatly expand the capability.

An image taken before planting but used for reference all season reflects soil differences, mainly in organic matter and ability to hold moisture. Two vegetation maps show detailed crop growth. A fourth shows how much change has occurred since the last shot.

When information points to problems in small areas, spot treatments can cut needs for fertilizer, chemicals, and water — ensuring that a deficient area gets the extra help it may need.

Work leading to the satellite launch has been under way for several years at a laboratory in Weslaco, Texas, run by the Agricultural Research Service, an Agriculture Department agency.

Data from the satellites' digital sensors will stream to two receiving stations on the U.S. East and West coasts, Agricultural Research magazine reports. From there, computer-processed information will bounce off existing communications satellites and be snagged by small satellite dishes linked to computers.

John LeBoeuf, an agronomist with Fordel Inc. in Mendota, Calif., has used the airplane prototype since 1993. Resource21 Inc., which will build and launch the four satellites, sup-

plies the service to LeBoeuf and dozens of other farm advisers and growers.

The plane-carried system watches over about 1,700 Fordel acres, planted mostly in cantaloupe and honeydew melons.

"It identifies areas getting too much or not enough irrigation water," LeBoeuf said. "It lets us find nutrient deficiencies in the plants, so we can remedy them. It points us straight to weed, nematode, aphid and salt problems that almost certainly would get worse without attention. We also use the information to pinpoint outbreaks of plant diseases such as Fusarium wilt and vine decline."

Since 1985, ARS range scientist James H. Everitt and the team he leads at the Weslaco laboratory have assembled, tested and refined approaches to using remote sensing for monitoring crops and the environment. Now they're seeing their high-tech dreams played out as part of the everyday business of agriculture.

Until recently, turnaround time has been a chief drawback to using satellite data on farms. It took days, weeks or months to convert imagery to a form that would have been useful — had it reached farmers promptly. That no longer will be a problem when the four satellites are


in orbit.

The ARS team also drew on decades of research on interpreting satellite and aircraft data by others at the USDA agency as well as by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, universities and industry.

George May, director of the Space Remote Sensing Center, part of the Institute for Technology Development, has followed the Weslaco research and has watched the airplane-based system for five years.

"We wanted to get it up to space," he said. "You can't cover the whole world from small airplanes."

"I'm tellin' you, man. I was there. I saw the whole thing. It was enormous."



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No end in sight seen in Freeman stand-off

JORDAN, Mont. (AP) — With talks between the anti-government Freeman and outside intermediaries on hold, one negotiator said he doesn't believe the two-week-old stand-off with the FBI will end anytime soon.

"Right now, I can't be optimistic. It's so deep and complicated, it's hard to get a handle," state Rep. Joe Quilici, one of four legislators who have met with the anti-government group, told The AP Sunday.

Quilici also said he believes the Freeman want calmer negotiations and a nonviolent end to the standoff.

"When we came up to the ranch on Thursday, things were very, very tense. One of the Freeman said we have to get the tension down," Quilici told CNN. "By Friday night I think we accomplished that."

North Koreans troops march into DMZ again

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Defying a 43-year-old truce, North Korean troops slipped into the demilitarized zone for the third straight day, prompting South Korea's president to summon his military advisers today.

The communist North's latest incursion came Sunday night, as up to 180 troops entered the zone separating the two rivals and aimed mortars and machine guns at the South.

As on Friday and Saturday, Sunday's show of force ended without incident after about 2 hours. But each time, the numbers of northern soldiers grew, starting with 130 on Friday.

President Kim Young-sam called those actions "unpardonable violations" of the truce that halted the Korean War 43 years ago. However, his meeting today with top military leaders did not bring any announced troop mobilizations to beef up already formidable South Korean defenses along the buffer zone.

All of North Korea's incursions have taken place at a site

guaranteed to extract the most publicity, the village of Panmunjom, where the armistice was signed in 1953 after three years of war that devastated the entire Korean Peninsula and killed an estimated 2.5 million people.

The armistice ended the fighting, but not, technically, the war. No permanent peace treaty has ever been signed.

Last week, North Korea called the temporary armistice worthless, set about to discredit it. It seeks to replace the armistice with a peace treaty with the United States that would ignore South Korea, which the North considers an American puppet.

Washington has rejecting the North's moves, saying the Communist country needs to negotiate peace with South Korea.

The incursions are widely seen as an attempt by the North to underscore its position, a risky gambit many fear could result in a military clash.

In Tokyo today, Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto voiced those fears, saying: "I suppose they're try-

ing to entice the United States (to the bargaining table), but it is a very dangerous move. I am worried about an accident."

The incursions began after North Korea announced Thursday it would no longer honor its responsibilities under the armistice to maintain the DMZ.

The armistice allows each side 35 soldiers in the zone at any time, carrying only sidearms. On Thursday, the North called the agreement a "useless piece of paper."

Officials with the U.N. command that monitors the border have played down the incursions. "There is not going to be a second Korean War because of this," command spokesman Jim Coles said Sunday.

As of today, the United Nations had not changed its troop deployments. South Korea, however, has put its 650,000-strong military on heightened alert, increasing surveillance to its highest level in 15 years.

Most of the forces from both Koreas are posted along the 150-mile border, which stretches

across the peninsula. The United States maintains about 37,000 military personnel in South Korea, but relatively few are directly on the border.

It is the world's most heavily fortified border, about 30 miles or an hour's drive from Seoul, the thriving South Korean capital and its largest city.

Thousands of South Korean and foreign visitors tour Panmunjom every year, peering through binoculars at North Korea fortifications across the 2.5-mile-wide DMZ.

A normal sized crowd showed up Sunday to view the frontier, which snakes through the eerie no-man's land of Panmunjom.

Since 1953, 1,278 men under U.N. command have died in the buffer zone. In a dispute over tree-pruning there in 1976, North Koreans hacked two U.S. servicemen to death.

Day after day, night after night, North Korean loudspeakers blast the South's leaders as stooges of U.S. "imperialist aggressors" and entice South Koreans to come over to "the world's last paradise."

Rwanda marks Easter with genocide commemoration

GIKONGORO, Rwanda (AP) — Paying homage to 500,000 victims of civil war, thousands of Rwandans visited to a school building that serves as a grisly reminder of the genocide unleashed two years ago.

Many Roman Catholics skipped Easter Mass to attend Sunday's memorial service at a secondary school on a hill called Murambi, just outside this small town 74 miles southwest of the capital Kigali.

Survivors described how they took shelter at the school in May 1994 and watched as soldiers and militiamen killed 50,000 Tutsis, using grenades, guns and machetes.

Surrounded by a lingering smell of death, the crowd walked through the buildings, into rooms filled with skeletons and decomposing corpses covered with powdered lye. The government has left the bodies where they fell as evidence of the genocide.

The most readily identifiable

were those of women and children. Dozens of tiny infant skeletons were scattered around.

Women wailed as they made their way through the ghastly mausoleum. Survivors picked out the remains of family and friends.

"I watched as they killed my brother and then ran away," said a young girl who would not give her name. Her eyes welled up with tears as she told how she claimed to be a Hutu so the militia members would not kill her.

"Those people who planned the genocide will be brought to justice," vowed President Pasteur Bizimungu as listeners waved placards demanding punishment of the genocide's organizers.

The former Hutu government ordered the genocide when the plane carrying President Juvenal Habyarimana was mysteriously shot down April 6, 1994. That night soldiers, militiamen

and mobs began the systematic slaughter of Tutsis — who then made up 15 percent of Rwanda's 7.7 million population — as well as Hutus who refused to join the orgy of violence.

The killing stopped when the Tutsi-led rebel Rwandan Patriotic Front seized power in July 1994. The former government fled to Zaire; it vows to return to power by force.

More than 1.7 million Hutu refugees remain outside the country. Many fear retaliation by the new government if they try to return.

When the killing began, an estimated 50,000 people gathered at the school to seek protection from U.N. peacekeepers based there.

But two weeks into the killing, the peacekeepers withdrew, and the Rwandan army and militias moved in, first cutting off food and water to the school and then slaughtering most of the starved and dehydrated victims.

Another survivor who spoke at the ceremony claimed that members of the militia still live nearby and have been attacking Tutsi survivors who could implicate them. He claimed a senior Roman Catholic priest helped organize the massacres in Gikongoro prefecture and pointed to one sitting on the stage.

Rwanda is predominately Roman Catholic, but locals' anger towards the church runs deep. Many fear retaliation by the key role played by a number of Rwandan priests, nuns and lay church people in preparing hit lists for the militias.

For more than a year, the Vatican refused to describe the killings in Rwanda as a genocide and has only recently called on those involved to repent.

In a papal letter to Roman Catholics in Rwanda, the Vatican said the church should not be blamed for the actions of some of its leaders.

Thousands flee fighting in Liberian capital

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) — Clashes between government troops and supporters of a deposed warlord flared in the capital today, forcing some foreigners to seek protection at the U.S. embassy, an embassy source said.

The airport remained closed since the worst fighting in Monrovia in three years broke out Saturday. Thousands of people have fled the city.

The fierce fighting erupted when government troops last week tried to force rebel leader Roosevelt Johnson from his home in the eastern suburb of Sinkor.

The British Broadcasting Corp. said the U.N. observer mission compound near the U.S. Embassy was ransacked in Sunday's fighting and thousands of people had sought refuge at the U.S. diplomatic compound, including the Egyptian ambassador.

A woman who answered the phone at the U.S. Embassy today said some people had sought protection, but she didn't elaborate. She said fighting subsided overnight, but gunfire picked up again around 7:30 a.m.

The woman said there were no immediate plans to evacuate the small American community

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in Monrovia, and the U.S. State Department in Washington declined to comment on the issue.

Johnson, the recently sacked minister of rural development, is wanted on murder charges stemming from clashes that killed several people in the capital last week. His Ulimo rebels were blamed for the deaths and Johnson holed up in his house with armed supporters, refusing to surrender.

Johnson's followers surrounded the house with mortars and grenade-launchers and patrolled

the neighborhood waving assault rifles.

Government troops overran Johnson's compound Sunday, but he escaped and remained at large today.

The fighting has moved to downtown Monrovia, where Johnson is rumored to have joined hundreds of supporters who have taken over one of the city's main army barracks.

Two other rebel factions have joined the fighting, according to the BBC, fanning fears that a tenuous cease-fire in the 6-year-old civil war would finally collapse.

Soldiers of the African peacekeeping army deployed across Liberia have stayed out of the fighting. The peacekeepers have kept Monrovia a relative safe haven since the civil war began in 1989.

A peace accord signed last August was supposed to have cleared the way for elections this year, but the accord has collapsed like at least a dozen before it.

The war has killed more than 150,000 people and left more than half of the impoverished country's 2.3 million people without homes.

Jerry Garcia's ashes reportedly spread in India's Ganges River

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — In India's holy city of Rishikesh, where Hindu sages and pilgrims travel for salvation, Jerry Garcia's widow reportedly sprinkled the ashes of the Grateful Dead leader into the Ganges River following a lunar eclipse.

Deborah Garcia and Bob Weir, a member of the legendary American band, waded into the swirling waters of India's holy river and released the ashes as dawn broke Thursday, London's The Independent newspaper reported today.

During the ceremony, Weir — Jerry Garcia's best friend — prayed that he would "travel to the stars," the report said.

The ceremony was held secretly near Rishikesh on the upper Ganges because Mrs. Garcia feared that if word leaked out, thousands of "Deadhead" fans in the United States and Europe might have

flocked to India and spoiled the private occasion, the Independent said.

"This must have been a very secret visit because even we, the police, were not aware of it," Rishikesh police officer Ranbir Singh said in a telephone interview today.

The Ganges, or the "Ganga" as Indians call it, flows from the Himalayas through northern India and into its plains. In India, where many Hindus worship the cow, people call the glacier where the river begins "Gomukh," or cow's mouth.

For centuries, millions of Hindu pilgrims have traveled to Rishikesh to pray in its temples and ashrams, or to immerse the ashes of their dead relatives into the Ganges.

Rishikesh became internationally famous in the 1960s when the Beatles traveled there with their guru, Maharishi Mahesh Yogi.

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Washington: Overseas democracies sometimes surprise us

By DONALD M. ROTHBERG
AP Diplomatic Writer

WASHINGTON — Politics rules this year, and not just in the United States. The unpredictable decisions of voters in places as different as Russia, Israel and India could well intrude on a U.S. presidential campaign in which foreign policy is rarely mentioned.

Like his predecessors, President Clinton likes to cite America's role as "the strongest force in the world for peace and freedom, democracy and prosperity."

Democracy is, after all, how Americans like to measure political progress. Boris Yeltsin is praised as Russia's first

democratically elected leader. Lee Teng-hui accomplished the same last month in Taiwan, where his election was a clear contrast to the undemocratic ways of Taiwan's bullying neighbor, China.

But as Clinton prepares to visit Russia later this month, he might keep in mind Winston Churchill's words:

"No one pretends that democracy is perfect or all wise. Indeed, it has been said that democracy is the worst form of government except all those other forms that have been tried."

When he lands in Moscow, Clinton will get a close look at the chaotic side of democracy.

Russia elects a president June 16 and the current leader in the

polls is Gennady Zyuganov, head of the Communist Party. His platform reads like the West's worst nightmare: Reconstitute the Soviet Union, strengthen the military, roll back free-market reforms and ban private ownership of land.

The administration says "we are not intervening" in the Russian election, but let no one doubt that it is rooting for Yeltsin.

What if Russian voters choose Zyuganov?

"We will deal with whatever government is elected on the basis of their policies," replied Anthony Lake, the White House national security adviser.

"The administration is putting out a very disingenuous line at the moment that they're

not backing anybody in the election, that they're just in favor of reform," said Peter Reddaway, an authority on Russia at George Washington University.

Reddaway said that during his visit to Moscow later this month, Clinton ought to "be very strict about saying nothing that has any relevance to the Russian election."

Israel is another country in which the administration no doubt has an election favorite even while professing neutrality.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres faces a tough challenge from Benjamin Netanyahu, who takes a far more skeptical view of the prospects for lasting peace between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organiza-

tion or Syria.

India also is holding elections and Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao has a shaky hold on power. That would lead to a period of political instability in the world's most populous democracy, an uneasy prospect in a region where tension between India and Pakistan — both believed to possess nuclear weapons or the ability to make them — is high.

But that's the uncertain way democracy works. Or so the United States should know by now.

For a decade, the West feted Lech Walesa, the shipyard worker whose Solidarity labor movement toppled Poland's communist government. Walesa became Poland's president, but

last November the voters preferred a former communist, Aleksander Kwasniewski, and returned Walesa to private life.

But unlike Yeltsin's communist rival, Kwasniewski pledged to continue market reforms in Poland.

The return of a communist to the leadership of Russia would likely make that exercise in democracy a reason for Republicans to argue that the Democratic administration's foreign policy was responsible for the unpleasant choice by Russian voters.

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Study: Women, minorities grew slowly in local police ranks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Women and minority officers slowly increased their presence in local police departments during a six-year period spanning the 1980s and '90s, the Justice Department says.

Blacks accounted for 11.3 percent of the 373,550 full-time sworn officers in 1993, compared with 10.5 percent in 1990 and 9.3 percent in 1987, said a report that gives a statistical look at the nation's 12,000 city and county police departments.

Hispanic officers accounted for 6.2 percent in 1993, up from 5.2 percent in 1990 and 4.5 percent in 1987, said the government study, released Sunday. And women comprised 8.8 percent of local police forces in

1993, up from 8.1 percent in 1990 and 7.6 percent in 1987.

In all, the law enforcement agencies employed some 474,072 full-time employees, up 3 percent from 1990. More than 373,550 were sworn officers, of whom about 230,000 were uniformed personnel "whose regularly assigned duties included responding to service calls," the report said.

Figures from 1993 were the latest available for the analysis, the Justice Department said. The figures were collected from a representative national sample of 3,000 departments.

According to the report, today's officers are better educated, armed with more sophisticated weapons and more likely

to be wearing body armor.

As of June 30, 1993, 12 percent of all local police departments required officer recruits to have at least some college education, double the rate for 1990, the study found. Eight percent had a degree requirement and 1 percent required a four-year degree.

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cent of all local police officers in 1993, compared to 32 percent in 1990," the report said.

Local law enforcement agencies on average provided 21 full-time police officers for every 10,000 residents in 1993, the report said. Eighty percent of U.S. residents were served by a local police department. The rest relied on sheriff's deputies or state police.

"The average number of training hours required of new local police officer recruits in 1993 ranged from 1,100 hours in departments serving a population of 100,000 or more, to under 500 in those serving fewer than 2,500 residents," the report said.

Almost all departments authorized the use of one or more

types of nonlethal weapons. Three-quarters allowed the use of chemical agents, and the most popular among them was pepper spray.

Sixty-eight percent of police departments participated in a 911 emergency system.

Two-thirds used computers — up from one-half in 1990 — for

such duties as record-keeping, budgeting, allocating manpower and recording arrests, traffic citations, stolen property, warrants and criminal histories.

Police department operating budgets totaled \$24.3 billion in 1993, 6 percent more than 1990's figure after adjusting for inflation.

A statistical snapshot of America's police departments

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But they're only slightly more likely to be black, Hispanic or female, according to the report.

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Clinton leads Dole, gap narrowing

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton maintains a solid lead over Republican challenger Bob Dole in two new polls, but one of them shows the gap has narrowed within the last month.

A CBS News-New York Times poll released Saturday night found 49 percent would vote for Clinton if the election were held now, compared with 39 percent for Dole. Last month, a similar survey showed Clinton with a 53-36 lead.

However, a Time magazine-CNN poll released Saturday showed Clinton has increased his lead over Dole since last fall.

If the election were held today, Clinton would receive 55 percent of the vote to Dole's 41 percent, that poll found. A similar survey last fall showed Dole near that mark, with 42 percent,

but Clinton attracting just 48 percent support.

However, the Time-CNN survey found 28 percent could change their minds. Fifty-two percent of these swing voters favored Clinton and 42 percent favored Dole — about the same split as in the general public.

Half of the swing voters said they could support an independent bid.

The CBS-Times poll asked questions designed to measure whether overall perceptions of the Republican Party help or hinder Dole — and found that the GOP tends to be a drag on the Senate majority leader.

It found that 41 percent of those questioned have a favorable view of the GOP now, compared with 54 percent last August and that 50 percent now have an unfavorable view of the

party, compared with 37 percent last August.

Dole's personal favorability rating was 52 percent when respondents were given only the two choices: favorable or unfavorable. He was rated unfavorably by 44 percent.

Both polls suggested Ross Perot is failing to make headway with American voters in a potential repeat of his 1992 independent candidacy.

Listed in a three-way race with Clinton and Dole, Perot drew 18 percent support in the CBS-Times survey, the same percentage as in a December 1995 poll. The current three-way match showed Clinton with 44 percent and Dole 33 percent, suggesting Perot draws more-or-less the same from both major party candidates — 5 points from Clinton and 6 from Dole.

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Red-hot Rangers sweep twinbill from New York

ARLINGTON (AP) — Roger Clemens, Tom Gordon, Tim Lincecum, Jimmy Key, Dwight Gooden and David Cone — three Cy Young winners, two guys who came close and all victims in the Texas Rangers' early season success story.

Gooden and Cone joined the club Sunday as Texas swept a doubleheader from New York, keeping it the last undefeated team in the majors and matching the best start in club history at 6-0.

"You look at the six pitchers we faced on this homestand — they're pretty good," Rangers

manager Johnny Oates said following the 7-2 victory that spoiled Gooden's first big league outing since June 1994 and the 4-1 nightcap. "Really, it was just one of those things where everything went right for six games."

The key to it all has been Texas' starters, who have won all their starts. Overall, the Rangers have allowed only 12 runs (while scoring 40) and the defense has committed only two errors.

"They always say that defense and pitching wins you the big ring," said Roger

Pavlik, who pitched the nightcap and went eight solid innings to join first-game starter Ken Hill at 2-0. "Now we've got all of that and we just have to keep it going."

In Sunday's opener, Gooden was trying to get his career going again. He had good stuff at times and worked out of some jams, but home runs by Kevin Elster and Mickey Tettleton knocked him out after five innings.

"I lost the game, but overall I'm pleased," said Gooden, who allowed five runs on five hits, struck out seven, walked four

and hit a batter. "I was happy with the velocity and I found my curveball."

Gooden was nervous early and it showed. He walked the opening batter on five pitches and surrendered runs in each of the first two innings.

In the third, Gooden hit Juan Gonzalez and walked Tettleton to load the bases with one out. The Yankees bullpen got up, but Gooden rallied, striking out Dean Palmer on a wonderful curve and getting Rusty Greer to ground out.

"After he got out of that jam, he told me he found out some-

thing about himself," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "The more he pitches, the more he'll get the feeling back of what he used to be about a couple of years ago. That's all he needs to do now."

Gooden lasted two more innings. He struck out two in the fourth, then created more problems for himself when Clark singled to open the fifth and Warren Newson walked. Tettleton was behind 1-2 when he hit his first homer of the year.

The beaming of Gonzalez came back to haunt New York

in the second game as his replacement, Warren Newson, was the hero.

Newson hit a solo homer off Cone in the second, answering Bernie Williams' solo shot and tying the game at 1. Cone and Pavlik remained in control, then Texas scored three runs off New York's bullpen in the eighth.

Newson had the big blow, a single off Steve Howe (6-1) for the go-ahead run. Dean Palmer, who struck out in his first three at-bats against Cone, followed with an RBI single off reliever Jeff Nelson.

PRACTICE MAKES ...



Big Spring shortstop David Franco lays down a bunt during a recent team practice. The Steers, tied for first in District 4-4A, face co-leader San Angelo Lake View Tuesday at 4 p.m. in Steer Park.

Davis Cup team looking for answers after loss to Czechs

PRAGUE, Czech Republic (AP) — America's third team wasn't good enough in this year's Davis Cup. But how to get the first — or even second team to always play?

Davis Cup captain Tom Gullikson and United States Tennis Association president Les Snyder had no quick answers after the Czech Republic won their Davis Cup quarterfinals 3-2 Sunday by eliminating the defending and 31-time champion Americans.

"In the end, probably a lot of things like this end up being money when you get the other issues resolved," Snyder said.

The Americans went with 17th-ranked Todd Martin and No. 19 MaliVai Washington because the nation's top four players — No. 2 Pete Sampras, No. 3 Andre Agassi, No. 4 Michael Chang and No. 7 Jim Courier — declined to play.

Martin got the Americans' only two points, but Washington lost twice, including the fifth and deciding match Sunday, 7-6 (7-5), 6-3, 6-2 to No. 41 Petr Korda. Martin beat No. 35 Daniel Vacek 7-6 (7-1), 6-3, 6-1 Sunday to force the rubber match.

The American doubles team of Patrick McEnroe and Patrick Galbraith was crushed on Saturday in straight sets by Korda and Vacek, who were last-minute substitutions for Jiri Novak and Martin Damm.

The exit was the Americans' earliest since a 1993 first-round loss to Australia, when they also went with an underpowered singles team of David Wheaton and Brad Gilbert.

The Czechs, who won their only Davis Cup in 1980, next play Sweden on Sept. 20-22. The Swedes completed a 5-0 sweep of India on Sunday.

In the other World Group semifinals, Italy will play France. The Italians defeated South Africa 4-1 in Rome, while France beat Germany 5-0 in Limoges.

As far as the American team is concerned, the issue is not just money.

Snyder said the players argue the ATP Tour schedule is too crowded, sometimes making Davis Cup a chore. In addition, they complain about the so-called "dead rubber," which forces them to play matches even if the tie has already been decided.

Then there's the money.

Players make a pittance in Davis play compared to tournaments — or exhibitions, where Sampras or Agassi might earn \$500,000 in three days.

"Even what I think I might be able to pay them one day, I can't match what the players earn in an exhibition. That's not in the cards. ... Not even close," Snyder said.

"Right now I can't ... see how you would work out the schedule. You either have to get rid of some tournaments or you have to do some other type of configuration that I can't see. This will happen from time to time — the U.S. is unique in that it has so many good players."

That also is part of the problem. Chang has complained in the past about being bypassed for the team whenever Sampras and Agassi decide to play.

Gullikson, who declined to criticize the U.S. team, said before the tie the U.S. might have to consider finding a sponsor to lure the top players. He also said playing every other year might be a solution — or three of every four but skipping Olympic years.

"Unfortunately, economics always play a little part in the players' decision to play — patriotism only lasts so far," Gullikson said.

"We're continually looking for a sponsor, but thus far it (Davis Cup) has been very difficult to sell in the United States," Snyder said. He said sponsors would like a guarantee that two — or even three ties — would be played annually in the United States.

"Obviously, we can't do this," Snyder said. "There are years like this where we had only one."

Courier complained after the Americans beat the Russians in last December's final that few fans at home even cared.

For the record, Courier skipped this tie to practice on clay for the French Open. Sampras and Chang are reported to be playing in Asia.

Washington was also just a bit unlucky.

A few breaks might have turned his close, five-set loss to Vacek on Friday. On Sunday, he lost the first set on a tiebreak after being up 5-4 and letting two set points slip away against Korda, who made far fewer errors than usual.

Nicklaus regains some lost swagger with win

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Jack Nicklaus' victory in the Tradition was vintage Golden Bear — a mix of breathtaking drives and uncanny iron shots that left his competition beaten long before the tournament ended.

His attitude was a reflection of the old days, too.

Instead of dwelling on his 7-under-par 65 score and three-stroke victory Sunday — calculated by his office as his 100th pro title — Nicklaus was thinking ahead to his chances of winning a seventh green jacket at the Masters.

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"I'm hitting the ball far enough to be competitive at Augusta, and the rest of my game is in pretty good shape," Nicklaus said.

He won his fourth Tradition title, second senior championship this season and 10th overall by stalking Hale Irwin until Irwin came unglued on the back nine. Nicklaus administered the coup de grace at the 12th hole, which he played in birdie, double eagle and eagle the last three rounds.

Irwin made the second of three straight bogeys on No. 12, and the three-shot swing put Nicklaus in the lead for the first time all week.

"I could see him lose a little bit of his confidence at that point because he went down to the next hole and missed a 3- or 3-foot putt for par," Nicklaus said.

"When you have the lead by three at 11 and then trail by two two holes later, it's tough," Irwin said.

Nicklaus' shot 16-under 272, four strokes better than the 276 last year that put him into a playoff with Isao Aoki before he won his third Tradition crown. Nicklaus also won on his first try in 1990 and repeated in 1991.

Irwin began the round at 10-under, one shot ahead of Nicklaus and two up on Raymond Floyd, reached 15-under in the first 10 holes, then finished with a 69 for 275.

Floyd had two bogeys and a double bogey on the front nine

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Stankowski pulls historic Nike-PGA double

MARIETTA, Ga. (AP) — Paul Stankowski picked the perfect time to stand out.

"You know what's amazing?" Stankowski asked, not waiting for an answer. "I look back on my entire golfing career and I've always been kind of a middle-of-the-pack kind of guy. I've never done anything great."

He has now. The 26-year-old Stankowski on Sunday became the first player to win on the Nike Tour one week and the PGA Tour

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the next. And, best of all, he earned a spot in the Masters next weekend.

Stankowski, who sports a goatee and a laid-back attitude that will be quite a contrast to staid, ol' Augusta National, shot his way into the Masters by winning the BellSouth Classic on Sunday. He made a gutsy up-and-down from the bunker to

save par on No. 18 and beat Brandel Chamblee on the first hole of a playoff at Atlanta Country Club.

Until now, no one had ever won on both the PGA and Nike tours in the same year, much less on consecutive weekends.

"I think I'm probably the only one going to Augusta with

a two-week winning streak," Stankowski joked.

He also became the first player to win a tournament after getting in as the last alternate since John Daly captured the 1991 PGA Championship.

Stankowski came to Atlanta as the sixth alternate and didn't learn until Wednesday night that he had secured the final spot in the 145-man field, replacing Steve Hart, who withdrew with a bad back.

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- Softball**
Big Spring at Midland Christian, 5 p.m.

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Tech wins series finale

HOUSTON (AP) — Ryan Brewer improved to 9-0 with a complete-game seven-hitter Sunday as Texas Tech avoided a sweep at Rice with an 8-1 victory.

The Red Raiders (36-6, 11-4 Southwest Conference) did all of their scoring in the first five innings, boosted by three hits each by Matt Kastelic and Sergio Martinez.

Joe Dillon drove in three runs and Stubby Clapp hit a two-run homer to doom Rice (25-14, 4-10). Owls starter Jeff Shaddix lost his third straight game after yielding six runs in three innings.

Jacques Landry ruined Brewer's shutout bid with two outs left in the ninth with his 11th home run and third of the series.

Rice won a doubleheader on Saturday, 6-5 and 11-6.

Pitcher stricken

UPLAND, Calif. (AP) — Matt LaChappa, a 20-year-old minor-league pitcher, was hospitalized in critical condition Sunday after collapsing of a heart attack during a game Saturday night.

LaChappa, who plays for Rancho Cucamonga of the California League, was stricken while warming up in the bullpen in the fourth inning of a home game against San Bernardino.

Parish breaks record

CLEVELAND (AP) — Robert Parish appeared in his 1,561st NBA game Saturday night, breaking Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's record.

The 42-year-old Charlotte Hornets center has played on three NBA championship teams and eight All-Star teams.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 9:

Be easier on yourself this year, as no one will be a tougher critic. Ease up, and consider all that you are doing that is positive. Your career flows and offers many special opportunities, if you are ready for them. Expand your immediate circle of friends through a greater commitment to your community or to a special cause. If you are single, you are likely to meet someone through these activities. If attached, make sure you involve your partner in your new interest, if possible. CAPRICORN encourages you to achieve.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Stop, listen and be aware. Much is going on at work that is subtle, so you need your antennae to tell you what is what. Your powers of observation make a big difference in the outcome of a story. Read in between the lines, and then manage the situation. Tonight: It could be a long night's work.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Break past a limitation that a social situation or a friendship imposes on you. There is no reason to deal with this problem. Take a step forward. Understanding opens doors for you. Accept an invitation that allows travel and greater knowledge. Tonight: Say no to a friend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) One-to-one relating is highlighted. A boss may be crushing you with demands; so you need an associate's support to stand up for yourself. Make your point. Diplomacy is your strong suit. Capitalize on a chance in disguise. Tonight: Say thank you to a friend.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't hesitate to say yes. A delay may not work in your favor. Evaluate exactly what is going on with a partner. Good communications come out of this dilemma if you are willing to ask questions and move beyond a limitation. Tonight: Take part in social hour.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Finances are cramping your style, especially with traveling and higher education. Count on finding excellent solutions through creativity and work. Brainstorm with someone you put on a pedestal. There are answers where you least expect it. Tonight: Get some exercise.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A loved one is raining on your parade because of financial

matters. Let your imagination soar past a problem. Creative ways bring positive ideas and results. Brainstorming and engaging in dialogue only help ingenuity. Tonight: Go with your libido.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) It is time for a separation or change in a key relationship. Don't settle but go for exactly what you want. Your imagination is critical in realizing that there are better times ahead. You have the resources to come up with solutions, and good ones at that. Tonight: Get R&R.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Communications are activate and bring out wonderful, dynamic ideas once you get past a restriction at work. Lay back, and let your fingers do the walking for you. Others respond to your inquiries. Make excellence the norm. Tonight: Hang out.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Do an extra check on your finances, and balance your checkbook. Be realistic, and don't take any unneeded risks. Take care of yourself, and don't be overly optimistic. Great ideas come through a discussion with a co-worker. Tonight: Curb possessiveness.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Count on your vitality to make a difference. Think through recent changes with care, especially regarding a domestic issue. You feel as if another is sitting on you. Declare your independence, and be open to ingenuity; success will be yours. Tonight: Just ask.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) A misunderstanding could have you ducking for cover. Understand that you might be overly sensitive and busy. Stay anchored in reality, and don't make a situation worse than it is. Understand your limitations, but be willing to ask for feedback. Tonight: Vanish.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Focus on friendship. You feel restricted by a money situation or an unexpected expenditure. You do have the wherewithal to get around a problem. Have every expectation that this is possible. Make time for a fun group happening. Tonight: The more the merrier.

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Admiral scores 40, Spurs lose

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — David Robinson scored at least eight points in every quarter and 40 overall against the Los Angeles Lakers. Believe it or not, he thought that was too many.

Robinson, who also had 11 rebounds, has scored 40 or more points in three games this season. The San Antonio Spurs (54-21) have lost two of them — the second time on Sunday when the Lakers beat them 107-97.

"We already knew coming into this year that if I have to go out and score a whole lot of points, then something's wrong and we're not doing what we're used to doing," Robinson said. "We've got guys who can put it in the basket — Sean (Elliott), Vinny (Del Negro), Chuck (Person), A.J. (Avery Johnson) — so it does tend to be a problem when I have to do that (the bulk of the scoring)."

No other Spur had more than Elliott's 17. And Robinson scored more than twice as many points as any of the Lakers, but that was because Los Angeles displayed balance and plenty of depth — far more than San Antonio.

Vlade Divac had 19 points and 11 rebounds and Eddie Jones scored 13 of his 19 points in the third quarter when the Lakers went ahead for good in winning for only the second time in their last 11 regular-season games against the Spurs.

Magic Johnson, who sat out the Lakers' previous game because of tendinitis in his left Achilles tendon, returned to action and contributed 15 points, nine rebounds and seven assists in 41 minutes, and Cedric Ceballos added 13 points for Los Angeles.

"He can score a hundred, I don't mind," Divac said of Robinson. "I think everybody played well for us, especially our bench. I give a lot of credit to our bench, they gave us so much help."

The Lakers reserves outscored San Antonio's 37-13 — all by Person — and contributed in other ways, too.

"All those guys came off the bench giving much, much effort," Jones said. "They did it all."

Robinson agreed. "A huge, huge factor," he said. "That first quarter was pretty strong for us and we established ourselves. ... Then you get a guy like Anthony Peeler coming in and getting a couple of 3's off the bench."

"They brought good energy off the bench and they really hurt us with their depth."

Other reserves who made significant contributions besides Peeler were Ceballos, Sedale Threatt and George Lynch.

After being held to three points in the first half — all on foul shots — Jones came alive as the Lakers outscored the Spurs 29-23 in the third period to go ahead for good.

After Jones scored five straight points to give the Lakers a 78-69 lead — their largest of the game to that stage — the Spurs scored six consecutive points to draw within three.

The Lakers then finished the third quarter with an 8-3 run to go ahead 86-78, and the Spurs weren't closer than six points after that.

It was 92-86 when Peeler made a 3-pointer with 5:32 remaining and Divac a layup 25 seconds later to extend the Lakers lead to 11.

After winning a franchise-record 17 straight games and going 16-0 in March, the Spurs have lost three of four in April.

"We're not playing well right now," Spurs coach Bob Hill said. "Since the streak ended, we have had a hard time recommitting ourselves to playing defense. We've lost our edge defensively."

"That winning streak was really something. Our priorities are out of whack right now. It has everything to do right now with our attitude, our chemistry."

Nicklaus

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and needed a strong finish to get back to 281.

Bob Murphy completed the tournament at 282, Walter Morgan and Al Geiberger finished at 283, and George Archer and John Bland were another shot behind.

Gary Player, who nearly dropped out after the second round until acupuncture relieved the pain in his aching back, and second-round leader

J.C. Snead were at 285.

Rocky Thompson tied a tournament record with a 64, but had too much ground to make up and finished at even-par 288.

Floyd won this tournament in 1994, becoming the only player other than Nicklaus to win the Tradition on his first try. Irwin was trying to become the third, and he referred to that fact that Nicklaus designed the Cochise Course at Desert Mountain and knows every bunker and knoll. "I made a few mistakes today

that I won't next year," Irwin vowed.

Nicklaus has won 70 times on the regular tour, and his 100 victories is a combination of those, the senior titles and 20 wins in other countries.

He said Larry O'Brien, his administrative assistant, came up with the total and informed him after he won a tournament in Tampa, Fla., in February that his next would put him in triple digits.

Hobbled Houston still struggling

DENVER (AP) — The Denver Nuggets' fading playoff hopes came back to life thanks to a visit from the shorthanded NBA champions.

The Nuggets, who lost their two previous games with the playoffs on the line, regained some luster Sunday night with a 111-105 victory over the dangerous but hurting Houston Rockets.

Despite their 32-43 record, the

Nuggets remain in the chase with seven games left. They drew within 2 1/2 games of Sacramento in the race for the eighth and last playoff spot in the Western Conference after the Kings lost to Utah 107-92 Sunday night.

"Everything seemed to be spiraling downward," Nuggets guard Bryant Stith said of the two-game slide, "but we rallied together tonight. We haven't

given up. I pick up the paper every day to see how the playoff race is going."

The Nuggets outscored the Rockets 11-3 over the final 1:14, with Jalen Rose and LaPhonso Ellis accounting for eight of those points.

Rose gave Denver the lead for good, 103-102, on a three-point play with 1:14 to go. Ellis hit a short hook shot with 41 seconds left.

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Abigail Van Buren
Columnist

you don't really want to be friends with these people after you get to know them better? Then what do you do — move?

Abby, neighbors should respect one another's privacy.

I have had neighbors who seemed to think that because I was always nice to them, they could preach their religion to me, tell me how to vote, dress and raise my kids. Sometimes I wish I'd never said more than a casual hello.

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DEAR MINDING: There's an old saying, "Too thick doesn't stick." Before you and your neighbors became neighbors, you were strangers. After getting to know one another, you — and they, too — can decide how much you want to see of one another.

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Small fire extinguishers that can be easily lifted and used are great, but you probably need several located throughout your home. Don't store them in the most likely place for fires to break out, i.e. above the stove, in the water-heater closet or near the furnace.

In our case, we were able to reach our extinguisher and nearly had the car fire under control when our lone extinguisher ran out. If we'd had even one more, the fire could have easily been controlled before the fire department arrived. — DEBI MEANS, PLANO, TEXAS

DEAR DEBI MEANS: Good advice. Readers — are you listening? (I hope so.)

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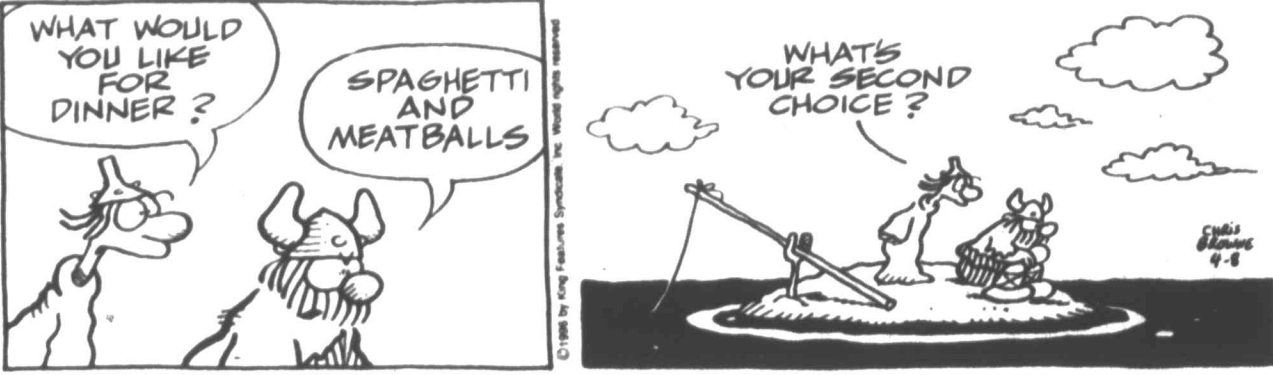
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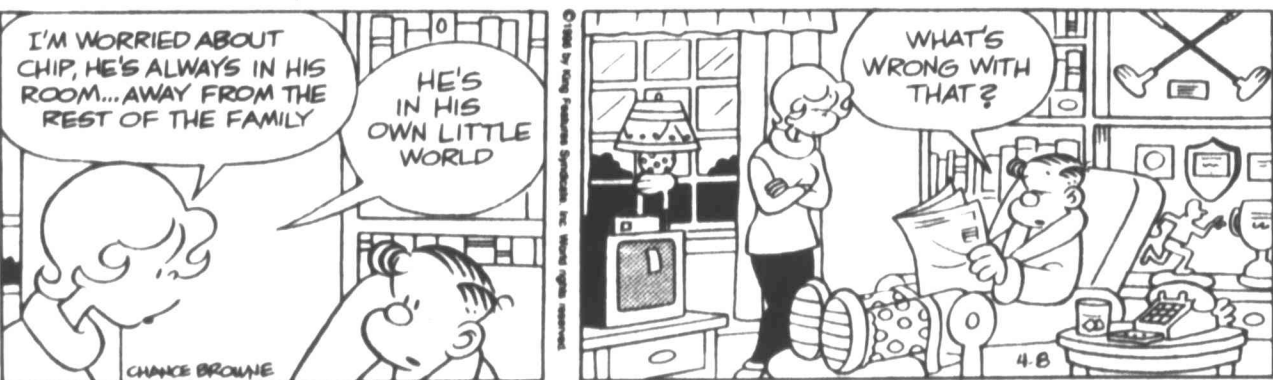
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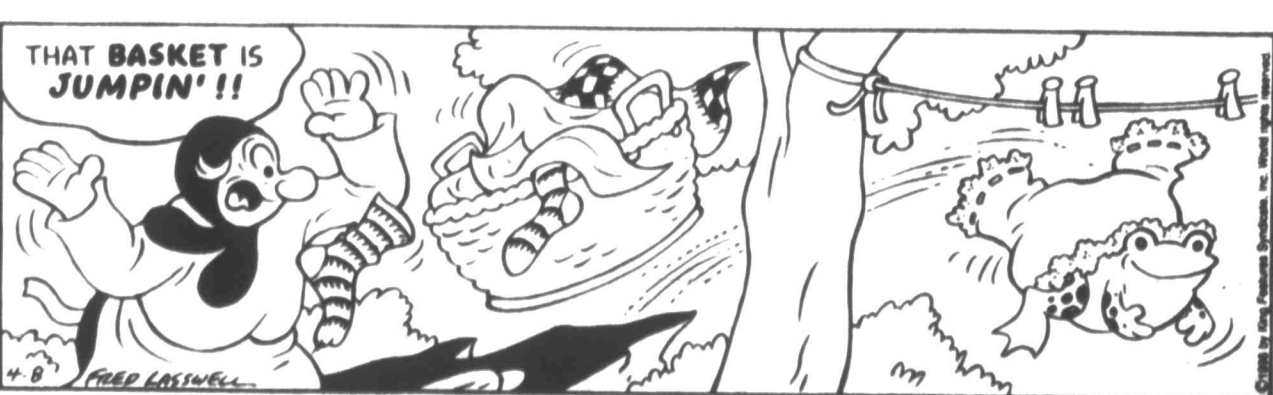
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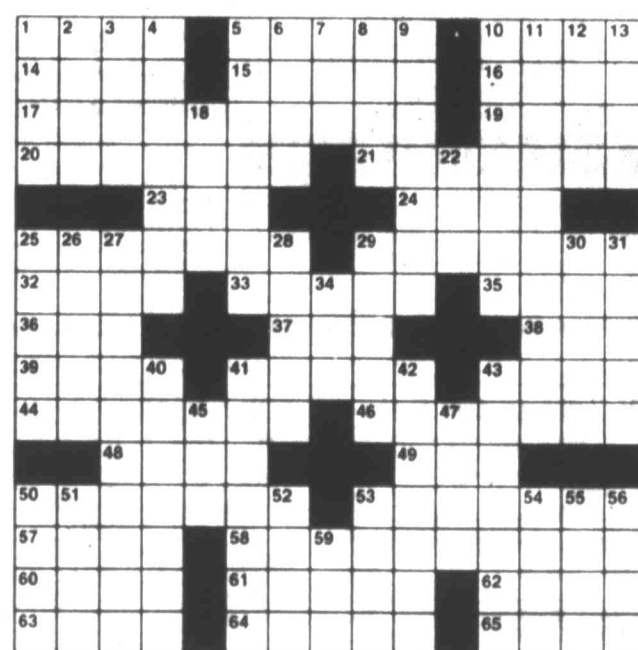
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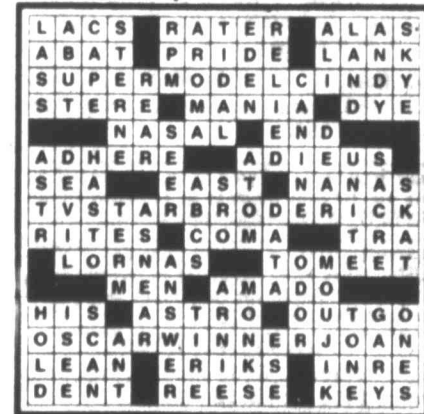
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