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## As bottom falls out of emu market, 'ranchers' turn birds loose

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — A neighborhood on the northeastern edge of downtown Wichita Falls is turning into safari country. Some residents aren't at all happy about it.

Seven emus set loose by entrepreneurs who couldn't afford to feed them ran wild in a neighborhood over the weekend, causing several problems and much chaos.

An animal control warden was injured when one of the large, flightless birds kicked him, said Reuben

Warren, assistant director of the city-county health district.

About 20 minutes after the first emu sighting Friday, two of the birds were cornered, shot and killed behind a public housing complex. Animal control wardens loaded the carcasses into their trucks and hauled them away.

For a brief while in the mid-1990s, U.S. entrepreneurs imported emus for breeding as meat. Then the market collapsed and the price of emus fell so low that many owners simply released

them to roam the countryside — or the neighborhood.

Residents said they've seen emus in the neighborhood for several weeks but they didn't call police or animal control.

"Generally, we try and round them up," Warren said. "But they are very fast and aggressive animals."

Indigenous to Australia, adult birds stand about 5 feet tall and weigh about 100 pounds. They have long, strong legs and are swift runners.

In Australia, they're regarded as a nuisance because they eat crops and break through fences.

Law officers in several North Texas counties have begun rounding them up and say they will sell them if they can find buyers. But buyers are scarce.

Freida Williams, 17, said she answered a knock at her front door to find three of the ostrich-like birds on her front lawn. Animal control officers managed to corral five of the birds.

Saturday afternoon, police officers

and animal control wardens responded to calls that two emus were again running loose in the neighborhood.

Other uncommon wildlife also has been seen in the neighborhood recently. Residents reported several potbellied pigs roaming the streets in the past few months.

"We are used to the wildlife around here," said Derris Hall, 18. "Since last summer, we've seen potbellied pigs, sheep and four cows roaming around the Boys and Girls Club."

## 13th annual Health Fair set April 18

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

The 13th annual Big Spring/Howard County Health Fair is scheduled for Saturday, April 18 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum and organizers have already surpassed their projected number of vendors for the event.

This year's fair will feature close to 60 area organizations manning booths to promote their products and services.

The fair is sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce as well as corporate sponsors St. Mary-Malone & Hogan Clinic; Family Medical Center; Comanche Trail Nursing Center; Warren Chiropractic; Scenic Mountain Medical Center; Nursefinders of West Texas; Medical Care Plaza; VA Medical Center; WalMart; and Leonard's Pharmacy.

The idea of the health fair is to promote wellness in the community and to serve as a way of letting the community know what medical services are available.

Several topics will be covered during the fair, which will also feature demonstrations.

"So far we have 58 registered booths," Debbye Valverde, chamber program coordinator, said. "This is above average because we normally have between 50 and 54 booths. This is great because we have already surpassed our normal number of booths."

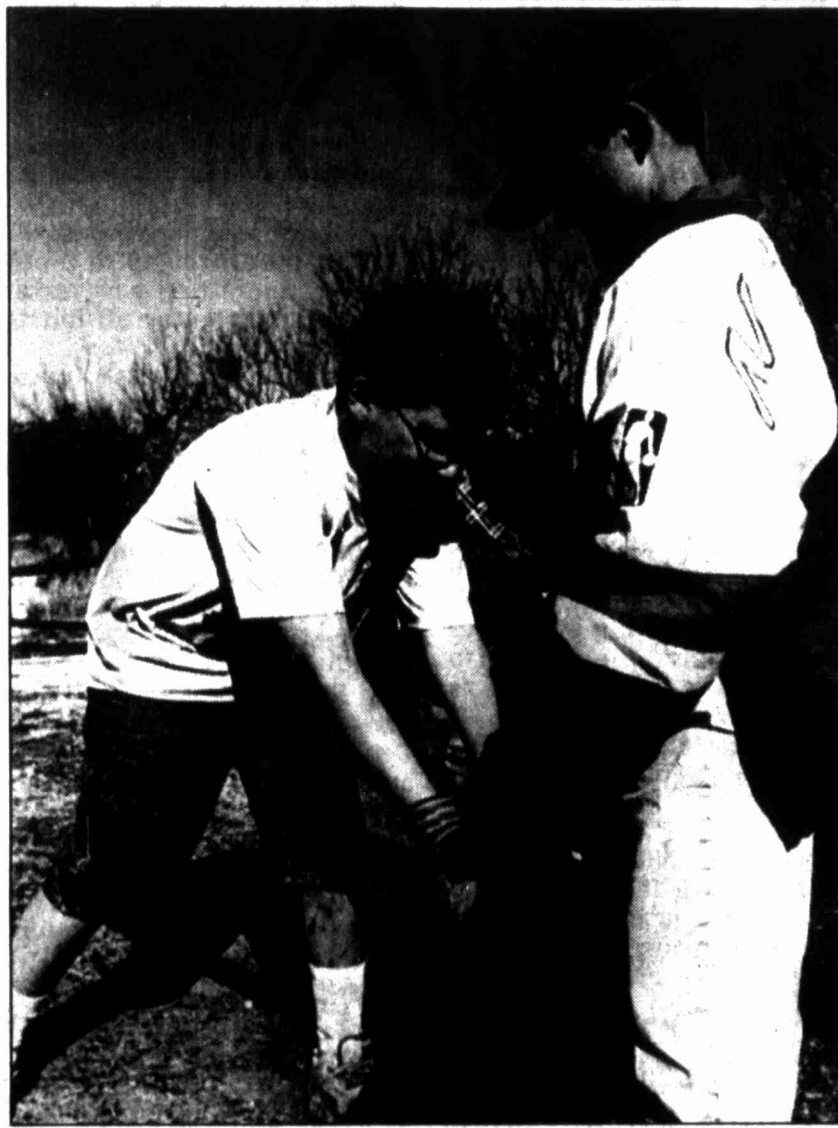
"We want to educate the community about new products or new developments in the health field," Valverde added. "The health fair also gives people a chance to participate in free screenings which can detect such things as diabetes, cholesterol, high blood pressure and glaucoma."

The theme for this year's fair is "Feeling great in '98."

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Members of Boy Scout Troop 25 of Sand Springs help clean up the entry to the former Jet Drive-In on Wasson Road. Troop 25 was one of the groups participating in the Great Texas Trash Off on Saturday.

HERALD photos/Kathy Gilbert



## CIA

Christmas in April seeks to overcome drop in donations and volunteers as it enters its 11th year in city

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN  
Features Editor

Big Spring's Christmas in April program is in need of repair.

The agency, which uses volunteers to repair the homes of the elderly and low income of the community, desperately needs financial support and volunteer labor, its director said.

Bob Noyes, volunteer director of the 11-year-old agency. Money is needed for building supplies, and more volunteers are needed to increase the number of projects that can be completed.

"I think we get complacent in our every day lives," Noyes said, trying to explain why financial support and volunteers have dropped off in the last several years.

Adding to the difficulties, several companies that once supported the effort have downsized employee numbers and cut back on corporate donations.

Then last fall, the only paid employee of the agency, Teresa Hodnett, was released after it was discovered that she had not paid federal taxes for the employees of the bingo organization that helped to fund CIA.

"I think that did hurt us," Noyes said, "even though no funds were missing from Christmas in April. The charity is 100 percent clean."

He recalled a letter he got from one supporter who said she thought the organization had ceased operations after its financial troubles became public. Others may have been unsure about CIA's status, or been reluctant to give money because of the rumors, Noyes said.

Ken Mayhall was third in the balloting on March 10 receiving 183 votes (18.48 percent).

Both candidates looked at a runoff as unpredictable.

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### CIA NUMBERS

+ 11 — Number of years program has been active in Big Spring  
- 1972 — When program was founded in Big Spring  
\$1,000 — Average cost of repairing one home

But CIA will forge ahead this year, he said, planning as many projects as funds and volunteers will allow.

Many of the houses need roof repairs, some of them left from the storm damage of the last two years. Christmas in April's clients are not able to pay for repairs to their homes, and unable to do the work themselves.

"That's the real tragedy," Noyes said. "There is so much need for the work Christmas in April does. It's the elderly who are losing out if we can't do the projects."

He said a waiting list of 20-30 houses keeps growing.

"There is always more need than funds," he said. "There would be enough work for literally as many volunteers and as much funding as we could get."

Average cost of the projects is about \$1,000 per house, but the needs vary in size from simply scraping and painting to major repairs.

CIA receives no United Way funds, government grants, and has no corporate sponsors. It is not affiliated with the national agency, but donations are tax-deductible.

Some groups have already set their plans to participate this year, including companies Conoco and Fina, but Noyes said he hopes more church groups, youth organizations and service clubs will join in the effort.

To become part of Christmas in April, call Noyes at 267-6095.

## Early voting under way in GOP runoff between Kilgore, Metcalf

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

The campaigning has continued in the race for the Precinct 2 Howard County Commissioner's seat for a month following the March 10 primary that sent the same two candidates to a runoff as was the case in 1994.

Today, voters in Precinct 2 began the first of four days of early voting in the April 14 runoff between challenger John Wayne Metcalf and incumbent Jerry Kilgore.



KILGORE



METCALF

The winner receives the Republican nomination as Howard County Commissioner, Precinct 2 and will face Democratic nominee Roosevelt Shaw in November.

In 1994, Kilgore and Metcalf

were both new at the political game with Metcalf receiving more votes than Kilgore in the primary only to have Kilgore close the gap between the primary and the runoff.

Early voting for the runoff between Kilgore and Metcalf will run from today through Thursday, because April 10 is Good Friday and county offices will be closed. Early voting will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Howard County Clerk's office.

For the actual runoff only two polling places will be used. Goliad Middle School for

Precincts 101-112, 301-306, 401-408, 410 and 202-205 and 208. Precincts 207 and 409 will vote at Coahoma City Hall.

Only voters in Precinct 2 will be able to vote in the county commissioners race, but those voters who didn't vote at all on March 10 or who are registered to vote but didn't may vote in other statewide runoff races.

As for the April 14 runoff, this time Metcalf has to close the gap.

Kilgore received 451 votes (45.56 percent) to 356 votes (35.96 percent) for Metcalf on March 10.

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### WEATHER

Tonight:



Tonight, clear. Lows from the mid 40s to around 50. Tuesday, sunny and breezy. Highs 78-85. Tuesday night, fair. Lows in the 40s. Extended forecast, Wednesday through Thursday, mostly sunny days and fair nights. Lows from the mid 40s to the lower 50s. Highs upper 70s to mid 80s. Friday, partly cloudy. Lows from the upper 40s to the mid 50s. Highs in the 80s.

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## WHIP helps restore wildlife habitat on private land

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

The Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) is the U.S.

Department of Agriculture's (USDA) newest wildlife program designed for people who want to restore degraded native wildlife habitat on private



SPURGIN

lands.

"WHIP is a voluntary program which provides both technical assistance and cost-sharing to restore degraded native habitat on private lands," Eddy Spurgin, Big Spring district conservationist with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), said. "Participants who own or control land agree to prepare and implement a wildlife habitat development plan which contains wildlife habitat practices to be installed on the land."

In addition, if the landowner

agrees, wildlife agencies like the Texas Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or private organizations like Ducks Unlimited may also provide expertise or additional funding to help complete a project, according to Spurgin.

Area participants will have local assistance if they choose to enter the program because the wildlife habitat development plan is prepared in consultation with the Howard Soil and Water Conservation District.

"The plan describes the landowner's goals for improving wildlife habitat, includes a list of practices and schedule for installing them and details the steps necessary to restore and maintain the habitat for the life of the agreement," Spurgin said.

"USDA and the participant enter into a cost-share agreement to restore the degraded native habitat," Spurgin added. "The agreement generally lasts five to 10 years from the date the contract is signed and the

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OBITUARIES

Barbara Hall

Graveside service for Barbara Hall, 58, Baytown, were 2 p.m. today at Mount Olive Memorial Park with Rev. Doug Shelley, pastor of East Side Baptist Church, officiating.

Ms. Hall died Wednesday, April 1, 1998, in a Houston hospital.

She was born on June 15, 1939, in Shreveport, La. She had lived in Baytown since 1985. She was a member of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include: three sons, Darrell Asher of Clear Lake, Louis Asher of Houston, and Milton Asher of Baytown; one daughter, Debra Asher of Baytown; four brothers, Huey Culver of Conroe, Earl Culver of Orange, James Culver of Shreveport, La., and Elwyn Culver of Conroe; and five grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Mattie Webber

Service for Mattie Mae Webber, 95, Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She died Saturday, April 4, 1998, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a long illness.

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Booths for the fair are 10 feet by 10 feet and include a covered table; two chairs; a sign; and a trash receptacle.

Health Fair Co-Committee Chairperson Marcie Lykken said this year's fair will also feature something new.

"The Big Spring Police Department, Citizen's Police Academy and RSVP are sponsoring a bicycle rodeo for children ages six to 11, so they will need to bring their bicycles," Lykken said. "WalMart has donated a bicycle that will be given away and several businesses have donated money for the purchase of several bicycle helmets, which will also be given away."

"Scenic Mountain Medical Center is also sponsoring a fun-run/walk beginning at 8 a.m. at the mountain," Lykken added. "I'm excited this year because we have more booths than we've ever had."

The fair is important because people get a chance to see what's offered in Big Spring and because the fair may be one of the few times people actually get a screening because many won't go to the doctor, according to Lykken.

"Sometime people won't go to the doctor, but they will come to the health fair," Lykken said. "People should also remember to go to the doctor for a follow up after getting the results of any screening."

Other exhibitors for the 13th annual event include Eye Associates; Tranquility Professional Massage; Canterbury Retirement Center; Hardin-Simmons University;

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Mattie Mae Webber, 95, died Saturday. Services are pending.  
Barbara Hull, 58, died Wednesday. Graveside services were 2:00 PM Monday at Mount Olive Memorial Park

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Also participating are Alpha Home Care; Total Home Health Care; Texas Nurses Association; Rape Crisis/Victim Services; Big Spring State Hospital; Paradigm Physical Therapy and Sports; Big Spring Fire Department; Family Hospice; Vital Link Home Health; Stanton Care Center; Permian Basin Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse; Nurses Unlimited Inc.; Infusion Plus; carriage Inn and Senior Life Care; Best Home Care; Howard County Injury and Pain Relief Institute; People for the Park; Mountain View Lodge; The Eye Institute; Lee Medical Supply; Manish Shroff, MD.; Marcy House; Westwood Medical Center Wound Care Center; Reliv International; and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

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landowner agrees to maintain the cost-shared practices and allow USDA access to monitor the effectiveness of the practices.

NRCS will also agree to provide technical assistance and pay up to 75 percent of the cost of installing the wildlife habitat practices.

But, land is not eligible for WHIP if it's currently enrolled in the Water Bank Program, Conservation Reserve program and the Wetlands Reserve Program.

"The sign-up for WHIP is already in progress at the NRCS office at 1904 N. Hwy 87 and ends Friday," Spurgin said.

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school and college elections at this time.

"I hope I've gotten my message across to the voters," Kilgore said. "I also hope people are pleased with how we've run the county's business for the last four years."

DPS tries all-black cruisers

Midland among cities testing cars

HOUSTON (AP) — If you see black in your rearview mirror, you'd better slow down — it's the highway patrol.

In a cost-cutting move, the Texas Department of Public Safety is experimenting with an all-black cruiser for state troopers, the Houston Chronicle reported Sunday.

DPS has recently added 14 solid black 1998 Ford Crown Victorias to its fleet of 3,000 patrol cars because the all-black cars are several hundred dollars cheaper than those painted in the traditional black-and-white scheme.

The new black trooper cars have been assigned to Angleton, Orange, Schulenberg, Bryan, Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Midland, McAllen, Canyon, Brackettville, Weatherford, Waco, Tyler and McKinney.

The state of Texas buys up to 700 new cars for troopers every year, so going monochromatic is not inconsequential. The state could save up to \$270,000 a year by foregoing white paint.

But DPS wants input on its new look. "We want the public to tell us: Is it a genuine concern as to who it really is back there?" said Jerry Newbury, DPS fleet manager.

BRIEFS

**JUNIOR AND SENIOR BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL** parents who care about their children, are asked to attend the After Prom Party planning every Monday at 7 p.m. in the Big Spring High School Library. For more information call Susan McLellan at 267-5759 or Lee Ann Rollins at 267-4959 or 264-5072.

**BIG SPRING SCHOOL BOARD** meeting will be held Thursday April 9 at 5:15 p.m. in the Big Spring High School Board Room.

Agenda items include: resignations/retirements, employment, resolution canceling the election of May 2, 1998, tax collection budget approval, approval to sell buses, approval of student school safety check list survey.

Call 264-3600 for more information.

**CONCERNED WOMEN FOR AMERICA** of West Texas will welcome David Barton, nationally recognized speaker on American history, April 16 at 7 p.m. in Big Spring High School Auditorium. He will speak on "America's Godly Heritage," an uncensored view of American political and religious history. For information, call 263-0140.

**THE BIG SPRING EVENING LIONS CLUB** has free eyeglasses for all adults the second Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club bingo building, 1607 East Third.

All adults needing eyeglasses who don't have the income to purchase the exam or glasses are welcome.

For more information call Al Valdes or Bob Noyes at 267-6095.

**AREA AGENCY ON AGING** needs volunteers for its ombudsman program at local long-term nursing facilities. Ombudsmen monitor the quality of care and quality of life of our elderly. For information, call Bob Stokes, 563-1061.

**STANTON SCHOOL BOARD MEETING** will be held Monday, April 6 at 7 p.m. in the school administration building.

Agenda items include: consider Peeewe Basketball presentation, consider quarterly investment report, consider renewal of 5-year lease to West-Texas Opportunity for Head Start, consider school trustee election, consider ordering a school bus, amend 1997-98 budget, consider 1998-99 school calendar, consider 1998-99 preliminary budget, consider building insurance, personnel resignations and employment.

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**TODAY**  
•Big Spring Evening Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Al Valdes, 263-6810.  
•Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of abuse, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.

•TOPS Clubs (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:15 p.m. weigh in and 6:15 p.m. meeting, Family Hospice, 3210 E. 11th Place.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

•Gospel singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn. Call 267-6764. Guest singers from Stanton, Midland and Colorado City.

•Encourager's support group, (for widows and widowers), 6 p.m., Santa Fe Sandwich Shop, Big Spring Mall. For more information call 398-5522 or 399-4369.

•Big Spring Outreach Aglow, 7 p.m., Dora Roberts Community Center with guest speakers Taff and Garon Wennis.

**TUESDAY**  
•Beginning line dance class will be taught at 9 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628 for more information. All ages welcome.

MARKETS

May cotton 64.80 cents, down 76 points; May crude 15.62, down 37 points; Cash hogs steady at 50 cents lower at 33; cash steers steady at 62; April lean hog futures 49.40, down 80 points; April live cattle futures 66.20, down 7 points.

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12:01 p.m. — 500 block W. 17th, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

2:37 p.m. — 2600 block Ent, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

11:20 p.m. — 1400 block E. 11th, medical call, patient transported to VA Medical Center.

2:02 p.m. — 1600 block Kentucky Way, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

8:16 p.m. — Luther Gin, structure fire.

10:23 p.m. — 900 block Goliad, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

**Saturday**  
2:02 a.m. — 2300 block Wasson, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

2:16 a.m. — 1700 block Lancaster, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

2:42 p.m. — 3600 block Dixon, structure fire, extinguished by responding units.

6:42 p.m. — 600 block E. 12th Street, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

7:25 p.m. I-20 and Midway Road, traffic accident, two patients transported to SMMC.

**Sunday**  
6:49 a.m. — North Second and Main, structure fire, extinguished by responding units.

12:05 p.m. — 400 block Scurry, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

1:34 p.m. — 1700 block Lancaster, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

1:44 p.m. — I-20 Mile Marker 176, grass fire, extinguished by responding units.

5:41 p.m. — 2500 block Broadway, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

7:05 p.m. — 5700 block County Road 33, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 2 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. Monday:

•JUAN RENTERIA, 48, was arrested for public intoxication.

•CLIFTON GRIFFIN, 39, was arrested for public intoxication.

•ROSENDO DELAPAZ, 28, was arrested for assault/family violence.

•THEFT at 18th and Gregg; 1200 block of E. 11th Place; 300 block of Gregg; and the 1700 block of E. Marcy.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 1700 block of W. 4th; and the 1500 block of W. 4th.

•BURGLARY OF A BUILDING in the 600 block of E. 6th.

•BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE in the 600 block of E. 12th.

•BURGLARY OF A HABITATION in the 1100 block of S. Lancaster.

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports:

**Friday**  
6:14 a.m. — 700 block NW 10th, structure fire, extinguished by responding units.

7:09 a.m. — 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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# Did liquor industry put profits ahead of lives in battle over drinking standards?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Intense lobbying by the liquor and restaurant industries helped prevent a House vote on legislation lowering the threshold of drunkenness behind the wheel.

Such laws should be left to the states, not Washington, says the Republican committee chairman whose panel kept the measure off the House floor. But its Democratic sponsor says the committee action proves that "the liquor lobby ... put profits ahead of people's lives."

The legislation was an amendment to a giant highway spending bill that would have taken highway money away from states that don't enact .08 percent blood alcohol content levels for drunken driving.

It is shaping up as one of the

most hard-fought drinking issues since the drive more than a decade ago to make 21 the legal age for drinking.

A month ago, the Senate passed such an amendment to its highway bill by a strong 62-32 vote, and President Clinton has endorsed a national .08 percent standard that already is in force in 16 states.

Rep. Nita Lowey, D-N.Y., main sponsor of the House amendment, angrily blamed the liquor and restaurant lobbies for stopping her amendment from even getting a vote. "Today the liquor lobby bottled up our bill and demonstrated loud and clear that they put profits ahead of people's lives," Lowey said.

Liquor and restaurant groups admit that after losing in the

Senate, they waged a full-court effort in the House. The National Beer Wholesalers Association and the American Beverage Institute ran large ads in Capitol Hill newspapers, sent letters to lawmakers and had wholesalers and brewers write or fax their representatives.

The ABI's general counsel, Richard Berman, hired lobbyist Ann Eppard, who for 22 years was chief of staff to Transportation Committee Chairman Bud Shuster, R-Pa., author of the highway bill.

"We're very proud of the folks," said David Rehr, vice president of government affairs for the beer wholesalers. "They were not embarrassed to tell people that this was not the solution."

Normally members of the

National Restaurant Association make lobbying visits to Congress every fall. This year, the association moved up the schedule, and the association's Kathleen O'Leary said 120 restaurant owners met with their congressmen. Their aim: To stress that ".08 is not the problem, it is the chronic drinker, the abusive drinker, underage drinking," she said.

Jackie Gillan of Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety said the last time they went head-to-head with the alcohol and restaurant industries was 1984, when Congress was debating the nationwide 21 question. "They made the same Chicken Little predictions, that the sky would fall," Gillan said.

Beer wholesaler Rehr said their side struck a chord with

lawmakers sensitive to the states' rights question, and the association's ads said the Lowey amendment was "federal blackmail" that imposed Washington's will on the states.

Rep. Gerald Solomon, R-N.Y., chairman of the House Rules Committee that made the decision to disallow a vote on the Lowey amendment, agreed that it was "strictly a states' rights issue. ... We didn't want the federal government dictating to the states."

He said no one from the liquor lobby contacted him or others on the committee. At least one, however, shared their line of thought. Committee member Rep. Scott McInnis, R-Col., in opposing the Lowey amendment, said it was "federal blackmail."

Supporters of .08 percent say it is more lenient than drunken driving levels in most European countries, that it would save at least 600 lives a year and that it makes no sense for drinkers to be legal behind the wheel in one state and not in another.

The .08 percent level, said Mothers Against Drunk Driving President Carolyn Nunnallee, "is a lifesaving law that the public has supported in every scientific poll on this issue."

But John Doyle, American Beverage Institute spokesman, said the average blood alcohol level for drivers involved in fatal accidents is .17 percent, that there is no evidence that .08 percent standards save lives and that lowering the threshold basically just targets social drinkers.

# Government cites study that shows tamoxifen may prevent breast cancer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The federal government has notified thousands of women of a breakthrough in the fight against cancer, saying a study for the first time shows that a drug may prevent breast cancer.

The National Cancer Institute, the agency that coordinates the nation's cancer programs, said its six-year study showed that taking the drug tamoxifen cut cancer rates by nearly half among women who were considered at risk of getting the disease.

Critics raised concerns about the drug's links to cancer in the uterine lining and to blood clots.

The institute has mailed letters announcing the breakthrough to the 13,000 women in the United States and Canada who participated in the study, which was first reported Sunday by The Philadelphia Inquirer.

"This is now the first study in the world to show that a drug can reduce the incidence of breast cancer," the letter stated.

Details of the study were to be made public today.

Anne Thomas, a spokeswoman for the parent National Institutes of Health, told AP she had no details of the study. Researchers would not discuss the results with the Inquirer.

One of the study's participants, 45-year-old Patricia Lorah of Reading, Pa., lost her

mother and grandmother to breast cancer. The deaths prompted her to take part in one of the largest cancer prevention trials ever.

"I'm just thrilled. Wow!" Lorah said. "This is almost overwhelming."

Tamoxifen, made by Wilmington, Del.-based Zeneca Pharmaceuticals, is widely used to prevent the spread or return of breast cancer.

Women at risk of getting the disease because of family history, precancerous breast lesions or age were randomly assigned to five years on either a placebo pill or tamoxifen.

According to the institute, the drug reduced the rate of expected breast cancers from one in 130 women to one in 236 during the study — a decline of about 45 percent. Tamoxifen slips into estrogen receptors of breast cancer cells and locks up the cells, preventing them from growing and dividing.

Tamoxifen has been associated with increased risks for cancer in the uterine lining and with blood clots in the lungs. Those risks prompted The National Women's Health Network in Washington to criticize the study.

"If this turns out to be a good risk-benefit ratio for some women, that will be good news," said Cindy Pearson, the group's executive director.

Researchers must tell what

they know about "the cost of this benefit," she said. "Did any women die of anything caused by tamoxifen?"

In 1994, the study was suspended during congressional hearings into four uterine cancer deaths in another study of breast cancer treatment using tamoxifen. And University of Pittsburgh surgeon Bernard Fisher, coordinator of the study, was investigated for reports that he was slow to address research problems.

That did not prevent women from staying in the study.

"I never considered dropping out. My thoughts were more like, 'Maybe I'll save my child's life and my own and other people's,'" said Fern Maklin, 49, of Newtown, Pa.

Study participants will be tracked for at least two more years.

Researchers still are analyzing the data and medical recommendations for using tamoxifen to prevent cancer are still being developed.

The women now can go to the 270 medical centers participating in the study to find out whether they were taking tamoxifen or the placebo.

"I'm hoping I was on tamoxifen, but if I was in the placebo arm, I am going to ask my physician to put me on tamoxifen because I really believe in it," said Helen Wilson, 48, of North Wales, Pa.

# Clinton says dismissal removes obstacle from his duties to the nation

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton says the dismissal of Paula Jones' sexual harassment lawsuit removes an obstacle from his duties to the nation, and keeping his private problems and public obligations separate has "been a test."

Clinton scored a major victory last week when a federal judge in Arkansas threw out Mrs. Jones' case against him. But he still faces independent counsel Kenneth Starr's investigation into his alleged sexual relations with White House intern Monica Lewinsky, and Mrs. Jones is expected to decide this week whether to appeal.

In an interview in this week's Time magazine, Clinton said that if he were "just an average citizen, Joe Six-Pack," he would have wanted the Jones case to go to trial so he could prove his innocence.

As president, he said, having it dismissed "and putting this behind us is plainly in the best interest of the country."

Every president since George Washington, he said, has talked about how the country deserves a chief executive who can free himself of personal concerns "and become totally obsessed with the public inter-

est. It's been a test. But I've tried to do that."

With the Jones case dismissed, Clinton said he was "freer to keep doing what I'm supposed to be doing," focusing on such issues as tobacco legislation, education and Social Security.

That was the theme of Clinton partisans on the Sunday television news programs, who emphasized that he continues to enjoy high marks among Americans for his political agenda.

"This president has chosen the politics of ideas and the battlefield of ideas. His opponents have chosen the battlefield of insult and innuendo," senior adviser Rahm Emanuel said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

"I think (independent counsel) Kenneth Starr, no matter what bravado he may put forward now, clearly must be looking for an exit strategy," Sen. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J., said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

Starr is under pressure from both Democrats and Republicans to wrap up his four-year investigation, which began with an examination of the Whitewater land deal in Arkansas. He is expected to file a report within the next few

months to the Republican-led House, which then must decide whether to launch impeachment proceedings against him.

House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, one of the few Republicans to speak openly about Clinton's alleged sexual misconduct, said he wanted to see Starr's report soon, and he blamed White House stalling for the delay.

"I do believe after looking at all that's going on that this president could very well be a sexual predator. And he has committed some heinous acts," DeLay, R-Texas, said on "Fox News Sunday."

Today, House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., said Judge Susan Webber Wright's decision to dismiss the Jones case has no bearing on possible impeachment hearings, stressing the grand jury probe still needs to run its course.

"I think two weeks ago everything depended on what Judge Starr sends up, and I think today everything depends on what Judge Starr sends up," Gingrich said on NBC's "Good Morning America."

"There's been this grotesque effort to turn that dismissal into, 'Let's eliminate four years of investigation that covers many, many, many topics.'"

# Report: Swiss central bank knew it was helping Nazis

NEW YORK (AP) — Switzerland's central bank was aware that its gold and trade ties were supporting the Nazi regime, a forthcoming report concludes.

A source close to a Swiss-appointed historical commission told Newsweek the report will also show that commercial banks knew they too were financing the war.

But Jean-Francois Bergier, head of the commission that wrote the report, said the study would not be much help to Holocaust victims and their heirs who are trying to include the bank in their suit against three commercial banks.

"They will, however, be a little disappointed," he told the Zurich-based weekly Sonntagszeitung. "It might not be so bad (for Switzerland) if they file their complaint now, because our report will then pull the rug from under them all the more."

The plaintiffs have filed a multibillion dollar suit against Credit Suisse, Union Bank of Switzerland and the Swiss Bank Corp., and are in talks to negotiate a global settlement.

Swiss officials have made clear, however, that any agreement would involve only the three commercial banks, not the government or its central bank,

the Swiss National Bank, which was the main recipient of Nazi gold.

Bergier said he thinks the new threats for a lawsuit against the central bank were based on statistics in the preliminary report his commission issued just before the London gold conference last December.

The report was delayed several weeks after the Swiss Cabinet asked it be published simultaneously in German, French, Italian and English.

Undersecretary of State Stuart Eizenstat, the top American official investigating possible Swiss wrongdoing, said the report "is a very significant element."

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## Incitement to Violence Do the Palestinians Live up to Their Oslo Commitments?

In the so-called "Oslo Agreement," often called the "peace process," Israel undertook unilaterally to make valuable concessions to the Palestinians, concessions that would eventually enable them to form an autonomous entity and to be masters of their own destiny. Never in the recorded history of mankind has any state made such concessions to one of its resident minorities. Israel requested and was solemnly promised very little in return—primarily that the Palestinians would abstain from violence and from incitement to violence.

### What are the facts?

The reality, regrettably, has not at all lived up to the agreement and to the promises made. While Arafat and other Palestinian leaders proclaim their peaceful intentions in English before Western audiences, they are brutally frank when they address their own people in Arabic and away from Western newspeople and television cameras. There is constant incitement to violence and frank declaration of the ultimate goal—firmly embedded in the never rescinded PLO Covenant—namely the destruction of the State of Israel and its replacement by "Palestine," an Arab state.

The statements that follow were made by Palestinian leaders within the last twelve months. They are representative of many others in the same vein.

PA CHAIRMAN YASSER ARAFAT (Palestinian Television, August 9, 1997): "We must confront them, we must confront them. We must confront them in every sense of the word."

YASSER ARAFAT (Palestinian Television, August 6, 1997): "...let us commit ourselves before Allah and the Palestinian people that we shall lead the coming battle as we have led previous battles. An oath is an oath and a promise is a promise. The whole world stands by us, while they are alone. They are afraid, but we are not. We cling to the oath and the promise. The Palestinian people is faithful to its oath, the one which we swore upon the first day when the initial shot was fired and the first of our martyrs fell... We are marching together

with the blessing of Allah, my brothers, we are marching together to Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Jerusalem."

KAMEL HAMID, HEAD OF FATAH (A FACTION OF THE PLO) (At a Rally, August 10, 1997): "...all means are legitimate to uproot the despicable occupation."

SHEIKH HAMED BITAWI, CHAIRMAN OF THE PALESTINE RELIGIOUS SCHOLARS ASSOCIATION (July 27, 1997): "That which befell the infidel nations will also occur to the State of Israel. We are certain that Allah will destroy the State of Israel either through natural disasters, such as an earthquake, or at the hands of the Moslems, or both."

PA MUFTI IKRAMA SABRI (In a sermon at Al-Aksa Mosque, July 11, 1997): "Oh Allah, destroy America for she is ruled by Zionist Jews... Allah shall take revenge on behalf of his prophet against the colonialist settlers who are sons of monkeys and pigs..."

PA MINISTER FOR JERUSALEM AFFAIRS FEISAL HUSSEINI (May 18, 1997): "Israel is attempting to obstruct peace... The only option remaining for us will be an alternative option... war."

YASSER ARAFAT (Addressing a crowd in Tulkarem, April 28, 1997): "I now see the walls of Jerusalem, the mosques of Jerusalem, the churches of Jerusalem. My brothers! With blood and with spirit we will redeem you, Palestine!"

NABIL RAMLAWI (At a session of the U.N. Commission on Human Rights, Reported March 17, 1997): "Israeli authorities... infected by injection 300 Palestinian children with the HIV virus during the years of the intifada."

All of these actual verbatim quotations are only a minute fraction of the inflammatory statements with which Palestinian leaders whip up their followers to a frenzy of hatred and violence against Israel. It is totally against the letter and the spirit of the Oslo accord. But it is in line with all the other acts of defiance and non-compliance on the part of the Palestinians. For example, and most egregiously perhaps, that famous Covenant that unequivocally calls for the destruction of Israel has never been rescinded. Instead of combating terrorist activity, the Palestinian Authority (P.A.) continues to release well-known members of terrorist groups. Another blatant violation is the size and the weaponry of the so-called P.A. police force, which was fixed by Oslo at a maximum of 24,000, but which is now estimated at over 50,000 members, many of them former terrorists and equipped with smuggled advanced military weapons. It is essentially an army in waiting. How do people expect Israel to bring further "sacrifices for peace" to appease these fanatics and why, in the face of daily evidence of Palestinian intransigence and murderous hatred, should Israel even consider turning over vital strategic assets to those who are openly committed to its destruction? Peace will not come to this part of the world until the Palestinians and the Arab nations commit themselves to full acceptance of Israel and are willing to live with it in peace. And that day seems to be a long way off.

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## OUR VIEW

# There are plenty of reasons to head to polls

Runoff elections are, historically, just slightly more popular than amendment elections, which are slightly more popular than dental surgery. Which means that when early voting begins for the state and county runoff elections, a lot of us are just not going to be bothered with the whole thing.

A light turnout is expected ... wait just a minute ... we could say a light turnout is expected almost every time an election is held, regardless of the circumstance. The county could hold a special election to let the people decide whether they should win the lottery, and the turnout would still be on the lean side of 50 percent.

OK, maybe that's an exaggeration, but not by much. Early voting for state and county runoff races, and for city council elections, begins this week.

There is plenty of incentive for you to get yourself to the polls. Start with the city council races. The elective body that has the closest connection to your everyday life, aside from school boards, is the city council. That body determines what streets in town will be fixed, how much police and firefighters will be paid and whether a portion of your tax bill will be higher next year.

We know a lot of you gripe about the condition of our streets or the quality of our water delivery system, and everybody gripes about taxes. So here's your chance to do something about it.

Now, to the state and county runoff races. The commissioner runoff, between Jerry Kilgore and John Wayne Metcalf for the Precinct 2 Republican nomination, is by definition restrictive. No one outside that precinct can vote on the race, so the majority of people have no direct stake in the result.

There are still reasons, however, for you to vote, even if you don't live in Precinct 2. Some statewide nominations are still up for grabs, specifically the Republican races for attorney general and two appellate court positions.

So there you have it — no long-winded speeches, no attempts to shame you into doing your constitutional duty. Just some good, logical reasons to go pull the lever for the candidate of your choice.

Now, you give us some logical reasons why you shouldn't vote.

Can't think of any? Neither can we.

## OTHER VIEWS

Congress hates closing military bases. Workers lose their jobs. Communities get hurt, and although some are eventually better off for the closings, the process is still painful.

After two rounds of base closings in 1993 and 1995, Congress is in no mood for more. However, the lawmakers should take up that distasteful task and do it sooner rather than later. The best way to do the additional closings is the way it was done last time.

Congress creates a special panel — a Base Realignment and Closure Commission — to identify the excess facilities. A BRAC brings neutrality to the process and shields lawmakers from the political heat.

The Pentagon has capacity — from ship berths to classrooms to aircraft hangars — 23 percent in excess of its needs.

"Operating these facilities and bases that we don't need

wastes billions of dollars that we need for readiness and modernization," says Defense Secretary William Cohen.

He said that the last two rounds, in which 100 out of 495 facilities were closed, will have saved \$25 billion by 2003 and \$5.6 billion a year thereafter. Two more rounds — the Pentagon is coy about the actual number but it looks like 50 or so closures — will save \$21 billion by 2015 and \$3 billion a year thereafter.

Cohen proposes doing so in 2001 and 2005, the first years following presidential elections, but he would like Congress' answer now.

Selecting the bases is a drawn-out process, and the advanced weapons systems to which the savings would largely go have long lead times.

Since defense spending will remain flat, Cohen speaks of "mothballing" excess facilities.

# Respect people regardless of religion

Want to know the definition of a stone-cold bigot?

It's anybody who is "offended" by the sight and sound of someone practicing, expressing or proclaiming his religious faith.

Such people are not only bigots, they are the south end of a horse traveling north. Their intolerance is exceeded only by their ignorance of the Constitution.

The first amendment forbids the establishment of an official church or religion. Period. Nothing else. To establish an official church or religion would require legislation so designating it, and taxes and appropriations to subsidize it. That's all Thomas Jefferson meant when he said there was a wall of separation between church and state.

You would have to be an idiot to conclude otherwise because the same people who wrote and passed the First Amendment also provided for tax-paid chaplains to pray in Congress. The problem the

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founders of the country dealt with is nonexistent today in America. It was the common practice of governments in their day to adopt a church and tax everyone to subsidize it. The practice had been brought from Europe to the colonies.

But when a private individual or a public official prays in a school or any other public place, he is not establishing an official church. For someone to say that the mere sight of a Christian proclaiming his faith in a public place is "offensive" is to indict himself as a vicious bigot and an inconsiderate, self-centered boor. These boors apparently have no conception of civility and respect for others. They act as if religious faith were an infectious disease.

One of the most touching sights I saw in the Middle East was a poor man, a Muslim, in

shabby clothes, kneeling on a newspaper (the only prayer rug he could afford) on the tarmac of the airport in Amman, Jordan, and saying his evening prayers. His example of simple faith in his God touched my heart.

He was as oblivious to the crowd of people and soldiers as he was to the cold wind and hard tarmac. He had a beautiful expression on his grizzled face. Clearly, there was man communing with a God he loved, and God must surely love such a man.

Truthfully, I cannot conceive how any decent human being could say that such a sight is "offensive." People who find other people's religion offensive are demonstrating their hatred, not their interest in liberty.

The only way a free society can work is for everyone to respect everyone else. There is

no respect when someone says, "Your religion is offensive to me, so keep it out of my sight." That is hate speech. Nor is it being disrespectful to practice your own religion or to pray as your particular religion teaches you to pray.

I don't know about you, but I've had a bellyful of rude, self-centered people. It's time to teach some people in this country some simple manners.

Good manners are based on reciprocity. Respect for respect. Tolerance for tolerance. There are some people who use Orwellian doublespeak and practice bigotry while proclaiming their support for tolerance. We should expose such people for what they are — bigots.

If you are a nonbeliever and are present when believers are praying, don't pray. But out of respect and courtesy for them as human beings, don't be rude or make ugly remarks about them. Respect people, as people, even if they practice a different religion. And respect their religion.

I'm fed up with seeing religious people browbeaten and insulted by bullies packing lawyers. We have too many mean-spirited tails trying to wag our dog in this country. It may be time to bob some tails.

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# Prop. 209 is 'educational genocide'

WASHINGTON — The ugly truth is out about the impact of Proposition 209 on minorities seeking an education in the state universities of California.

The most appropriate phrase to describe it is: educational genocide.

At the University of California's Berkeley campus, of 8,000 students offered admission to next fall's freshman class, only 191 are black, down from 562 last year. And only 434 are Hispanic, down from 1,045 last fall.

The numbers are dismaying on other campuses as well. That is a tragedy for minorities who are clawing their way up toward first-class citizenship, and it portends great troubles for California.

As many of us suspected, this Prop. 209 pretense that a standardized test and high school grades alone should determine who is worthy of college study has slammed the door in the faces of minorities as surely as if a George Wallace were

guarding the portals. The galling difference is that now a few blacks such as Ward Connerly of the California Board of Regents are perfuming the stench of bigotry by pretending that they are wiping out the curse of race in America by further punishing the historic victims of racism.

Some of the most ardent foes of affirmative action and diversity in education are now wallowing in shame, knowing that what they have forced upon California colleges is a cruel denial of opportunity to many promising youngsters, and it strikes a blow at America's future.

Others, like Connerly, are merely pathetic in their pretenses that they've only halted "discrimination against Caucasians and Asians."

Terence J. Pell, senior counsel of the Center for Individual Rights, which has fought affirmative action in courts around the country, told The New York Times: "It will take a few years for the system to adjust." He says diversity is important, but "the challenge is how to get it without focusing on skin color."

The grave problem — and the reason why blacks, Hispanics and American Indians need affirmative action in higher education — is that the rulers of this country and the con-

trollers of education have focused on skin color from the very beginning of this society.

When you tell black children that they cannot go to school because you want them to pick cotton; when you restrict them to pathetically inadequate Jim-Crow schools; when you relegate them to segregated communities, it is absurd to withhold opportunity because they score lower on tests that measure knowledge of another culture and another world.

The deprivations of slavery and Jim Crow take a toll that lasts for generations, not "a few years."

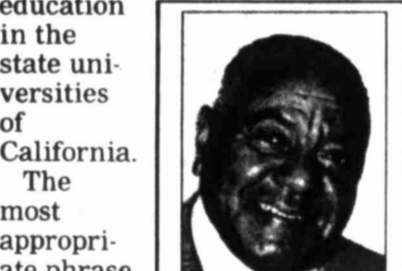
The same principle applies to Hispanics who also carry the burden of a different language and culture, and for American Indians, who bear the curse of acute isolation from the mainstream of American life.

California has said to these minorities, "You're down, and we're going to keep you down. And we're going to use a hypocritical claim that we're fighting racism to do it."

Berkeley's chancellor, Robert M. Berdahl, said grimly that the new admissions figures filled him with "disappointment, anger, frustration."

He added that, "To the extent this leaves us a less diverse campus, it diminishes us."

It diminishes America, and the American dream.



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## Finally good news for Texas Motor Speedway: Martin takes win

**FORT WORTH (AP)** — In its uphill fight for positive publicity, the Texas Motor Speedway couldn't have asked for a better Texas 500 champion than Mark Martin.

Martin, the first driver ever to turn a lap on the 1 1/2-mile oval and the winner of the track's first race, won Sunday's Winston Cup race, then immediately began trying to pump the \$130 million superspeedway.

"This is a state-of-the-art facility that we come to and for that I'm thankful," Martin said. "You've got to hand it to somebody who is willing to stand up and make a move to further the sport, to better the sport, to raise the image of the sport.

"This is an awesome place to be and it's a big place to win, regardless of if

it is a one-groove track or whatever else negative you want to say about the track's surface."

His comments were echoed by his car's owner, Jack Roush, whose cars have won three of the first four NASCAR events hosted by the year-old track.

"Whenever we get a new track like this that has different characteristics there is some anxiety, but we have positive feelings for it," Roush said. "Over time, this track will be fondly thought of for its uniqueness the same as people feel anxious about it today for its uniqueness."

Some of the unique things about the track are a fourth turn that has a bump in the middle and is considered dangerously tight at the exit, a first turn

that tends to get wet even when it's not raining and a surface that drivers say is too slick to handle side-by-side racing.

All the negatives crystallized on the first turn of the second lap, when a highway-style chain reaction of crashes damaged 10 cars, knocking three out of the race. The pileups, which delayed the race by 33 minutes, ended any hopes of victory for Dale Earnhardt and Jeff Gordon and caused many drivers' bitter feelings to resurface.

"I've never seen anything like this," said 27-year veteran Darrell Waltrip, one of crash victims and the cause of a similar fiasco in virtually the same spot on the first lap last year.

"It's just a terrible race track," said Kenny Wallace, also damaged in the

wrecks. Speedway general manager Eddie Gossage vowed that things will improve.

"We want these drivers and NASCAR to know that we will make the changes and improvements necessary to the speedway," he said. "We will ask the drivers for their input and most certainly seek direction from NASCAR."

There's no doubt drivers would like this place to be perfect. After all, the race drew roughly 200,000, about 15,000 more than last year, and the overall purse was more than \$4 million, one of the year's most lucrative.

Martin took home \$356,850 of it for his second title of the year and the 24th of his career. He moved from seventh to fourth in the points race, 57 behind

Rusty Wallace, who stayed on top despite finishing 12th.

Martin pulled into the lead for good with 30 laps left as he overtook teammate Chad Little coming out of a caution. Little wound up second, the best of his 128-start career, to provide Roush with a 1-2 finish.

Roush drivers also finished fifth (Johnny Benson), 29th (Jeff Burton) and 30th (Ted Musgrave).

Burton, the defending champion, led for 48 laps before his car suffered damage on the right side. The same problem knocked out Jeremy Mayfield, who led 105 of the first 177 laps.

"I thought we had the two best cars and neither of us will get a chance to show what we really had, unfortunately," Burton said.

## Rangers knock off Blue Jays

**TORONTO (AP)** — As long as he was keeping the ball in the park, John Burkett did just fine.

Burkett overcame three Toronto home runs, combining with John Wetteland to pitch the Texas Rangers past the Blue Jays 6-5 Sunday.

Shawn Green hit a three-run homer for Toronto, and Jose Canseco and Craig Grebeck had solo shots.

Burkett (1-1) pitched 7 2-3 innings for Texas, leaving after Canseco's second homer in two days made it 6-5.

"I'll just go out there and pitch until they tell me I'm done," Burkett said. "I'd rather have a manager who depends on you, rather than take you after seven innings."

Burkett gave up six hits and struck out six.

Texas manager Johnny Oates was satisfied.

"Overall, I'm very pleased with what John did," Oates said. "The bottom line is that we got enough from him today."

Wetteland, in his first appearance of the season, retired all four batters for a save.

The score was tied at 4 in the seventh when Tom Goodwin led off with a single against Bill Risley (0-1). Goodwin moved up on a balk and scored on Rusty Greer's double.

Greer later scored when the Blue Jays were late trying to turn on a double play on Will Clark's comebacker to pitcher Dan Plesac.

Chris Carpenter started for the Blue Jays, giving up four runs and six hits. He struck out six.

"I just tried to do everything I could to keep the team in the game, but it wasn't great," Carpenter said. "I just have to learn to relax out there."

"I still think I made some pretty good pitches. I have to make sure I concentrate all the time out there," he said. Green hit a three-run homer with no outs in the first. The Rangers came back with a run in the second and three more in the fourth for a 4-3 lead.

Grebeck's homer in the fifth tied it.

**Notes:** The Blue Jays signed second baseman Pat Kelly to a minor league deal on Sunday and assigned him to Triple-A Syracuse.



**Figure 7 Tennis Center professional Jim Blacketer uses a somewhat novel approach for explaining the need for a smooth swing, using a brave Mindy Partee (right) to decide whether she wanted him using an easy swing or a hard and jerky motion if he were to hit the ball she's holding. In the background, Ame Blacketer stands near her father, while Amanda Lucas and Michelle Newell also look on during the lesson.**

## Majerus seems top candidate for Texas post

**AUSTIN (AP)** — Rick Majerus has said he's staying put at Utah, but he's reportedly a leading candidate to take over at Texas.

The Austin American-Statesman, citing an unnamed source close to the selection committee, reported Sunday that Majerus will meet with UT officials about the job vacated by Tom Penders.

The panel met Saturday in Austin to begin the search for Penders' replacement. Penders resigned last week after three weeks of controversy that began when unhappy players met with UT athletic director DeLoss Dodds.

Majerus led the Utes to the championship game of this year's NCAA tournament. Last week, he rejected a seven-figure offer from Arizona State.

Other top candidates on UT's list reportedly include Bob Bender of Washington, Kelvin Sampson of Oklahoma and formerly of Washington State, North Carolina assistant Phil Ford, and Rick Barnes of Clemson.

Bender, who is vacationing with his family in Florida, told the Seattle Post-Intelligencer on Sunday that he spoke Saturday night with Dodds about scheduling a meeting this week to discuss the job.

"Tuesday or Wednesday, we're not sure," Bender said. He said doesn't know how high he is on the list of candidates.

"I really don't have a feel about the total situation until I sit down face to face with them," Bender said.

Majerus, 50, makes about \$1 million annually at Utah. About half of that comes from a deal with Reebok. The Texas athletic department also is affiliated with Reebok.

### OTHER CHOICES?

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**Bob Bender** Washington  
**Kelvin Sampson** Oklahoma  
**Phil Ford** N. Carolina  
**Rick Barnes** Clemson

Dodds has said UT will not pay its next basketball coach more than the \$750,000 made by new football coach Mack Brown. Penders had received \$550,000 annually.

Two coaches interested in the job have received strong recommendations.

Former North Carolina coach Dean Smith called Dodds on behalf of Ford, 42. Ex-NBA coach John Lucas also received an endorsement from a prominent UT booster, according to the American-Statesman.

Lucas, who coached the San Antonio Spurs and Philadelphia 76ers, has expressed interest in coaching at the college level.

Dodds declined to name his top candidates.

"I've got real strong feelings about some coaches I want to talk to," he said. "We have a long list, but I guess you can say in my mind there's a short list where we have a real serious interest."

UT guard DeJuan "Chico" Vazquez, a player adviser to the screening committee, met with the group for about 45 minutes Saturday. Vazquez said he told members that players would like a coach would continue the same full-court style implemented by Penders.

"They wanted to know how we feel — what kind of style we want and do we want to change the style we have," he said.

## Most playoff contenders struggle with NBA season nearing its end

**The ASSOCIATED PRESS**

It looks like the dog days of the NBA season haven't quite ended yet. How else to explain why so many playoff contenders played like mongrels against the mutts of the league.

Seattle barely beat Denver. Utah barely beat Vancouver. Indiana barely beat Milwaukee.

Cleveland barely beat the Clippers. And that wasn't all Sunday.

The Lakers needed overtime to beat Detroit, Atlanta lost at home to Minnesota and New York was simply flattened by Boston.

With only two weeks left in the regular season, only the Chicago Bulls looked like a team ready to start the postseason. Despite being without Luc Longley and Toni Kukoc, the Bulls overpowered the faltering Houston Rockets 109-94 to extend their winning streak to 12 games — the longest in the NBA this season.

"We have a lot of turmoil on

this team, but when we get on the court everything is fine," Dennis Rodman said after Chicago improved the league's best record to 58-17.

In other games, Seattle edged Denver 87-83, Utah defeated Vancouver 99-93, Indiana nipped Milwaukee 93-92, Cleveland outlasted the Clippers 94-93, the Lakers topped Detroit 105-103 in overtime, Minnesota topped Atlanta 97-96, Boston drubbed New York 102-92, Washington defeated Orlando 88-85, Philadelphia beat Toronto 116-104 and Sacramento topped Dallas 105-99.

Michael Jordan scored 40 points for the Bulls, reaching that plateau for the 11th time this season. Scottie Pippen added 20 points, eight assists and five blocked shots while Scott Burrell had 15 points.

Rodman had 12 rebounds and a season-high eight assists and Bill Wennington, making only his third start of the year because of a foot injury to Kukoc, added 14.

"That is the best team in the

NBA," Houston's Mario Elie said. "In the fourth quarter they were stroking the ball so well. Jordan was tremendous and his concentration level was simply phenomenal."

Houston's Eddie Johnson opened the fourth quarter with a basket to cut the Bulls' lead to 71-68. Burrell then scored 13 points, including three 3-pointers, and Pippen added nine as Chicago opened a 93-78 lead.

"Rhythm is everything, that and cohesion. That's what we have," Jordan said.

**SuperSonics 87, Nuggets 83**

At Denver, the Sonics had to work a lot harder than they initially expected in order to win their 57th game.

Vin Baker scored 21 points, including two crucial baskets off offensive rebounds in the final minute, as Seattle kept the Nuggets at nine victories.

The Nuggets (9-66) have seven games left to get one victory, which would guarantee they won't equal the worst record in NBA history.

## Steers golfers gain some ground in 4-4A tourney; Bulldogettes fall

**HERALD Staff Reports**

**ANDREWS** — To some extent, Big Spring's Steers rebounded from their disastrous back nine meltdown at Pecos the week before, to turn in a 314 total Saturday to move into sixth-place in the teams standings of the District 4-4A boys' golf tournament with a two-round total of 632 Saturday.

Andrews' Mustangs, playing on their home course at the Andrews Country Club, literally iced away the team championship with a round of 288, giving them a two-round total of 581 and a 30-stroke lead over second-place San Angelo Lake View's Chiefs.

Lake View finished the second round with a 312 and a two-day total of 611, but managed to add two more strokes to their lead over Andrews' junior varsity, which finished Saturday's round at 314 and 615 overall.

The Chiefs also improved their

### AREA ROUNDUP

chances for maintaining the runner-up's regional tournament bid, since the third and final round of the tournament will be played April 16 at San Angelo's Riverside Municipal Golf Course.

Rudy Gamboa and Blake Weaver led the way for the Steers during second round play, Gamboa posting a round of 75, while Weaver carded a 79.

Gamboa heads into the final round with a 155 total, while Weaver is at 159. Teammate Sammy Rodriguez managed an 80 Saturday, as did Heath Bailey, while O.J. Hernandez toured the circuit in 83 strokes.

Rodriguez stands at 157 after both rounds, while Bailey has a 161 total and Hernandez stands at 167.

Fort Stockton turned in a 319

Saturday to remain in fourth place with a 626 total, but Sweetwater's Mustangs gained two strokes with a 317 that left them at 629 going into the final round.

The remainder of the team field and their scores includes: Pecos 313, 339-652; Big Spring junior varsity, 341, 338-679; Fort Stockton JV, 330, 355-685; Lake View JV, 346, 349-695; Sweetwater JV, 342, 356-698; and Pecos JV, 350, 358-708.

Chris Rodriguez led the Steers JV with a 78 Saturday, giving him a 161 total, while Jamie Womble carded a 79 to stand at 168. Aaron Harland's 88 gave him a 173 total, while Richard Gaigan finished at 93 for a 180 total and Zach Hall finished at 95 for a 191 total.

Three Big Spring players played individual rounds — Josh Long posting a 96 Saturday to carry a 188 in the medalist standings, while Chris Bravo and Roger Bravo, neither of whom played

during the first round, posted scores of 94 and 95, respectively.

### Bulldogettes stumble

**LUBBOCK** — The wheels came off for Coahoma's Bulldogettes as they committed three costly errors and couldn't come up with key hits when they needed them Saturday in a 7-5 loss to Lubbock Coronado's Lady Mustangs.

The result was a rare loss for senior ace Tara Sterling who gave up all seven Lady Mustangs runs in three innings of work, giving up 10 hits while striking out two batters.

Sterling was relieved by freshman Amber Bingham, who blanked Coronado during the final three innings, allowing just two hits and striking out a pair of batters.

As a result of the Bulldogettes' three errors, four of Coronado's runs were unearned. But the most damaging fac-

tor was Coahoma's inability to produce runs when they had runners in scoring position early in the game.

The Bulldogettes left nine runners stranded, including a bases-loaded situation in the third when they managed just one run.

Coahoma pounded out 13 hits, 11 of them in the final three innings. Bingham led the way offensively with a 3-for-4 showing at the plate, driving in a pair of runs. Brandi Hart and Shana Earnest added 2-for-4 showings.

A couple of freshmen also provided results coming off the bench. Stephanie Sparks made the most of her chance, coming into the game and going 2-for-2 with a single and a double, and Cassie Rich drove in two runs with a hit in one of her two appearances at the plate.

The Bulldogettes at 13-5 overall and 5-0 in district play, host to Hermleigh's Lady Cardinals at 5 p.m. Tuesday.

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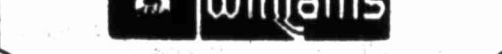
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We've even tried letting the jar remain empty for several days, but she just waits until we refill it, then she cleans it out again. This is creating a lot of resentment - as well as expense - for those of us who can least afford it. (Her salary is more than all the secretaries combined.)

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 7:**

In this unusual year, you focus on work and daily life. You will want to improve your standard of living and add more creature comforts. Honor your need for private time, when you can recharge. Take classes in stress-reduction techniques. Be open to anything that simplifies your life. If you are single, be careful about someone you meet who is mysterious. Find out more about him before you get too involved. 1999 is your relationship year. If attached, work together to enhance the quality of your life. Frequent weekend retreats will help you relax and become closer. VIRGO is unusually fussy.

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)**

Plunge into work. You need to express your high energy in a meaningful manner. You have a tendency to overindulge. Listen carefully to feedback, and recognize your own bias. Focus on increasing your efficiency. Tonight: Consider ways to improve your health.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**

You can only ignore a situation for so long. Pressure is intense. You are acting from anger more than you know. A creative outlet, new hobby or potential flirtation are all positive channels for you, and help manage your stress. Let creativity surge. Tonight: Midweek romp!

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**

You come from a place of security, better understanding and a new beginning. A friend pushes you; before you act on it, spend a day or two mulling it over. A boss seems overly docile. Be careful not to take this attitude for granted. Tonight: Happy at home.

**CANCER (June 21-July 21)**

Avoid spending money simply to make an impression on someone. Keep communications flowing, and figure out your bottom line. Make calls, and reach out for another. You see someone's concern when you read between the lines. Tonight: Meet a friend after work.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**

Your enthusiasm is awesome in the early hours. A partner cajoles until you spend time with him. Evaluate restrictions, so you can decide which ones to release. Plan on a long lunch hour, as business merges with pleasure. Tonight: Keep a tight rein on your checkbook.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**

You are personality-plus, and others find you irresistible. You don't have to do much; just stay on cruise control. Clear out as much work as possible, as you will need some free time soon. Your social life takes a

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**

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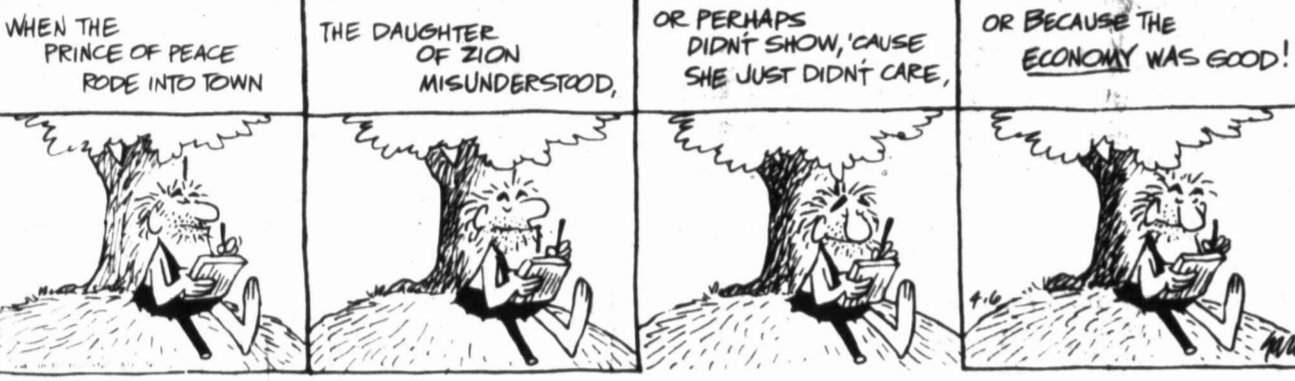
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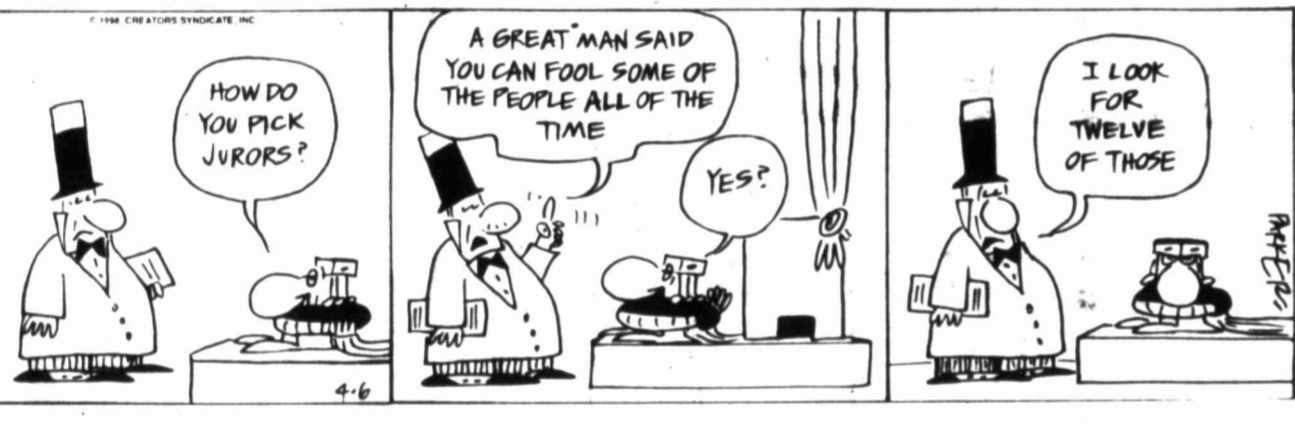
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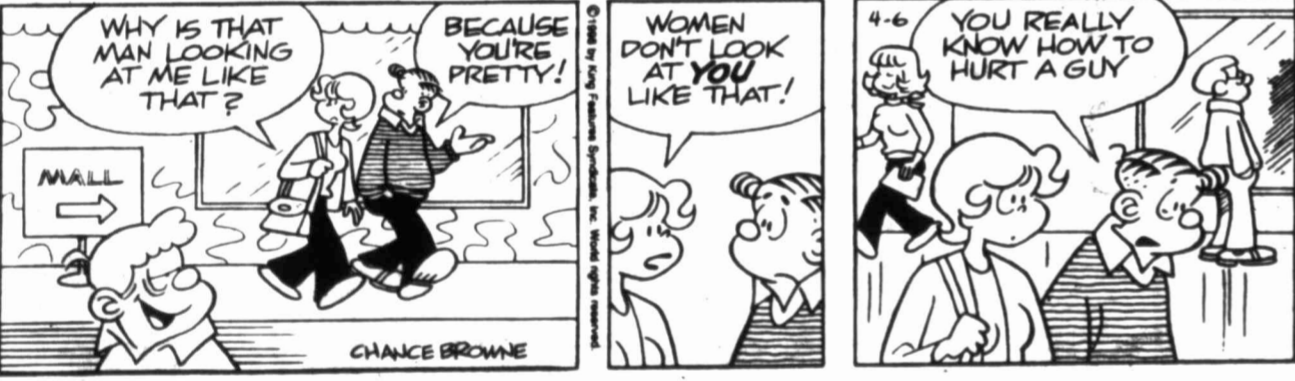
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, April 6, the 96th day of 1998. There are 269 days left in the year.

THE Daily Crossword

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On this date: In 1830, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was organized by Joseph Smith in Fayette, N.Y. In 1862, the Civil War Battle of Shiloh began in Tennessee. In 1896, the first modern Olympic games formally opened in Athens, Greece. In 1917, Congress approved a declaration of war against Germany. In 1963, the United States signed an agreement to sell Polaris A3 missiles to Britain. In 1965, the United States launched the Early Bird communications satellite. In 1971, Russian-born composer Igor Stravinsky died in New York City. In 1983, saying rock 'n' roll bands attracted "the wrong element," Interior Secretary James Watt declined to invite the Beach Boys to perform at a Washington Fourth of July celebration - a stand he later reversed. In 1985, William J. Schroeder became the first artificial heart recipient to be discharged from the hospital as he moved into an apartment in Louisville, Ky. In 1994, Supreme Court Justice Harry A. Blackmun announced his retirement after 24 years.

Ten years ago: Tirza Porat, 15, was killed in a West Bank melee, becoming the first Israeli civilian to die in the occupied territories since the start of the Palestinian uprising. Although Arabs were initially blamed, the army concluded that a Jewish settler accidentally shot the girl. Five years ago: In a televised speech a year after ethnic warfare erupted in Bosnia, the president of the Muslim-led government, Alija Izetbegovic, compared that destructive nationalism to Nazism. One year ago: NASA officials announced they were cutting short the 16-day mission of space shuttle Columbia by 12 days because of a deteriorating power generator. A blizzard shut down much of the northern Plains.

Today's Birthdays: Composer-conductor Andre Previn is 69. Actor Ivan Dixon is 67. Country singer Merle Haggard is 61. Actor Billy Dee Williams is 61. Actor Roy Thinnes is 60. Movie director Barry Levinson is 56. Singer Michelle Phillips is 54. Actor John Ratzenberger is 51. Actress Marilu Henner is 46. Figure skater Janet Lynn is 45. Actor Michael Rooker is 43. Actress Ari Meyers ("Kate and Allie") is 29. Actor Jason Hervey ("The Wonder Years") is 26. Actress Candace Cameron ("Full House") is 22.

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