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Lawmakers say **USDA not helping** with new drought

lawmakers say the U.S. Department of Agriculture is mishandling last year's emergency drought relief and ignoring this year's arid, potentially disastrous conditions on the High Plains.

Rep. Bill Sarpalius, an Amarillo Democrat and member of House Agriculture subcommittee on wheat, soybeans and feed grains, said the Texas Panhandle is extremely dry, yet he can't find out "from anybody" what "we can do to help our farmers."

At a hearing Thursday, an angry Rep. Pat Roberts, R-Kan., said the central part of the country is "blowing away ... and I can't get any damn answers," because of the Bush administration's slow pace in filling key policy jobs at USDA.

'People are crawling out of train wrecks faster ... than they're getting people on board. I'm almost to the point of thinking we have a new standard of service. We don't have to get a bunch of celibate monks down there," Roberts said during a subcommittee hearing on USDA's handling of the \$3.9 billion drought bill.

Rep. Ron Marlenee, R-Mont., said USDA was the "laughingstock" of the American producer. Its overly complicated approach to administering drought relief was an embarrassment to the House Agriculture Committee and the subcommittee.

"I'd like to know how it'd look if you made it complicated," Marlence said. "If I could find the suite of rooms where you generate those complexities, I'd go down there and devastate it.'

Milton Hertz, administrator of USDA's Agricultural Stabilization and



WASHINGTON (AP) - Farm state Conservation Service, said farmers receiving drought benefits do not face an undue paperwork burden. He said he doesn't believe the agency has suffered during the transition to the Bush administration.

As of Feb. 28, more than 558,000 producers have received disaster payments and emergency feed assistance amounting to more than \$2.7 billion, Hertz testified.

The amount paid to date represents 70 percent of what the agency anticipates will go to farmers stricken by the devastating drought of 1988, Hertz said.

Hertz said he was not aware of efforts at USDA to draft 1989 drought relief, although subcommittee chainnan Rep. Dan Glickman, D-Kan., said it's "no secret the central part of America is blowing away right now' with potential for a drought of 'incredible magnitude."

Sarpalius said he supports another drought-relief bill this year, with Panhandle wheat crops just "burned up" and further decimated by insects. Livestock also has suffered.

Agriculture Committee Chairman Kika de la Garza, D-Texas, said drought conditions extend from North Dakota to South Texas.

"The dust is blowing ... the seed won't germinate," said de la Garza, asking Hertz to determine whether farmers must plant seed when they know it won't germinate in order to collect disaster relief.

D.G. "Bill" Nelson, executive vice president of the Texas Wheat Producers Association, said droughtrelated damages to the Lone Star State's 1989 wheat crop are worse now than a year ago.

The Panhandle usually receives 4 inches of rain during the wheat season between October and February, but this year has received only 1 inch and forecasts are not promising for more, said Sarpalius.

Nelson asked the panel to consider extending provisions of the 1988 drought bill into 1989.

Ron Rivinius, an Elgin, N.D., wheat producer and secretary-treasurer of the National Association of Wheat Growers Inc., said Congress needs to consider extending drought disaster assistance

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Home run congratulations

Roger McCracken (20) of the Hereford High School huge two-run home run in the bottom of the fourth inning of baseball team is congratulated by teammates after he hit a Thursday's 13-9 win over Canyon at Whiteface Field.

House passes minimum wage

wage shifts the partisan battle to the issued after the House vote he asked job losses, added a provision allowing Steve Gunderson, R-Wis., said during Senate, where the leading proponent Bush, who has threatened to veto any of an increase is urging President Bush attempt to raise the hourly minimum to refrain from further veto threats above \$4.25, to keep an open mind The House voted 248-171 Thursday a bill. in favor of legislation that would raise the minimum wage from the current \$3.35 an hour to \$4.55 by October demonstrate that they can work 1991, with the first increase taking together and in doing so achieve a fair effect later this year.

WASHINGTON (AP) - House Kennedy has said he is open to

Sponsors of the House bill, while "The question is do you want a bill passage of a plan to raise the minimum amending his bill, and in a statement disputing GOP projections of massive or do you want a political issue?" Rep.

BILL NELSON



That feller on Tierra Blanca Creek says imagination was given to woman, plopping down on the couch. man to compensate him for what he As her hand dropped between the is not--and a sense of humor to console cushions, however, she brushed a small him for what he is.

Several years ago we ran a story about a little green snake in this on the couch as the snake slithered column. It evoled quite a response quickly under the sofa again. and several readers have requested we Realizing that something needed to be publish it again, so here goes:

why he was in the hospital. He said his wife had brought a bunch of potted mouth-to-mouth resusitation he'd seen. plants and hanging baskets into the house to keep them from freezing, and back into the proper position, and just it happened that a little green snake as he started the first breath, his wife had hidden himself in one of those came dashing in with a sackful of plants, and got carried inside.

When the snake warmed up, it came heard the screams next door. slithering out of the pot and went it and let out a scream.

the time, but he leaped out of the tub husband's head. and ran naked to see what his wife was screaming about.

dog and cold-nosed him.

fainted. HIs wife thought he'd had a she started trying to pour down the heart attack and called an ambulance. poor fellow's throat. The attendants rushed in and loaded him up on a stretcher and started carrying him out.

About that time, the snake came slithering out from under the sofa, and the ambulance men saw it and dropped the stretcher and broke the fellow's leg, and that's why he was in the hospital.

Well, with her husband in the hospital with a broken leg, and a snake under her couch, the wife went next door to enlist the help of a neighbor who had the reputation of an oudoorsman, having camped out with the Cub Scouts last summer.

His wife was at the grocery store, and he volunteered to corral the snake. Armed with a rolled-up newspaper, he took a few swishes under the couch and declared that the snake had woman with a very scared little green vacated the premises.

"Thank goodness," declared the scaly skin, which she immediately realized was the snake.

Screaming, she fainted dead away done, the outdoorsman drew upon his It seems this fellow was explaining meager first-aid knowledge and remembered a demonstration of So, he pushed the woman's head grocercies she was carrying when she

Seeing her husband mouth-to-mouth under the sofa. The fellow's wife saw with the neighbor woman on the couch, she immediately slammed the He happened to be taking a bath at heavy sack of cans across her

The crash and scattering cans brought the fainted woman up with a His wife told him a snake was start. When she saw the neighbor under the sofa. So, he got down on the lying on the floor, and his wife floor to look for it, and here came the bending over him, she was sure he was snake-bitten and ran to the kitchen for He thought it was the snake and a bottle of medicinal whiskey which

> His wife, beginning to regret hitting him with the sack, was subdued but did manage to wrestle the whiskey bottle away from the other woman, sloshing some on both of them in the process. About that time, two policemen, summoned by another neighbor who heard the screams and the crash, walked in. After a sniff of the whiskey aroma from the man and both women, the officers listened politely as the two women, talking at the same time, explained how a snake had caused it all

The policemen left with the ambulance that took the still unconscious husband and his sobbing wife away to the hospital, leaving the first snake hidden far back under the couch.

The House then joined the Senate on an Easter recess that ends April 3. sub-minimum training wage covering it returns is a bill sponsored by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., that would raise the minimum wage to \$4.65 by 1992.

while Congress settles on a final bill. until the House and Senate agree on

"This is an excellent opportunity for Congress and the administration to increase in the minimum wage and an honest training wage," Kennedy said.

Bush has insisted that a six-month High on the Senate agenda when all newly hired employees be created in any legislation to raise the minimum wage, a provision he said will help offset potential job losses caused by raising the minimum.

poverty, just because of the many

disadvantages associated with being

Higher Education Commissioner

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poor in this country."

a sub-minimum wage to be paid to an unsuccessful GOP effort to new hires for two months provided it was their first job.

That falls far short of the White House demand and, with Kennedy also opposed to Bush's training-wage proposal, that issue likely will be a major sticking point in any attempts to reach a compromise.

Several Republicans insisted that Democrats were going to have to give hour on Oct. 1, to \$4.25 on Oct. 1, in to Bush - who appears to have the 1990, and to \$4.55 a year later. The votes to sustain a veto - or let a ninth provision for the new-hire wage, to be year pass without any change in the pegged at 85 percent of the minimum minimum wage.

substitute Bush's proposal for the House leadership's measure. "If you truly want to raise the minimum wage this is the only game in town."

But Democrats argued they had given enough by cutting the final increase from \$4.65 an hour to \$4.55 and by adding the new-hire wage.

As amended, the House bill would boost the minimum wage to \$3.85 an wage, would expire Sept. 30, 1992.

Minorities show problems on testing

AUSTIN (AP) - Higher failure rates said. "I think there's a high correlation majors. of minorities on the new basic skills between learning difficulties and test for college students can be attaibuted in part to more of them being poor, Education Commissioner W.N. Kirby said.

Forty-two percent of blacks, 31 Kenneth Ashworth said minorities also percent of Hispanics and 13 percent are coming through school systems of whites failed at least one section of with fewer resources. the Texas Academic Skills Program. test, officials announced Thursday. The failure rate - 19 percent overall transfer students entering Texas public is expected to rise in the future.

"Minority youngsters in this state and across the nation are much more likely to be raised in poverty," Kirby formerly given only to education

Local Roundup

Crimestoppers offers reward

A \$300 reward is offered by Deaf Smith County Crimestoppers for information leading to the arrest and indictment of suspects involved in the Crime of the Week, a burglary at Sugarland Mall between March 16 and 17.

Damage to the building in that burglary was estimated at \$400, and approximately \$600 in merchandise was stolen. Three cassette players, two with AM-FM radio, were taken along with numerous items of clothing.

Eight black "rock music" t-shirts were included in the stolen clothing. Other items were one Rush blue tank top, one black Levi pullover shirt, one pair boy's jams shorts, three Morey Boogie tank tops and three black Towncraft racing jackets.

Four pair of Avia hightop basketball shoes, white with grey, were stolen. They included one pair each of sizes nine and ten and two pair of seven and a halfs.

Anyone with information about this crime can call the Deaf Smith County Crimestoppers at 364-CLUE or 364-2583. If an arrest and indictment results, the Crimestoppers Board of Directors will determine which caller or callers will be eligible for a reward.

Police thwart burglary

While on patrol Thursday night two Hereford police officers foiled an apparent burglary attempt when they surprised two suspects at a storage

Of those who took the test, 419

were black, 1,600 Hispanic and 5,339 white.

Grand jury indicts 13

By KAY PECK Staff Writer A Deaf Smith County grand jury

actions Thursday. tics test is required for freshmen and Those indictments included: colleges beginning this fall. The test, \$750 and under \$20,000; Benjamin giving for the first time March 4, also served as a substitute for the exam render aid; Elva Bosquez Marry for at large.

tampering with government records; Jeffery Alan Boldon for posses-

sion of a controlled substance handed down 13 indictments in (amphetamines); Bart Wesley West for possession of a controlled substance (amphetamines); and David John Jesko for theft over Israel Uvalle for aggravated perjury. Another seven individuals Elizondo for failure to stop and indicted by the grand jury remained

building on West Park Avenue. Police pursued the suspects as they fled on foot, but the officers lost sight of suspects in the night-time chase.

Two cases of apparent vandalism were investigated by the Hereford Police Department. A stack of bricks, valued at \$50, was destroyed behind the Jehova's Witness Hall in the 100 block of Ave. H, and, in a separate case, paint was scratched on a vehicle at Whiteface Ford. Damage to the vehicle was estimated at \$200.

A domestic dispute was investigated in the 900 bock of S. Julian; one woman reported receiving harassing phone calls; a report of harassment by mail was made in the 200 block of Catalpa; and a domestic dispute was reported in the 300 block of Miller.

Police are also investigating a reported case of child abuse. Other calls made by Hereford officers included intervention in an apparent teenage suicide attempt.

Fourteen traffic citations were issued by the Hereford Police Department.

Windy, warm weather

Tonight will be fair with a low near 45. Southwest winds will be 10-15 mph.

Saturday will be partly sunny with a high of 78. West winds will be 10-20 mph and gusty.

This morning's low at KPAN was 39 after a high Thursday of 81.

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News Digest Chilean grapes return to stores World/National Price increase expected after cyanide scare

WASHINGTON - President Bush nailed down the first plank of his emerging foreign policy by achieving a rare agreement with Congress to extend aid to the Contra rebels and support Central American peace efforts.

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador - Right-wing president-elect Alfredo Cristiai says he's willing to negotiate with leftist rebels while warning that his government will not accept U.S. intervention in the country's ongoing civil war.

WASHINGTON - Government reluctance to make public an air terrorism threat in Europe is bringing new calls from relatives of the Pan Am Flight 103 bombing victims for disclosure of all serious threats against commercial aviation.

WASHINGTON - House passage of a plan to raise the minimum wage shifts the partisan battle to the Senate, where the leading proponent of an increase is urging President Bush to refrain from further veto threats while Congress settles on a final bill.

WASHINGTON - Fresh Chilean grapes are being trucked across the country after a two-week absence from store shelves because of a cyanide poisoning scare, industry leaders say.

LITTLETON, Colo. - A man gone berserk with a submachine gun killed two women, raped another, shot and injured two police officers and a hostage, then mortally wounded himself during 12 hours of terror in suburban Denver.

COLUMBUS, Ohio - Randall Dalc Adams has said he always knew he would come home a free man one day. But even Adams did not expect the throng of cheering, weeping well-wishers who greeted him with signs and yellow ribbons as he walked from a plane into the arms of his mother.

CHICAGO - Fourteen students are heading back to West Virginia after spending their spring break doing volunteer service at an inner-city homeless shelter. "I knew I would get a lot more out of this than Florida," one of the students says.

HELENA, Mont. - The Montana card: Don't leave home without it. The Montana Legislature is considering issuing a Visa or MasterCard and using its sales commission to help pay for public schools.

State

DALLAS - As Randall Dale Adams arrived home to rousing cheers from well-wishers, the Dallas County district attorney declared he will not retry the one-time drifter convicted in the 1976 shooting death of a police officer.

BROWNSVILLE - A doctor who has provided free medical care for many immigrants says the number of Central Americans in crowded government custody in southern Texas poses a public health threat.

HOUSTON - Federal aviation officials are investigating why an American Airlines pilot took off from the wrong runway and struck several construction barricades before safely flying the damaged plane to Dallas.

HOUSTON - Prosecutors and judges facing a sharply growing docket in Houston courts say a crack cocaine epidemic is to blame, accounting for 12 percent of pending court cases but influencing many more.

WASHINGTON - Farm state lawmakers say the U.S. Department of Agriculture is mishandling last year's emergency drought relief and ignoring this year's arid, potentially disastrous conditions on the High Plains.

MIDLAND - It's a movie about the dramatic rescue of toddler Jessica McClure from an abandoned well in the West Texas city of Midland. But as the filming of the television movie starts, most of the scenes are not being shot in Texas.

Chilean grapes are being trucked grapes from Chile. Earlier in the month across the country today after a two-week absence from store shelves embassy in the Chilean capital of week absence from store shelves embassy in the Chilean capital of be on some store shelves by the because of a cyanide poisoning scare, Santiago had threatened to inject weekend, Bown said. industry leaders say.

Consumers may see slightly higher prices are expected to drop back to pre-scare levels in a couple of weeks when supply catches up with demand, they said.

Losses to Chilean exporters and to U.S. fruit importers as a result of the it could not be readily inspected. cyanide scare over grapes and other produce are estimated at \$240 million, Ronald S. Bown, executive director of the Chilean Exporters Association, said Thursday.

Some of those losses may be offset assurances. by a plan being developed by the Chilean government to compensate U.S. importers, wholesalers and rctailers as well as Chilean growers and exporters, Bown said.

Officials at the Chilean embassy in Washington did not return telephone calls for comment on the plan Thursday.

million worth of Chilean fruit is being destroyed under the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's advisory that

cyanide in export fruit.

Some 2 million to 3 million crates prices on the produce initially, but of the fruit - grapes, berries, pears, nectarines, peaches, melon and apples had been removed from store shelves or was being held in warehouses until the FDA concluded last week that it would have to be destroyed because

The FDA then announced a plan for stepped-up inspections of Chilean fruit at the docks and on ships to clear the way for the Chilean exports to get back into the stores with safety

Bown said the Chilean fruit industry is anticipating a "sustained level of consumer demand" in the United States and is doing all it can to ensure that fruit coming from Chile will be "fresh, nutritious, of premium quality and available at a reasonable price."

The reason, he said, is simple: "The An estimated \$50 million to \$75 U.S. is by far our biggest and best customer - and we want to keep it that way."

Exporters are concentrating their was issued after the agency on March efforts on returning table grapes to

Failure to disclose threat is criticized

WASHINGTON (AP) - Government reluctance to make public an air terrorism threat in Europe is bringing new calls from relatives of the Pan Am Flight 103 bombing victims for disclosure of all serious threats against commercial aviation.

White House, State Department and Transportation Department officials all attempted on Thursday to downplay the hijacking threat against U.S. airlines in Western Europe. Still, some officials, Transportation Secretary Samuel Skinner in particular, expressed anger that it was released to the public in leaks to British news media. But several relatives of victims of the Dec. 21 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Scotland said they believe the way the government handles terrorism bullctins warns diplomatic and military personnel while keeping other potential passengers uninformed about risks. British investigators have concluded that a terrorist bomb concealed in a radio-cassette player blew up the Boeing 747 over Scotland, killing all 259 people aboard and 11 others on the ground in Lockerbie, Scotland. The relatives, in telephone interviews, criticized government failure to provide the public with information about terrorist warnings, such as the March 16 memorandum sent by the Federal Aviation Administration to airlines, airports and European security officials. The FAA acknowledged the existence of the memo, but declined to discuss its contents, which were nonctheless reported by the Daily Express and other London news media. The newspaper said a hijacking by three Palestinians was threatened during the Easter weekend. U.S. officials denied that the bulletin contained any reference to this weekend. They also denied the newspaper's assertion that U.S. diplomatic and military personnel were warned of the threat. 'We don't think they should use bulletin.

the American public as live bait," said Colleen Hermann, of Huntington, N.Y., whose brother John Michael Ahern was killed on Flight 103.

Bert Ammerman, a spokesman for the relatives of Lockerbie victims, said the group is not calling for general public announcements every time there is a terrorist threat.

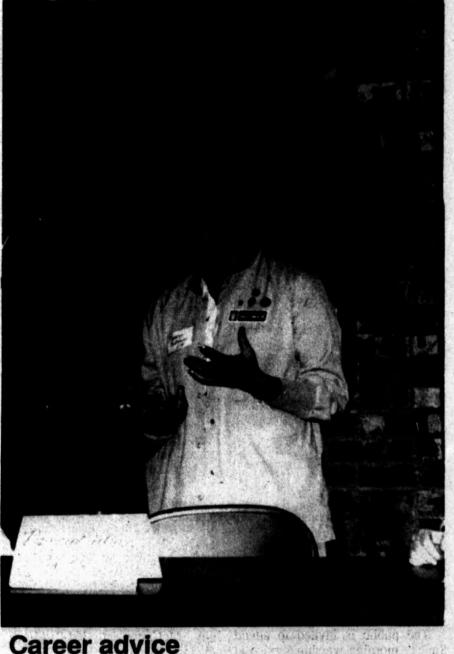
But he said that until "prudent security measures" can be taken to

WASHINGTON (AP) - Fresh 12 found traces of cyanide in two U.S. markets, since they constitute 70 percent of Chilean fruit exports. Pears, and nectarines will follow, and should

There was no estimate when other fruits may begin appearing. The FDA has been holding up distribution until laboratory tests can give inspectors a better idea how to see evidence of

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cyanide tampering. Prices initially may be "slightly higher" than they had been before the scare began because of pent-up demand, said George F. Carstens, president of the American Produce Association, which represents 65 companies that import Chilean fruit.



Nancy Beltran, R.N., was one of six local professionals to speak at a Camp Fire meeting Thursday night in a program entitled "Career Decisions." Other speakers at that meeting were Mike Mimms, D.V.M.; Mary Birdsong, M.D.; Joe Rogers, teacher; Kay Peck, journalist; and Chuck Moore, attorney.



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Good Friday, March 24, the 83rd day of 1989. There are 282 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On March 24, 1882, German scientist Robert Koch announced in Berlin that he had discovered the bacillus responsible for tuberculosis. On this date:

In 1765, Britain enacted the Quartering Act, requiring American colonists to provide temporary housing to British soldiers.

In 1883, long-distance telephone service was inaugurated between Chicago and New York.

In 1932, a New York radio station, WABC, broadcast a variety program from a moving train in Maryland.

In 1934, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a bill granting future independence to the Philippines.

In 1944, in occupied Rome, the Nazis executed more than 300 civilians in reprisal for an attack by Italian partisans the day before that killed 32 German soldiers.

In 1958, rock 'n' roll singer Elvis Presley was inducted into the Army in Memphis, Tenn.

In 1976, the president of Argentina, Isabel Peron, was deposed by her country's military.

In 1980, one of El Salvador's most respected Roman Catholic Church leaders, Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero, was shot to death by unidentified gunmen as he celebrated mass in San Salvador.

Ten years ago: The trial of Black Panther leader Huey Newton, accused in the 1974 slaying of a 17-year-old prostitute, ended in a mistrial in Oakland, Calif.

Today's birthdays: Actor Norman Fell is 64. Fashion and costume designer Bob Mackie is 49. Actress Donna Pescow is 35. Actor Robert Carradine is 35.

Thought for today: "How do most people live without any thoughts? There are many people in the world, - you must have noticed them in the street, - how do they live? How do they get strength to put on their clothes in the morning?" - Emily Dickinson, American poet (1830-1886).

Montana may sponsor credit card for income

HELENA, Mont. (AP) - Some legislators want the state to cash in on credit cards as a way of balancing demands for increased spending and lower taxes.

A House committee on Thursday approved legislation that would have the state issue MasterCard or Visa cards for a commission.

If approved by the full House during the next week, it would be sent to the

This predominantly agricultural state of 804,000 residents could reap in millions of dollars in extra revenue by sponsoring the card, said Democrat-ic Rep. Mark O'Keefe.

Montana's chief tax collector, Revenue Director Ken Nordtvedt, thinks it's a good idea.

protect American carriers throughout the world, a telephone number should be set up for travellers to call to get information on any threat against a flight they plan to take.

"I don't think that's going to paralyze the aviation industry," said Ammerman, of Demarest, N.J., whose brother, Tom, was killed in the Pan Am bombing.

Some of the relatives noted that Pan Am warned passengers of a New York-Paris flight last week of a bomb threat and gave them the option of taking another plane. Pan Am said only 17 of the 200 passengers left the plane, and 11 of those flew the same flight the following day.

Tim Cole, a Washington aviation consultant, said if all threats were made public, they might become so commonplace that people would simply ignore them. "With 600 or so threats a year, you'd be crying wolf all the time," he said.

Officials say all but a handful of threats are hoaxes.

Meanwhile, authorities in London, Frankfurt, Rome and Brussels said security had been tightened after they received the FAA warning, but authorities in Paris, Amsterdam, Athens and Madrid reported no additional precautions.

Skinner said the unauthorized release of an FAA bulletin compromises intelligence-gathering efforts and jeopardizes the lives of airline passengers." He ordered an investiga-tion to find out who leaked the

"Every organization under the sun is doing this," he said. "I have two of

those cards in my pocket right now from fraternal organizations. ... "And this being our centennial year, where there's a little more sense of pride in Montana, the Department of Revenue is certainly willing to administer such a program," he said. O'Keefe, who sponsored the legislation, said the idea came from a

"At first, I thought the guy was crazy," O'Keefe said. "But the more I looked into it, it seemed it was not only legal but it might work." The card would have a special

Montana design and would be issued by banks, which would assume all liability and would process the transactions, O'Keefe said.

Regulators close three Texas banks

F.D.I.C. named receiver in closings

Three more Texas banks have been closed by regulators, bringing to 26 the number of bank failures in the state this year.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., named as receiver for all three banks on Thursday, immediately sold the institutions to other banks in Texas.

Texas Banking Commissioner Kenneth W. Littlefield closed Industrial Bank in Houston, First Bank of Rowlett and First State Bank in Rogers, each of which were onebranch institutions.

Industrial Bank, with total assets of \$68.7 million, was purchased by MetroBank, N.A., of Houston, which will assume \$66.2 million in 14,500 deposit accounts and purchase another \$32.6 million of Industrial's assets at a discount of \$2.59 million.

MetroBank also will purchase about \$76.7 million in securities at current market value. The FDIC will retain assets of \$9.4 million.

First, Bank of Rowlett was purchased by Deposit Guaranty Bank of Dallas, First Bank had total assets of \$36.3 million. Deposit Guaranty will assume about \$34.6 million in 5,600 deposit accounts, and will pay the FDIC a premium of \$1,000. It also will purchase approximately \$27.2 million of First Bank's assets, including \$1.3 million in small loans. The FDIC will advance Deposit Guaranty \$7.4 million and retain First Bank's assets, Bank asset with a book value of \$9.1 million.

First State Bank in Rogers, with assets of \$9.8 million, was bought by The Buckholts State Bank in Buckholts, which will assume about \$9.2 million in 1,900 deposit accounts for a premium of \$50,000.

Buckholts will purchase some First State assets for \$2.8 million and have options to purchase other loans and

The FDIC will advance Buckholts about \$6.4 million and retain other assets with a book value of \$7 million.

The banks will reopen today as branches of the acquiring institution.

The FDIC said it undertook the sales under its authority to minimize its losses. The agency said it will recover some of its costs through the sale of some retained assets.

Hospital Notes

PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL Yvette Aguirre, R.L. Blakely, Priscilla A. Casarez, Janie Corona, Joyce Lynn Dawson, Elmer Fryar, Eugene A. Garcia, Infant Girl Garza, Rosalinda Garza. Charlie N. Holt, S.G. Kilpatrick, Irene Latham, Walter Dennis Lomas, Baxter London, Maria G. Parez, Eunice Petersen, Minnie F.

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Lifestyles **Church News**

FIRST UNITED **METHODIST CHURCH**

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The public is invited to join First United Methodist Church congregation for special Easter services Sunday and a Good Friday service at 7:30 p.m. today.

An early worship hour is scheduled at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, then a late service at 10:45 a.m. following Sunday School and a balloon release on the church lawn at 10:30 a.m. sponsored by the Children's Division.

Dr. Steve McElroy, pastor, will give the sermon at both worship hours. Music will be directed by Steve Sobczak, minister of music. The handbell choir will play the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah and the Sanctuary Choir will sing an anthem and a special hymn arrangement with the congregation, organ and brass ensemble. Brass players will include Don Summersgill, J.J. Bookout, Tonya Deckard and Eric Barnes.

A Service of Shadows will be conducted Friday night, symbolizing the crucifixion of Christ in words and music. The Sanctuary Choir will sing, alternating with Scripture readings by Dr. McElroy, Rev. Lanny Wheeler, Buddy Peeler, Bear Denton and Bill Lyles.

After each reading a candle will be extinguished so the sanctuary will be left in deep shadow as the commemoration closes.

WESLEY UNITED **METHODIST CHURCH**

"Jesus' Last Words From the Cross" will be the theme of the Good Friday Service to begin at 7 p.m. today.

A public Easter egg hunt is set younger.

Sunday morning worship service at Charlotte Pactzold at 364-0373. ll when the choir will sing "Worthy



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

SUSIE MERRICK



DIANE KINDALL

First Christian Church is sponsoring a Women's Retreat April 8-9 in the Sheraton Hotel, 3100 I-40 West, in Amarillo.

Deadline to make reservations for those who plan to stay overnight has been extended until Monday, March 27. For day time guests for 3 p.m. Saturday at the church only, the deadline has been for children 12 years of age and extended until Wednesday, March 29. For further information, contact The public is invited to attend Judy McCarter at 364-0147, or

sentative.

FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

The "Alive" sanctuary choir will be presenting the Easter musical, "Risen To Reign", at 7 p.m. Saturday and at 10 a.m. Easter Sunday. Following the Easter Cantata, the Rev. Bob Huffaker will deliver the morning worship service at II. There will be only one service Sunday morning. The Childrens' Choir will perform from 9:50-10

Communion will be served at 6 p.m. Easter Sunday.

There will be an Easter egg hunt for all the children beginning at 4 p.m. Sunday. Each child is asked to bring one dozen wrapped candy.

eggs. Womens' Retreat, sponsored by the First Christian Church, is planned April 8-9 at the Sheraton Hotel in Amarillo. Keynote speaker will be Diane Kindall. A \$10 deposit is required at the time reservations are made. The deadline to make reservations is March 26. For further information, contact Jeff Love.

The church Spanish Ministry is planning to have a "Christian Fiesta" in the near future involving many local Spanish churches. If you would like to assist please call Elda Olivarez at 364-8303 or 364-7548.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

The drama group will meet at 4 p.m. Sunday in the youth room.

The public is invited to Sunday school which begins at 9:45 a.m. and Sunday worship services at II a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

The Spanish were the first to smoke



FIRST ASSEMBLY **OF GOD CHURCH**



REV. RAY SCHULZ

Revival services will begin Easter Sunday morning and continue through Sunday morning, April 2, at the church located at 606 E. 15th St. Sunday school starts at 9:45 a.m. and the Sunday morning worship service at 10:45. The Sunday night service will begin at 6 with the services through the week beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The Rev. Ray Schulz of Lake-land, Fla. will be serving as cvangelist. Rev. Schulz was born in Hereford and resided here until 1938. Since that time, he has held pastorates in Alabama and Florida with a total of 24 years pastoring. For the past 22 years, he has been



the Peninsular Florida district TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH secretary. He and his wife, Helen, are presently involved in evangelist ministry.

Pastor David Morris extends an invitation to everyone to attend the revival.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Rev. Charles Hahn will be the guest speaker for the Easter worship service at 10:30 a.m. Sunday

Rev. Hahn has been in the ministry for 20 years serving as a pastor, a Bible college professor and a missionary to the Philippines.

The scripture lesson is Luke 24:1-9.

ST. JOHN'S **BAPTIST CHURCH**

The public invited to attend Easter Sunrise Services at 6:45 a.m. Sunday at the church located at 400 Maple St.

For further information call the Rev. C.W. Allen.

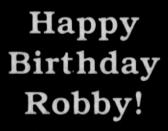


Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. and a special Easter worship service is set for II a.m. The observance of The Lord's Supper is set for 7 p.m. Sunday.

All men and boys are invited to Brotherhood Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Sunday at the church.

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from 6-10 p.m. on April 10 and April was vice president of Development Il at the church. The cost of the of The Navigators. His seven-year course, which will lower insurance rates by 10 percent, is \$25 per person.

During the eight-hour course, full color movie films will be shown and professional guest speakers will be featured. Also, a free illustrated manual will be provided.

For further information, call the church, which is located at 908 Lafayette, at 364-6578.

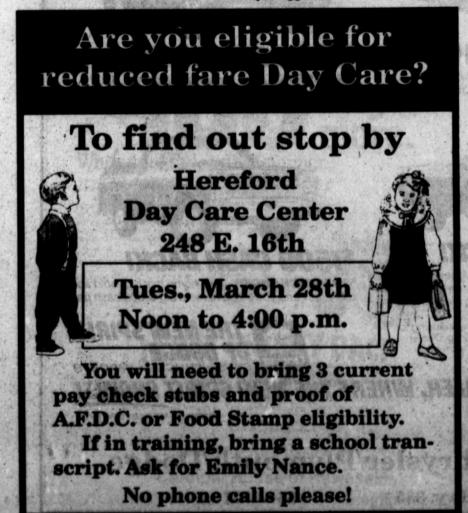
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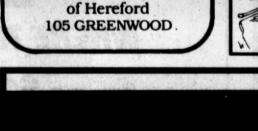
held at 7 p.m. Thursday in the There will be an Easter egg hunt beginning at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the church fellowship hall. Each child is requested to bring one sack of wrapped candy eggs or a dozen dycd eggs. Guests are welcome.



"Unique by God's Design" and "How God Deals With Us Through Our Suffering" will the topics discussed by Kindall. The speaker The first of the classes is planned is the widow of Rod Sargent who battle with cancer and death took her through a valley of suffering which deepened and strengthened

her already deep faith. The theme of the Sunday morning worship service is "Is Your Heart On Fire?". Study Luke 24:13-35.

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Herd holds off Eagles, wins 13-9

By JOHN BROOKS Managing Editor

Hereford first baseman Roger McCracken may not have literally killed the ball when he knocked a tworun homer in the bottom of the fourth inning of Hereford's 13-9 win over Canyon on Thursday at Whiteface Field.

But the ball did land, on one bounce, in the midst of St. Anthony's Cemetery.

McCracken, who went 4-for-4. delivered the final blow for the Herd in the non-district game against the Class 3A Eagles, breaking a 9-9 tie as the Herd shut out the Eagles over the last three innings for the win.

Despite giving up nine runs, Hereford coach T.R. | Sartor was generally pleased with the pitching of J.T. Heaton, Fidel Ceballos and Clint Cotten.

"Something we talked about was no free passes," Sartor said. "They had to hit the ball to get on, I thought our pitching was much better.

"At the plate, we stepped up there and concentrated. We really worked at it.

"Now, we have to learn to concentrate in the field for seven innings. We're getting there, and when we do, we'll really be playing this game."

Canyon was knocked out of rallies by Hereford double plays in the third, fifth and sixth innings and a diving catch by McCracken to close the sixth. "Jared Victor (second baseman) is

about as quick as anyone I've seen at taking the double play at second," Sartor said. "we had some lapses out there, but we had some pretty good plays, too."

Hereford started quickly on Canyon starter Ken Land, scoring six runs in the bottom of the first.

Jason Scott opened the game with a double to right center and went to third on a passed ball. Russell Backus

followed with a walk and stole second. Clint Cotten grounded out to shortstop John Eller, but Scott scored and Backus moved to third.

center, scoring Backus and Kyle Andrews, who had walked. After a walk by Keith Brown,



Looking for the sign

Hereford third baseman Russell Backus looks for the sign from coach T.R. Sartor during Thursday's Hereford-Canyon baseball game at Whiteface Field. The Herd took a 13-9 win.

Grijalva leads girls golfers

The Hereford girls are second and " Hereford's Naomi Grijalva leads of 403, 14 shots behind Borger after the Hereford boys are seventh after the girls' medalists after shooting a 92 on the first round. first Distirct 1-4A golf round on Thursday. The Hereford girls shot a team total shots in back of Pampa.

The Hereford boys shot a 349, 45

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1600: 2. Shama Hernandez, 5:27.5; 4.

High jump: 3. Eric Sims, 5-4. Long jump: 2. Eric Sims, 16-11 1/2; 6.

Shot: 2. Ricky Fernandez, 44-9; 4. Craig

Discus: 2. Jayson Mines, 111-5; 6. Mark

iltbrunner, 38-5; 5. Ramiro Garza, 37-8.

Aurelio San Miguel, 5:42; 6. Jack Borden,

McCracken then doubled to right Victor hit a Texas leaguer into short right, scoring McCracken as Brown went to third.

> On the first pitch, Victor stole second, but the throw-eluded the second baseman, scoring Brown as Victor moved to third.

Stuart Mitts then grounded back to the mound, and Victor scored, unchecked, on the throw to first to give the Herd a 6-0 lead.

Canyon came back in the top of the second to score two runs on a bloop double, a single and an error, then scored three more in the top of the third on two singles and an Eller home run to left.

Heaton, the starter, then got a flyball out from Derek Pirtle to Cotten in center, then right fielder Cole Woodard bounced into a Backus-to-Victor-to-McCracken double play to end the inning.

Hereford extended its lead to 9-5 in the bottom of the inning when McCracken singled to center and went to third on a hit-and-run single by Brown. Brown stole second, then went to third as McCracken scored on a 3-2 wild pitch as Victor walked.

DH Stuart Mitts singled to center, scoring Brown and sending Victor to third. Victor scored on a groundout by Glenn Parker to second Hereford up by four.

up two singles and suffered from an error before being relieved by Ceballos. Canyon capitalized on a pair of doubles and a wild pitch to tie the score.

In the bottom of the frame, Andrews stroked a one-out single to left, then McCracken slammed his home run for the game-winning RBI, giving the Herd an 11-9 lead.

In the Hereford fifth, Mitts reached first on a Baltimore chop single, then the Eagles misplayed a Parker bunt, sending Parker to second and Mitts to third. An error on a Scott grounder scored Mitts and sent Parker to third, and Skipper Tate came in to relieve Land. Tate got out of the inning with

no further damage. In the Hereford sixth, McCracken and Brown led off the inning with singles, and McCracken scored on a double-play ball by Victor to give Hereford its final score.

Cotten came on to relieve Ceballos to start the seventh, and the Eagles eventually loaded the bases with two outs, but couldn't score.

"Roger had a hit every time up and In the fourth, starter Heaton gave made a big defensive play for us," Sartor said. "Stuart went 3-for-4, and Keith went one-for-two, had a walk, and had a real good effort in the outfield.

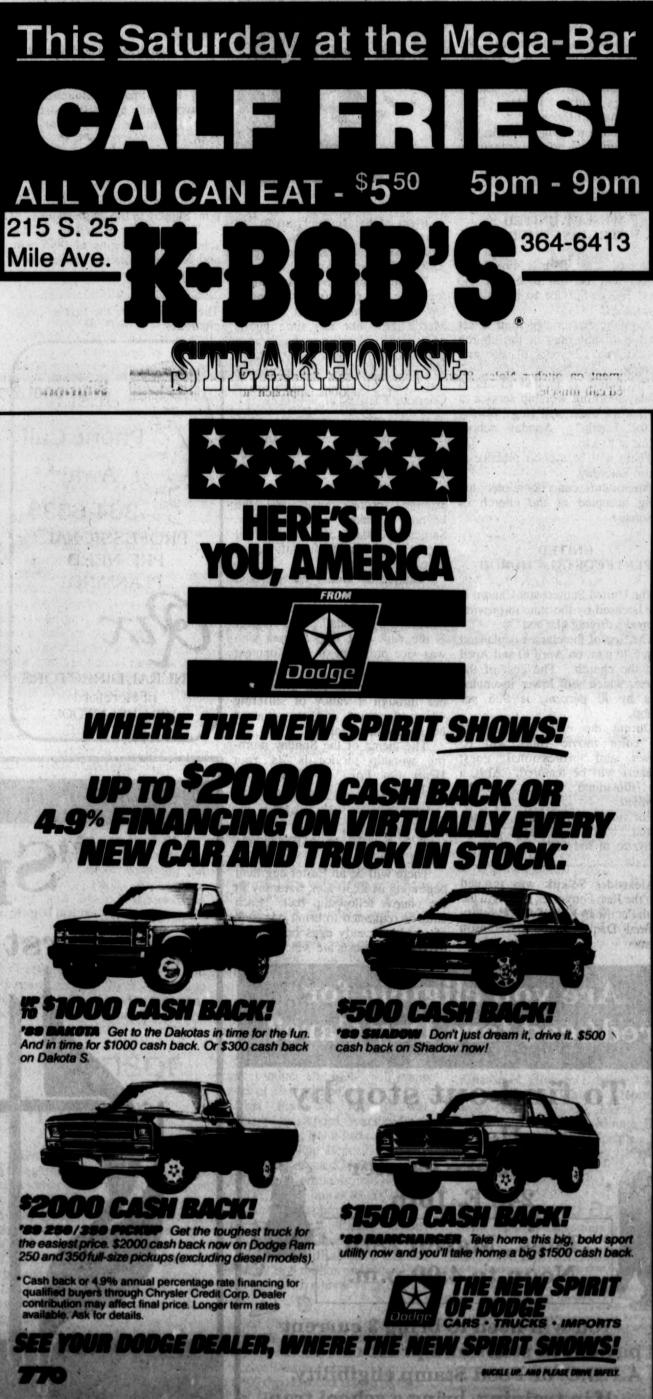
"Glenn had two infield hits for us. It's really good to see production all up and down the lineup. They're doing what we're asking them to do."

The Herd resumes District 1-4A action at 2 p.m. Saturday at Whiteface Field against Levelland.

The Loboes come into the game with a 2-6 record, 1-2 in District 1-4A. The game Saturday will likely feature the teams' top pitchers: Scott for Hereford. and Tim Prado of Levelland.

"Prado just came back to the team when this six weeks started," Sartor said. "Last year he threw 120 innings for them, and he's a pretty good pitcher. If his arm's in shape, that's probably who we'll see.

Today, the Hereford JV was scheduled to play at 3:30 p.m. at Whiteface Field.



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> **HHS GOLFERS District 1-4A first round**

at Plainview GIRLS: Naomi Grijalva 92; Melissa Grijalva 99; Krystal Sims 103; Brenda Allen 109; Lori Lacey 113; Paula Britten (singles) 118

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JV BOYS: Anthony Gale 86; Max Mungia 88; Mikel Walser 94; Kevin Kelso 95; Brent Cumpton 97.

JUNIOR HIGH TRACK at Canyon 7th boys: third, 121 points. 400 relay: 2. (Chris Vallejo, J.J. Aguilar, Hondo Nava and Chad Carille), 50.3. 800: 6. Ben Celaya, 2:43.5. 65 HH: 3. Robin Simons, 11.7; 4. Mikel Jarrett, 11.8. 100: 4. J.J. Aguilar, 12.8. 800 relay: 3. (Justin Henderson, Joe Diaz, Shannon Foster and Mark Cooper), 1:59.1. 400: 3. Ben Celaya, 65.7; 4. Joe Diaz, 66.3.

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High jump: 6. Wade Johnson, 4-8. Long jump: 1. Hondo Nava, 16-3 1/2. Shot: 2. Jimmy Ruiz, 35-1 1/4. Discus: 6. Jimmy Ruiz, 76-1.

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Melendrez, 62.9; 4. Josh Patridge, 63.6. 300 LH: 4. Michael Ramirez, 48.5.

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Gophers go after De mo

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) - The University of Minnesota was picked to finish last in the Big Ten preseason poll, made a 2,000-to-1 longshot to reach the Final Four and tabbed the 11th seed in the NCAA East Regional.

The Golden Gophers have known the meaning of being the underdog all season, so they will be facing nothing new tonight when they meet secondseeded Duke, 26-7, in the semifinal of the NCAA East Regional art 7:40 p.m. EST.

Top-seeded Georgetown, 28-4, will face North Carolina State, 22-8, in the nightcap of the doubleheader at the Brendan Byrne Arena at 10:10 p.m.

Minnesota, 19-11 and the lowest seed still alive in the NCAA tournament, comes into the regional semifinals having turned around its basketball program a little more than three years after an academic scandal left only one player eligible for new coach Clem Haskins. The Gophers went 9-19 in his first year, 11-17 last ycar and 17-11 during the regular season, finishing fifth in the Big 10.

Against Duke of the ACC, the Gophers are 10-point underdogs.

"We have no pressure on us," said forward Willie Burton, who has averaged 24 points per game in the NCAA tournament. "Nobody thought we'd come this far."

The turnaround has been accomplished with just one senior, reserve guard

Ray Gaffney. "Coach brought stability to the program," Gaffney said. "He's turned the program around. We're not just a tcam, we're a family."

According to most of the players, the turning point for the Gophers came 80-78.

Haskins said a non-conference victory over Kansas State on Jan. 7 was just as important and gave the team the confidence he is seeing every gam

"I think our guard play is what's starting to come around now," Haskins said. "You don't win championships without good guard play and we're getting it now from Melvin (Newbern) and (Kevin) Lynch."

The guard matchup is something Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski is concerned about because Minnesota does have a height advantage there with Newbern at 6-foot-4 and Lynch at 6-6.

Duke point guard Quin Synder is 6-3 and Phil Henderson is 6-4. The Blue Devils are bigger up front with Danny Ferry and Christian Laettner, both at 6-10.

'We're still looking at the Gophers," said Ferry, the Naismith Award winner as the player of the year. "We know they are very talented and that they'd be a strong contender for the title in our league. Everyone has a lot of respect for them."

Ferry is the guy who makes Duke go. He is averaging 22.4 points, 7.4 rebounds and just under five assists per game.

"I'm not worried about his points," Haskins said. "I'm more worried about his passing. It gets everyone involved. He's like having a third guard on the floor. He's an outstanding passer."

Joining Lynch, Newbern and Burton in the starting lineup are Jim Shikenjanski, a 6-10 center, and 6-5 forward Walter Bond.

Junior forward Richard Coffey, sidelined with a knee injury for the on Jan. 14 when they edged Iowa past month, is expected to see limited



Texas Ranger Manager Bobby that Ryan is going to pitch that game Valentine said he is reserving judgment on pitcher Nolan Ryan's pulled calf muscle.

Ryan, 42, suffered a pulled left call muscle Thursday while pitching in a minor-league game.

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) - have to wait until it is really obvious before the sales would have really gone up," said Schriever. "We've taken a cautious approach to that game, and when people have asked if



'We'll have some kind of an alternative plan," said Valentine. The possibilities range from Ryan

starting the second game to Ryan being held out until the third week of the season, Valentine said, after the Rangers return from a six-game road trip to Milwaukee and Detroit.

'It might be better to pitch him where it is warm for the first time than on the road," said Valentine. "The rest might do him good. We'll just have to wait and see how he feels the next couple of days."

Ryan, who signed with the Rangers last December as a free agent, said he felt the pull as he raced to cover first base for the Rangers' Class AA team in a game against the Baltimore organization. He faced three batters, throwing 14 pitches, before departing.

Ryan's status undoubtedly will have an impact on how well the Rangers ticket sales go. Ticket manager John Schriever said more than 20,000 tickets remain for that April 6 game.

"Advance sales have been quite above a normal game, but you would

he would pitch that day we've told him he might. We wanted to guard against something happening." Ryan said even with the calf muscle

pull he should be able to continue to throw off the mound, which will keep him close to being ready to pitch once the pull heals enough for him to start running.

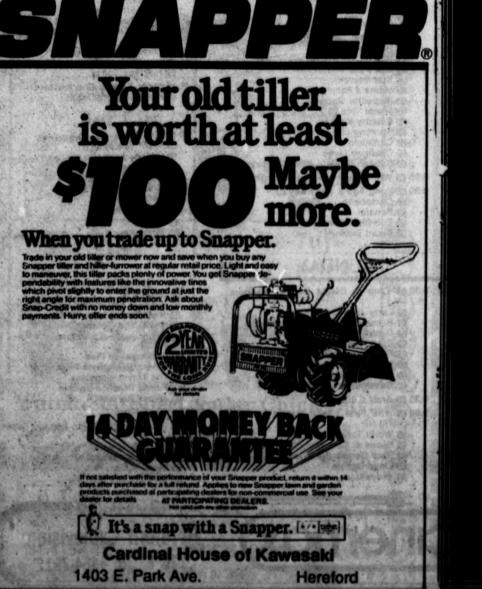
It was the second time this spring Ryan has been sidelined by leg injurics.

In his first exhibition appearance on March 12, Ryan departed after one inning because of a tighteness in his left hamstring, but he did not miss any scheduled work.

"I can't remember a spring without a calf muscle problem," said Ryan. "I could run from here to China and back and still have some trouble. That's not a problem, but it's a matter of when, (the injury comes) and the severity. The last 10 days of the spring you like to spend your time fine-tuning for the season to open."

Ryan said he will test the calf muscle Friday by walking, and expected . to try and throw off a mound on Saturday.





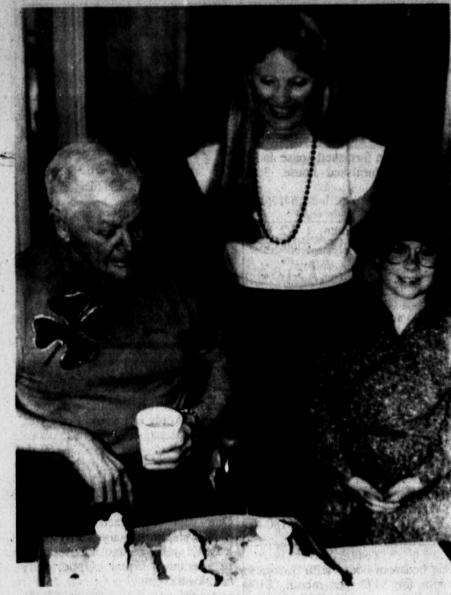


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Anticipating Easter

Members of Sweet 'N Fancy Cake Decorating Club delivered handmade panoramic Easter eggs to Kings Manor recently. The decorative eggs feature various scenes inside depicting the Easter theme and are being used as centerpieces at the Manor. Oliver Culp examines the creations as presented by club member Marrie Leverett and young Colleen Kelley.

CHICAGO (AP) - Natalya Negoda, who thinks her latest exposure may be a bit much for her comrades in the Soviet Union, says she became an actress because she was lazy and wasn't good in foreign languages and math.

"But, of course, I have a big ego and a lot of pride," she said. "I'd love to be famous all over.'

The 25-year-old actress appears in a 10-page pictorial in May's Playboy magazine and talks about her film, "Little Vera," for which she was named best actress at Chicago's 24th International Film Festival last year.

Easter service scheduled

Bippus Community Center will be the site of Sunday's Easter Sunrise service at 6:15 a.m.

A country breakfast and Easter egg hunt will be held, weather permitting. Breakfast participants should bring 0 000 001 000 000 their own breakfast foods and prepare

Ann Landers

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Today, I'd like to play Ann Landers and give motorists some toll booth advice. If you print this, every toll collector in the United States and Canada will love you .-- Toll Collector in N.Y.

DEAR T.C.: You've just made me an offer that I can't refuse. Here's your list, and thanks for sending it:

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4. Have you ever asked directions? Well, if the driver ahead of you is taking more than his 5 seconds, maybe he is lost, too. Please be patient.

5. Humans make mistakes. Don't get insulted when I count your money. (I expect you to count your change.)

6. If you are flat broke, don't try to speed through the toll without paying. We will call the police and they will, in all probability, catch you. You will then get a \$35 ticket. Instead, we can

7. pay attention to the red and green lights above our booths. The lights will tell you if one of us is closed. When the red light is on it means we are taking a break or changing shifts and the computer is off.

8. When you hand me a \$20 bill and I hand you \$19 in singles and some change, don't get ugly. We are a toll booth, not a bank. Please think ahead and carry change.

Have a nice day, buckle up and drive carefully.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: About two years ago, I became acquainted with a terrific guy on the citizens band radio. We have become great friends

and I really look forward to our conversations. I care about him a lot and I know he feels the same about me. There is one hitch--we have never met.

The man refuses to meet me for fear that one of us will get hurt if either of us is disappointed in the other one's looks.

I have tried to convince him that no matter what the outcome, we will remain friends, but Ann, he refuses to budge. I am positive that this relationship has a future and I want to pursue it. Please respond in your column. It is very important for me to get this resolved .-- Optimistic in New Jersey

DEAR OP: I have a strong hunch that your CB romancer is married. Switch to another band, Buttercup.

Stoys share experiences of recent European trip

Art and Mary Stoy presented a club members: Bryant, Braddy, program entitled "Travels Abroad" Setliff, Cunningham, Shaw, Mildred when members of Hereford Study Club met March 16 in the home of Jean Ballard with Betty Gilbert serving as co-hostess.

The Stoys gave a slide presentation of their recent European trip where they visited England, Holland, Belgium, and Italy.

During the business meeting, new officers were elected for the coming year. Serving as president will be Betty Gilbert; vice president, Gracie Shaw; secretary-reporter, Betty Gilbert; treasurer, Jean Ballard; historian, Willie Braddy; correspondence secretary, Gladys Setliff; and parliamentarian, Addie Cunningham.

The next meeting will be at 7 .m. April 20 with a dinner at the B. Black House.

Refreshments were served by Ballard and Gilbert to the Stoys and

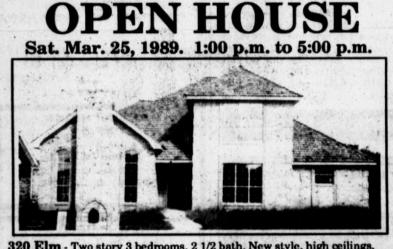
Coins that have no currency any more are the half-cent, two-cent, three-cent and 20-cent pieces.

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began to notice a slight pain in my elbow each time I shook hands. The next day the condition grew worse. After my first week in office it had gotten to the point that any attempt to hake hands resulted in severe pain in my elbow.

You guessed it, I had developed that dreaded syndrome "politician's elbow." The doctors gave me some anti-inflammatory medication, but that did not seem to work. While continuing to take the medication, I began to act like Bob Dole and carry a pen in my right hand so that whenever I came across someone I would always shake hands left-handed. After a month of this, I finally succumbed to allow the doctors to give me an injection of cortisone in my elbow. It worked!

Since this was an on the job injury and because I am on the State's payroll (your payroll), I figure I am entitled to worker's compensation benefits. I was able to confirm this easily because this session the Capitol is absolutely overrun with worker's compensation insurance experts. It is my hope that worker's compensation insurance reform will be one of the major pieces

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states have some type of worker's compensation insurance system. However, our system in Texas as Lt. Governor Hobby says "does not work and does not compensate." Worker's compensation insurance premiums have increased over 125% in the last four years. Rate in Texas are among the highest in the nation. At the same time, in many instances benefits to injured workers are among the lowest in the nation. The system as it is today seriously impedes our ability to attract new businesses to Texas as well as a qualified work force.

The Texas House of Representatives has taken the first important step in reforming the Texas worker's compensation laws by passing H.B. 1. This 188 page piece of legislation deals with a very complex system and attempts to inject reforms in to that system that will hopefully reduce the cost of worker's compensation insurance, increase benefits to workers, and improve safety in the work place. The very fact that the worker's

compensation bill was given the number "1" for House Bill 1 by Speaker of the House Gib Lewis indicates the importance he attaches to this reform legislation. Governor Clements has also indicated in no uncertain terms that if the Legislature does not vote out a significant worker's compensation reform bill during the regular session, he will call the legislature back into a special session. Finally, Lt. Governor Hobby has also expressed his strong commitment to getting a good reform bill voted out of the Texas Senate.

There are basically five "players" in the worker's compensation reform game: employers, employees, doctors, insurers, and attorneys. To arrive at meaningful reform there must be compromise from each of the players. The process is made more difficult by

duplicitous process by limiting appeals form an IAB hearing to those based on the "substantial evidence rule." This basically means that appeals to district court can only deal with legal issues. The facts as determined at the IAB level will not be relitigated. This change is controversial because it eliminates the right to a jury trial.

Self insurance is another major issue that House bill 1 deals with. Currently only state or local governments may have their own insurance funds. Therefore, the State of Texas is going to be faced with a claim for my "politicians elbow" as opposed to an insurance company. Though worker's compensation insurance coverage is not mandatory in Texas if a business chooses not to carry worker's compensation insurance they are limited in the defenses that they can use in a suit for damages brought by an injured worker. These limitations create a strong incentive for businesses to purchases worker's compensation insurance.

Texas is one of only two states that does not allow self insurance. This is an obvious barrier in our attempts to draw new business to Texas. House Bill 1 removes this barrier.

As I pointed out, some of the benefits to workers under the current worker's compensation system are among the lowest in the country. Under House Bill 1 workers will be eligible for higher weekly benefits than they are currently, because benefits would be pegged to the state-wide average weekly wage which is now \$416.00 rather the current cap of \$238.00.

It is argued by many that one of the major problems of the current system is the excessive use of lump sum settlements or "compromise settlement agreements." Insurance companies like to use CSA's because it allows them to "close the books" on a file. Attorneys representing injured workers like CSA's

place. Second, I strongly oppose the imposition of new mandates on free enterprise system. rather I support what was done in House Bill 1. In the bill incentives were built into the new rate structure so as to reward businesses who have strong safety records. As a conservative, I will always prefer to work with incentives as opposed to mandates.

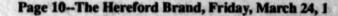
House Bill 1, as enacted by the House of Representatives has only partially completed the legislative process. Under normal circumstances the bill as passed by the House would come to the senate where it would be referred to committee, voted out of committee, voted on by the entire Senate and ultimately sent to the Governor for his signature. However, the circumstances that surround the issue of worker's compensation are anything but normal. The issue has received intense scrutiny by interest groups, the media, and individual egislators.

Senator Robert Glasgow was cochairman of the joint House/Senate Interim Committee on Worker's compensation. I anticipate that rather than allowing the Senate to simply take up consideration of House Bill 1, Senator Glasgow will introduce his own version of a worker's compensation reform bill. It should be added here that at lease one other bill by another senator regarding worker's compensation reform has already been filed and it is anticipated that others will be.

If the Glasgow bill is enacted, it and House Bill 1 will go to a Senate/House conference committee to work out the differences. Only after all this occurs will there be a piece of legislation to put before Governor Clements for his signature.

Thus there is a great deal of work yet to be done in the area of worker's





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