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Stop-go economy hits slow pace again

Senate candidates set for final debate

AUSTIN (AP) - The six leading hours before the polls open Saturday conducted Saturday through Monday.

The 8 p.m. forum at Rice University in Houston is being Murphy, said the survey indicates a sponsored by Ross Perot's United We race so close that the key to Satur-Stand America group.

Russell Verney, the forum coordinator, said the six candidates taking part are interim Sen. Bob Krueger, Dallas lawyer Jose Angel Gutierrez and Dallas investor Richard Fisher, all Democrats, and state Treasurer Kay Bailey Hutchison, U.S. Rep. Joe Barton and U.S. Rep. Jack Fields, all Republicans.

"United We Stand America is making the television signal available throughout Texas to inform the voters of the candidates' position on the issues," Verney said.

Although 24 candidates will be listed on Saturday's special election ballot, Verney said the six participants were chosen based on results of several recent opinion polls, news coverage and Federal Election Commission reports.

The election is being held to decide who serves the last 1 { years of Lloyd Bentsen's term. Bentsen left the Senate to become President Clinton's treasury secretary. If no candidate gets more than 50 percent of the vote Saturday, a runoff will be held between the top two finishers. In campaign 'developments

Wednesday: - A Houston Chronicle poll showed Krueger leading the pack, with Mrs. Hutchison running second and 25 percent of those surveyed still undecided.

The poll showed 26 percent backing Krueger, 19 percent for Mrs. Hutchison, 12 percent for Fields, 10 percent for Barton and 6 percent for Fisher, with 1 percent backing Democratic activist Jose Angel Gutierrez. One percent picked other

Senate rejects ethics law amendment

AUSTIN (AP) - Measures to ban lawmakers from representing clients ex-legislators to wait two years before they could become lobbyists have been turned down by the Texas board heard progress reports, an

The proposal to prohibit lawmakers from practicing before a state agency failed, 17-14, while the two-year "revolving door" restriction was killed 24-7.

Both amendments produced heated debate Wednesday during consideration of an ethics bill that was eventually passed on a voice vote and sent to the House.

Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, said that when legislators who hold sway work for clients before that agency, the general public believes those clients receive special consideration.

'The people of Texas don't trust us. They perceive there is impropriety in this practice. This practice should be abolished. " Bivins said.

But several senators who are lawyers and practice before state agencies denied receiving special treatment.

Sen. Carl Parker, D-Port Arthur, said lawmakers are low paid and entitled to earn a living. If the measure passed, he said, "We're only going to have rich men's sons running for public office." Legislators are paid \$7,200 per year.

Parker accused some of the supporters of Bivins' amendment of "being sanctimonious, self righteous, and wanting to look purer than the rest of us.

After the amendment failed, Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, pushed for an amendment to prohibit former lawmakers from becoming lobbyists for two years after they leave office.

Sen. Don Henderson, R-Houston, said he has not received any complaints from the public that this is a problem. The proposal died.

The telephone survey of 621 U.S. Senate candidates were set for people, with a margin of error of plus one final debate tonight, less than 36 or minus four percentage points, was

> A spokesman for Barton, Craig day's election will be which campaigns do the best job getting supporters to the polls.

> 'Everybody's so close in the polls, it's going to come down to who turns out their votes," he said.

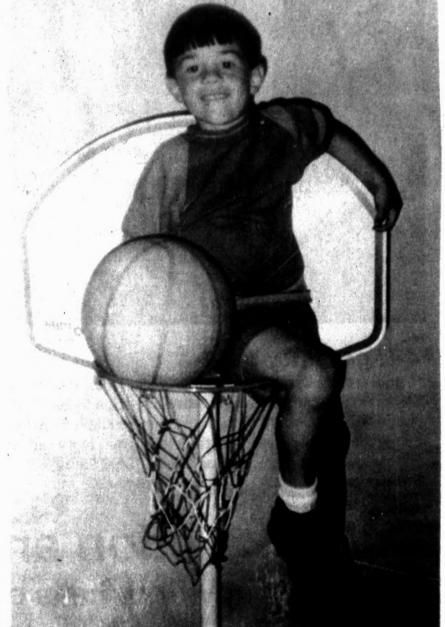
> - Fisher, who's spent \$2 million of his own money on the race, accused four officeholder-candidates of representing "politics as usual" and not Texas voters.

> "There's a choice between politics as usual ... and 'other,' which is to change course, and that's me," Fisher

Gov. Ann Richards, who appointed Krueger as interim senator, said Texans are just now making up

"We saw a surge of ... early voting yesterday, and I think we're going to see a bigger turnout than they had predicted. But I do think that people are tired of elections and they don't pay attention until right before they have to go vote," she said.

Dallas Judge Charles Ben Howell, a Republican Senate candidate, voiced support for pending state legislation that would allow Texans to vote whether to legalize carrying concealed guns. "The continuing rise in crime makes it necessary that we empower citizens to protect themselves," he said.



Slam dunk time

Kids, basketballs and fun will be on the agenda this weekend as the Cuby Kitchens Classic, an AAU basketball tournament for boys and girls, will be played here. Fifty-two teams from Hereford and other towns will participate in the Friday through Sunday event. Here, Colby Marsh, grandson of Cuby Kitchens, practices his slam dunks in anticipation of the event.

Gonzalez appointed to seat as chamber board director

appointed to the Deaf Smith County drawing for a new vehicle in the Chamber of Commerce board of fund-raising raffle now underway. directors during a monthly meeting Wednesday afternoon.

Visitors Board.

In other business, the chamber economic development update and approved the financial report and minutes of the last meeting.

Mike Carr, executive vice president, announced that the next Chamber Fun Breakfast has been scheduled for May 27 with West Texas Rural Telephone and West

Carr also reported that a company out of Garden City, Kan., is moving Gonzalez will complete the term into the old sewing plant building on of Yolanda Valdez who moved from Pine Street. Trans-Pak will manufac-Hereford recently. The board also ture cool-pack insulation spacers for named Bill Lyles as the chamber's the meat industry. The firm has a before state agencies and force representative to the Convention & contract with Excel Corporation and will employ 10 people, with the possibility of tripling employees with more contracts.

The chamber manager outlined Hereford Care Center, and the will be played.

Rosendo Gonzalez, owner of Texas Services as sponsors. The location of Hereford Auto Sales & Hereford Welding Supply, was breakfast will also feature the Service--a used car and program car agency at the southwest corner of US-60 and US-385.

The progress reports included activities of the Women's Division, and successful results of the "Meet the Candidates" night, the Health Fair, and the Little Miss Pageant. The Miss Hereford Pageant is scheduled June 12.

The chamber will also be assisting with the Cuby Kitchens Classic, an AAU basketball tournament for boys and girls which will be played Friday other business changes in the through Sunday. The tourney will community, including several new draw 52 teams from 30 towns and stores at Northgate Plaza, the re- about 500 youngsters to town. The opening of the Ford dealership in classic had only 18 teams in the first May, the new Taylor & Sons grocery event last year. Every gym in town in Sugarland Mall, the opening of will be used as more than 100 games

Woman looks forward to being able that when legislators who hold sway over funding to a state agency also to fly airplanes on combat missions

ing No. 1 in her pilot training class in January didn't get 2nd Lt. Jeannie Flynn the fighter assignment she dreamed of. She finished ahead of all the men in her class, but one thing stopped her: gender.

But now that the Pentagon is lifting the prohibition against women flying in combat, Ms. Flynn, 26, is about to be first again - the first female Air Force combat pilot, flying the F-15E Strike Eagle, the most advanced fighter-attack aircraft in the

Within days she'll begin a special training course in New Mexico and by next February she'll take up assignment at one of three F-15E bases. Women already fly non-combat planes but have always been excluded from fighters and bombers.

quickly to get women in the cockpits of such combat aircraft as the carrier-based A-6 Intruder bomber. And the Army said it would clear the way for female aviators to fly Apache and Cobra attack helicopters.

Asked how it felt to learn Wednesday that her dream was about to come true, Ms. Flynn's face broke from positions in infantry, armor and

WASHINGTON (AP) - Graduat- into a big glowing smile. "I was very excited.

Flying an F-15E, with both air-to-ground and air-to-air capability at speeds up to 2.5 times that of sound, is a physically and mentally demanding task that many of either sex would shrink from, yet Ms. Flynn relished the thought.

'It's definitely a challenge. ... It's front line; you're the one that's out there fighting," said Ms. Flynn, a St. Louis native who earned a masters degree in aeronautics and astronautics from Stanford University two years

For the first time in the nation's history, many female Air Force, Navy and Army pilots soon will be taking the challenge of flying combat jets,

bombers and helicopters. The steps we are taking today are The Navy said it, too, would move historic," Defense Secretary Les Aspin said in announcing that he ordered the military services to drop restrictions on women flying combat missions. Aspin also said he would ask Congress to pass legislation ending the ban on women serving aboard most Navy warships.

Women will continue to be barred

cavalry, although Aspin told a Pentagon news conference that he has instructed the Army and Marine Corps to study ways of putting women in field artillery positions.

"This is opening a whole new door," said Air Force Capt. Martha E. McSally, a T-37 instructor pilot assigned to the 85th Flying Training Squadron at Laughlin Air Force Base,

"It's not so much an equal opportunity issue," Ms. McSally said. "It's got to do with trying to have the most effective force for the military. If you have better qualified women than men when the assignments come up, then you would have the most effective force if those women go above the men behind

Others saw it in a similar light. "The more people you have competing for the jobs the higher the quality you'll get," said Navy Cmdr. Rosemary Mariner, who in 1990 became the first woman to command an aircraft squadron.

The main adjustment for men, Everett said, will not be in the cockpit but in the "ready room."

Economists hoped for better GDP growth rate

By DAVE SKIDMORE

Associated Press Writer WASHINGTON (AP) - The step-and-go economic recovery of the past two years hit another slow patch during the first three months of this year, the government said today.

The gross domestic product, the sum of all goods and services produced in the United States, grew at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.8 percent in the January-March period, the Commerce Department

That's less than half the robust 4.7 percent rate during the fourth quarter, when a spending spree by holiday shoppers helped push the growth rate to a five-year high.

In advance, economists were looking for a somewhat better first quarter rate of between 2 percent and 2.5 percent. Much of the decline was accounted for by a sharp drop in defense spending. Excluding that, the GDP advanced at a 3.5 percent annual rate, department officials said.

Today's report was seen as strengthening the case of President Clinton, who had pushed for a \$16.2 billion jobs bill that was blocked last week by Senate Republicans, who said it wasn't needed.

The administration still hopes to win passage of parts of its program and Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen told reporters Wednesday that he remains concerned about the possibility of an economic relapse.

"We are doing better than most of the world, but not up to what we think annual rate of \$5.01 trillion. it should be We are having difficulty on job creation," he said. to have some cushion.

Analysts said the small drop suggests a stable labor market.

The first quarter marked the eighth in a row that the economy grew, following a three-quarter recession previous expansions.

cautioned that today's report was a spending.

preliminary estimate subject to change. Based on the history of revisions to past reports, it said the first quarter growth rate probably will fall somewhere between 1.3 percent and 2.7 percent.

In addition to defense, it attributed the slowdown to a sharp turnaround in the growth rates of consumer spending and housing construction.

Consumer spending grew at a 1.2 percent rate in the first quarter after shooting up 5.1 percent in the fourth. Housing construction grew just 0.2 percent after jumping 25.1 percent.

Overall federal, state and local government spending declined at a 6.4 percent rate. That included a 25.5 percent drop in military spending, the biggest since the government began tracking that category in 1972.

Defense spending, adjusted for inflation, now is at the lowest level

since 1984. Commercial construction fell 2.2 percent in the first quarter, the fourth consecutive decline. However, businesses' investment in new equipment rose at a healthy 8.6 percent rate on top of a 14.5 percent gain in the fourth quarter.

Both imports and exports fell in the first quarter, but exports fell faster, detracting from growth. It was the fourth time in the last five quarters that international trade has acted as a drag on the economy.

The various changes added \$22.3 billion to the GDP, bringing it to a seasonally and inflation-adjusted

Economists are divided over the significance of the first-quarter "I think the odds are very much for slowdown. Some attribute it to the continuation of recovery, but I'd like confluence of several temporary factors. These include a severe storm In another economic report today, in mid-March that depressed retail the Labor Department said first-time sales on the East Coast; claims for jobless benefits dropped smaller-than-usual tax refunds by 7,000 last week to 349,000. because President Bush reduced payroll withholding last year; and a natural recoil from consumers' holiday spending spree.

Others, however, point to drags on the economy that won't be so quick in 1990-91. However, the growth has to go away. These include slumps in been only about half as strong as in Europe and Japan, which are depressing U.S. exports sales, and the The Commerce Department continuing reductions in defense

Prop. 1 backers scoff at threat accusations

share-the-wealth school funding and potential regulatory action, she proposal on Saturday's ballot dismiss said. GOP allegations that corporate officials felt threatened into passage of the school finance supporting the measure.

'That's hogwash," said state Rep. Libby Linebarger, a sponsor of Proposition 1.

'I think that business in general is supporting this because they realize that its failure could lead to an economic disaster in this state. They realize the need to get on with the issue of improving instruction, so that they can be provided with an educated workforce," said Ms. Linebarger, D-Manchaca.

The proposal would make it tax money from wealthier to poorer school districts. It's meant to help meet a Texas Supreme Court order for an equitable school funding

Karen Hughes, Texas Republican executive director, said Wednesday that people trying to raise money to fight Proposition 1 have been told by people from various companies that they felt they had to give to the Save Our Schools campaign supporting the

Otherwise, she said, they contended they felt their legislation wouldn't be passed, or they would not get favorable hearings at regulatory

'We understand that major corporations have been threatened with approval or disapproval of legislation they are interested in. They have been reminded their companies are regulated by state agencies" and then asked to make a donation to support the pro-Proposition 1 campaign, Ms. Hughes said.

"None of them will publicly admit that or allow their names to be used"

AUSTIN (AP) - Supporters of a because of concerns about legislation

The state GOP has been opposing proposal.

Gov. Ann Richards, a leader in the campaign for Proposition 1, also denied that such tactics had been

Chris Shields of the Texas Chamber of Commerce, which supports Proposition 1, said he hadn't heard of threatening tactics being employed. He said he believes businesses favor the proposal because it is "an awful lot better than the alternatives facing us."

Margaret Justus, spokeswoman for constitutional to shift some property the Save Our Schools campaign, called the charge "ludicrous."

"The other side has just not gotten the support together to raise money ... They're obviously showing they're desperate," Ms. Justus said. "I think they're making this stuff up."

Campaign finance reports released Monday by the state Ethics Commission showed that Save Our Schools had raised about \$1.7 million and spent about \$1.4 million. Two groups opposing Proposition 1 had raised a total of \$238,534.

Also Wednesday, a poll published by the Houston Chronicle found 44 percent of voters surveyed oppose Proposition 1, 38 percent backed it and 18 percent were undecided.

The telephone survey of 626 voters was conducted last Saturday through Monday. It has a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

Richards said she was surprised by those results, because "that's not what our polls are showing." She said she expects Saturday's election on Proposition 1 to be tight.

"I think we'll win it, but it's going to be close," Richards said.

Local Roundup

Showers still possible

Hereford had a high of 78 Wednesday and a low of 52 this morning, KPAN reported. Tonight, mostly cloudy with areas of fog developing. Low in the upper 40s. Southeast wind 5 to 15 mph. Friday, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. High in the lower 70s. Southeast wind 10-20 mph.

Community group to meet

Dream Force, a community group formed to address problems facing the city's young people, will hold its regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. today in the Hereford Community Center. Plans for future activities will be discussed. The session is open to the public.

News Digest

World/National

BRUSSELS, Belgium - The world's generals are pushing politicians to decide exactly what they want to achieve in Bosnia before they turn from diplomacy to force. The Yugoslav president, echoing the fears of U.S. and European leaders, warns that anything but a political settlement would lead to "a long and permanent war."

SKOPJE, Macedonia - Less than a month after admission into the United Nations, this tiny Balkan republic faces economic collapse and a major challenge to its survival as a nation. Macedonia's economy is closely tied to that of Serbia, which is being hit by international sanctions.

WASHINGTON - Congress found out that for all of Attorney General Janet Reno's tough talk and shouldering of responsibility for the fiery end to the Branch Davidian cult, the tragedy unnerved her a bit. NEW YORK - Former Police Commissioner Lee Brown, the nation's

drug czar-designate, has seen close up the problems caused by drugs and the fight against them - police corruption, community protest, political controversy.

WASHINGTON - Graduating No. 1 in her pilot training class last January didn't get 2nd Lt. Jeannie Flynn the fighter assignment she dreamed of. She finished ahead of all the men in her class, but one thing stopped her: gender.

State

AUSTIN - Supporters of a concealed handgun bill said they were angered over Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock's decision to stop the legislation at the Senate

AUSTIN - The six leading U.S. Senate candidates were set for one final debate tonight, less than 36 hours before the polls open Saturday morning.

HUNTSVILLE - Death row inmate Gary Graham has at least 30 more days to pursue his claims of innocence after Gov. Ann Richards, in an unusual move, granted him a reprieve just hours before he was to have been executed early today.

AUSTIN - Supporters of a share-the-wealth school funding proposal on Saturday's ballot dismiss GOP allegations that corporate officials felt threatened into supporting the measure.

AUSTIN - This Saturday's Texas Lotto jackpot will be the highest ever - an estimated \$50 million - since there was no winner in Wednesday night's drawing, state comptroller John Sharp said.

AUSTIN - Measures to ban lawmakers from representing clients before state agencies and force ex-legislators to wait two years before they could become lobbyists have been turned down by the Texas Senate.

EDINBURG - A Coca-Cola truck driver blamed for a deadly school-bus collision is wrapping up his case with his key contention - that the brakes

AUSTIN - A former state employee has filed a lawsuit alleging she was the victim of religious discrimination and was forced to resign because she did not have the "right religious beliefs."



Here are excerpts from Thursday's Hereford Police Department daily activity report:

- A 21-year-old male was arrested for domestic assault. -- A lost wallet was reported in the

600 block of Stanton.

-- Theft of beer valued at \$14.69 was reported in the 500 block of Three tires were slashed. South 25 Mile Avenue.

Phone harassment was reported.

-- Juvenile runaway was reported. -- Trespassing was reported in the 700 block of Avenue H.

-- Suspicious persons were reported in the 300 block of North Miles.

-- Burglary of a residence was reported in the 500 block of Sampson. Items taken were valued at \$540.

-- Assault with a BB gun was reported in the 200 block of Avenue

-- Two citations were issued. -- The fire department was dispatched to a structure fire at Wildorado.

Sheriff's Report

Here are excerpts from Wednesday's Deaf Smith County Sheriff's Department daily activity

-- A 23-year-old female was arrested on a theft by check warrant. -- A 27-year-old male was arrested on a bond forfeiture warrant from

Randall County. - A report was filed of some tools

stolen from a local business. -- A report was filed of some guns

stolen from a county residence. Here are excerpts from Tuesday's Deaf Smith County Sheriff's Department daily activity report:

-- A 28-year-old female was at burned compound arrested for public intoxication.

-- A 23-year-old female was arrested on a theft by check warrant from Randall County.

-- A 59-year-old male was arrested for public intoxication.

-- Criminal mischief was reported.

, Hospital **Notes**

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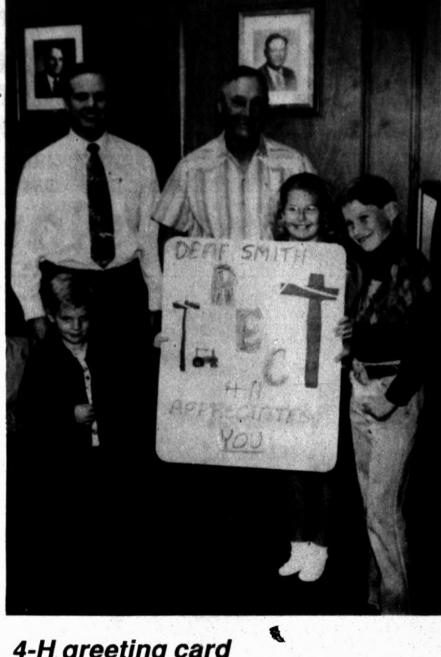
Collection set for recyclables

Recyclable items will be collected Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Koresh has never been substantiated at the parking lot of St. Anthony's by law enforcement. In fact, our School.

A contest among elementary schools will be held in conjunction with the monthly recycling collection. The school whose students and parents turn in the most will receive a computer software package worth \$240, donated by Foster Electronics.

Items accepted in the recycling project are clean plastic containers, the fire's intensity would disintegrate without lids; glass containers, clean and sorted by color; newspapers and office paper, tied in bundles, and metal cans that have been rinsed and labels removed.

Sponsored by EnCoRe, the project is in need of adult volunteers to help load trucks. Persons who can help may call Kerrie Steiert at 364-1855 or Georgia Auckerman at 364-7503.



4-H greeting card

Members of the Deaf Smith County 4-H presented Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative manager Steve Louder, left, and board chairman Donald Wright with a thank-you poster recently. Shown giving the men the poster are, from left, Evan, Ivory and Ian Isaacson of Hereford. The poster reads, "Deaf Smith REC --4-H Appreciates You."

New high jackpot expected Saturday for Lotto drawing AUSTIN (AP) - This Saturday's With no winners since then in the

highest ever - an estimated \$50 continued to multiply. million - since there was no winner comptroller John Sharp said.

Wednesday's estimated \$25 million jackpot had first-time players buying tickets and Lotto sales outlets Sharp said. beefing up their staff to keep up with the volume of business.

People bought an average of 20,000 tickets a minute on Wednesday. The day's sales totaled \$19.5 million, more tickets than the lottery had sold in any previous week since the lottery began last November, Sharp said.

Wednesday was a day of firsts for the Texas Lottery, said Lottery Director Nora Linares. "Our first \$25 million jackpot, our first day of averaging \$20,000 in sales per minute, and the first really big day for our system of Lotto Texas retailers, who came through today's ground-zero pace of ticket sales with flying colors."

Sharp said that sales on Monday topped \$1.5 million and on Tuesday totaled \$3.8 million.

The lottery prize was the largest offered since Nov. 28, 1992, when Janie Kallus of Schulenburg became the first Lotto Texas winner and claimed \$21.7 million.

The numbers drawn last night were: 1-8-10-28-34-49. (one, eight, ten, twenty-eight, thirty-four, forty-nine.)

The jackpot has been growing since April 14, when Willie Mae Smith of Houston won \$8 million.

would allow Texans 21 and over to

apply for a license to carry a gun. A

provision added to the measure calls

for it to be approved by voters before

going into effect.

Texas Lotto jackpot will be the twice-weekly drawings, the jackpot

The comptroller said lotto sales in Wednesday night's drawing, state outlets were experiencing booming business.

"Lotto Texas players aren't the only ones stocking up on tickets,'

"Since early this week, our more than 8,000 lotto retailers across the state have been stocking up on game supplies - play slips and ticket stock. Some retailers have even made plans to schedule extra staff to accommodate the increase in player traffic,'

Although the \$25 million jackpot was a Texas record, it fell well short of California's record-breaking \$118.8 million prize in April 1991. That pot was split among 10 winners.

The second-largest jackpot in U.S. history was in Pennsylvania in 1989, when 14 people won \$115.5 million.

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - Here are results of Lotto Texas winning numbers drawn Wednesday by the **Texas Lottery:**

1-8-10-28-34-49

(one, eight, ten, twenty-eight, thirty-four, forty-nine)

Estimated Lotto Texas jackpot:

Bullock action angers lawmakers

Lieutenant governor halts bill at door of Senate

By SCOTT ROTHSCHILD **Associated Press Writer**

AUSTIN (AP) - Supporters of a concealed handgun bill said they were angered over Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock's decision to stop the legislation at the Senate door,

"I'm angry and very much concerned that the Senate has abdicated its responsibilities to the citizens of Texas," state Rep. Bill Carter, R-Fort Worth, said Wednes-

Bullock said the Senate would not consider the House-approved handgun bill because of Gov. Ann Richards' promise to veto the legislation, and because of the numerous other issues before the Legislature.

'She said she's going to veto it, and that's good enough for me, and that was good enough for members of the Texas Senate," Bullock said after he met with senators behind closed doors for about 40 minutes.

crumbled Branch Davidian compound

to a fortified room and underground

tunnels and are hoping to remove all

bad weather ... we'll probably finish

up at least with the bodies by the end

of the week," said Mike Cox,

spokesman for the Texas Department

of Public Safety, which is handling

Wednesday, investigators have recovered 53 victims of last

Monday's blaze that ended a 51-day

standoff between cult leader David

how many more corpses to look for

because they think Koresh may have

lied about having 94 followers with

him in the so-called Ranch Apoca-

feeling is that there are fewer than 95

Chernow added: "Because some of

the other things Mr. Koresh said were

inaccurate, we believe his estimate

of the numbers in the compound may

some of the bodies. Cox said that

could account for some of the

disparity between findings and

Koresh's number, though he couldn't

estimate how many bodies that may

never know down to the last person,

"There is some sense that we may

Investigators initially feared that

DPS spokeswoman Laureen

people," Cox said.

have been inaccurate,

include.

That 95 figure from David

But officials say they're not sure

Koresh and federal authorities.

With five more bodies pulled out

'If we don't get really delayed by

the bodies soon.

the cleanup.

Body search narrows

WACO, Texas (AP) - Investigators anthropologists from the Smithsonian

several days.

carefully.

"And if any blame is to be placed, they can blame it on me. My name is Bullock," he said.

Sen. Ken Armbrister, D-Victoria. who was expected to carry handgun legislation in the Senate, said he wasn't disturbed by the Senate's

"I'm certainly not going to waste this body's time on an issue that ultimately for all practical purposes is a dead issue," he said. In vowing to veto the bill if it

reached her desk, Richards said it would spark more violence.

She commended Bullock for stopping the bill at the Senate door.

"I think he understands that we've got serious problems in this state and the Legislature needs to address them," Richards said. "The fact that we have spent this much time on this issue is simply amazing to me with all the work we have to do."

As adopted by the House, the bill

on the cinderblock structure for

ammunition and 14 bodies in there so

more corpses within the room's

investigators will move to the

say could be a problem.

Once that area is complete,

There's an awful lot of water and

debris in there," Cox said. "It looks

like a real complicated health hazard,

so it's having to be approached very

Cox also said Wednesday that five

of the first 12 victims autopsied had

been shot. Officials previously had

said they knew of only two such

been performed. The medical

examiner's office handling the case

is deferring calls to David Pareya, a

McLennan County justice of the

peace. Pareya was in court Wednes-

day afternoon and unavailable for

Peace Justice John Cabaniss on

Wednesday said James Loyle Riddle

Jr., who would've turned 33 last

Sunday, was the third victim to be

identified. Cabaniss didn't know how

Riddle of Skyville, N.C., is the

husband of Ruth Ottman Riddle and

the brother of Rita Faye Riddle. Ruth

Ottman Riddle was injured, but

survived the fire at the compound.

stalemate. The women were released

Rita Faye Riddle left during the

immediate comment.

Riddle died.

Workers, including two forensic to the same halfway house Monday.

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he asked senators not to waste time in the final month of the legislative session debating the measure. have narrowed their search of the Institution, have been concentrating

is schools, it is the state budget. It would be a waste of our time" to They've found a vast amount of consider the gun bill, Bullock said.

far and Cox said there may yet be who was expected to carry handgun legislation in the Senate, said he vasn't disturbed by the Senate's

underground tunnels, which officials this body's time on an issue that ultimately for all practical purposes is a dead issue," he said. Another sponsor of the measure,

Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston, said he wasn't giving up. He said he would attempt to attach the measure as an amendment to a bill providing for the continued operation of the

Obituaries

BEN ECHEVARRIA April 27, 1993

Ben Echevarria, 77, of Littlefield, brother of two Hereford residents, died Tuesday in Lubbock.

Mr. Echevarria was the brother of Benny Gonzales and Joe Gonzales of Hereford.

Heart Catholic Church.

Survivors also include his wife, a

More news from Austin Texas Department of Public Safety. The governor then could be faced with effectively shutting down DPS

House said they had enough votes in

the House and Senate to override a

veto by Richards. It takes a two-thirds

vote of the 150-member House and

31-member Senate to override a

AUSTIN (AP) - A bill that would

allow Texans to carry concealed handguns if approved by voters has been shot down by Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock said Wednesday that the

The measure's supporters in the gubernatorial veto.

House-approved handgun bill because of Gov. Ann Richards' pledge to veto

and that's good enough for me, and that was good enough for members of the Texas Senate," Bullock said after he met with senators behind closed doors for about 40 minutes.

Bullock," he said. As a personal favor, Bullock said

'Our major issue here in Austin

Sen. Ken Armbrister, D-Victoria,

"I'm certainly not going to waste

Services were set for 2 p.m. Thursday in Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Littlefield, with burial in Littlefield Memorial Park.

A native of Stockdale, he moved to Littlefield in 1951. He married Eusevia Garcia in 1937. He was a farm worker and a member of Sacred

son, five daughters, his mother, two other brothers and three sisters.

or allowing the concealed handgun measure to become law.

HOT SELLERS

With a \$25 million jackpot up for grabs, Lotto Texas tickets were selling fast. The state comptrollers office said tickets were going at the rate of \$7,000 a minute Wednesday morning, \$15,000 a minute at midday, and were at \$20,000 a minute in the late afternoon.

EXECUTION HALTED

Gov. Ann Richards issued a 30-day reprieve for convicted killer Gary Graham, who had faced execution early Thursday for a slaying in Houston 12 years ago. "I pass no judgment on his guilt or innocence but believe that questions have been raised in this case that deserve further examination," Richards said.

ETHICS PROPOSALS LOSE

The Texas Senate has defeated proposals that would have prohibited lawmakers from representing clients before state agencies and forced ex-legislators to wait two years before working as lobbyists.

ELECTION CHARGES The Texas Republican Party

charged that corporate officials privately say they were threatened into supporting a share-the-wealth school funding proposal on Saturday's ballot. Backers of the proposed constitutional amendment called the charges ridiculous.

State Insurance Commissioner Georgia Flint, who was appointed to the post in November 1991, has announced her resignation.

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Upcoming events discussed

Lifestyles

Reports heard by Rebekahs

Reports of the Panhandle Association of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs annual meeting at Borger were given Tuedsay evening by Jo and Tony Irlbeck, representatives of the Hereford lodges.

It was announced that Friona will

host the 1994 PHA meeting.
Noble Grand anna Conklin

presided at the regular business session when reports were made including 18 visits, 42 cards, 14 dishes of food and three flowers. Also, cards were signed for sick and bereaved members and friends.

Dorothy Collier served as hostess to Anna Conklin, the Irlbecks, Faye Brownlow, Sadie shaw, Verna Sowell, Ben conklin, Nan Rogers, Genevieve Lynn, Rosalie Northcutt, Peggy Lemons, Nelma Sowell, Irene Merritt, Roberta Combs, Susie Curtsinger and Marie Harris.

Contrary to their bad reputations, bats often are beneficial to humans. They are a major predator of night-flying insects. A single gray bat can eat 3,000 or more insects in one night. A colony of free-tailed bats, totaling 20 million animals, may consume 250,000 pounds of insects



Clothing extravaganza held

Recycling fabric into useful gifts, learning to be a junior leader and teaching pre-4-H members were the skills learned by 4-H'ers at the recent 4-H Clothing Extravaganza. Making gift sacks were, left to right, Karla Vasek, 4-H leader; Erin Auckerman and Cindy Harder, junior 4-H members; and Jenna Schlabs, pre-4-H'er.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: This is

for that 77-year-old man who said

American men were poor lovers

because most of them got their training

heart. We've been together for 31

years. The first time we made love, I

seduced him in my bedroom not in a back seat. After that, it was indoors,

outdoors, anywhere the mood hit us.

We are now grandparents, and I must

say, he's better than ever, in and out

seats were as big as couches. It was

always exciting, and it still is. Thanks

for reminding us .-- Still Grinning

of others. You wouldn't believe the

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DEAR USA: You and thousands

Is that Ann Landers column you

His first car was a '49 Chevy. The

I married my high school sweet-

in the back seat of old cars.

Community Center. Keywanettes will be assisting at the AAU basketball tournament planned Friday and Saturday. Members will also help at the junior high UIL meet scheduled May 15 and will serve at the Hereford Indepen-

dent School District Employee Appreciation Banquet May 6. Tentative plans were made for members to present a program May 13 at the Friona Lions Club meeting. Also, during the business meeting

Upcoming events were discussed by members of the Hereford High

School Keywanettes when the group

met recently at the Hereford

with President Sara Zinck presiding, the upcoming banquet, planned May 17, was discussed. Tickets will sell for \$7 per person and may be purchased from Keywanette officers and from sponsors, Mrs. Weatherly and Mrs. Culpepper. Keywanette members will be providing the evening's entertainment. Members having no service hours will not be allowed to attend the event.

by Keywanettes members Members wishing to assist with the various events are asked to go by

Room 207 or Room 125 to sign-up. Plans were also finalized for club members to attend the K-Family Leadership Conference in June. Those planning to attend must turn in a deposit of \$25 by Saturday. For \$50, the girls will receive lodging,

meals and a free T-shirt.

Reporter Beth Weatherly gave the prayer and Lezly McWhorter, treasurer, led the pledge.

Introduced as special guests were members of the Noon Kiwanis Club: Dave Kimmel, Brenda Fuentes and Jennifer Egan.

Mount Logan is the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies.



Ann Landers

and single, still in pretty good shape and not bad looking. I hope you will print the enclosed. A great many people need to see it.

The Single Woman's Dilemma

In she's unmarried, wives feel threatened by her. If she's fiercely independent, men

fashionably, she must be a lesbian.

If she wears makeup and dresses fashionably, she's a bimbo. If she has a very nice house or

apartment, people wonder who's keeping her. If she doesn't have a great-looking place, they say, "I wonder what she

does with her money?" Ours is a very sexist society, and women are just as sexist toward each other as men are toward them. I'm involved in several creative activities. have plenty of friends and am not looking for new ones.

I've been happy without sex for 14 years and am not interested in jumping into the sack with any man, let alone someone's husband.

Give single women a break. Most of us are decent, and the married men we see aren't very tempting .-- Content in Small Town USA

DEAR SMALL TOWN USA:

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I'm 43 Your letter should settle their hash. I grateful for the opportunity to clean up appreciate your candor, and I'm sure after myself. others will, too.

> DEAR ANN LANDERS: I'm the director of the 17th Bomb Group Reunion Association in Dallas. So far, about a hundred copies of your column about Marty Allain, the guy who climbed the flagpole at Moosburg, the P.O.W. camp in Germany, have been sent to our office by our members. pretty good for a two-bit operation like ours. We have about 2,000 members on our mailing list.

> We are aware that you cannot solicit for every outfit going, but since you have already caused some chaos here, please do us a favor and mention that the 17th Bomb Group/Wing Reunion association is located at 6776 E. Northwest Highway, Dallas, Texas 75231, and that we are still looking for the rest of our troops.

Thank you, ma'am .-- W.D. Baird, director, 17th Bomb Group Reunion

DEAR W.D.: You are right, I DO owe you. Actually, I owe Marty Allain, that great guy who courageously climbed the pole, took down the German flag and replaced it with Old

Instead of saluting Marty, scribbled a few dumb words about Bob Hope's birthday and signed off with "Thanks for the memories." I'm

CHICAGO (AP) - Michael Jordan promises home-style food and a no-stress atmosphere for sports celebrities at his new restaurant.

Michael Jordan's: The Restaurant opens to the public today. The menu features Jordan favorites such as steak and potatoes - his habitual pre-game meal - and macaroni and cheese, prepared using a recipe from his wife, Juanita.

"Just like home," he joked between mouthfuls of both dishes at Wednesday night's opening party.



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All patients must be referred by their physician. Call Peggie Fox for more information, at Deaf Smith General Hospital, 364-3805.

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Overview of library subject of program

Deaf Smith County Librarian Rebecca Walls gave an informative overview of the library when members of the La Plata Study Club met recently at the library. Mozelle Neill and Dorotha Prowell served as co-hostesses.

Walls reported on the children's programs including seven story hours per five-day week, a school program held at least once a month and the Summer Reading Club which is conducted during the summer in which over 1,000 children participate.

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Vicki Lawrence says she's stressed out and taking a break from her talk show on her doctor's orders.

Miss Lawrence said Wednesday she was suffering from colitis and heart palpitations brought on by her combative relationship with Derk Zimmerman, president of Group W Productions, which produces the syndicated "Vicki!"

"Life is too short to go on working with someone like this," she said.
"Vicki!" premiered in August and is seen in more than 160 markets nationwide.

Miss Lawrence will be replaced by guest hosts for several weeks as the show wraps up taping for the season.

Owen Simon, a Group W vice president, said of Miss Lawrence's complaints, "Everyone's hoping it will be resolved." He would not comment further on the dispute.

Walls stressed that the library staff plans programs that draw the public to the well-stocked library. The public is invited to view a film during the family film night which is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. This organization provides money for books on tapes and videos.

The library has large print books and micro-film of The Hereford Brand which dates back to 1904.

Club members were given a tour of the library including the Music Room, Bay View Room, the Genealogy Room and the Children's Walls explained and demonstrated the computer system that keeps the staff up-to-date on the books in the library and those they can secure. Both Mrs. Walls and Joe Weave are available for programs for

During the business meeting which was conducted by Vice President Lois Mitchell, minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Also, the treasurer's report was heard.

It was announced that the next meeting will be a salad supper in the home of Mildred Fuhrmann at which time officers for the next two years will be installed.

Refreshments were served to Clora Brown, Audine Dettman, Ludie Greeson, Margaret Schroeter, Dorothy Mercer, Mildred Fuhrmann, Nelda Fortenberry, Dorothy Ott, Lois Mitchell, Rebecca Walls and the





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ValuCare celebrates first anniversary

at Deaf Smith General Hospital will celebrate a birthday this month. DSGH's ValuCare, a benefits program for senior citizens, is oneyear-old, according to Elizabeth Fowler, coordinator.

She said, "More than 400 Medicare recipients in the Hereford area are members of ValuCare at DSGH. The program has been more successful than we planned. People seem to really love the value they get from the small membership fee.

Only individuals who are 65 years of age or older and who are on Medicare are eligible for the special program. ValuCare, part of a program first started at Lubbock Methodist Hospital several years ago, is a specially designed package of services for senior citizens.

ValuCare members get a discount on their inpatient hospital bills at DSGH, which can save the patients hundreds of dollars.

"We have a group of 23 Hereford merchants whom we call preferred providers," Fowler said. "The preferred provider displays the membership fee," Fowler said. ValuCare logo and gives ValuCare members a discount on merchandise."

at an early age important earthfriendly

habits. Here are eight daily activities

you can do with the younger set in

1 - Teach your child the 3 R's of

managing waste: Reduce, Reuse and

Recycle. Give examples of each. Think

of ways you can use this newspaper.

Read it, wrap birthday gifts with the

old-fashioned window cleaner. Stir

together 1/8 cup vinegar and 1 cup

water. Pour the mixture into a spray

bottle. Spray the cleaner on dingy

3 - Plant bean seeds in eggshell

halves filled with potting soil. When

the first growing plants are ready to

transplant outside, plant them in your

putting old newspapers in a recycling

or take a walk in a park or nature

5. Plan an outing to a nearby zoo,

garden or in planters, shell and all.

windows and wipe them to a shine.

2 - Help your child mix together an

funny pages, line a birdcage...

enjoy our planet:

One of the most popular services to seminars, health fairs, and other events at the hospital; and get together at social events. Members recently enjoyed an ice cream social at the hospital. ValuCare members also get special health care screenings, Fowler said.

> Preferred provides for the ValuCare program are Edwards Pharmacy, Homeland Pharmacy #605, West Park Drug, Dr. Milton Adams, Balloon Expressions, Betty's Shoes, Brookhart's, Budget Inn, Chateau Inn and Corona's 15Anera Boutique.

Additional Hereford preferred providers include Etcetera, First National Bank of Hereford, Flowers West, Hereford Brand, Hereford State Bank, Little's Fashions, Ranch House Restaurant, Red Carpet Inn, The Pants Cage, TLC Cleaners and XIT

ValuCare membership costs \$30 per year for individuals and \$50 per year for married couples. "We think the benefits far outweigh the small

Anyone interested in more information about ValuCare should ValuCare members also receive a call Elizabeth Fowler at Deaf Smith special health mailings; invitations General Hospital, 364-2141, Ext. 325.

'Friendly' habits for kids Our youngest generation is learning glass and binoculars if you have them. Think about and discuss what you see, hear and smell.

6. - At the grocery store, compare your household to help preserve and the prices of individual serving sizes and bulk container sof your child's favorite juice, cereal and snacks. Explain how packaging costs money and how it may create more trash.

7 - Mend torn clothing or fix a broken toy instead of throwing it away.

8 - Heighten your child's awareness of the vastness of our universe. On a starry night, go outside together and look for the moon and constellations. Enjoy wonders both near and far away.

Some folks are so contrary that if they fell in a river, they'd insist on floating upstream.

In the nearly 30 years it was a 4. - Let your child be in charge of federal prison, no one ever permanently escaped from Alcatraz.

> Treat people as if they were as good as you would want them to be. It is the only way to make them so.



Employees of the month

West Central School has named its employees of the month for March and April. Jenny McWhorter (at left), a fifth grade teacher, is the March employee of the month. She and her husband, Steve, have three daughters: Ginger, Natalie and Lezly. Suzan Schriber is the employee of the month for April. She teaches fourth grade and has been teaching in Hereford for eight years. Suzan is originally from Borger but enjoys living, teaching and attending church in Hereford.

Ask Dr. Lamb

DEAR DR. LAMB: I don't like to

listen to old wives' tales, but this

concerns me deeply. I am 70 years

old and took estrogen after my hys-

terectomy some years back. Now

I'm worried sick since a neighbor

who is married to a health profes-

sional told me she receives the latest

news on medicine in the mail, and

she insisted that 80 percent of all

elderly women who had had

mastectomies were users of estro-

gen. She says the estrogen was di-

rectly responsible for their cancers.

DEAR READER: Don't let her up-

set you. A review of published stud-

ies of estrogen replacement showed

that for every 100 women who devel-

oped breast cancer and had never

used estrogen there were only 101

women who had breast cancer and

had used estrogen, which is no dis-

cernible difference (Medical Journal

of Australia, Vol. 148:213, 1988). That

was a review of most if not all of the

published literature on the subject. There are a lot of confusing studies

reported that cause part of the con-

cern. A Swedish study found no in-

crease in breast cancer in women

who used conjugated estrogen even after years of treatment. That is the

type of estrogen most women in the

Other rather good studies have found a slightly increased risk in

women who were currently using

estrogen replacement. But even in

those studies, two years after having

stopped estrogen-replacement

therapy, there was no increased risk

Your letter suggests that you

stopped using estrogen replacement

quite some time ago, so I wouldn't

think you have anything to worry

about. Your greatest risk was of get-

ting osteoporosis, which is much more

risky than the small increased risk.

if any, from taking estrogen replace-

United States use.

Please explain to me.

In 1972, a British European Airways Trident jetliner plunged into a field minutes after takeoff from London's Heathrow Airport, killing all 118 people aboard.

Hints from Heloise

too long and I have decided to keep it fresh-smelling. brighten them.

Can I paint wallpaper? If so, is there a certain type of paint I need to use? - Lilly G., Harrisburg, Pa.

A. Yes, you can and any latex paint will do.

of primer/sealer (without sizing) to the wallpaper, to seal and prepare it for the paint.

If in doubt, ask at your local do-ityourself store or major paint store. Enjoy your new look! - Heloise SEND A GREAT HINT TO:

PO Box 795000 San Antonio TX 78279-5000 or fax it to 210-HELOISE HOUSEPLANTS

Dear Heloise: When spraying houseplants to clean them, I first take a paper plate and cut it to fit on top of the planter and then place them in the shower and spray.

They come out bright and clean and the dirt stays in the pot. -Barbara Stire, Utica, Mich.

CLOTHES HAMPER

Q. My kitchen walls have been hamper. When it is emptied, I see covered with a dreary wallpaper for the can and spray the hamper to

You can also do this in wastebaskets or anywhere odor may cause a problem. - Janet Buss, Plainview,

Just make sure the spray can doesn't get thrown in the washing But first you need to apply a coat machine or thrown out with the

trash. - Heloise **CRAFT HOOK**

Dear Heloise: I do some crafting and have found that those flat plastic hooks used in stores to hang up socks and dishtowels are just right to hot-glue to wall plaques that I make. - Helen Meyers, Ellisville,

A good recycling idea for sure; however, I'm assuming they are small, lightweight plaques. - Heloise

STEERING WHEEL Dear Heloise: To keep my car's steering wheel cooler during the hot summer sun, I slip on a bathroom stool cover over the wheel.

It's a perfect fit and I no longer burn my hands. - Constance Newville, Plattsmouth, Neb.

A good hint, but I'd love to hear the Dear Heloise: I keep a can of disin- comments from people passing by! fectant spray in the bottom of our - Heloise



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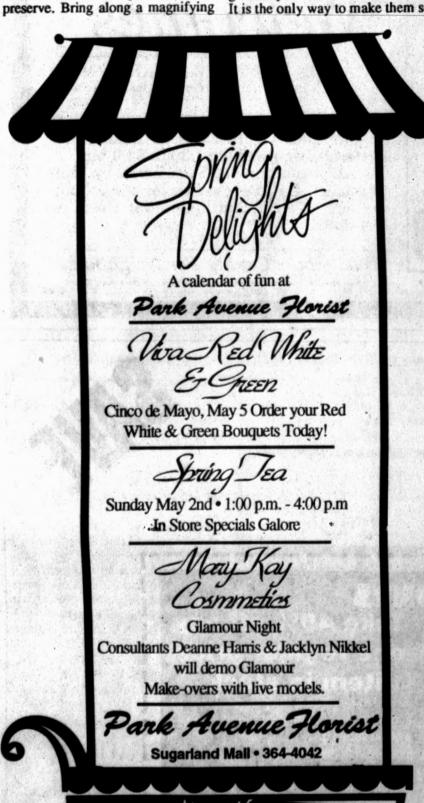
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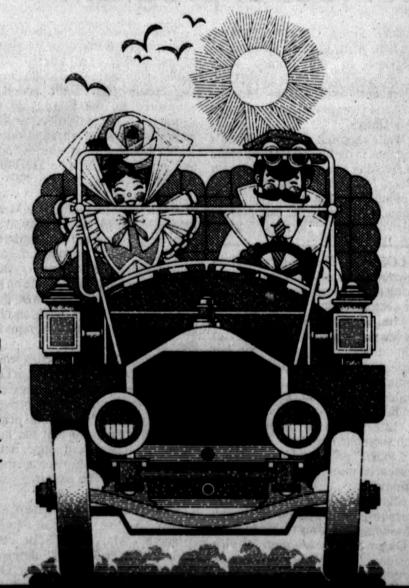
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Sports

Hereford's regional track qualifiers are in position to contend for trips to state

By JAY PEDEN Sports Editor

Ron Young, the Hereford boys' track coach, has a list that gives him reason for optimism going into the Region I-4A Track Meet. The list contains the best times of each runner or thrower in the five events Young is interested in-the ones in which his prize pupils are entered. Hereford boys are among the top four performers in each event.

Coaches can find out the competition's best performances, but with the many conditions that affect those performances, they're not a perfect indicator of what will happen Friday and Saturday in San Angelo. That's why they run the races. But Young knows his boys will be near the front of the races.

Krista West, one of three Hereford girls competing at regionals, is in the same shape as the boys--her time in the 200 dash is competitive with all but one of the others.

"There's a girl from Forth Worth Arlington Heights who has the best time in the region: 24.7 seconds," girls coach Martha Emerson said. "But the only other time from our region we've found around Krista's is 25.5, which is what Krista's is."

The top two in each event earn the right to compete in the state track meet, to be held May 14-15 in Austin.

The other two girls, hurdler Jeannie Barrientez and shot-putter April Roddy, may need personal bests.

"Jeannie knows the competition will be in the 45's and 46's (seconds) in the 300 hurdles, so she'll have to improve on her best, which is in the 47's." Emerson said.

"The girl from Borger (District 1-4A champion Roshanda Ingram) and a girl from Big Spring are the best (shot-putters) in our region. They've both been past 40 feet," she said. "We hope (Roddy) has a personal best."

The boys are mostly in good we'll lose (time) in the position to compete for the two state spots. According to Young, Steven working with each other."



Regional qualifying girls

The three girls from Hereford who qualified for the Region I-4A Track Meet are (left to right) Jeannie Barrientez, 300-meter hurdles; April Roddy, shot put; and Krista West, 200-meter dash. The meet will be Friday and Saturday in San Angelo.

Blea has the best shot-put distance in the region, Michael Ramirez has the fourth best time in the 800-meter run, and Petey Colvin has the third-best 200-meter time and the fourth best 100-meter time.

Hereford has the best time among regional qualifiers in the 400-meter relay, but there's a fly in that ointment. Quincy Curtis, who pulled his hamstring while running the anchor leg at the district meet, hasn't healed enough to compete. Freshman Marquise Brown will replace Curtis, a senior.

"We're not going to lose a lot in speed," Young said. "If anything we'll lose (time) in the handoffs, because these guys are not used to working with each other."

Brown will take Colvin's place as the leadoff leg, and Colvin will move to the anchor leg. They have a few days to perfect the handoffs, "which we will do," Young said.

"We anticipate finishing in the top two."

Everyone else in running (and throwing) smoothly.

"Michael's looking good. He's looking stronger than he has been," Young said. "Blea has consistently been throwing 57 (feet). He's in good shape and ready to go. Blea's the top thrower in our region. Our relay's going in with the top time in the region. Petey is fourth in 100 and third in 200, and Michael fourth in

800."
All good reasons for optimism.

Kitchens basketball tourney brings 52 teams to Hereford The second Cuby Kitchens Classic AAU basketball tournament

The second Cuby Kitchens Classic AAU basketball tournament will feature 52 teams of young boys and girls--500 kids in all. They'll play a lot of basketball this weekend.

"This is a large tournament," said Steve Wright, one of the organizers of the tournament and president of the local AAU group. "It is as big as we can handle with our facilities."

Games will be played from 5-10 p.m. Friday; from 8 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday; and from 11:45 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday. They'll take up the Hereford High School gym, the gym at Stanton school, and both gyms at Hereford Junior High.

Of the 52 teams, 29 will be girls' teams and 23 will be boys' teams. Each gender will be split into four age divisions. Most of the teams are coming from all over the Panhandle, but seven will feature kids exclusively from Hereford--five boys teams and two girls teams--and five other teams will include a couple of Hereford kids.

Tickets can be purchased for each day or for all three days. The three-day pass is \$6 for adults, \$4.50 for students. Daily tickets are \$2.50 for adults, \$1.50 for students.

Long Run

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - A defensive lineman weighing 290 pounds is not expected to have world class speed.

Steve Emtman of the Indianapolis Colts doesn't have anything even close to it, but he had enough leg power to set an NFL record for a touchdown on a pass interception when he lumbered 90 yards for a score last October in a 31-20 victory for the Colts over Miami.

"I was so tired after reaching the halfway mark, I could hardly breathe," Emtman said. "There was no oxygen handy, and I still could have used some on the flight home."

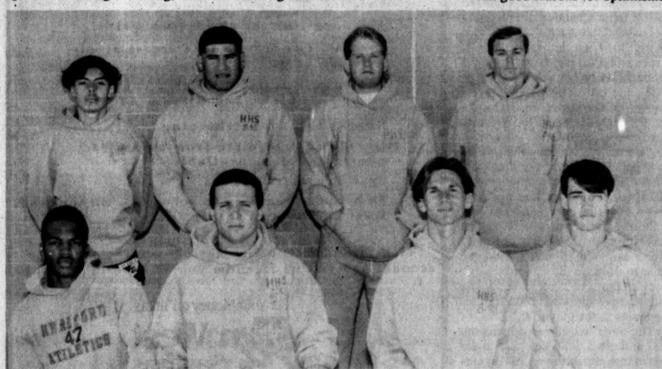
Elway And Byrd

SAN DIEGO (AP) - John Elway, the Denver Bronco quarterback, is a tough man to rig a defense against.

Not for Gill Byrd, though. Byrd, a cornerback for the San Diego Chargers who seems to read Elway's mind, has intercepted the Bronco ace nine times in the past five seasons. It is the most for anybody defending against Elway.

"It's a real challenge against John," Byrd said.

"It's almost like a game just between us," Elway said. "He takes chances but he's a tough guy to beat over the top."



Regional qualifying boys

Three individual boys and one relay team will compete in this weekend's Region I-4A Track Meet. Petey Colvin (left front) qualified in the 100- and 200-meter dash, and is a member of the 400-meter relay team, which also includes (front, left to right) Quincy Curtis, Shawn Fogo and Brandon Gearn. Marquise Brown (not pictured) will replace Curtis, who is injured. In back is Steven Blea (left), who will put the shot, and Michael Ramirez, who will run in the 800. Finally, James Hamer (discus and shot) and Nathan Betzen 110 hurdles) will serve as alternates.





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Cancer claims life of former NC St. coach

By TOM FOREMAN Jr. **AP Sports Writer**

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) - Almost every recollection of Jim Valvano contained a moment which left an impression hard to erase.

From the political circles of Washington to basketball courts nationwide, people were touched by the former North Carolina State coach.

Colleagues spoke of a fun-loving guy from New York who never stopped talking hoops and then dedicated the final months of his life to fighting what was cutting it short.

Valvano, who showed the same flair and wit on the way to a national championship as he did when he gave up his job amid a scandal, lost a 10-month fight with cancer Wednes-

day. Valvano was 47, and while most knew of the rule and had a plan. acknowledged they would miss him, others talked about his contributions to the game ... and life.

"He fought the good fight, the gallant fight against bone cancer, but I submit that he established himself as a profile in courage," said Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., who took time on the Senate floor to tell the story of the 1983 national championship team that couldn't get to Washington to visit President Reagan after its improbable victory over a bigger and more-talented Houston.

NCAA rules at the time prevented a championship team from traveling more than 100 miles from its home campus, meaning the Wolfpack wouldn't enjoy the privilege of others before them. Helms said Valvano

"They can rule against the team going down to Washington and sitting down with the President of the United States, but there is no rule, NCAA or otherwise, that says Jim Valvano has to stay in Raleigh," said Helms, recalling a conversation with the coach.

Valvano said he would not only visit the President, but would arrange a satellite link back to Raleigh as the team sat in a television studio. The link was established, but Reagan had to take care of last-minute protocol before the ceremony began.

"The President said 'Is it Val-van-oh or Val-von-oh? I want to pronounce your name right," "Helms

"It is Val-van-oh," the coach

responded, "And by the way, Mr. President, is it Re-gan or Ray-gan?"

Six years after he became basketball coach at N.C. State, Valvano took on the additional role of athletic director. He held both jobs until 1989, when his program was the focus of allegations of wrongdoing based on the book "Personal Fouls."

In 1987, Atlantic Coast Conference commissioner Gene Corrigan had let Valvano know how he felt about the dual jobs.

"I want you to know something from the very beginning. I do not believe you should have been both the athletic director and the basketball coach," Corrigan said of his conversation with Valvano. "That's just a personal bias that I had.

"For the next half-hour, he regaled

me on why he should have both jobs. When I left, I wasn't sure of my position."

There was one thing that Corrigan was sure of.

"He was the most unique person I think I've ever met," he said. "He's certainly one of the brightest. He's one of the most compelling personalities I've ever known.'

Georgia Tech coach and fellow New Yorker Bobby Cremins recalled seeing Valvano back on the job as a basketball analyst for ESPN this season. As the season drew on, however, Valvano's illness kept him from making assignments.

"I remember he spoke to our team before we played down at Florida State and all he talked about was his situation," Cremins said. "He told our team, 'You have an opportunity to play. You don't have cancer. You should give it your fullest."

The current coaching staff at Colorado has formed an N.C. State alumni association of sorts. Former Valvano assistants Tom Abatemarco and Dereck Whittenburg are now assistants to Joe Harrington with the Buffaloes.

"Sometimes, he would be going through his speech and I would get so fired up, I'd forget that I was one of the coaches," Whittenburg said in a radio interview. "I was thinking I was a player. I was getting ready to go out there and play.'

North Carolina coach Dean Smith said the rivalry with Valvano and N.C. State stayed on the court.

"Not only did Jim have a great coaching career, speaking career, family and friends, but in this last year he was a role model of courage to the countless thousands afflicted with life-threatening diseases," Smith said.

Valvano's successor, Les Robinson. added similar feelings.

"We will miss him for his other attributes - the intelligence, the ability to make people smile, the ability to entertain," Robinson said. "He suffered through this tough time with such dignity and class.

Valvano, who lived in Cary, is survived by his wife, Pam, and daughters Jamie, Nicole and Lee Ann. A wake is scheduled for this evening, and funeral services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. EDT at St. Andrew's R.C. Church in Apex.

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Cowboys fulfill Minter's dream

By JOHN WHITTEN

Mount Pleasant Daily Tribune

MOUNT PLEASANT, Texas (AP) - If Barry Minter sat down and wrote a script of his own life story, he couldn't have done a better job than the one that played out Monday

Minter always dreamed when he was growing up that he would wear a Dallas Cowboys uniform.

Now, he is going to get that opportunity.

The Cowboys selected Minter, a native of Mount Pleasant, in the sixth round of the National Football League draft. The 6-3, 235-pound University of Tulsa linebacker was definitely happy with the way things turned out.

"I get to go home, I'm real excited right now," said Minter, who would be just two hours away from Mount Pleasant if he makes the Cowboys roster. "It's a childhood dream come true. It couldn't end better if it was

a fairy tale. "I just want to thank God for giving me this ability and to thank the

ty to play in the NFL.

"I was very blessed not to go to just any club, but the defending Super Bowl Champions and America's team. It's a place I can call home. I feel just as blessed as Drew Bledsoe or Rick Mirer."

Bledsoe and Mirer were the first two selections in Sunday's NFL draft. They were taken by the New England Patriots and Seattle Seahawks

respectively. Minter, a 1988 Mount Pleasant High School graduate, knew that he would be drafted by the Cowboys after attending the NFL combine in

Indianapolis. "They told me earlier at the combine that they needed backers and they would probably draft two," said Minter, who was also selected along with linebacker Darrin Smith of the University of Miami, taken in the second round. "They held true to what they said."

They were the two lone linebackers chosen by the Cowboys, which are looking to shore up that position. Cowboys for giving me an opportuni- Cowboys' linebacker Godfrey Myles

is expected to miss this upcoming in my life. season after suffering a knee injury in the team's 52-17 Super Bowl victory over the Buffalo Bills.

Linebacker Dixon Edwards has also been somewhat of a disappoint-

ment since being drafted in 1991. Also working in Minter's favor to make the Cowboys is the fact that the rosters will expand to 53 players this

"The increased roster will definitely help my chances," said Minter. "I just hope to be one of those on the 53-man roster.

"They told me I might have to play special teams and I'm real excited about that. I'll play whatever role there is."

Minter will get a better idea of where he can fit in this weekend when he attends a Cowboys mini-camp.

As for training camp in Austin this summer, Minter expects a fair opportunity to make the team and

that's all he can ask. "I'm expecting to be given a fair and open opportunity to make the club," Minter said. "I'm going to be in the best shape that I've ever been 'most of it.

"I have to be ready for the turmoil and pain and try to be as sharp as possible. I think the most important part is mental and not to get down."

Minter said the hardest part over the last two days was watching the draft and not knowing where he was

going.
"I wanted to know what club, what city I was going to so I could prepare myself for the situation," said Minter.

One of the next moves for Minter will be signing a contract. Since Jerry Jones became owner of the Cowboys, one of his primary goals has to have his rookies signed before training

Minter said he expects he will come to an agreement soon.

"That's the best way to do it," Minter said. "I don't want to hold out

Minter doesn't want to miss any opportunity to make the Cowboys. He waited all his life for this chance.

Now, he's going to try to make the

Hornets not intimidated by Garden

intimidating for the Charlotte Hornets.

"It doesn't mean nothing to us," Kenny Gattison said of the Celtics' tradition of playoff success. "We don't have enough sense to worry about it. This is our first playoffs, and we're just pumped up.'

Flying against caution, the Hornets even have admitted they'd rather play fourth-place Boston in the first round of the NBA playoffs, beginning tonight, than New York, Chicago or Cleveland, the top three teams in the Eastern Conference.

have reason for optimism. "We know Boston can't run with

All those championship banners tage," Mourning said. "I think we also like that style.

"When (the ball) is in my hands, they're going to have to run with me," said point guard Muggsy Bogues, who is recovering from a groin injury, but says he is 90 percent of full strength.

Other playoffs tonight include San Antonio at Portland and the Los Angeles Clippers at Houston in the Western Conference, and New Jersey at Cleveland in the East.

On Friday night, it's the Los Angeles Lakers at Phoenix, Atlanta at Chicago, Indiana at New York and Utah at Seattle.

With Alonzo Mourning and Larry
Johnson leading the way, the Hornets
Douglas and Dee Brown at point guard, believe they can run with the younger Hornets. Kevin Gamble,

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and retired uniform numbers at can overpower them with our "He's a lot like George Gervin, many as three or four. "When they Boston Garden must be awfully endurance and speed." tall and wiry," Hornets coach Allan wear out, I just break out a new bag." Bristow said of Lewis. "He gets his shot up no matter how well you guard him.'

Brown appears recovered from a minor hip injury. Kevin McHale is bothered by a sore back, but probably will play. McHale, believed to be on the verge of retiring, is critical for Boston to cope with the rebounding of Mourning and Johnson.

"We just have to make sure that ve slow Muggsy up," Lewis said. We can't allow him to get into the heart of our defense, breaking us down and dishing off to the big guys cutting to the basket.

The Hornets' small forward spot is shared by Johnny Newman and David Wingate, a former high school teammate of Lewis in Washington,

Elsewhere, Phoenix had 23 more regular-season victories than the Lakers, a 5-0 sweep of the season series and its lucky wrist bands as advantages against the Lakers.

Lucky wrist bands? Suns guard Danny Ainge began the practice of wearing a rubber band on his left wrist. Now he and teammates Dan Majerle and Frank Johnson are doing it, and Majerle was wearing one when he made the 35-footer at the buzzer that beat the Lakers 115-114 April 6 and gave the Suns the 5-0

"I'm wearing 'em for luck," said Majerle, who sometimes carries as

Ainge started the practice when he was with the Celtics. He remembered seeing Wilt Chamberlain wearing rubber bands around his socks to keep them up. Then he saw Maurice Cheeks of Philadelphia wearing a rubber band on his wrist.

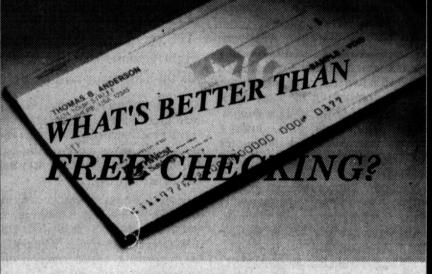
As the only one of 16 playoff teams with a losing record, the Lakers are the eighth seed in the Western Conference playoffs.

"Certainly, we're going to be considered a heavy, heavy underdog, but we've been on the other side of that for a lot of years, and we know that a team that comes in loose and without a lot of expectations can make it very difficult," coach Randy Pfund said. "And that's what we hope to do with the Phoenix Suns. They're the best team in the NBA, and we have the worst record of all

the teams in the playoffs." The Suns' 62-20 record was the best in the NBA this season and the best in franchise history. Los Angeles was 39-43, good only for fifth in the Pacific Division.

Famed baseball manager John McGraw was nicknamed "The Little Napoleon."

Once he became a regular with the Detroit Tigers, Ty Cobb never batted



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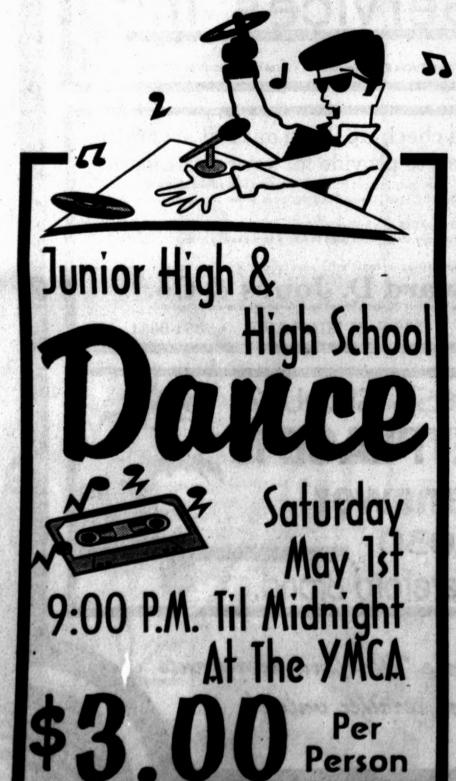


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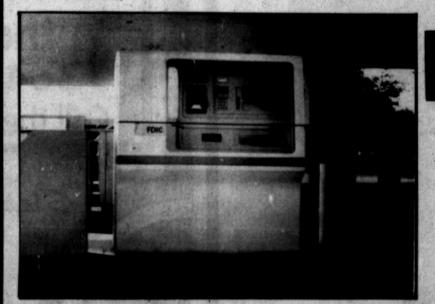
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Deja vu for Abbott: losing in Anaheim Stadiu

By The Associated Press

It was just like old times for Jim Abbott: He was pitching in Anaheim Stadium with few runs to work with.

After Mark Langston pitched York came back to tie the score in the double. But Abbott, pitching in Anaheim for the first time since his December trade, gave up a leadoff it," Langston said. homer to Tim Salmon in the bottom of the inning, giving California a 3-2

"It was a tough game to lose," Abbott said. "It was a lot of fun to come back here and to pitch against Mark, but it was bittersweet. Mark

pitched great, kept us off-balance.... for his second complete game this When he's at the top of his game, he's tough for anybody to beat. Maybe on a different night ..."

Langston (3-0) pitched a seven no-hit innings against the three-hitter and struck out 13 for his Yankees on Wednesday night, New third complete game this season. third complete game this season. Randy Velarde got New York's first ninth on Danny Tartabull's two-run hit when he led off the eighth with a sharp single up the middle.

"I felt bad for Jim, but I'll take

In other games, Boston beat Oakland 3-1, Seattle beat Cleveland 4-0, Baltimore beat Minnesota 8-4, Chicago beat Milwaukee 11-2, Texas beat Detroit 6-5 in 11 innings and Kansas City beat Toronto 5-3.

Abbott (1-4) pitched a five-hitter Tartabull's error.

year. He struck out three and walked

"I feel for him having to take a loss like that," Salmon said. "But he's on the other side now, so I'm happy for Mark.'

California got two runs in the fourth. Rene Gonzales blooped an RBI single just over first baseman Don Mattingly's head and beyond the fingertips of diving second baseman Mike Gallego. Salmon scored, and Tartabull's bouncing throw from right to second - too late to get Gonzales - glanced off shortstop Spike Owen's glove and into shallow center. J.T. Snow scored from third on

Red Sox 3, Athletics 1
Frank Viola (4-1) gave up three hits, struck out four and walked four in 71-3 innings, Jeff Russell pitched 1 2-3 perfect innings for his fourth

Mo Vaughn homered as the visiting Red Sox stopped a six-game losing streak. Bob Welch (2-2) made his first start since April 17 and gave up three runs and 10 hits in 7 2-3

Mariners 4, Indians 0 Ken Griffey Jr. had three hits, including his seventh home run of the season, and drove in three runs as Seattle completed a three-game sweep of the visiting Indians.

Erik Hanson (3-0) allowed four

hits, struck out seven and walked two. runs and nine hits in just four innings Jeff Nelson, Russ Swan and Norm Charlton finished, with Charlton striking out Carlos Martinez for his third save. Jeff Mutis (1-2) allowed four runs and five hits in five innings. Orioles 8, Twins 4

longest since a seven-game slide in April 1990.

Ripken's homer highlighted a four-run third, and Baltimore snapped a 4-4 tie with four unearned runs in the sixth off Scott Erickson (0-3). Baltimore had lost three straight and six of seven.

Arthur Rhodes (1-1), who came in with a 13.97 ERA, allowed four runs and seven hits in 62-3 innings. Pedro Munoz homered twice for the Twins. White Sox 11, Brewers 2

Frank Thomas continued his hot hitting with a two-run homer, and Kirk McCaskill (2-3) allowed one run and six hits in seven innings at Comiskey Park.

Cal Eldred (3-2) was tagged for six in six innings.

Milwaukee manager Phil Garner was ejected in the ninth by home plate umpire John Shulock for arguing a called third strike on Alex Diaz.

Rangers 6, Tigers 5

Cal Ripken hit a three-run homer
as Baltimore extended visiting winning run in the 11th as Texas rallied Minnesota's losing streak to six, its from a 5-1 deficit in the eighth at Arlington Stadium.

Rafael Palmeiro led off the 11th with a pop single off Mike Munoz (0-1). Franco took two strikes attempting to bunt, then delivered his game-winning hit.

Tom Henke (1-0) got his first victory

for Texas. Royals 5, Blue Jays 3

Mark Gardner (2-1) pitched six-hit ball for seven innings as visiting Kansas City stopped Toronto's four-game winning streak. Gardner allowed all three runs, struck out six and walked two before Jeff Montgomery got six

outs for his sixth save. Scott Brow lost in his major league debut, allowing four runs and five hits

Phillies pull away from NL East

By The Associated Press

Although they're not quite running away with the National League East, the Philadelphia Phillies are putting a good measure of distance between themselves and the rest of the pack.

Curt Schilling pitched seven innings of shutout ball and Ricky Jordan continued his hot streak since replacing the injured John Kruk as Philadelphia beat San Diego 5-3 Wednesday night, increasing its division lead to 3{ games.

At a major-league best 15-5 with two games left this month, the Phillies surpassed their previous highest win total for April - 14 in

In other action Wednesday, Houston downed Chicago 6-1, San Francisco edged New York 4-3, Los Angeles topped Montreal 6-1, Florida beat Atlanta 3-1, St. Louis beat Colorado 7-6 and Cincinnati defeated ly. Pittsburgh 4-2.

over the Padres kicked off a seven-game West Coast trip that several players see as an important indicator of the future for this team.

"It's a big trip for us," said second baseman Mickey Morandini. 'Last year we went out there and pretty much buried ourselves. We have to win a series or two."

Dave Hollins used the same words, 'We've been buried out there a few times.'

The fast start has happened without much of a contribution from ace starter Terry Mulholland, tagged with three of the five losses, or from leadoff hitter Len Dykstra, batting just .203. Also, outfielder Milt Thompson is struggling at .185. and shortstops Juan Bell and Kim Batiste are hitting .189 and .188., respective-

It remains to be seen how long the from his second straight shutout Guzman (4-2) and made it 6-0 in the Phillies can keep this up. The win before the Padres scored two runs in sixth. the eighth. Mitch Williams worked the bottom of the ninth for his eighth save despite allowing a run after loading the bases with none out.

Jordan went 3 for 4 with one RBI and two runs scored for the second straight night in place of Kruk, sidelined since Monday with a hamstring injury.

Astros 6, Cubs 1

In a game played in just 2:06 in the Astrodome, Greg Swindell won his fourth straight start, giving up seven hits in eight innings.

"He gets the ball and throws it, he doesn't mess around. He throws strikes and the other teams know it, so they go up there swinging. That makes him easy to play behind," Houston manager Art Howe said of Swindell (4-1).

Schilling (4-1) was five outs away second off Chicago starter Jose seventh save.

Dodgers 6, Expos 1

Eric Karros and Eric Davis hit solo home runs and Brett Butler scored twice on Montreal mistakes as the Dodgers put a just-completed 1-6 road trip behind them in the opener of a seven-game homestand.

Pedro Astacio (1-2) allowed six hits in six-plus innings and got relief help from Pedro Martinez. Dennis Martinez (1-4) was the loser.

Marlins 3, Braves 1

At Atlanta, Benito Santiago's infield single in the ninth inning drove in the go-ahead run and Orestes Destrade followed with a sacrifice fly off former Cy Young Award winner Steve Bedrosian (0-2) as Florida won its second straight.

Bob McClure (1-1) picked up the victory by getting the final out in the The Astros scored four runs in the eighth inning. Bryan Harvey got his

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Dollar valued as Graham High's money pitcher

By CHRIS PERKINS The Dallas Morning News

GRAHAM, Texas (AP) - Toby Dollar owns the plate when he pitches.

No exceptions.

· Ask the player from Austin Lake Travis who attempted to draw a walk against Dollar in a Class 3A state quarterfinal last June by crowding the

He ended up 0-for-0 that day and was hit by three pitches - two curves off his helmet and one fastball in the back.

Dollar, a 6-2, 200-pound righthander at Graham High School, has an 85-mph fastball and is considered one of the nation's top amateur prospects by major league scouts and publications such as Collegiate Baseball and Baseball America.

The 18-year-old University of Miami signee is 4-0 this year with a 1.00 ERA and should be a high-round selection in June's amateur baseball draft.

Dollar led Graham to a 3-0 victory against Lake Travis and a state tournament berth that day last spring. The Steers finished as state semifinalists at 28-3-1. He insists he didn't hit the batter on purpose and you're inclined to believe him because those who know the pitcher insist he's a nice guy.

But you also get the feeling that because no one was injured, Dollar views the errant pitches as an effective message.

'I guess it had to be because the rest of them backed off the plate," he said with a hint of a smile.

The hit batsmen are out of character for Dollar's off-the-field demeanor.

After a playoff game last year, the

team presented the game ball to Dollar, who in turn gave it to an outfielder because of his hustle.

But opposing batters have found they shouldn't push their luck against Dollar. He was 11-1 a year ago with a 1.37 ERA and 123 strikeouts in 76 innings. His four-year record is 30-7 with a 0.83 ERA and 369 strikeouts in 244 innings. Dollar said nothing will prevent him from throwing inside and claiming his territory.

"I have the feeling the plate is mine," he said. "I may hit a couple of them, but that's OK.

Athletically, Dollar always has been special. More specifically, his right arm always has been special, able to grant hero status or make another statistic of each batter that steps to the plate.

Although he always has dreamed of playing professional baseball, he didn't expect so much attention so soon. Major league teams, college recruiters and elite high school summer league teams all want him.

"It's a new experience," said Buck Dollar, Toby's father, speaking for his wife Patsy and 15-year-old son

Toby Dollar's statistics as a freshman and sophomore were enough to pique the curiosity of the Major League Scouting Bureau.

As a freshman, Dollar was 7-2 with a 0.40 ERA and 98 strikeouts. As a sophomore, he was 8-4 with a 0.58 ERA and 107 strikeouts.

But the numbers that really turned heads were the ones he posted at a tryout camp at Dallas Baptist University following his sophomore

Said Dollar: "I figured I really didn't have anything to lose, so I let

His first pitch was clocked at 89

"They didn't really know who he was," Graham coach Randy Bunyard said. "Suddenly, he became a very important person.'

That was obvious by the increase in mail and telephone calls from pro scouts and college recruiters. But Dollar didn't think much of that. What made him think was after he had a good season with a team from nearby Iowa Park in the summer of 1991. It was the first time Dollar had played on a team outside of Graham.

He was hot property for the rest of the summer.

"I first figured I had a chance to do something when all these people from out of town started calling and wanted me to play for their team," he said.

He accepted an invitation to play for the Dallas Mustangs in the Connie Mack League, the same team Oakland A's pitching prospect and Arlington Martin graduate Todd Van Poppel played for in 1989. Instead of making the daily two-hour drive from Graham, Dollar stayed with a family in Highland

Dollar went 12-0 for the Mustangs, proving his lively fastball, sharp breaking ball and effective changeup work at a level above Class 3A.

Dollar isn't sure where he will go in baseball's June amateur draft, but his draft position, coupled with a signing bonus, will be factors in determining whether he pitches for the Miami Hurricanes, one of the nation's top collegiate programs.

"An education is hard to turn down," Dollar said. "but so is a lot

Toby Dollar strolls through life at a leisurely pace. And that seems synonymous with Graham, a farming town of about 9,900 located northwest of Fort Worth.

Graham emits an old-fashioned aura. The town square is still alive with shops and offices, and one gets the idea that the residents never want their community to adopt the fast-paced

On the weekends, most of the fast and cool crowd can be seen on the drag, a four-lane strip of Highway 16 that

lifestyle of Dallas-Fort Worth area

goes through town. If you don't have a girlfriend, Dollar said, you'll hang out at the Whataburger. If you have a girlfriend, he said, you might take her to the movies and then hang out at the Whataburger.

Dollar prefers staying in or hanging

out with teammates.

he's got a reputation for not wanting to go out."

As the quarterback who led the football team to the regional playoffs,

an all-region guard on the basketball team that advanced to the regional tournament and a pitcher on the baseball team that advanced to the state tournament last year, Dollar is well-known in school.

But his popularity isn't the type that will get him voted "Mr. Graham" by classmates, according to Bunyard.

Dollar admitted he isn't the first person people call when they are

looking to go out on weekends. "Sometimes I don't even get called," Dollar said.

speak at a pep rally at Woodland Elementary School earlier this year.

Actually, only Bunyard spoke. "I just kind of stood there as a

prop," Dollar said. It worked. The students know who Dollar was and were excited as they

listened to Bunyard. Bunyard, Graham's baseball coach for the past 12 years, had to be introduced.

This spring, the Steers are 15-4. When it's Dollar's turn to pitch, a dozen or more scouts are there with their radar guns pointed toward the mound.

The scene brings to mind a comment made by former Arlington Martin football coach Don Smith. He Yet he's among the most popular said when Van Poppel pitched, there "Sometimes he goes out," junior residents in town. Bunyard related the were more radar guns at Warrior catcher Justin Smith said. "Mainly, story of how he and Dollar went to Field than on nearby Interstate 20. residents in town. Bunyard related the were more radar guns at Warrior

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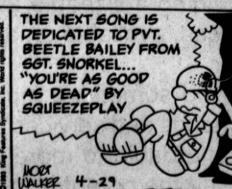
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Family hails graduation of 18th child from high school

By LORETTA FULTON **Abilene Reporter-News**

LORAINE, Texas (AP) - The look of pride and a little sadness in the eyes of Lydia Alvarez is no different from that of other mothers whose child is about to graduate from high

Mrs. Alvarez, though, has grown ccustomed to that look. When her son, Fabian, graduates May 28, he will be the last of the Alvarez children to do so. There were 17 before him.

Fabian's graduation is special to his mother and to his father, Anastacio. His plans to attend Angelo State University next fall are special, too. If he didn't, he would be the only Alvarez child not to go on to college. Nine have earned college degrees, one has a master's, and more diplomas are on the way.

A retired teacher who taught some of the children, Irene Preston, recalls them fondly.

"They were all real smart and they were all real nice," she said.

No other compliments could make Anastacio, 69, and Lydia, 63, happier. They sum up what the parents tried to instill in their children. One son, Sammy of Sweetwater, recalled that early in his life, his father said, "we what he wanted for their future -

would have an education even if he had to go barefoot."

Today, Anastacio Alvarez' dream for his family has come true - and his feet are not bare.

No one in the family ever had to go without shoes or any other essentials although times were not easy. Their father is a farmer, and up until about 10 years ago he also worked at the cotton gin. And family members are quick to point out their mother's numerous contributions to making the large group run smoothly.

"It took a woman as dedicated as my mom was to help out," Sammy said. "He (Anastacio) couldn't have done it by himself.'

Just keeping the family going from day to day was quite an accomplishment. But the parents' emphasis on education and the payoff from their encouragement is the real story of the Alvarez family's achievement.

Neither Anastacio nor Lydia, both Mitchell County natives, graduated from high school. Anastacio soon realized that with an education he could have gotten a better job and more money. When he and Lydia married in 1947 and began their family a year later, Anastacio knew

"That was my priority when I got

married," he said.

When the firstborn child, Anastacio Jr., went to school, he set off a chain reaction of learning in the Alvarez family. Spanish was spoken at home until Anastacio Jr., now 44, entered first grade. As the other children came along and went to school, English became the primary language at home, even for the

"We turned into a bilingual family," Sammy said.

Almost every year since then, the Alvarez name has appeared in the list of top graduates at Loraine High School.

Although school work apparently wasn't too difficult for any of the children, coming from such a large family sometimes posed problems. Staying out of trouble was a must.

You always watched what you did at school because you knew someone would tell," said David, 35. "There was no place to hide."

And, of course, comparisons were inevitable. The second oldest child, Daniel, 43, and Sammy attended Howard College at the same time. One day two letters arrived at the family home from the school. One

Daniel, the first valedictorian in the family, had been named to Who's Who in American Junior Colleges. Sammy had been named to the academic probation list.

Their father opened Daniel's letter first. After seeing what Sammy had "accomplished," Anastacio remarked, "the other boy I was proud

Being the last in the family had its advantages for Fabian. His older siblings insist he got away with things they never dreamed of, but those aren't the advantages Fabian talks

In school, he constantly heard, "You're so-and-so's brother."

"It was an honor for me for people to say that," Fabian said.

Back at home, everyone did his part in the daily family operation. From his stint in the Army, Dad taught the kids how to do "military corners" when making their beds - a job required by everyone each morning. And Lydia lived and taught "recycling" long before it became a household word.

"She had a knack for putting leftovers together and coming up with a new casserole," Sammy said.

Even leftover ice cubes were recycled into water for plants.

As efficiently as the family operated, there were moments of confusion. Sammy recalled that some times when his mother was mad at him, she would shake her finger at him and say in an exasperated voice, "Sam, David, Joe, you, you - you know who I'm talking about!

Other fond memories of home life include the strong emphasis on religion. Members of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Colorado City, the Alvarez family had a daily rosary recitation. One son, Mike, 30, wrote a letter of recollections about his family.

"As I look at my life and wonder what could have been different without Mom, what comes to mind the strongest is my faith in God," he wrote. "She influenced by words as well as by example."

Lydia agrees that her religious beliefs helped guide her in raising her

"I wouldn't have made it without God," she said.

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concerned Daniel and one concerned close. And his mother doesn't mind money and a lot of family. They had admitting she's a little bit emotional about not having a child in the house. "I'm going to feel lonesome," she

> People may shake their heads in amazement at Anastacio and Lydia Alvarez' achievement. They had little how I did it," Mrs. Alvarez said.

a deep love for that family and a determination that their children would have the education they missed.

Anastacio and Lydia Alvarez have much to be proud of. "Looking back, I don't even know





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Sharp-dressed lawman from Chicago

No cowboy boots, Stetson for South Texas sheriff

By BRIAN PEARSON **Corpus Christi Caller-Times** ROCKPORT, Texas (AP) -Conventional wisdom holds that South Texas sheriffs wear worn cowboy boots and Stetsons and hanker for a twangy country-western

So, call David Petrusaitis unconventional. Petrusaitis would rather slip into a suit and tie and tune his office radio to a rock 'n' roll station. Top that with the fact that he hails from Chicago, and Petrusaitis would seem cut out to be a big-city businessman rather than a rural

So, how did this sharply dressed Midwesterner become the first Republican sheriff elected in heavily Democratic Aransas County? Even Petrusaitis is at a loss for answers.

people in this town took a chance on from getting this job, simply because I'm not a hometown boy.

Louise Wilken, Aransas County Democratic Party chairwoman, said Petrusaitis not only bucked the Democratic dynasty in the November election but also beat a candidate backed by popular outgoing Sheriff Bob Hewes.

'The young man who won is OK as far as I'm concerned," Wilken said. "But there was some politics (in this election). There were some untruths circulating around that hurt our candidate.

"I think, too, that it was kind of Court. a time for change.

Hewes, whom Aransas County Judge Agnes Harden called the most popular elected official in county history, decided to retire from law the sheriff's race had more to do with the candidates than political parties.

"This county, (in elections) on a local level, votes for people and not parties," she said.

During the campaign, Petrusaitis County Sheriff's Department in May criticized the sheriff's department and 1981. Hewes, saying deputies did not have enough freedom to do their jobs and were lax in traffic enforcement. These guys were not allowed to nake their own decisions," etrusaitis said.

After defeating two Republican ponents in the primary, Petrusaitis in November faced Rick McLester. who had served under Hewes for

more than 16 years, seven of those as a patrolman in March 1988. chief deputy. Petrusaitis won handily with 55 percent of the vote, or 3,704 of the 6,690 ballots cast.

Petrusaitis said he took his share of political lumps along the way. According to one rumor during the campaign, he came to Rockport after being fired from the Corpus Christi Police Department, for which he had never worked, he said.

Another false rumor that spread through town on New Year's Day held that he was driving drunk the night before and wrecked his car, he said. "I fought a tremendous battle to get this job," he said. "I took a lot of heat."

McLester, who now performs environmental work for the county. would not comment on the election. Hewes, 64, said he has no ill feelings "I really didn't expect to win this over Petrusaitis' attacks on his election," Petrusaitis said. "A lot of record. "I don't agree with a lot of (Petrusaitis') statements, but he's got me. There was a move to keep me a right to make them," Hewes said. "It got him elected, and he's got a lot of good ideas and a lot of new ideas." The former sheriff now spends six

hours a week at Rockport's H.E.B. grocery store, where he works as a greeter and hands out product advertisements. Although Petrusaitis is the county's first Republican sheriff, he is far from being the first person from that party to be elected to countywide office. County Attorney Jim Anderson,

a Republican, has been in office 14 years, and two Republicans serve on a fine job," Rockport City Council the Aransas County Commissioners

Petrusaitis is a U.S. Navy veteran who grew up in Chicago, working as a mechanic before getting into police work. He worked full time as a dispatcher for the police department enforcement after serving 24 years as in Reed, Wis., before moving to the sheriff. Harden said the outcome of Coastal Bend in 1981 to be with his parents, who had moved to Rockport a year earlier. After applying with several Coastal Bend law enforcement agencies, Petrusaitis landed a dispatching job with the Nueces

> He spent four months as dispatcher before moving to the jail, where he worked the graveyard shift. Those hours allowed him to take law-enforcement courses during the day, and a year later, he was made a deputy. Within four years he had been promoted to lieutenant. Wanting to get back to a small-town police force, Petrusaitis joined the Rockport Police Department

He said he decided to enter the

sheriff's race in 1991 because he believed the department wasn't meeting the county's law-enforcement needs. "I saw the need," Petrusaitis said.
"There were a lot of areas I thought needed some improvements."

Since taking office in January, Petrusaitis said he has stepped up traffic patrols in Rockport and Fulton and improved relations with the Rockport Police Department. "Working relations are very good," said Lt. Gary Howard of the Rockport Police Department. "We're working real well right now."

Howard would not comment on what the relationship was like before Petrusaitis took office.

Petrusaitis said he also has brought in a drug dog for narcotics cases and to patrol schools and instructed his deputies to work more rural traffic accidents, which traditionally had been handled by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers.

"I don't tell them (Aransas deputies) to go out and write tickets," he said. "I tell them to go out and make contact and let people know we're enforcing the traffic laws."

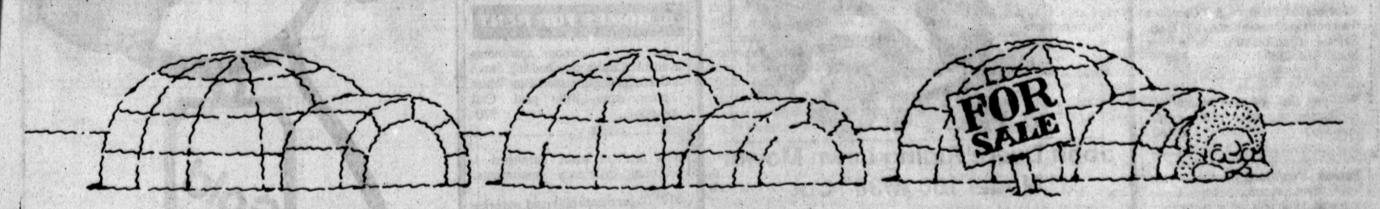
Petrusaitis said being a Republican has had no affect on his ability to work with the public and other county leaders. "At first that was kind of a concern among some of the Republicans here, but I haven't really worried about something like that," he said. "From what I've seen, he's done

member Ray O'Brien said of Petrusaitis. "I think there's a good working relationship between the county and the city officers, and I think that's good for everybody.'

When he is not wearing his sheriff's badge, Petrusaitis said he likes to build plastic car models, fish and spend time with his wife and two sons, ages 11

Petrusaitis also likes to collect shoulder patches from police departments around the world. More than 550 patches - from places such as Germany, Australia, around the United States and small-town police forces in Texas - adorn a wall in his office.

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The Utility proposes to change all rates for Farm and Home, Residential Space Heating, Irrigation, Commercial, Large Power, Industrial, Cotton Gin, and Lighting, including demand, energy, minimum and other charges. The proposed changes are expected to affect the classes as follows: for the 4,416 customers in the farm and home class, the proposed decrease will be \$109,357 or a negative 4.53% change in revenues; for the 147 customers in the residential space heating class, the proposed decrease will be \$7,793 or a negative 3.39% change in revenues; for the 4,060 customers in the irrigation class, the proposed decrease will be \$376,215 or a negative 4.15% change in revenues; for the 774 customers in the commercial class, the proposed decrease will be \$54,019 or a negative 6.17% change in revenues; for the 111 customers in the large power class the proposed decrease will be \$81,413 or a negative 8.11% change in revenues; for the 2 customers in the industrial class, the proposed decrease will be \$95,907 or a negative 3.74% change in revenues; for the 6 customers in the cotton gin class, there will be no change in revenues; and for the 2,888 customers in the lighting class, the proposed decrease will be \$15,290 or a negative 6.11% change in revenues.

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Ex-MHMR worker files suit claiming discrimination

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ment and intimidation because she

No similar religious discrimination lawsuit has been filed against the state in recent memory, Ron Dusek, spokesman for Texas Attorney General Dan Morales, said Wednes-

The lawsuit filed by Lael Byers, former assistant director of volunteer services at MHMR, alleges she was discriminated against for 13 months by her then-supervisor, Margaret 'Peg" Barry.

"Ms. Barry told (Byers) that she needed to change her religion because anyone who was important and was at the top at the central office (of MHMR) was a Presbyterian," according to the lawsuit.

The lawsuit, filed in Travis County district court, names Ms. Barry and the agency as defendants.

Other MHMR department officials employee has filed a lawsuit alleging did not want to comment on the she was the victim of religious lawsuit, which was filed in Travis discrimination and was forced to County state district court, Ms. Allee

Ms. Byers, who resigned her The former employee of the Texas MHMR job on May 1, 1992, is Department of Mental Health and seeking an unspecified amount of seeking an unspecified amount of Mental Retardation alleges harass- punitive damages as well as compensatory damages, including the was not a Presbyterian like other top difference between her earnings today MHMR officials. She is a member of and what she would have been the Church of Christ. earning at MHMR. Ms. Byers now works as secretary for University of Texas football coach John Mackovic.

At MHMR, Ms. Byers was a finalist in 1990 for outstanding MHMR employee of the year and devised a system for checking all volunteers for criminal histories, a proposal adopted by the Legislature.

Ms. Byers filed a discrimination complaint last year with the Texas Commission on Human Rights, which investigated the matter but failed to issue any formal findings.

After Ms. Byers filed her lawsuit, she obtained copies of the commission's investigative file.

The commission interviewed a number of MHMR employees. Documents show Ms. Barry acknowledged she told Ms. Byers, "I uess you if have to become Sheila Allee, spokeswoman for MHMR, said Barry is on vacation.

Presbyterian," but said she made the comment "in a kidding manner."

Asa said the sludge - a mixture of

"You can have a catastrophic

nants - made the brakes unreliable.

failure on one day, and the brakes

work fine the next day," Asa said.

"That's why you keep contaminants

Department of Public Safety to

investigate the brakes within two days

of the accident. He later became a

witness for plaintiffs' attorneys who

sued Coca-Cola and Perez's criminal

Asa was hired by the Texas

out of the system."

Expert says brakes on truck were faulty

EDINBURG, Texas (AP) - A Coca-Cola truck driver blamed for a oil, water, dust and other contamideadly school-bus collision is wrapping up his case with his key contention - that the brakes failed.

Ruben Perez's attorneys called a truck braking expert Don Asa as their final witness Wednesday. Hidalgo County District Attorney Rene Guerra was scheduled to cross-examine him today. Asa testified that Valley

Coca-Cola Bottling Co. didn't adjust or maintain the brakes properly on Perez's truck, which passed by a stop sign and rammed a school bus into a roadside pit where 21 students drowned on Sept. 21, 1989.

Asa told the jury that he found 2 quarts of sludge in an air tank connected to the truck's air brakes. Defense attorney Bob Binder asked Asa what should have been in the tank.

"About a teaspoon of water," said Asa, who added that he found contamination throughout the brake

"Should there have been any water contamination in the lines at all?" Binder asked later.

"Not a drop," said Asa.

defense. Perez, 29, faces up to one year in prison if convicted of criminally negligent homicide. Asa also said the braking power

of the truck was reduced "dramatically" because of three out-of-adjustment slack adjustors. Coca-Cola had not adjusted the slack adjustors for more than 2,000

miles beyond what the truck manufacturer recommended, Asa testified. The defense claims that trees

blocked the stop sign from Perez's view, but Guerra contends Perez should have anticipated the stop because he was driving his own shortcut.

BOSTON (AP) - Jason Alexander says it's his wonderful life that keeps him from identifying with George, the neurotic he plays on the NBC sitcom "Seinfeld."

at least one year as an NFL analyst for NBC, his agent says.

"He's done a deal with NBC. It's a one-year deal," said Ditka's agent, Barry Frank of International

CHICAGO (AP) - Former Chicago

Bears coach Mike Ditka will spend

Management Group. After a bidding war between CBS and NBC, Ditka agreed Monday to the \$550,000 pact, plus an option year, that will have him analyzing games on "NFL Live," USA Today reported Tuesday.

Ditka also will have a vet-to-be-determined role in golf telecasts, the newspaper said.

Vince Wladika, an NBC Sports spokesman, had no comment on

report. The 53-year-old Ditka was fired in January after 11 seasons as coach of the Bears. Chicago won the Super Bowl in 1986, but Ditka's last season saw a 5-11 record and feuds with players, fans, reporters and the front

"I'm sure all the basic paranoia and the neuroses are in there somewhere," he said.

"But I'm married to a beautiful woman who thinks I'm adorable, and I have a job. I guess if you took all

that away, I could very well be George." Alexander trained as an actor at Boston University, where he returned Friday to speak to students about his

He won a Tony for best actor in a musical in 1989 for "Jerome Robbins' Broadway." His film credits include "Brighton Beach Memoirs," "Mosquito Coast" and "Pretty Woman," in which he played

success in film, theater and TV.

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Bound for Roundup

Claiming a second place finish in district, the Deaf Smith County senior 4-H meats team will compete in state contests during 4-H Roundup at Texas A&M University in early June. Team members are, from left, Joanna Brumley, Trevor Ramey, Caleb Brumley and Clint Robison as well as Wade Johnson, not pictured.



Junior 4-H team participants

Deaf Smith County junior 4-Hers who took part in district judging events recently include, front, Jerad Johnson, left, Adam Klett; middle row, from left, Chad Christie, Dustin Lewis, Cody Marsh, Justin Howley, Brent Carlson, Rusty Dutton; back row, from left, Michael Carlson, coach, Josh Howley, Justin Betzen, Cory Marsh and Don Metcalf, coach.

Mystery unfolds behind state capitol wall

By MIKE WARD

Austin American-Statesman AUSTIN (AP) - You might call it state secret, of sorts.

Workers restoring the state Capitol have found inside a wall an eclectic collection of history - including old postcards, a newspaper clipping about strip-tease dancer Gypsy Rose Lee, even a candidate's campaign card for a court that was abolished long ago.

"It's kind of like a time capsule that someone left years ago - maybe intentionally, maybe accidentally," said Ali Turley, an assistant curator with the State Preservation Board,

which is overseeing the renovation. 'One thing we're sure of: It's a big historical puzzle."

Since workers found the artifacts in October behind wooden wainscoting in a third-floor room in the 104-year-old Capitol's north wing, officials have carefully examined, cataloged and stored them.

But so far, they have been unable to solve the mystery: Who put them there? And why? Is there some hidden message?

Or, are the items just errant scraps tossed away long ago?

"We're hoping someone may recognize something, maybe a name or some detail, and might be able to help us answer the questions," Turley said. "Right now, we just don't know."

It was quite by chance, officials said, that workers spotted the items while pulling off wall boards near a

window. Six deteriorating postcards were clumped together. Some carry down-to-earth messages: "If I leave my home for you, can you earn enough for two?" reads one. The message inside is a large red heart. On another: "Practice makes perfect but be careful what you practice?"

A full-color, German-made card offers more clues, showing a grand Victorian home identified only as "residence on Maple Ave., Dallas, Tex." It is postmarked Aug. 1, 1910, and caries instructions about depositing money in a bank.

It was mailed to a James F. Ewing in Austin, possibly in care of the Court of Criminal Appeals - although the writing is difficult to read. The sender's name - possibly "Whitehurst" - also is hard to decipher.

There is another card to Ewing, this one not postmarked, bearing no message except the one printed on its front: 'Here's champagne to our real friends, and real pain to our sham friends."

Another card shows a nude boy grinning, with his hands clasped in front of him.

On a yellowed business card, N.A. Rector, a candidate for judge of the court of civil appeals, "solicits your active vote and support in the July primaries." The court was abolished long ago - possibly before the turn of the century, officials said.

A small clipping, a United Press

NEW YORK (AP) - A fitness trainer says Montel Williams lured her onto his talk show and humiliated her by claiming falsely that she

dumped on fat people.

Kathy Dolgin, who calls herself High Voltage, charged in a slander lawsuit that during a taping of Williams' show on April 21, he stated that she had said fat people are

"unhappy, unhealthy and sick."

"I was obviously shocked and shaken, (and) told Williams that I had never said any of these things," Dolgin said in court papers Wednesday. She said Williams replied, "High Voltage sure has changed her

The show's producer, Lynn McCully, refused comment on the

article from Aug. 25 of an unknown hidden since before the Capitol was year, tells of the second marriage and 'automobile honeymoon to New a Capitol whodunit, an unofficial York" of Gypsy Rose Lee, "a former strip-tease dancer" who was famous in the 1930s.

A page from a book carries a short verse titled "The Foot-Path to Peace." A postcard scrap shows a Venetian gondola gliding across some faraway waterway.

And a newspaper cartoon shows a hen on a golf course, its punch line turned into a fill-in-the-blank puzzle by destructive insects: "Oh! What's the use. ... Everytime I try to hatch ... that fellow comes alo ... drives it into another pla ...

The collection remains a puzzle, but other items found inside the Capitol have answered some questions. While removing damaged cornice plaster near a window in the Legislative Reference Library on the second floor, workers discovered a half-moon-shaped piece of wood part of a plaster barrel lid, probably

completed in 1888.

Officials speculate that plasterers left it there to fill a void inside a wall, unintentionally preserving a bit of Capitol trivia - the brand of plaster they used.

"Windsor Plaster Mills, Staten Island, N.Y.," reads the red and yellow label, still crisp in detail and hue despite the years. "The celebrat-ed Diamond Brand Plaster. Pure white gypsum plaster was quarried from mines in Nova Scotia.'

In a basement room last November, workers found the date "April 1938" scrawled in the floor slab. Turley said the Capitol's original wooden floors gradually were replaced with concrete. 'This place was probably done in 1938," she said.

The date, carefully sliced out with a masonry saw, is in storage along with the postcards and papers and hundreds of other Capitol treasures.

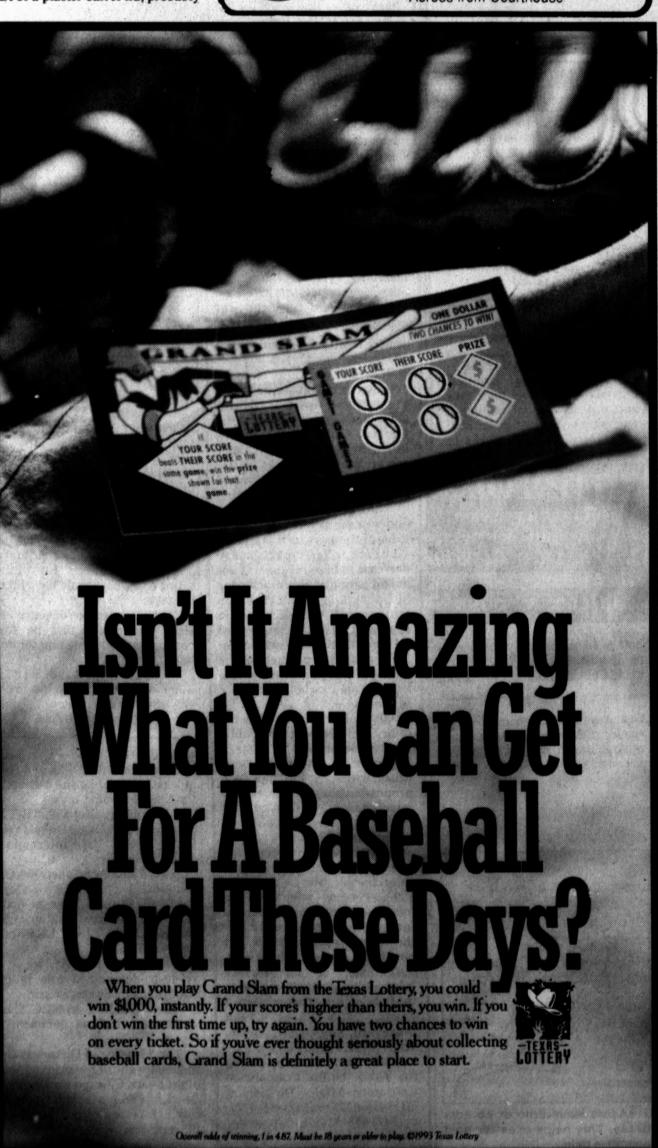
Officials eventually hope to display the items as part of a Capitol history exhibit. Before then, Turley said, Texans may be able to help them trace the origin of the artifacts.

"Maybe someone can help us, help us solve the puzzle," she said. "You never know what the real story might

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