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Hustlin Hereford, home of Brendon Noland, 21



'Chick' it out!

HJH students share space with baby chicks



Arms full of chicks

Hereford Junior High School science teacher Nikolyn Williams has her hands full as she tries to contain several baby chicks recently hatched as part of a multi-class project by seventh graders in the Red Team. Standing on her shoulder is another chick, the first hatched who was dubbed "Speedy" and who prefers to stand on shoulders looking backwards.

By GARRY WESNER
Managing Editor
Bryan Cagle sat at his table in the Hereford Junior High School science lab, oblivious to the chicken that perched on his right shoulder.

Next to him, Tori Walker worked on her assignment, seeming not to notice a different chicken perched on her left wrist, watching intently as Tori wrote on notebook paper.

Across the room, Denisha Brown, Jessica Gonzales and other members of the class worked at their tasks, flicking chicken feed off their papers or running for paper towels to clean indiscretions from the tables.

Through all of it, teacher Nikolyn Williams kept order over both her seventh graders and the surviving chicks from "Operation Chicken Hatch," a multi-subject lesson that has consumed members of the Red Team since February.

The operation started on Valentines Day when students in the science class took 133 eggs obtained from five sources and put them in incubators to hatch.

The eggs were for regular chickens, Leghorns and two exotic breeds -- Feather Footed Fancies and Top Hat Specials.

The chicken project was part of an instructional program provided by County Extension Agent Dennis Newton and adapted to meet the needs of the HJH students.

At HJH, students are divided into teams and share core subject teachers. Class projects are coordinated among the subjects, allowing the students to apply what they learn in one subject across lines to another area.

That is what Operation Chicken

Hatch is.

Williams said the science angle called for the children to monitor their eggs, checking them for development and watching for them to hatch.

Students monitored incubator temperatures, room temperatures and humidity to provide the ideal environment for hatching.

Charts along the walls of the classroom show their progress -- weights of the eggs are charted, numbers of eggs that hatched, didn't hatch, were infertile or were dropped are included, as are post-hatching statistics for the survivors.

Those charts will be used later in Beth Killebrew's math class, where those same students will use the data gathered to create charts and graphs. They will factor in conditions that influenced hatching.

In English class, teacher Joan Bone will take the students through exercises including writing thank-you notes for assistance given during the project and for writing "how-to" paragraphs about raising chickens.

Creative writing will be addressed as students examine life inside a shell.

Students also learned about research, using library facilities to look at different birds and their habitats, then creating murals including pictures of birds in their habitats.

History lessons are included as well, as teacher Tracy Stewart took the students through the creation of a Chicken Republic, which has three branches of government.

By using actual chickens hatched in science class -- and their particular genetic traits -- the

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Farmers teased by sporadic rain

By JANINE ZUNIGA
Associated Press Writer
DALLAS (AP) - Sporadic showers across the state brought a trickle of relief to many Texas cities but merely teased farmers and ranchers running low on water and feed.

The National Weather Service forecast a warming trend that included no measurable rain through Friday for most of Texas.

In North Texas, Wichita Falls received the most rain by early Wednesday, with 1.79 inches reported during the 24-hour period ending at 6 p.m. Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport saw its first day this year with more than an inch of rain, recording just over that mark, said Douglas Cain, an NWS meteorologist in Fort Worth.

"This kind of rain is always helpful as dry as it's been," said Ed Calianese, a NWS meteorologist in Fort Worth. "This time of year, we need to get as much rain as we can. We had an unusually hot and dry summer."

Around dusk, Fort Worth police rescued two men stranded on the hood of their car by high waters in east Fort Worth.

Precipitation in Abilene came in the form of freezing rain, which iced roads all day as temperatures failed to top 32 degrees.

Showers near Waco, which received 0.71 inch, were just enough to spur some new grass growth.

Ranchers who have been desperately searching for something to feed livestock in the face of dry pastures and dwindling hay supplies can now look forward to new grass.

"I think we've had enough rain to get some grass. It'll take about three weeks to see it, though," Malone rancher Brad Henley said.

Because of the drought, more than 130 Texas counties have applied for emergency feed subsidies for ranchers.

Meteorologists said Texas has seen 3 to 4 inches less rain than normal for the first three months of the year. That followed an unusually dry autumn.

Under the prolonged dry conditions, more than 3,000 wildfires have been reported this year, consuming about 270,000 acres, the Texas Forest Service says.

Outside North Central Texas, small amounts of rain did little but moisten the dust.

"Yes, the ground looks wet, but if you kick it, you will see it's dry underneath," Bexar County Fire Marshal Carl Mixon told the San Antonio Express-News. "What we need now is an opportunity for the grass to green up, and that will take several days after a rain."

Edwards Underground Water District officials said the meager precipitation did nothing to boost Edwards aquifer levels, except to reduce demands for water.

Report shows juvenile arrests on the increase

By PEGGY FIKAC
Associated Press Writer
AUSTIN (AP) - A new report shows an exploding juvenile arrest rate in Texas, with the increase in youngsters' offenses far outstripping their population growth and outpacing adult crime.

The population of youngsters ages 10 to 16 in Texas increased by 11 percent between 1990 and 1994, while juvenile arrests went up by 44 percent, according to the report released Wednesday by the state Criminal Justice Policy Council.

By comparison, the adult population and adult arrests in Texas both increased by 8 percent.

If current arrest trends continue, juvenile arrests are expected to increase 86 percent between 1995 and 2010, to 332,810, the report said.

"Texas already has the highest adult incarceration rate in the country. Attention directed primarily at continuing to increase the incarceration rate for adults at the expense of funding higher levels of juvenile services would be extremely shortsighted," Tony Fabelo, executive director of the council, wrote in the report.

"If we ignore the future impact of demographic changes on the juvenile system, and we fail to enact policies that are effective in curbing juvenile crime, the wave of criminals replenishing the adult system will create another major and costly criminal justice crisis in just 10 to 15

years," he wrote.

Total juvenile arrests increased 56 percent for Hispanics, 43 percent for African-Americans and 33 percent for Anglos, according to the report.

Overall, there was a 57 percent increase in juvenile violent crime arrests.

Foster, Watts file for board

Incumbents Boyd Foster and Larry Watts have filed for reelection to the Deaf Smith County Hospital District board of directors. The election of four directors is set May 4.

A race is now assured with five candidates for the four at-large positions. Incumbents Steve Cortez and Dean Crofford had previously filed for reelection. Challenger Mark Collier was the first to announce.

Watts filed this morning and he will be seeking his second two-year term. Foster, who filed Wednesday afternoon, will be seeking his fourth term on the hospital board.

Candidates still have until April 4 to file for office. Petitions are available at the administration office at Hereford Regional Medical Center.

Congress labors on bills to keep government operating

By DAVE SKIDMORE
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - Working against a midnight Friday deadline, Congress is striving to craft two huge bills needed to avert a government shutdown and first-ever federal default.

The prospects for one bill - extending federal borrowing authority through September 1997 - appeared good. But progress was painfully slow on a second measure that would spend roughly \$160 billion to operate dozens of departments and agencies for the final six months of fiscal 1996.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, however, assured reporters Wednesday that Congress would send

President Clinton a stopgap spending bill if agreement on the measure wasn't reached by the end of the week. If signed, that would avoid the third partial closure of government since November.

"We don't want the government to close under any circumstances," Gingrich, R-Ga., said.

In a deal worked out in advance with the Clinton administration, the House today was preparing to act on the debt ceiling bill, packaged with three unrelated measures.

The other measures would: -Give the president veto authority to strip individual items from spending bills.

-Permit Social Security recipients who continue working after age 65

to keep more of their benefits.

-Provide small businesses with new authority to challenge government regulations in court.

The Senate, in a 69-31 vote Wednesday night, adopted the historic line-item veto legislation, an unprecedented shifting of power from Congress to the president, effective in January. Approval by the House as part of the debt-limit package would send it to Clinton, who strongly favors it.

The Social Security measure raises the current limit on outside earnings from \$11,520 to \$14,000 this year and to \$30,000 by 2002. Recipients between the ages of 65 and 69 lose \$1 in benefits for each \$3 they earn above the limit.

GOP House leaders were hoping such add-ons - planks in last year's

"Contract With America" agenda - would entice reluctant rank-and-file conservatives into raising the debt ceiling to \$5.5 trillion and permitting deficit spending for another year and a half.

Democrats had sought an opportunity to attach an increase in the minimum wage to the debt measure, and a chance to make the line-item veto effective when Clinton signed it rather than next year. But they were rebuffed on party-line votes in the House Rules Committee.

Meanwhile, House and Senate lawmakers are conducting marathon meetings in search of a thus-far elusive compromise on the spending measure. And White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta huddled with Gingrich and Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan.

Gramm to unveil sexual predator registration bill

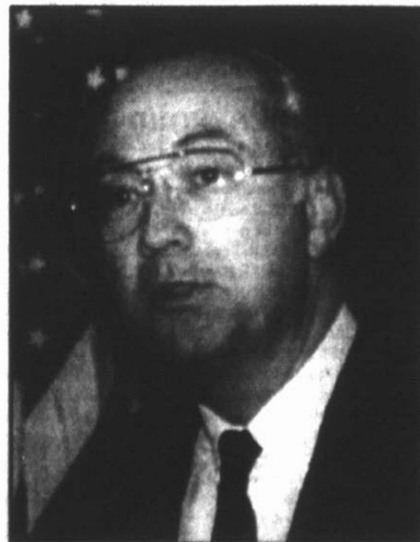
U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, will unveil federal legislation aimed at protecting children from predatory sex offenders when he makes a brief stop here on Sunday, his office has

announced. Gramm is scheduled to stop in Hereford at 4:45 p.m. Sunday at the Hereford Municipal Airport, located five miles east of town on U.S. 60. He will speak in the main terminal building.

Gramm is scheduled to unveil his "Sexual Predator Identification and Notification Act of 1996" at the briefing with Police Chief David Wagner and other local law enforcement officials and citizens.

The senator's legislation would require convicted sexual predators to register with the FBI when they cross state lines. A nationwide FBI tracking system would be implemented to track the interstate movements of sexual predators, particularly in states that have no offender registration laws.

Those sexual predators who fail to comply with the law could face mandatory sentences of a year in prison and fine of up to \$100,000.



SEN. PHIL GRAMM



Checking the fire scene

Hereford volunteer firefighters drive around the perimeter of a grass fire south of town on Wednesday afternoon, checking for hot spots before heading back to town. The blaze was reported

at 2:06 p.m. and was located six miles south on U.S. 385, just inside Castro County. No injuries were reported and no property was reported damaged.

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Local Roundup

What was in the sky this morning?

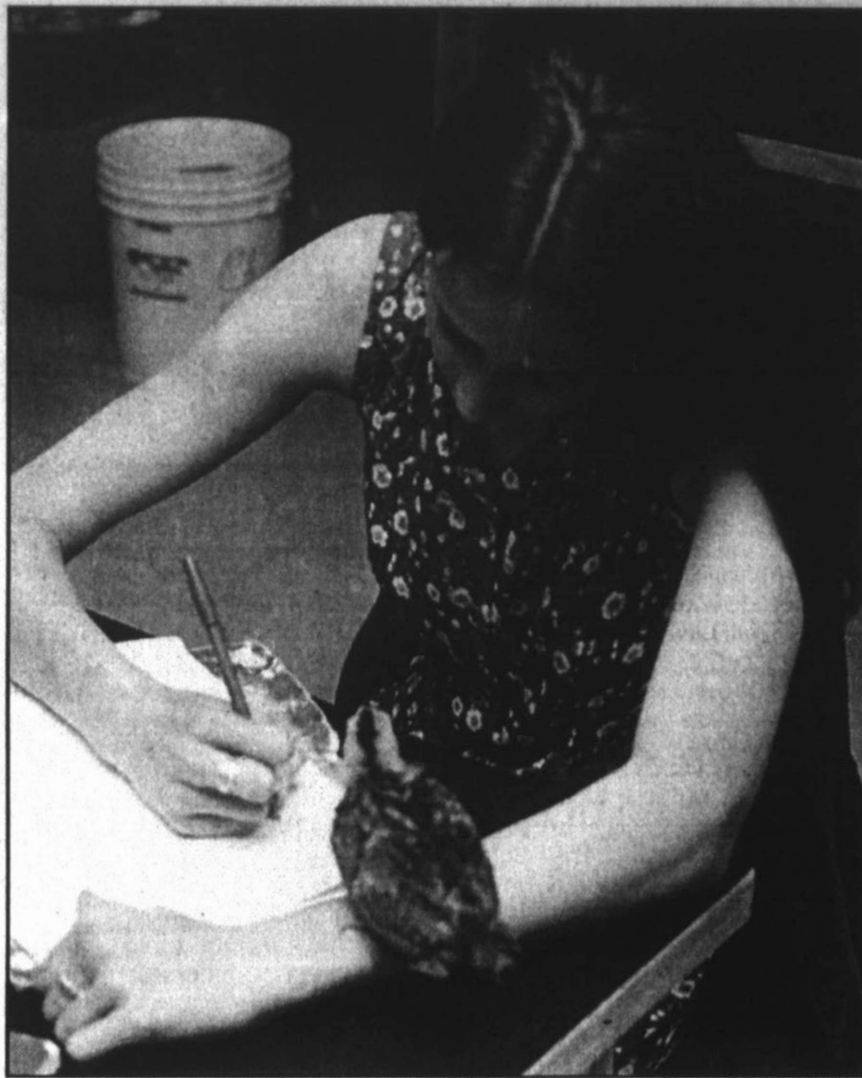
Hereford residents awoke to a little fog Thursday morning, but there was not enough moisture to register on rain gauges. The high Wednesday was 59 degrees, with the overnight low this morning 31 degrees, according to KPAN Radio. For tonight, look for partly cloudy skies and a low in the lower 40s with south to southwest winds at 10-20 mph. Friday will be mostly cloudy and breezy, with a high near 70 degrees and southwest winds at 15-25 mph and gusty.

Courthouse Records

COUNTY COURT DISPOSITIONS

State vs. Neal Edwards, 31, theft by check; 180 days in jail, \$183 court costs, March 20.
 State vs. Shari Barnes, 32, theft by check; \$100 fine, \$183 court costs, March 20.
 State vs. L.D. Hood, 39, a/k/a Larry Don Hood, theft by check; \$50 fine, \$187 court costs, March 20.
 State vs. Martha C. Chavez, 37, bail jumping and failure to appear; 75 days in jail, \$175 court costs, March 20.
 State vs. Christy Hanyen, 31, theft by check; \$100 fine, \$195 court costs, March 20.
 State vs. Maria E. Lopez, 27, a/k/a Amy, evading detention; 20 days in jail, \$187 court costs, March 20.
 State vs. Carlota Nadine Trevinor Ruiz, 17, criminal mischief; \$150 fine (suspend \$100), \$187 court costs, March 20.
 State vs. Janie Fuentes, 31, driving while license suspended; 90 days probated one year, \$100 fine, \$187 court costs, March 20.
 State vs. Jesse Medrano Jr., 19, driving while intoxicated-second

offense; 180 days probated two years, \$600 fine, \$242 court costs, March 20.
 State vs. Gregorio Vargas, 42, disorderly conduct; 75 days probated one year, \$150 fine, \$187 court costs, March 20.
 State vs. Bentura Jesus Aguilera, 19, criminal trespass; 75 days probated one year, \$200 fine, \$187 court costs, March 20.
 State vs. James Aguillon Jr., 18, assault; 90 days probated one year, \$300 fine, \$187 court costs, March 20.
 State vs. Raymond Lee Zepeda, 17, possession of marijuana, under two oz.; 90 days probated one year, \$300 fine, \$187 court costs, March 20.
 State vs. Noemi Garcia, 21, fraudulent destruction; \$187 court costs, March 20.
 State vs. Guss Pate, 49, justice of peace appeal; \$117 fine, \$183 court costs, March 22.
JUSTICE OF PEACE COURT
 Consumers Fuel Co-op vs. Gilbert Carrasco, past due account, court costs, \$182.70, paid, March 13.



Classroom spectator

Tori Walker, a seventh-grader at Hereford Junior High School, seems oblivious to the presence of a chick on her arm as she works on a class assignment Wednesday afternoon. Baby chicks can be seen all over the classroom, as students on the Red Team hatched their own chickens as part of a multi-subject series of lessons on the small furry critters.

CHICKS

students were able to pick leaders for the Chicken Republic. The chicken influence also has spread to Life Skills class, where the students visited the incubators during the 21-day maturity period, and received babysitting practice by caring for the baby chicks after hatching.

In Terry Zimmerman's technology class, students are building a larger chicken coop and have remodeled an existing cage for the newborn chicks. Assistance during the process, Williams said, has been offered by Police Sgt. Ed Toler, who was dubbed the "resident bird expert" and who has worked with the students. Williams said the hatching process offered some lessons that were not always easy for the children. During a candling exercise one day -- where the egg is held up to

a bright light to examine development, a light bulb popped and Williams dropped the egg she was holding, one of two chicks to meet their end that way.

Of the 60 eggs purchased from an Iowa hatchery, none survived because of problems in shipping. Overall, out of the 133 eggs originally obtained, students were able to see 26 of them hatch. In addition, the Iowa hatchery sent out 48 live chicks as compensation for the bad eggs.

Since then, 13 chicks have died, eight en route from Iowa and five in class.

Two others are deformed, living in the "sick cage" while hopping on one leg or scooting on no legs.

But when Williams asked her students on Wednesday if the pair should be destroyed, an ethics debate erupted on the rights of the handicapped and whether or not the birds suffered for being deformed.

Since the eggs hatched, students have been involved in cleaning pens, feeding their pets and tending the ill ones.

The project will continue through most of the rest of the semester, as the students care for their birds and apply science lessons in other classes.

The affair will culminate on May 17 with a Chicken Auction, set for 3:30 p.m. in the HJH cafeteria.

At that time, the public will have the opportunity to purchase the birds. The students, Williams said, will create their own auction catalog and will handle bookkeeping chores at the sale.

Money raised will first be used to offset costs incurred with the project.

Any money left over will be donated to district technology needs.

Emotional farewell marks separation of spacecraft, Mir

By MIKE DRAGO
 Associated Press Writer

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) - Atlantis astronauts bid an emotional farewell to colleagues aboard Russia's Mir space station today as they prepared to leave American Shannon Lucid behind for a five-month stay.

"We're going to miss them," choked-up shuttle commander Kevin Chilton said at an official goodbye ceremony aboard the Mir.

Chilton's voice quivered and he paused to regain his composure while explaining why he was especially sad to leave cosmonauts Yuri Onufrienko and Yuri Usachev. The two crews have known each other for some time because they trained together on the ground.

"There's a big ocean between Russia and America," he said, "and we're not so confident, or certain I should say, that that we'll ever see our two friends Yuri and Yuri again ... in person."

After exchanging bear hugs with Chilton, the Russians had poignant words for the shuttle crew.

"We just don't believe that in just a few minutes ... we'll say farewell, shut the hatches," Onufrienko said. "We will observe each other only through the port holes. They'll be looking at us, we'll be looking at them."

Added Usachev: "If there had been any barriers between us, then we have managed to come closer together. We've done a great deal of good work."

The eight space travelers then signed placards commemorating the five-day docking, the third between Atlantis and Mir. Two hours later, hatches between the two massive spacecrafts were sealed for good in preparation for unlinking later in the day.

Lucid, a 53-year-old biochemist, will remain on the station until Atlantis returns in August to pick her up.

"I guess you'd normally get in trouble for coming back one person short," Chilton told CBS News today in a space-to-ground interview. "This time, I think we'll get a pat on the back."

In addition to delivering Lucid, the shuttle dropped off more than 5,000 pounds of supplies, including experiment equipment and water, and will tote some Russian equipment back home.

Lucid's five-month stay will make her the U.S. space endurance champion, surpassing former Mir resident Norman Thagard, who lived there nearly four months last year.

Her arrival also begins two years of continuous American presence on Mir and - if the planned international space station is launched on schedule in 1998 - continuous U.S. presence in space well into the next century.

"Of course, our Russian friends have been keeping people up here in space for extended duration for a long time, so we're the new kids on the block," Chilton said.

The other flight highlight came Wednesday, when astronauts Linda Godwin and Michael "Rich" Clifford ventured outside the joint outpost to install several experiments on Mir. It was the first American spacewalk outside a station in 22 years.

Clifford said he was so focused on his work during the excursion that he didn't get much time to soak up the stunning view from 250 miles up.

"But I do remember one spectacular moment when I looked up at Mir and I saw commander Onufrienko looking out his window and the Earth was in the background," Clifford said. "That will be forever framed in my mind."

Atlantis is scheduled to return to Cape Canaveral, Fla., on Sunday, although Mission Control is considering a Saturday landing because of a less-than-favorable weather forecast and a steering system leak.

Emergency Services

Emergency services reports for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Thursday contained the following information.

HEREFORD POLICE

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 700 block of La Plata Drive. Class B theft was reported in the 200 block of Avenue F. Assault C was reported in the 500 block of North Main. Assault C was reported in the 400 block of Sycamore Lane. Criminal trespass was reported in the 600 block of South Texas. Criminal Mischief B was reported in the 400 block of Paloma Lane.

Class B theft was reported in the 200 block of Avenue F. Class C theft was reported in the 500 block of Avenue H. Class A assault was reported in the 700 block of South 25 Mile Avenue. Welfare concern was reported and filed in the 800 block of North Main. A 43-year-old male was arrested in the 100 block of Avenue F for Department of Public Safety Warrants for CDL violation and violation of promise to appear. A 37-year-old male was arrested at Grand and Avenue H for public intoxication. Class C theft ticket was issued at 518 North 25 Mile Avenue. Class C theft ticket was issued at 535 North 25 Mile Avenue. Officers issued four traffic citations.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Wednesday
 Volunteer firefighters were called out at 2:06 p.m. to a grass fire six miles south on 385.

DEAF SMITH SHERIFF

A 57-year-old male was arrested for theft by check and traffic violations. An 18-year-old male was arrested on criminal trespassing.

Obituaries

LAVERNE HUFF

March 26, 1996
 LaVerne "Angel" Huff, 47, of Follett, formerly of Hereford, died Tuesday.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. Friday in Rix Chapel with the Rev. Melford Grisham officiating. Burial will be in West Park Cemetery, by Rix Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Huff was born in Wisconsin and moved to Hereford in 1979. Her husband, Stuart Huff, died in 1986. She moved to Follett in 1992. She was a graduate of Elroy High School in Wisconsin and was a member of The House of Praise in Follett.

Survivors are her husband, James Edward McKay; a daughter, Sheila Kristin Rodgers of Tuttle, Okla.; a son, Tony Huff of Amarillo; a stepdaughter, Donna Jean Cornette of Follett; two stepsons, David McKay of Follett and Ronnie McKay of Hereford; two brothers, Tom Corton and Bob Corton, both of Wisconsin; a half-sister, Melva "Twiggs" Harness of Wisconsin; three grandchildren and nine step-grandchildren.

EVERETT W. MILLER

March 26, 1996
 Everett Wilson Miller, 84, of Amarillo, brother of Thelma Daniels of Hereford, died Tuesday.

Graveside services were held Thursday afternoon in Llano Cemetery with the Rev. Dale Travis of Family Life Fellowship officiating. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors.

Mr. Miller was born in Bedford, Iowa, and had spent most of his life in Amarillo. He was an automobile mechanic and a Baptist.

Survivors also include his wife, Billie Miller; a son, Jimmie Miller of Dimmitt; three stepsons, Frank Wilson of Amarillo, James Dowlen of Dallas and Bob Dowlen of Lubbock; another sister, Opel Martin of Benbrook; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

The family has suggested that memorials be directed to Crown of Texas Hospice.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

A special thanks to the many helpers who walked the streets of Hereford to deliver the "Knowing Jesus Personally" brochure. It was a great cooperative effort of many of the local churches.

Thanks to the following churches for your support: Church of the Nazarene, Community Church, First Assembly of God, First Baptist, First Methodist, First Presbyterian, Frio Baptist, Neuva Esperanza Iglesia de Nazareno, Primera Iglesia Bautista, San Jose Catholic, St. Anthony's Catholic, and Temple Baptist.

The movie, "Jesus", will be showing at a number of these churches Sunday night. Please check the church page in Friday's Brand for places and times.

A special thanks to all who have given financially and who showed up to help bring the good news to Hereford! As Christians, we are working together to help this community to know Christ. I'm proud to be part of the Christian community who cares.

Pastor Ted Taylor,
 Church of the Nazarene

To endure is greater than to dare; to tire out hostile fortune; to be daunted by no difficulty; to keep heart when all have lost it; to go through intrigue spotless; to forego even ambition when the end is gained—who can say this is not greatness.

—Thackeray

HRMC joins salute to nation's doctors

Hereford Regional Medical Center and directors of Deaf Smith County Hospital District are joining patients and healthcare officials across the nation Saturday in a special salute to doctors.

Famous Georgia physician Dr. Crawford W. Long first used ether as an anesthetic agent in a surgical operation on March 30, 1842. To honor that achievement and the services performed by all medical doctors through the years, March 30 is designated as "Doctor's Day."

"The professionalism, integrity and hard work of physicians provide the cornerstone for medical services in our community," said Mal Manchee, hospital board president.

"Physicians have the expertise to help us maintain our good health and to cure our illnesses, but they are also the key members of a major industry in Hereford."

Jim Robinson, HRMC administrator, pointed out the physician is the director of all health care services.

"None of the services that provide health care—the hospital, pharmacies, home health care agencies, nursing homes—could operate without physicians."

Physicians on the staff at HRMC are MD's Howard R. Johnson, Palani S. Mani, Duffy E. McBrayer, Gerald G. Payne, Ranga S. Mani, Jesse I. Peralles, R. Stephen Lawlis, Bruce Clarke, Robert E. Clark III, Nadir T. Khuri, and Kent Walker, D.O.

Also included on the HRMC medical staff are visiting MD's Joaquin Martinez-Arraras, Dik Chung, Jesus N. Sahad, Sergio E. Muniz, Mary Townsend, and Ted Nugent.

Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) - One ticket bought in Sinton correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth \$18 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were: 2, 4, 9, 12, 33 and 43.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Saturday night's game will be \$4 million.

AUSTIN (AP) - Four Cash Five tickets correctly matched all winning numbers from in the Tuesday drawing, the state lottery said.

The tickets were sold in El Paso, Houston, Seabrook and Victoria.

Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday night, from a total of 39 numbers, were 7-11-31-34-38. The next drawing is Friday.

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

5-8-5 (five, eight, five)

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Parents also receive instruction so they can assist and encourage their children after they return home.

Since it began in 1953, the Texas Lions Camp has provided more than 40,000 children with various physical disabilities or diabetes an opportunity to learn from and enjoy the outdoors.

For more information and camper applications, call Lion Gary Billingsley at 364-3410, or the Texas Lions Camp at P.O. Box 247, Kerrville, Texas 78029-0247, or call (210) 896-8500 V/TDD.

Handicapped children benefit at Lions camp

As the school year begins to wind down, parents begin looking for summertime activities for their children.

For parents of handicapped children, the choices are more limited. But thanks to the Lions Clubs of Texas, children with physical disabilities or diabetes can attend summer camp this summer.

Texas Lions Camp is a non-profit organization funded by Lions and private donations, which allows all children to attend at no cost to the family.

For children ages 7 through 16 who have visual, hearing or physical disabilities, the Texas Lions Camp will offer five sessions this summer.

Potential campers must have an IQ of 70 or above and have some self-help skills in the areas of dressing, eating, toileting and bathing.

A wide variety of activities will be offered, including swimming, horseback riding, overnight camping, arts and crafts and field sports -- all adapted as necessary to allow every child to participate.

Activities are supervised by a trained staff at a ratio of one counselor to every three campers and one- and two-week sessions are available.

For diabetic children, the Texas Lions Camp offers two specially

Lifestyles

Science students take first place ribbons, additional honors in annual regional fair

Hereford school students traveled to Amarillo last weekend and brought home numerous ribbons in the annual Regional Science Fair held at Amarillo College.

The youngsters -- mostly between grades 3 and 6, but including two high schoolers -- competed in several areas of scientific inquiry at the regional fair.

When the dust had settled, the entries from Hereford had claimed 12 first place ribbons -- including one entry that was judged second best overall in the junior division -- as well as eight second place finishes and six third place ribbons.

Special recognition was given to Andrew Carnahan of St. Anthony's School, who not only won first place for his environmental sciences entry, but also was awarded the U.S. Air

Force award for being second overall in the junior division.

In addition, Michael Calaway of St. Anthony's won second place in engineering, plus special recognition from the U.S. Army for outstanding engineering project.

Rebecca Artho of St. Anthony's won first place in chemistry and her project was named Outstanding Chemistry project by the American Chemical Society.

Students entered the regional fair after competing in the HISD Science Fair and the St. Anthony's Catholic School Science Fair, both held earlier this month. HISD winners were from West Central and Shirley schools.

Shown below are results from the Regional Science Fair, with winners listed by school and category entered. Students competed in divisions

based on their grades -- elementary, junior or high school.

ST. ANTHONY'S

-- Megan and Melissa Stubbs, first place, behavioral and social science.
-- Sarah Lawlis and Jenna Schlabs, first place, botany.

-- Will Johnson, first place, earth and space sciences.

-- Wendy Briones, Jenna Schlabs and Tiffany Koenig, first place, environmental sciences.

-- Rebecca Artho, first place, chemistry.

-- Andrew Carnahan, first place, environmental sciences.

-- Jessica Stubbs and Abigail Caperton, second place, earth and space sciences.

-- Jaclyn Paschel, second place, engineering.

-- Michael Calaway, second place,

engineering.

-- Stefan Friemel and Tyler Martin, third place, engineering.

-- Camille Caperton and Elisha Huseman, third place, chemistry.

SHIRLEY INTERMEDIATE

-- Brandy Solano and Mary Lisa Cadena, second place, chemistry.

-- Analissa Fernandez and Leona Muniz, second place, chemistry.

-- Peter Barba, Jose Robles and Jimmy Robledo, third place, earth and space sciences.

WEST CENTRAL INTER.

-- Holly Coneway and Jessica Weishaar, first place, botany.

-- Josh Langford, Chris Ruckman and Wayne Milam, first place, chemistry.

-- Chris Kelley and Jimmy Cook, first place, physics.

-- Rebecca Fry, first place, medicine and health.

-- Becky Bailey, first place, microbiology.

-- Joshua Hicks and Jordan Hicks, second place, behavioral and social sciences.

-- Jose Cardenas and Eddie Garcia, second place, physics.

-- Taylor Charest, Laci Black and McKenzie Tabor, third place, zoology.

-- Chane Ortiz, third place, physics.

-- Cara Porras, third place, earth and space sciences.

HEREFORD HIGH

-- Carey Lyles, first place, earth science.

-- Emily Fry, second place, mathematics.



High school scientists

Carey Lyles, left, and Emily Fry were the only two Hereford High School entrants to take part in last weekend's Regional Science Fair.

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—Wilson Mizner

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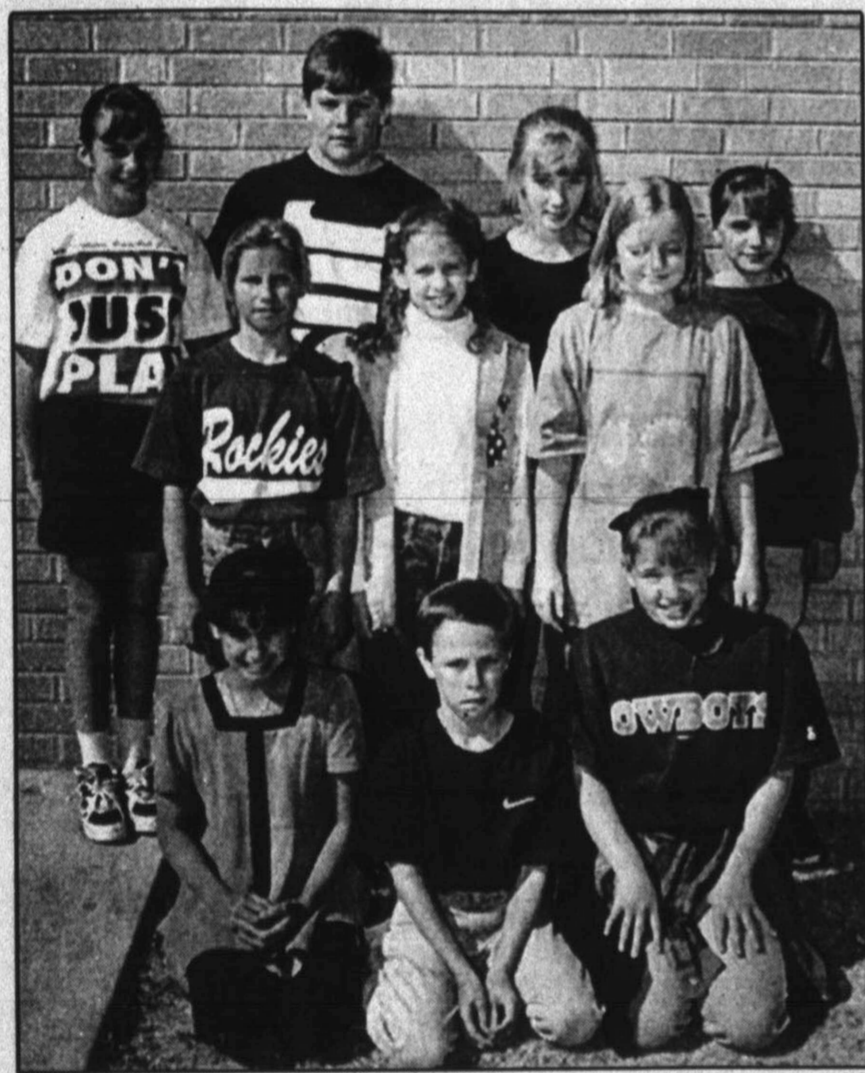
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West Central scientists

West Central Intermediate School students who placed first in last weekend's Regional Science Fair were: back, from left, Jimmy Cook, Jessica Weishaar, Becky Bailey, Holly Coneway and science fair sponsor Carol Kelley; and front, from left, Chris Kelley, Rebecca Fry, Chris Ruckman, Wayne Milam and Josh Langford.



Regional scientists

These St. Anthony's School students placed first in their divisions at the Regional Science Fair, held last weekend in Amarillo. They are: back, from left, Rebecca Artho, Andrew Carnahan, Jenna Urbanczyk and Megan Stubbs; middle, from left, Tiffany Koenig, Sarah Lawlis and Jenna Schlabs; and front, from left, Wendy Briones, Will Johnson and Melissa Stubbs.

We are wide-eyed when contemplating the possibility that life may exist elsewhere in the universe, but we wear blinders when contemplating the possibilities of life on earth.

—Norman Cousins

New Arrivals

Charley and Diane Adams announce the birth of their daughter, Justine Paige, on March 24 in High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo. She weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

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Sports

Yenzer takes over as Herd's football coach



The man in charge

Craig Yenzer speaks after being announced as the new head football coach and co-athletic director for Hereford High School at a press conference Wednesday at the Hereford Independent School District administration building.

By JAY PEDEN
Sports Editor

Craig Yenzer took over as Hereford High School's head football coach Wednesday showing excitement about getting to coach the Hostile Herd.

"I'm excited about the possibilities of this program," Yenzer said after he was announced as the Herd's new football coach and co-athletic director at a press conference Wednesday at the Hereford Independent School District Administration Building.

"We've got a lot of work to do," Yenzer said, "but there are lots of possibilities about the crew we've got coming up."

"We've got high expectations for

next season," he said. "One thing about Hereford players: you know you're going to get their best - they're going to give 110 percent."

Yenzer replaces Danny Haney, who resigned March 8.

Yenzer, a 1980 graduate of Oklahoma State, was brought into the Hereford program by Haney's predecessor, Don Cumpton, in 1986 after holding assistant jobs in two Oklahoma towns - Newkirk and Tuttle. He served as a coordinator during the five years Haney was head coach - he coordinated the offense for four years beginning in 1991, then led the defense last season.

Yenzer said it'll be tough to follow Cumpton's and Haney's acts.

"There are two guys who have meant a whole lot to me," he said. "I've got big feet, but I've got big shoes to fill. Coach Cumpton and Coach Haney put big shoes out there to follow."

"Through the last 10 years being associated (with Cumpton and Haney) I've learned a whole lot about football and how to lead young men."

Yenzer started the press conference by thanking his Lord and Savior and his family. He and his wife Tammy have two young sons, Tyler and Clay. Yenzer also thanked the community.

"This community has really shown me tremendous support," he said. "The community had something to

do with Yenzer getting the job.

HISD Superintendent Charles Greenawalt said he'd been overwhelmed with positive comments supporting Yenzer, an assistant football coach in Hereford for 10 years, since Haney resigned March 8. He's been stopped in restaurants by numerous people telling him to hire Yenzer, he said. Even the football team itself wants Yenzer.

"I received a letter from the total football team (supporting Yenzer)," Greenawalt said. "I think that speaks well of the man when I receive a letter from the football team."

"I have not heard one negative comment (about Yenzer) since Danny resigned," Greenawalt said. "He's a fine young man, and a good role model for the kids."

There were two other applicants for the job, Greenawalt said, plus two telephone inquiries. There would have been more, he said but the job was only open for seven days after being posted March 18.

"It became clear real quick that coach Yenzer was the right man," Greenawalt said.

Special Olympics track meet set in Hereford on Saturday

Ten teams of special athletes will compete in track and field events Saturday at Whiteface Stadium.

The second annual Special Olympics, sponsored by the Hereford Rotary Club, will begin with an opening parade at 9:30 a.m. and continue through the day with competition.

Spectators are not only welcome, but encouraged, said Don Cumpton, co-director of the meet. There is no admission charge.

Cumpton reported that approximately 160 athletes, ranging from eight years old to adults are registered for the competition.

Officers of the Hereford Police Department are being recruited to deliver an Olympic torch to the stadium and pass it to a Hereford youth, Gus Segundo, who will light the torch at approximately 9:56 a.m.

The appearance of police officers in the program is consistent with the worldwide participation of law enforcement in Special Olympics programs.

Jo Ann Holt, Area 16 director for Special Olympics, reported Monday to the Rotary Club that B.J. Klein, a Nazareth youth who competed in last

year's World Games in Connecticut, will run 5,000 meters in Hereford Saturday.

"He has been invited to qualify for a tryout for the Atlanta Olympics this summer," she said.

Several Hereford High School students are being recruited to run with Klein as he attempts to do the 5,000 meters under 13 minutes-50 seconds, Cumpton said.

The special run is scheduled to start at 1:45 p.m. Saturday.

A large number of Hereford residents as well as students have been enlisted by the Rotary Club to work in the day's schedule.

A complimentary lunch, prepared by Rotary members, will be served all athletes, coaches and workers. Food for the day has been donated by Hereford businesses.

Co-director with Cumpton is Cindy Simons. The games committee includes Simons, Johnnie Turrentine and Danny Haney.

Cumpton reported that 160 Special Olympics athletes have been registered for the Hereford meet.

A Hereford team and four from

Amarillo will be joined by teams from Wellington, Tulia, Pampa, Canyon and Borger for the day.

Field events on the schedule are shot put for men and women, running long jump for men and women, high jump for men and women, tennis ball throw, softball throw for men and women and standing long jump for women.

Athletes compete by age group.

In addition to running events in track, including 50-meter, 100-meter and 200-meter dashes, there will be competition for assisted walks and wheelchair groups.

Early loss to UMass propelled Kentucky

By BILL BARNARD
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) - A November loss to Massachusetts forced Kentucky to decide what kind of team it wanted to have this season.

The decision the Wildcats made got them started on a 27-game winning streak, a 32-2 record and, ultimately, a place in the Final Four against UMass in Saturday's semifinals.

"We had a meeting after the UMass loss, and I told the players there were two ways we could go," Kentucky coach Rick Pitino said Wednesday during a conference call for Final Four coaches. "With 11 talented players of this caliber, it could either be very difficult for all of us, or we could look at the Larry Bird and Magic Johnson philosophy to care only about the team. If we take the other road, we can reach our goals. And they chose the latter."

Before losing to Mississippi State in the Southeastern Conference tournament, Kentucky won every game by double-digit margins, most of them by considerably more than 10. In the NCAA tournament, the Wildcats have won all four games by at least 20.

Pitino hasn't forgotten UMass' impressive November victory.

"I'm enjoying the Final Four experience very much, except that watching UMass on tape is not enjoyable," he said. "It makes me sick. So 10 percent of the time, I'm sick. The other 90 percent I'm having a heck of a time."

John Calipari, who was hired at Massachusetts by a selection committee that included Pitino, a UMass alumnus, said he has tried to incorporate Pitino's philosophy of meshing many talented players.

"We have a sign that says, 'It's amazing what can get done when no one cares who gets the credit,'" Calipari said. "Only a great coach

can get great players to sacrifice for the team. It's difficult for people to understand how hard it is to get players to do that."

Mississippi State, which faces Syracuse in Saturday's other semifinal, followed through with impressive victories over the Southeast Regional's top seeds, Connecticut and Cincinnati, to reach the Final Four for the first time.

All of that convinced Mississippi State and coach Richard Williams that the Starkville, Miss., school belongs right where it is despite being the first fifth-seeded team to reach the Final Four since 1982.

"I knew we had talented players, and I thought if they learned their roles and accepted their roles, that we could be a good team," Williams said. "It didn't happen all at once. It was a gradual process."

Williams said he distinguishes between the kind of confidence his team has now and the confidence some teams put on for appearance sake.

"With kids this age, confidence can sometimes be false," he said. "They see it as a sign of weakness if you don't show confidence, even if it isn't real. But as you win games, confidence increases. As you win games against quality teams, confidence becomes more real."

The run of upsets by Mississippi State (26-7) has made the Bulldogs the favorite in Saturday's semifinal against Syracuse (28-8), which is making its first Final Four appearance since 1987, when the Orangemen lost the final game to Indiana on a last-second basket by Keith Smart.

"You can't really say Mississippi State is a surprise the way they handled Kentucky and Georgia in the SEC tournament," Syracuse coach Jim Boheim said. The Orangemen needed last-second shots in regulation and overtime to defeat Georgia in the NCAA.

Pampa to visit Herd for 1-4A baseball game

The Hereford baseball team will be looking to end a five-game losing streak Saturday when the Pampa Harvesters come to Whiteface Field for a 1 p.m. game.

Hereford holds a 4-12 record, 0-3 in District 1-4A. Pampa is 11-6 and 1-1.

Hereford also will be looking for a little revenge, since two of Hereford's last seven losses have come at the hands of the Harvesters in non-district games. First was a 7-3 loss March 9 in the Dumas tournament, then there was a 12-7 loss March 15 in the Canyon tournament.

The game will be the first in a varsity-junior varsity doubleheader. Hereford's and Pampa's JV teams will face off at about 4 p.m.

In another game, the Herd JV B team will host the Boys Ranch varsity at 4:30 p.m. Friday at Whiteface Field.

Tuesday is the open spot in the varsity spot's district schedule and Hereford filled it with Lubbock Christian High School. They'll play at 4:30 p.m. at Whiteface Field.

All of Hereford High School's varsity teams will be in action this weekend, but out of town.

The golf teams take a break from district rounds so the boys can play in the Amarillo Relays and the girls can compete in a tournament in Dumas, both of which will be played Friday and Saturday. Hereford sub-varsity golfers will participate in two tournaments today: boys' JV at Borger and freshmen at Friona.

The Herd tennis team will play in a tournament in Levelland Friday and Saturday. The boys' track team will run in the San Angelo Relays Friday and Saturday, and the girls' team will compete in the Borger Relays on Saturday only.

Pro Football Hall of Fame quarterback Roger Staubach served in the Navy for four years before joining Dallas.

Tampa Bay quarterback Vinny Testaverde has suffered from color blindness all his life.

Four NFL teams, Chicago, Green Bay, Kansas City and New Orleans have their training camps in Wisconsin.

Nebraska, St. Joseph's clash in NIT title game

By JIM O'CONNELL
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) - Danny Nee believes he and Phil Martelli have to be the two happiest guys in New York. Their basketball teams are still playing and will meet tonight in the NIT championship game.

Neither Nebraska, Nee's school, or St. Joseph's, Martelli's employer, has ever won a national basketball championship.

For Nee, that idea seems particularly far-fetched, considering his team closed the regular season by losing 10 of 11 games. He said this one season has been made up of three different ones.

"We started 15-4, lost those games and now we're in the postseason. College basketball has its ups and downs," he said Wednesday.

"Losing magnifies everything you do and winning erases every problem you have."

It did not erase every problem the Cornhuskers (20-14) could face, however. Nee allowed his team to experience the city he was born and raised in.

"The postseason should be enjoyable and we've done that here for the kids, taking them to the South Street Seaport, the Statue of Liberty and the Empire State Building," he said. "I gave them advice about not buying watches on the street. They listened like they did when we were on the losing streak and they all bought a watch."

The Hawks (19-12) have split six overtime games this season, two of them losses to top-ranked Massachusetts.

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- '94 Ford Explorer
- '92 Pontiac Lemans
- '95 Pontiac Bonneville

NBA Eastern trio avoids 8th playoff spot

By CHRIS SHERIDAN
AP Basketball Writer

One of these days, either Miami, Charlotte or Washington will break from the others and lock up the eighth playoff spot in the East.

All three had a chance to start down that road Wednesday night, but none took advantage.

The Heat lost by 11 at home to the Los Angeles Lakers, the Hornets lost by 37 at Seattle and the Bullets dropped a six-point decision at home to Indiana. Each team has 12 or 13 games remaining. Miami and Charlotte are tied with 35-34 records and Washington is 3-1/2 games back with a 32-38 record.

"Tonight was just a tough loss for us," said Juwan Howard of the Bullets. "This game hurts to lose because it hurts our chances of making the playoffs. But we have 12 games to go."

Washington has six games left at home and six on the road, half against teams with winning records and half against sub-.500 teams. The Bullets would need to win nine of them to finish at .500.

Miami and Charlotte have been playing well lately, the Heat winning eight of their last 10 and the Hornets winning six of nine, but neither gave its best effort Wednesday night.

Magic Johnson had 27 points, nine rebounds and nine assists in his first

game against his former coach, Pat Riley, and the Lakers won in Florida for a second straight night. On Tuesday, they became the first team to win at Orlando Arena.

"This team is coming on and everybody better be ready," Johnson said of the Lakers.

Playing the third game of a five-game road trip, Charlotte had a letdown one night after beating the Denver Nuggets in double-overtime. Seattle was ahead by 21 after three periods and added to the blowout by scoring 11 consecutive points at the start of the fourth quarter.

"We can still have a good trip. We need to leave this one behind us and concentrate on beating Sacramento and Vancouver. We can't afford to go backward, so we can't dwell on this one," Kenny Anderson said.

In other games, San Antonio beat New York 90-84, Dallas edged Houston 117-114, Utah defeated Milwaukee 98-83, Boston downed Minnesota 121-116 and Philadelphia beat Toronto 103-94.

Lakers 106, Heat 96

Miami's four-game winning streak came to an end as Los Angeles scored 14 of the game's final 20 points after Miami had pulled to 92-89 with 3-1/2 minutes left.

Johnson twisted his ankle in the

first half, but shook off concerned trainers and stayed in the game. He made all 15 of his free throws and capped one of the best performances of his comeback with two sky hooks directly in front of Riley as time was running out.

"I think I'd be the last coach that was going to get beat by a sky hook," said Riley, who coached the great Lakers teams of the 1980s. "I thought Kareem (Abdul-Jabbar) retired that thing."

Nick Van Exel added 21 points for the Heat but went only 3-of-13 on free throws, many of the misses coming at crucial points in the second half.

Sonics 132, Hornets 95

The Sonics tied their highest offensive output of the season and scored the most points of any Charlotte opponent.

Gary Payton had a career-high 17 assists and 19 points and fellow All-Star Shawn Kemp had 21 points and 11 rebounds. Detlef Schrempf scored 18 points and Hersey Hawkins 17 in the Sonics' 55th victory of the season.

Glen Rice, Charlotte's top scorer at 22.5 points per game, was limited to 13 points. The Hornets looked to

put the loss behind them.

"When you get beat this badly, it makes a loss that much easier to get over," Dell Curry said.

Pacers 99, Bullets 93

Reggie Miller scored 15 of his 35 points in the fourth quarter, including 11 in the final 3:33.

"When he started to get hot, I knew it was going to be tough for us to pull this one out," Howard said.

Rik Smits had 27 points on 12-for-18 shooting for the Pacers, who snapped their three-game road losing streak. Indiana has won eight of its last nine against Washington.

"I hope this is it. We've been inconsistent the last couple of months," Smits said. "We need to get close to our peak for playoff time."

Spurs 80, Knicks 84

At San Antonio, the Spurs won their 15th in a row on the one-month anniversary of their last loss.

San Antonio trailed 42-39 at the half as David Robinson scored only two points on 1-of-8 shooting, but he rebounded to lead the Spurs with 21 points, and his four free throws in the last 24.1 seconds gave San Antonio an 89-82 lead. Sean Elliott added 18 points and Avery Johnson 17.

The Knicks finished 2-2 on an eight-day, four-game road trip to

Chicago, Dallas, Houston and San Antonio.

Mavericks 117, Rockets 111

Dallas came back from a 16-point deficit in the third quarter to end its 11-game losing streak. Injury-depleted Houston dropped its sixth in a row.

Jason Kidd had 22 points and 11 assists and made two clutch free throws with 12.1 seconds left. Houston had a chance to tie it, but Melvin Booker and Sam Mack missed 3-point attempts in the final seconds.

Jim Jackson scored 21 points, Lucious Harris had 18 and Tony Dumas scored 13 of his 15 points in the fourth quarter.

Jazz 98, Bucks 82

At Salt Lake City, the Jazz jumped out to an 18-2 lead and coasted to its 18th straight home victory. Jeff Hornacek led the Jazz with 24 points and David Benoit had 20.

Milwaukee lost its 13th in a row.

Celtics 121, Timberwolves 116

At Minneapolis, Dee Brown and David Wesley hit five 3-pointers in a three-minute span of the second half and Boston overcame Kevin Gamett's career-high 33 points.

Rick Fox had 26 points to lead the Celtics, Wesley added 20 and Brown 17.

76ers 103, Raptors 94

At Philadelphia, the Sixers broke their eight-game losing streak behind Clarence Weatherspoon's 28 points.

Toronto rookie Damon Stoudamire missed the game due to knee tendinitis.

Martinez brothers pitch to draw

By The Associated Press

Now the Brothers Martinez have history behind him.

Claiming they'd never opposed each other - until Wednesday at Vero Beach, Fla. - nobody won bragging rights in their first encounter.

The record will show that both pitched well, although neither figured in the decision when Ramon's Los Angeles Dodgers beat former teammate Pedro's Montreal Expos 4-2. But older brother Ramon appeared to have the most fun.

He went 2-for-2 at the plate against Pedro, including a bunt hit down the third-base line in the second inning.

Before bunting, Ramon pointed his bat toward the Holman Stadium wall. He said he was inspired by the movie "Major League," where imaginary Cleveland Indian Jake Taylor calls his shot, then lays down a bunt during a key moment in the team's unlikely pennant drive.

"I wanted it to be like that movie, and I was going to call my shot, then try to bunt," Ramon said. "It worked out perfect because that was the best bunt I ever had."

It needn't have been, however. Pedro was in no condition to do anything about it.

"I was real surprised," he said. "He was pretending like he was going to hit a home run, and I couldn't stop laughing."

Ramon, who will pitch on opening day for the Dodgers at Houston on Monday, allowed two hits and one run in six innings. He held the Expos hitless after the first, when F.P. Santangelo doubled, moved to third on an infield single by Rondell White and scored as Henry Rodriguez grounded out.

Pedro was just as effective, scattering six hits in five shutout innings.

Garry Ingram singled home the go-ahead run in the eighth.

Ingram's two-out hit drove in Juan Castro to snap a 2-2 tie, and Wilton Guerrero also scored when left fielder Rodriguez made an error.

The Dodgers tied it in the sixth when Mike Piazza homered off Barry Manuel, and took a 2-1 lead in the seventh on an RBI single by Carlos Hernandez.

Dave Silvestri homered off winner Joey Eischen in the top of the eighth to make it 2-2.

Antonio Osuna blanked the Expos in the ninth to earn a save.

Reds 6, Astros 2

At Kissimmee, Fla., Pete Schourek tuned up for his opening-day assignment by allowing three hits in six scoreless innings. Barry Larkin had two hits and two RBIs for the Reds, and Reggie Sanders drove in two runs on sacrifice flies. Schourek also drove in a run with a triple.

Twins 2, Braves 1

At Fort Myers, Fla., Kirby Puckett's sixth-inning single proved decisive as Minnesota beat Atlanta in a matchup between four-time Cy Young winner Greg Maddux and Twins opening-day starter Brad Radke. Maddux gave up two hits and a run in four innings. Radke pitched six innings, allowing a homer to Ed Giovanola on the first pitch of the game.

Indians 13, Blue Jays 0

At Winter Haven, Fla., Manny Ramirez had two home runs and five RBIs to lead a 19-hit attack by Cleveland. Ramirez twice victimized Erik Hanson, connecting for a two-run homer in the second inning and added a three-run shot in the third. For the spring, Ramirez is hitting .358, with seven home runs and 18 RBIs.

Rangers 7, Red Sox 4

At Fort Myers, Fla., Kevin Mitchell homered twice for Boston, but Kevin Elster and Mickey Tettleton had homers among 14 Texas hits. Elster's two-run homer in the fifth off Bryan Eversgerd broke open the game. Mitchell's homers were his first of the spring.

49ers land veteran RB

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) - Free agent running back Johnny Johnson will join the San Francisco 49ers, ending the team's search for a veteran running back, newspapers reported today.

Johnson, who sat out the 1995 season, has agreed to a two-year, \$3 million contract that includes a \$500,000 bonus, according to the San Francisco Chronicle and the San Jose Mercury news.

Johnson, 27, who made the Pro Bowl as a seventh-round rookie from San Jose State in 1990, spent a five-year career with the Phoenix Cardinals and New York Jets.

He averaged a little more than 800 yards rushing each season and, in his last two years with the Jets, totalled 109 pass receptions. During the five-year span, he scored 21 touchdowns and had 10 100-yard rushing games.

The announcement is expected to be made later today.

Offensive coordinator Marc Trestman's scouting report concluded: "Excellent athleticism, good, solid runner, adequate outside runner, excellent pass catcher."

Also on the west team are Drew Barry of Georgia Tech, Antwan Dasher of Jersey City, N.J.; Roy Hairston of Purdue, Amal McCaskill of Marquette, Russ Millard of Iowa and Alan Tomidy of Marist.

On the east squad are Chucky Atkins of South Florida, John Burke of Southampton, Eric Eberz of Villanova, Kwame Evans of George Washington, Adrian Griffin of Seton Hall, Dametri Hill of Florida, Damon Santiago of Rutgers, Glenn Sekunda of Penn State, Carlos Strong of Georgia and Malik Rose of Drexel.

Sasser set for all-star game

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. (AP) - Jason Sasser of Texas Tech and Kevin Granger of Texas Southern have been named to the west squad for the National Association of Basketball Coaches all-star basketball game on Sunday.

UCLA's Jim Harrick will coach the west, and Oklahoma State's Eddie Sutton will coach the east.

Oklahoma's Ernie Abercrombie, who is from Houston, also was named to the west team.

The game will be played in New Brunswick.

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Growing number of lawyers opening own practice

By BILL MINTZ
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON - Brad Oesch has pictures of his wife and child facing him from the corner of his desk, where the experts told him to put them.

"They say you need to have the people who depend on you looking at you, so it's easier to ask people for money," said Oesch, a 1990 graduate of South Texas College of Law.

Oesch is one of a growing number of recent law school graduates who started their own legal practice soon after passing the bar exam.

"I started with \$200 and an American Express card," Oesch said. "I didn't want to work for anyone else."

"The structure of the market requires a new lawyer to go out on his own, flip hamburgers or be unemployed," said Jay Foonberg, a Beverly Hills, Calif., lawyer who has written a book with advice for lawyers who want to open their own offices.

"For those who are not in the top 5 percent of the class, their income-earning power is greatly diminished," said Elizabeth Wood, another recent South Texas graduate. "The employers are in a position to offer really low salaries."

It didn't take David Valetutto and Martin Shellist very long to figure that out after they graduated from South Texas in 1993.

"We were working very, very long hours for very little pay," said Valetutto. "We had problems with the way things were run."

accounting - things like that."

South Texas Professor R. Hanson Lawton, who teaches a class in law practice management, said most students have some concept of how much they will need to open a law practice, pay off student loans and pay essential living expenses.

But many are surprised by the lag time between the first client consultation and receipt of the payment for services rendered.

"Like any small business, many lawyers start out undercapitalized," said Foonberg, whose *How to Start and Build a Law Practice* is the American Bar Association's best-selling book.

"We decided we weren't going to do criminal appointments or family law cases," said Valetutto. "If that is what it took, we didn't want to do it."

They negotiated an arrangement with their former employer that gave them about 20 cases when they opened the doors of Valetutto, Shellist & Lore in 1994.

The firm made money the first two years, Valetutto said.

In the early days, the hours weren't much better than they were when the young lawyers were working for other people, Lore said.

"It's not just the time spent on cases," he said. "Every decision -

replacing the fax machine or dealing with the contractor on the new office space - has to be made by the partners."

Lawton, the law professor, said young lawyers need to realize that their clients are counting on them, often in times of crisis.

"Most young lawyers are well trained; they know how to analyze the law," Lawton said. "They don't realize how draining it can be to meet client expectations."

Stovall said her brief time with a small, established firm helped her establish good law practice habits.

"It's important to keep clients informed," she said. "I let them

know the bad news as quickly as I tell them the good news."

Oesch said some other young lawyers won't put their diplomas and law licenses on the walls of their offices because they don't want clients to realize how little experience they have.

"Sometimes, I see them leaning forward, trying to see the date," said Lore, who is 30 years old.

"People realize we're not very old," he said. "There are going to be clients who are going to say, 'I want someone with some gray hair.'"

"We try to make it a plus, telling people we are young and aggressive, and we are going to fight."

He said his first clients were two relatives and a friend of another relative who had suffered back injuries in accidents. One of the cases led to a \$300,000 settlement - which produced a \$100,000 fee - and Oesch's practice was off and running.

Blanche Stovall went to law school because she wanted to represent musicians. She spent 15 months working on family law cases for a small, established firm before starting her own practice.

While she's still doing family law cases to pay the bills, she's also representing artists including Seeds of Soul, a hip-hop band from the North Shore area that came to her for help negotiating a recording contract.

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Private enterprise...makes OK private action which would be considered dishonest in public action.

—John F. Kennedy

Television

THURSDAY MARCH 28

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
2	Eerie Ind.	MMC	Movie: Newsies (1991) Christian Bale, David Moscow.	Bruce Springsteen	Springsteen	Movie:					
3	News	Ent. Tonight	Friends	Boston	Seinfeld	Caroline	ER	News	(-35) Tonight Shw		
4	News	Newshour With Jim Lehrer	Movie: The Inland Sea	Mystery!	Diamonds in the Snow	Computer	Charlie Rose				
5	Videos	Videos	(-05) Movie: The Love Bug (1969) Dean Jones. ***	(-05) Movie: Surf Ninjas (1993) Ernie Reyes Jr. **½							
6	News	Wh. Fortune	Funnies Home Videos	Movie: Taking Care of Business (1990) **½	News	Seinfeld	Nightline				
7	Fam. Mat.	Newhart	Bulls Eye	NBA Basketball Atlanta Hawks at Chicago Bulls	News	Simon & Simon					
8	News	Home Imp.	Murder, She Wrote	Rescue 911	48 Hours	News	(-35) Late Show				
9	Roseanne	Simpsons	Single	Martin	New York Undercover	Star Trek: Deep Space 9	M*A*S*H	Cops	Wanted		
10	Sportstr.	Basketball: Colgate 3-Point & Dunk	College Basketball: NIT Championship - Teams TBA	Sportscenter	Baseball						
11	Waltons	Highway to Heaven	Rescue 911	700 Club	Three Stooges	Bonanza					
12	(5:00) Movie: Obsessed	Movie: Undertow Lou Diamond Phillips.	(-35) Movie: Color of Night (1994) Bruce Willis, Jane March. **½	'R'	Movie:						
13	(5:45) Movie: Babe's Kids	Movie: With Honors Joe Pesci. 'PG-13'	(-45) Movie: Body Language Tom Berenger. 'R'	Comedy	Movie:						
14	(5:15) Movie: Sioux City	Movie: Frank & Jesse (1994) Rob Lowe, Bill Paxton. 'R'	Movie: Silent Rage Chuck Norris. **½	Movie: Reflections							
15	Movie: Reds (1981) Warren Beatty, Diane Keaton. ***½				Movie: Murder on the Orient Express (1974) ***½						
16	Dukes of Hazzard	Life of Lefty Frizzell	Prime Time Country	Club Dance	News	Frizzell					
17	Invention	Movie Magic	Wild Discovery	Movie Magic	Know Zone	Time Traveler	Movie Magic	Invention	Wild Disc.		
18	Equalizer	Biography	Ancient Mysteries	Voyages	Law & Order	Biography					
19	Commish	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: The Operation (1990) Joe Penny. ***	Unsolved Mysteries	Mysteries						
20	Skiing	College Baseball Preview	NHL Hockey Mighty Ducks of Anaheim at Dallas Stars	Press Box	Baseball						
21	In the Heat of the Night	Movie: 2001: A Space Odyssey (1968) Keir Dullea, Gary Lockwood. ****	Movie: 2010 (1984) Roy Scheider. ***								
22	Doug	Tiny Toon	Munsters	Jeanie	Phil Silvers	Phil Silvers	(-45) Phil Silvers	Phil Silvers	Newhart		
23	Wings	Wings	Movie: The Babe (1992) John Goodman. **½	Highlander: The Series	Silk Stalkings	Highlander					
24	Lazos de Amor	Marisol	Acapulco	El Premio Mayor	Bienvenidos	Noticiero	P. Impacto	Movie:			
25	Bloody Hills of Pelulu	American Caesar	Movie: The Legend of Lizzie Borden (1975) ***	Year by Year	Caesar						
26	(5:00) Women's Basketball	College Hockey NCAA Division I Semifinal - Teams to Be Announced	NHL 2Night	RPM 2Night	NBA 2Night						

FRIDAY MARCH 29

	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
2	Pooh	Care Bears	Gummy B.	Pooh Crnr.	Dumbo	Umbrella	Fraggle	Ducktales	Chip 'n' Dale	Tale Spin	Movie: Polly
3	Today				Leeza	Geraldo	Gordon Elliott				Our Lives
4	TimeGrow	TimeGrow	Sesame Street	Lamb Chop	Storytime	Mr Rogers	Imagineland	Barney	Puzzle Piece	Texas	
5	Gilligan	Bewitched	Boss?	Griffith	Little House on the Prairie	(-05) Matlock	(-05) Perry Mason	Movie:			
6	Good Morning America				Live - Regis & Kathie Lee	Montel Williams	Little House on the Prairie	News			
7	News				Court TV	Griffith	Charlie's Angels	Geraldo	News		
8	(6:00) This Morning	George & Alana	Carnie	Price Is Right	Young and the Restless	News					
9	Bobby	Aladdin	Mighty Max	Cubhouse	700 Club	K. Copeland	Christian	Gabrielle	Paid Prog.		
10	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	PGA Golf The Players Championship - Second Round	Tennis							
11	Family Challenge	Make a Deal	Name- Tune	700 Club	FIT TV	Rescue 911	Waltons				
12	Movie: Wake Me When It's Over Dick Shawn. **½	(-15) Movie: Charlie's Ghost ** PG'	(-45) Movie: The Endless Summer Mervyn Haysman. ***								
13	(6:30) Movie: *** Bye Bye, Love PG-13	Movie: Rasputin (1996) Alan Rickman, Greta Scacchi	Movie: Nadine Kim Basinger. **½ PG'	Skating							
14	Movie: Movie: Robinson Crusoe on Mars Paul Mantel. **	Movie: StogieMan Josh Mostel. 'PG'	Movie: Just One of the Guys 'PG-13'								
15	(6:45) Movie: Stand by for Action (1942)	(-45) Movie: Kings Row (1941) Ann Sheridan, Robert Cummings. ***	Movie: Dragon Seed (1944) ***								
16	(Off Air)	VideoMorning									
17	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Goals 2000	Home	Start	Housesmart!	Graham K.	Cuisine	Great Chefs		
18	Remington Steele	McMillan and Wife				New Mike Hammer	Quincy	Equalizer			
19	Baby Knows	Your Baby	Sisters	Our Home	Gourmet	Biggers and Summers	Living	Our Home	Handmade		
20	Press Box	Workout	Plex & Blast	Get Fit	NHL Hockey Mighty Ducks of Anaheim at Dallas Stars						
21	(6:30) Scooby Doo	Bugs Bunny	Flintstones	Gilligan	Gilligan	Knots Landing	Starky and Hutch	Angels			
22	Looney	Gummy	Rugrats	Busy World	Muppets	Muppets	Allegra	Gullah	Papa Beaver	Busy World	Eureka
23	G.I. Joe	Woody	Knight Rider	Murder, She Wrote	Magnum, P.I.		Quantum Leap	People Ct.			
24	Plaza Sesu	El Chavo	Chespirito	Llevatelo	Valentina	Dulce	Morelia				
25	Year by Year	Classroom	History Showcase	Tenko	Story of the USS Intrepid	Real West					
26	Flex Appeal	Bodyshape	Crunch	Bodyshape	Flex Appeal	Crunch	Gotta Sweat	Fitness	Flex Appeal	Bodyshape	Fitness

	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
2	Movie: Polly-Home	Pooh	C. Brown	Quack	Faerie Tale Theatre	Bunykins	Movie: Adventures-American Rabbit				
3	Our Lives	Another World	Jenny Jones	Mauri Povich	Oprah Winfrey	News	NBC News				
4	Body Elec.	Movie: The Inland Sea	Painting	Earth	Reading	C. Sandiego	Science Guy	Wishbone	Science		
5	Movie: ** Gunfight at Comanche Creek	Garfield	Flintstones	Scooby-Doo	Brady	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.		
6	Rush L.	One Life to Live	All My Children	General Hospital	Videos	Jeopardy!	News	ABC News			
7	News	Perry Mason	Geraldo	Warner	Animaniacs	Fam. Mat.	Dreams	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell		
8	Bold & B.	As the World Turns	Guiding Light	Cur. Affair	Hard Copy	Ricki Lake	News	CBS News			
9	Paid Prog.	Matlock	In the Heat of the Night	Taz-Mania	Eek!stravag	Batman	Goosebump	Full House	Fresh Pr.		
10	Tennis: Lipton Champs.	PGA Golf The Players Championship - Second Round	Up Close	Sportstr.							
11	Waltons	Highway to Heaven	Punky B.	I'm Telling	Wild Animal	Masters	Family Challenge	Newhart	Shade		
12	Movie: Fat City Stacy Keach. ***½ PG'	Movie: Looney Bugs Bunny Movie	Movie: Short Circuit 2 Fisher Stevens. ** PG'	Movie:							
13	Skating	Movie: Oliver's Story Ryan O'Neal. 'PG'	Family Video Diaries	Movie: Bye Bye, Love Matthew Modine.	Movie: In the Line of Duty						
14	(-45) Movie: City of Joy (1992) Patrick Swayze, Pauline Collins. PG-13'	Movie: Clash of the Titans Laurence Olivier. **½ PG'	Movie: Major League II **½								
15	(11:00) Movie: *** Dragon Seed (1944)	Movie: Too Young to Kiss (1951) June Allyson. **½	Movie: The Chocolate Soldier (1941) Nelson Eddy. ***								
16	Wildhorse	VideoPM	Dukes of Hazzard	Wildhorse Saloon	Club Dance						
17	Home	Start	Easy Does It	Homeworks	Graham K.	Cuisine	Great Chefs	Popular Mechanics	Wings		
18	Equalizer	Columbo	New Mike Hammer	Remington Steele	Quincy						
19	Designing	Movie: Firefighter (1986) Nancy McKoon. **	Spenser: For Hire	Cagney & Lacey	Supermt	Designing					
20	Women's College Gymnastics	Powerlifter	On the Line	Skating USA	English Soccer Highlights	Madness					
21	Angels	CHiPs	Wild, Wild West	Movie: Funny Thing Happened on Way to Forum	In the Heat of the Night						
22	Rupert	Gummy	TinTin	Looney	Beetlejuice	Muppets	Chipmunks	Tiny Toon	Monsters	Clarissa	Rugrats
23	People's Court	Live With Love Connection	MacGyver	Highlander: The Series	Renegade						
24	Morelia	Como Tu, Ninguna	Cristina	Primer Impacto	Dr Perez	Noticiero					
25	Real West	Bloody Hills of Pelulu	History Showcase	Tenko	Story of the USS Intrepid	Real West					
26	Fitness	NBA 2Night	RPM 2Night	ATP Tennis	LPGA Golf Dinah Shore Classic - Second Round	Sportstr.					

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2	Easter Bunny Is Coming	Second Noah	Second Noah	Second Noah	Second Noah	Second Noah	Second Noah	Second Noah	Second Noah	Second Noah	Tortkessons
3	News	Ent. Tonight	Unsolved Mysteries	Dateline	Homicide: Life	News	(-35) Tonight Show				
4	News	Newshour With Jim Lehrer	Wash. Week	Wall St.	Fate of the Plains	Internet!	Previews	Wait for God	Charlie Rose		
5	(-05) Preseason Baseball Atlanta Braves vs. Cleveland Indians	(-05) Movie: Mr. Destiny (1990) James Belushi, Michael Caine. ***									
6	News	Wh. Fortune	Fam. Mat.	Muppets	Aliens	Step-Step	20/20	News	Seinfeld	Nightline	
7	Fam. Mat.	Newhart	Soul Train Music Awards	Diagnosis Murder	Nash Bridges	News	(-35) Late Show				
8	News	Home Imp.	Due South	X-Files	Star Trek: Voyager	M*A*S*H	Cops	Wanted			
9	Roseanne	Simpsons	Sliders	Women's College Basketball: NCAA Tourn. Semifinal - Teams TBA	Sportscenter						
10	Waltons	Highway to Heaven	Rescue 911	700 Club	Three Stooges	Bonanza					
11	Movie: ** Charlie's Ghost	Movie: Houseguest (1994) Sinsbad, Phil Hartman. 'PG'	Outer Limits	(-45) Movie: Direct Hit William Forsythe.	Movie:						
12	Movie: In the Line of Duty	Movie: Ring of Fire 3: Lion Strikes **½ 'R'	(-45) Movie: Night of the Running Man Scott Glenn. 'NR'	Dennis M.	Dream On						
13	Movie: ** Major League II	Movie: Hard Bounty Kelly LeBrock. *** 'R'	Movie: Speed (1994) Keanu Reeves, Dennis Hopper. 'R'	Erotic	Movie:						
14	Movie: The Champ (1931) **½	(-45) Movie: Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde (1932) **½	Movie: A Free Soul (1931) **								
15	Dukes of Hazzard	Championship Rodeo	Prime Time Country	Club Dance	News	Rodeo					
16	Invention	Movie Magic	Wild Discovery	Bayond 2000	Rivalry	Movie Magic	Invention	Wild Disc.			
17	Equalizer	Biography	Movie: All the King's Men (1949) Joanne Dru. ***	Law & Order	Biography						
18	Commish	Infinite Portrait	Movie: Man Don't Tell (1993) Judith Light, Peter Strauss.	Unsolved Mysteries	Mysteries						
19	(8:30) March Madness	NHL Hockey Cleveland Lumberjacks at Houston Aeros	Press Box	Raceweek							
20	In the Heat of the Night	NBA Basketball San Antonio Spurs at Dallas Mavericks	Inade-NBA	Movie: Playing for Keeps (1986) *							
21	Doug	Tiny Toon	Munsters	Jeanie	I Love Lucy	Bewitched	M.T. Moore	Taxi	Kotter	Van Dyke	Newhart

Special events to take place in numerous locations around area

PLAINVIEW

Plainview's 1996 Pioneer Round-Up will be held May 18, it was announced this week by the Plainview Business and Professional Women's Club, sponsor of the event for 68 years.

The round-up was started as a method of honoring pioneers of the area and, in addition, it has become an entertainment feature for people of all ages.

The Plainview Jaycees will sponsor a parade for the event at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 18. Pioneer activities will be held in the Ollie Liner Center on the south edge of Plainview. A reception starts at 10 a.m. on that day, and a chuck wagon supper and square dance are set in the evening.

The first annual Plainview Arts and Crafts Festival will be held Saturday and Sunday in the Ollie Liner Center in Plainview.

Hours for the show are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. There is no admission charge.

Artists and crafters from throughout the Southwest will be on hand with original art, limited edition prints and handcrafted items.

PANHANDLE

April is Texas Archeology Awareness Month, and the Square House Museum in Panhandle is celebrating in style.

"Posters of the Past" is a beautifully executed and thought-provoking exhibition of posters relating to archeology awareness and historic preservation. This display of posters from Texas and 29 other states will appeal to anyone, whether your interest is archeology, history or design -- especially graphic design.

Supplementing the posters is a variety of literature about Texas prehistory and archeology. This has been provided by the Office of the State Archeologist, and it is free to visitors to the exhibit.

"Posters of the Past" will be on display during the month of April and can be viewed from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. The exhibit is in the Hazlewood Arts and Education Building, at the corner of Hwy. 207 and 5th Street in Panhandle. Admission is free. For more information, call 806-537-3524.

AMARILLO

The 1996 tour season for the Harrington House historic home will begin on April 2.

Harrington House, located at 1600 South Polk Street in Amarillo, was built in 1914 by cattlemen John and

Hereford Pilot Club begins annual membership drive

A special dinner meeting of the Pilot Club of Hereford was held Tuesday evening to launch the annual membership drive.

Club operations division, led by Martha Jones, Anna Solomon and Shannon Redwine, divided the group into teams and conducted a survival game to demonstrate how an organization can be strengthened by members working together -- as teams.

Redwine announced that the teams that had been chosen would work together through June to enroll new

Pat Landergin and was acquired in 1940 and preserved by Don and Sybil Harrington, leaders in the oil and gas industry and generous contributors to numerous philanthropic causes.

Mrs. Harrington gave the house to the community in 1983 to be open for public tours.

Tours are given on Tuesday and Thursday on the half hour, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., April through December. Tours are limited to four persons, minimum age 14 years, and must be arranged in advance by telephoning 806-374-5490. There is no charge for admission.

The Panhandle Human Resources Association will hold its annual seminar, "What You Don't Know Can Hurt You! Avoiding the Pitfalls of Human Resource Issues," on April 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Virgil Patterson Auditorium of Boatmen's First National Bank at 8th and Taylor Streets in Amarillo. Registration begins at 8 a.m.

Keynote speaker will be Rhonda Mikles and her keynote address on motivation is titled "Getting the most Out of Your Employees."

Other presentations will cover ethical dilemmas presented by maintaining workplace records, how the Fair Labor Standards Act impacts the way employers pay their workers, and a look at the top 10 issues in human resources which employers might not realize.

Presenters are Vicki Wilmarth, Jaime Ramon and Brian T. Farrington.

The seminar is suited for human resource professionals, business owners and students. The cost is \$60 per person the day of the event. Advance registration is available by April 4 at \$50 per person for non-members and \$45 for members.

Registration fees may be sent to PHRA, P.O. Box 7343, Amarillo, TX 79114-7343.

For additional information, call Rob Nagel at 806-378-4235.

LUBBOCK

The Volunteer Services Council for Lubbock State School is looking for volunteers to participate in their first annual Voluntree Day on April 27.

Voluntree Day will beautify the campus and provide a more homelike environment for the 400 people served by Lubbock State School.

Participants may assist by providing fund for materials and/or providing volunteers.

Voluntree Day will begin at 10 a.m. by the gym of the State School campus. Lunch will be provided and the day should conclude by 2 p.m.

If you would like to sign up for Voluntree Day or for additional information, call Becky McPherson at 806-741-3632.

members.

An announcement was made that all members of the Pilot Club would be needed to assist the Rotary Club at the Special Olympics to be held in Whiteface Stadium starting at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Something Special catered the meal which was served to 29 members and guests Alva Lee Peeler, Clea Weemes, Bettie Dickson, Rita Bell, Charlene Sanders, Marilyn Culpepper, Jodi Keese, Rhonda Veazey, Sonie Beasley, Melinda Watson and Linda Baird.

BORGER

The third annual Borger Spring Craft Show will be held April 20-21 in the Aluminum Dome. Show hours are 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. There is no charge to attend this show.

The Borger Chamber of Commerce Women's Division, sponsors of the show, is seeking new exhibitors. Anyone interested should send their name, address and a brief description of their handmade craft to P.O. Box 490, Borger, TX 79008-0490.

Rental fee is \$40 for a 10 by 8 foot booth and exhibitors must furnish display tables and chairs.

For additional information, contact the Borger Chamber of Commerce office at 806-274-2211, or Glenna Gray at 806-274-5606 or evenings at 806-274-2938.

ROSWELL, N.M.

Applications are now being accepted for ARTFAIRE '96 to be held April 27-28 in the Commercial Building at the Eastern New Mexico State Fairgrounds in Roswell, N.M.

The show, Roswell's largest, is now in its eighth year and will again feature fine arts and craft items for sale by artists and craftsmen from across the United States.

Persons wishing to participate or desiring more information regarding participation should contact the show promoters at 505-622-0985 or write to: ARTFAIRE '96, 1310 W. Bonita, Roswell, N.M. 88201.

FCE Council holds meeting in DS library

Seven Family Community Education clubs were represented, with five having 100 percent attendance, at the Deaf Smith County FCE Council meeting held Tuesday in the Heritage Room of the Library.

Ford FCE Club had opening exercises after chairman Maudette Smith called the meeting to order. Dolores Brozman read "Who Am I?" and "Instant Garden Success" and led pledges to the United States and Texas flags, the FCE creed and prayer.

Visitors welcomed were Arlene Hubnik, Kay Behrends, Alta Mae Higgins and Dean Bradley.

Following the business meeting, a report was given of the Tasting Bee and Cultural Arts Show.

Kay Behrends was the winner of the quilt given away by the FCE Council.

Winning entries from the Cultural Arts Show will be entered in the Cultural Arts District Contest and will be on display for viewing by participants in the Design Trends 2000 seminar Friday in Amarillo.

The next council meeting will be April 22 with a noon covered dish luncheon.



The gardenia is often called Cape Jasmine because it smells like jasmine and was first brought to England from the Cape Colony in Africa.

Ann Landers

DEAR ANN LANDERS: Your response to the neighbor of the woman who left her two children (7 months and 2 years old) home alone and asleep while she went out for 20 or 30 minutes was inadequate to say the least. You suggested that she "speak to this woman." That wasn't strong enough. That mother needs to be told what could happen in those 20 or 30 minutes when she is away.

The children could wake up and go outside looking for Mommy. Or they could stay indoors and entertain themselves by playing with the stove, or trying to take a bath and drown. Or they could choke to death or electrocute themselves. If there were a fire, they would be helpless.

The lives of those young ones could depend on whether or not that neighbor speaks up. I wish you had emphasized the importance of telling that mother the risks she was taking. - Another Mother in lake Elsinore, Calif.

DEAR EL: Thanks for putting a little meat on the bones of my lean response. You made some excellent points. I hope that mother sees your letter.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: Shortly after my divorce six years ago, I began dating a newly divorced woman I had met several months earlier. Our relationship started when she phoned and invited me to a dance. She said I was the only man she had dated since her divorce.

We lived 40 miles apart, and since we both had teen-agers at home, we saw each other only on weekends. My visits were always at her invitation, and she usually initiated our telephone conversations. We socialized primarily in her town.

That woman read me like a book and played me like a banjo. Within a year, Cupid's arrow had found its

mark. Her words, cards and behavior led me to believe that she felt the same way about me, but we agreed marriage was not practical until the kids were out of the house.

Several weeks ago, when I proposed to her, there was a sudden change of attitude. Imagine my shock when I discovered she had three affairs going on right under my nose.

I feel like a fool and am anxiously awaiting my AIDS test. No city please, just -- Jack Without Jill

DEAR JACK: You dated the woman for six years and were not aware that you were one of a quartet? You sound like a pretty dim bulb to me.

I hope this unfortunate experience will have taught you something. If so, it will not have been a total loss.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: Yesterday, my life was ruined. I went to the doctor, and he confirmed what I already suspected. I have herpes.

I am 31 and have a college degree and a good job. For me, sex was a game. If it was human and male and had a pulse, I went for it. That foolishness ruined my marriage, and

Rebekah Lodge holds regular weekly meeting

Hereford Rebekah Lodge #228 met Tuesday evening with eight members present.

Noble grand Anna Conklin presided as reports were made. Ten visits to the sick, 16 cheer cards and three dishes of food were reported.

Easter cards were signed to be delivered to Veteran's Hospital

now it is ruining my life. Tell your readers to use caution when deciding to have sex. Insist that the man wear a condom. I don't know yet if I have something worse than herpes, but that's bad enough. -- Lived for the Moment, Paying for It in Hell

DEAR PAYING: Your life is NOT ruined. The disease you have can be managed to the point where it will be only an inconvenience. You need to be educated. Please send \$1 to American Social Health Association, Herpes Resource Center, P.O. Box 13827, Dept. AL, Research Triangle Park, N.C. 27709.

Gem of the Day: If you have occasion to criticize a mule, do it to his face.

Drugs are everywhere. They're easy to get, easy to use and even easier to get hooked on. If you have questions about drugs, you need Ann Landers' booklet, "The Lowdown on Dope." Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$3.75 (this includes postage and handling) to: Lowdown, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562.

patients in Amarillo. Meeting closed with members reciting "The Rebekah Creed."

Ben Conklin was host to Mary Lou Weatherford, Irene Merritt, Lucille Lindeman, Jessie Matthews, Rosalie Northcutt, Susie Curtsinger and Conklin.

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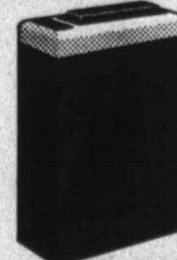
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Buchanan considering options

Advisors polled on continuing race, independent bid

By JOHN KING
AP Political Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - Back home after losing 25 consecutive March primaries, Pat Buchanan is gathering top advisers from around the country to debate whether to continue his Republican presidential campaign or perhaps launch an independent bid.

Many of Buchanan's top supporters are urging him to bolt the GOP and run as an independent, perhaps as the candidate of the fledgling U.S. Taxpayers Party.

The conservative commentator has told aides he views that as a risky, unlikely option, but wants to listen to supporters before making a decision. Roughly three dozen Buchanan advisers, supporters and conservative activists were invited to today's session in suburban Washington.

In advance of the meeting, leading Republicans urged Buchanan to stay within the GOP ranks - and to join

other defeated rivals in backing Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, who has clinched the GOP nomination.

"This contest is over," said Republican National Committee Chairman Haley Barbour.

Buchanan's top advisers appear divided on the prospect of an independent run.

His sister and closest political adviser, Angela "Bay" Buchanan, has openly promoted the idea and has asked for research on filing deadlines and other logistical hurdles.

Campaign manager Terry Jeffrey was described as intrigued by the independent idea, and said to believe that Buchanan's economic views, particularly his protectionist trade stance, will never be embraced at the Republican convention. Treasurer Scott McKenzie is also among those leaning in favor of an independent run.

But another top aide, Gregory

Mueller, said he was encouraged by Dole's recent focus on combating illegal immigration and repealing affirmative action programs, as well as Dole's overtures to rivals to help him form "a winning Republican coalition." Mueller also noted that Buchanan has attracted new voters to the Republican Party and should not destroy any chance of seeking the nomination in the future.

One close associate who spoke to Buchanan recently said "his heart is in the Republican Party." There were some indications from the invitation list for Thursday's meeting that he was inclined to stay there.

Veteran anti-abortion activist Phyllis Schlafly, for example, was among those expected to attend.

"I am in favor of his staying with the party through the convention and seeing how he gets treated," she said. But if Buchanan followed that advice, it would be enormously difficult to qualify for ballots after the convention.

Another invitee, Gary Bauer of the Family Research Council, has urged Buchanan to stay within the GOP ranks.

Conservative activist Howard Phillips, on the other hand, was not invited. He has tried to convince Buchanan to run under the banner of his U.S. Taxpayer's Party.

But Buchanan aides said most of the state supporters coming to the meeting favored an independent run,

and that calls from supporters were overwhelmingly in favor of the idea.

Aides in both the Dole and Buchanan campaigns said there have been no discussions about a rapprochement. And two senior Dole aides, noting Dole's recent conciliatory statements, said the next move was up to Buchanan.

"We view ourselves as being in a position of some strength here," said a top campaign aide who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Barbour said that if Buchanan is invited to address the August GOP convention, he will have to first clear his speech with party and Dole campaign officials. In 1992, aides to George Bush demanded that Buchanan endorse Bush but say they did not review his convention speech, a fiery call for Republicans to fight a cultural war against abortion and homosexual rights.

"I don't know what kind of controls they had in 1992," Barbour said. "But at this convention, good management means you'll know what every speaker is going to say from the opening gavel to the closing farewell."

Among those trying to nudge Buchanan was House Speaker Newt Gingrich.

"I hope he'll decide to stay on the team and work to help elect a president who will appoint conservative judges, balance the budget and lower taxes," Gingrich said. "These are all values Buchanan believes in."

Senate candidate spurns PAC funds

By JUAN B. ELIZONDO Jr.
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AUSTIN (AP) - Although he's only had one offer so far, U.S. Senate runoff candidate Victor Morales says he will not accept contributions from political action committees.

U.S. Rep. John Bryant, D-Dallas and Morales' April 9 runoff opponent, says such a move is unrealistic and gives U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm another edge over Morales.

"No candidate who is facing a candidate like Phil Gramm can turn down the support simply because of the time that it would take to raise that much money one contribution at a time when the other guy gets it all in one lump sum," Bryant said.

Morales announced Wednesday that he would not accept PAC donations. He said such donations raise too many questions about the giver and the recipient.

"There is the question whether they are just dancing with these people," Morales said of politicians who take PAC contributions. "I want to remove that question mark."

Morales said he made his way into the April 9 contest without PAC money. He said he would make it through the general election against U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm the same way.

"It still can be done with individuals helping me as it has been done over the last 10 months," he said of defeating Gramm.

Morales acknowledged receiving only one offer of political action committee

support. But he said when he wins the April 9 runoff, more offers will come.

"I am turning down what could be future large amounts of money," he said.

Morales, a high school government teacher in Mesquite, would not criticize PACs nor Bryant and Gramm, who both accept such donations. He said he simply does not want questions raised about his loyalties.

He said he is raising thousands of dollars through small donations.

"I am getting a lot of checks, small checks, now. It's a steady flow. Surely it's something that wouldn't worry Phil Gramm or Mr. John Bryant, but helps me tremendously. I no longer have to worry about gas."

Morales has driven tens of thousands of miles across Texas in his white, Nissan pickup truck.

On Wednesday, a campaign supporter gave him a \$12 check for gas.

Barbara Burzynski, of Austin, also gave Morales a \$100 check from her husband. She said she remained uncertain which Democrat would get her vote, but she wanted to help Morales get around Austin.

Bryant, who was in Austin on other business Wednesday, said raising \$100, \$5 or \$12 at a time is not realistic.

The congressman said he had supported failed congressional efforts to limit PAC contributions and campaign spending. But he said he has not imposed such limits on himself because he does not want to hurt his chances against Gramm.

Perot continues drive for new Reform party

By ERICH SMITH
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PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Ross Perot spoke for neighborhood schools, neighborly self-help and a flexible approach to affirmative action during the latest stop in his campaign for a third party.

Perot, speaking to a crowd of 500 Rotarians on Wednesday, warned of a nation headed for trouble because of rising taxes, bad schools, an unbalanced budget and a shrinking middle class.

After a week of appearing on broadcast programs to promote himself and his new Reform Party, the Dallas billionaire is on the road for a speaking tour aides say will eventually take him to nearly every state.

Supporters said they launched petition drives Wednesday to get the party on the ballot in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. It is already on the ballot in seven states: California, North Dakota, Utah, South Carolina, Montana, Minnesota and Virginia.

Also at the luncheon were members of the Patriot Party, which traces itself back to Perot's 1992 presidential bid. Nicholas Sabatine, the party's national chairman, said he met with Perot and urged him to work with his old organization, too.

Asked whether he would run for president and urged by some questioners to do so, Perot refrained from declaring himself a candidate, focusing instead on his warning that the nation is headed for trouble and a third political party is needed to save it.

"Sixty-two percent of the American people want a new party," Perot said, saying he wanted to found a party "that belongs to the people, not the special interests."

Perot inveighed against big government, deficit spending and a

shallow political system. He decried U.S. trade policies and the decline of American manufacturing.

Asked about affirmative action, Perot said he favored a hard look at where problems remain to be addressed, and then appointing a blue-ribbon committee to monitor its progress.

"Let's keep it dynamic through changing times, to try to get through this phase in our country's history. I do not want to keep it frozen, because everything in our country is changing," he said.

But when he was urged to name a black woman as a running mate, Perot had had enough.

"Everybody that's a U.S. citizen is welcome (in a new party)," Perot said. "But once we come in, we'll be the dumbest group in the world if we concentrate on Group A here and Group B here, and we all stake out our turf, and say 'We all want something for us.' 'Us' is the American people."

What poor children in cities need, Perot said, is neighborhood schools.

"If I could wish for one thing for all the children in the disadvantaged community, it would be tiny, little neighborhood schools that their parents could be involved in, where learning is stressed, and you'd tap each child's full potential," he said.

Perot, who was confronted Tuesday night by a Texas A&M student who said her generation didn't trust politicians' promises, urged the Rotarians to remain involved.

"Please, if you don't remember anything else I say today: You cannot as a voter in this country become cynical, disillusioned, turned off and walk away from the election process. All of us have got to become more and more and more informed and involved," he said.

Powell leaves door open for political race in future

By KATIE FAIRBANK
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DALLAS (AP) - Colin Powell has once again left the door to his political future slightly but decidedly ajar.

On a visit to Dallas Wednesday, Powell restated his aversion to campaigning this year, despite many top Republicans' desire to see him join the apparent Republican nominee, Sen. Bob Dole, on the 1996 presidential ticket.

"It just isn't for me at this time," Powell told about 5,000 people attending the Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association convention.

However, the retired general said that doesn't mean he might not be interested in another election at another time.

"I don't know what the future holds. Things change," he said.

"Probably over 40 percent of the American people are very happy I've made this decision," Powell joked.

Republican candidate Pat Buchanan is one person saying he would fight any move by Dole to choose a running mate like Powell, who calls himself a fiscal conservative and a social moderate.

"I'm a product of the New Deal," Powell said.

Although Powell said he has no

aspirations to higher office - "I have to be true to myself and my family" - he said he admires people who have the desire to be president. He mentioned both Dole and President Clinton as men who had devoted their lives to government.

Powell observed that demands on candidates are heavy.

"We may not be asking too much of them, but we're expecting too much," he said.

And although the American people say they want change, they are wary of changing themselves, he said.

"We're not prepared to make all the sacrifices we have to make, for politicians to do what we say we want them to do," he said.

Powell said he would continue to help the country in other ways, including serving on the boards of several youth organizations and the United Negro College Fund.

While answering questions from the moderator and a few from the crowd, Powell said there is a place for affirmative action in America, although the program needed to be mended.

He challenged the crowd to attack the country's problems rather than each other.

"Let's stop thinking God has spoken to one group of Americans, but not another," he said.

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'Freemen' live in world of their own in Montana enclave

Standoff with federal authorities continues into fourth day

By BOB ANEZ
Associated Press Writer
HELENA, Mont. (AP) - The "freemen" live in a world of their own.

They formed their own shadow government, refuse to pay taxes and believe they are the chosen people, independent of any established authority.

As their standoff with federal agents moved into a fourth day at a sprawling wheat and sheep farm outside Jordan, those familiar with the militant anti-government group say it is rooted in racism and money woes.

a group meeting broadcast Wednesday on ABC's "Prime Time Live."

Two freemen leaders, LeRoy Schweitzer and Daniel Petersen Jr., were arrested Monday by the FBI, which is urging about a dozen others to surrender peacefully even as more than 100 rifle-toting federal agents dot the surrounding countryside.

Schweitzer, Petersen and others face federal charges of writing millions of dollars in bogus checks and money orders and threatening to kidnap and murder a federal judge. They also face state charges of criminal syndicalism, or advocating violence for political aims.

The arrests came a day after a meeting at the freemen's compound at which Schweitzer outlined a plan to kidnap local government officials, ABC reported.

"We'll travel in units of about 10

outfits, four men to an outfit, most of them with automatic weapons, whatever else we got - shotguns, you name it," he said on the videotape.

Should someone try to stop the freemen, Schweitzer said, "we're going to have a standing order: Anyone obstructing justice, the order is shoot to kill."

The freemen's badge is their refusal to recognize the validity of existing government. They call their compound Justus Township, insist they have their own laws and courts and have given themselves titles such as "justice of the peace" and "constable."

"White supremacy is the key," said Robert Crawford of the Coalition for Human Dignity in Portland, Ore. "Their Justus Township, its common-law court, is the kernel of a white Christian republic for them - a new government."

Crawford, co-author of a new report on militias and white supremacist groups, said the core of freemen philosophy is that whites are the chosen race with permanent God-given rights.

Such philosophy has led the freemen to conclude they are above any established authority.

The farm being used by the freemen was lost in a 1994 foreclosure for failure to pay taxes; Schweitzer's home near Bozeman and two crop-dusting planes were seized for unpaid taxes.

Kenneth Coulter, a Jordan resident who knows many of the freemen members, said the movement "was a salvation from their financial problems."

Coulter said member Rodney Skurdal was instrumental in spreading the freemen's anti-government, anti-tax message.

Skurdal is believed to be one of those holed-up at the farm.

"A lot of people thought Skurdal was the Messiah, their leader," Coulter said. "His message was that the monetary system was illegal, they can avoid bankruptcy and foreclosure by setting up an independent entity that has to be negotiated with as independent state."

"It was sort of incomprehensible to me that they could fall into such an irrational organization."

They placed a \$1 million bounty on the local sheriff, judge and county attorney involved in the foreclosure of a freeman's farm. Garfield County Sheriff Charles Phipps was told he would be hanged from a bridge if caught by the freemen.

Prosecutors say the freemen's financial scheme involves filing liens on property of those they see as enemies. Investigators believe the millions of dollars in property subjected to the freemen's claims give them a credit on which they have written at least \$19.5 million in bad checks and phony money orders.

The freemen allegedly used one such worthless money order to try to buy \$1.4 million in military-style arms and ammunition for a force of 200 people. The money order bounced and the arms were never delivered.

In classes at the farm, disciples from at least 30 states came to learn the strategy. Federal officials estimate the

financial fraud has resulted in people in several states losing at least \$1.8 million so far.

Among those believed to be holed up at the ranch are three fugitives from North Carolina with anti-government views similar to the freemen, an FBI agent confirmed.

Steven Hance, 46, and his sons John, 19, and James, 23, sought refuge on the Montana ranch after fleeing criminal charges in North Carolina, said FBI Special Agent Tom Ernst in Billings, Mont. The three face charges of assaulting a police officer and resisting arrest.

FBI agent Vic O'Korn in Charlotte, N.C., said the FBI has known since March 8 that the Hances were on the ranch, but he would not say how the agency knew that. The Hances allegedly belong to a Charlotte-area anti-tax, anti-government militia group called Citizens for the Reinstatement of Constitutional Government.

Neighbors in Jordan say that before the FBI arrived, many people thought they would have to take matters into their own hands to stop them.

"If they can't get them out of there peacefully in a couple of weeks, I'd say go in and get them out any way they can," said Tom Fogle, who works on the county road crew.

"If they don't give up, I say go in and strafe them. Bring in the Apache helicopters and blow the hell out of them. I'm tired of it."

Governors take education challenge

Two-year task designated to set academic standards

By DEB RIECHMANN
AP Education Writer
PALISADES, N.Y. (AP) - Energized from a two-day education summit, the nation's governors are beginning a two-year task to set the academic bar higher for students in their states and test them to measure performance.

The governors' vow to implement tougher school standards for subjects like math and English, however, already is under attack from education experts who claim the project, if it can be accomplished at all, would take much more time.

"It is absolutely bonkers to think you can do that in two years," said Gerald Bracey, who directs the Alliance for Curriculum Reform, an umbrella group of 30 major education associations. "The only thing you can make in two years is a mess."

President Clinton, who spoke at the summit Wednesday, said students, teachers and schools need to be more accountable. He called on the states to make students pass tests before being promoted to middle and high schools.

"If you want the standards movement to work, you have to have an assessment system that says, 'No more social promotions, no more free

passes,'" Clinton told the governors. "I don't believe you can succeed unless you are prepared to have an assessment system with consequences."

Moving students on before they master the material only sets them up for failure, said John Roden, president of a teachers union in Yorktown, N.Y.

Roden supports Clinton's testing idea, and also thinks the governors can meet the two-year deadline for establishing rigorous school standards in their states.

"We took two years to develop some of our standards. If the will is there, there are enough models around to do it," Roden said.

The 41 governors and 49 invited business leaders ended their summit by approving a six-page policy statement aimed at rekindling the academic standards movement in the states - and not in Washington.

"If we fail to set standards our students will not be able to compete or succeed in today's global marketplace," said Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson, who co-hosted the summit with IBM Corp. Chairman Louis Gerstner.

The governors vowed to reallocate

money in their states so that clear, internationally competitive academic standards and assessments may be written for their schools. They also agreed to set up an independent, non-governmental clearinghouse that would help states develop and rate their standards.

Business leaders agreed to make a state's academic standards and student performance a high priority in deciding where to build or expand operations. They also pledged to push parents to get involved in schools, play an active role in getting technology into classrooms and begin, within a year, looking at the high school transcripts of prospective hires.

But Harold Hodgkinson, who directs the Center for Demographic Policy in Washington, said the academic performance of students would vary across the nation and it would be unfair to compare them.

"Everybody is desperately seeking some Dow Jones average to tell us whether schools are getting better," Hodgkinson said. "Most states have standards. The question is what do you do with the children who don't meet them?"

Business leaders at the summit

complained that people applying for jobs at their companies lack basic skills in reading, writing and math, forcing them to set up expensive job screening or remedial education programs.

Bracey said companies might have to screen more applicants, but it's not because the public school system is failing.

Sixty-two percent of high school graduates go to college, he said. Companies are getting applicants from the remaining 38 percent of the graduates, who are not college-bound and typically perform on the lower end of the academic scale, he said.

"The call for higher and higher standards is simply an attempt to drive down the wages of skilled labor," Bracey theorized. "There is already a glut of skilled laborers on the market - people with master's degrees in international finance taking jobs that pay less than a first-year teacher."

Technology expected to change ban on women in combat roles

By ROBERT BURNS
AP Military Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - The military's traditional ban on women in combat is likely to disappear as technological advances change the nature of warfare, the first American woman to be selected for promotion to three-star general says.

Marine Corps Maj. Gen. Carol A. Mutter, 50, who was nominated by President Clinton for the promotion to lieutenant general, told a Pentagon news conference Wednesday it will take time to change attitudes about women in combat.

"In large measure in this country there is a feeling that until we really need women to get into the front lines and have that kind of risk we ought

not do that," she said. "It's based on, in every society there are the protectors and the protected. Women generally are the protected because they are necessary for propagation of the species."

In 1993, based in part on the performance of women who served in the 1991 Persian Gulf War, Congress greatly expanded the number of positions open to women, including jobs that today can bring them indirectly into the line of fire. But the prohibition on women performing front-line combat roles was retained.

In a brief interview with The Associated Press, Mutter said she felt sure that women would be allowed combat assignments in the future as

advances in technology require fewer troops in trenches and more at computer consoles, for example.

"There's no doubt that it will eventually mean an end to the ban, she said.

Clinton on Tuesday nominated Mutter to be deputy chief of staff for manpower and reserve affairs for the Marines. She currently is commander of Marine Corps Systems Command at Quantico, Va. She was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marines upon graduation from Northern Colorado University in 1967.

Her promotion to lieutenant general - a rank never before attained by an American woman - must be approved by the Senate.



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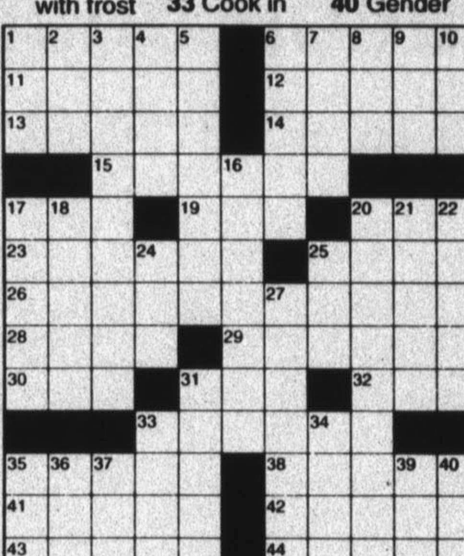
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Entertainment

Former TV cop finds his place behind camera

By LYNN ELBER
AP Television Writer
LOS ANGELES (AP) - Charles Haid, who played Officer Andy Renko in the breakthrough police drama "Hill Street Blues" in the 1980s, is still part of outstanding television.

"Murder One" and "ER" are on his resume, along with TV movies including HBO's recent "Riders of the Purple Sage." And he's working on the first Dream Works production company drama, "High Incident."

Don't look for the beefy actor with the broad grin in the acting credits; Haid is calling the shots as a director.

And no cracks, please, about how every actor is a wannabe director. Haid, it turns out, never really envisioned himself as a star; directing was his goal.

He stumbled into acting, Haid says, because theater wasn't paying

enough to support his family and because his agent told him "you're a good type; do some character roles."

Acting gigs, in "Hill Street" and in movies like "Altered States," came easily. So why, ever since his drama student days at Carnegie Tech in Pittsburgh, did Haid want to be the one yelling "action"?

"Ultimately, it's really a cool job," he offers. "You can turn to anybody and say 'Do this,' and they'll do it. 'Put this enormous truck in the middle of the road, light an enormous fire and have a car drive straight at it.'

"And they go 'OK! Where do you want the truck?'" he concludes.

Haid, who can lay down a line of fast patter with the best of them, is playing a bit loose with the respect he has for directing.

While actors like Mel Gibson

scoop up the glory and the Oscars when they venture behind the movie camera, Haid contends the relative obscurity of most TV directors does not diminish the work they do.

What is traditionally a writer and producer's medium has increasingly reflected the director's touch, he says. Haid proceeds to pick apart some shows as evidence.

"If you look at the style of 'NYPD Blue,' no one else has that. ... The camera is an eye. The way the camera moves, it's the way people look at things.

"It's also very intimately shot. They use a lot of long lenses (and) they're able to focus people's attention on what's happening by focusing on the actors," Haid said.

He describes his own approach to

the "Murder One" pilot episode as more sedate: "I did that almost because of all of the styles of the other shows, moving around with steady cams (cameras) and all that. I thought it was a very formal subject, so I tried to make a formal show."

For "High Incident," an ABC Monday night series about suburban police officers, Haid is "documenting the event. I'm very loose, with much wider lenses. ... We're using very much of a documentary style."

(He says of "Homicide's" herky-jerky film technique, repeating a shot twice in quick succession: "Whatever that is.")

He breaks off his analysis. "This is all director's talk. We call it the gospel according to Bob Butler," the director of the first five episodes of

"Hill Street Blues."

It was his alma mater series, Haid says, that really helped energize TV direction, setting the camera in motion and crafting a documentary style. Gregory Hoblit picked up Butler's creative baton and went on to shape shows like "NYPD Blue."

"He has constantly broken the mold," Haid said of Hoblit. Both men are favorites of Steven Bochco, producer of "NYPD Blue," "Murder One" and "Hill Street Blues."

("Hill Street" spawned yet another actor-turned-director: Betty Thomas, who played Officer Lucille Bates, directed HBO's "Late Shift" and is set for shock jock Howard Stern's upcoming movie.)

Does Haid, who started out in local

theater and produced "Godspell" off Broadway, regret trading the stage for TV? Or, after directing "Iron Will" for Disney, would he rather spend more time on movie projects?

Sure, he says, he looks forward to working in other arenas. But he refuses to dismiss television.

"TV, whatever they want to say about it, if you work it right gives you an enormous chance to put out product and ideas that reach tens of millions of people more than motion pictures do, in one night.

"And, if you're at the top of your game like 'NYPD Blue,' you're doing what ultimately a storyteller and creative person is doing, which is reaching people and mirroring the times they live in and human emotions."

This week in entertainment

By The Associated Press
Entertainment highlights during the week of March 28-April 3:

40 years ago: Elvis Presley appeared on the "Milton Berle" television show; the show was watched by some 40 million people. And the soap operas, "As the World Turns" and "The Edge of Night," made their premieres on CBS television.

30 years ago: Eighty-five fans were arrested at a Rolling Stones concert in Paris after the crowd's heated reaction got out of hand. And Herb Alpert and the Tijuana Brass held four positions in the Top 10 of the U.S. album chart.

20 years ago: The British punk group The Sex Pistols entertained a sparse audience of 50 for its first booking at London's 100 Club. "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" began a run of midnight showings at a theater in New York's Greenwich Village. And the movie, "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," took the top four prizes at the 48th annual Academy Awards: best picture, best actor (Jack Nicholson), best actress (Louise Fletcher) and best director (Milo Forman).

10 years ago: The first Soviet-produced copies of two Beatles albums, "A Hard Day's Night" and "A Taste of Honey," made their debut at Moscow's main record outlet and immediately sold out.

Spoken 10 years ago: "When I'm 60, Hollywood will forgive me - I don't know for what, but they'll forgive." - Movie director Steven Spielberg on why he failed to win any Oscars for "The Color Purple." His movie was nominated for 11 Oscars.

Birthdays:
March 28: Actress Dianne Wiest, 48; singer-songwriter Reba McEntire, 41.
March 29: Comedian Eric Idle, 53; actress-model Elle MacPherson, 32; tennis ace Jennifer Capriati, 20.
March 30: Actor-director and recovering lothario Warren Beatty, 59; slowhand Eric Clapton, 51; actor Paul Reiser, 39; rap artist-dancer MC Hammer, 33; singer Tracy Chapman, 32; "Beverly Hills 90210" actor Ian Ziering, 32; singer Celine Dion, 28.
March 31: Actor Richard Chamberlain, 61; scary guy Christopher Walken, 53; actress Rhea Perlman, 48.
April 1: Actress Ali MacGraw, 58; Billy Currie of Ultravox, 44; actress Annette O'Toole, 33.
April 2: Sir Alec Guinness, 82; musician Leon Russell, 55; actress Linda Hunt, 51; singer Emmylou Harris, 49.
April 3: Heavyweight actor Marlon Brando, 72; perpetually perky Doris Day, 72; Vegas showman Wayne Newton, 54; photographers' favorite Alec Baldwin, 38; actor David Hyde Pierce, 37; actor-comedian Eddie Murphy, 35; actress Jennie Garth of "Beverly Hills, 90210," 24.

Corman hailed as prolific B-movie mogul who has launched major Hollywood stars

By JOHN HORN
AP Entertainment Writer
LOS ANGELES (AP) - Roger Corman is regarded as Hollywood's most prolific filmmaker, having produced or directed more than 400 low-budget B-movies, from "Attack of the Crab Monsters" to "Carnosaur II."

During his 42-year career, Corman also has helped launch several of Hollywood's biggest stars. And he cut the first paychecks for many of the town's top directors, from Martin Scorsese to Jonathan Demme, who gave Corman cameos in "The Silence of the Lambs" and "Philadelphia."

Corman appraises a few of his movies that feature early looks at some of Hollywood's biggest names today:

-Jack Nicholson and 1958's "Cry Baby Killer": "There was tremendous energy and intensity - and the ability, which he has always had, to bring an element of humor to the most serious role."

-William Shatner and 1961's "The Intruder": "It was his first film - a

story about racial integration in the American South (in which Shatner played a racist). It won a number of awards - and was the first picture I ever made that lost money."

-Francis Ford Coppola and 1963's "Dementia 13": "I've seen first-time directors who were very nervous, and I was very nervous myself the first time I directed. Only a few first-timers were as cool as Francis. Francis had a great ability to prepare thoroughly and then vary from his plan and improvise."

-Robert De Niro and 1970's "Bloody Mama": "He was a tremendously dedicated - the hardest-working actor I have ever met. He went to Arkansas on his own two weeks ahead of the shooting in order to find the local dialect. He was so good that even though we had a person from Arkansas advising us on accents, by the end of the picture most of the actors were going to Bobby De Niro."

-Sylvester Stallone and 1975's "Death Race 2000": "I thought he was going to be an important actor and have a real career as the heavy or

the bad guy. My wife, Julie, said, 'He can do more than that. He can be a great leading man - the good guy as well as the bad guy.' She was right."

-Sandra Bullock and Craig Sheffer in 1992's "Lost Paradise" (unreleased): "The casting department and I wanted people who had potential. As soon as we finished the movie, Craig made 'A River Runs Through It' and Sandra got the lead in a big picture ("Demolition Man") and is now one of the biggest stars in the business."

Five questions with Samantha Mathis

By The Associated Press
After her rough-and-tumble work in "Broken Arrow," actress Samantha Mathis is being heralded as this year's Sandra Bullock - a girl next door who can keep her cool and manage to look good while breaking a sweat in an action-adventure flick. Mathis tones it down for her latest film, "Jack and Sarah," in which she's an American nanny in London helping a single father (Jack) raise his daughter (Sarah).

1. In your latest film, you're a waitress and then a nanny. Did you ever have odd jobs along the way to becoming an actress?
Mathis: When I was 13, I got a job working at a clothing store on Rodeo Drive, of all places. We sold Rodeo Drive T-shirts with fringe and beads on the bottom of them - totally early '80s. When I was 15, I sold frozen yogurt with all my friends. We sort of took over the store, called Yogurt Delights.

2. Complete this sentence: The best thing about London was ...?
Mathis: Tea and scones in the afternoon. I just love that tradition and those scones with the clotted cream and the raspberry preserves. Even when we were shooting, we got to have tea in the afternoon. It was terribly civilized. I think we should embrace that tradition here. Let's just stop at 4 p.m. and chat for just 10 minutes!

3. The worst thing about London was ...?
Mathis: When I came into the country, it ended up being this complete nightmare. They hadn't had my work papers ready for me so they

Five questions with Kurt Russell

By The Associated Press
In his new film "Executive Decision," Kurt Russell plays an intelligence analyst and terrorist expert who combats the hijackers of a 747 airliner loaded with nerve toxin aimed at Washington, D.C. During the struggle, the plane goes into deep dives, loses compression because of bullet holes and crash-lands. Not the sort of thing for white-knuckle fliers.

1. Have you taken any flights since completing the movie?
Russell: Oh, yeah. I'm real good at denial. (laughs) I figure you're either lucky or unlucky in life; whatever is going to happen will happen anyway.

2. You're a pilot yourself. Why?
Russell: I like to cut the odds down. I like to do things that if you concentrate on and do right, it eliminates the ability for something

caused by error to turn into a disaster.

3. What was your scariest flight ever?
Russell: One time I was flying alone from Mammoth (ski resort in Central California) back to L.A. and I hit a massive "Sierra Wave." There were 2,500-foot up-and-down-drafts that were just knocking me all over the sky. I pulled out of two spins. A pretty wild ride.

4. Is it true you used to play Ping-Pong with Walt Disney?
Russell: Yes, we used to play Ping-Pong at lunchtime on the lot when I was a kid. A lot of fun.

5. Did you ever throw a game to win favor with the boss?
Russell: No, I never threw a game, never in my life.
-Bob Thomas, Associated Press Writer.

5. So what was it like driving that speeding bus with Keanu Reeves?
Mathis: That wouldn't be me ... that would be Sandy Bullock.

5. a.) Seriously, how do you feel when people say you're this year's Sandra Bullock?
Mathis: I don't see it. Her situation was so particular. And she's such an individual. She and I are friends; we actually worked together. I sort of get a giggle out of it. When I got the part (in "Broken Arrow"), I called her and said, "Guess what? I'm playing you in a movie. I got the role. And people are saying I might be the next you. So how do I do you?"
-Patricia Bibby, Associated Press Writer.

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Patties pile up after fast food giants ban British beef

'Mad cow' scare may result in millions of burgers being destroyed

By DIRK BEVERIDGE
AP Business Writer
LONDON (AP) - The mad cow scare has left huge stockpiles of frozen hamburgers at McDonald's and Wimpy, patties that face an uncertain future after the fast-food giants banned British beef.

"It is more than likely everything will be destroyed," said Katherine Young, a spokeswoman for Wimpy International Ltd. "You're going to be looking at millions of burgers."

McDonald's is not sure what to do with its unwanted Mcmeat as Britain's biggest fast-food restaurants wrestle with the logistical difficulties of switching to non-British beef.

"They're still in the freezer," said McDonald's spokeswoman Veronica Foster. "Our first concern is to get the beef back in the restaurants."

Both McDonald's and Wimpy, the No. 1 and No. 3 burger chains in Britain, put beef back on the menu today after three days of doing burgerless business.

"I like Big Macs, you know, and

I've missed them since McDonald's stopped selling them last week," said Andrew Hall, 17, who didn't wait for lunchtime to order a Big Mac in Glasgow this morning.

"I have missed not eating the burgers. These taste just the same," Chris Smith, 26, said at a McDonald's in London.

Ms. Foster said Wednesday that sales were affected when McDonald's stopped serving British beef.

"I won't go to McDonald's any more. They're not serving burgers," London cabbie Pete Hambri told a reporter on Wednesday. He went to Burger King instead.

The switchover has thrown the burger companies into a frenzy, with trucks running all over the country to pick up British burgers than won't be sold, processing plants running flat-out to make burgers from foreign beef and workers rushing to stock the restaurants with the meat from anywhere but Britain.

"I've got more chance winning the lottery than getting mad cow," said

Barry Peterson, who bought a McDonald's chicken burger in central London.

The No. 2 player, Burger King, reacted more slowly than its rivals to the crisis fueled by the government's acknowledgement that several cases of an incurable brain disease could be linked to British beef.

Burger King said it will keep serving British beef until it runs out, although it plans by Saturday to be making Whoppers exclusively with beef from other European countries.

The flight from British beef began March 20, when the government dropped its bombshell about a potential link between mad cow disease and the fatal human equivalent, Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease.

Politicians from Prime Minister John Major on down insisted British beef was safe and said they plan to keep eating it, but worldwide reaction was swift and uncompromising.

More than 20 countries banned British beef, and the European Union on Wednesday ordered Britain to stop

exporting cattle, beef and beef products.

Executives at Wimpy spent several nervous days assessing the situation, then carefully monitored customer orders last Saturday. They found up to half of their beef-eating customers had switched to chicken, fish, pork or vegetarian bean burgers.

On Sunday, Wimpy executives pulled all British beef out of their supply system.

Considering all the burgers in the 271 Wimpy restaurants, plus those in the company's frozen food distribution system and manufacturing plant, untold millions of patties are being stockpiled in a freezer depot. They will likely wind up in an incinerator

unless the government can assure their safety before the meat gets too old to serve.

Wimpy moved quickly to buy beef in Ireland, with smaller amounts coming from Holland and France. It would not comment on whether foreign beef dealers took advantage of the situation by raising prices.

Wimpy had no plans to increase the retail price and planned to swallow any short-term cost increases, Young said.

McDonald's also announced Sunday it was yanking British beef off the menus at its 660 British restaurants and switching to other sources. McDonald's was too busy trying to

get beef back on the menu to discuss the logistics of the crisis Wednesday.

Neither company would comment on how much the decision to stop serving British beef has cost them.

Burger King, which announced Monday it was switching to foreign beef, was cagier about how its customers responded, although it said some were still eating British burgers at its 382 British restaurants.

"We've seen a doubling of chicken sales," said Burger King spokeswoman Alli Millich. "I don't have the numbers of beef sales."

She was unable to explain why Burger King would comment only on chicken sales during a crisis that threatens Britain's entire beef industry.

President expected to veto bill on certain late-term abortions

By DAVID ESPO
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WASHINGTON (AP) - Legislation to ban certain late-term abortions is headed for the White House and a threatened veto as congressional Republicans present President Clinton with a difficult election-year choice.

The measure gained final approval Wednesday night on a House vote of 286-129, a lopsided majority that testified to bipartisan opposition to a procedure dubbed "partial-birth abortion" by its foes.

At the same time, abortion rights supporters made clear they want the veto the White House has previously threatened. "We urge President Clinton to veto this legislation and preserve the ability of women and their physicians to make sound medical judgments free of political interference," said Jane Johnson, interim president of Planned Parenthood.

Final passage of the measure came after two hours of debate that was charged both politically and emotionally.

Rep. Charles Canady, R-Fla., the chief backer of the bill, said a Clinton veto "will demonstrate he is an extremist on abortion, using any procedure imaginable. He's saying there are no limits. There are no restraints."

"Do your politics on some other issue," said Rep. Zoe Lofgren, a California Democrat. "It's not going to be an issue in campaigns," added Rep. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y. "Believe me, it's too arcane and too gruesome."

The rarely used procedure, which is a variation of more traditional abortions, is referred to by some doctors as "intact dilation and evacuation." It involves partially extracting a fetus, legs first, through the birth canal, then draining the

skull's contents or squeezing the skull so the head will fit through the birth canal.

In House debate, several supporters of the bill described the procedure in graphic detail, and displayed oversized illustrations that showed a fetus, legs dangling, at the moment of abortion.

"It's not a termination of a pregnancy, it's an extermination of a defenseless little life," said Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill.

The measure provides an exception to the ban in cases in which the procedure is essential to save the life of the mother. Otherwise, a doctor performing such an operation may be subject to fines and a prison term of up to two years, as well as be vulnerable to civil penalties.

The bill marks the first time that Congress has passed a law to ban a specific abortion procedure since the landmark 1973 Supreme Court ruling that granted a woman the right to choose.

Outnumbered opponents in the House said the measure was the first step in a full-scale assault by Republicans on the court ruling, and would give the government an unwarranted role in private health matters.

Rep. Nita Lowey, D-N.Y., called it "another step on the road to the back alley."

House passage came with support of 214 Republicans and 72 Democrats - more than the two-thirds of those voting that is needed to override a veto. Opposed were 113 Democrats, 15 Republicans and one independent.

Senate passage last year came on a narrower 54-44 vote - not enough to override a veto.

While White House aides have threatened a veto, Clinton's most recent public pronouncement listed a series of objections to the bill but did not include an explicit veto threat.

In a letter to key lawmakers last month, the president said he had "studied and prayed" on the subject, and wanted the bill changed to allow exemptions designed "to preserve the life of the woman or avert serious health consequences to the woman."

Without the changes, he wrote, the bill "does not meet the constitutional requirements" laid down in the Supreme Court's 1973 ruling.

Clinton's call for an exemption for cases involving the health of the mother was rejected during Senate debate, 51-47. In the House, Republicans used their majority power to deny Democrats the opportunity to offer the proposal for a vote.

Of the nation's 1.3 million abortions in 1993, about 13,300 were performed after the 21st week of gestation, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

But there are no official statistics on the use of the "intact dilation and evacuation" method.

Abortion rights supporters say late-term abortions, in the second or third trimester of pregnancy, typically are done only in cases of profound fetal difficulty such as anencephaly, in which the fetus lacks all or a major part of its brain. But supporters of the legislation say women sometimes simply opt for late-term abortions.

Eds: The bill is H.R. 1833.

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