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# Commerce Secretary's plane crashes



#### Talking about the lesson

Lynn Dawson, a student teacher working with West Central Intermediate School fourth-grade teacher Suzan Schriber, talks with students, from left, Chanse Ortiz, Britni Finley and Gilbert Luna as they work on a class session on Tuesday. Students interviewed each other as part of a lesson on adjectives and adverbs. Students get Friday off for Good Friday break. After that there will be just one more extra day off for students during the final seven weeks of the school year.

### Reid files for hospital board

Henry C. Reid, owner of HCR Real Estate, filed today for a position on the Deaf Smith County Hospital District board of directors. Four atlarge positions are open in the May 4 election.

Six candidates, including four incumbents, have filed for the hospital board seats. They are incumbents Steve Cortez, Dean Crofford, Boyd Foster and Larry Watts, and challengers Mark Collier

Deadline for filing is 5 p.m. Thursday. Interested individuals may pick up petitions for candidacy at the hospital's administrative offices.

The filing period for ballots spots has passed, but individuals have until 5 p.m. Thursday to declare as a writein candidate in one of the four trustee district races.

As of press time this morning,

# Hereford



By Speedy Nieman

That feller on Tierra Blanca Franklin is easier to recognize, while Creeks says a dollar goes a long way these days--you can carry it for miles before you find anything it will buy.

"Social mayhem has never been more marketable, and TV news has never been more willing to sell it."--Andrew Lack, news executive (1994)

of the paper shredder looking confused. "Need some help?" asked a passing secretary.

The new employee stood in front

'Yes," he replied. "How does this thing work?"

'Simple," she replied, taking the fat report from his hand and feeding it into the shredder.

Thanks," he said, "but where do the copies come out?"

Have you seen the new hundreddollar bill yet? A friend showed us one the other day, and our first thought was that it looked almost like

"play" money. The new bill is the first in what is scheduled to be a redesign of all bills is not just for a new look--it's part of an effort by the U.S. Treasury to make bills more difficult to duplicate and counterfeit in this age of color

copiers and other printing equipment. Here's some of the features of the new money, according to treasury

-- An enlarged portrait of Benjamin in the future.

the added detail is harder to duplicate. The portrait is now off-center, providing room for a watermark and reducing wear and tear on the portrait.

-- Fine lines behind both Franklin's portrait and Independence Hall are difficult to replicate.

-- A watermark depicting Benjamin Franklin is visible from both sides when held up to a light.

-- Color-shifting ink allows the number in the lower right corner on the front side of the note to look green when viewed straight on, but to appear black when viewed at an

--On the front of the note, "USA 100" is microprinted within the number in the lower left corner and "United States of America" is microprinted on Benjamin Franklin's coat. Because they're so small, microprinted words are hard to

-- A polymer thread is embedded vertically in the paper and indicates. by its unique position, the note's denomination. The words "USA 100" on the thread can be seen from both over the next few years. The change sides of the note when held up to a

We understand the \$50 bill will get a makeover next year, then in 1998 the \$20 bill will change. If the American public likes those changes then the \$10 and \$5 bills will get a face lift. The jury is still out on the \$1 bill--it may be replaced by a coin

If there are no write-in candidates, the district does not have to include a write-in line on the ballots for the

Current school board candidates in the May 4 school district election are, in order of their appearance on the ballot:

nobody had made such a declaration.

District 2: Raul Valdez, incumbent, and Charlie Arellano. District 4: Angie M. Alonzo, Dave

Charest and Leroy Lucero. District 5: Lloyd Ames, Tracy

Straughan and Glenn Boozer. District 7: Jeff Torbert. Early voting for the municipal

election -- which includes the hospital, school and city commission elections -- will be April 15-30 in the County Clerk's office.

### Early voting practically non-existent

Interest in the party primary runoff nil in Deaf Smith County.

Only eight persons had voted -- six the Republican runoff -- by Wednesday morning.

The last day to cast an early ballot is Thursday. The early voting period has been shortened by one day since Friday will be a Good Friday holiday for the courthouse.

No local races are on either Democratic or Republican ballots in Deaf Smith County.

Statewide, Democrats will choose an opponent to run in the November general election against U.S. Senator Phil Gramm, who won the GOP nomination handily in the primary. A runoff for a Court of Criminal

Appeal place also is on the Democratfor three Court of Criminal Appeals

Early voting is conducted in the office of County Clerk David Ruland. Polls for both party runoff elections will be open Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Voting for both parties will be in the Deaf Smith County courthouse.

### Weather on flight to Croatia was 'terrible,' officials report

By GEORGE GEDDA Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - A plane carrying Commerce Secretary Ron Brown crashed a few miles outside Dubrovnik, Croatia, in stormy weather today, a diplomatic source in Europe said. There was no indication of hostile fire and the fate of those aboard was uncertain.

White House press secretary Mike McCurry could not confirm that Brown's plane had crashed but said wreckage had been spotted in the

Brown, 54, was leading a delegation of American business executives from a dozen companies, but it was not known whether any of them were on the plane.

The diplomatic source said Brown's plane went down near Dubrovnik. U.S. Navy helicopters scoured the Adriatic Sea outside the city, and three Navy ships and NATO aircraft were ordered to join the search for survivors.

Two senior defense officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said there was no indication of any hostile McCurry said.

fire at the aircraft. "None whatsoever," one of the officials said. "I can

tell you the weather was terrible." The second official said the United States and NATO have the entire greater Bosnia region covered with aerial surveillance and detected no hostile action against the plane.

"We've got a pretty clear air picture in that area," the official said. 'Early indications are it has more to do with tough weather and a tough

Brown, the most prominent black in the Clinton administration, was flying on an Air Force T-43, the military equivalent of a Boeing 737, a mid-sized airliner with two engines. McCurry described President

Clinton as very concerned and said the president had talked by telephone with Brown's wife, Alma. Shortly before noon, McCurry said

Brown's plane was three hours overdue on a flight from Tuzla to Dubrovnik. "There is wreckage in the water but we cannot confirm the wreckage

is in fact Secretary Brown's plane,

McCurry said it was not known who had accompanied Brown on the flight although there were "perhaps as many as a half a dozen passengers.

"We want to make sure we know for certain before we say anything about it," he said.

Brown's trade mission included officials from Boeing, Bechtel, Northwest Airlines and other companies.

Dr. Dragana Adzovic of Dubrovnik hospital told The Associated Press that the hospital had been put on full alert, but there was

no word on survivors. She said the plane went down at sea between the tiny island of Kalamota, a few miles southwest of Dubrovnik, and the Cilipi airport, a

few miles inland in mountainous terrain. Clinton canceled a noontime speech at the Justice Department, where he was to talk about efforts to

combat teen gangs.

First word that Brown's plane was

(See BROWN, Page 2)

### Bomer proposes new rules for figuring insurance rates

By JUAN B. ELIZONDO Jr. **Associated Press Writer** 

governing the way auto insurers a rounded dollar." calculate rates have confused some members, Insurance Commissioner round premiums twice. Elton Bomer says he's suggesting changes.

"Some of them have interpreted have interpreted it another way."

Bomer on Tuesday proposed a new way to determine rates and promised to approve them quickly. His decision \$501, meaning that the companies comes after allegations that two of the state's largest insurance companies \$1,000.50 policy. have overbilled customers by more than \$100 million.

Texas against Allstate Insurance Co. Farmers collected an additional \$57 and Farmers Insurance Co. alleging million under the rounding method. that the way the companies calculate premiums forced consumers to been confusing," said Bob Pike, overpay premiums for the past 10 general counsel for Allstate. "The

lawsuits, but said he wants all for the last 10 years." companies to round premiums to the

Under current state law, the two Texas Department of Insurance staff companies say they are required to

For example, a policy that cost \$1,000.50 a year would be rounded to \$1,001. Since most drivers pay it one way," he said. "Some of them their premiums every six months, the total would be divided into two payments of \$500.50 each.

That figure would be rounded to would collect a total of \$1,002 on the

Lawsuits against the companies say Allstate collected an extra \$52 Civil lawsuits are pending in South million in the last 10 years and To Allstate, the rules have never

rules have been dictated to us by law Bomer would not comment on the and by department correspondence

Pike said Allstate told the

nearest penny, not the nearest dollar Department of Insurance, under "so that everyone is paying the actual former administrators, that double AUSTIN (AP) - Because rules premium that they owe as opposed to rounding would result in overbilling.

"The department told us to follow the law," he said.

Mark Toohey, a spokesman for Farmers, said the company has acted under the law and would not challenge a change. "The new (proposed) rule sounds fair," he said.

Bomer's proposal would require rounding to the nearest penny so that the example of a \$1,000.50 policy would be billed in two, \$500.25 payments.

Jerry Johns, an insurance industry spokesman, said insurers do not oppose the "nearest penny" rounding.

"That would be fair for all concerned," Johns said. "The issue before us now is the enormous confusion from past commissioners on what insurers can and can not do.'

Johns said regardless of the new rule, Allstate and Farmers should not be forced to repay consumers because they thought they were complying

### Consumer spending rebounds

spending and personal incomes Excluding that component, orders rebounded strongly in February, recovering from an earlier stall when snow and frigid cold kept shoppers away from malls and workers from factories The Commerce Department said

elections next Tuesday is practically today spending shot up 1.1 percent after falling 0.4 percent in January. It was the steepest gain since a 1.7 in the Democratic runoff and two in percent surge in February 1994. The department said orders to U.S.

factories plunged 1.4 percent in February, the second drop in three

months and the largest in 10 months. The decline was concentrated in

### Cattle feeding lawsuit ongoing

Testimony continued Wednsesday in 222nd District Court in a lawsuit over a weight-gain payment for cattle placed on Deaf Smith County land for grazing.

Plaintiff in the suit is Tom Timberlake. He claims Cactus Republicans will choose nominees Feeders did not pay as contracted for weight gain of cattle.

In court documents, Timberlake maintains the cattle feeding company was to pay 30 cents per pound for weight gained by the cattle. He seeks \$56,932 on the contract and an unspecified amount for damages.

A jury is hearing the case. Judge David Wesley Gulley is presiding.

WASHINGTON (AP) - Consumer the volatile transportation sector. edged up 0.2 percent, the third straight advance. Consumer spending totaled \$5.07

trillion at a seasonally adjusted annual rate, up from \$5.01 trillion in Many analysts expect spending to remain sluggish this year because of

weak income growth, large debt accumulations and worries over the health of the economy. Growth slowed in the fourth

quarter last year to 1.2 percent from 2.8 percent in the third quarter, the government reported Tuesday. In February, incomes grew 0.8

percent to an annual rate of \$6.3

trillion compared with a barely discernible 0.1 percent the previous month. The February growth was the largest since January 1995, when it was 0.9 percent and reflected in part employees returning to the workplace.

The Labor Department reported earlier that payrolls, which plunged by 188,000 during January's blizzards and severe cold, shot up by 705,000 in February.

Many of February's economic reports reflected the return to more moderate weather. For instance, the Index of Leading Economic Indicators jumped 1.3 percent, due mostly to the return of workers socked in by the blizzard.

### Boy has close call when bike is struck by pickup

A 4-year-old Hereford boy caped serious injury Tuesday uck in front of his hou

### Local Roundup

#### City, county to observe holiday

City of Hereford and Deaf Smith County offices will be closed for Good Friday but state and federal offices will be open. Business as usual will be conducted by financial institutions on Friday and regular mail delivery will be made by the U.S. Postal Service. Public and private schools also will observe Good Friday with a holiday.

#### Mercury to drop

Hereford recorded a high temperature of 80 degrees on Tuesday, with an overnight low of 48 degrees this morning, according to KPAN Radio. For tonight, the forecast is calling for mostly cloudy skies and a low in the upper 30s with northeast winds at 15-25 mph. For Thursday, look for mostly cloudy skies and cooler with a high in the mid-50s. Winds will be from the northeast at 15-25 mph, diminishing late.

### **News Digest**

#### World/Nation

SANTA MONICA, Calif. - Flying at 120 mph over skyscrapers, helicopter newsman Bob Tur recounted the story that has again thrust Southern California law enforcement into the world's spotlight.

"I don't think they knew we were even there," Tur said, referring to two sheriff's deputies who were videotaped using nightsticks to beat a pair of unresisting illegal aliens.

VLASENICA, Bosnia-Herzegovina - Buried in the rolling fields and forests of eastern Bosnia may be evidence of the reported slaughter of thousands of Muslims by Serb fighters last year. Investigators from an international war crimes tribunal guarded by the U.S. Army were to start surveying suspected mass graves today.

#### State

HUNTSVILLE - Convicted child molester Larry Don McQuay's crimes and intentions to escalate his attacks are so menacing that Texas officials are investigating whether to grant his request that he be castrated.

AUSTIN - U.S. Senate candidate John Bryant, facing teacher Victor Morales in the runoff for the Democratic nomination, has picked up the endorsement of primary opponent John Odam.

DRIPPING SPRINGS - Ron Paul, a candidate for Congress in next week's runoffs, has likened federal environmental protection to socialism in the threat it can pose to private property rights. Paul, a former Republican congressman and the 1988 Libertarian Party presidential nominee, is seeking the GOP nomination in the 14th District. He faces U.S. Rep. Greg Laughlin, a former Democrat, in the runoff.

TYLER - A government informant says he sold dozens of guns to a tax protester accused in a failed plot to bomb an Internal Revenue Service center in Austin. He finally turned him in, he said, because he feared him and what he might do.

AUSTIN - Because rules governing the way auto insurers calculate rates have confused some Texas Department of Insurance staff members, Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer says he's suggesting changes.

DALLAS - Stephene Ybarra Jr. had no idea what he was getting into when he sprang from his truck last month to foil attacks on two girls on a busy Dallas street while others turned a blind eye. The Texas Rangers Baseball Club dubbed him a "Texas Hero" and gave him a box Monday's season opener against Boston.

AUSTIN - The Texas Racing Commission could allow county fair associations that run small racetracks to offer year-round wagering on races broadcast via satellite from other tracks, according to an opinion from the attorney general's office.

#### **BROWN**-

missing came from Peter Galbraith, Ireland and South Africa. U.S. ambassador to Croatia. He alerted the State Department.

days in Bosnia and Croatia, meeting with American troops, government The purpose of the trip was to whet American business appetites for rebuilding the country.

'We know the task is ominous," through economic development."

Brown said he sought to use the Palestinian territories, Northern for U.S. goods.

Brown had planned to spend three become a powerful figure in of younger animals from herds that Democratic Sen. Edward M. Kennedy infected animals. figures and local business leaders. of Massachusetts and later one of Washington's premier lobbyists.

Committee chairman, and immediately Brown told a news briefing Tuesday set out to win back the White House year. in Paris as he talked about the job of from President Bush. As Clinton's rebuilding the region, a project Commerce Secretary, Brown's trade estimated to cost \$5.1 billion. "Peace missions and high visibility served as and stability will only be ensured a magnet for Republican criticisms and led to two investigations into his cattle to be destroyed are shot and the financial dealings.

Clinton stood by Brown and he was development as a tool in the peace praised by business leaders for restoration of consumer confidence process as Washington has done in aggressively pursuing overseas markets

### **Obituaries**

**VIOLA BELLE MILLER** April 1, 1996

Viola Belle Miller, 83, of Wheeler, sister of Herbert Higgins and Robert Higgins, both of Hereford, died Monday.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday in First Baptist Church of Wheeler with burial in Wheeler Cemetery, by Wright Funeral Home.

Mrs. Miller was born in Reed, Okla., and lived in Shamrock for a number of years before moving to Chandler, Okla., two years ago. She married Pearl Miller in 1931 in Oklahoma. He died in 1982. She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

Survivors also include two sons, William A. Miller of Chandler and Wilburn Miller of Bakersfield, Cal.; four daughters, Nelva Jean Welch of Avery, Lavern Lewis of Belair, Md., Ruby Dell Piccoli of Bakersfield and Cheryl Garcia of Clinton, Okla.; another brother, Dent Higgins of Lewis, Colo., 22 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

GLENN B. ALLRED

April 1, 1996 Services for Glenn B. Allred, 75, Wildorado, were held Wednesday or Crown of Texas Hospice.

afternoon in Palo Duro Baptist Church, with burial in Palo Duro Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by Schooler-Gordon-Blackburn-Shaw information. Memorial Chapel of Amarillo.

Mr. Allred was born in Deaf Smith County and attended school in the 100 block of Alamo. Childress, John Tarleton College in Stephenville and Texas A&M in the 400 block of Western. University. He had farmed in the Wildorado are most of his life. He was a member of Palo Duro Baptist Mile Avenue. Church for 64 years and belonged to the Deaf Smith County Farm Bureau, in the 1600 block of East U.S. 60. American Quarter Horse Association Association. He was an honorary H. member of Vega FFA. His wife of 50 years, Wilma Lee Watson Allred, citations.

died in 1991. Survivors are two daughters, reported. Peggy Allred Kerley of Canyon and Donita Allred Rule of Wildorado; a reported between a vehicle and a son, Roddy Glenn Allred Sr., of bicycle. Wildorado; a sister, Alma E. Howell of Sherman, seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The family has suggested that memorials be directed to Palo Duro of Wildorado, who died Monday in Baptist Church, Palo Duro Cemetery

### Illegal loan arranged with conditions

### Banker testifies Clinton said, 'My name can't show up on this'

By CHUCK BARTELS **Associated Press Writer** 

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) - A banker at the center of the Whitewater case testified that then-Gov. Bill Clinton benefited from a \$300,000 loan that Clinton arranged with the condition: "My name can't show up on this.'

David Hale's testimony Tuesday was the first time it has been alleged under oath that the president benefited from an illegal loan.

"The president will have an opportunity in his testimony to refute false allegations," White House press secretary Mike McCurry said today in Washington.

Clinton's personal lawyer, David Kendall, said earlier that the president stood by his "unequivocal denial" of wrongdoing.

Hale said that he, Clinton and James McDougal agreed at a meeting in early 1986 that Hale's lending company would make a \$150,000 loan on paper to McDougal's wife, Susan, but that the money would go to Clinton.

Hale testified that Clinton said, "My name can't show up on this"

loan to \$300,000 and make it payable unrelated probe. to Mrs. McDougal's marketing

When asked who benefited from the loan and who was responsible for paying it back, Hale gave the same answer: "Jim McDougal and Bill not aware of it and have no knowl-Clinton." The money was not paid edge of it."

Exactly how much Clinton is alleged to have received from the Deputy Independent Counsel W. Hickman Ewing Jr. said documents would be introduced later to show

where the money went. Hale was to resume his testimony

Asked about the possibility of criminal charges against the president in light of Hale's allegations, Ewing said: "We're still evaluating the overall investigation. ... We're not making a comment on who knew what when."

Clinton is scheduled to testify by videotape April 28.

### **European Union help** committed to Britain

By PAUL AMES **Associated Press Writer** 

LUXEMBOURG (AP) - In an effort to wipe out mad cow disease and get beef back on the dinner table, Britain agreed to destroy millions of cattle after the European Union pledged today to reimburse farmers for most losses.

The EU refused, however, to lift a ban on British beef exports imposed last week amid rising public panic over reports that a deadly human brain disorder could be contracted from eating meat contaminated with mad cow disease.

"That ban is not justified," fumed **British Agriculture Minister Douglas** Hogg after talks broke up just before dawn. "It is disproportionate. It should be removed.

The package of measures approved by the 15 EU countries requires Britain to destroy the carcasses of cattle over 30 months old instead of selling them as meat.

destroying 15,000 head of cattle every week for six years - a total of 4.7 million of the country's 11

million cattle. Older cattle are considered most at risk from the brain-wasting disorder formally known as bovine

spongiform encephalopathy. In addition, the EU gave Britain Brown grew up in Harlem, where a month to produce a detailed plan on his father ran a hotel, and rose to a "selective compulsory slaughter" Washington. He was a top aide to may have been in contact with

In return, the European Union agreed to cover 70 percent of the cost Brown worked tenaciously to win of compensating farmers whose the race for Democratic National livestock will be lost in the mass slaughter, or roughly \$400 million a

> Britain will pay the other 30 percent. The government said today it could not immediately say how it will implement the plan. In Britain, carcasses incinerated.

"Conditions are now right for the in beef throughout the EU," EU Agriculture Commissioner Franz Fischler declared.

### **Emergency Services**

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

**HEREFORD POLICE** Criminal mischief was reported in

Burglary of a vehicle was reported

Class B criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of North 25 Aggravated assault was reported

A non-traffic accident was and Wildorado Gasoline Users reported in the 400 block of Avenue

> Officers issued five traffic One minor traffic accident was

One major traffic accident was

**DEAF SMITH SHERIFF** An 18-year-old male was arrested for theft by check over \$20/under

FIRE DEPARTMENT Volunteer firefighters were called out at 6:55 p.m. to a wreck rescue in the 300 block of Stadium.

Instead of granting Britain's request for an immediate lifting of the export ban or a firm timetable for doing so, the other EU nations said only they would review the export ban within six weeks.

Other measures in the plan agreed here include better labeling of beef to show its country of origin; a tighter a ban on feeding animal corpses to cattle, a practice blamed for spreading mad cow disease; stepped up health checks on British herds; and increase funding for research into mad cow disease.

Britain maintains its beef is safe. but it set off a continent-wide health scare March 20 by announcing there may be a link between the cow ailment and the deadly Creutzfeldt-Jakob brain disease in humans. Previously the British government had said there was no evidence of a

The announcement sent beef sales crashing, first in Britain, then across Europe as consumers worried that their herds may have been infected by British cattle. A small number of mad cow cases

has been detected in other EU nations, including France, Ireland and Portugal.

There has never been a case of mad cow disease reported in the United States.

and McDougal responded, "I've Kendall faxed The Associated already taken care of that."

Press a statement from a May 24,

He said McDougal called him after 1995, deposition the president gave the meeting and told him to boost the about Hale's allegation in an

> "I don't recall any conversation with David Hale about loaning money" to the McDougals or any of their businesses, Clinton said then. "If this loan was in fact made, I was

Hale had said outside court that he made the \$300,000 loan to Mrs. McDougal after Clinton pressured loan was not exactly clear, nor was him. However, Hale did not it clear how the money was spent. Immediately testify about any such Deputy Independent Counsel W. pressure, and the president has branded the allegation "a bunch of

Hale is the government's star

witness in the fraud trial of the McDougals and Gov. Jim Guy Tucker. The three were charged with obtaining \$3 million in federally backed loans under false pretenses The \$3 million includes the \$300,000

loan to Mrs. McDougal. Bobby McDaniel, Mrs. McDougal's lawyer, said: "What you heard from David Hale today is a different story than what he's said before. It's a fabrication, period, that this money was to go to Bill Clinton. Bill Clinton is his meal ticket to a lighter sentence."

Hale was sentenced last week to more than two years in prison for defrauding the Small Business Administration, which provided his lending company with matching

### Pentagon case studies show no single cause of Gulf vets' illnesses

By JOHN DIAMOND **Associated Press Writer** 

WASHINGTON (AP) - A study of thousands of Persian Gulf War veterans found frequent cases of headaches, fatigue, memory loss and depression, but no single cause or mystery ailment.

The exhaustive clinical survey made public Tuesday found no evidence of a Persian Gulf War syndrome. It said 36 percent of the patients suffered from psychological or ill-defined ailments.

The study of 18,929 veterans - the largest of its kind ever undertaken by the Pentagon - was conducted over the past two years at an estimated cost of \$80 million and involved thorough medical examinations of most of the more than 20,000 Gulf War veterans who registered with the Pentagon's Comprehensive Clinical Evaluation

The program is open to Gulf veterans and their family members.

The survey stemmed from stillpersistent complaints of some veterans that they suffer from a mystery disease, possibly the result of a parasite or chemical war agent, that causes chronic fatigue, skin rashes, memory loss and other

teams did find many of those ailments expected to result from chemical or among those who participated in the biological agents. Nor did any clinical evaluation. The most consistent evidence emerge of any common complaints were joint pain, new, hitherto unknown disease. fatigue, headache, memory loss, sleep loss, rash and depression.

serious that patients were unable to home with some sort of illness."

work. The results were consistent with preliminary Pentagon reports released during the early stages of the

Dr. Stephen Joseph, assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, said the study represented "what will in all likelihood be the definitive report." But he added that the Pentagon would continue to provide services to Gulf War veterans and would continue to investigate the

Of the patients examined in the clinical survey, 18 percent were diagnosed with symptoms having psychological causes; 18 percent had ailments with ill-defined causes; and 18 percent had ailments that were 'musculoskeletal" in origin. Ten percent of the patients were found to be healthy, and smaller percentages had ailments involving the nervous system, skin disease, digestive system, or respiratory system.

Joseph said the Pentagon was able to put to rest some of the persistent rumors or allegations about Gulf War syndrome. For example, it found only 32 cases of a parasite that was originally suspected as a cause of some of the common ailments resulting from the war. And the clinical study found few of the Defense Department medical diagnoses that would have been

The lesson of the survey, Joseph said, is "When you send a large However, the results showed no number of healthy young people off common underlying cause but rather into an extremely dangerous and a broad range of diagnoses. In only stressful environment, surprise a few cases were the symptoms so surprise, an awful lot of them come

### New rounds of criticism levelled after revision of history standards

By DEB RIECHMANN

**AP Education Writer** 

WASHINGTON (AP) - Critics blasted the first set of history standards for U.S. schoolchildren, and now they're finding fault with the revisions, saying they still contain language that leads to a biased view of the past.

"They have responded to criticism and they have made some improve-' said Lynne Cheney, the former head of the National **Endowment for the Humanities who** was one of the chief critics of the history standards first issued in 1994. "But they're still highly unsatisfactory largely because there is so much editorializing."

The voluntary U.S. and world history standards for students in kindergarten through 12th grade were denounced for emphasizing the negative side of Western history and ignoring people such as Benjamin ranklin and Thomas Edison.

The revised standards released today include accomplishments of James Madison and other cherished Americans. They contain hundreds of minor changes and expanded material on topics such as Russia, economic history and the changing role of education in the United States.

References to scientific and technological breakthroughs, for example, now include specifics like hydraulics, barbed wire and the Bessemer process of making steel from iron.

Christopher Cross, president of the Council for Basic Education, said he was happy with the revised standards. They are more comprehensive and offer better treatment of various social groups, he said.

'In the original document, women and minorities - they were sort of cobbled on the end instead of being built into the discussion," said Cross, who hopes states will use the

sure theirs are comprehensive.

He also said biased language has been purged from the standards, but Ms. Cheney disagreed.

She pointed to a section that states: "At the beginning of the 20th century, Western nations enjoyed a dominance in world affairs that they no longer possess."

"This is highly arguable," Ms. Cheney said. "The West dominates the world in terms of its ideas and in terms of technology.'

Gary B. Nash, director of the National Center for History in the Schools at the University of California, Los Angeles, said the standards were meant to help

teachers. "Let's keep our eye on the ball. History education in this country is not healthy. Teachers have to go into the classroom every day, every week whether it is political season or not," Nash said. "That's what we should be talking about - not that person A, B or C can find a phrase they don't agree with."

Ms. Chency also was upset that the revised standards were referenced as "national standards" on Page 11. She agreed with the governors and

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AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:

2-3-11-31-38(two, three, eleven, thirty-one, thirty-eight)

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

3-6-6 (three, six, six)

standards as a benchmark to make business leaders who attended an education summit last week in Palisades, N.Y., and called on states to develop academic standards.

> The Senate voted to disapprove the standards in a 99-1 nonbinding resolution. President Clinton's education secretary, Richard Riley, publicly called the standards project "setback and a disappointment."

> The history standards were to serve as guidelines for teachers and administrators, but critics worried that the standards, which included suggested lesson plans, would end up becoming a national history curriculum.

> established to make suggested revisions. In its report, the panel said the standards contained "loaded and inconsistent language" that directs

After intense debate, a panel was

students to biased conclusions. The Kennedy and Johnson administrations, for example, were described with words, such as "commitment," "accomplishments," "leadership" and "legacy," the panel said. On the other hand, Presidents Coolidge and Hoover are presented

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as the "causes of the (stock market)

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# Lifestyles

### Shower honors bride-elect of Lueb

A bridal shower honoring Chari
Suttle, bride-elect of Jeremy Lueb,
was held Saturday in the home of Sue
Hollingsworth.

May 11.
The honoree greeted guests along with her mother, Sharon Weber; her grandmother, Eris Pulliam; her future

The couple plans to be married

mother-in-law, Ann Lueb; and

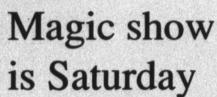
grandmothers of the prospective coffee were served by Amber Goheen groom, Martha Lueb and Mary Lou and Crystal Joy.

Refreshments of cinnamon rolls, sausage balls, fruit plate, punch and

The serving table was centered

with an arrangement of burgundy roses and baby's breath carrying out the bride-elect's chosen colors of burgundy and white. Table appointment were in silver and crystal.

A comforter was the gift from hostesses Annette Albracht, Janie Banner, Cheryl Betzen, Deborah Bullard, Ann Cummings, Carolyn Fry, Linda Hicks, Sue Hollingsworth, Leota Kelso, Renee Kuper, Jo Lee, Brenda Minchew, Linda Minchew, Charlotte Paetzold, Martha Paetzold, Angeline Reinart, Cindy Sublett, Donna Warrick, Betty Wilcox and Shirley Wilson.



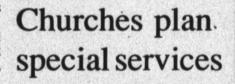
The Hereford Police Department and the Deaf Smith County Sheriff's Department will sponsor MAGIC SPECTACULAR, a full stage magic illusion show, at 6 p.m. on April 6 in the Hereford High School Auditorium. Performing will be illusionist Dan Summers.

The price of admission is \$6 for children and \$7 for adults.

Proceeds from the show will benefit Hereford Rape Crisis/Domestic Violence office, which is now Family Support Services, a local United Way agency.

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Tickets will be available at the



Several Hereford Churches will be holding special Maundy Thursday services at the following times.

First Presbyterian Church, 7 p.m.; P.S. Stay out of airport restaurants. St. Thomas Episcopal Church 8:30 p.m.; Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church to be held in Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church in Friona at 6 p.m.; and First United Methodist Church, 7 p.m.

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-Ed Howe



To See: Jerry Shipman, CLU 801 N. Main (806) 364-3161

#### Bridal shower held

Chari Suttle, bride-elect of Jeremy Lueb, was honored with a bridal shower recently in the home of Sue Hollingsworth. Greeting guests were, from left, Martha Lueb and Mary Lou Homer, grandmothers of the prospective bridegroom; Ann Lueb, mother of the prospective bridegroom; the honoree; Sharon Weber, mother of the bride-elect; and Eris Pulliam, grandmother of the bride-elect.

### **Ann Landers**

**DEAR ANN LANDERS: I have** worked in the same company for over 12 years and have always had a comfortable working relationship with my boss and my colleagues.

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Today, I found out he personally asked my assistant to complete his daughter's homework. Mind you, the girl is almost 10 years old. I was livid, not to mention disappointed at this turn of events. Please comment. -- Double Duty in Dallas

**DEAR D.D. in Dallas: I feel sorry** for that child. She is going to have a rough time in life if her father continues to do things for her that she should do for herself.

### Contest seeks religious poets

A \$1,000 grand prize is being offered in a religious poetry contest sponsored by the Reno Fine Arts Institute, open to everyone.

There are 28 prizes in all totaling over \$2,000.

'We think great religious poems can inspire achievement," says Mark Mearns, the organization's contest / director.

We're especially happy to inspire beginning poets and we think this competition will accomplish that. Texas has produced sensitive poets over the years and we'd like to discover new ones from among the Hereford-area grassroots poets.

The deadline for entering is May 21. Poems may be written on any subject, using any style, as long as there is a spiritual inference. A typical poem might be a love poem, or nature poem, one that inspires.

Winners will be notified by the end of June and will be invited for free publication. All entrants will receive a winner's list.

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I admire you for refusing to type the child's homework. It took a lot of courage. Too bad your refusal didn't send a message to Dad.

**DEAR ANN LANDERS: I work** at a stressful job and cannot always take a full lunch hour. A group of us at work decided to order something by phone from a well-known hot dog house in Largo, Fla. I wanted two "Chicago Dogs" with all the trimmings. The price was \$2.41

Imagine my disappointment when looked in the sack and saw a small boiled hot dog on a bun with three little bits of onion, a quarter of a teaspoon (maybe) of relish and what may have been a dab of mustard, but it was hard to tell.

This really bothered me, so I called the restaurant and spoke with the owner. I told him I wasn't expecting my money back, but I wanted him to know how disappointed I was with this preparation of take-out food. He was very gracious and offered to send over two Chicago hot dogs, plus my money back for the first ones. I accepted. Very soon after, a delivery person was at the door with two fresh hot dogs. They were delicious.

A few days later, a check for \$4.82 was hand-delivered to my office, along with a letter from the owner of the hot dog place, thanking me for taking the time to criticize their

service. He said, "Too many people are willing to accept poor or mediocre service and avoid speaking up when they are not satisfied. This is especially sad for small-business owners because we are deprived of both the knowledge of our mistakes

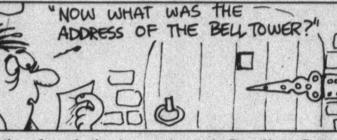
and the chance to atone for them." I was very impressed that a small business like this actually cared what I thought. -- Janet in Tarpon Springs,

DEAR JANET: Let's hear it for the owner of that hot dog place in Largo. He knows how to keep his customers happy.

I recently bought a hot dog at one of the country's busiest. It cost \$3.05 -just a wiener and bun. There was a bottle of ketchup and a jar of mustard on the counter. (I remember the Coney Island in Sioux City where a hot dog with all the trimmings, chili, onions, etc. was a nickel. For another nickel, you could get a plate of French fries. What memories!)

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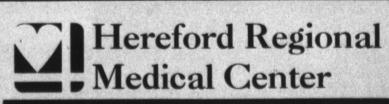
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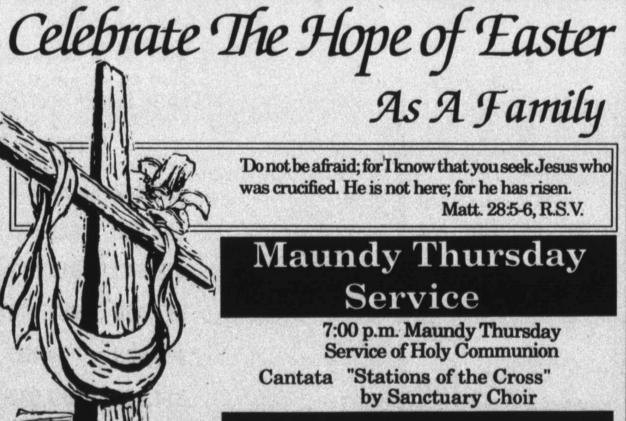
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# Sports



#### Back in time

Lubbock Christian's Todd Lawler (10) gets back to first base an instant before Hereford's John Marty Galan slaps the tag on him. LCHS defeated Hereford, 11-1, in a non-district baseball game Tuesday at Whiteface Field.

### LCHS shuts down Herd

By JAY PEDEN **Sports Editor** 

Lubbock Christian's Stephen Watkins held Hereford without a hit for four innings and finished with a three-hitter in an 11-1 win for LCHS Tuesday at Whiteface Field.

Hereford dropped to 4-14 after the non-district loss. LCHS improved to hitting team - they really are. They're

"He throws pretty well," Herd coach Pete Rodriguez said of Watkins. "He throws pretty hard, and he had a pretty good breaking ball. He really didn't keep us off balance, but he threw a lot of strikes."

Hereford starting pitcher Ronald Torres dueled along with Watkins, giving up only one run in the first three innings. In the fourth, though, LCHS broke through with four runs.

The LCHS rally started with two bloop singles, the second with two outs. The first run scored came on a

District 1-4A

Baseball standings

Randall

Borger

Canyon

Pampa Caprock

Hereford

Tuesday's results

LCHS 11, Hereford 1

Caprock 9, Dumas 6

Randall 10, Canyon 2

All teams off for Easter

Borger 6, Pampa 3

Saturday's games

Tuesday's games Hereford at Borger

District Overall

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12 8

10 9

7 11

12 7

10 9

wild pitch, then Frank Beck had an RBI double. Beck scored on Jeremy Stevens' home run, which rode a stiff wind out to left field. Torres got in more trouble with a walk and a single, but Sonny Perez relieved Torres and got a strikeout for the third out.

a good all-around ball club," Rodriguez said. "I thought Ronald came out and did a good job for four innings, and then Sonny did a good job. But they're a good hitting team and they hit the ball well today."

Hereford broke up the no-hitter and the shut-out in the fifth inning. Aaron Sorensen led off the inning with a walk, then with one out, Torres bunted up the first base line and reached for single. Sorensen alertly took third on the play when LCHS left the bag uncovered.

Watkins picked Torres off of first base for the second out, then struck out Tanner Murphey. However, the catcher couldn't hold the third strike, so Murphey ran, and the first baseman couldn't hold the throw, so Murphey reached and Sorensen scored on the error.

Wade McPherson lined a single to right field, then Perez walked to load the bases. Watkins showed he could handle the glove, too, snaring Dustin Hill's chopper to get out of the jam.

He got out of jam in the sixth inning, too, but LCHS led 10-1 by that time thanks to five runs in the top of the inning. With one out, the Eagles cracked three straight hits to get two runs home. After a strikeout for the second out, a runner reached on an error by Torres, who had move to shortstop. Carlos Morales followed with a two-run double, then scored on

Hereford's Nathan Gavina led off the bottom of the inning with the team's third hit - a single. Hereford loaded the bases - after two strikeouts with walks by Anthony Cervantez and Torres. Watkins struck out Murphey for the third out.

### Hoop Challenge held recently

Challenge USA was held March 30 at Hereford Junior High, with many Hereford children aged 14-under participating. The competition consisted of 12

shots from various spots on the floor. Barry Kriegshauser; 3, Dustin White. Following are the top performers. Boys, under 10--1, Colby Marsh;

2, Curt Metcalf.

Girls, under 10--1, Amber Mays; 2, Jenna Schlabs. Boys, 10--1, Seth Hatley; 2, Seth Toni Eicke.

Local competition for the Hoop Hoelscher; 3, Justin Ramos. Girls, 10--1, Brandi Kriegshauser.

Girls, 11--1, Becky Bailey. Boys, 12--1, Tyler Nielsen; 2,

Boys, 13--1 (tie), Cody Hodges and Slade Hodges.

Girls, 13--1, Janae Schlabs. Girls, 14--1, Nicole Bailey; 2,

#### Crane falls on Johnston's house

crane toppled onto the house of Dallas Cowboys fullback Darryl Johnston on Tuesday, partially shearing off one of the exterior walls.

Johnston, a newlywed, was away on his honeymoon. His mother told a neighbor she was the only one in the

Boys, 11--1, Wesley Reinart; 2, Chane Wade; 3, Jose Reece.

COPPELL, Texas (AP) - A huge house when the accident occurred. Johnston's mother was uninjured. The crane crew was in the process of removing a tree from the star's

back yard. "It crushed it," said Coppell police Capt. Gary Nix, describing part

### Roberts denied working deal in Irvin drug possession case something that never crossed my a gram of cocaine, punishable by up mind," said Roberts, who also played to two years in prison.

By TERRY WALLACE Associated Press Writer

IRVING, Texas (AP) - Calling himself guilty only of poor judgment, Alfredo Roberts says he did not make a deal to avoid charges after a drug bust that led to the indictment of Dallas Cowboys receiver Michael

"I myself did not receive, nor did know of receiving, anything different from anyone else," Roberts said Tuesday.

Irvin and two topless dancers were indicted Monday on charges of cocaine and marijuana possession. The 30-year-old All-Pro receiver is free on \$5,500 bond and will await trial along with Angela Renee Beck, 22, and Jasmine J. Nabwangu, 21. No trial date has been set.

Roberts, a former Cowboys tight end and associate in Irvin's "Masterpeace Ragz" line of apparel, was in the room with the trio, but was not charged.

Roberts refused to comment on specifics of the case because of a judge's gag order. But he apologized to his family, friends and the public for his involvement in the incident.

He said he never could have made a deal with prosecutors for leniency at Irvin's expense.

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Roberts, who said he loves Irvin like a brother, said the grand jury ordeal has strengthened their friendship.

"As far as my relationship with my friend ... we understand what we're going through and the love I have for him that no one could ever imagine," Roberts said.

Furthermore, his attorney, Don Tittle said, "It would surprise me if he were called by the state as a

If convicted, Irvin and Ms. Beck could face two to 20 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine for felony possession of four or more grams of cocaine. The felony indictment against Ms. Nabwangu was for a lesser charge of possessing less than

to two years in prison.

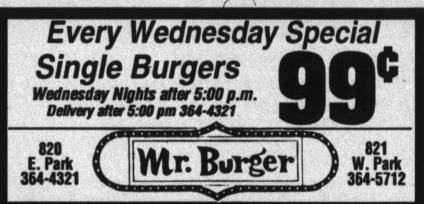
The Tuesday news conference marked the first extended comment about the March 4 motel room incident where the drugs were found.

When was asked whether he had used or uses drugs, Roberts replied, Absolutely not."

Meanwhile, an official of the NFL Players Association denied a published report that several Dallas Cowboys offensive players tested positive for drugs last spring.

The Dallas Morning News reported Tuesday that a technicality prohibited the NFL from acting on the

Citing three unidentified Cowboys sources, the newspaper reported that the league had to disregard the results because the urinalysis tests were performed three days too early.



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Watkins whiffed two more

Whitefaces in the seventh, giving him

14 K's in the game. He was a little weld, walking eight batters and

throwing five wild pitches. He also

had three RBI, driving home LCHS'

single runs in the first and seventh

The loss was the seventh in a row

for Hereford. District 1-4A won't

so Hereford's next game will be at

prepare," Rodriguez said, "and really to get healthy. We've got a lot of

We've got a little extra time to

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pitchers that are sore."



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## Heat, Hornets heat up playoff race

By CHRIS SHERIDAN **AP Basketball Writer** 

It's a dead heat in the race for the No. 8 seed in the Eastern Conference. The West is tight, too.

Miami and Charlotte found themselves in a tie for the East's eighth and final playoff spot today after the Heat lost to the Bulls 110-92 and the Hornets beat the Lakers 102-97. Each team has 10 games left, including a head-to-head matchup in

In the West, the Sacramento Kings extended their lead on their pursuers by beating Dallas 104-97. Golden State started the night two games back, but dropped to 10th in the conference by losing 112-106 to Houston. Denver leapfrogged the Warriors and stayed 2-1/2 back by beating Minnesota 86-78.

"We know it's that time of year when we have to rise to the occasion," Glen Rice said after he scored 27 points to lead Charlotte over Los Angeles, which had won its four previous road games.

'We're aware of what we've got to do the rest of the way, that we've only got 10 games left and that this is no time to be leaving anything out on the court," said Dell Curry, who added 23 points for the Hornets.

Charlotte's game against the Lakers began a tough week for the

The Heat, meanwhile, must play the Bulls at Chicago on Thursday, followed by games at Indiana and Washington before next Wednesday's showdown at Charlotte.

In Tuesday's other NBA games, Phoenix beat San Antonio 111-104, Seattle beat Utah 100-91, New York beat Indiana 90-86, Milwaukee beat Detroit 105-98, Portland beat Vancouver 101-85, Atlanta beat Boston 109-89 and Toronto beat the Los Angeles Clippers 104-103.

Hornets 102, Lakers 97

Magic Johnson hit three foul shots to cut the Hornets' lead to 100-97 with 29 seconds remaining, but Charlotte's Michael Adams hit Rice with a 30-foot alley-oop pass that closed the scoring with 19 seconds

Charlotte held Los Angeles to 37 percent shooting. It marked the second consecutive game in which the Hornets set a new season-low for field-goal percentage by an opponent.

The Lakers had won eight of nine and 15 of 17 on the road, including seven straight against teams from the

**Bulls 110, Heat 92** 

At Miami, Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen each had 32 points for the Bulls and Dennis Rodman had 13 Hornets that includes two against the rebounds, eight points and no Bulls and one each against Detroit arguments in his first night back after

Rodman picked up his first foul nine seconds after entering the game in the first period and threw his arms up in an exaggerated gesture, but said nothing to the officials.

"I think they tested me," he said. I think (NBA vice president) Rod Thorn and (commissioner) David Stern were saying, 'Damn, I wish he'd blow up.' It ain't going to happen. They're not going to run me out of the league."

Kings 104, Mavericks 97

At Dallas, reserves Michael Smith and Billy Owens combined for 15 points in a 21-7 run that broke a tie early in the fourth quarter.

The Kings have won eight of their last 13 after losing 16 of 17.

"We've been able to get all our personnel back and healthy," said forward Brian Grant, who paced the Kings with 25 points. "Our chemistry is starting to come together. We're getting it together and it's the right time to do that, in the last month."

**Rockets 112, Warriors 106** At Oakland, Calif., Sam Mack had

a career-high 38 points and injuryriddled Houston used a late spurt to end a seven-game losing streak. The Warriors tied a season-high

with their fourth straight loss. "We don't control our own

destiny," Warriors coach Rick Adelman said. "All we have to do is

World Series, shutting down

worked around six walks in seven

Cone allowed only two hits and

Cleveland's big hitters.

of that lately."

Nuggets 86, Timberwolves 78 At Denver, reserves Don MacLean and Dale Ellis combined for 39 points

and the Nuggets used an 11-0 fourth-quarter run to win their 11th in a row over Minnesota.

The Nuggets have matched Sacramento's three-game winning streak without gaining ground.
"We dug ourselves this hole," said

MacLean, who finished with 24 points. 'We can't moan and complain. The least we can do is win as many games, if not all our games, and hopefully they'll lose."

Suns 111, Spurs 104

Rookie Michael Finley got a defensive rebound, made a free throw, stole the ball and made a breakaway dunk in the final 20 seconds to help end San Antonio's 17-game winning

Charles Barkley had 28 points and 11 rebounds, Finley had 26 points, Wesley Person made five 3-pointers and scored 22 and Kevin Johnson had 17 points and 12 assists as the Suns won their fifth in a row at home.

SuperSonics 100, Jazz 91

Seattle ended Utah's 19-game home winning streak while beating the Jazz for the second time in four nights.

Schrempf scored 29 points, and Shawn Kemp and Hersey Hawkins assists.

win, and we haven't been doing much of that lately." added 17 points each. Seattle outrebounded Utah 45-26.

Knicks 90, Pacers 86

At Indianapolis, the Knicks moved within a game of the Pacers for the third seed in the East.

Anthony Mason scored 23 points, including two crucial baskets in the final minute, and Patrick Ewing scored 11 of his 21 in the fourth quarter. **Bucks 105, Pistons 98** 

At Milwaukee, the Bucks' 15-game losing streak came to an end as Vin Baker and Randolph Keys scored 24 consecutive points for Milwaukee in the fourth quarter.

Trail Blazers 101, Grizzlies 85 At Portland, the Trail Blazers had an easy time sending the Grizzlies to

their 23rd straight loss. The Grizzlies hope to snap the streak tonight when they play host to the Timberwolves.

Hawks 109, Celtics 89

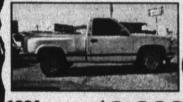
At Atlanta, Steve Smith scored 22, Christian Laettner had 19 and Mookie Blaylock 17 as the Hawks took over fifth place in the Eastern Conference playoff race.

Raptors 104, Clippers 103

At Toronto, the Raptors swept the season series with their second overtime victory over the Clippers. Oliver Miller had 18 points, 15 rebounds and nine blocks and Damon Stoudamire had 29 points and 12

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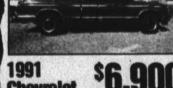


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#### Fielder steals first career New manager Buddy Bell told Atlanta's pitchers left off in the from the mound rather than in front Four Brewers batters were hit by

By BEN WALKER

**AP Baseball Writer** 

When Cecil Fielder said he wanted to be on the move, this is surely not what he had in mind.

Yet there he was, breaking for second base and sliding in with the first steal of his 11-year career Tuesday night. It took 1,097 games for the Detroit Tigers slugger to steal, and he proudly displayed the bag in his locker after a 10-6 win over Minnesota.

"I told you I'd get it before I retired," Fielder said. "I'm through

No player had ever gone longer before his first steal in the majors. Slow-poke catcher Russ Nixon held the record before Fielder, playing 906 games from 1957-68 without a single

beat Kansas City 4-2, Milwaukee downed California 15-9 and Seattle stopped Chicago 3-2.

Fielder said during the winter that he wanted to be traded. The Tigers, however, were unable to deal him and his \$9 million-plus salary.

Fielder that he'd be an important member of the team this season, though the big hitter didn't think he'd make such a contribution with his

But with Fielder on first base in the ninth inning and a full count on Melvin Nieves, Bell flashed the "go" sign. Catcher Greg Myers' throw was wide, and the ball popped out of shortstop Pat Meares' glove as Fielder slid in.

The crowd at the Metrodome rewarded Fielder with a standing ovation, and he responded by removing his helmet and waving to the fans. Umpire Tim Tschida even told Fielder to stop the game and pull up the bag, but he waited until it was

"It was a lot of games, wasn't it?" In other AL games, New York said Fielder, who'd been caught defeated Cleveland 7-1, Baltimore stealing five times in his career. "It took me a little time, but I got it done."

"It's over," he pressure's off, man."

Yankees 7, Indians 1

with the Indians.

scoreless innings. Dennis Martinez lost in his ninth straight opening-day start - six with Montreal and three Derek Jeter became the first Yankees rookie to homer on opening

day since Jerry Kenney in 1969. Bernie Williams also homered as New York won its fifth straight season opener. The crowd of 42,289, the largest

ever for a regular-season game at Jacobs Field, saw owner Richard E. Jacobs hand out the Indians' 1995 AL championship rings. Orioles 4, Royals 2

Cal Ripken helped President Clinton with his pitching, then helped Baltimore win its opener with his

Ripken, who noticed that Clinton bounced his ceremonial first pitch last year at Camden Yards, provided a tip that resulted in the president throwing it home on a fly this time. Ripken

Larry Walker hit a two-run homer

Winner Kevin Ritz allowed one hit

in the first inning to lead Colorado on

opening night at Veterans Stadium.

in 5 1-3 innings for the Rockies.

Rockies 5, Phillies 3

Ripken drove in three runs with a pair of bloop hits. Roberto Alomar doubled in his first at-bat for the Orioles, winners in manager Davey Johnson's debut. Mike Mussina outpitched Kevin Appier, and Randy Myers preserved the victory with his first AL save.

**Brewers 15, Angels 9** 

Jose Valentin and Chuck Carr highlighted Milwaukee's 22-hit, four-homer spree that spoiled California's opener.

Valentin and Carr each homered and had four hits. Greg Vaughn and Jeff Cirillo also connected as Milwaukee matched its highest-scoring game of 1995.

Jim Edmonds hit a grand slam and Chili Davis and Jack Howell also homered for California. The Angels had the best record in the majors in spring training at 21-10, but trailed 11-1 in the 11th inning before 27,836

itches, and the benches emptied after Vaughn was hit in the eighth. Winner Kevin Wickander was ejected when he threw inside on California's Garret Anderson with his first pitch in the

Mariners 3, White Sox 2

Sterling Hitchcock made a nice impression on the Kingdome fans, pitching seven strong innings to win his Seattle debut.

Hitchcock, obtained in the December trade that sent Tino Martinez to the Yankees, allowed only four hits. Chicago starter Wilson Alvarez also pitched seven innings and gave up just three hits.

All of the runs scored in the third inning. Ray Durham, who went 2-for-2 with a pair of walks, hit a two-run homer for the White Sox, who lost 3-2 to the Mariners for the second straight game. Luis Sojo, who made the defensive play of the game at second base, nit a three-run double for th

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### David Cone picked up where suggested that Clinton should throw Pirates start off perfect at 2-0

By The Associated Press

Will the Pittsburgh Pirates run away with the NL Central?

Probably not, but the Pirates' 2-0 record is enough to instill some save. confidence in a team that's gone through three straight bad years.

"When we were real good before, it was because we had good pitching and also because we were very good defensively," Pirates manager Jim Leyland said after Tuesday night's 4-1 victory over the Florida Marlins. "We've shown that in the first two games."

Carlos Garcia hit a three-run homer off Alejandro Pena (0-1)'with two outs in the ninth inning at Joe Robbie Stadium.

"I'm not Barry Bonds, but I have a little power," said Garcia, who hit 24 homers in the last three years. "I didn't expect to hit a homer, but it's something I certainly enjoyed." Pena retired his first batter in the

ninth, but Jeff King reached on an error by shortstop Kurt Abbott. With two outs, Jay Bell doubled and Garcia followed by hitting a 2-2 pitch over the left-field wall. "I enjoyed that one," said Garcia. who went 2-for-2 in the opener.

perfect. We surprised a lot of people and we're going to keep on surprising a lot of people." In other NL games, Houston

"This is the second game and we're

stopped Montreal 4-1.

Reliever Jason Christiansen (1-0) pitched two-thirds of an inning for a win. Dan Miceli got three outs for the

A crowd of 20,243, less than half the total for Monday's opener, saw starters Denny Neagle of the Pirates and John Burkett of the Marlins match scoreless innings until Jeff Conine homered to lead off the

Florida fifth. Seven-time Gold Glove winner Devon White dropped Mike Kingery's routine fly in the sixth for an error, leading to the tying run on Orlando Merced's RBI grounder.

Burkett allowed no earned runs and five hits in eight innings, struck out five and walked none. "If I can throw like that for

another 35 starts, I'll be happy," he said. Astros 5, Dodgers 4

Derek Bell singled home the

winning run in the ninth at the Astrodome, his third hit of the game. Houston, which lost its season opener to Los Angeles, failed to hold a two-run lead in the ninth, when Los Angeles tied the score 4-4 against

Todd Jones (1-0). Brian Hunter led off the bottom half with a single off John Cummings (0-1), Craig Biggio sacrificed and Jeff Bagwell was intentionally walked. Bell then lined a single into defeated Los Angeles 5-4, Colorado left field, and Roger Cedeno's throw

### beat Philadelphia 5-3 and Cincinnati to the plate was wide. Notice Veterans

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4818 will hold a meeting to elect 1996-97 officers at the VFW Hall April 4th at 8 pm. All members are encouraged to attend.



## Hereford industry hit hard by 'mad cow disease'

By DIRK BEVERIDGE **AP Business Writer** 

HEREFORD, England (AP) - In the home of Hereford cattle, a breed that puts steaks, roasts and hamburgers on tables around the world, people have been staggered by the panic over "mad cow disease.

And they're not too happy about

that name, either.

"Mad cow disease is a term developed by the tabloid press," said Richard Grainger, director of Hereford Market Auctioneers Ltd. "Now, unfortunately, even the responsible papers use it. It's very emotive."

Emotive, and lethal to the cattle business - ever since March 20, when the government said 10 Britons probably caught a rare and fatal brain disease from cattle.

The day after the announcement, 500 cattle were on auction in Hereford. A week later, only a few head of scraggly old dairy cows were

on offer. Retail sales of beef have plummeted, and European neighbors and other nations have banned meat from Britain.

John Morgan has never seen anything like it in 40 years of hauling livestock. Morgan inherited the business from his father, and worries there will be nothing to pass on to his two sons.

"On a normal Monday, we would move 300 head," Morgan said. "Since they brought the ban in, we've moved one steer and one calf."

The Hereford Cattle Society had big plans for 1996. It's the 150th anniversary of a renowned registry that traces bloodlines of Hereford cattle all over the world, going back to a 3,920-pound bull named Cotmore.

'We were planning a lot of celebrations, starting (this) month with a sale and open farm day," said Lewis Thomas, the society's accountant. "And now, this."

The scare over mad cow disease known formally as bovine spongiform dumbstruck," Grainger said. encephalopathy - is threatening British cattlemen's business and rural ways of life that go back for generations in the rolling Herefordshire hills.

It's the original home of the Hereford breed - the "roast beef of olde England" - that came from indigenous red cattle roaming along the Welsh border.

Herefords were first exported in the 19th century to found herds in other countries. More than 100 million pure- or cross-breed Herefords now live everywhere from the Great Plains of America to Australian cattle country to the Pampas in Argentina.

Although the Herefords' share of the British beef market has shrunk to less than 10 percent from about 80 percent a quarter century ago, the mad cow controversy struck at the heart of this region.

"Everybody in the business is just

Several miles away, past the village of Woebley, slaughterhouse owner David Williams has told his 22 employees he will have to put them on a three-day week - cutting up only

pigs and sheep.
"We normally would be doing 250 cattle a week here," he said. "That went from 250 cattle to zero, overnight."

Williams built a new slaughterhouse three years ago. He figures he can survive a few lean months, but after that it's a matter of faith.

"I have a father in heaven who looks after me," Williams said. "He hasn't brought me this far to let me

belief. I'm just praying this will come to an end and people will start eating beef again."

It's spring, and farmer Stan Quan should be selling the yearlings from his herd of 300 cattle after keeping them indoors all winter. Now, he can't sell anything and he worries he doesn't have enough grazing land for the unculled herd.

"It's like hitting a brick wall until the politicians decide what they're

going to do," Quan said.

The crisis has led to many recriminations. The leading proposed solution has been mass slaughter: either entire herds where the infection has been detected, or animals over 30

down now. This is my sincere, honest months old, who are believed most susceptible.

Grainger believes widescale slaughter is a necessary evil.

"If we sit here and say, 'Beef is safe, beef is safe,' we'll sit here and watch the business go straight down," he said. "We're going to have to kill some cows - and we're going to have to be seen killing some cows.'

Williams disagrees. If the government destroys cows, only the farmers will be compensated, leaving others like haulers, feed dealers, hide dealers, butchers and livestock traders

"It's just like playing skittles. You knock one over and it knocks the rest." he said.

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### Names in the News

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) -On the first anniversary of Selena's death, the chain-link fence surrounding her home was dotted with flowers and signs.

"Selena - You will never be forgotten. You're always in our hearts," one read.

The house has become a tourist attraction for fans of the slain Tejano singer, who was shot to death March 31, 1995, by her former fan club president.

"We saved our spring break for Lubbock, who made the trek with her

sister and their three children. 23-year-old rising star was killed. 55-piece orchestra.

"We love her, we miss her," said "We do have her music, and that is great. She left something for all of us.

That is our joy.' In cities across the state, radio stations played Selena's music and testimonials from fans, and there

NEW YORK (AP) - Dudley Moore and Liza Minnelli are getting together again to raise a glass in honor of the this," said Sandra DeLeon of 15th anniversary of their film, "Arthur."

The stars of the 1981 comedy The house was one stop on a about a love affair between a soused pilgrimage for devotees visiting here millionaire and a working-class this weekend. Many also spent the woman will kick off a 12- to 14-date night at the Days Inn motel where the tour this summer, backed by a

They will perform separately, with Mencha Amador of Phoenix, Ariz. Minnelli singing from "Gently," her new album, and Moore doing jazz and classical standards mixed with boozy banter. Together, they will perform Christopher Cross' "Arthur's

Theme. "They had the magic that still were candlelight vigils in her honor. speaks to people. And not just baby boomers," Ed Kasses, who is coordinating the tour, said in the April 5 issue of Entertainment Weekly. "It's got the same appeal as Tony Bennett 'Unplugged.'

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) - Ted

Nugent singing campfire songs? The tunes are part of the entertainment the rocker has planned when he speaks April 13 at a fund raising banquet for the Montana chapter of Safari Club International.

### **Comics**

#### The Wizard of Id by Brant Parker & Johnny Hart





#### Marvin

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By Fred Lasswell

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### Study, hard work enable youth to realize dream of winning bee

By RICK SMITH
San Angelo Standard-Times
SAN ANGELO, Texas - As a first-grader at Reagan Elementary, Jose A. Trejo could speak no English.

For the first few weeks of school, he could not do the work that the rest of the children performed.

He felt frustrated, confused. Embarrassed.

Then, slowly, he began to learn.-Jose's parents helped.

Every night the boy brought home his schoolwork. Together, father and son puzzled over the lessons, over the unfamiliar words.

His father, a construction worker, offered hope and help.

His mother, a homemaker, offered encouragement and love.

And, slowly, Jose learned the

Not only learned it. He mastered

"I studied." Jose said.

"I worked hard. "I studied every night, and I did not give up.

Within months, he was at the head

of his class. And by the fourth grade, he had a

He would win the county spelling

Estella Santos and her husband, Manuel, own the Teacher's Store on North Chadbourne.

Estella remembers the day, four years ago, when Jose and his father came into her store to buy a small, used school desk. "I looked at them, and I looked at

their car, and I knew they had paid much more than they could afford," she said.

"But the father said it was important for his son to have a school desk."

visited the store again.

They bought a dictionary, and they asked Estella if she knew someone who could call out the correct pronunciations of spelling bee words

Estella's nephew volunteered and made a tape of the words for the boy.

"Jose told me he wanted to win the local spelling bee so that he could take his parents to Washington, D.C.," Estella said. "That's where the national spelling bee is held."
He placed third in Reagan's

spelling bee that year. "The next year, I studied harder,"

His fifth-grade year, he won the Reagan bee and placed sixth in the county bee.

His sixth-grade year, he won the Reagan bee again and was runner-up in the county contest.

His seventh-grade year, his first at Edison, he misspelled a word and did not attend the county bee. "The next year," he said, simply, "I studied harder."

This year, the 13-year-old Edison eighth-grader won at each and every level of the spelling bee, and immediately inherited a problem that no amount of study or hard work could solve.

The most recent competition was to decide the area's representative in the national spelling in Washington, D.C., and as part of Jose's prize for winning, the San Angelo Standard-Times pays all his expenses.

But family members must pay their own way, and there are five

members of the Trejo family. "The parents were worried about the money," said Anita Sanford, a

counselor at Edison. "But they were determined to be

A few months later, father and son with their son. You can't imagine how much they love that little boy. They have gone out of their way to express the love they have for their child and support him."

> The parents decided they would take a bank loan to pay their way to

Then, the community made Jose's dream our dream.

The League of United Latin American Citizens raised the plane fare for the father and mother - Jose R. and Josefina Trejo - and the two other children - Orlando, 9, and Veronica, 12.

They will travel to Washington together on May 27.

"We will make ends meet," the mother said. "We have heard that meals are very expensive in Washington, but we are not an extravagant family. We will eat little meals so that we can all go, so that we can all be together."

The family said there is much they hope to see in Washington: the White House, museums, monuments.

"This was his dream," the mother said, "and it came true."

Her son has other dreams. He wants a career in medicine, in

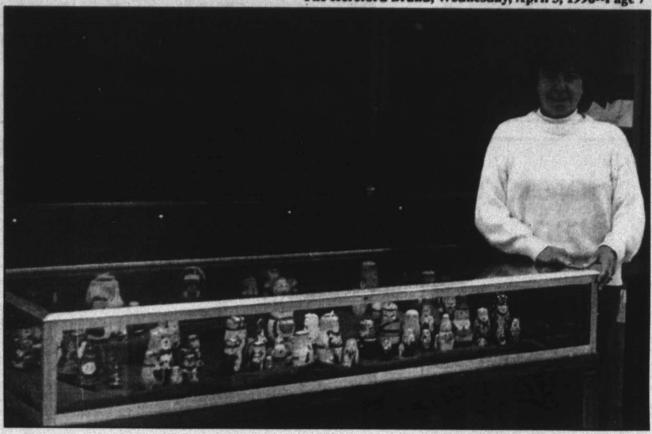
But first, there's the matter of a national spelling bee in a place far

He has read that that there will be more than 200 students in the first round of the national bee.

"Many good spellers," he said. "But I will study. I will work hard."

Friends of Jose Trejo are seeking donations to help with the family's expenses in Washington. To donate, phone Edison counselor Anita Sanford at 915-659-3584. Contributions can be mailed via Sanford or Principal Jesse Martinez at Edison Junior High School, 218 N. Oakes St., San Angelo, TX

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Library displays

Mail carrier Harriet Trujillo, top photo, displays her collection of nesting dolls. Finding most of the dolls while traveling to different areas of the country, Harriet's collection began with the Santa dolls that go from an abundant head of hair to bald. In the bottom photo Betty Stephan, employee of the Deaf Smith County Library, displays bunnies that friends and family have helped her collect over the years. Betty's fondness for rabbits began as a child, when her father would find small cotton tails and bring them home.



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-Jose Ortega y Gasset

# Classifieds 'Church of the Holy Barbecue' is really cookin' in Huntsville

By MICHELLE KOIDIN

Associated Press Writer HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) - The sign by the front door is smokestained and barely readable. The pale yellow paint on the walls is chipping. The folding metal chairs are scratched.

No matter, say customers of New Zion Missionary Baptist Church's Barbecue. Its ribs, beef, chicken and sausage links are the most savory in Texas.

"They be tender. They be juicy. They got a good taste to them," said Charleton Greene, a regular at the

Anyone who knows Huntsville home base for the Texas prison system about 75 miles north of Houston - knows New Zion. On a recent afternoon, some

visitors drove 100 miles just for lunch

at the restaurant known as "The Church of the Holy Barbecue." It originated from a single lunch that parishioner Annie Mae Ward prepared for her husband while he painted the church 16 years ago. The rich aroma drifted from the barbecue

pit she set up outside and attracted

passersby, who asked if they could

buy the meat.

New Zion's pastor handed the retiree \$50 to start a business to raise swap beans. They gobble 450 pounds Mrs. Ward served lunch under the trees in front of the church. After health inspectors ordered her to move indoors, church members erected the eatery in the residential neighborhood among houses and mobile homes.

It's 10 feet from the red-brick sanctuary, which was remodeled with In" over a meal. some of the proceeds.

Today, Mrs. Ward manages the diner, and New Zion continues to collect a portion of the profit. She has yours," Mrs. Ward says. a staff of six women who chop onions, slice pickles, scoop potato salad and ladle baked beans. Two cooks flip meat in the pits out front Tuesdays through Saturdays.

The secret? There really isn't one. "We're just good cooks," Mrs. Ward says.

Flavorful smoke from the three grills douses guests as they enter the restaurant. Once inside, they sit at long wood tables printed with ads for lawyers and furniture stores. Before each of the 56 chairs is a plastic

It's the kind of place where strangers sit elbow-to-elbow and money for the congregation. At first, of ribs a day, and wash the meat down with sweet iced tea.

For \$7, platters of sauce-drenched meat are replenished over and over by spunky 70-year-old waitress Carrie Mae Haynes, who once led a group of senior citizens in singing When the Saints Come Marching

But don't bother asking for doggie bags for leftovers.

If you can't eat it, it's not

What makes New Zion's barbecue so good is the seasoning, Fort Worth corrections officer Trestina Von Reitnauer said between bites.

"We come back here every time we deliver inmates," she says. "Obviously it's good."

"This is the best stuff in the state," added aspiring country musician Trent Willmon.

Landscaper Bill Davis said he chows at the hole-in-the-wall twice a week because the meat is exceptional and prices are reasonable. He sandwich bag with two pieces of suggests the decor could be improved, however.

Others enjoy the character. "It's kind of down-home,"

Ken McMullen, who stopped for lunch with his wife on their way from Houston to a country home another 30 miles north. "The place is unique. The food is outstanding.'

Emma Lou and Roy Smith made a special trip from Conroe, 30 miles away, to treat two friends to a hearty

"We've been telling them about this place for a long time," Mrs. Smith said. "We've been planning on a day when we could all come up

Mitchell Gatson ate weekly at New Zion while he was attending college at nearby Sam Houston State University more than a decade ago. Now a Dallas businessman, he takes the mile detour off Interstate 45 while traveling to and from Houston.

"It's irresistible. It's just that good. I just can't get enough of it," Gatson said.

Nursing home administrator Denise Parker said she can sometimes smell the barbecue nearly a mile away. "They say you haven't arrived in Texas until you've eaten here," she said.

### Easter brings on flood of chocolate bunnies from New Orleans company

By NED RANDOLPH

Associated Press Writer NEW ORLEANS (AP) - Corey Shipman fished a cracked rabbit ear out of the trash can at the end of the production line. "I try not to eat too much," he said furtively.

That can be tough in a chocolate factory where candy is piled by the ton, and the pungent smell of Easter goodies wafts in every nook and cranny.

The flowery boxes of Merlin Chocolate Rabbits fill store shelves in the Southeast and are made by one of only three hollow chocolate bunny manufacturers in the country, says its owner and former FDA inspector Gary Crowley.

Originally started in 1947 by Phillip Bert Langlois in New Orleans, Merlin Candies now churns out about 4,000 to 6,000 bunnies a day.

Since Gary and Mary Crowley bought the company in 1984 from who sells to pet stores, zoos and bait Langlois's nephew, Merlin Auzine, shops, approached Crowley with the chocolates sits on his desk. His find.

production has quadrupled, Gary unorthodox idea. Crowley said.

Easter bunnies a year," he said. "We've diversified a little bit more. We've also done custom molding, and we do chocolate oven-roasted crickets on a contract basis."

During peak production in the spring, Merlin hires about 35 temporary workers, like Shipman, to get the chocolate rabbits out of the

"We'll start making bunnies around end of October," Crowley said. At the beginning of January, shipping starts. Wal-Mart is the biggest customer.

Merlin Candies may have the jump on a new product yet to be mass-merchandised - oven-roasted chocolate covered crickets.

A cricket farmer in Baton Rouge,

"We initially made 20,000 of "We crank out about a million these things for him, and he sold those. And he's back ordered," Crowley said. "As soon as we can find time in our rabbit-making schedule, we've got to get back to production."

> All Merlin chocolate comes from Pennsylvania. Wilbur Manufacturing ships bricks by the ton in 40-pound slabs which are melted in a 140-degree cauldron. A second pot re-mixes the chocolate at 90 degrees before it's poured into moldings - at 12 grams of fat a serving.

> Crowley, who says he is a romantic at heart, tells visiting children the Easter Bunny comes by

and inspects the plant. "But he always has a knack of leaving right before the kids get

here.

newest experiment, chocolate pecan hash, has gotten raves.

"It is the best chocolate candy you ever want to eat," Crowley bragged.
"This coming year, we'll do the

same product as a Christmas wreath, decorated pecan halves and red and green cherries," he said.

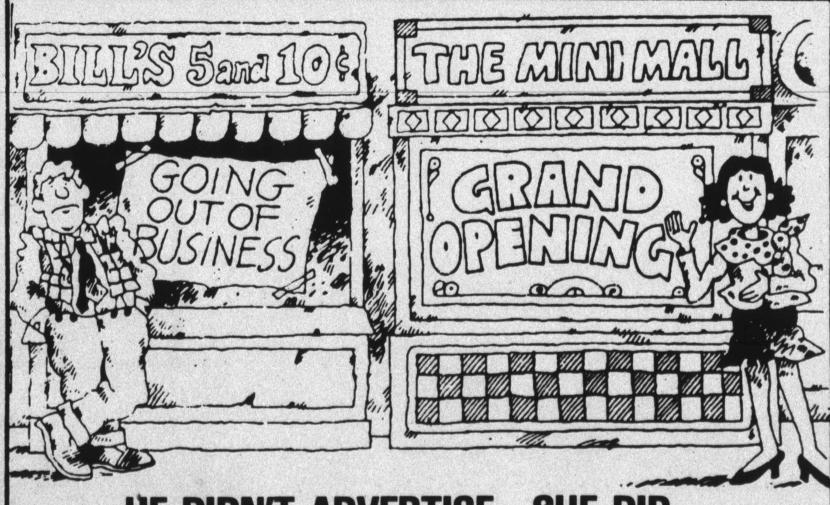
But during the fall and spring, the only thing riding the conveyer belts are chocolate rabbits - milk chocolate, white chocolate and peanut butter flavored.

It's a colorful business. Crowley wears a red and blue Easter tie. In the front room, decorative ribbons and bow-ties fill bins above the production line, and the Merlin pink, yellow and blue boxes stand ready.

Heavy boxes of dressed rabbits are stacked by forklift and hauled out.

But in a factory where chocolate flakes settle like dust around the A half eaten box of pecan room, hungry workers are hard to

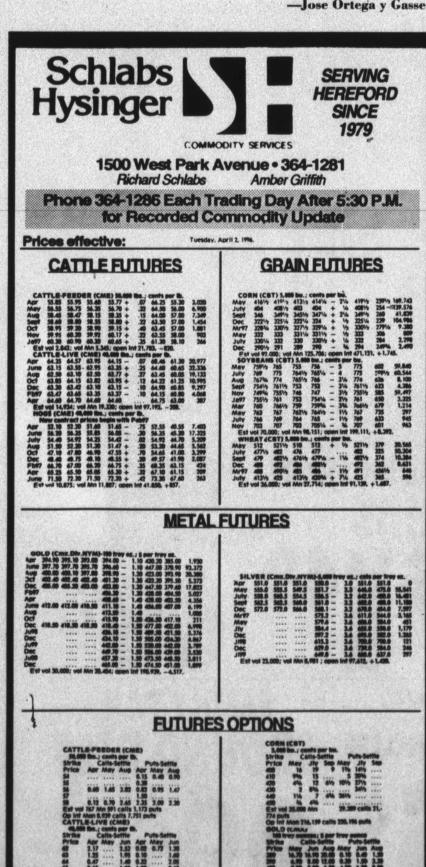
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By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN - Attorney General Dan Morales said he will file federal racketeering charges against cigarette makers to force the tobacco industry to reimburse taxpayers for the millions of dollars spent on Medicaid to treat smoking-related illnesses.

Louisiana, Florida, West Virginia, Massachusetts, Minnesota, and Mississippi have product liability suits and other legal actions pending against cigarette makers and their Washington, D.C.-based lobbying group, The Tobacco Insti-

Morales has discussed the issue with attorneys general of other states and reportedly is picking a team of private-sector lawyers to represent Texas. Florida has hired a team of lawyers from 13 private firms to handle its suit.

Last November, tobacco industry lawyers sought to block Texas and Massachusetts from taking the industry to court, asserting that Morales lacks the authority to bring the suit.

In March, The Tobacco Institute warned that tobacco restrictions by the federal Food and Drug Administration "could cost Texas businesses up to \$433 million in lost sales and eliminate up to 5,088 jobs statewide" according to a study by the American Economics Group.

Ron Dusek, a spokesman for Morales, said about \$6 billion in federal and state funds will be spent on smoking-related illnesses in Texas this year.

In other news last week, Morales said he will seek postponement of a ruling by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that struck down racial preferences for admissions at the University of Texas School of

Morales said he will prepare an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. VitaPro Head Wasn't Himself

The Austin American-Statesman disclosed the identity of the executive who struck a \$33 million deal with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to supply prison kitchens with VitaPro, a soybeanbased meat substitute.

In a copyright story, the American-Statesman reported VitaPro head Yank Barry is really Gerald Falovitch, an ex-convict who a decade ago served 10 months in a Canadian prison for extortion and conspiracy.

But Barry said he did not hide his criminal history from Texas prison officials. "I was very open about it ... I told lots of people in the department," he said.

In December, however, the Texas prison personnel office issued Barry an official employee identification card, and a prison official - who in February was suspended with pay - asked the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Office to expedite a visa waiver for Barry, citing uncoming meetings with prison officials.

Allan Polunsky, chairman of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, which oversees the prison system's administrative agency, called the news of Barry's true identity "another bizarre chapter in an already seedy story."

Panel Investigates Buyouts

Rep. Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, said he wants to put an end to "golden parachute" deals for fired state university officials.

Ogden is heading a panel charged with investigating \$2 million in payments to officials who were employed by 17 state universities.

"In a lot of cases, administrators are using their inside knowledge to extract pretty good settlements in return for keeping their mouths shut. That bothers me a lot," Ogden said.

Cash totals of buyout packages for administrators were reported as

" University of Houston System, University of Texas System,

\$551,000; and Texas Southern University,

\$513,000. The Texas Faculty Association complained that the buyouts are a waste of tax dollars, but University officials say buyouts are better than

being sued. Next month, Ogden's panel will review buyout deals at other state agencies.

#### Panel Opposes Rail Merger

Opponents of a proposed merger of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific railroads scored their first victory last week when the Texas Railroad Commission voted 3-0 to oppose the merger, except under conditions the railroads oppose.

Chairman Carole Rylander and Commissioners Charles Matthews and Barry Williamson said the proposed \$5.4 billion merger would leave Texas with two major railroads rather than three, would reduce competition and lead to higher

The commission's recommendation, representing the official position of the state, will go to the federal Surface Transportation Board, which is expected to rule on the proposed merger in August.

The governors of 13 other states have endorsed the merger. But Gov. George W. Bush asked the Railroad Commission to study the issue and make a recommendation.

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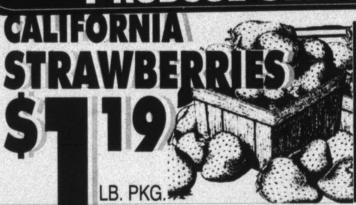
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