



Adding up their math skills

Students in Imelda De La Cerda's mixed-grade class at Shirley Intermediate School use colored tiles as part of a math drill during a school-wide Super Tuesday activity that focused on math in preparation for next week's TAAS tests. All students at the school on Tuesday participated in a variety of math-related events designed to help them prepare for the math section of

School board gives raises, **OKs Bluebonnet work bids**

Improved high school TAAS scores announced

By GARRY WESNER **Managing Editor**

At their last regular board meeting retroactive raises. before the May 4 election, Hereford Independent School District trustees hired a new attorney, approved bids on a construction project, awarded contracts to teachers and evaluated School sophomores have been the superintendent.

School board highlights

Summary of actions taken Tuesday by the HISD school board:

■ Trustees voted 4-2 on a motion by Randy Tooley to hire Canyon lawyer C.T. Wimberly to represent the district.

Trustees approved bids totalling \$280,158 for new heating and air conditioning equipment at Bluebonnet Intermediate School.

■ Trustees voted to place the district's counselors, nurses, diagnosticians and speech therapists on the state salary scale retroactively to the beginning of the 1995-96 school year.

The board approved the 1996-97 school year calendar.

Trustees approved offering contracts to teachers for the 1996-97 school year based on recommendations from their campus administra-

■ The board went into closed session to evaluate Superintendent Charles W. Greenawalt.

Trustees also approved a plan to give certain professional staff

In a special report, assistant superintendent Nena Veazey announced that preliminary exit-level TAAS test scores for Hereford High received.

Mrs. Veazey told the board that the scores showed major increases across the board, including a 44 percent increase in the number of economically disadvantaged students who passed the math test, a 30 percent jump in the number of Hispanic students passing the math test and a 20 percent jump in the number of economically disadvantaged students who passed the reading test.

"I can't tell the teachers, (HHS principal) Mr. (Terry) Russell, how much I appreciate their work," an enthusiastic and sometimes emotional Mrs. Veazey said when announcing the results to applause from the audience and board.

A breakdown of results by test and sub-grouping can be found on Page 1 of today's Hereford Brand.

The action on raises for nurses, counselors, speech therapists and diagnosticians reversed an earlier decision by the board to hold off on the raises until the 1996-97 school year -- a choice made to avoid setting the precedent of changing salaries during a contract year.

However, a presentation by retired counselor June Owens at the April 8 meeting prompted trustees to

Greenawalt told trustees that adding the professionals to the state salary scale would cost about \$20,032, adding that the funds are available from monies saved through salaries of people who quit earlier in the year but who have not been replaced.

Greenawalt said, however, that the state constitution prohibits pay raises during a contract year unless the ordered to work additional days.

He asked the board for permission to work with the affected employees

Superintendent Charles W. to set up a time during the summer when they could put in some official work in exchange for a lump-sum check equalling the pay raise they would have received last fall had they been placed on the state salary scale.

The superintendent said there is no requirement in state law specifying how much time the employees must work to qualify for their extra pay.

Trustee Raul Valdez protested employee is given extra duties or giving the raises, saying it set a precedent that the board had avoided

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Hereford High School TAAS Scores, 1995 and 1996

Following are results of the 10th grade exit-level Texas Assessment of Academic Skills tests given to Hereford High School students in March each year. This year's scores were released Tuesday by Assistant Superintendent Nena Veazey. Results are listed by test and by sub-grouping -- Anglo. Hispanic, African-American, Economically Disadvantaged and Limited English Proficiency - and show the number of students (in parenthesis) who took each test and the percent of students who passed those sections.

READING	1996	1995
Anglo	(116) 95%	(164) 84%
Hispanic	(165) 71%	(164) 55%
Economically Disadv.	(79) 63%	(83) 43%
Limited English Prof.	(28) 46%	(51) 14%
MATHEMATICS		
Anglo	(117) 86%	(99) 75%
Hispanic	(169) 64%	(163) 34%
Economically Disadv.	(81) 64%	(82) 20%
Limited English Prof.	(29).41%	(50) 4%
WRITING		
Anglo	(116) 92%	(98) 91%
Hispanic	(167) 80%	(163) 68%
Economically Disadv.	(80) 75%	(81) 58%
Limited English Prof.	(28) 50%	(51) 33%
	Source: Te	xas Education Agency/HIS

District professionals get new contracts

The Hereford ISD board of trustees on Tuesday approved offering contracts to its professional personnel for the 1996-97 school

The action came following a twohour executive session.

Contract offers were tendered based on recommendations by supervisors.

Those who will be offered contracts are listed below by campus or department. The list includes teachers, librarians, assistant principals, counselors, diagnosticians, nurses and speech therapists.

Superintendent Charles W. Greenawalt said some of the individuals offered contracts will instead opt to take a job in another school district, or will resign or retire. The offering of a contract to a departing staff member, he said, serves as a good recommendation for that professional.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Tami Charest, Kay Claypool, Yolanda Gavina, Barbara Greenawalt, Evelyn Lyles, Lauri Paetzold and Elva Rodriguez STANTON LEARNING CENTER

Sara Gallagher, Georgia Auckerman, Mary Ruth Baird, Tony Barker, Vicky Barrera, Dorothy Brownlow, Merle Clark, Jan Dudley, Leah Evans, Dolores Foster, Donna Grady, N.D. Kelso (part-time), Sheri Kerr, Linda McLain, Kyle Mines, Brenda Reinauer, Mary Robinson and Rick Jackson.

AIKMAN ELEMENTARY

Elsa Montes, Patti Brown, Kevin Henson (part-time), Regina Pender, Karen Roberts, Mary Ann Warren, Noelle McGallian, Holly Bixler, Jan Metcalf, Sophia Balderaz, Sharon Crawford, Cindy Marquez, Lupe Villarreal, Judy Cantrell, Martha DeBord, Betty Wilcox, Cindy Seward, Linda Baird, Cuca Salinas, Kathie Kerr, Delight Taylor, Mary Ann O'Rear, Teresa Allen, Chrystal Anuszkiewicz, Elena Cardenas, Jill Savoini, Christy Henson, Jan Reeve, Krista Farrell, Carolyn Nix, Tonya Horrell and Nan Coneway

BLUEBONNET INTERMEDIATE

Martha Tijerina, Tommy Stewart, Deloris Phipps, Becky Adams, Monica Alaniz, Gayle Allen, Lynda Brown, Deloris Dowell, Tom Fowler, Johnette Gilbert, Mike King, Vicki Mendez, Michele Merkel, Beverly Miracle, Todd Morris, Jo Ochs, Kimberly Rose, Tina Russell, Leslie Shaw, Tonya Stewart, Diane Stokes, Cookie Tarr, Laura Villarreal, Jan Walser, Jean Wilson, Julia McNaney and Karen NORTHWEST PRIMARY

Cara Rendon, Kathy Haney, Mary Israel, Kaye Matthews, Diana Salinas, Cay Taylor, Susan Adams, Billie Birdwell, Ann Cummings, Shari Lake, Nevolena Mendez, Ortencia Mendez, Lesli White, Jane Coplen, Elvira Lupe Villarreal. Muniz, Jean Noggler, Donna Warrick, Janna Williams, Barbara Yavornik, Marisa Barrera, Terri Fortenberry, Suzanne Gaitan, Cari McCullough, Tricia Sims, Kamille Urbanczyk, Doris Cagle, Elaine Calkins, Jana Davis, Mary Williamson, Donita Rule, Debbie Canode, Jill Harrison, Rhonda Johnson, Wanda Nall, Pat Simnacher and Tammy Yenzer.

WEST CENTRAL INTERMED.

Linda Anderson, Kim Bigham, Bera Boyd, Vicki Broman, Janice Carr, Jeannie Conway, Carlynn Delozier, Karen Esqueda, Carol Gage, Debbie Gallman, Caroline Gilley, Jessie Hanna, Julie Hatley, Sue Hutson, Kathy Jackson, Carol Kelley, Joan Latham, Jean McCathern, Jenny McWhorter, Maria Nelon, Rose Nava, Linda Pena, Georgia Schmidt, Suzan Schriber, Linda Smith, Marva Spain, Mark Stokes and Lori

TIERRA BLANCA PRIMARY

Alice Cocanougher, Betty Coneway, Jannette Coronado, Lori Criss, Kayle Dean, Karen Fangman, Frances Farr, Silvia Flores, Elaine Forester, Nancy George, Sharon Hodges, Joan

Hopper, Jean Jackson, Charlie Kerr, Beverly Lambert, Melanie McNutt, Janet Mercer, Jeanie Noggler, Janie Rendon, Betty Sue Robinson, Kim Sliney, Laura Stephens, Dianne Tannahill, Sue Thornton, Jean Turpen, Violeta Valdez and

SHIRLEY INTERMEDIATE

Mary Ann Alexander, Veronica Anaya, Julia Arredondo, Vickie Barnes, Margaret Bell, Charlotte Benavidez, Jackie Bowers, Melinda Bridge Chandra Davis, Imelda De La Cerda. Pruda Fults, Cindy Gilliland, Linda Gonzalez, Kelly Goodin, Jane Gulley, Kristen Hicks, Jody Ingham, Virginia Jackson, Sharon Johnson, Twyla Jones, Dee Ann Matthews, Dan Odell, Howard Perry, Kim Potts, Cynthia Risner, Mary Sheffield, Shelia Straughan and Judy

JUNIOR HIGH

Rodney Allen, Suzanne Allen, Joanne Bone, Mike Bryant, Myrna Buckley, Lucy Caballero, Betty Cicero, Catherine Cortez, Jason Culpepper, Grant Davis, Diedra Drake, Randy Farr, Connie Gilbert, Ron Gray, Kaye Harris, Dona Hendrickson, Ray Jenkins, Beth Killebrew, Sarah Lawson, Sandra Maldonado, Linda Mason, Paula Tilli Boozer, Bertha Celaya, Emily Christie, Miller, Don Nall, John Nino, Enrique Perez, Minnie Perez, Susan Perrin, Jane Radford, Billie Reiter, Carolyn Robbins, Pete Rodriquez, Nelda

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Unseasonable weather, fear of mad cow disease drive cattle prices down

prices paid to farmers are falling spring and summer," USDA rather than rising as the barbecue reported. season begins, because unseasonable weather and concern about Britain's than 50 cents a bushel since March. mad-cow disease are holding down demand for U.S. beef.

Also contributing to the decline are a larger cattle slaughter and heavier weights, the Agriculture Department

"Rather than rising seasonally as the early spring barbecue season begins and slaughter begins to decline, prices have done just the opposite," USDA said in a report on livestock, dairy and poultry. "A cold wet spring in the eastern United States has held down any hint of seasonal price strength" for cattle.

Prices of fed cattle dropped from the range of \$62 to \$63 per 100 pounds in March to the upper \$50s in

The report said it is difficult to determine how much of the decline in demand is due to the poor weather and how much could be attributed to fears aroused when cattle in the United Kingdom were hit by a deadly nerve disease.

Nevertheless, the report concluded, "Beef prices are reaching levels that will test demand fairly quickly

decline as feedlot placements continue well below 1995 levels.

"Equally as unsettling as the low fed-cattle prices, particularly for the intermediate term, has been the continued sharp rise in grain prices, and increasingly uncertain crop and

WASHINGTON (AP) - Cattle pasture-range conditions for this

Corn prices have climbed more

"Lower fed-cattle prices and sharply higher feed costs have forced feeder cattle prices to the lows reached in the mid-1980s, and unless crop and pasture prospects improve quickly, prices could be forced even lower as herd liquidation begins in

Higher feed costs also are causing USDA to lower its broiler production estimates for the third and fourth quarters. Even so, production will be larger than last year, thanks to strong increases in weight per bird.

earnest," the report said.

Stocks of birds in cold storage have hit record levels because of trade disputes and tariff increases in China and Russia. Estimated storage stocks in the first and second quarters are as much as 40 percent over last

Turkey producers apparently are undeterred by low net returns early this year. Placements since last September of young birds for slaughter in 1996 are 1 percent over year-earlier levels, and weight increases are averaging 1 percent to 2 percent per bird. Eggs in incubators on April'1 were 6 percent higher.

Mid-April wholesale egg prices were 15 percent to 20 percent above 1995 marks, even after a 10-cent decline since Easter. Despite strong export demand, prices are likely to drop as flock-size increases over 1995 accelerate in the second quarter.

Negotiations continuing to eliminate differences in federal spending bills Environmental provisions, spending stall budget talks

By ALAN FRAM

Associated Press Writer

and the Clinton administration are narrowing gaps over environmental provisions and spending that have legislation financing big chunks of the government.

With spending authority for dozens of federal agencies set to expire at midnight, White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta and top lawmakers planned to bargain again today in hopes of resolving their differences over the \$160 billion bill.

"We're coming back tomorrow. I'm going to cry," joked House Appropriations Committee Chairman Bob Livingston, R-La., as he and other bargainers ended a grueling, sometimes testy day of private on the environment as a potent

negotiations Tuesday night.

Realizing they will not have time WASHINGTON (AP) - Congress to get the legislation to President Clinton for his signature by the end of the day, Congress planned to send him legislation temporarily extending fueled a months-long battle over agencies' spending authority by another 24 hours. Panetta said Clinton would sign it.

The long-overdue legislation, which would finance many agencies for the remaining five months of fiscal 1996, has become a political migraine for both parties. Usually, the 13 annual spending bills are finished

at least four months earlier than this. The bill has chiefly been bogged down by fights over GOP-written environmental provisions that the administration claims would be harmful. The White House has seized

election-year issue to use against Republicans.

Outstanding disputes focused on Republican efforts to allow more logging in Alaska's Tongass National Forest than the administration wants, permit potentially more development and use of wetlands and of a new national park in California's Mojave Desert, and restrict listings of some new endangered species.

The two sides swapped proposed solutions to the environmental provisions but reached no final accord, ending their day in a stormy session highlighted by disputes over Tongass and money for hiring additional police officers. At one point, Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, a GOP point-man on the Tongass issue, angrily stalked out of the negotiating room, refusing to answer

reporters' questions. "We've taken at least a half-step

back tonight," Panetta told reporters. But there apparently was some progress. Panetta said negotiators seemed near an agreement to repeal legislation requiring the military to discharge personnel infected with the AIDS virus.

Though the \$160 billion measure's final shape was still evolving, GOP leaders said they planned to take it to the House and Senate floors on Participants in the bargaining said

the two sides had tentatively agreed to add about \$1 billion in spending that Clinton wanted to the legislation, including extra money for the environment and for international organizations. Final details on some of the funds were being worked out.

as warmer weather finally arrives.' Fed-beef supplies are starting to

Local Roundup

Senior parents to meet

The Hereford High School senior parents will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the HISD administration building banquet hall. All parents are urged to attend this important meeting, which will include committee reports.

HTFCU sets annual meeting

The Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union will hold its annual meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Community Center. On the agenda for the meeting is the re-election of directors Joe Kerr, Dan Warrick and Jerry Heller, all of whom are unopposed. Kerr, who is board president, also will give his report on the credit union's finances. Refreshments will be provided and door prizes will be given to those in attendance.

Windy, warm, AGAIN

Hereford recorded a high temperature of 79 degrees on Tuesday, with a low this morning of 51 degrees, according to KPAN Radio. For tonight, the forecast calls for mostly clear skies and a low in the mid-50s with southwest winds of 10-20 mph and gusty, changing to the west by dawn. For Thursday, look for partly sunny skies and warm, with a high in the mid-80s and northwest to north winds at 10-20 mph and gusty.

HHS students going to state UIL contests

are headed for Austin and UIL state. academic competitions.

The HHS team was in San Angelo last weekend for the Regional UIL academic and one-act play meets, with the prize for top finishers a trip to Austin and the state meet next

The HHS team earned a trip to San Angelo the week before by blitzing the competition at the district meet, claiming the academic trophy for the first time ever.

In last weekend's competition at Angelo State University, Cady Auckerman, John Messer; Monica Tijerina, Eddie Montoya, Justin Scott

Emergency Services

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

HEREFORD POLICE

A 17-year old male was arrested the 200 block of North Lee on a warrant for aggravated assault.

Class C criminal mischief was reported at New York and Veterans

Domestic disturbance was reported in the 700 block of Irving.

Burglary of a building was reported in the 200 block of Avenue

Class B criminal mischief was reported at New York and Veterans Park Road and in the 600 block of

Class B theft was reported in the 600 block of Irving.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 700 block of East Park Avenue.

Class C assault (domestic violence) was reported in the 400 block of Paloma Lane.

Harassment was reported in the 400 block of North Street.

Officers issued 15 traffic citations. There was one curfew violation citation issued.

Six Hereford High School students and Candi Stagner earned trips to

Auckerman claimed first place in regionals in Informative Speaking.

Messer won second place in Persuasive Speaking for his trip to state. He also made it to the quarterfinals of the Lincoln-Douglas Debate, but missed a trip to state.

Tijerina won third place in Poetry, while Montoya won fourth place in

Scott competed in Current Issues and Events, where he won second

Stagner was selected to serve on the state UIL speech honor crew.

A team made up of Auckerman, Nathan Diller and Scott took part in the team Current Issues and Events competition, but placed fourth and missed a trip to Austin.

The state competition will be May 2-4 at the University of Texas.

Speech and debate contests will be Friday, May 3, with academic events the next day.

Earning a trip to state can open the door to help in college, said HHS speech teacher Lana Hall.

"Only the students who make it to (academic) UIL state are eligible for a little over \$750,000 in scholarships," she said, noting that the fund is the largest scholarship pool in

Students who competed but did not qualify to enter state contests are:

-- Bao Nguyen, Spelling and Vocabulary and Ready Writing.

-- Julie Schlabs, Journalism.

-- Leslie Michael, Journalism. -- Justin Betzen, Informative

Speaking. -- Nathan Diller, Persuasive

Speaking.

-- Christy Haney, Prose.

Nguyen also has qualified to enter the National Forensic League tournament in North Carolina in June, Hall announced. He earned the spot in competition held earlier in San

Democrats seek minimum wage hike Election year effort to counter GOP tax-cutting

By DAVE SKIDMORE **Associated Press Writer**

WASHINGTON (AP) - Countering Republicans' tax-cutting and budget-balancing program, Senate Democrats are launching an election-year effort to raise the minimum wage and broaden access to health insurance and pensions.

"Republicans may want to use these next few months to make campaign commercials on the floor of the Senate. But Democrats intend to make real changes to help working families," Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said at a news conference Tuesday.

In addition to a 90-cents-an-hour increase in the minimum wage, the "Senate Democratic Action Agenda"

-A \$10,000 tax deduction for post-high school education.

-A \$2.2 billion tax increase for corporations that move manufacturing plants overseas and then export goods

C'mon, join the crowd

will be offered at the concert, also.

immediate raises for paraprofessional

September with the professionals --

Valdez said, the board opted to wait

for a new contract year to give the

audience at the end of the meeting

that he supported the professional

employees' pay raise, but not the idea

of changing salaries during the year

-- was the only trustee to vote against

totalling nearly all of the remaining

money in the district construction

fund to install heating/air condition-

heat pumps to be purchased and

installed in a project aimed at

improving the comfort of students

Assistant superintendent Don

Bids were solicited for dual fuel

Turning their attention to

granting the pay this year.

ing units at Bluebonnet.

and staff in the building.

Valdez -- who explained to the

At that time -- and again last

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raises.

Volunteers in the Hereford Community Concerts Association

membership drive, Amy Gililland, left, and Jeanie Conway,

call attention to the theme for the 1996-1997 season, "Music

Like You've Never Seen." The drive continues through next

week and new members will be eligible to attend the last concert

of the current season, featuring the London Piano Duo, Sunday

at 3 p.m. in the Hereford High School auditorium. Memberships

back to the United States

-A guarantee that workers who lose or switch jobs have an opportunity to buy health insurance, regardless of whether they have existing health problems.

-A simplified 401(k) retirement plan for employees of small businesses, a new, portable pensionplan for employees of businesses that don't provide pensions, stricter penalties for pension raids and protection of women's pension rights.

Daschle said Senate Democrats would offer their agenda, much of it proposed as part of President Clinton's 1997 budget, as amend-

ments to Republican bills.

Meanwhile, House Democrats are developing their own agenda, which they hope to offer in its final form next month. Returning from a private retreat last week, they said it would include a minimum-wage increase and cover education, the environment and health care.

Republicans' agenda, formulated by Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., the presumptive GOP presidential nominee, includes health-care legislation, constitutional amendments requiring a balanced budget and imposing term limits on lawmakers, as well as bills curbing immigration, cutting taxes and eliminating budget deficits by 2002.

On Tuesday, the Senate unani-mously approved bipartisan health-care legislation. But Republicans fell short in an effort to force consideration of the term limits amendment.

Daschle said Democrats would press to attach the minimum wage increase, to \$5.15-an-hour over two years from the current \$4.25-an-hour, to the immigration bill and to legislation dealing with nuclear waste

House Democrats said they would seek to force a minimum wage vote this week or next and repeatedly in coming months. They denounced a proposal by Reps. Tim Hutchinson, R-Ark., and Cass Ballenger, R-N.C., which would revamp the earned income tax credit to effectively guarantee workers with one child a \$7-per-hour wage and families with two or more children an \$8-per-hour

Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., said the proposal would leave the minimum wage untouched and amounted to a government subsidy for employers who pay their employees substandard wages.

Although Dole and House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., have somewhat softened their opposition to a minimum-wage increase and said Congress would take up the issue, conservative Republicans still are

"Raising the minimum wage is going to destroy job opportunities for the least advantaged people" in the work force, said House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas.

Dole collects victory in Pennsylvania vote for 26th primary win

By DAVID MORRIS **Associated Press Writer**

Pennsylvania gave Bob Dole his 26th consecutive primary victory, but even before the votes were counted the Republican Party chairman said some frustrated GOP leaders are eager for Dole to take the offense heading into a fall showdown with President Clinton.

As was the case throughout March, when the Senate majority leader won 25 straight primaries, there was little drama in Tuesday's Pennsylvania contest. With 99 percent of the precincts reporting, Dole had 63 percent of the vote, compared to 18 percent for commentator Pat Buchanan.

Buchanan did not campaign in the state and was unlikely to win more than a few of Pennsylvania's 73 delegates. Those delegates officially are uncommitted but many are Dole backers and most are expected to support him at the Republican National Convention in August.

In a statement, Dole said Pennsylvania's voters "showed that the Republican party is unified, it is focused and it is ready to take its message of positive, conservative change directly to the American

Clinton was a runaway winner in the Democratic primary.

Pennsylvania is viewed as a key battleground in November, but there, as well as nationally, most polls show Dole running far behind the president. The polls and several recent legislative setbacks have caused some jitters among Republicans over their nominee-in-waiting.

On Monday, House Speaker Newt Gingrich went so far as to say the GOP was "in a funk" and former **Education Secretary William Bennett** said there was "little enthusiasm" for

Dole in the party.

Republican Chairman Haley Barbour, in an interview Tuesday, said some party leaders w frustrated and wanted Dole to "get on offense."

"The party, Senator Dole and other candidates need to make clear what is at issue, and the differences we have with Clinton, in the months between now and the conventions if we are to reach equilibrium by then,"

Dole's difficulty in gaining momentum may stem in part from the

political calendar. In 1992, President Bush staked a claim to the nomination by winning the Pennsylvania primary in late April. This year, Dole cemented his

victory in mid-March, easily surpassing the 996 delegates he needed to assure the nomination. That left more than a dozen states, including delegate-rich California, with no say in the selection process and created a month-long period of almost no political activity.

The next batch of presidential primaries comes on May 7 with votes in North Carolina, Indiana and the District of Columbia.

Lottery

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

5-7-1 (five, seven, one) AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the

Texas Lottery: 4-5-17-19-21 (tour, five, seventeen, nineteen, twenty-one)



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Auction prices are surprise, even to Sotheby's personnel

By KAREN MATTHEWS Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) - They're selling Camelot piece by piece, and the prices are sky-high. Sotheby's on Tuesday began

a four-day auction of hundreds of objects - including furniture, china, books and artwork - from the estate of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis.

In front of a crowd that gasped as the prices soared, most items sold for well over their presale estimates. A walnut humidor, a gift from Milton Berle to John F. Kennedy, was expected to sell for \$2,000 to \$2,500. It sold for \$574,500.

An oak rocking chair JFK used in the White House went for \$442,500. John F. Kennedy Jr.'s high chair and Caroline Kennedy's rocking horse each fetched \$85,000.

"The sale started and it just took off by itself," said auctioneer Diana Brooks, Sotheby's president and chief executive officer.

The total for the night was \$4.5 million; Sotheby's conservative estimate had been \$516,000 to \$718,000. The prices include Sotheby's commission, which is 15 percent of the first \$50,000 and 10 percent of anything above that

Prices quickly escalated for even the simplest items, like a silver tape measure from Tiffany's (\$48,875), as bidders competed to own a piece of history.

"This is a big event," comedian Joan Rivers said. "This and Halley's comet."

The long-awaited sale of the belongings of the former first lady, who died of cancer in 1994, has generated an unprecedented level of hype.

In addition to the 1,500 people in the Manhattan auction house, about 300 potential buyers were hooked up by phone from the Chicago and Los Angeles offices of Sotheby's, which received 70,000 written or faxed bids.

"People will pay thousands of dollars for an ashtray not because of its intrinsic worth but because it belonged to Jackie," said Bruce Wolmer, editor in chief of Art & Auction magazine.

He said it was "a safe bet" that the Onassis sale would surpass Sotheby's 1987 Duchess of Windsor jewelry sale, which brought in \$50 million.

The auction continues through Friday, with Mrs. Onassis' jewelry on sale today - including a 40-carat engagement gift from Aristotle Onassis.

Items later in the week include the wedding gown from her marriage to Kennedy, Mrs. Onassis' 1992 BMW, and even the doors from her White House dressing room.

The more than 5,000 items are being sold by her children, Caroline and John F. Kennedy Jr. Proceeds of the auction will go to Mrs. Onassis' estate.

Most of the buyers remained anonymous.

Some did not, including singer Jimmy Buffet, who bought over the phone a Jamie Wyeth lithograph of the president in a sailboat

Another was Marvin Shanken, the publisher of Cigar Aficionado magazine, who was the night's high bidder, purchasing JFK's

celebrated his purchase by lighting up in Sotheby's sale room. "I, like many other people my age, was in love with the man and thought he was a great president,"

A high school student when he

volunteered for Kennedy's 1960

presidential campaign, Shanken

one previous time when he asked for Cumpton said the bids total \$280,158, which includes a package to put air conditioning in the kitchen and cafeteria at Bluebonnet, and to install a new exhaust hood in the kitchen. Cumpton said the bid also included

\$4,540 for asbestos abatement and monitoring after it was determined there was too much of the hazardous material for the district to handle on its own.

As of Tuesday, Cumpton said, there is \$283,491 available in the construction fund.

Trustees approved the bids on a 3-2-1 vote, with trustees Randy Tooley and construction, trustees approved bids Cherry McWhorter opposed and Roy Dale Messer abstaining. Voting for the bids were Board President Jim Marsh and trustees Raul Valdez and Ron Weishaar.

> The board went against the recommendation of Greenawalt when it turned aside a motion by Weishaar to retain the Amarillo law firm of Underwood, Wilson, Berry, Stein and Johnson, to be district lawyers.

After voting down Weishaar's

TEACHERS

Rogers, Billy Rowe, Janna Rudd, James Salinas, Richard Sauceda, Sandra Saul, Amy Scott, Margot Sims, Melvin Smith, Karen Solomon, Royce Spies, LaDonna Stebbins, Pam Stephens, Tammy Summersgill, Debbie Tabor, David Vincent, Carolyn Waters, Kathy Whipple, Angela Wilhelm, Nikolyn Williams, Elizabeth Witkowski, Terry Zimmerman, Mike Purcell, Ray Baca, Denise Mason, Adrienne Morris, Kay Richard and Tracy Stewart.

HIGH SCHOOL

Karen Abney, Elisa Allen, Tim Anuszkiewicz, Ramona Barretero, Camille Beville, Colleen Billingsley, Bill Binder, Gayle Binder, Stacey Bixler, Bill Bridge, Nina Brown, Beverly Bryant, Jack Buffington, Jackie Cabbiness, Joe Cabezuela Tony Calkins, Chris Christopher, John Claypool, Adelle Clements, Amy Cole, Ken Cole, Lachella Coley, J.R. Compton, Jim Conlee, Ed Coplen, Kristi Culpepper, Joe Don Cummings, Linds Cumpton, Pam Dean, Randy Dean, Christene Donnell, Stephanie Ducheneaux, Martha Emerson Eddie Fortenberry, Kathie Paulk Fowler, Joan Fuston, Charlie Garza, Gail George, Bob Gerardy, Becky Gerlich, Terry Gilley, Cliff Golden, Kristen Goldston, Julie Gregoris, Lana Hall, Connie Harrington, Key Harrison, Bryan Hedrick, Amy Heller, Laurel Horton.

Also, Stephanie Hund, Jana Huston, Rene Johnson, Leota Kelso, Gayla Kimball, John Klattenhoff, Priscilla Lacey, Stacy Lea, Linda Lowe, Kristi Lytal, John Massey, Lois Matchett, Mike McManigal, Mary Medlock, Neal Medlock Jerry Miracle, Ed Morrow, Cindy Munson, Britt Narrell, Bobby Nino, Donnie O'Rand, Mary Ontiveros, Martha Paetzold, James Perkins, Sara Pesina, Cindy Peters, Sue Powell, Carol Printz, Cindy Rogers, Joe D. Rogers, Susan Rogers, Cindy Simons, Monty Smith, Don Summersgill, Dorothy Szydloski, Loy Triana, Bill Troyer, Ann Warwick, Becky Weatherly, Scott Whitaker, Wayne White, Margaret Williams, Marsha Winget, Heather Wright, Craig Yenzer, Billie Young, Ron Young, Sheri Young and Cherie motion by a 2-4 vote, a motion by Tooley to appoint Canyon lawyer C.T. Wimberly passed 4-2. On that vote, Weishaar and Marsh -- who had seconded Weishaar's original motion - voted against the appointment. Greenawalt, Marsh and Weishaar

argued that Wimberly does not have the experience or knowledge about public school law to effectively serve as district counsel. The three said the Amarillo firm

has three lawyers trained in school law and have experience in representing school districts. Tooley countered that Wimberly agreed during his interview with the board on Monday that he would take

about school law. Wimberly splits his time between Canyon and Houston, where he represents a private school.

extra time to learn what he needs to

Following the regular meeting agenda, trustees went into closed session for two hours. They evaluated Greenawalt, but took

no action on his status. The board decided last year not to extend multiyear administrator's contracts. After leaving the closed session, the board voted to approve offering contracts to district professionals for

ed by the administration. In other business Tuesday: - The board approved a new 1996-97

the 1996-97 school year as recommend-

school year calendar. Under the new calendar, teachers will report on Aug. 12, with a week of staff development and teacher preparation on tap.

Students will report on Aug. 19. Thanksgiving will be on Nov. 27-29, with Christmas break running from Dec. 23 through Jan. 3, 1997. Spring break will be March 24-28, 1997, and school will end with graduation of the Class of 1997 on May 23, 1997. Assistant superintendent Nena

Veazey said the calendar was chosen by district staff in voting over another version that split the spring holiday into four Fridays and one Monday off. That calendar, she said, was favored at the secondary level because the days off coincided better with UIL events, meaning students lost less class time for out-of-town competitions. -- The board honored Hereford

students who have participated in academic decathlon, the dyslexia spelling bee and UIL academic competitions this year. Marsh awarded certificates to the

students, many of whom were in

-- All six current trustees were in attendance -- Marsh, Weishaar, Valdez, Tooley, McWhorter and

Lifestyles

Ann Landers

on Secretary's Day that kept our remembering my birthday made me entire office in stitches. I clipped it—feel a whole lot better. out and planned to ask you to run it again. Here it is, Ann. How about it? -- Nellie from Vineland, N.J.

Dear Nellie: That piece originally appeared in the Shining Mountain Sentinel. I tried, without success, to track down the author. It was a great hit with office workers everywhere. I am delighted you asked to see it again -- especially because today, once again, is National Secretary's Day. Here it is: Why I Fired My Secretary

I woke up early, feeling depressed because it was my birthday, and I thought, "I'm another year older," but decided to make the best of it. So I showered and shaved, knowing when I went down to breakfast my . since we didn't have much to do in wife would greet me with a big kiss and say, "Happy birthday, dear."

All smiles, I went in to breakfast, and there sat my wife reading her newspaper, as usual. She didn't say one word. So I got myself a cup of coffee, made some toast and thought to myself, "Oh well, she forgot. The kids will be down in a few minutes, smiling and happy, and they will sing 'Happy Birthday' and have a nice gift for me.

There I sat, enjoying my coffee, and I waited. Finally, the kids came running into the kitchen, yelling, "Give me a slice of toast! I'm late! Where is my coat? I'm going to miss the bus!" Feeling more depressed than ever, I left for the office.

When I walked into the office, my secretary greeted me with a great big smile and a cheerful "Happy

Dear Ann Landers: A couple of birthday, boss." She then asked if she years ago, you had a hilarious column could get me some coffee. Her

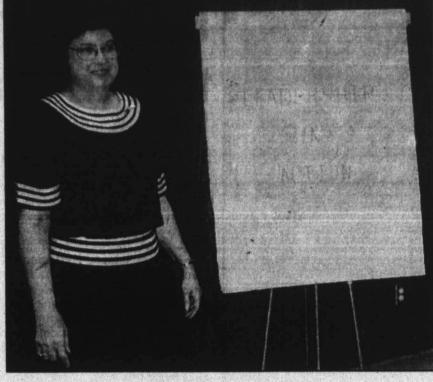
Later in the morning, my secretary knocked on my office door and said, "Since it's your birthday, why don't we have lunch together?" Thinking it would make me feel better, I said, "That's a good idea."

So we locked up the office, and since it was my birthday, I said, "Why don't we drive out of town and have lunch in the country instead of going to the usual place?" So we drove out of town and went to a little out-of-the-way inn and had a couple of martinis and a nice lunch. We started driving back to town, when my secretary said, "Why don't we go to my place and I will fix you another martini?" It sounded like a good idea

So we went to her apartment, and she fixed us some martinis. After a while, she said, "If you will excuse me, I think I will slip into something more comfortable," and she left the room. In a few minutes, she opened her bedroom door and came out carrying a big birthday cake. Following her were my wife and all my kids. And there I sat with nothing on but my socks.

Dear Ann: Twentieth century civilization lost something with the demise of the Burma Shave sign. They always made our motor trips a bit more enjoyable. Here's another one. -- Highway Fan

Car in ditch Driver in tree. The moon was full And so was he.



Speaking on leadership

Linda Minchew, Texas district operations officer for Pilot Club, presented the program on "Leadership in Action" for the regular breakfast meeting of the Hereford Pilot Club Tuesday.

Hereford Pilot Club elects new officers

New officers were elected by Hereford Pilot Club at its Tuesday morning breakfast meeting in the Community Center catered by Something Special.

Officers elected were Claudia Smith, president; Martha Jones, president elect; Brenda Thomas, recording secretary; Vesta Mae Nunley, treasurer; Betty Sue

Robinson, corresponding secretary; and Mary Edwards, director. They will take office for the next

year beginning July 1. Linda Minchew, Texas District club operations officer, presented the program on "Leadership in Action."

Points covered in the presentation were development of attitude, reviewing individual history, familiarizing self with policies of organization, encouraging membership, accepting criticism and praise, exposing and solving problems, leading by example and building a positive reputation.

President Yvonne Simpson presided over the business meeting, chaplain Zula Arney gave the invocation and Brenda Thomas led the pledge to the flag.

An announcement was made by Dianna Kimmel that an Anchor orientation meeting was planned for prospective members and their rents at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Community Center.

Visitors present were Carolyn McDonald and Marilyn Culpepper.



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MENUS

THURSDAY-Beef stew, cheese sticks, fried okra, tossed salad, cornbread, bread pudding with raisin sauce; or chicken tetrazini, fruit.

FRIDAY-Fried pollock, cheese grits, blackeyed peas, stewed tomatoes, pudding with topping; or ranch chicken.

MONDAY-Ham/beef loaf, au gratin potatoes, buttered broccoli, tossed green salad, apricot crisp; or fish nuggets, apricots.
TUESDAY-Chicken strips with

gravy, mashed potatoes, seasoned green beans, lime frosted salad, chocolate cake; or hamburger steak. D'Zerta Salad, vanilla wafers.

pickles and onion, apricot cobbler; or sliced ham, apricots.

ACTIVITIES
THURSDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-1:45 a.m., oil painting 9-11 a.m., Young at Heart Choir practice 1-2 p.m.

FRIDAY-Pool classes, line dancing 10-11 a.m. SATURDAY-Games 12 noon 4

MONDAY-Pool classes, line dancing 10-11 a.m., doll class 12:30-4:30 p.m.

TUESDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., return from Spring Tour evening.

WEDNESDAY-Pool classes, WEDNESDAY-Beef brisket with exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., craft sauce, pinto beans, steamed cabbage, and ceramics 1-3 p.m.

Promise Keeper Rally set for Civic Center

Bob Simmons, head football coach head football coach since December at Oklahoma State University, and Dudley Hall, Christian pastor-teacher, will speak at the area's '96 Promise Keepers Wake Up Rally from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Friday in the Amarillo Toledo prior to joining the Colorado Civic Center Coliseum.

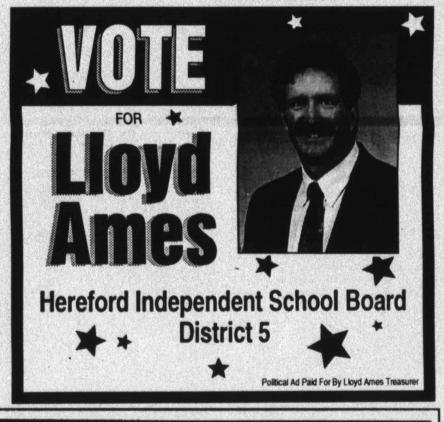
This will be the third area-wide Wake Up Rally sponsored by the Amarillo Regional Promise Keepers Task Force.

According to event co-chairman Pat Davis, the rally gathers men from different denominational, ethnic and cultural backgrounds for a time of

The event will open with a praise of Samford University and South-and worship time from 6:30-7 p.m., western Baptist Theological

1994. He came to Stillwater from the University of Colorado where he spent seven years. He coached at West Virginia and the University of staff. He coaching career began in 1975 at his alma mater, Bowling Green. Simmons, and his wife, Linda, have three children.

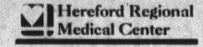
Hall is president of Successful Christian Living Ministries. He is author of several books and is an elder at Restoration Church in Euless. where he is also a pastor-teacher. A worship, renewal and recommitment. native of Alabama, Hall is a graduate followed by the rally from 7-10 p.m. Seminary. He and his wife, Betsy, Simmons, 47, has been OSU's have two children.



Recognition of Earth Day

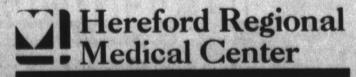
The Hereford Cattle Women presented a tree to the Hereford Day Care in observance of Earth Day on Monday. The donation was part of a week-long celebration of "The Week Of The Child" by the day care and was a stewardship project conducted by the Cattle Women. The children also received coloring papers about Earth Day and a picture to be used in the day care from Cattle Women, Robin Johnson and Linda Fitzgerald. Pictured with Robin Johnson, left, is the three-year-old class and teachers Alice Medina and Amelia Van.

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Notice of Annual Meeting of Members

To the Membership:

It is our pleasure to invite you to attend the 1996 Annual Meeting of Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union, to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 25, 1996. The meeting will be held at the Hereford Community Center. The door will open at 6:30 p.m. and refreshments will be served.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Joe E. Kerr President of the Board



Joe Kerr **Board President**

Hereford Texas Federal (V)

Sports



Not this time

Hereford catcher Tanner Murphey blocks the plate and tags a Dumas runner out. The play prevented a run, but Dumas still won 13-3 Tuesday at Whiteface Field.

Demons defeat Whitefaces

out to a 7-0 lead after two innings and closer to clinching a playoff berth by coasted to a 13-3 win over Hereford Tuesday at Whiteface Field.

base on a Herd error and two walks Hereford after some of the regulars from Herd starter Joseph Artho. They scored on a sacrifice fly by Matt Milligan and a two-run single. Dumas scored four more runs in the second, two on a single by Jason Brown.

Hereford scored single runs in the first, second and seventh innings. Dumas scored four of its runs in the top of the seventh make the score look worse than the game.

It was Hereford's 12th straight loss. The Herd is now 0-9 in District

PRCA money winning lists

By The Associated Press Through April 21

ALL-AROUND COWBOY 1, Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, \$54,154. 2, Herbert Theriot, Poplarville, Miss., \$47,370. 3, Chad Klein, Jackson, La., \$33,060.4, Brian Fulton, Valentine, Neb., \$24,302.

BAREBACK RIDING

1, Marvin Garrett, Belle Fourche, S.D., \$36,280. 2, Denny McLanahan, Canadian, Texas, \$25,229.3, Wayne Herman, Dickinson, N.D., \$23,096. 4. Lance Crump, Cooper, Texas, \$22,882. 5, Chad Klein, Jackson, La., \$21,961. **BULL RIDING**

1, Jerome Davis, Archdale, N.C., \$45,569. 2, Philip Elkins, Fort Worth, Texas, \$31,525. 3, Chris Littlejohn, Tulsa, Okla., \$27,742. 4, Terry West, Henryetta, Okla., \$26,769. 5, Aaron Semas, Auburn, Calif., \$26,094.

CALF ROPING 1, Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, \$39,445. 2. Herbert Theriot, Poplarville, Miss., \$33,874. 3, Cody Ohl, Orchard, Texas, \$31,016. 4, Mike Johnson, Henryetta, Okla., \$28,214. 5, Fred

Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, \$25,022. STEER WRESTLING 1, Chad Bedell, Jensen, Utah, \$42,374. 2, Marty Melvin, Keller, Texas, \$30,942. 3, Mark Waltz, Coolidge, Ariz., \$24,779. 4. Roy Duvall, Checotah, Okla., \$23,001. 5, Tommy Cook, Hockley, Texas, \$20,023.

TEAM ROPING (HEADING)

1, Steve Purcella, Hereford, Texas, \$22,722. 2, Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas, \$21,433. 3, Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, \$14,710. 4, J.D. Yates, Pueblo, Colo., \$12,880. 5, Bobby Hurley, Ceres, Calif., \$12,050. TEAM ROPING (HEELING)

1, Steve Northcott, Odessa, Texas, \$22,722. 2, Rich Skelton, Llano, Texas, \$21,433. 3, Tom Bourne, Marietta, Ga., \$15,466. 4, Jay Wadhams, Pueblo, Colo., \$12,880. 5, Allen Bach, Toltec, Ariz., \$12,414. STEER ROPING

1, Jim Davis, Abilene, Texas, \$6,159. 2, Jason Evans, Huntsville, Texas, \$5,893. 3, Wade Lewis, Hereford, Texas, \$5,233. 4, Guy Allen, Lovington, N.M., \$4,906. 5, Bobby Harris, Gillette, Wyo., \$4,140.6. Sid Howard, Canyon, Texas, \$3,247.

BARREL RACING 1, Kristie Peterson, Elbert, Colo., \$35,855. 2, Sherry Cervi, Marana, Ariz., \$26,786. 3, Sharon Kobold, Big Hom. Wyo., \$22,807. 4, Kay Blandford, Stockdale, Texas, \$22,694. 5, Deb Mohon, Gladewater, Texas, \$20,442.

Windowski and Same of Colombia

Dumas put its first three batters on inserted into the starting lineup for

District 1-4A

Baseball standings

Randall

Dumas

Borger

Canyon

Pampa

Caprock

Hereford

Tuesday's results

Dumas 13, Hereford 3

Randall 18, Caprock 17

Saturday's games (1 p.m.)

Canyon 6, Borger 3

Hereford at Pampa

Caprock at Canyon

Borger at Dumas

District

2 6

0 9 Overall

17 8

19-6-1

13 12

14 9

11 12

4 19

9 13

The Dumas baseball team jumped 1-4A and 4-19 overall. Dumas moved missed practice Monday. Dustin Hill started at shortstop, Tate Head in right field and Jeremy Scott at second improving to 6-2 and 19-6-1. Several young players were

"I thought we played well with the changes," coach Pete Rodriguez said. 'We started some younger kids that hadn't played much varsity. They came in and played well."

Hill doubled in the first inning and scored when the Dumas shortstop booted Nathan Gavina's grounder. Rudy Villarreal led off the second

inning with a single, and Artho followed with a single. They pulled off a double steal, and Villarreal scored when the throw to third skipped into the outfield.

Dumas starting pitcher Stacy Milligan didn't give up a hit in the third-sixth innings and ended with a complete game four-hitter.

In the seventh, Hereford's Wade McPherson singled and eventually scored on Eric Ambold's sacrifice fly.

Hereford goes to Pampa Saturday for one of its three remaining games. Rodriguez said the team intends to avoid going 0-10 in district.

"We've got three games left and we've got to win one somewhere," he said. "We're playing well. We just can't get over that hump."

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McWhorter, Robbins earn trip to state tennis tourney

By JAY PEDEN

Sports Editor Hereford's Paige Robbins and Natalie McWhorter are going back to the state tennis tournament after winning the girls' doubles championship at the Region I-4A Tournament Tuesday in San Angelo.

The girls blew away Cantrell Lewis and Sarah Pennington of Sweetwater, 6-3, 6-2, in the finals Tuesday afternoon. The Hereford girls, seeded No. 1 in the tournament, lost only 12 games in three matches.

They really turned it on in the finals, playing their best despite having already beaten the Sweetwater girls twice this year.

"In the finals, they played more like they did in district," Herd coach Ed Coplen said, referring to a dominating performance. "I was kind McKim of afraid of the Sweetwater team Spring.

after the first day of the Region I-4A

Golf Tournament, the Hereford boys'

team totaled 323 Tuesday and slipped

Hereford finished the two-day tournament with a score of 629.

The Hereford girls shot 368 Tuesday and fininshed fifth at 731. That was 56 strokes behind Andrews,

the champion at 675. Snyder shot the day's best round (327) and passed

Borger for the runner-up spot, 676-

not available for comment.

Hereford coach Stacey Bixler was

On Monday, all five Hereford boys shot in the 70s. On Tuesday, only one did: David Sims shot 79, giving him

a two-day total of 154. Sims was

followed by: Jeremiah Baros, 80--

156; Justin Griffith, 81--158; Keith

Riley, 83--161; and Tom Munoz, 86--

Borger totaled 298 Tuesday to win the tournament at 602. Waxahachie won a playoff with Snyder for the second state berth after both finished

to seventh.

Boys' golf team falls to 7th

After standing in second place day and stayed their the second day.

because they had just beaten Randall in the semifinals and they looked good."

The Sweetwater pair beat Randall's Nicole Munoz and Hollye Hodges, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3, in the semifinals.

"(McWhorter and Robbins) went out with confidence and played really well," Coplen said.

The state tournament will be May 6-7 in Austin. That date is earlier than usual because the University of Texas is hosting the NCAA championships the following weekend, and Penick-Allison Courts will be tied up.

Hereford's B.J. Lockmiller and Andrew Carr ended up fourth in boys doubles after losing the third-place match, 4-6, 7-5, 6-3, to Drew McKimmey and Kayne Stroud of Big

Jami Bell led the team by shooting 88

Tuesday for a two day total of 180.

She was followed by: Amy Killingsworth, 92--186; Jacque

Bezner, 94--184; Stephanie Bixler,

"The Big Spring team was the No.3 seed, and they just played real well against us," Coplen said. "We played as hard as we could. Sometimes you get beat."

District 1-4A dominated at regionals. Each of the district's eight entries in the four brackets finished at least fourth (out of 14 entries in each bracket).

District 1-4A will be sending seven players to state, while the other six districts combined will send five.

The district swept girls' singles, as Dumas' Emily Johnson won the title, beating Borger's Lacey Jordan in the finals. In boys' singles, Matt Thompson

of Borger took second place and Pampa's Brooks Gentry claimed third.

In girls' doubles, the Hereford girls won and the Randall girls were

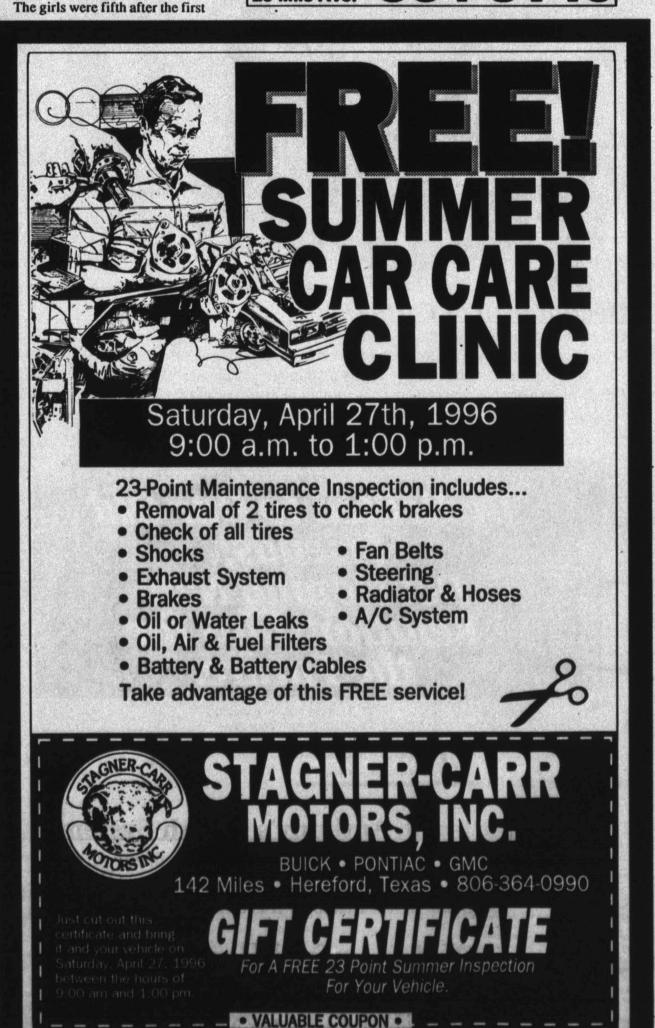
In boys' doubles, Eric Marable and Cliff Martin finished second.



To See: Jerry Shipman, CLU 801 N. Main

(See GOLF, Page 5)





Rockets focus on defense to defend NBA title

NBA playoffs at a glance

National Basketball Association Playoffs Day-by-Day At A Glance

By The Associated Press First Round (Best-of-5) Thursday, April 25 New York at Cleveland, 6 p.m.

(TBS) Atlanta at Indiana, 7 p.m. (TNT) Portland at Utah, 8:30 p.m. (TBS) Houston at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Friday, April 26 Detroit at Orlando, 6 p.m. (TBS) Phoenix at San Antonio, 7 p.m.

Miami at Chicago, 8:30 p.m. (TBS) Sacramento at Seattle, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 27 New York at Cleveland, noon

(NBC) Houston at L.A. Lakers, 2:30 p.m.

Atlanta at Indiana, 7 p.m. (TNT) Portland at Utah, 9:30 p.m. (TNT)

Sunday, April 28 Detroit at Orlando, 11:30 a.m. (NBC)

Phoenix at San Antonio, 2 p.m. (NBC)

Miami at Chicago, 4:30 p.m.

Sacramento at Seattle, 8 p.m.

Monday, April 29 Utah at Portland, 9:30 p.m. (TNT)

Indiana at Atlanta, 7 p.m. (TNT)

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ

AP Sports Writer GALVESTON, Texas (AP)--It's worked before, so Houston Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich isn't messing with anything that helped his team win the last two NBA titles.

For the third straight year, the Rockets have returned to their surf and sand getaway on the Texas A&M University at Galveston campus to prepare for yet another improbable run at an NBA championship.

The Rockets open their best-of-five, first-round playoff series against the Lakers on Thursday in Los Angeles and it's unlikely the Rockets had time to lounge on the beach in their three-day visit. It's been all work.

"It's hard to get the adrenalin going as much in practice, but we need this," forward Robert Horry said following Tuesday's three-hour

All they're hearing from Tomjano-

vich is one word: defense. "If we get our defense focused,

there's always a chance," Tomjanovich said. "When I took over this team, we had to make that commitment, and that's still the No. 1 thing with us."

The Rockets' defense sagged near the end of the season, when injuries made it a challenge just to make out the starting lineup.

"Defense is the only key to this series," guard Sam Cassell said. "We can always score points. What we've got to do is turn it up on defense and get after those guys."

Added Clyde Drexler: "We've been working on our transition defense, getting back and stopping the fast break. We're just trying to counter their highly potent offense."

The Rockets went into last

without the home court advantage, and defeated three 60-victory teams en route to their second NBA title, finishing with a 4-0 sweep of

The preparations must have Lakers coach Del Harris concerned because he has closed his team's workouts.

"It really doesn't matter," Tomjanovich said. "We won't know how they'll start anyway. There's a combination of things that can happen, and we've just got to be

"There will be tough situations
"There will be tough situations defending them, and some (matchups) will be on our side. All players aren't created equal."

The Rockets must counter the mystique of Magic Johnson, but that's not their only problem.

"I worry more about their big guys getting hot, because that opens up

Sonics' Kemp to miss 1 game

SEATTLE (AP)--All-Star Shawn case, we're the underdogs. And we emp is off the Seattle SuperSonics' like it that way," Reynolds said. Kemp, the team's leading scorer Kemp is off the Seattle SuperSonics' roster for Game 1 of the opening-round playoff series against and rebounder, was suspended for the Sacramento Friday, but the Kings first playoff game and fined \$7,500

aren't taking it easy.
"They've won 64 games and they didn't do that with one player," said Jerry Reynolds, Sacramento's director of player personnel.

"We shouldn't have a letdown, knowing Shawn's not in there. We got our tails kicks this year ... In our punishment for what he called a

for fighting with Denver's Tom Hammonds in the Sonics' regular-season finale last Sunday.

Kemp also received an automatic \$1,000 fine for the ejection.

Sonics coach George Karl said a fine would have been sufficient

wrestling match.

For Kemp, who practiced with the team Tuesday but declined to comment, this is the first suspension in his seven-year career.

"There are moments I'm angry about it," Karl said of the suspension, but there are moments when I look at how Shawn gets beat up and is physically abused by less-talented players holding and grabbing him. I respect what he has to go through to

McGwire returns to A's, walks twice

By BEN WALKER **AP Baseball Writer**

The home runs will come, as they always do. For now, the Oakland Athletics are happy merely to see Mark McGwire standing in the batter's box.

The oft-injured McGwire made his first appearance of the season Tuesday, reaching base three times

Alou's homer lifts up Expos

The Montreal Expos still had the Alou they needed on the bench in the ninth inning.

with one out in the ninth Tuesday night to give the surprising Expos their fifth straight win, 12-11 over the St. Louis Cardinals.

Alou was kept out of the starting lineup for the second straight game by manager Felipe Alou--his father--because of a hamstring injury. He connected on an 0-2 pitch from T.J. Mathews (1-1), driving the ball over the left-field wall for his fifth home

Elsewhere in the National League, it was: Los Angeles 3, Atlanta 2; Philadelphia 6, Pittsburgh 2; San Diego 7, Florida 2; Colorado 4, Chicago 3; Houston 8, San Francisco 4; and New York 8, Cincinnati 6 in 10 innings.

Astros 8, Giants 4

At San Francisco, Jeff Bagwell hit a two-run double and Derrick May added a two-run single as Houston scored seven times in the third.

Darryl Kile (2-2) struck out eight in six innings as Houston won for the sixth time in seven games.

Mark Carreon hit his sixth homer

for the Giants.
William VanLandingham (0-4) allowed eight runs in six innings. It was his first career loss at home after going 9-0 in his first 18 starts in San Francisco.

GOLF

94--187; and Krista Beville, 100--

Dumas' Jamie McInturff won the medalist competition, shooting 75 to finish at 149. She finished ahead of two Borger girls: Sarah Moore, 75--152; and Emily Chester, 79--162.

Lamesa's Kevin Taylor won the boys' title at 68--142. Pampa's Phil Everson was third at 73--145. Following are the complete team

standings:

Boys: 1, Borger, 304-298--602; 2, (won playoff) Waxahachie, 312-303--615; 3, Snyder, 312-303--615; 4, Lamesa, 313-305--618; 5, Granbury, 309-311--620; 6, Big Spring, 310-312--622; 7, Hereford, 306-323--629; 8, Andrews, 322-310-632; 9, Stephenville, 322-322-644; 10, Arlington Heights Blue, 327-320-647; 11, Everman, 331-345--676; 12, Arlington Heights Gold, 370-376--746; 13, Canutillo, 385-394--779; 14, El Paso High, 466-442--908.

Girls: 1, Andrews, 343-332--675; 2, Snyder, 349-327--676; 3, Borger, 346-337--683; 4, Fort Stockton, 350-367--717; 5, Hereford, 363-368--731; 6, Stephenville, 363-376--739; 7, Lamesa, 381-379--760; 8, Brownwood, 417-382--799; 9, Arlington Heights, 497-432--929; 10, Waxahachie, 491-462--953; 11, El Paso Jefferson, 488-470--955; 12, El Paso High, 480-476--956; 13, Midlothian, 509-486--995.

in a 9-6 win over the visiting ed hitter, also tripled and doubled. He Milwaukee Brewers. He'd been sidelined for six weeks because of torn tissue in his right foot.

McGwire was 0-for-1 officially, but walked twice, was hit by a pitch and scored a run. He left in the seventh inning for a pinch-runner. "That's a huge lift for us, getting

Mac back, because we have a true No. 4 hitter again and that evens up the whole lineup," said Jason Giambi, who homered. In other games, Cleveland defeated

Baltimore 9-8, Kansas City downed New York 5-2, Minnesota beat Boston 8-6 and Chicago topped Texas

Giambi, playing first base while Moises Alou hit a pinch-hit homer McGwire eases back as the designat-

drove in three runs, scored twice and extended his hitting streak to 13 games. Scott Brosius homered twice and drove in four runs for the A's.

Minus McGwire, the A's know their chances of contending in the AL West are dim. With him, at least

"We're not the type of team to win 100 games but you know, we've pretty much been in every game we've played this season," McGwire said. "I think we will surprise people, if we haven't already."

McGwire, Oakland's career home run leader, has been on the disabled list five straight seasons. He hit 39 homers and set a major league record of one homer per 8.1 at-bats last year.

NOTICE OF

GENERAL ELECTION

(AVISO DE ELECCIÓN GENERAL)

To the Registered Voters of the City of Hereford, Texas:

(A los votantes registrados de la Ciudad de Hereford, Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from

7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 4, 1996,

for voting in a general election to elect

Commissioner Place Two, Commissioner Place Four, Commissioner At-Large

Place Five, and Commissioner At-Large Place Six.

(Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abriran

desde las

7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el día 4 de mayo de 1996

para votar en las Elección General para elegir

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(DIRECCIÓN DE LA CASILLA ELECTORAL)

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(EL EDIFICIO COMMUNITY CENTER)

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Deaf Smith County Clerk's Office, County Courthouse, Hereford, Texas

(La votacion adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en

Deaf Smith County Clerk's Office, County Courthouse, Hereford, Texas)

between the hours of

8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 15, 1996 and

ending on April 30, 1996.

(entre las 8:00 a.m. de la mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el día 15 de Abril, 1996

y terminando el día 30 de Abril, 1996.)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a:)

David Ruland, County Clerk

Deaf Smith County Courthouse

Hereford, Texas 79045

Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of

business on April 26, 1996.

(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse

para el fin de las horas de negocio el día 26 de Abril, 1996.)

Issued this the 5th day of February, 1996.

(Emitada esté día 5 de Febrero, 1996.)

/s/ Robert D. Josserand

Signature of Mayor

(Firma del Alcalde)

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White Sox 6, Rangers 5

James Baldwin, promoted from the minors before the game, won for the first time in the majors.

The White Sox gave Baldwin an early 6-0 lead, then watched him almost give it away. His error set up a five-run fifth, and he left after the

Chicago relievers stopped Texas on three hits the rest of the way. Roberto Hernandez, with a 0.00 ERA through 11 2-3 innings, worked around two leadoff walks in the ninth for his fifth save.

Harold Baines homered for the second straight game, and Tony Phillips had three hits, scored two runs and drove in two as Chicago finished a 6-2 road trip.

play defense.

Trainers are working feverishly to et the Rockets healthy. Forward Chucky Brown was the only player who started all 82 games as the Rockets went through a season of injury misery.

It started Jan. 17, when Mario Elie suffered a broken bone in his right arm and then missed 36 games. Drexler was out 29 games following arthroscopic knee surgery, and Cassell missed 20 games with an

season's playoffs as the sixth seed their outside guys," Horry said. elbow injury that also required without the home court advantage, "We've just got to go out there and arthroscopic surgery. Hakeem Olajuwon missed 10 games because of tendinitis in both knees.

The result is the Rockets are struggling to get ready for the playoffs.

"This is going to be a tough series," guard Kenny Smith said. "They have a nice blend of talent, youth and experience. I think everybody is anticipating a great series."

The Rockets beat the Lakers 3-1 in the regular season.

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Retiree has eye for old agriculture equipment

By JENNIFER BEVERS

Bryan-College Station Eagle Ed Thomas purchased an empty lot if their old farm equipment is for sale. next to his house.

If he hadn't, there would be no room to store his burgeoning collection of antique agriculture equipment.

It isn't junk that fills Thomas' yard. Instead, the area is a backyard minimuseum, with shiny pieces of farm equipment neatly lined up against fences and trees. The equipment has been restored to look exactly as it did when it was first purchased. And that was anywhere from the early to mid-1900s.

"I would see one piece and say, 'I'd like to have one of those to go in my yard," Thomas says. "After you get into anything, you learn where to go and what to offer.

"I don't collect from a certain period. The older, the better I guess."

Thomas retired nine years ago after 33 years' service with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service. Agriculture has been a major part of his life professionally and academically. He received a degree in agriculture education Texas A&M in 1953.

The dilapidated farm equipment often seen near old, abandoned farm houses is Thomas' passion. He takes rusted, rotted, broken pieces of equipment and turns them into usable. attractive tools. He learns how to repair and paint the equipment by researching the pieces in agriculture books and copying photographs and drawings of what they should look

"All of the equipment is horse- or mule-drawn farm equipment," he says. "I get it from everywhere. Two or three pieces ... from an old farm near Sherman, Texas, ... were donated to Austin College. I get some at auctions and off people's farms in the Texas Panhandle and Oklahoma."

Thomas doesn't look for farm equipment around the Brazos Valley

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"It's becoming scarce - quite

rare," he says.

Thomas has been known to drive BRYAN, Texas - It's a good thing up to people's houses and ask them

> "Sometimes I have to bargain with them, and some won't sell at all," Thomas says. "I have a lot of friends who help me. They're always keeping their eye out and letting me know."

> Before Thomas pulls what's left of a piece of farm equipment apart, he takes a photograph of it, so he'll know how to put it back together. He also uses the photos to illustrate his before-and-after stories.

> "They're usually rusted out and broken," he says. "I get them in pretty bad shape. A lot of parts are missing, so I have to make them or get a welder to do it.'

> Thomas doesn't have to refer to notes when he shows his farm equipment to people. When he takes someone on a tour of his collection, he is able to provide more than enough information about each piece from memory.

> Now that Thomas has built up a sizable collection of old farm equipment, he sometimes shows it at conventions, such as the National Association of Retired Federal Employees' state banquet held in March in College Station. He also showed the farm equipment and gave a presentation titled "Horse- and Mule-Powered Agriculture: A Review of Several Pieces of Restored Farming Equipment" at the January meeting of the Brazos Corral of the Westerners.

> Thomas will show his equipment, but he won't sell it. He says he's put too much work and time into each piece to let any of them go.

> Thomas says some of the pieces of agricultural equipment he has collected remind him of the days when he was a boy, growing up on a farm in Vernon. They're the same type of equipment that was used to work the farm, such as the Go Devil cultivator that cultivated cotton, grain and sorghum. He also has an old International Harvester that was used to rake hay and an early 20th-century

walk-behind cultivator that allowed farmers to control where the plow went in relation to the rows.

Some of the equipment, such as the International Harvester mower, are still usable. Thomas has used the mower a couple of times to mow his back yard, although using a modern mower would be simpler. But using the old mower is fun, he says.

"It mows the weeds well," he says. "I just hook it to the back of a lawn tractor and pull it. It's a fine piece of equipment. There were some good engineers back then.'

Like any collector, Thomas has a favorite - his little red wagon from the early '20s. When he found the wagon, it was sunk was partially buried in an open pasture, and the wood was rotten. To restore it, he applied five coats of red paint to the metal and put a new wooden bed on it.

Thomas is also very fond of his grain drill, mainly because of the work he had to do just to claim it. The drill was stuck at least eight inches in the ground in a pasture in Sherman. He and some friends tried to pull it out, but wound up using two pickup trucks to remove it from the ground.

Thomas says the grain drill was so rusted out, he didn't know if he could restore it. After removing the rust and putting on five coats of paint, he's made

it look as good as new. Depending on the amount of work involved in each restoration piece, it can take between one and six months for him to complete a job. Equipment restoration isn't his only project. He also works in his church, officiates Texas A&M track meets and is busy with his eight grandchildren.

Whenever he has free time, Thomas works in the shop behind his house. Sometimes, he says, he takes a break and just looks over his equipment again and again. He didn't set out to amass such an extensive collection when he purchased and restored his first piece three years ago.

'Oh, I just wanted one or two," he says. "Then one or two leads to one more. I thought, well, if I have a plow, then why can't I have a mower,

by Brant Darkor & Johnny Hart

and I if I have a mower, then why I can't I have a rake ...?

And if Thomas can have a rake, why can't he have the centerpiece of farm equipment, a tractor? He does.

Just when you think you've seen all his backyard equipment, Thomas opens the gate to an adjacent lot where two old John Deere tractors sit, one from 1952 and another from 1932. Thomas is using the older tractor for parts to restore the newer one, which he keeps under an awning for protection.

Also in Thomas' extra lot is an old planter and a wiggle-tail cultivator the first piece of equipment Thomas collected. He sits on it now and again and wiggles it back and forth, which is what it took to get the machine going, along with some mules, of

"All I need is a range and a couple of mules," Thomas says, sitting while on the planter that now holds pecans instead of seeds.

Thomas' hobby isn't cheap. He says he hasn't paid more than \$250 for any piece of equipment, but he puts a lot of money and time into the restoration process. What his restored pieces are worth now is a far cry from their worth originally.

"A tool like my rake was \$96 in them pretty again," he says.

the 1920s, and that was a year's worth of pay then," Thomas says.

Thomas says he doesn't have a list of particular pieces he'd like to collect. He just comes upon them by the side of the road when he and his wife Mary go on trips.

Thomas says he hopes he'll find a few more pieces, maybe a couple of wagons, although they're difficult to come by.

"I enjoy working with my hands now, taking things apart, seeing how they work, putting them back together, restoring them and making

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By Fred Lasswell

Some Century car seats defective

Illustration #2

Latch Identification

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Century Products Company has determined from crash testing its SmartMove overhead shield model 4750 car seat, that some of the car seats manufactured between Dec. 5, 1995, and Feb. 13, 1996, fail to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 213, Child Restraint Systems.

During routine tests, the latch mechanism on a small number of these seats released when the car seat

Location of:

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was tested in the forward facing mode with a three year old dummy with the latch in the slot closest to the child. There is no problem when the car seat is used rear facing, or when it is used forward facing with the latch in the forward slot.

In cooperation with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Century is providing a free

replace the latch mechanism.

There are three key points that consumers must check to verify that seat is included in this campaign:

1. The car seat must be a model #4750 SmartMove car seat with the Overhead Shield. The model number is located on the side of the car seat base and is the first four numbers on the label. (See Illustration #1).

2. The car seat must have been retrofit kit so owners can easily manufactured between the dates of

LATCH IDENTIFICATION WORK ORDER NUMBERS

Dec. 5, 1995 (120595) and Feb. 13, 1996 (021396). This manufacturing date is located on the same label as the model number, and is the last six numbers on the label. (See Illustration

3. The work order number for the latch assembly, which is located on a white label attached to the black adjuster strap on the back of the car seat, must be: WO#-136716-01, WO#-136716-02, WO#-136716-03, or WO#-138442-01. (See Illustration

If your SmartMove overhead shield model #4750 car seat meets all three of these criteria, please call Century Products toll-free at 1-800-583-4093, to arrange for a free retrofit kit. You should continue to use your car seat until you receive the

If your car seat does not meet all three of these criteria, your car seat is not included in this campaign.

Veleda Club holds election

Election of officers was the main item on the agenda for the Veleda Study Club meeting held Monday in the home of Theda Seiver.

Officers for the coming year, elected by acclamation, were Frances Crume, president; Clovis Seago, vice president; Mary Dziuk, secretary; Bettie Dickson, treasurer; Betty Gilbert, historian and Margaret Zinser, parliamentarian.

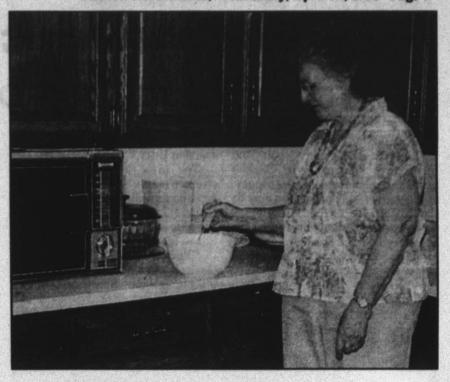
Guest speaker, Cynthia Miller, presented the program on "Decorating Your Home.

Miller stressed the main purpose of a house is to protect us from the elements but every woman wants to take that house and add her ideas to it to make it a home. President Zinser presided over the

According to Dr. David Smith, answered with "What period of decorating most appeals to you."

Norma Walden reported the next meeting will be a salad supper at 7 p.m. May 13 in Something Special.

In attendance were Marcella Bradly, Juanita Brownd, Della Hutto, Betty Olson, Joyce Ritter, Betty Roberts, DeAun Sisson, Crume, Dickson, Dziuk, Seago, Seiver, Walden and Zinser.



Cooking for the sale

Irene Boardman prepares a casserole for the sale at First Presbyterian Church. The first annual Plant and Flower Exchange, Bedding Plant and Casserole Sale will be held from 9 a.m.-12 noon Saturday in the church parking lot.

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Texas Department of Health urging · parents to immunize infants, children

AUSTIN -- The Texas Department line. of Health (TDH) has joined hundreds of organizations, volunteers and even a team of health-conscious puppets to keep the Lone Star State's infant immunization program on track.

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Celebrating this week as National Infant Immunization Week, representatives from Shots Across Texas, TDH's infant immunization campaign, unveiled ImmTrac, a new statewide immunization tracking system. Developed jointly by TDH and Electronic Data Systems, ImmTrac is a core vaccination tracking application and database; a Voice Response System enabling users to obtain immunization information by phone; and a personal computer program interface for health care providers to access immuniza-

chapters, including a chapter in Hereford, are expected to attend the

65th annual Texas State P.E.O.

Convention in Amarillo Thursday

members in Amarillo, Canadian,

Hereford and Pampa and members of the convention staff have worked on

arrangements for the convention for

Twelve chapters representing

through Saturday.

several months.

In addition to ImmTrac, Shots Across Texas presented the inaugural performance of "Four by 2," an innovative puppet show designed to educate children on the importance of infant immunization.

Developed by TDH with the help of The University of Texas Performing Arts Center and Department of Fine Arts, "Four by 2" refers to the need for four immunization visits by the age of two for a baby to be fully vaccinated and protected from dangerous diseases.

The largest infant immunization campaign in Texas history, Shots Across Texas was launched by the Texas Department of Health in 1993 when only about 40 percent of the state's children under the age of two tion data with a modem and phone were being fully immunized. The

founded in 1869 by seven young women who attended Iowa Wesleyan

College in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, It

was first a college sorority, but later

became a community organization for

women. The first chapter in Texas was formed in Whitesboro in 1902

and the second chapter was chartered

The organization is dedicated to

the education and the furthering of

program has been credited with helping to raise the state's infant immunization rate to 71 percent.

Texas Commissioner of Health, "Despite our early successes, we cannot stop until we reach our goal of 90 percent. Too many of our children are suffering -- and sometimes dying -- from vaccinepreventable diseases."

For more information on ImmTrac, "Four by 2" or Shots Across Texas, please call 1-800-252-9152.

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Roberta Caviness of Hereford is opportunities for women both in this country and worldwide. chairman of the badges committee. On a local basis, the Hereford The theme for this year's convention is "P.E.O. -- A Song for chapter awards scholarships annually, after approval by the scholarship committee, to a graduating senior from Hereford High School and from Among the convention's special visitors will be international president, Mabel M. Otis, of Melrose, Dimmitt High School. aine. Scholarship applications are P.E.O., an international philan- available from the school counselor.

Cancer screening offered

Texas PEO convention

scheduled for Amarillo

Delegates from 223 Texas P.E.O. thropic organization of women, was

in Amarillo.

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at South Plains Health Care Providers, 603 E. Park, on May 10.

Each participant at the screening will receive a breast exam and oneon-one instruction in breast selfexamination by a registered nurse specially trained in breast cancer detection, and a mammogram by a mammography technician. Our program is certified by FDA, American College of Radiology and the State Health Departments of Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. Breast Cancer affects one in eight

women. The key to wining the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

The screening is available for women who qualify for financial aid and meet financial guidelines through grants from the Texas Department of Health and the American Cancer Society. Harrington Cancer Center offers free or low-cost mammograms to women who qualify.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call the Women's Center at Harrington Cancer Center at 1-800-377-4673 or 806-359-4673.



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Feed options for cattle decline with rising grain prices

Producers may resort to chicken litter, cactus to maintain herds

Cattle ranchers may soon find themselves knee deep in chicken manure. Litter from broiler flocks, along with prickly pear, soon may be the only affordable feed left in Texas for livestock consumption, reports the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

With grain and hay prices skyrocketing, there is no other choice for producers. They must feed anything that is readily available.

'Grain prices are too high to be feeding grain to cows, and I don't see the prices coming down," said Hagan Lippke of Uvalde, nutritionist with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. "Hay is up from \$100 to \$200 to \$230 per ton," he added.

South Texas ranchers have been burning prickly pear for months and will continue to do so until it is all

"I have burned all the pear on my place and I am now beginning to cut the tops off trees to keep my registered herd alive," said Carl

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) I am going to look into getting some chicken litter."

The high protein, high energy chicken manure can be and soon will be used as a dietary supplement for cattle. It is available in some areas of the state and is one of the only things left to feed cattle.

'Poultry manure from broiler flocks will run about 21 percent protein and the energy content of a broiler ration is 2,200 to 2,300 metabolizable calories per kilogram of feed," said Dr. C.R. Creger, head of poultry science department at Texas A&M University.

"Alfred Newman of Newman Stock Farms in Floresville, Texas, is experimenting with chicken manure for the first time. The test results showed his chicken manure with 19.84 percent protein.

"I have only gotten two loads of it and I am only feeding it to cow/calf pairs," Newman said.

Other ranchers have been feeding the manure for up to 30 years and Hoefelmeyer of Poth, Texas. "Next have never had any problems with it,

County Extension agent.

The high energy diet fed to the broilers cannot efficiently be utilized by the bird and so it is passed through the body only to be wasted.

"Birds are not able to use fast energy," Creger said. "This is a good way to recycle a waste product. It is environmentally friendly."

Virtually all protein rations for broilers are of plant origin so their by-products are compatible with cattle rations.

"If you take manure and mix it with a carrier such as hay or cottonseed hulls it will make a good cattle feed," Creger said. "The manure is well fortified with vitamins or minerals and trace minerals, but there are no added chemicals in poultry diets."

Another advantage of using poultry manure for cattle feed is that poultry diseases cannot be contracted by other species such as cattle or

"From a disease point of view,

said Jackie Risner, a Nacogdoches most poultry diseases are species specific," Creger said.

The only sickness that cattle can contract from the manure is Salmo-

"Cattle can get Salmonella, but only if (the manure) is not stored correctly," Risner said.

The only problem with feeding poultry manure is that it takes good management practices. Certain types of poultry manure must be diluted before being fed to cattle. It also has to be watered down and fermented into a silage.

"Laying hens produce raw waste that is too rich and has to be diluted with roughage like hay, and this isn't an easy process," Creger said. "But broilers and turkeys have a lot of rice hulls and wood shavings which is already a dilution."

Mixing and preparing the litter is the most difficult process when it comes to feeding it to cattle.

"It takes a lot of specialized equipment to handle it, and this is hard to come by," Risner said. "Small amounts can be mixed by hand, but it is an involved process.

Poultry manure also is a suitable feed for cattle because it is cheap and easy to find.

"Poultry companies will either sell it cheap just give it away as a way of disposing of it. And if beef cattle people can get it cheap, it decreases their cost," Creger said.

However, Risner says that in the Nacogdoches area ranchers are having a shortage of the litter.

We are having a shortage of litter because of a new water system that keeps us from having to clean the chicken houses as often as before," said Risner.

Creger added that it is recyclable and the cattle can utilize it. He went on to say, "There is no question about it, it is a good feed.'

Other ways of disposing of chicken manure are to send it to a lagoon or put it on the land as fertilizer.

'Sending it to a lagoon can cause air pollution and waste water problems, and putting it on the land in great quantities can burn out the land,' Creger said. "Feeding it is just a good ay to use the product."

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by district Extension directors:

PANHANDLE: very short. Range grasses are trying to green up. Dryland wheat is rated very poor, irrigated wheat rated good to fair. Corn planting continues. Livestock in fair condition and still receiving supplemental feed. Hay supplies short.

SOUTH PLAINS: very short. Ranges and pastures very dry; supplemental corn planted; wheat remains in poor condition. Onions and potatoes planted; land preparation for other vegetables crops continues.

ROLLING PLAINS: very short to short. Ranges and pastures in fair condition but rain is needed. Wheat ranges from good to fair condition. Cattle in good to fair condition. Sorghum planting delayed due to lack of rain. Peaches and plums blooming.

NORTH TEXAS: adequate to very short. Pasture and range conditions range from poor to excellent. Hay supply short; some supplemental feeding continues. Corn, cotton and sorghum planting almost complete. Watermelons and tomatoes being planted.

FAR WEST TEXAS: very short to adequate. Pastures ranging from very poor to good condition. Supplemental feeding continues. Irrigating and fertilizing onions and cantaloupe. Cutting and baling alfalfa hay. Few peach trees blooming from late freeze.

WEST CENTRAL TEXAS: short to very short. Pastures have greened up; still need moisture. Supplemental feeding still in progress; livestock in poor condition. Grain beginning to head out. Wheat being grazed out. Peach fruit set. Pecans past bud

CENTRAL TEXAS: short. Pasture and range condition remain poor; supplemental feeding continues.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS: adequate to poor. Cattle still receiving supplemental feed; livestock prices down. Hay supply is scarce; prices are high. Many ranchers are selling feeding still required. 35 to 40 percent large numbers of cattle.

CAPITOL COMMENT U.S. SENATOR KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

Fairness for the Elderly Eliminating the Social Security Earnings Penalty

f you are a Social Security recipient under the age of 70, your reward for energy and enterprise is higher taxes.

Fairness in taxation has long been an ideal rather than a reality for millions of American taxpayers. But none are put at a greater disadvantage than Social Security recipients under age 70 who earn more than a modest amount in wages or salary.

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This tax law is even more unfair than it sounds on its face, because it punishes those who rely on wage income. Only those earning wages or salaries face the limit. There is no penalty for those who receive income from

And because the tax law punishes productive work, our national income and productivity is smaller than it might otherwise be. Current income limits impose an irrational disincentive to work.

The earnings test has been a part of the Social Security system since its beginning. But last month Congress passed legislation that will allow Social Security recipients ages 65 through 69 to earn up to \$30,000 a year by the year 2002 without penalty.

This allowance will be phased in beginning this year. The exempt amount in 1996 would be \$14,500; in 1997, \$17,500; in 1998, \$20,000; in 1999, \$22,500; in 2000, \$25,000; in 2001, \$27,500, reaching \$30,000 the next

Two-thirds of those who would benefit from the repeal of the current law have an earned income of less than \$40,000.

No American should be discouraged or penalized for working - in particular the elderly, whose income quite often is reduced significantly by retirement. With today's high cost of living, especially the cost of health care, many seniors must supplement their incomes.

Seniors have a wealth of expertise gained through their 30-40 years of productivity in the workplace. The companies who hire them appreciate their strong work ethic, punctuality and flexibility. Their contributions in the workforce have the potential to spur billions of dollars in our annual output of goods and services.

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Congressmen find new uses for tax funds office money being spent to buy radio time

By MICHELLE MITTELSTADT **Associated Press Writer**

WASHINGTON (AP) - In a new twist on an old congressional privilege, House members are using taxpayer funds to buy radio time to communicate with their constituents.

In the past, lawmakers were limited to using taxpayer-funded mailings - their so-called franking privilege - to reach out in their districts. Newsletters, questionnaires and postcards were the norm.

But when Republicans took over the House last year, a quiet change was made. Lawmakers were permitted to dip into their office accounts to buy radio time and advertise local constituent meetings.

So far, at least five House members have taken to the airwaves.

Freshman Rep. Steve Stockman, R-Texas, has pushed the envelope the furthest, recently spending thousands of dollars to buy an hour of radio time to talk with listeners in his Gulf Coast district.

While members have explicit approval to purchase ads promoting town hall meetings, the rules are silent on the use of official funds to buy time for a radio show.

Bottom line: The committee rules do not prohibit members from using radio time for communication with constituents," said Bill Pierce, a spokesman for the House Oversight Committee, which enacted the

But in a letter to House Democrats mail," the spokesman, Cory Tuesday, the committee's ranking Birenbaum, said. on Tuesday, the committee's ranking Democrat, Rep. Vic Fazio of California, said the ramifications of the Republicans' interpretation were

Fazio also informed committee Republicans of his concern in a letter Tuesday. At the same time, he advised Democrats that if the policy isn't changed, they should be aware of the new communications tool available to them.

In a written response, Oversight Committee Chairman Bill Thomas, R-Calif., reminded Fazio that Democrats joined Republicans in unanimously approving the regulations last year.

Stockman's fall election opponent criticized the new rule as a Republican-created loophole" that politically benefits the incumbent, not the constituents.

"I think this is an attempt to provide Steve Stockman with as much election-year publicity as he can get." Jonathan Brown, a spokesman for Democrat Nick Lampson, said.

But a Stockman aide said the lawmaker simply found radio more cost-effective after spending \$30,000 last year to send 170,000 mailers promoting eight appearances, and

then watching just 200 people attend. "There is nothing sacred about

The new rules were designed to encourage lawmakers to be more creative about how they communicate back home, and came at the same time as a cut in the amounts of money allotted for official mailing.

"It was either come up with a different strategy or perish," said John Townsend, spokesman for Rep. Scotty Baesler, D-Ky.

Baesler spent \$600 to buy 39 minute-long spots on the top-rated station in his district, advertising three town hall meetings. "We are saving thousands of dollars" over the cost of old-fashioned mailed notices, Townsend said.

Others buying radio ads are Republicans Reps. Mark Neumann of Wisconsin, and Dave Camp and Dick Chrysler of Michigan.

Chrysler spent \$5,500 to advertise two meetings in the Lansing area, and found it far cheaper, an aide said. "I think most offices don't even

know about it yet," Townsend said. Stockman and Lampson are locked in one of the most competitive races in Texas. Embarrassed by Stockman's upset of 42-year Democratic incumbent Jack Brooks in 1994, Democratic leaders have vowed

revenge. Birenbaum declined to reveal the cost of his boss' first "electronic" town hall meeting: an hour-long

morning show Monday on a Beaumont, Texas, radio station. But he didn't dispute the \$15,000 to \$20,000 estimate made by Lampson.

Stockman promoted the show with 60-second ads running half a dozen times a day for several weeks on three stations. Lampson complained the ads mentioned neither the time nor date of Stockman's appearance.

While the ads are not obviously partisan, they sound traditional Republican themes: a balanced budget and wasteful government spending among them. Stockman's ad also talks about increased spending on Medicare, which Democrats claim is being cut.

After being cautioned by the House mailing commission to include dates in future spots, Stockman cut new ads promoting future radio appearances. Three more are planned in May, June

The average allowance for official mailings is \$108,000 per House member. The cost of radio ads doesn't count against members' cap on mailings and is deducted instead from their overall budget.

But each radio script must pass muster with the House mailing commission's bipartisan staff, which reviews it to make sure there is no partisan content. And each must carry a disclaimer that says, "Paid for with official funds as authorized by the House of Representatives.'

By DIANE DUSTON

Both parties claim

Associated Press Writer WASHINGTON (AP) - Senate Republicans and Democrats alike are claiming credit for a bill that would expand health insurance opportunities for millions of Americans. But key differences with a more ambitious House version remain to be resolved.

"We've been trying to pass some of these common sense measures for the past decade," Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole said after the Senate, in a rare 100-0 vote, passed the bill Tuesday.

At the same time, Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle claimed the bill as part of his party's "action agenda," which also includes raising the minimum wage and expanding pension benefits.

The core purpose of the legislation is to assure that people who lose or change their jobs continue to be able to purchase health insurance, even if they have an existing medical problem.

Dole said he regretted that senators turned back his effort to include a House-passed provision setting up tax-exempt medical savings accounts. He indicated he would continue to push for it in a House-Senate conference that will meet to work out differences between the two measures.

"It's still going to be a matter in conference," said Dole, who will be on the negotiating committee.

White House officials have said President Clinton will veto the bill if it includes medical savings accounts. Limits on malpractice awards contained in the House bill also prompted a veto threat.

Dole's comments bolstered House Republicans who said they want to persuade Clinton to accept medical savings accounts as a way to make health insurance more affordable.

Names in

LONDON (AP) - Once the least popular of Queen Elizabeth II's four children, Princess Anne is now the royal more Britons would like to see as their monarch.

Those questioned in a new poll chose Anne - eighth in line to the throne - from a list of heirs and public

She polled 33 percent with heir-apparent Charles second, backed by 26 percent of respondents in the Mori poll, commissioned by Independent Television.

Only 47 percent thought Charles would make a good king, compared to 82 percent in a 1991 poll. His reputation has suffered following his 1992 separation from Princess Diana, and subsequent confession of

Their son Prince William, after Charles in the succession, came in third place with 12 percent. Diana, 34, scored 7 percent, but she is not in line for the throne.

Princess Anne, 45, had for years lost her standing among the British people because of her collapsing marriage and a reputation for aloofness. But her popularity has soared since her 1992 divorce from Capt. Mark Phillips and her successful marriage to Cmdr. Timothy Laurence. She also has shown devotion to a number of charitable

"I think the conference will come back with it in and I think it will pass both the House and the Senate," said House Majority Leader Dick Armey,

-Texas. But Daschle said, "If the health care reform bill isn't out of conference and on its way to the president's desk in three weeks - as we passed it, without all the special interest add-ons - we will force it back to the Senate floor."

Clinton has been pushing for the bill but wants to keep it simple. Senate sponsors of the bill - Sen. Nancy Kassebaum, R-Kan., and Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass. - agreed.

Kassebaum noted that it grew from the debate over the Clinton health care proposal of the last Congress that failed because it tried to do too much.

Among the many concerns raised at the time was the problem workers had changing jobs for fear of losing their health insurance. "That's what we started with,"

Kassebaum said. "We recognized we were not going to achieve success if it didn't have the broadest support possible."

The bill does not regulate the cost of that insurance, but would stop companies from refusing to sell policies to workers with health problems. The practice has prevented millions of people changing employers or striking out on their

Buyers of insurance plans with the medical savings account option would get catastrophic health coverage subject to a high deductible payment before the insurance kicked in. Part of the premium would go into a tax-exempt savings account from which routine medical expenses could be paid.

Unspent savings would carn interest, and the account could be used for non-medical expenses - but then would be subject to tax.

Opponents object to the tax shelter that medical savings accounts would create and say they would draw healthy people away from traditional insurance pools that need them to keep the cost of insurance affordable for the least healthy.

The only controversial amendment added to the Senate version was one sponsored by Sens. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., and Paul Wellstone, D-Minn., that would require insurance companies to consider mental illness the same as physical

Kassebaum and Kennedy both said the amendment would have to come

"In order to get this through, it's got to be free and clear of controversial amendments," said Kassebaum.

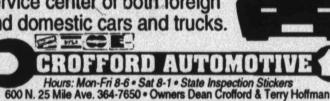
"That applies to the mental health," said Kennedy. "I personally would hope it would come up at another time and the Senate consider it."

Dole said the mental health amendment was "a very expensive provision. And it is going to cause all kinds of problems. I don't see how we can keep that in the bill."

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Doctor crashes helicopter

SAN DIEGO (AP) - A helicopter crashed across the street from a hospital, killing the doctor who was piloting and injuring his colleague. No one on the ground was injured.

Killed in Tuesday's crash was Dr. George Prioleau, 47, director of neurosurgery at Kaiser Permanente Medical Center.

Dr. Roberto Cueva, 38, broke his left leg. He was in good condition, said Stephanie Casenza, a spokeswoman at Sharp Memorial Hospital. Prioleau was an experienced pilot,

said Kaiser's medical director Dr. Mauride Alfaro.

The doctors had been videotaping aerial shots of the hospital for a staff presentation on the neurosurgery department before the chopper went down, barely missing two houses.

Prioleau served on the faculty at the University of California at San

Cueva specialized in head and neck surgery but did not work in Prioleau's department.



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Old campaign items have following among collectors

By GREG BISCHOF

Texarkana Gazette TEXARKANA, Ark. (AP) - Once again after a four-year hiatus, many front yards, car bumpers and articles of clothing will be adorned this year with the names and pictures of presidential candidates.

And after all the speeches, vote-casting and ballot-counting are finished, most campaign trinkets will end up in the trash.

But many party loyalists, Democrats and Republicans alike, hang on to those buttons, badges, bumper stickers, posters and yard signs as sentimental and historical keepsakes.

No matter who wins the highest office in November, the campaign likely will produce its share of souvenirs for collectors across the country. For some local political enthusiasts, this year's contest will allow them to add to their assortment

Jim and Ann Nicholas have some political tokens that date back more inauguration in 1973.

The couple's collection includes a variety of watches, buttons and pictures covering some aspect of the Democratic presidential primaries and general elections for each election year since 1972.

"We enjoy the older buttons and we keep them as heirlooms to pass on to the kids," Mrs. Nicholas said, gazing at the buttons and pins scattered across the couple's kitchen

Some of the couple's more unusual items include a Spiro Agnew watch showing the GOP vice presidential candidate in 1968 and 1972 sporting patriotic underwear.

They also have a watch with a caricature of Ronald Reagan - with his name spelled Ronnie Raygun holding a pair of ray guns, one in

The couple, who have collected political items of interest since the early 1970s, even attended President Richard M. Nixon's second-term The couple also has several campaign buttons from the 1976 presidential contest between Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter.

Mrs. Nicholas said her political interest bloomed in the mid-1960s as she grew up in Texas, which at the time had native son Lyndon Johnson in the White House.

"It was a time when the Vietnam War was being fought around the dinner table," she said. But Mrs. Nicholas also related to Johnson in a more personal way, because he had daughters near her age.
"I was interested in what it would

be like growing up in the White House," she recalled. Nicholas said his interest in

politics began when he was still in grade school in 1960, when then-Vice President Nixon was campaigning against john F. Kennedy for the presidency.

"It was the first time I ever paid any attention to yard signs," he said.
"At age 7, you don't really understand the liberal and conservative political philosophies, but I remember the excitement and all the talk about

But both say the most meaningful presidential election year for them will always be 1992, when Gov. Bill Clinton became president. The couple have handfuls of Clinton-Gore campaign buttons to commemorate the occasion.

"Twenty-five years from now the kids will have these to look back on," she said. "These will be tangible

Bill Poynter specializes in GOP memorabilia. He said Reagan's campaign stop at the Texarkana Regional Airport, just a few weeks before winning the general election in 1980, made that the most memora-

ble year for him.
"It took the political connections on both sides of the city to bring Ronald Reagan here to Texarkana, Poynter said.

Among Poynter's more collectible GOP items are a button from the late Texas Gov. John Connally's 1980 campaign for president, and a "Women for Reagan" button from

One of Poynter's favorite buttons has Barbara Bush pictured with her husband George during the 1988 race - one of the few campaign buttons to include the first lady.

"It's very rare to find a pin with presidential candidate and his wife on it," he said.

Poynter also has a presidential tie clasp from the Reagan era and a cushion from GOP Sen. Barry Goldwater's 1964 campaign against Johnson - his oldest

Poynter's said his interest in politics dates to the fifth grade, when he had a friend whose father was running for local office in Florida.

'They invited us to go with them and pass out (campaign) cards," he said. "From there, the interest in

campaigning stuck with me."
Presidential politics first came into Poynter's life in 1952 when he served

as chairman of the Teenage Republicans club at Arkansas High School. His social studies teacher, Bill Crane, divided the class along party lines and organized partisan debates.

"This exposed us to party politics early on in life," Poynter said. "Only five of us in the class were Republi-

Poynter collects keepsakes not only from the GOP, but also from major third parties. He has a gold-plated coin featuring Alabama Gov. George Wallace, who ran as a candidate of the American Independent Party in

But, politics aside, Poynter said the collectibles have a deeper historical significance.

"To me it's part of our history and political heritage," he said. "The buttons express the different philosophies and politics of the time and they show we are free to support the people we like. These buttons are political artifacts of our heritage."

Dead judge gets last laugh when joke ruling cited in real-life case

By CHUCK BARTELS

Associated Press Writer LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) - Laws live longer than the people who make them. The same goes for the jokes those people make, especially if the humor is subtle and the jokes get published in law books.

On April Fool's Day in 1986, then-Arkansas Supreme Court Justice George Rose Smith - who previously wrote a joke opinion striking down all Arkansas laws - wrote an opinion on a fake case involving twin brothers who used their identical looks to try to dodge drug charges.

The twins, Kilkenny and Gallico Catt, were found guilty of lesser charges. The opinion upheld the twins' convictions.

But while the case never happened, **Delaware Superior Court Associate** Judge Richard Cooch cited it last year while dismissing a robbery charge against a criminal defendant who was already convicted of car theft in the same incident.

Ten years after the opinion was written, a Delaware law clerk called Arkansas court officials asking how to get rid of the citation. Arkansas

William Jones Jr. wrote a footnote Democrat-Gazette, Smith commented saying the opinion should be disregarded.

"The recent citation to 'Catt versus State' by a Delaware court was a delightful reminder that the work Let 'er go!" of the late justice ... lives on in unanticipated ways," Jones wrote. "Although not as sweeping a decision as 'Poisson versus d'Avril' -Justice Smith's earlier April Fool's opinion that repealed all Arkansas statutory law - 'Catt versus State' has its own peculiar merits.'

The memo goes on to describe the Catts as "latter-day Corsican Brothers" and says the case "should not be relied upon for anything other than mischievous purposes.

Beyond the absurd nature of the case, Smith gave a few hints the opinion was fictitious. At one point he wrote that the "arguments have a certain plausibility, so much so that they might appeal strongly to minds untrained in the fine points of the

Further into the opinion, he wrote, We cannot spend our valuable time in exploring hypothetical questions."

In another passage, Smith argues that the appeals have no merit by writing, "We cannot better answer that question than by quoting the eloquent language of Chief Justice Harris speaking for a unanimous court: 'No!"

Smith died in 1992. According to the Arkansas

when he found out the opinion was published in legal annals: "What if Catt is cited by other courts? As far as I know, it is perfectly good law.

It went.

Daniel R. Miller, a deputy attorney general in Delaware who handled the appeal, said he hopes Cooch will reconsider his decision. It's too late

for the state to file an appeal.
"The court found (Catt) on its own. Neither myself or the defense cited this case. Apparently the judge must have thought it was a real opinion," Miller said Tuesday. Cooch declined comment.

Catt was one of many cases cited in the ruling.

"There are other cases, which presumably are not April Fool's cases, that are cited. (Catt) is not the fundamental case on which the opinion was based," Miller said.

Miller did not say how the hoax was discovered.

Defense attorney Nancy Perillo did not return a call for comment.

West Publishing Co. included the opinion in a reference text, the South Western Reporter, 2nd Series. Spokesman Marc Conklin said he didn't know offhand what the process is for correcting hoax opinions but said fictitious rulings are often submitted to the company, but not by judges. Those opinions are rooted out in the verification process, he said.

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Names in the news

NEW YORK (AP) - Bill Cosby and Phylicia Rashad are reuniting as television husband and wife on a new CBS sitcom.

Rashad, who played Cosby's wife, Claire Huxtable, on the long-running NBC hit "The Cosby Show," will play Cosby's wife, Ruth, in the series loosely based on the British comedy "One Foot in the Grave." She replaces Telma Hopkins, who was originally cast as Ruth, producer
Marcy Carsey said Monday.
The producers also have cast
Madeline Kahn for the series, which

will be shot in New York City. CBS has committed to 44 episodes.

Cosby quipped that maybe
Rashad's husband would step in for

'Hey, listen, I saw Ahmad Rashad in the studio parking lot," he said.
"Who knows, maybe he's going to replace me.'

NEW YORK (AP) - Ed O'Neill insists he's not a crass and disgusting person. He just portrays one on TV.
O'Neill, who plays Al Bundy on Fox's lowbrow hit "Married ... With Children," lashed out at critics who suggest he is a mirror of the sexist shoe salesmen he received.

suggest he is a mirror of the sexist shoe salesman he portrays.

"I'm not playing myself. I'm doing a ... character! It's called acting!" O'Neill said in the April 29 issue of Newsweek magazine.

With the demise of "Murder, She Wrote," "Married ..." has become televicion's longest supplies series.

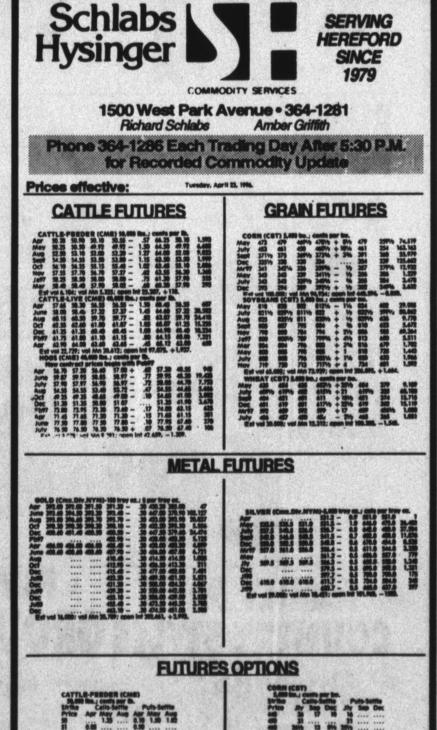
television's longest-running series, but has not won an Emmy since its debut in 1987.

A respected theater actor before he took the Bundy role, O'Neill believes the show gets snubbed because it is not hip enough or politically correct.

LOS ANGELES (AP) - If Harry Connick Jr. and his model-wife don't get around much anymore, blame the rigors of child rearing.

Georgia Tatom Connick was born Wednesday morning at a New York area hospital, said Connick's publicist Shelley Selover.

The girl, weighing 6 pounds, 4 punces, is the first child for Connick, 28, and Jill Connick, 30.





HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Texas Commissioner of Higher Education Kenneth Ashworth has decided to scrap the state's minority scholarship program, following the spirit of a March federal court ruling ending the affirmative action enrollment policy at the University of Texas.

Last week, Ashworth told the Higher Education Coordinating Board the 5th U.S. Court of Appeals rejection of UT's law school admissions process means the state can no longer implement its federally imposed plan to desegregate its higher education system, the Houston Chronicle reported.

"We have to abide by the law, but I don't like it. If the ruling holds and we don't find some way to work around it. Texas will be badly damaged, given the role our program plays in enrolling minorities who will go on to make up so much of the state's 21st century work force," Ashworth

The Texas Access and Equity Plan, approved and monitored by the U.S. Office of Civil Rights, already had awarded more than \$1.5 million to 1,300 minority students for the 1995-96 school

The 5th Circuit ruling resulted from a 1992 lawsuit filed by four white students who claimed they were victims of reverse discrimination when the university rejected their law school applications while accepting minorities with lower

Ashworth said his decision does not require approval of the Coordinating Board, and that he will reinstate the minority scholarship program only if the state is granted a stay while the case is under appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

A stay has been filed with the 5th Circuit by Attorney General Dan Morales.

Former Prison Chief Opens Up

An interview with James A. 'Andy" Collins, former executive director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, will appear on newsstands April 25 in the May edition of Texas Monthly magazine, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

In the interview, Collins admits he had hoped to go to work for companies that received contracts from the Texas prison system while he was chief. And he criticizes the five-year prison-building program he helped design, saying much of the \$1.5 billion the state invested in new prisons should have been spent on juvenile offender programs. From 1990 to 1995, the prison system more than tripled in capacity from 45,000 beds to 146,000 beds.

Under way are state and federal investigations regarding a \$33.7 million contract with VitaPro Foods Inc. that was approved on Collins' watch without competitive bids. VitaPro is a soybeanbased meat substitute the prison system purchased to feed inmates.

After resigning from the TDCJ in December, Collins took a \$1,000 a day consulting job with VitaPro, triggering conflict of interest accusations against him.

Meanwhile, Collins is off the VitaPro payroll and VitaPro is off the prison menu, but 100 tons of the stuff are sitting in prison warehouses.

Can't Read? Don't Pass 'Em

Texans — 93 percent of us, that is — are against promoting students from third to fourth grade without being able to read, according to a poll conducted by the Texas Federation of Teachers.

John Cole, president of the

state's second-largest professional educators' group, said 23 percent of third-graders can't pass third grade reading requirements.

The poll also shows 66 percent of Texans believe students should not be advanced to a higher grade unless they develop the learning skills required at the lower level.

TU to Form Huge Conglomerate Texas Utilities agreed last week to purchase natural gas company Enserch Corp., forming a power company serving most of North

Texas Utilities will spend \$1.7 billion to acquire most of Enserch - which includes Lonestar Gas, the state's biggest gas company
— pending approval by federal regulators and stockholders.

Tom Baker, a TU spokesman, said the merger should have no apparent impact on customers.

Jim Hines, a Lonestar Gas spokesman, said the combined companies eventually might eliminate duplicate costs such as billing and customer service and offer energy users "one-stop shopping" for gas and electricity.

Report Signals Insurance Hike

Insurance companies have asked Texas Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer for an 11.3 percent increase in automobile insurance for Texans, but a report written by administrative law judges recommends a 6.3 or 6.4 percent in-

Bomer is expected to set the new "benchmark" rate this summer. Insurance companies use the rate to determine how much to charge customers for coverage. Charges can range from 30 percent above or below the benchmark rate.

Drug Laws to Be Examined It's a puzzle: U.S. Customs

allows the importation of certain prescription narcotics, stimulants and sedatives, but in Texas, law enforcement officials arrest people for possessing the same drugs or "controlled substances."

Gov. George W. Bush has asked his advisors to examine conflicting state and federal drug laws and prepare to discuss the issue at an April 26 meeting of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division.

GOP trying to blame Democrats for defeat of term limit measure

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Republicans are seeking political gain from the defeat of a proposed constitutional amendment for term limits, maneuvering to blame Democrats for rejection of a measure that registers widespread public support.

"I'd rather have the votes, but since they won't give us the votes I guess it will have to be a partisan issue," Tennessee GOP Sen. Fred Thompson said Tuesday, shortly after the measure fell to a Democratic filibuster.

The vote was 58-42 to end debate on the measure, two short of the 60 needed. All 53 Republicans and five Democrats voted in favor, with all the "no" votes coming from Democrats.

Majority Leader Bob Dole of Kansas, his party's presidential nominee-to-be, said he was "proud that the Republicans" in the House and Senate had pushed the measure to the floor of both houses since taking control of Congress after the 1994 elections.

A self-confessed recent convert to the cause of term limits, Dole said, "There will be another day and I believe the American people can now sift through the records and make a determination who was for and who was against."

Democrats said Republicans were ducking the real issue by blocking a vote on a measure that applied retroactively to incumbents such as Dole, first elected in 1968.

"There's hypocrisy in the term limits debate," said Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont, after Dole and Republicans kept that provision from

reaching the floor. The measure on the floor - which failed to gain the two-thirds majority necessary for passage last year in the House - would have limited lawmakers to 12 years in office, two terms of six years each for senators and six terms of two years each for House members.

Like any constitutional amendment, it would have taken effect upon ratification by the required three-quarters of the state legislatures.

Supporters said that would have assured a steady flow of fresh blood into Congress and lessened the temptation of lawmakers to vote for big spending bills out of a desire to curry favor with voters and continu-

ously win re-election. Opponents said voters could always turn lawmakers out of office if they wanted to and said the framers of the Constitution had discarded the concept two centuries ago. "I know of no other profession in which we

actually consider experience a the Kansas Republican conceded disadvantage," said Sen. Robert C. Byrd, D-W. Va., first elected in 1958. Supporters outside the Senate

vowed to redouble their efforts in the next campaign. "I think those people who voted no ... are going to find that if they're up for election this year, this was not a very good vote for them," said Paul

Jacob of U.S. Term Limits. Cleta Mitchell, head of Americans Back in Charge, expressed frustration with the entire process.

"It just is still very difficult for me as just your basic average citizen to understand how it is you can have an issue that has 77 percent support and you can't even get a straight up or down vote in the Senate," she said. The partisan maneuvering drives me

There was no shortage of that. "After 35 years in Congress, Sen. Dole has committed the ultimate flip-flop," Democratic National Chairman Don Fowler said in a written statement. "This is an extremely late, campaign-year conversion to the term limits position."

Fowler released a compendium of comments Dole has made in recent years in opposition to term limits. "I think it's clear that I've been

lukewarm to the idea for some time,"

shortly before the vote.

But after being outmaneuvered last week on two high-profile issues, GOP sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Dole appealed for support on the vote at a closed-door party caucus Tuesday, even from Republicans who might vote against the bill on final passage.

Voters in nearly two dozen states have tried to limit tenures for their own members of Congress. The Supreme Court has ruled that approach unconstitutional, however, ruling a constitutional amendment is required.

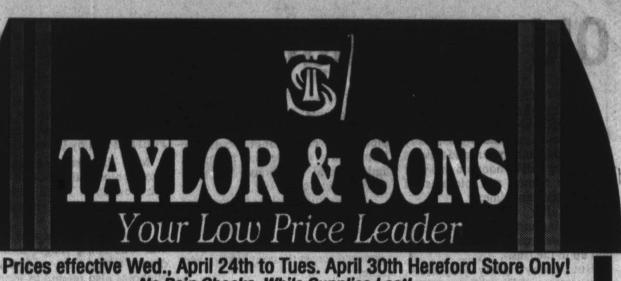


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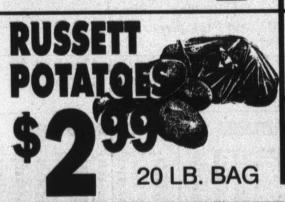
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