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Controversial health text turned down by trustees

By SHERRI MARTIN
Staff Writer

A health textbook favored by educators came under fire from the community Tuesday as Hereford Independent School District trustees approved a health curriculum, but ultimately denied the book.

Discussion of the district's ninth-grade health education program has been ongoing for more than a year, since the state in 1995 released several health texts for consideration by Texas schools.

In May 1995, trustees called for a rewriting of the health curriculum after rejecting "A Guide to Wellness," published by Glencoe.

On July 8, the district's health curriculum writing committee presented trustees with their proposed curriculum and again asked the board to approve the Glencoe book.

The matter was placed on the action agenda for Tuesday's regular board session, the second of the month.

On Tuesday, several citizens attended the meeting to air their thoughts on the health curriculum and the textbook requested by the teachers.

Former trustee and health advisory committee member Joe Flood said the textbook contains a lot of "non-directive teaching-type things" that are objectionable.

He pointed out several pages in the book that contained material on such issues as homosexuality and alternate lifestyles, euthanasia, medical ethics and environmentalism.

"There's lots of good things in this book. I won't disagree with that. But there are too many open-ended issues that there is not a right or a wrong on," Flood said.

Justice of the Peace Johnnie

Turrentine, who also opposed the textbook, said several truancy cases filed in her court involve pregnant students.

Between 1994 and 1995, Turrentine said, 78 teenagers gave birth at Hereford Regional Medical Center, at a cost to the county of more than \$62,000.

Turrentine said many girls are truant from school because they are sick during pregnancy or stay at home with their child after giving birth.

Unless those young women stay in school, she concluded, "we are going to have a high population of uneducated people."

Rick Jackson, speaking on behalf of the Hereford Health Care Alliance, said Hereford has a major problem with teen pregnancies.

In 1994 and 1995 -- the most recent statistics available -- Deaf Smith County's teen pregnancy rate ranked among the top 10 counties in Texas.

He also said that girls 17 and under give birth to 14 percent of all babies born in Hereford.

"We stand for abstinence only," he said.

Justin McBride, a retired county extension agent, said he has worked with young people most of his life.

He said he does not believe in non-directive teaching.

"It has been my experience with young men and women that I have worked with that have succeeded in life are those that have had very close instruction.

"Those children that are left to make their own decisions and do their own interpretations -- that's reading the textbook -- may be the ones that fail," McBride said.

Martha Emerson, head of the health and physical department at

Hereford High School, said teachers are concerned for their students.

"What we are doing, I think, is trying to provide the best curriculum for our young kids," she said.

"We cannot correct these problems in two to three weeks in health class," she said.

Emerson said the community must work together to solve the problem of teen pregnancy.

"That's what's going to solve our problem, not the textbook," she said.

The school board, acting on a motion by Trustee Jeff Torbert and seconded by President Dave Charest, voted 5-1 to approve the new health curriculum as presented by the committee, but without the Glencoe text. Trustee Randy Tooley voted against the motion.

The board then directed Assistant Superintendent Nena Veazey and the health curriculum writing committee to review another textbook, "Discover: Decisions for Health."

The textbook, published by American Guidance Services, is not approved by the state.

In other action Tuesday, trustees:

-- Approved a substance abuse policy for athletics.

-- Approved a student accident insurance policy.

-- Approved gifted and talented

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Wind damage

When a storm packing winds of up to 60 mph blasted through Hereford on Monday, this sign at Kentucky Fried Chicken was one casualty. Manager Patrizia Ramirez said the KFC sign, seen at right in the flower bed, was found in the Sugar and Mall parking lot. Ramirez has blocked off parking spaces below the damaged sign to prevent possible damage to cars if the sign falls to the ground. She said it may take 1-1/2 days to repair.

Panhandle hit by more high winds

By The Associated Press

Thunderstorms with winds of up to 70 mph belted West Texas and the Panhandle early today.

Limbs were knocked off trees in Swisher County.

In Hereford, cleanup began on Tuesday in the aftermath of a fierce storm that whipped through the area Monday.

That storm, packing gusts up to 60 mph, ripped limbs from trees and battered wooden fences. The sign at Kentucky Fried Chicken was bent by the winds and the roof of the Kings Inn on West First Street was ripped off.

KPAN Radio, the weather reporting station for the city, recorded no precipitation on Tuesday.

The National Weather Service said showers and thunderstorms would end during the day over the region. Partly cloudy skies were projected through Thursday, with a chance of mainly afternoon and evening showers and thunderstorms over most of the area.

Today's highs in West Texas were expected to be in the upper 80s over the mountains of far West Texas.

Storms were reported across North Texas during the afternoon and evening on Tuesday, and more storms were on the way today, the weather service said.

Senate passes welfare reform, but Clinton says his OK not guaranteed

By CAROLYN SKORNECK
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Three-quarters of the Senate joined in passing a welfare bill that would end six decades of federal promises to assist the poor, but President Clinton says more work is needed to develop a measure he supports.

Republican leaders, however, said the Senate had produced what the American public wants.

"This is a bill that will end the limitless cash benefits that we've been dealing with," Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said just before the 74-24 vote Tuesday. "And it will end welfare as a way of life."

Clinton, who vowed during the 1992 campaign to "end welfare as we know it," praised some changes senators made to accommodate White

House concerns, but indicated they would not guarantee his signature.

"You can put wings on a pig, but you don't make it an eagle," he said at a campaign stop in Sacramento, Calif.

The next step is for House and Senate negotiators to reconcile their similar bills, vote in both chambers on the resulting compromise and send it to Clinton's desk. Lott predicted that would happen before Congress leaves for its August recess at the end of next week.

Clinton said the Senate bill was better than two previous GOP welfare bills he vetoed, but said he remained concerned about the bill's impact on children.

"I'm optimistic we can make it even better in the conference," he said. "And I'll just keep working at

it, try to get it done."

Enactment would create the biggest change in the nation's basic program to aid poor families since Aid for Families with Dependent Children became law during the New Deal era.

The pending bills would reverse six decades of national policy that automatically entitled the poor to open-ended assistance and replace it with work-oriented, time-limited aid run largely by the states.

They would limit lifetime welfare assistance to five years per family and require recipients to work after two years while allowing hardship exemptions that would obviate those restrictions for up to 20 percent of families.

Four major welfare programs would be converted into block grants

to states, which would have far more freedom to run their own programs.

White House critics centered on the estimated \$60 billion in savings the legislation envisions over six years - much of it coming from food stamps and from eliminating benefits to legal immigrants who have not yet become citizens.

The Senate vote was sufficient to override a Clinton veto, but the House vote on its own bill last Thursday, 256-170, fell short of the two-thirds majority needed.

Bob Dole, the former Senate majority leader and Clinton's likely Republican rival for the White House, predicted that the president "will sign anything with welfare on it."

The 74-24 vote saw 51 Republicans join with 23 Democrats in favor.

HISD seeks District 1 trustee

The Hereford ISD board of trustees has announced it will begin seeking a replacement for former trustee Cherry McWhorter.

The board voted at its Tuesday regular meeting to seek the names of individuals interested in being appointed to fill out McWhorter's unexpired District 1 seat.

Trustees will accept letters of interest from District 1 residents.

District 1 contains portions of Southwest Hereford and related areas of the county that lie within the school district.

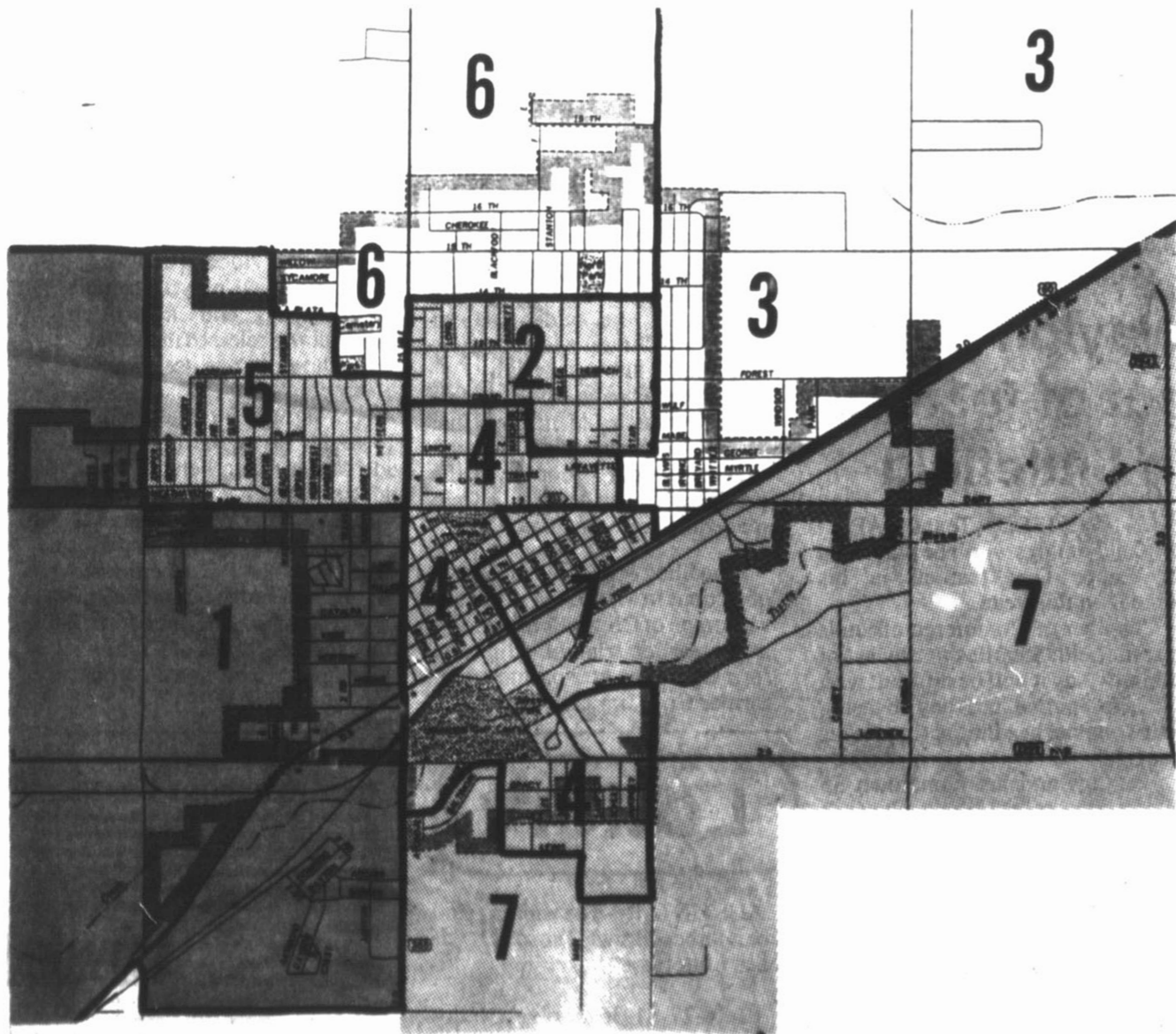
Only District 1 residents are

eligible for this seat.

Interested persons must submit a letter of interest to HISD, Office of the Superintendent, 601 N. 25 Mile Avenue, no later than 5 p.m. on Aug. 8.

The letter must include the person's name, address, telephone number and short paragraph containing some background information and why the applicant is interested in being appointed to board.

The District 1 seat expires in May 1997. The person appointed will be eligible to run for election to a full three-year term at that time.



New trustee sought

This HISD trustee district map shows the area of the city which lies within District 1, the district formerly held by Cherry McWhorter. The school board is asking residents of that district interested in being appointed to that seat to apply by Aug. 8.

Cause of crash still unknown

By PAT MILTON
Associated Press Writer

EAST MORICHES, N.Y. (AP) - A week after TWA Flight 800 exploded in midair and plunged into the waters off Long Island, investigators concede they still are missing crucial evidence needed to determine what - or who - brought it down.

As investigators and victims' families expressed frustration about the speed of the search and contradictory information, crews used video cameras and sonar in a round-the-clock scan of the submerged wreckage, where dozens of bodies may be trapped and clues to the cause of the crash are hidden.

Only 108 bodies have been lifted from the sea, leaving 122 victims still missing. Only about 1 percent of the plane has been recovered, and the crucial voice and data recorders, the plane's so-called black boxes, have not been found.

ABC reported, without citing a source, that it appears Flight 800 was at 13,700 feet when something catastrophic happened and it plunged to 9,000 feet. It stabilized there for as long as 30 seconds, then exploded into a fireball, the report said.

Federal officials acknowledge that nothing found so far showed traces of explosives. They continued to consider the possibilities that the plane was destroyed by a bomb secreted on board, a missile or catastrophic mechanical failure.

"We're not ruling out anything," said Robert Francis, vice chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board.

"We are waiting to have that

evidence that says, 'Hey, this is a blast,'" said James K. Kallstrom, the FBI agent in charge of the probe. "Here's the evidence, here's the tracings, here's the chemicals, here's the perforations. Until we have all that stuff and it's discussed and it looks definitive, then we will make that statement and the investigation will get a lot more aggressive."

He said there was "circumstantial evidence" pointing toward a bomb or a missile.

President Clinton said Tuesday that based on regular reports he's receiving, none of the evidence establishes a cause.

Gov. George Pataki predicted that the pace of the search would pick up today. He also said it was possible

that bodies buried in the debris might be brought to the surface over the next day or two.

Search crews with video cameras and sonar equipment are searching round-the-clock to scan the wreckage of a jumbo jet on the ocean floor where dozens of bodies apparently remain trapped.

"All of us are frustrated by not being able to go faster," Francis said Tuesday. "We are going as fast as we can."

At the hotel at Kennedy International Airport where family and friends of victims are staying, several people complained to reporters that Pataki had misled them by suggesting that 60 to 100 bodies had been located.

Podiatrist eyes Hereford as location to expand practice

A Dallas podiatrist will be in Hereford on Thursday to meet local residents and begin investigating the possibility of establishing a part-time office here.

Dr. Gene Bartlett will be honored with a reception at noon Thursday in the Hereford Senior Citizens Center, 426 Ranger.

Hereford Regional Medical Center CEO Jim Robinson said he spoke with Bartlett this morning and was told he is looking at the possibility of working here one day a week.

Robinson said Bartlett told him he will see if a local doctor would be willing to give him space for the weekly clinic, and wants to meet with local residents to determine a possible patient base here.

"He has not contacted the hospital at all," Robinson said, and has not requested medical staff privileges at HRMC.

The public is invited to attend the meeting in the senior center dining.

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Local Roundup

More rain possible

Hereford recorded a high temperature on Tuesday of 92 degrees, with an overnight low of 65 degrees, according to KPAN Radio. No moisture was recorded. For tonight, skies will turn cloudy and there will be a 70 percent chance of thunderstorms, some possibly severe. Low will be in the mid-60s with southeasterly winds at 10-15 mph. Thursday, look for mostly cloudy skies and a 60 percent chance of thunderstorms. High will be in the mid-80s with southeast winds of 10-20 mph.

News Digest

State

GREENVILLE - Relatives of an African-American teen-ager who confessed to setting a fire at a black church are declaring him innocent, saying he never left their sight the night of the blaze.

EAGLE LAKE - Karl DeHart sits in his old blue Dodge pickup truck twirling an antenna on the roof to try to improve the sound of the beeps he hears on his headphones. DeHart on Tuesday got five new beeps to monitor as state and federal wildlife officials released into the wild five Attwater's prairie chickens. The birds top Texas' endangered species list and are one of the nation's most endangered species.

AUSTIN - If Gov. George W. Bush decides not to push an alternative to rising property taxes in the 1997 legislative session, State Comptroller John Sharp just might. Sharp, a Democrat who's seen as a potential gubernatorial candidate, says he's confident the Republican governor will offer a property-tax relief plan.

WASHINGTON - Complications will bubble to the surface if a trio of federal judges orders a November special election and December runoff in certain Texas congressional districts, Democrats and Republicans alike agree.

HOUSTON - The suspected head of an insurance fraud ring accused of staging car accidents since 1992 has been indicted and jailed, Harris County officials say.

BUDA - Authorities are investigating the deaths of two illegal immigrants who were among 40 Mexican nationals riding in the trailer of an 18-wheeler before being dropped off at a gas station.

HUNTSVILLE - Lawyers for convicted killer Hilton Crawford today begin trying to keep the former East Texas lawman from the death chamber.

AUSTIN - Texas needs to do more to help provide affordable housing for low- and moderate-income families, a state Senate committee says.

HARLINGEN - The Drug Enforcement Administration is denying charges that its agents were aware of human rights abuses in Guatemala during the 1980s and lied in case reports to cover up their knowledge. The accusations were made Tuesday by a former DEA agent who contends a presidential panel failed to investigate the agency's role in the atrocities.

SAN ANTONIO - The Edwards Aquifer Authority has heard conflicting opinions from water-use experts about whether the drought justifies emergency rules to reduce consumption from the aquifer.

DALLAS - The wife of Gov. George W. Bush's top aide will no longer serve as a paid lobbyist for utility-industry clients.

Nation/World

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WASHINGTON - Used nuclear fuel now stored at more than 100 reactors from Maine to California must become the Energy Department's responsibility in 18 months, a federal appeals court says.

SYDNEY, Australia - An Australian court upheld the world's first voluntary euthanasia law today, overriding objections from church groups that call it a sin.

WASHINGTON - When Bob Dole became a full-time presidential candidate, he borrowed a flourish from the prairie socialist, poet Carl Sandburg. Score one for the poets, those overlooked observers of the American condition. Candidates have their focus groups and pollsters to tell them what ordinary people think, their ad people and consultants to burnish the image, the think-tanks and advisers to tune the issues. But those who size up America artfully in verse live down a road less traveled.

HEALTH

guidelines.

-- Approved student code of conduct.

-- Approved several district policy

changes that were recommended by

the Texas Association of School Boards

in accordance with Senate Bill 1

adopted by the Legislature in 1995.

Under the substance abuse policy

for athletics, a student who commits

a Class A or Class B misdemeanor will

be dismissed from the team and athletic

program for a semester.

On the second Class A or B offense,

the student will be dismissed from the

team and athletic program for one

calendar year.

Athletic Director Craig Yenzer said

Class A misdemeanors include assault,

burglary, unlawful carrying of a

weapon, driving while intoxicated and possession or delivery of a controlled substance.

Class B misdemeanors include

terroristic threats, possession or

delivery of a controlled substance and

disorderly conduct, he said.

A student who commits a Class C

misdemeanor will receive a two-week

suspension from all athletic competi-

tion.

The student also must -- under

supervision of a coach -- run 25 miles

or climb the bleachers 250 times within

those two weeks.

On the second Class C offense, a

student will be dismissed from the team

and athletic program for one semester.

A student will be dismissed from

the team and athletic program for one

calendar year for the third Class C

offense.

Yenzer said a student will not be

punished based on unsubstantiated

information.

However, he said, the athlete will

Obituaries

ROY P. RIOS

July 22, 1996

Roy P. Rios, 42, died Monday at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo.

Rosary will be held at 7:30 p.m. today in Rose Chapel of Gililand-Watson Funeral Home. Prayer vigil will be Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel. Services will be conducted Friday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Anthony's Catholic Church by Msgr. Orville Blum, pastor. Burial will be in St. Anthony's Cemetery.

Mr. Rios was a technician for Holly Sugar. He resided at 427 Ave. D. He was born Aug. 15, 1953 in San Angelo.

Survivors include his mother, Martha P. Rios of Hereford, and two sisters, Antonia Rios of Los Angeles, Cal., and Amelia R. Amaro of Sacramento, Cal.

Jury deliberations could start Thursday in Whitewater trial

By LARRY MARGASAK

Associated Press Writer
LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) - Jury deliberations could begin Thursday in the second Whitewater trial after a final day of testimony in which an Arkansas banker denied that he misused his bank's money or illegally concealed withdrawals to promote Bill Clinton's career.

The four-woman, eight-man jury was taking a day off today after a grueling 21 days of testimony, and then returning for closing arguments and instructions from District Judge Susan Webber Wright.

By mid-afternoon Thursday, they should be deliberating criminal charges against two Arkansas bankers who are steeped in their state's Democratic politics. Robert M. Hill and Herby Branscum Jr. are accused of diverting money from their Perry County Bank to help Clinton and other favorite Arkansas politicians. Hill provided the last major testimony Tuesday. The defense called 19 witnesses and along with the prosecution, introduced a blizzard of bank records and other documents that was expected to take most of today for lawyers to sort through.

Prosecutors working under direction of Whitewater Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr called 20 witnesses in a case that featured Clinton's second videotaped testimony in a Whitewater-related trial.

"I absolutely did not know anything about" unreported Clinton campaign withdrawals in May and November 1990, Hill testified.

He also denied that \$500 he received from his bank in October 1993 was used for a \$500 contribution the same day to then-Gov. Jim Guy Tucker of Arkansas.

Clinton testified last week by videotape in the same courthouse where his former business partners, James and Susan McDougal, and Tucker, were convicted of fraud on May 28. Tucker resigned as governor July 15 because of his mail fraud and conspiracy conviction in that first

Whitewater trial. In this trial, an 11-count indictment charges that Hill and Branscum used bank expense checks to reimburse themselves and others for the campaign donations to Clinton, Tucker and other Arkansas politicians.

They also are accused of concealing from the Internal Revenue Service cash withdrawals by Clinton's 1990 gubernatorial campaign: \$30,000 in May that year and \$22,500 in November. Federal law requires reporting cash transactions of more than \$10,000.

Clinton was not accused of any wrongdoing in either Whitewater trial, although he testified for the defense both times. Unlike the first trial, this case has focused on transactions that prosecutors allege benefited Clinton's political career.

A top Clinton aide, Bruce Lindsey, was named as an unindicted co-conspirator. Prosecutors contended that as Clinton's 1990 campaign treasurer, Lindsey schemed to hide

the campaign withdrawals.

Chief prosecutor W. Hickman Ewing Jr. painted Hill and Branscum, whose institution bankrolled much of Clinton's 1990 campaign with \$285,000 in loans, as two men who broke the law to ingratiate themselves to the governor.

The motivation, prosecutors charged, was to obtain state jobs. Branscum, a former Arkansas Democratic chairman, was named by Clinton to the state Highway Commission, and Hill was appointed and then reappointed to the Arkansas Banking Board.

Tuesday, prosecutors confronted Hill with bank records bearing the initials "JGT." The records supported issuance of the expense check to Hill on Oct. 29, 1993, the same day he made a \$500 contribution to Tucker.

"Are you saying this (the expense check) and the check you wrote to Jim Guy Tucker had nothing to do with each other?" Ewing asked.

"That's right," Hill responded.

House restores funds to two agencies targeted for extinction by Republicans

WASHINGTON (AP) - Taking a step back on their budget-cutting march, House Republicans joined Democratic colleagues in restoring money to the agency that provides legal aid to the poor and protecting another agency that distributes economic aid to distressed areas.

The Legal Services Corporation and the Economic Development Administration are among the federal agencies that the Republican majority have targeted for extinction.

But on Tuesday, the House voted 247-179 to add \$109 million to the corporation and rejected, 328-99, an attempt to completely eliminate the \$348.5 million provided for the EDA. Another vote to cut EDA funding by 30 percent was scheduled for today.

The votes were part of consideration of a \$29.5 billion bill to fund Justice, Commerce and State Department programs in fiscal year 1997. A final vote on that bill is expected today.

The bill provides robust funding for programs to fight crime, drugs and illegal immigrants, but cuts or freezes almost all others in the bill. The administration has indicated that President Clinton would veto the bill because of the cuts.

The Justice Department would get

\$16.3 billion, an increase of \$1.6 billion over 1996, while \$7.1 billion would go for the war on drugs, up \$176 million. "We provided for all these increases by scraping the bottom of the barrel in other agencies. We had no choice," said Rep. Harold Rogers, R-Ky., who chairs the Appropriations subcommittee in charge of the bill.

But 56 Republicans joined

Democrats in balking at plans to provide only \$141 million for the Legal Services Corporation, about half what it got in 1996 and a little more than one-third of its 1995 budget.

The cuts, said Rep. Jon Fox, R-Pa., who led Republican supporters of the corporation, "are a denial of equal justice under the law."

The corporation has been a prime

target for elimination by Republicans who say it has been used to promote liberal causes. It has "punished the poor and used them as an excuse for a very liberal agenda," said Rep. Charles Taylor, R-N.C.

Supporters said problems within the corporation were remedied last year when Congress prohibited it from participating in class action suits and other forms of political advocacy such as redistributing.

Emergency Services

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

HEREFORD POLICE

Domestic disturbance was reported in the 400 block of Western.

A 16-year-old runaway was reported.

Burglary of a residence was reported in the 500 block of North McKinley, where \$120 in cash was taken.

Two truck tires were reported stolen from a local business, with a former employee accused in the case. The tires are valued at \$240 and charges are expected to be filed.

Domestic disturbance was reported in the 300 block of Avenue C, where a wife was upset at her husband for not taking responsibility for the family bills. No assault occurred.

A 16-year-old female was accused to assaulting another woman in the parking lot of a local business because the complainant was dating the suspect's husband. Charges will be filed in Municipal Court.

Two teenage girls were reported to have taken an 18-pack of beer from a local store. A witness identified one of the suspects and provided police with a license plate number of the car in which they left the scene.

A loud party was reported in the 100 block of Avenue E. It was shut down by police and no charges will be filed.

Officers issued seven traffic citations.

There were three curfew violation citations issued.

There was one motor vehicle accident reported without injuries.

DEAF SMITH SHERIFF

A 16-year-old male certified as an adult was arrested for violation of probation (aggravated sexual assault of a child).

Criminal mischief was reported.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Volunteer firefighters were called out at 8:40 a.m. to a wreck rescue at Park Avenue and Avenue I.

Sharp confident that Bush will offer property-tax plan

AUSTIN (AP) - If Gov. George W. Bush decides not to push an alternative to rising property taxes in the 1997 legislative session, State Comptroller John Sharp just might.

Sharp, a Democrat who's seen as a potential gubernatorial candidate, says he's confident the Republican governor will offer a property-tax relief plan.

And as state government's numbers man, Sharp said Tuesday his role is to help Bush and others the governor has named to look into the issue.

But if Bush decides public reaction doesn't warrant a full-court press for change in the 1997 legislative session, Sharp said, "I would sure look at it then, because I'm convinced that it is a problem."

"If they decided, 'Hey, I don't think the public wants this, and we don't want to get into any political hot water for whatever reason, and ... we're not going to consider this in the next session of the Legislature,' then we'd rethink. Because I do think that it has to be done," said Sharp, who hasn't said whether he'll run for governor in 1998.

"I think the governor's initial instincts were accurate, and he needs to follow those," Sharp said. "It can be done. It will take some courage."

A Bush-appointed committee is conducting hearings around the state to gauge public support for an

alternative to local school property taxes, which total nearly \$10 billion annually.

Bush spokesman Ray Sullivan said the governor and lawmakers will decide what to do after the committee, headed by Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer, concludes its work.

"At that time, the governor and the Legislature will have to determine how best to proceed. He wants to make sure that there is public support and collective will for legislative alternatives to property taxes," Sullivan said.

Asked what will occur if Bush doesn't find that, Sullivan said, "We'll have to see what happens."

Bush has said he hopes to find a property-tax substitute. An earlier report from a special task force suggested three possibilities: a business activity tax; a gross receipts tax on business and investment income; and changes in the current 6.25 percent state sales tax, such as

expanding it to items not now taxed.

Bomer last week said many Texans think property taxes are near crisis proportions, and he believes lawmakers will respond to their concerns.

Sharp said, "I don't need public opinion polls or a set of hearings to tell me that the public is severely upset about what they see as trends in property taxes."

He said the property tax burden also costs the state because some companies choose not to locate in Texas.

"At the same time that we're asking people to come in and make huge capital investments and employ our young people, we are telling them we are going to tax you higher on that capital than virtually any place in the United States of America," Sharp said.

"Am I going to do what I can to make sure that we find something to substitute for the property tax? You bet I am," Sharp said.

Media seeks access to video of Clinton's testimony in trial

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) - The Justice Department wants a federal judge to deny public access to the videotape of President Clinton's testimony in a second Whitewater trial.

The department said in papers filed Tuesday in federal court that commercial and political exploitation will occur if copies of the president's taped deposition were made available to the public.

The filing echoed White House objections in May to release of the videotape of Clinton's testimony in an earlier trial of Clinton's former Whitewater partners and former Gov. Jim Guy Tucker.

News organizations sought access to that videotape immediately after it was played in court in mid-May, and a written transcript was released immediately. But the videotape itself was not released.

U.S. District Judge George Howard Jr. last month ordered the videotape in the earlier trial sealed indefinitely.

In the current Whitewater trial, the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press petitioned U.S. District Judge Susan Webber Wright to reconsider her June 7 order that all copies of Clinton's videotaped testimony would remain under seal.

Lottery

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

12-26-27-31-36 (twelve, twenty-six, twenty-seven, thirty-one, thirty-six)

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

0-2-2 (zero, two, two)

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Lifestyles

4-H breads workshop is first project of year

Deaf Smith County 4-H will hold its first project of the 1996-1997 4-H year with the Wheat and Breads Workshop from 9:30 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. on Tuesday, July 30, in the ballroom of the Hereford Community Center.

The workshop will be the training session for those youth wishing to participate in the 4-H Better Bake Show. The county contest will be Aug. 9 and the district contest will be held Sept. 13 in conjunction with the Tri State Fair.

Youth may participate in the workshop without participating in

the contest.

Workshop will be a hands-on preparation in learning the basics of preparing muffins. Whole wheat flour preparation techniques will also be a feature.

Youth will need to pre-register for the workshop and may do so by calling the County Extension Office at 364-3573.

The workshop will be limited to those youth that are 4-H age which included youth 9 years-of-age or those youth that will be entering the third grade at the beginning of the school year. Youth may not exceed 19 years-of-age.

Pilot of Year award is presented to Simpson

Yvonne Simpson was named Pilot of the Year at the July meeting of Pilot Club of Hereford Tuesday morning in the Community Center.

The meeting was called to order by 1996-1997 president Claudia Smith.

Plans for the ensuing year were presented by coordinators and accepted by the membership.

Coordinators are Peggie Fox, projects; Wanda Brown, club operations; Jodi Keese, fund raisers; and Martha Jones, youth divisions and programs.

Perfect attendance certificates were presented by Yvonne Simpson to almost 50 percent of the membership.

Pilot Club sponsored a birthday

party recently at Westgate Nursing Home honoring the 12 residents having July birthdays.

Co-pilots will be honored by Pilot Club members on Aug. 2 at a hamburger cookout in the Community Center.

Senior Citizens

MENUS

THURSDAY-Salisbury steak, brown gravy, rice pilaf, green beans with pimento, tossed green salad, dressing, sherbet; or chicken stroganoff, mixed fruit.

FRIDAY-Fried pollock, tartar sauce, buttered parsley potatoes, Harvard beets, carrot/cabbage slaw, Boston brown bread, applesauce cake; or baked chicken breast, angel food cake.

MONDAY-Meat loaf, salsa, hashed brown potatoes, corn, cucumber/onion salad, pears, cookies; or salmon.

TUESDAY-Paprika chicken, egg noodles, Italian green beans, carrot and raisin salad, plum cobbler; or beef tidbits with gravy, plums.

WEDNESDAY-Mexican stack, Spanish rice, pinto beans, salad fixings, tostados, fresh fruit; or Mexican turkey stack.

ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY-Pool classes, Bible study 9:30 a.m., oil painting 9-11 a.m., Young at Heart Choir practice 1-2 p.m., Thrift Store open, watermelon and games 7 p.m.

FRIDAY-Pool classes, Thrift Store open.

SATURDAY-Games 12 noon - 4 p.m.

MONDAY-Pool classes, doll class 12:30-4 p.m.

TUESDAY-Pool classes.

WEDNESDAY-Pool classes, crafts and ceramics 1-3 p.m.



Pilot of Year named

Yvonne Simpson, right, receives the plaque for Pilot of the Year from Claudia Smith. Simpson was president of Pilot Club for the club year just ended and Smith is the new president.

Smith is honored at bridal shower

Jennifer Smith, bride-elect of Larry Webb, was honored with a bridal shower Saturday in the E.B. Black House.

Greeting guests with the honoree were Becky Smith, her mother; Marcie White, her sister; Janet Lovvorn, her grandmother; Carol Webb, mother of the prospective bridegroom; Francile Logue, his grandmother; and Missy Romero and

Laura McKinney, his sisters.

Brittney Wilcox presided at the guest registry.

Debbie Pierce, Candi Leatherwood and Johna Wilson served refreshments of cinnamon rolls, quiche and fruit plate, tea and punch.

The table was centered with a silk floral arrangement made by the grandmother of the bride in the

bride's chosen colors of burgundy and hunter green. Appointments were in silver.

A bread maker was the gift from hostesses Johnnie Alford, Darla Bryant, Peggy Danley, Keith Ann Gearn, Rene Kuper, Linda McConnell, Sharon Noland, Janie Perez, Debbie Pierce, Carla Purcella, Sue White and Vicki Wilson.



Shower honors bride-elect

Jennifer Smith, bride-elect of Larry Webb, was the honoree at a bridal shower Saturday in the E.B. Black House. Pictured with Smith, center, are Janet Lovvorn, her grandmother; Becky Smith, her mother; Carol Webb, her future mother-in-law; and Francile Logue, grandmother of the prospective bridegroom.

Reddinger named to serve as district deputy for Elks

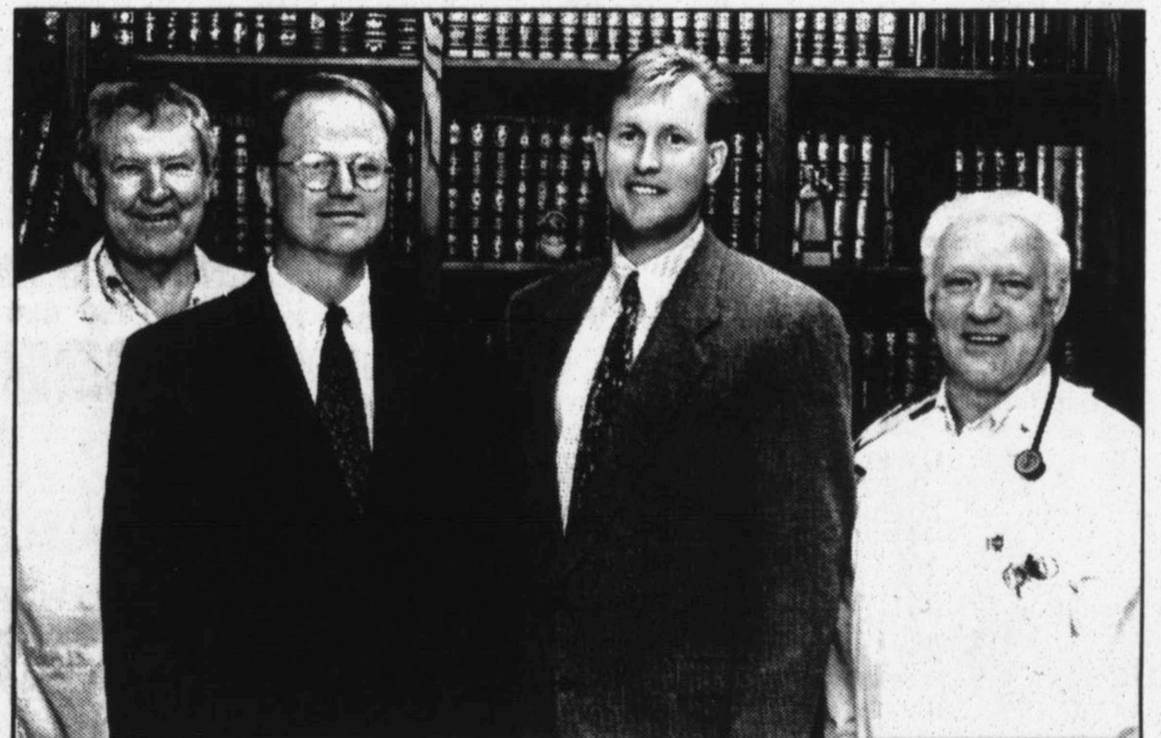
LAS VEGAS -- Ray Reddinger of Hereford has been appointed to serve as a district deputy to the national leader of the BPO Elks of the USA.

Reddinger, a member of Hereford Lodge No. 2269, was deputized during the 132nd Elks national convention, held July 14 to 18 in Las Vegas.

He will serve the Panhandle District of Texas, one of 250 districts nationwide. His duties will include assisting Grand Exalted Ruler Gerald L. Coates of Greensboro, N.C., the national leader, in promoting and coordinating the organization's charitable and philanthropic programs for the year.



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Sports

Davis earns second Olympic gold medal

Americans capture 400 relay

Two out of three ain't bad. Josh Davis picked up his second gold medal of the Olympics with a strong performance in the 400-meter freestyle relay Tuesday in Atlanta, giving him two gold medals in his three events.

Davis is the husband of Hereford High School graduate Shantel (Cornelius) Davis and the son-in-law of Hereford residents Donnie and Darlene Cornelius. He finished seventh in the 200-meter freestyle race Saturday but bounced back Sunday to lead the U.S. to gold in the 800-meter freestyle relay.

Davis swam a strong second leg in the 400 relay Tuesday, setting up Gary Hall Jr. for blistering final leg and an Olympic record time of 3:15.41.

Jon Olsen led off for the United States squad, swimming the first 100 meters. At the end of the first leg, six of the eight teams were within a foot of the lead.

Davis, in the second spot, was up against tough competition in Russia's Alexander Popov, the 'Russian Rocket' who won the

gold medal in the 100-meter individual race Monday.

Davis finished his leg with the U.S. in third place - only a half a length behind Popov and less than a foot behind Germany.

Brad Schumacher swam the third leg and kept up the pace, trailing only the Russian and German swimmers - but not by much.

Hall, who on Monday had finished second to Popov in the 100, anchored the relay for the U.S. He got off to a great start and caught the German and Russian after only 10 meters. At 50 meters, he had a full body length. He won going away.

Russia took the silver medal with a time of 3:17.06 - more than a second and a half behind the U.S. team. Germany took bronze in 3:17.20.

Josh, a native of San Antonio, now lives in Austin with Shantel, where she is a member of the University of Texas volleyball team with one season of eligibility remaining.

Josh was an All-America swimmer for the Longhorns.

US women gymnasts claim gold

By PAUL NEWBERRY
AP Sports Writer
ATLANTA (AP) - The Olympic Games may be over for Kerri Strug. That's OK, though. Her courage is unquestioned, her legacy is assured, and she's already got her gold medal.

On Tuesday, the American gymnast provided what certainly will be one of the defining moments of the Atlanta Games, the kind of poignant performance they'll be replaying years from now in an NFL Films-like documentary, long after everyone has forgotten all the transportation problems and technological glitches.

Her left ankle throbbing, her team holding a tenuous lead over the Russians, Strug summoned every bit of inner fortitude for a final sprint down the runway, a final spin over the vault. When she landed, the pain was intense, but she could still manage a smile after helping the Americans win their first women's team title.

"I don't really feel like (a hero) right now," she said, her ankle in a cast and her chances of competing in the individual competition that begins Thursday night questionable at best. "I was obligated. The key medal was on the line."

Over at the pool, the Americans have removed any sense of drama from the swimming events.

Expected to struggle, the United States has left everyone in its wake. The Tuesday medal haul was the best yet - three golds, one silver and one bronze. And the total of seven golds, eight silvers and two bronzes is a major reason the Americans lead the overall medal chart.

"This is a team that no one really expected anything out of," said Amy Van Dyken, relishing her gold in the 100-meter butterfly. "I said at the trials, 'We're going to sneak in there, incognito, and blow the place up.' That's what we're doing."

After four days of competition, the United States led with 24 medals (9 gold, 12 silver, 3 bronze), followed by Russia's 16 (9-5-2) and Germany's 15 (0-6-8). The Russians, competing as a separate country for the first time, won titles in fencing and shooting Tuesday to keep pace with the Americans in the race for gold.

Today, the Dream Team returns to the court for its toughest game yet against Lithuania, while Janet Evans swims a qualifying race in the 800 freestyle, an event that provides her last chance to equal Bonnie Blair's record of five gold medals by a U.S. woman.

For the first time since 1952, the female gymnasts from the former Soviet Union didn't win the gold

when they competed. After Strug's amazing vault, the Russians had to settle for silver and the Romanians took bronze.

With the Americans holding a tenuous lead, Strug injured her ankle on her first vault, hobbling away noticeably after she stumbled on the landing. But her coach, Bela Karolyi, urged her to try again, and Strug obliged before a wildly cheering, flag-waving crowd of 32,048 in the Georgia Dome.

Her left ankle recoiled upon impact, but Strug held her spot on one leg before dropping to her knees in severe pain. As it turned out, the Americans didn't need her score to secure the title, but that didn't diminish the moment.

At the medal ceremony, Karolyi scooped up Strug in his big, beefy arms and put her on the highest rung of the medal platform alongside her teammates.

"We didn't want to march out without Kerri," Amanda Borden said. "We kept telling her, we couldn't have done it without her."

No member of the American team is over age 19, which was only appropriate on a day ruled by the kids. Fourteen-year-old swimmer Amanda Beard won her second silver

of the games in the 200-meter breaststroke and a 17-year-old Kim Rhode captured a shooting gold in women's double trap.

The Cubans, shaking off the defections that rocked their boxing and baseball teams, were still looking good in those two sports. The boxers improved to 8-0, including Maiko Romero's decision over Eric Morel at 112 pounds that gave the Americans their first loss, and the Cuban baseball team crushed the Netherlands 18-2 to remain unbeaten after three games.

The Americans picked up silvers in Greco-Roman wrestling from Brandon Paulson and Matt Ghaffari. Paulson lost to Armen Nazaryan, who won the first-ever medal for Armenia in the 114 1/2-pound class.

Beard finished second to South African swimming sensation Penny Heyns, who set an Olympic record in a 200-meter breaststroke heat. Heyns already had won gold with a world-record performance in the 100-meter breaststroke.

For the Americans, Van Dyken was joined on the winners' stand by Jeff Rouse, who took a gold medal in the 100-meter backstroke, and the men's 400-meter freestyle relay team, which set an Olympic record in its gold medal effort.

Heat goes into Shootout

The West Texas Heat won its last game in pool play at the National 15-under girls' AAU basketball tournament in Nashville, but a tie-breaker kept the team out of the championship bracket.

The Heat's 50-49 win over Potomac Valley Beltway Lady Cougars Monday gave them a 2-2 record in the pool. They were in a three-way tie for second, and only two teams could advance from the pool. The tie-breaker made them third.

"We were in a pretty tough pool, and we found that out," said Steve

Wright, who reported the scores.

The Heat went into the consolation "Shootout" bracket. After a first-round bye, the Heat won their second-round game easily on Tuesday: 67-38 over the Ocean State Shades from Rhode Island. Winning the Shootout bracket would give the Heat a national ranking of No. 16, Wright said.

Hereford's Julie Rampley was the high scorer in both games - with 18 points Monday and 16 Tuesday. Makesha Rives scored two points Monday and Kendra Wright had two points Tuesday.

Purcella excels at roping

Hereford's Steve Purcella grabbed two of the top three places in the open division of the Bud Light Texas Team Roping Championship, which was held last week at the Las Colinas Equestrian Center in Dallas.

Purcella, a header, teamed with two different heelers to take second and third places. He split more than \$11,000 in prize money.

Billy Stephens, also of Hereford, took fifth place. He teamed up with

Martin Lucero of Stephenville, and their total time in the 'average' was 32.20.

Purcella and Lucero combined to take second with a time of 30.90. Purcella teamed with Joe Day of Howe, Texas, for third place - in 31.14 seconds.

Purcella's haul from the event also included two saddles. Stephens took home a rope bag.

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TEAM ROPING (HEADING)
1, Charles Pogue, Ringling, Okla., \$41,959. 2, Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas, \$36,458. 3, Steve Purcella, Hereford, Texas, \$35,080. 4, David Motes, Fresno, Calif., \$32,449. 5, Matt Tyler, Corsicana, Texas, \$29,094. 6, Daniel Green, Valley

TEAM ROPING (HEELING)
1, Allen Bach, Toltec, Ariz., \$40,707. 2, Rich Skelton, Llano, Texas, \$36,458. 3, Steve Northcott, Odessa, Texas, \$35,080. 4, Kory Koonz, Sudan, Texas, \$29,094. 5, Chris Green, Valley Springs, Calif., \$28,711.

Strug shows toughness

By STEVE WILSTEIN
AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA (AP) - Kerri Strug's gutsy vault into history proved again that, pound for pound, women gymnasts are the toughest athletes in the Olympics, able to tolerate so much pain under pressure they make the rest of the sports world look like wimps.

Two torn ligaments in her left ankle didn't stop Strug from clinching the first American women's team gold in the Olympics on Tuesday, and the huge cast she wore to the medal ceremony minutes later didn't cancel her plans for Thursday's all-around final.

Nor is she ruling out the vault competition Sunday or the floor exercises Monday.

At 4-foot-9 and 80 pounds, maybe she'll enter the light flyweight division in boxing next week and give away a 26-pound advantage to the other fighters just to make it fair.

No one should be fooled by the tears Strug shed when burly coach Bela Karolyi cradled her like a baby

in his arms and carried her to the medal stand. She steered herself even there, stifling her sobs, as she hopped two steps up to the gold medal platform with her arms around Shannon Miller and Dominique

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Braves' Smoltz sizzles in his 17th victory

By BEN WALKER
AP Baseball Writer

The way he's pitching, John Smoltz might be able to shut down the Colorado Rockies at Coors Field. He may be the only one, though. On a night when Smoltz was earning his major league-leading 17th victory in Atlanta's 3-2 win at St. Louis, the Rockies were going on another run rampage in Denver. The Rockies blew big leads in both games, but it didn't matter as they still swept a day-night doubleheader from the New York Mets, 10-7 and 11-10. Dante Bichette, Andres Galarraga and Vinny Castilla hit consecutive homers in the second game, which the Rockies won in the ninth inning on Eric Young's seventh hit of the day. "A long day, but it's worth it when you win two," Colorado manager Don Baylor said. "I wasn't looking forward to a split. I knew we were going to have the last at-bat, and it came down to EY." Young leads the NL in batting at .355, one point ahead of Mike Piazza of Los Angeles. The Rockies have the best home record in the majors at 36-15.

In other games, Chicago beat San Francisco 9-6, Cincinnati defeated Philadelphia 5-3, San Diego stopped Houston 7-4, Los Angeles downed Florida 7-1, and Pittsburgh beat Montreal 5-1. The Rockies wasted a 7-1 lead in the opener, giving up six runs in the eighth inning. But they bounced back in their half to score three times, taking the lead on Quinton McCracken's RBI single. In the second game, they squandered leads of 7-0 and 9-7, and fell behind 10-9. The Rockies made it 10-all in the eighth, and a double by McCracken set up Young's RBI single with the bases loaded and no outs in the ninth. "It was a situation where I had to stay relaxed," Young said. "I've come up with the bases loaded before, and sometimes I get too aggressive. This time, I knew he had to come in and throw me a strike. With the bases loaded and no outs, I was confident I would get a good pitch to swing at." Young singled off Doug Henry (2-4), the losing pitcher in both games. One of the few visiting pitchers to enjoy success at Coors Field this

season is Smoltz. Back in June, he took a shutout into the ninth inning and struck out 10 in a win over the Rockies. Smoltz (17-4) was sharp in St. Louis, striking out 10 in eight innings. He has three more wins than anyone else in the majors, and also ranks No. 1 in strikeouts with 176 in 159 1-3 innings. Smoltz won on the anniversary of his first victory in the majors - he beat the Mets on July 23, 1988, in his big league debut with the Braves. He also defeated a longtime nemesis - the Cardinals stopped his 14-game winning streak back on June 24, and had won four straight decisions against him since 1992. "They hammered me, but I made some adjustments and I was looking forward to facing them again," Smoltz said. "I hadn't pitched well here." Braves 3, Cardinals 2 - Chipper Jones and Marquis Grissom each hit home runs as Atlanta improved to 5-0 at Busch Stadium this year. Grissom, who has hit six of 16 homers against the Cardinals, singled

in the fifth. He stole second, continued to third on catcher Danny Sheaffer's throwing error and scored on Mark Lemke's sacrifice fly for a 3-2 lead. Todd Stottlemyre (9-7) lost despite pitching his fourth complete game of the season. Padres 7, Astros 4 - Mike Hampton forced home the go-ahead run when his last pitch hit Archi Cianfrocco with the bases loaded, then reliever John Hudek balked before his first pitch, giving San Diego a win at the Astrodome. John Flaherty of the Padres extended his hitting streak to 24 games, longest in the majors this year. Houston had its winning streak stopped at four games. Cubs 9, Giants 6 - Sammy Sosa, leading the NL with 33 home runs, connected twice and drove in five runs as Chicago rallied on the road. Sosa's two-run homer in the sixth helped the Cubs come back from a four-run deficit. His three-run shot broke a 5-all tie in the seventh. In his last 15 games, Sosa has hit

.338 with seven homers and 20 RBIs. San Francisco took an early 4-0 lead, helped by an error from second baseman Ryne Sandberg. He made an error for the second straight day following a 59-game streak without a misplay. Reds 5, Phillies 3 - Barry Larkin was determined to pull the ball to left field, and he did it twice - over the fence at Veterans Stadium. Larkin hit two homers and drove in all five Cincinnati runs as the Reds beat Philadelphia for the seventh straight time. A day earlier, he flied out five times to right field in the first game of a doubleheader, prompting him to change his approach at the plate. Kevin Jarvis (4-2) pitched his second complete game since being recalled from the minors - for the second time this season - on June 5. Dodgers 7, Marlins 1 - Mike Busch, getting a chance to play third base because of last week's injury to Mike Blowers, hit a three-run double in the fourth inning as Los Angeles won at Miami. Busch, a former replacement player, has started five straight games and is

5-for-19 with nine RBIs in that span. Blowers is lost for the season with a torn knee ligament. Whether Busch remains in the lineup is uncertain, however, because the Dodgers are thinking about signing their former third baseman, Tim Wallach, released this week by California. Pirates 5, Expos 1 - Mike Kingery connected for Pittsburgh's first pinch-hit grand slam in nearly five years, highlighting the win at Three Rivers Stadium. Kingery broke a 1-all tie in the sixth inning with his home run off Pedro Martinez (8-5). It was the first pinch-hit slam for the Pirates since Curtis Wilkerson hit one Sept. 19, 1991.

Unknown Athletics bombard White Sox

By MIKE FLAM
Associated Press Writer

Pretty soon, someone is going to have to come up with a catchy nickname to identify the power hitters of the Oakland Athletics. McGwire is pretty well known. But the names Berroa, Steinbach and Giambi? Break out The Baseball Encyclopedia. Oakland kept up its record home run-hitting pace Tuesday night, smacking four more in an 8-4 victory over the Chicago White Sox. Terry Steinbach hit a grand slam, Mark McGwire hit his major league-leading 35th, Geronimo Berroa his 25th and Jason Giambi his 19th. The Athletics now have a major league-high 167 this season, putting them on pace to break the major league record of 240 set by the New York Yankees in 1961. "I don't know if it's contagious,

but solid hitting is and we've been doing that for a while," Steinbach said. "We've gotten contributions from all nine guys the last month and a half and we don't rely on one guy or just Mark." Steinbach's 24th homer was his fifth in three games and 15th in the last 29. In other American League games Tuesday night, the Yankees blanked Texas 6-0, Toronto topped Cleveland 3-1, Minnesota nipped Baltimore 3-2, Milwaukee beat Seattle 7-3, Kansas City defeated Boston 7-5 and Detroit dumped California 8-6. McGwire is by far the best known of Oakland's sluggers, having hit 49 homers in 1987. But a foot injury sustained in spring training kept him out of the first 18 games this season. His home run in the fourth off Alex Fernandez (9-7) was estimated as the longest by an opponent at new

Comiskey Park since such records started being kept four years ago. It traveled 452 feet. "Mark has been a joy to watch," said Oakland manager Art Howe. "When he hits, everybody in the park has their eyes glued to the home plate area because they don't want to miss it." Yankees 6, Rangers 0 - At Yankee Stadium, Dwight Gooden had his best outing in over two months - since his no-hitter May 14 against Seattle. Gooden (10-5) allowed two hits in seven innings, walked one and struck out five. He allowed 10 runs and eight walks in less than five innings last Thursday against Milwaukee. "Once I saw the tapes of the Milwaukee game, it was just a matter of fine tuning," Gooden said. Tino Martinez drove in two runs

and Paul O'Neill scored three runs as New York beat Roger Pavlik (12-3), who had won seven of his previous eight decisions entering the game. Twins 3, Orioles 2 - Paul Molitor doubled home the tying run in the eighth inning and scored on a wild pitch at Camden Yards to send Baltimore to its 10th loss in 14 games. Rick Aguilera (3-4) entered the game with an 11.48 ERA in his previous three starts, but pitched seven innings of five-hit ball for Minnesota. Minnesota is 4-45 when trailing after seven innings. The Twins trailed 2-1 when Pat Meares hit a one-out single in the eighth off David Wells (6-10).

Blue Jays 3, Indians 1 - Joe Carter hit his 350th career home run and 175th for host Toronto in support of Pat Hentgen, who has won his last four starts. "I'd like to get a few more, maybe reach 400," Carter said. Hentgen (11-6) scattered five hits in 7 1-3 innings to snap Cleveland's winning streak at three games. Shawn Green broke a 1-1 tie in the fourth with a two-run homer, his eighth, off Cleveland starter Chad Ogea (5-2).

Astros deal for veteran Darwin

HOUSTON (AP) - Pittsburgh Pirates pitcher Danny Darwin is returning to the Houston Astros, a decade after he was a member of the 1986 National League championship team. The Astros on Tuesday acquired Darwin for the stretch drive from the Pirates in exchange for right-handed pitcher Rich Loiselle, now with the Astros' Tucson Toros. Darwin, 40, is the only member of Houston's 1986 National League Championship Series team still active in the majors. The move repeats what the Astros did in August 1986 when the team acquired Darwin from Milwaukee. He went 5-2 with a 2.32 ERA in 12 games over the final six weeks of the season as Houston won the NL West Division by 10 games. "We believe he can play a major role in helping us win again this year," Astros General Manager Gerry

Hunsicker said. Darwin, a Bonham native, has a 3.02 ERA and a 7-9 record in 19 starts for the Pirates. Terms of the deal were not announced. Also Tuesday, the Astros signed free agent right-hander Terry Clark after his release by Kansas City. A

clause in his contract allowed his release if a major league opportunity existed. Clark started the 1996 season with the Royals but has pitched for the club's Triple-A team at Omaha since May. He is 1-1 with a 7.79 ERA in 12 games for the Royals and 3-1 with a 2.56 ERA in 16 games for Triple A

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Alliance reaches agreement with Rose Bowl

By HANK KURZ Jr.

AP Sports Writer
NEW YORK (AP) - No more arguments. No more doubts. College football's national champion will be decided on the field, not in the pressbox.

ABC Sports announced Tuesday that the Rose Bowl, Pac-10 and Big Ten have joined the bowl alliance in a four-year "super alliance" that will begin after the 1998 season.

"This is an opportunity to celebrate college football in a way that we have not been able to in the past," said Roy Kramer, commissioner of the Southeastern Conference and one of the architects of the agreement.

"This is the super alliance," Atlantic Coast Conference commissioner Gene Corrigan said. "This is the ultimate, and this is what we really wanted."

ABC Sports president Steve Bornstein declined to say what the financial agreements were, but said the payoffs to teams will increase significantly.

The Los Angeles Times reported today that ABC will pay the Rose Bowl "about \$18.5 million a year,"

an increase "of about \$6 million."

The Times said ABC has agreed to pay about \$518 million over seven years, including a three-year option, for the right to televise the Rose Bowl and the three other bowl games that will make up the "Super Alliance."

College football couldn't really claim to have a national championship game without the Rose Bowl, and the oldest of bowl games, for all its tradition, couldn't afford to ignore the threat of obsolescence.

So they met in the middle. The champion will be decided from among the six major conference champions and two at-large selections. The conferences are the ACC, Big East, SEC, Big 12, all from the bowl alliance, and the Pac-10 and Big Ten, until now bound by contract to send their champions to the Rose Bowl.

Naturally, the Fighting Irish were not forgotten. The at-large selections leave room for Notre Dame, a regular among the nation's elite teams and member of the existing alliance, and another team, or two other teams in seasons when the Irish don't have much fight.

"I think it's great the champion-

ship is going to be determined on the field," Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz said. "As a football coach, your only concern is getting to the championship game. I don't care where it's played or how it's determined."

Corrigan said the commissioners prefer a championship game to a playoff because a playoff would extend the season into late January.

Some terms of the agreement are still to be worked out, but coaches heralded the announcement as a giant step forward.

John Robinson, whose 1978 Southern Cal team was forced to share the national title when the AP and UPI polls differed at season's end, said the agreement should prevent similar circumstances in the future.

"This should be something that will be good for college football and for the fans of the game," he said. "I'm a big fan of the Rose Bowl, but I'm also a big fan of finding a way to crown a true national champion."

In 1978, the Trojans were voted No. 1 by UPI and No. 2 by the AP, even though Southern Cal had beaten then-No. 1 Alabama 24-14 in Birmingham.

"As someone who's long supported a national championship game, I'm delighted by today's announcement," said Penn State coach Joe Paterno, whose team has won two titles but had four perfect seasons end without even a share of the national title. "It's always been my contention that teams should have the opportunity to win championships on the field."

Some coaches liked the concept, but said they hope computer rankings would someday play a larger role in determining the best teams.

"Eventually, I would like to see some type of computer poll to determine the top two teams," Nebraska coach Tom Osborne said. "I think that would limit some of the regionalism, campaigning and politicking that goes on."

Kramer said the weekly polls produced by the AP and CNN-USA Today will probably still play a role in determining the championship matchup.

So far, only the Rose Bowl is assured a spot in the mix, with the other bowls to be determined. Kramer said the Sugar, Orange and Fiesta bowls - all

members of the existing alliance - will be given 60 days to negotiate their positions, after which any games interested would be considered.

Until the new alliance goes into effect, the Sugar Bowl will be host to the "championship" game this year and the Orange Bowl will get it next year. Those games won't include Big Ten or Pac-10 schools, though, because those leagues remain obligated to send their champions to the Rose Bowl.

The big winners in the deal appear to be the Rose Bowl and ABC. The biggest loser is CBS, which could all but disappear from college football.

"We were aware when we helped create the alliance that the possible entry of the Rose Bowl would change the landscape, and were prepared for this turn of events," CBS Sports president David Kenin said. "Naturally, we would have liked to participate as broadcasters."

Under terms of the new agreement,

in seasons when the Pac-10 and Big Ten do not have a No. 1- or No. 2-ranked team, those teams will meet in Pasadena unless the Rose Bowl is scheduled to play host to the championship game.

Harriman Cronk, chairman of the football committee of the Tournament of Roses Association, said the Rose Bowl made the best deal it could.

"There will be some people who fuss at us because of what we've done. The year we have to give up somebody, we will get a pick out of the pool of the alliance," he said. "We'll get a chance at the Nebraskas, the Notre Dames, Auburns and the Alabamas. So it'll still wind up being a great day."

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Mavs trade for ex-Fab Five member

TORONTO (AP) - Who better to provide the Toronto Raptors with some badly needed muscle than a player named Popeye?

The Raptors acquired power forward Popeye Jones, one of the NBA's premier rebounders, in a trade Tuesday with the Dallas Mavericks that sent shooting guard Jimmy King to Texas.

"We are looking for a player who could bring us consistency under the boards, while adding some frontcourt scoring," Toronto vice president Isaiah Thomas said. "Popeye is that player. He's not a flashy type of

player. He's one of the hard-working type of guys in the NBA. He's the dirty work guy."

Toronto also received a 1997 first-round pick, which belonged to the New York Knicks, and the option to exchange 1997 first-round draft picks with the Minnesota Timberwolves, unless that pick is first overall.

Dallas had acquired those selections in previous deals. In return, the Raptors sent the Mavs their second-round selections in '97 and '98.

In addition, the Raptors renounced their rights to free-agent center Oliver

Miller in a move that freed up salary-cap room. With Jones to make about \$1.23 million this season, Toronto still can play with about \$1.4 million under its cap of \$18.2 million.

"... If we wanted to go out and sign a free agent, we still could," Thomas said. "We feel we'll be very attractive for free agents to come here and play."

King, a member of Michigan's Fab

Five, was taken in the second round - 35th overall - in the 1995 draft. In 62 games with the Raptors, he averaged 4.5 points, 1.8 rebounds and 1.4 assists in 14 minutes a game.

An hour or so after he learned of the trade, the 6-foot-5, 210-pound King said he was having a hard time coming to terms with the deal. But the more he thought about the trade, the more he liked it, he said.

Cowboys counting on Brice at corner

AUSTIN (AP) - Not long after the Dallas Cowboys had defeated the Pittsburgh Steelers 27-17 in the Super Bowl, defensive coordinator Dave Campo walked by rookie cornerback Alundis Brice.

"We gave you this one (a Super Bowl ring), the next time you have to earn it," Campo told Brice.

"That's what I want this year," Brice said. "I want to earn a Super Bowl ring, not just get one by playing on the special teams."

Since Deion Sanders will spend some time on offense and Kevin Smith is still recovering from a torn right Achilles tendon, Brice is being counted upon to deliver quality playing time.

Training camp has been an ordeal for Brice, who has had to cover

Sanders every day. And he's had a hard time doing it.

Sanders burned Brice for a 65-yard touchdown pass in a scrimmage and Campo said, "I'm willing to bet Deion will run by a few more guys this year. But I'm a little disappointed."

Brice knows the heat is on to perform.

"I've had a lot of challenges before," Brice said. "But this is one of the biggest ones I've ever had." Certainly not the biggest.

Living through a gunshot wound will always be tops. Brice, a fourth-round draft pick out of Mississippi, was shot in the chest while trying to break up a campus altercation in his senior year.

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Moceanu, cheers and chills filling the Georgia Dome in one of the most dramatic moments of any Olympics.

"We didn't want to march out without Kerri," teammate Amanda Borden said. "We kept telling her, we couldn't have done it without her."

Talk about tough. This women's gymnastics team, which ended four decades of Russian dominance, is loaded with toughness, even if they all look so tiny and cute in their tights and bows.

There was the 4-foot-5 Moceanu, brilliant on the bars and beam and seemingly floating on air in her floor routine, little more than six weeks after suffering a stress fracture of her right shinbone.

There was Miller, shrugging off chronic tendinitis in her left wrist as she swung on the bars as if she'd never been hurt.

And there was Amy Chow, who bashed the side of her face against the beam at the Olympic trials three weeks ago and got right back up to win her spot on the team, doing her part now fearlessly on the bars and vault.

Baseball and basketball players sit out six weeks with the kind of injury Strug suffered on the first of her two vaults. She sat out less than a minute.

"I can't feel my leg," she screamed to Karolyi when she fell on that first vault and thought she'd broken her ankle.

"Shake it off, shake it off," he shouted back from behind the barrier.

Karolyi, who had coached Nadia Comaneci and Mary Lou Retton, doesn't coddle his gymnasts. Not in training, and certainly not when an Olympic gold medal is on the line. But Strug, 18 and sure of herself, wasn't intimidated by the big, bearish Romanian. She knew what she could do, she knew what the team needed after two falls by Moceanu, and she picked herself up and did it.

"I knew with Dominique falling on both vaults, that the gold was slipping away," Strug said. "I kind of said a little prayer. I said, 'Please, God, help me out. I've just got to do this one more time.' I let the adrenaline take over."

With the clock ticking down, and the crowd mesmerized in breathless silence, there she was again, running full speed for 25 meters. She propelled herself from the takeoff board, cartwheeling through the air, and flinging her body backward from the vault for 1 1-2 twists before landing with a thud that would have been hard enough on two good ankles.

She had heard a "snap" or a "pop" after her first vault, she said, and now when she landed she heard a "crunch." Her left ankle felt as if it were made of Rice Krispies.

Still, she held her spot, hopping on her right foot, balancing precariously while a thunderous roar erupted from the 32,000 fans. She stood there, like a stork, long enough to secure her mark, then crumpled to the mat and crawled off into the arms of her coaches and teammates before being taken off on a stretcher.

That vault, good for 9.712 points, guaranteed the gold no matter what the lone Russian remaining did in the floor routine.

This truly was a team victory, everyone coming through until that transcendent moment at the end.

Miller, the most experienced and honored American gymnast, did her part, but she didn't carry the team. Rather, it was Moceanu and Dominique Dawes and Strug who put up the most consistent scores in all four disciplines, and Chow and Borden who came through in their specialties.

"Every single girl was a hero," said Steve Nunno, Miller's coach.

"They have their own egos, and their own pride," Karolyi added, "but they formed a powerful unit that was unbeatable tonight."



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Dear Ann Landers: Last week, I was riding my bicycle pretty fast when a pickup truck darted across traffic in front of me. When I saw him, I immediately put on the brakes. My bike stopped, but I didn't.

Things happened so fast, it's difficult to remember, but I recall flying over the handlebars and slamming into the asphalt head first, my glasses smashing into my right eye and my shoulder hitting the pavement. I don't remember my hip being injured or how my left knee hit the ground, but I know I was in pain.

When the emergency crew arrived, one of the attendants said, "You're darned lucky you had your helmet on. Without it, you might have been killed." His words didn't have much impact until the nurse at the hospital showed me the helmet. It was split in half. That would have been my head.

The extent of my injuries included a hairline fracture to my right elbow, a black eye, skinned left knee and sore right shoulder. I received NO head injuries, not even a concussion, thanks to my helmet. My experience has convinced two of my friends to wear bicycle helmets whenever they ride. I often hear people say they don't like wearing helmets because they're too hot or they look nerdy. I tell these people, "Would you rather be a little sweaty and nerdy-looking,

or cool and in style lying in your coffin?"

I'm keeping the broken helmet in my apartment for everyone to see. I think of it as my trophy to life. -- Alive and Well in Austin, Texas

Dear Alive and Well: Your letter could not have come at a better time. According to a report from the Coalition for Consumer Rights, about 1,000 people die every year in bicycle accidents, 62 percent from head injuries. The report said helmets reduce brain injuries by 88 percent.

People don't pay a lot of attention to statistics, but they do like gifts and prizes. So, in Illinois, the Cook County Department of Public Health and the Forest Preserve District soon will give riders wearing helmets coupons for cellular phones, ice cream, pizza and bike equipment. Knowing human nature, I can assure you the gifts will be a greater incentive than any "educational" campaign.

Dear Ann Landers: I have fallen in love with a woman I have known for six years. I have helped her out financially (well over \$20,000) since we met.

We have been very close a few times, if you know what I mean, but she can't seem to find time to go out with me. She loves to talk to me on the phone -- in fact, some days, she

calls me five or six times. One day last week, I got 10 calls from her. It really hurts that this woman I love has plenty of time to talk but she never wants to go anywhere with me.

"Sally" is 43. Her kids are grown and have lives of their own, but somehow she can never find a moment for me. From time to time, she has asked me to help her financially, and I always come through for her. What do you think of this? I need an outside opinion. -- Max in Utah

Dear Chump: I think you ought to get smart and stop playing year-round Santa Claus. There are plenty of women who would appreciate the company of a decent man like you. Give Sally the name of a lending officer at your bank, and tell her goodbye.

Gem of the Day (Credit Sir Winston Churchill): A fanatic is one who cannot change his mind and refuses to change the subject.

Feeling pressured to have sex? How well-informed are you? Write for Ann Landers' booklet "Sex and the Teen-ager." Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$3.75 (this includes postage and handling) to: Teens, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$4.55.)

Cake baking contest is added to competition at Tri-State Fair

AMARILLO -- Calling all cake bakers! The Amarillo Tri-State Fair is hosting a new cake competition, the Softasilk Championship Cake Contest.

First, second and third prizes of \$100, \$50 and \$25 will be awarded to the three best cakes created from scratch using Softasilk cake flour.

The \$100 first place winner will also receive a beautifully engraved momento, a championship rosette ribbon and an apron.

To create an award-winning cake, start with Softasilk cake flour. Cake flour is especially milled to give cakes a delicate, tender texture and high volume. Cake flour can be substituted for all-purpose flour by using one cup plus two tablespoons of cake flour for each cup of all-purpose flour.

Softasilk has been sponsoring cake-baking contests at fairs across the country since 1986. Winning entries in last year's fair contest include Coconut Cake Deluxe, Fresh Grapefruit Cake, Orange Blossom Honey-Spice Cake and Strawberry-White Chocolate Cream Cake.

In an Iowa kitchen, almonds and strawberries were united to conquer all competitors and create a cake fit for royalty, the Princess Louise Cake. Serve this cake to your entourage and receive royal praise.

For specific judging criteria and entry information, contact the fair entry office or check the fair premium book.

until finely ground. Stir together flour and baking powder. Beat butter and almond past in large bowl with electric mixer until well blended. Gradually beat in 1-3/4 cups sugar. Beat in almond extract. Beat flour and milk alternately into sugar mixture. Beat in ground almonds.

Separate eggs; reserve yolks for Frosting. Beat egg whites in large bowl on high speed until foamy. Beat in 1/2 cup sugar until stiff. Fold egg whites into batter. Pour into pans. Bake 30 to 35 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes; remove from pans to wire rack. Cool completely.

Prepare Frosting. Beat whipping cream in chilled medium bowl on high speed until stiff. Fold 1 cup of the Frosting into whipped cream.

Split each cake horizontally, to make two layers. Place one layer on cake plate; spread with about 3 tablespoons of the jam and scant 1/2 cup of the whipped cream mixture. Repeat with remaining layers. Frost top of cake with remaining whipped cream mixture. Frost side of cake with two cups of the Frosting. Press sliced almonds onto bottom half of side of cake. Arrange strawberries on

top of cake to within two inches of edge. Pipe remaining Frosting around top edge of cake. Cover and refrigerate any remaining cake.

16 servings.
FROSTING
Reserved 8 egg yolks
1-1/2 cups sugar
1/2 cup water
5 tablespoons orange-flavored liqueur
1-1/2 cups butter, softened*
2 teaspoons vanilla

Beat egg yolks in large bowl on high speed about five minutes, scraping bowl frequently, until thick and lemon colored. Cook sugar water and liqueur in 1-quart saucepan over medium-high heat, stirring constantly, until sugar is dissolved and syrup is boiling. Continue cooking to 238 degrees on candy thermometer or until small amount of mixture dropped into very cold water forms a soft ball that flattens when removed from water. Immediately beat hot syrup into egg yolks in a slow, steady stream on high speed. Continue beating at least five minutes until completely cool. Gradually beat in butter and vanilla until thickened and spreadable.
*We do not recommend margarine for this recipe.

An AP Entertainment Review

Television, food inextricably linked

By FRAZIER MOORE
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) - Here's a sneak preview of the next big thing: an edible remote control for your TV. Comes in dozens of flavors - regular and fat-free.

Now one amazing product lets you chew while you channel-surf!

It's inevitable. Television and food are inextricably linked. After all, we're talking about one of life's most basic, indispensable, fulfilling enterprises. And eating is important, too.

For most of us, one of these activities hardly feels right without the other. Or, as a fellow viewer put it: "Have you ever eaten microwave popcorn without a TV in the room?"

It goes much further than that. Even further than the savory focus of cable's TV Food Network.

All across the dial, TV shows are obsessed with eating!

Just think about all the TV shows set in eating places. "Archie's Place," "Jack's Place," "Jack and Mike," "Tattlingers," "Love and War," "It's A Living," "The Good Guys."

There's the classic "Alice," of course, and the current "Party of Five," where the family runs a restaurant. And on a new fall sitcom, ABC's "Townies," three young New England women work in a - you guessed it - restaurant.

On "Murphy Brown," the "FYI" bunch is always dropping by Phil's. J.R. frequented the Cattleman's Club on "Dallas." The "Happy Days" kids slurped sodas at Arnold's. And if the barflies ever got the munchies on "Cheers," Melville's restaurant was right upstairs.

On "Melrose Place" the cast is always chewing the scenery and on "Walker, Texas Ranger," knuckle sandwiches are served. (Sorry.)

Never let it be said that television is only a spectator's medium.

Effectively promoting viewer participation, TV comes equipped with commercial breaks. During those convenient timeouts, you can head for the kitchen for more supplies before the show resumes.

By now, most of us have a

Pavlovian response to an impending commercial break. Just pretend you're hearing Ted Koppel say, "When we come back" Your mouth's watering already, right?

If you stay around for the commercials, you won't be disappointed. There are lots of lip-smacking commercials for all the major food groups: candy, soda, beer, frozen pizza and fast-food restaurants.

Not to mention the commercials for vitamin supplements and antacids, useful since most of the food you've been snacking on isn't so good for you. And ads for diet aids and health clubs. And for detergents to get out the stains where you dribbled all those goodies down your front. And more commercials still for dishwashing products.

As Madge would say, "You're soaking in it."

You never need Madge when you opt for a TV dinner. (Granted, they're not called that anymore, but a rose by any other name ...) What a concept!

You eat food off a disposable tray while watching your favorite disposable TV shows. Afterwards, you can recycle the aluminum tray. Hollywood recycles the shows.

If you can tear yourself away from the tube for longer than a commercial for Crest Tartar Control, you'll make a startling discovery: Restaurants seem as much like TV as TV.

If you're in Manhattan, come to Sullivan's Restaurant and Broadcast Lounge. It opened in April adjacent to Broadway's Ed Sullivan Theater (where David Letterman tapes his show), in the space once occupied by the Cordial Bar, a hangout of Ed Sullivan himself and the Great One, Jackie Gleason.

Sullivan loved steak. Gleason loved Chinese food. Those are the two cuisines Sullivan's offers in a restaurant boasting button-tufted upholstery, a sweeping stairway and painted, trompe l'oeil drapes.

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- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 cup butter, softened*
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- 3/4 teaspoon almond extract
- 1-1/3 cups milk
- 8 eggs
- 1/2 cup sugar
- Frosting (below)
- 1 cup whipping (heavy) cream
- 1 cup seedless strawberry jam
- 1/2 cup sliced almonds
- Whole strawberries



Princess Louise Cake

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour three round pans, 9 X 1-1/2 inches. Place slivered almonds in food processor. Cover and process

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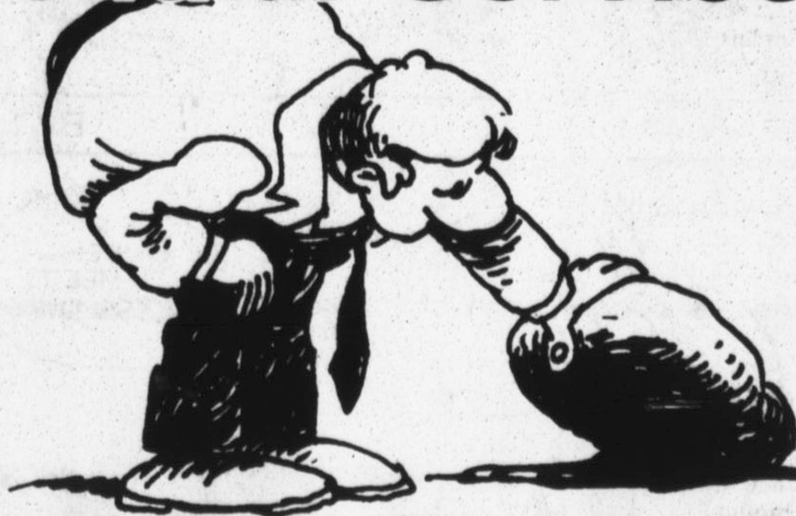
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Parts of state serve as summer home to millions of bats

By ALLAN TURNER
Houston Chronicle
GRAPETOWN, Texas - It's been a scorcher of a day, but as night descends and the cool, cedar-scented breezes caress this Hill Country valley, it would be hard to imagine a more pleasant, peaceful setting. Dragonflies dip and buzz, their prismatic wings turning the waning sunlight to diamonds. A hawk circles overhead.

Within seconds, the scene changes. Millions of frenzied bats - responding to an internal dinner gong - burst from the mouth of an abandoned railway tunnel. A black whirlwind, they fill the air with the click of leathery wings as they spiral through the trees.

The hawk dives, and a hungry bat becomes a meal.

The sky clears, and the daily summer drama at the state's Old Tunnel Wildlife Management Area - home to as many as 3 million Mexican free-tailed bats - draws to a close.

Bats and summer just seem to go together - at least around Austin and San Antonio, where millions of bats annually take up residence under bridges and in caves and buildings. Bat fans gather nightly on the shores of Austin's Town Lake to watch the flight from the Congress Avenue bridge, one of the nation's largest urban bat colonies. As many as 40 million bats reside in Bracken Cave, near New Braunfels, emerging in such concentrations that they are trackable on radar.

But for the sheer intensity of experience, few sites rival the tiny old San Antonio, Fredericksburg and Northern Railway tunnel 15 miles from Comfort, where, as park naturalist Mike Wallace said, the flight is "like a tornado of bats."

Spectators at the lower of two viewing levels are just feet from the column of speeding bats, which can travel in excess of 40 mph. "It's truly impressive," Wallace said. "You can feel the wind from their wings."

Added Wallace's boss, Tim Lawyer, conservation specialist and

site supervisor: "This is probably the best spot in the state to see a bat emergence - and to learn something."

The wildlife management area, which hosts special Thursday- and Saturday-night bat tours during summer months, centers around the 920-foot-long tunnel, which passes through a massive limestone ridge known locally as "Big Hill." The tunnel was opened in 1913 to complete a long-awaited rail link between San Antonio and the Gillespie County seat, Fredericksburg.

Certainly the longest, if not the only railway tunnel in the Hill Country, it was abandoned in 1942. "People tell us it didn't take long for the bats to move in," Wallace said.

Years before the state acquired the property in 1991, locals visited the site to watch the bat flights. But, Wallace said, the humans weren't always good neighbors.

"When the state opened the park a couple of years ago, they had to pick up bottles and shotgun shells that people had fired at the bats," he said. "We still get a few people who come down here upset that they can't do that anymore."

Lawyer said extensive studies were undertaken before the state opened the area to the public. "My biggest concern is how human activity in the area affects the bat colony," he said. Heavy tourism at some caves, the famed Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico among them, may be responsible for a decline in the bat population, he said.

"Carlsbad used to have 30 million bats, now it's down to a few hundred thousand," he said.

At Old Tunnel Wildlife Management Area, human visitors are limited to designated viewing areas and pathways. A rock dam, which impounds a sludge of guano and water flowing from the tunnel, was erected to keep bat fans out.

But that measure seems gratuitous. The tunnel is a place only a bat could love. It reeks of dizzying ammonia fumes and the floor is coated with

feces, six feet deep in some places. Furthermore, the guano is infested with carnivorous dermestid beetles capable of stripping a bat corpse in minutes.

Unwary graduate biology students have been seriously scarred by beetle larvae, which Wallace described as "fuzzy maggots."

Lawyer said the Mexican bats, which have a wingspan of about eight inches, reside in the tunnel from late spring until about October.

"When we start getting cold fronts through here, they move out for Mexico," he said. Although pregnant bats are among the first to arrive in the spring, they leave the tunnel to give birth and nurture their young elsewhere in the Hill Country. Only in mid- to late summer do they appear at the tunnel with their offspring, which, by that point, are practically full-grown.

Researchers believe the tunnel - by definition open on both ends - does not provide the warmth necessary for a successful bat nursery. The tunnel's population peaks at about 3 million in August and September. Then, the evening emergence lasts half an hour. At present, the exodus takes about 10 minutes.

At the upper viewing area, Parks and Wildlife biologists are present seven nights a week to answer questions. That viewing area is free and always open. The lower level is reserved for the special bat tours, which require a \$25 conservation pass (good for other events at state parks as well) and reservations.

During daylight hours, the bats hang out in the tunnel, sleeping, fighting and jostling about. They normally emerge at about 8 p.m. to take advantage of the prime bug-hunting time. Their departure time, though, varies throughout the summer.

During their nocturnal forays into the countryside, they can travel as far as 30 miles from the tunnel in their search for supper. Wallace said they consume 12-15 tons of insects, many of them varieties harmful to crops. The dining hour can last all night with these bats - sometimes longer, given

this summer's drought and its attendant bug shortage.

"They'll eat moths and little flying beetles," Wallace said. "The moths are the adults of corn borers, cutworms and web worms. They may eat a few mosquitoes if they happen on to them, but that's normally not a major part of their diet."

Teaching the public about bats is a major goal of park officials.

"We really try to concentrate on the myths about bats - to teach people why they shouldn't be afraid," Wallace said. "People think that bats are flying rodents. But they're not rodents. They're a whole different order of animal. Bats normally don't bite people. But like any animal, if you attack them, they will defend themselves. Even with rabies, less

than one-half of 1 percent of the population is infected."

Common sense is advised when dealing with bats, though, he warned. "People will find bats flopping around on the ground in broad daylight. That animal clearly is sick and should be left alone," Wallace said.

Lawyer noted that bat conservationists are stepping up efforts to dispel antipath prejudices in Mexico.

"If the myths are bad here," he said, "they are even worse in Mexico, where people will actively try to drive the bats away. They'll burn old tires in bat caves to drive them out. A lot of work needs to be done on both ends of the bats' range."

As spectacular as the evening

flights are, Wallace and Lawyer said the morning returns are even more outstanding. "We really need to see about trying to set up some morning bat tours," Lawyer said.

"They'll just drop out of the sky like jet bombers and then you'll hear a scratching noise as they finally spread their wings to brake and fly into the tunnel."

Of course, he added, there might be drawbacks to morning bat-watching sessions. That's when the bats have to relieve themselves.

"The main problem is that there's a rain underneath them," Lawyer said. "They leave empty in the evening, but they come back full."

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Television

WEDNESDAY

JULY 24

6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
2 Fairie Tale Theatre	Movie: The Muppets Take Manhattan G	Raisins	Grace Kelly-Princess	Movie: Henry V Kenneth Branagh. NR						
4 News	Summer Olympic Games									
5 Newshour With Jim Lehrer	In the Wild									
6 Videos	Videos	(05) Movie: You Only Live Twice (1967) Sean Connery. ***	Great Performances							
7 News	Wh. Fortune	Ellen	Faculty	Grace Under Champs	Primitime Live					
8 Griffith	Newhart	Parent	Sister, Sis.	Wayans	Wayans					
9 News	Home Imp.	Dave's	Movie: A League of Their Own (1992) Geena Davis, Tom Hanks. ***							
10 Roseanne	Simpsons	Beverly Hills. 90210	Party of Five	Hercules-Jrny.	M*A*S*H					
11 Sportsctr.	Major League Baseball Teams to Be Announced									
12 North and South: Book II		Rescue 911		700 Club						
13 (5:15) Movie: Metropolitan	Movie: Rob Roy (1995) Liam Neeson, Jessica Lange. *** R									
14 Movie: Star Trek II	Movie: Star Trek Generations Patrick Stewart. *** PG	Tales-Crypt								
15 Movie: 1492: Paradise	Movie: Body Snatchers Gabrielle Anwar.	Movie: Nature of the Beast Eric Roberts.								
16 Movie: Wheel Dealers	Movie: Kitty Foyle (1940) Ginger Rogers. ***	Movie: Kings Row (1941) Ann Sheridan, Robert Cummings. ***								
17 Dukes of Hazzard	Phyllis George	Prime Time Country								
18 Bey. 2000	Next Step	Wild Discovery	Invention	Next Step	Empire of the Red Bear					
19 Equalizer		Biography	American Justice	20th Century						
20 Designing	Mysteries	Movie: The Murder of Mary Phagan (1988) ***								
21 PGA Today	Astros	Major League Baseball San Diego Padres at Houston Astros								
22 In the Heat of the Night	Movie: Leviathan (1989) Peter Weller. **									
23 Doug	Tiny Toon	Bewitched	Bewitched	Bewitched	Bewitched					
24 Wings	Wings	Murder, She Wrote	Movie: Circumstances Unknown (1995) **							
25 Marisol	Cancelon	Pobre Nina	El Premio Mayor	Fuera	Lente Loco					
26 Air Combat	Caesar's Gallic War	Movie: Evita Peron (1981) Faye Dunaway. ***								
27 RPM 2Night	Auto Racing NASCAR Winston Cup - TransSouth 400									

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2 Pool	Care Bears	GummibR	PooH Cmr.	Dumbo	Umbrella	My Little	Ducktales	Chip 'n Dale	Tale Spin	Sesame St.
4 Today				(Off Air)		Geraldo		Gordon Elliott		Our Lives
5 TimeGrow	TimeGrow	Sesame Street	Lamb Chop	Storytime		Mr Rogers	Critters	Barney	Puzzle Place	Prj. Smart
6 Gilligan	Bewitched	Little House on the Prairie	Boss?	3's Co.	B. Hillbillies	Griffith	(05) Matlock			Movie:
7 Good Morning America			Live - Regis & Kathie Lee		Caryl & Marilyn: Friends	Rosie O'Donnell				News
8 News			Court TV	Griffith	Charlie's Angels	Geraldo				News
9 This Morning			Ricki Lake		Price Is Right	Young and the Restless				News
10 Eek!stravag	Aladdin	Mighty Max	Rimbas	700 Club	K. Copeland	Christian	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.		Murphy
11 Sportscenter	Sportscenter			Sportscenter						Yachting
12 Family Challenge	Waltons			700 Club		FIT TV	Rescue 911			Home
13 Movie: For Keeps Molly Ringwald PG-13	(45) Movie: Zorro, the Gay Blade George Hamilton. PG									Movie:
14 Movie: Short Circuit 2 PG	Movie: Hoosiers (1986) Gene Hackman, Dennis Hopper.									Movie:
15 (1:15) Movie: Wyatt Earp (1994) Kevin Costner, Dennis Quaid. *** PG-13										Movie:
16 (6:30) Movie: *** Northwest Passage (1940)										Movie: Stand by for Action (1942) Robert Taylor. ***
17 (Off Air)										
18 Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Homeworks	Easy Does It	Home	Start	HouseSmart				
19 Mike Hammer	McCloud									
20 Baby Knows	KidsDays	Sisters								
21 Press Box	Workout	Plex & Blast	Get Fit							
22 (6:30) Scooby Dooby Doo	Bugs Bunny	Flintstones	Gilligan	Gilligan	Knobs Landing					
23 Looney	Looney	Rugrats	Busy World	Rupert	Muppets	Allegro	Gulth	Papa Beaver	Rupert	Busy World
24 Sonic	Turtles	American Gladiators	Parker	Facts of Life	Ten of Us	Ten of Us		Papa Dad	Major Dad	Peoples
25 Plaza Sesa	El Chavo	Livavelo	Papa Solt.	Dr Perez	Magica Juventud			Dulce Enemiga		Morella
26 Year by Year		Classroom	History Showcase	Napoleon & Love				Crusade	Crusade	Real West
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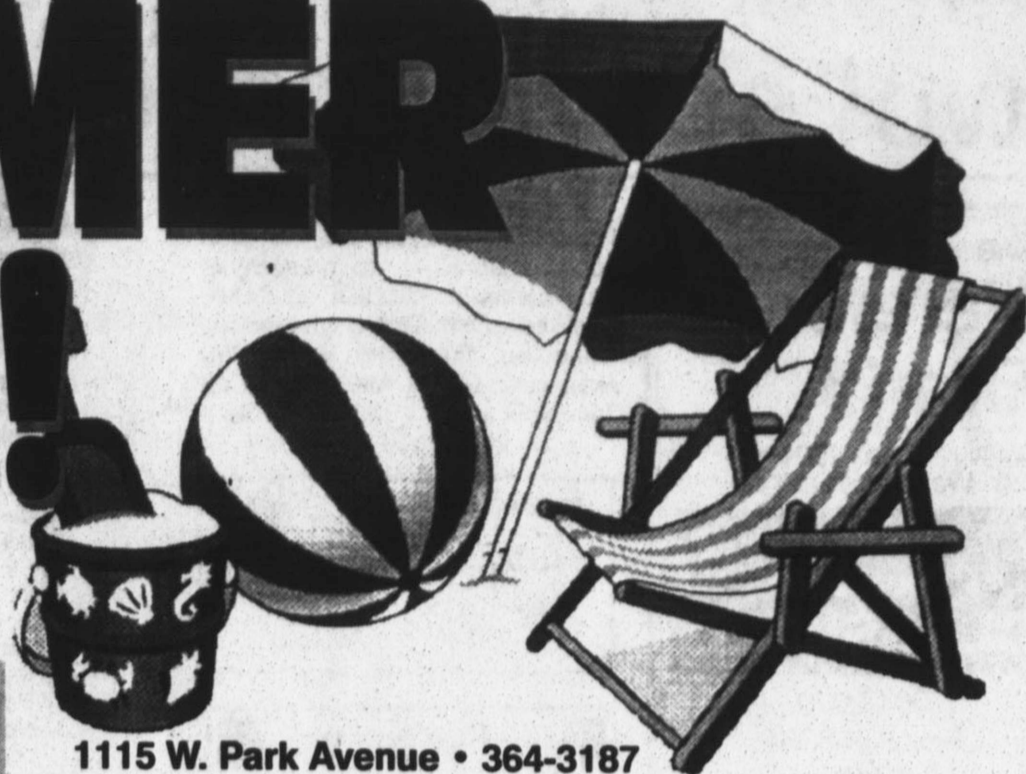
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4 Our Lives	Another World	Jenny Jones	Maury Povich		Oprah Winfrey					News
5 Body Elec.	Minister	Keeping Up	Caprial	With Health	Reading	C. Sandiego	Science Guy	Creatures	Wishbone	
6 (12:05) Movie: Masters of the Universe	Flintstones	Flintstones	Scooby-Doo	Brady	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.		
7 Rush L.	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Montel Williams		Videos	Jeopardy!	News	ABC News		
8 News	Perry Mason	Geraldo	Warner	Animanics	Fam. Mat.	Dreams	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell		
9 Bold & B.	As the World Turns	Guiding Light	Cur. Affair	Hard Copy	Day & Date					
10 Griffith	Matlock	In the Heat of the Night	Taz-Mania	Bobby	Batman	Rangers	Full House	Fresh Pr.		
11 Yachting	Surfing	Women's Volleyball	NCAA	Hydroplane Racing						
12 (12:00) Home & Family		Highway to Heaven	Punky B.	I'm Telling	Family Challenge					
13 Movie: The House on Carroll Street PG	(1:50) Movie: Bagdad Cafe *** PG									
14 (12:00) Movie: Body Slam	Movie: Explorers (1985) Ethan Hawke, River Phoenix.									
15 (12:05) Movie: Richie Rich (1:45) Movie: The Pagemaster *** G										
16 Movie: My Best Friend	Movie: Nobody Lives Forever (1946) ***									
17 Wildhorse	VideoPM									
18 Home	Start	Easy Does It	Home	Graham K.	Culnsine	Great Chefs	Popular Mechanics	Wings		
19 Equalizer	Columbo									
20 Nurses	Movie: Trial at Fortitude Bay (1994) Lolita Davidovich.									
21 Cycling	Equestrian	Thorhbird	Triathlon							
22 Thunder	How the West Was Won	Wild, Wild West								
23 Muppets	Gumby	Chipmunks	Nick in the Afternoon							
24 Live With the People's Court.	Love Connection & The Big Date									
25 Morella	Confidente de Secundaria									
26 Real West	Air Combat	History Showcase	Napoleon & Love							
27 Billiards	Strongest Man	Survival	RPM 2Night	Auto Racing FIA Formula One - European Grand Prix						

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2 Baby-Sitters	Ready-Not	Movie: A Far Off Place Reese Witherspoon. *** PG								
4 News	Summer Olympic Games									
5 Newshour With Jim Lehrer	Secrets of...	Mystery!								
6 Videos	(05) Movie: The Stone Killer (1973) ***									
7 News	Wh. Fortune	High Incident								
8 Griffith	Newhart	Xena: Warrior Princess	Major League Baseball Atlanta Braves at San Francisco Giants							
9 News	Home Imp.	Movie: Driving Miss Daisy (1989) Jessica Tandy. ****								
10 Roseanne	Simpsons	Martin	Single	New York Undercover	Star Trek: Deep Space 9	M*A*S*H	Cops	Wanted		
11 Sportsctr.	Dallas Cheerleaders	Redeoe Calgary Stampede Showdown								
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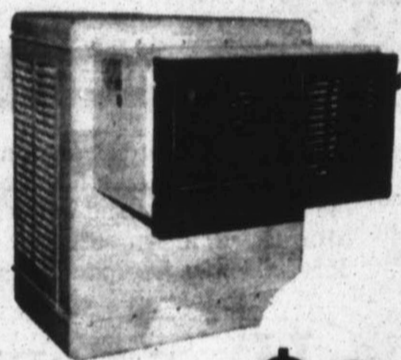
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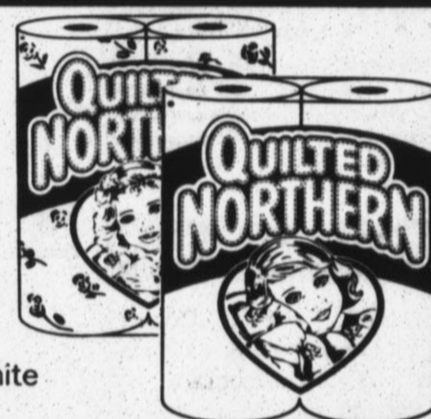
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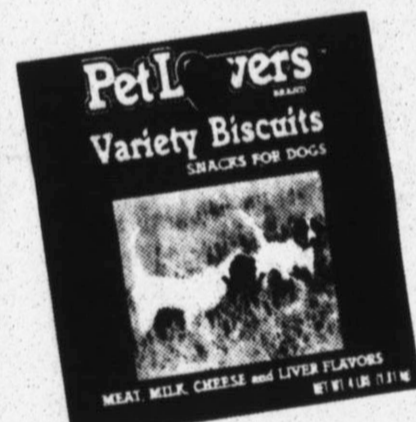
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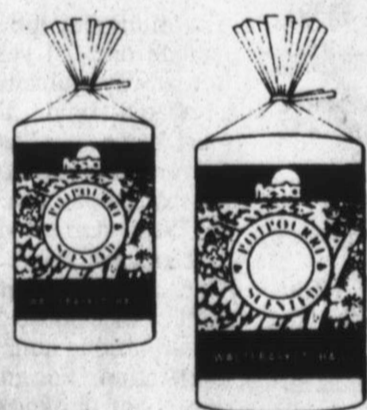
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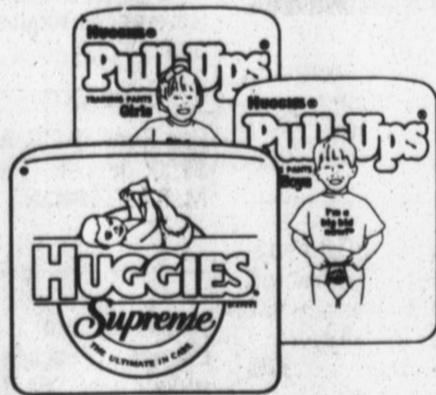


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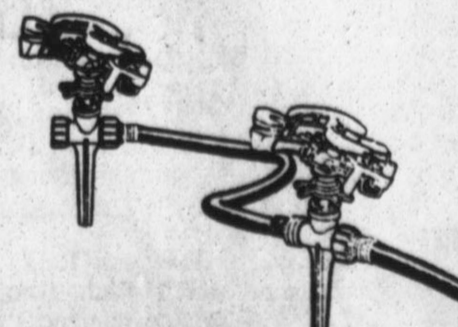
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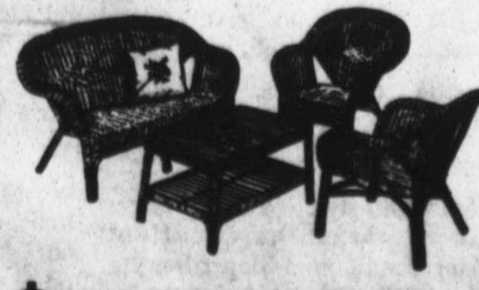
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 19 Actor Mineo
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 24 Jerk
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 27 Tibetan monk
 28 Shift to a sidetrack
 30 North America's third largest river
 31 Trophy
 32 Suspect's story
 34 Faucet problem
 35 Catch
 38 React to pollen
 41 Gawk
 42 Flier's rank
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 45 Location
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 3 Getting in good condition
 4 Go down
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 6 Genetic copies
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 8 Actress Gardner
 9 Brooch
 10 Utter
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 18 Earth's satellite
 19 Jarring contents
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 22 Music buy
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 30 Puppy's sound
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 37 Top
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Texas Crop Report

Pecan crop expected to be low

COLLEGE STATION, Texas - The Texas pecan crop is expected to be well below the projected numbers this year due to a heavy crop last year, the recent drought and the pecan nut casebearer, reports the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The projected Texas pecan crop for this year was 45 to 50 million pounds, which is normal for a light crop year. However, Dr. George McEachern, Extension horticulturalist from College Station, said that three main things are causing this year's crop to fall short of the projected numbers.

"The three things that are causing such a poor pecan crop are a heavy crop in 1995, the pecan nut casebearer and the drought," said McEachern.

He explained that pecan trees are alternate bearers, which means that they will produce a heavy crop one year and a light crop the next.

Therefore, even without the added stress of the drought and the casebearer, the pecan crop would not have been as abundant as last year's crop.

Joe Pena, Extension economist from Uvalde, agrees that the pecan crop will be light.

"Less than 30 million pounds is probably a more realistic number for this year's pecan crop," said Pena.

He added that the trees are experiencing a large incidence of nut drop due to the drought and the casebearer combined.

Pena said that some nut drop in

July is expected because casebearer numbers are usually the highest during that month. Unfortunately, the recent drought, coupled with the casebearer, is causing an even greater occurrence of nut drop.

"Stress from the drought and the casebearer are causing two to three times more nut drop than we would normally see," said Pena.

Although many Texas pecan producers in the areas of South and Southwest Texas irrigate their pecan crops, they are still experiencing nut drop.

Pena said that these producers will only get about 80 percent of their normal irrigated crop.

"The only thing that's saving us in Texas this year is the irrigated pecan crop," McEachern said.

Another problem facing the pecan growers are aphids. In a dry year such as this one, aphids are usually not a problem.

Pena said, "In a dry environment, we usually see less bugs in general, but since the pecan trees are about the only lush, green plant, the aphids are concentrating on them."

McEachern said, "Before it's all over we could be down to 20 million pounds for the year."

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

PANHANDLE: Moisture adequate to short. Pastures, ranges are improving due to better moisture conditions. Livestock in good

condition. Cotton, corn, sorghum in good condition. Peanuts rated good to excellent.

SOUTH PLAINS: Moisture adequate to very short. Pastures, ranges helped by scattered rains. Irrigated cotton making good progress; dryland remains behind schedule. Corn is 95 percent silked and 20 percent of sorghum is heading.

ROLLING PLAINS: Moisture very short. Pastures, ranges short. Hay production is half of normal. Cattle in fair to good condition; critically low stock tank water. Wheat harvest complete. Grain sorghum, cotton, peanuts in good to fair condition.

NORTH TEXAS: Moisture adequate to very short. Pastures, ranges still short, but improved with recent rains. Livestock in good condition. Hay production 30-60 percent of normal. Melon harvest complete; sweet potatoes look good. No commercial pecan production.

EAST TEXAS: Moisture short. Pastures, ranges responding to rain, but remain short. Hay yields low. Cattle conditions good. Summer vegetable harvests continue. Pecans experiencing nut and leaf drop due to drought.

FAR WEST TEXAS: Moisture adequate to very short. Pastures, ranges dry and short. Cattle feeding continues. Cotton in fair condition. Vegetables in fair condition. Cutting and baling of alfalfa hay. Poor pecan crop set.

WEST CENTRAL TEXAS: Moisture

adequate to very short. Pastures, ranges improving with recent moisture. Lots of hay being cut. Livestock in fair to good condition; some producers have culled. Stock tanks low. Vegetables fair. Casebearer damage heavy.

CENTRAL TEXAS: Moisture very short. Pastures, ranges need rain. Cattle continue to be sold. Cantaloupes and watermelons being harvested. Vegetable yields low due to dry conditions. Some rain received in district.

SOUTHEAST TEXAS: Moisture short to very short. Pastures, ranges need moisture. Making some hay. Cattle feeding continues. Harvesting grain sorghum, watermelons, vegetables. Insects continue to be a problem in vegetables.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS: Moisture very short. Pastures, ranges decimated. Livestock in fair to good condition with heavy supplementation. Stock tanks low. Corn, sorghum drying down fast. Pecan drop due to drought and casebearer.

COASTAL BEND: Moisture very short. Pastures, ranges burned due to hot temperatures; and lack of rain. Cattle in good condition. Cotton defoliation beginning. Corn and sorghum being harvested. Pecan crop hurt by drought and insects.

SOUTH TEXAS: Moisture short to very short. Pastures, ranges in poor condition. Beginning defoliation of cotton. Corn, cotton, sorghum in fair condition. Irrigation water supplies a major concern for sugarcane.

Shrine to be built for Olympic torch

By ALLYSON R. DIXON
San Angelo Standard-Times

SAN ANGELO, Texas - When the Olympics finally wind down in early August, Bruce Sanders will take a little time to reflect on it all.

And then he'll get right back to work - construction work.

"I'm going to build a special place for the torch - but after August," said Sanders, who carried the Olympic torch earlier this month for about a kilometer in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Until Sanders builds the torch shrine, the San Angelo native will be heavily involved in the Centennial Olympic Games, which continue through Aug. 4.

Sanders, a 1965 graduate of Central High School who now lives in Atlanta, is IBM's senior project executive for the Games.

What that title means is that "most of the technical team working on the computer systems for IBM reports to me. During the games, I'll have roughly 1,000 people in my organization," Sanders explained. "We have passes that will let us into any Olympic venue or location, but for work."

"Our job is to help enable Olympic viewing for the 3-1/2 billion people who will watch or for the press corps."

"So for us, it's less a spectator sport than it is about helping the people who are spectators. ... It's been sort of a once-in-a-lifetime project."

Sanders has been working on the

'96 Olympics for more than four years. In 1992, he was an observer at the Summer Games in Barcelona, Spain. Two years later, he was part of a technical team that helped in Lillehammer, Norway.

"My boss (Paul Kappel) and I have been working on these Olympics for four and a half years. We were asked by IBM to represent them by running one leg of the torch relay each."

So Kappel and Sanders managed to match up with a relay opening on July 3 in St. Petersburg, Fla. It was Day 68 of the torch's journey across the United States. On that day, the relay began in Gainesville, Fla. and traveled 166 miles before resting at a pier with about 20,000 spectators in St. Petersburg.

Kappel and Sanders each carried the torch about one kilometer, the average length of a leg. By the time the flame was lit Friday night at Atlanta's Olympic Stadium, it had traveled more than 15,000 miles through 42 states and the District of Columbia. It passed through the hands of more than 10,000 torch bearers - traveling by foot, steamboat, sailboat, canoe, plane, train and horseback.

"It was cool and interesting and a very, very heartwarming kind of experience," Sanders said of carrying the torch. "It was heartwarming mostly because of, in my view, the reactions of the crowd and particularly the children."

"The children were interested in

the fact that there was a very large gathering and it was like a big party. They knew it was something special, but they wondered until they would come up and look. And I would lean down and say, 'This gets a little heavy after a while. Could you help me?'"

By the way, if it sounds like 10,000 torchbearers is a lot, it is. For the '84 Olympics held in Los Angeles, there were a little more than 3,000. But for each one of the 10,000, which included everything from Olympians to community heroes to corporate people, that number wasn't a lot. Sanders said he feels like one of a very special few.

"There are only 10,000 in the world that will carry the torch in the

100th anniversary of the Olympics, so that puts in sort of a small group," Sanders said. "Really, it is the ultimate symbol of the Olympics. So as the torch has come from Athens, all the way around the world and into the U.S., it's definitely an honor."

Even so, carrying it wasn't the neatest part of the whole deal. Keeping the torch was.

"Each person had their own torch," Sanders explained. "They passed the flame from person to person. So I was able to keep my torch. It will become an heirloom in my family."

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Dec	38.75	38.75	38.75	Dec	2.95	2.95	2.95
Jan	35.50	35.50	35.50	Jan	2.95	2.95	2.95
Feb	32.25	32.25	32.25	Feb	2.95	2.95	2.95
Mar	29.00	29.00	29.00	Mar	2.95	2.95	2.95
Apr	25.75	25.75	25.75	Apr	2.95	2.95	2.95
May	22.50	22.50	22.50	May	2.95	2.95	2.95
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Cotton growers not sure about insect-resistant seed

By GARRY MITCHELL
Associated Press Writer
MOBILE, Ala. (AP) - An invasion of bollworms, mainly in coastal Alabama, has growers doubting what they've been told about so-called insect-resistant cotton raised from genetically engineered seeds.

They had expected to save thousands of dollars on insecticide spray.

Now that the cotton is blooming, some complain that the sprouts from Monsanto Co.'s Bollgard seeds have bollworms - lots of them.

But the damage doesn't appear widespread in the state's first experiment with Bollgard or "Bt" cotton, said Auburn University entomologist Ron Smith, who inspected fields Tuesday.

"It does not appear to be spreading. In fact, it appears to be about over," Smith said.

That's partially because bollworm moths moving out of Florida haven't made much northward progress.

"Usually they don't make it to north Alabama until the end of summer," said Jeff Frazier of Summerdale, district manager for Terra International, a distributor of the Bollgard seed.

The strain was developed with a natural poison engineered into the seed. It was designed to be 95 percent effective against bollworms, but a larger than normal infestation appears to have overwhelmed the plant.

As the plant grows, the protein levels are not high enough in the blooms to kill the bollworms. So once the surviving larvae gain a little size on the blossoms, they move onto the lower two-thirds of the plant.

"Monsanto sold it as a kind of a cure-all, but it's only one tool out of many," Frazier said.

Auburn University cotton experts were in the fields Tuesday, warning growers not only about the bollworm's attack, but the threat of

fall army worms creeping in behind them.

The "Bt" cotton, which was widely planted in Alabama, is not resistant to fall army worms, Smith said.

In a July 18 telegram to farm advisers, Monsanto urged "increased vigilance" over cotton fields and said the use of insecticide may be necessary.

But not every grower is having a problem.

Jacob Elmore of Andalusia, near the Florida border, said his crop of Bt cotton on 100 acres is in full bloom and he hasn't used any insecticide spray.

"I'm happy with Bt," he said. "Somebody around here had a little bit of a problem with it."

Limestone County, the state's largest cotton producer with 60,000 acres, reported no bollworm problems with Bt. As well, the 150 central Alabama members of the Autauga Quality Cotton Association have been pleased, said director Jeff Thompson.

"We're finding a few small worms, one and two day old, and come back few days later, they are the same size," he said, citing that as an example of Bt's effectiveness. "We have not sprayed anything."

Thompson said he and other growers in the Southeast participated in a telephone conference call Tuesday with Delta & Pine Land Co., the Scott, Miss.-based firm that helped develop the Bt seeds.

He said the worms were moving from corn to cotton and areas that had little corn growth had fewer problems.

"We think that has a lot to do with it," he said. "I'm not saying we're out of the woods yet."

The cotton harvest won't come until September and "the jury will be out until then," he said.

Arthur Corte, a major cotton grower in Baldwin County, said he

has watched the turmoil in Texas over Bollgard. He said growers in that state were advised not to spray their fields until the worms got too big to stop, and the result has been major losses.

He said Alabama growers learned from that lesson and will spray. But that's additional expense on fields already in full bloom. Several rounds of spraying can cost a grower \$100-\$150 an acre.

Growers paid Monsanto a \$32 per acre "technology fee" for using the new seeds, but Corte said the company should expect half that or less next year.

"We know that your expectations of Bollgard are high," Randy Deaton, Monsanto's manager of product development said in the telegrams to farm advisers.

Deaton said Bollgard is "very effective" in controlling tobacco budworm and pink bollworm.

"It can also deal with normal infestations of bollworm, a pest that is naturally more tolerant of the Bt protein than the first two," Deaton said.

But it appears to have problems fighting off heavy infestations like this summer's, he said.

"Growers can be angry over this breakthrough, if they so choose," said Auburn entomologist Smith. "But no one could anticipate this level of pressure, especially after two to four years with basically no bollworms on cotton."

He said the worms in recent years have been tobacco budworms which have a high level of resistance to most currently labeled insecticides.

Smith said he helped promote Bollgard "based primarily on what it would do against these resistant budworms because we do not have insecticides to control them."

He said bollworms can still be controlled with pyrethroid.

Compromise on pesticide ban sweeps through House

By JIM LUTHER
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WASHINGTON (AP) - A pesticide overhaul that would repeal a ban on any trace of cancer-causing bug-killers in processed foods is being readied for Senate action after sweeping through the House.

The compromise, a decade in the making, won 417-0 approval of the House on Tuesday, clearing it for consideration of the Senate Agriculture Committee today.

The key provision of the bill would wipe out the "Delaney Clause," a relic of the cancer scare of the 1950s, which prohibits any cancer-causing pesticide residue in processed foods, no matter how little risk it posed to human health.

Scientists say the Delaney Clause, which now threatens to bar use of

more than 80 pesticides, is outdated by new technology that can detect the most-minute residue, one part per billion. That is far less than the level considered to pose a threat to health.

The measure would create a single standard for raw and processed foods, permitting pesticides that pose less than a one-in-1-million lifetime risk of cancer, and would build in a safety factor for health risks other than cancer. Exemptions from the standards to ensure a stable food supply would be strictly limited, and the measure requires that the public be informed when crop emergencies dictate relaxation of the cancer standard.

Carole M. Browner, administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, praised the House bill as "a

major step forward in ensuring a safe, healthy life for American families."

She said the bill includes three major items asked by the administration: standards to limit health risks, new protections for children and expansion of the consumer's right to know about pesticide risks.

A 1993 report by the National Academy of Sciences identified infants and children as especially vulnerable to the risks.

The compromise was praised by environmentalists, farmers and food processors.

Rep. Thomas Bliley, R-Va., chairman of the House Commerce Committee, called the compromise "a landmark bipartisan agreement that will bring federal regulation of food producers into the 21st century."

Under current law, fresh foods are subject to a different standard that allows some residues and lets regulators consider how the pesticides help in guarding the food supply.

Because of the separate standard for processed foods, such as ketchup, Bliley said, "a new safer pesticide often couldn't be used on raw tomatoes, simply because it formed a carcinogenic residue when processed as tomato paste - while an older pesticide, posing potentially greater risks, would be retained."

The bill requires the EPA to screen for substances known as endocrine disruptors that could raise the risk of breast cancer or reproductive harm.

It would prevent federal law from overriding pesticide warning requirements in Proposition 65, California's 1986 ballot initiative that guards against dangerous chemicals in drinking water.

The bill is H.R. 1627.

Airports not secure enough, President partially to blame

By LAURA MECKLER
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WASHINGTON (AP) - Even if the explosion of TWA Flight 800 is not traced to a bomb, the nation's airports are not secure enough and President Clinton deserves part of the blame, a key Senate Republican says.

"President Clinton has not provided leadership on this issue. He has almost dropped off the scene," Sen. Larry Pressler, R-S.D., chairman of the Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee, said in an interview Tuesday.

Specifically, Pressler charged that the White House has failed to follow up on meetings in January and April with security directors from the Transportation Department concerning modernizing airport detection.

The meetings were prompted by concerns about terrorist threats, Pressler said.

"They alerted the White House to a severe potential problem in airport security," he said. "Nothing was done."

Pressler also criticized Transportation Secretary Federico Pena for failing to develop a plan to upgrade airport security, as was required by Congress in 1990.

"We need a strong policy," he said. "Neither the president nor the secretary is doing anything."

A spokesman for the Transportation Department said the administration was working to develop a long-term security plan.

"Throughout this review the White House has been very supportive of the FAA's efforts to explore ways to improve aviation security," department spokesman Bill Schulz said.

As for Clinton, Schulz said, "He's

provided outstanding leadership."

Schulz said Pressler has refused offers by the Federal Aviation Administration to brief him on their plans. "So it's no surprise that Senator Pressler doesn't know what he's talking about," he said.

In 1990, Congress ordered the FAA to develop new devices to protect airports and airplanes from bombs, a direct result of the December 1988 explosion of a Pan Am 747 over Lockerbie, Scotland.

Federal aviation officials are now testing two state-of-the-art explosives detection systems at Atlanta's airport, as part of the massive security effort for the Olympics.

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