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Water in Tierra Blanca Creek

Hereford and the area recorded more than an inch of rain since Tuesday morning, according to KPAN Weather Station, and some measurements of up to five inches around Westway, west of Hereford, were reported. A cold front moving through the area brought heavy amounts in isolated areas and some flash flooding.

School board eyes major cuts in proposed budget

By SHERRI MARTIN
Staff Writer

HISD Superintendent Charles Greenawalt is working with school administrators to cut the district's proposed budget.

The board of trustees discussed the proposed 1996/97 budget at a budget workshop on Tuesday.

In the district's budget projection summary, the tentative total budget is \$19,585,533, which is an increase of 878,733 from last year.

Salary increases for 1996/97 account for \$769,645 of the budget. In 1996/97, local and state revenue will generate \$18,267,378. The expenditures, minus proposed cuts, total \$18,259,509.

The expenditures do not include a four percent salary increase for administrators, a four percent salary increase for paraprofessionals and technology expenditures, which were recommended by Greenawalt.

The trustees reviewed a tentative budget cut of \$1,216,087, with major budget cuts taken in construction, maintenance, substitute teachers, career technology education and contingent fund.

Proposed personnel cuts were a physical education teacher/coach, a K-5 teacher and four aides positions.

Chris Christopher, high school assistant football coach, and a teacher from Northwest have recently resigned and will not be replaced. Within the district, two teacher's

aides, a Docu-Tech aide and an attendance clerk will not be replaced.

Greenawalt said that his office, the business office and professional services took a 10 percent cut.

Greenawalt said each campus was told to cut their budgets by 10 percent. It was up to each campus to determine where the cuts would be, he said.

Darla Underwood-Baggett, Bluebonnet Intermediate School principal, said her entire staff was involved in the process of cutting the campus budget.

She said cuts came from the administration, math manipulatives and Docu-tech.

George Ochs, West Central Intermediate School principal, said cuts would be seen in administration, counselors, media and instructional supplies.

David Fanning, Shirley Intermediate School principal, said cuts were made in administration, teacher and student travel, general supplies, printing and library books.

With the budget cuts, he said the school will have fund-raisers to purchase more library books.

Marilyn Leasure, Hereford Junior High principal, said cuts were made in teacher and student travel and staff development.

Terry Russell, Hereford High School principal said the major cuts were in travel and staff development.

Greenawalt said school administrators have been extremely cooperative and understand the need to cut the budget.

Trustees expressed concerns over the impact on school campuses and students as a result of budget cuts.

"Primarily, it leaves them with less money than they had last year," Greenawalt said.

He said budget cuts mean construction work that was planned for Aikman Primary School and Northwest Primary School will not take place. Many supplies and materials will not be available.

Board president Dave Charest told school administrators that the board was looking at budget cuts in an attempt to balance the budget.

"We have to show the taxpayers, that in the school system, we can cut our operating expenses.

"We also have to give our students a good education," Charest said.

Two taxpayers, Mike Brumley and Charles Hoover, addressed the board with concerns of raising taxes.

Brumley commended the school district for its work to reduce the budget.

"I think there are some more cuts that you are going to have to look at unless you going to have a major tax increase," Brumley said.

Brumley said the industries, mainly agriculture, are suffering severe losses.

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Heavy rains, severe weather strikes area

Suspected tornado injures 3 near Dimmitt

Staff & AP Wire

Three people suffered minor injuries when a suspected tornado overturned one mobile home and knocked another off its foundation near Dimmitt about 6 p.m. Tuesday.

The tornado was reported about two miles northwest of Dimmitt, authorities said. All three casualties were treated and released at a

Dimmitt hospital.

Three persons escaped injury west of Hereford about 4:30 p.m. when a flash flood washed their car off the road and left them stranded. Hereford firemen rescued them from the vehicle.

Sherry Davis said she was headed home in a driving rain when the car, driven by her mother, Margaret

Betzen, was washed off the road in a draw. The accident occurred seven miles west on the Harrison Highway and 1 1/2 miles north. The other passenger was Mrs. Betzen's granddaughter, Krista Smith.

The Westway area recorded up to five inches of rain during the afternoon storm. Hereford recorded only .57 of an inch from the thunderstorm.

Heavy rainfall was expected to produce flash flooding in the southern areas of the Panhandle and in the South Plains through tonight.

The storm was just one of an assortment of isolated but violent thunderstorms that pounded parts of North and West Texas with up to heavy rain, marble-size hail and high winds Tuesday as a weak cool front moved through the state.

San Jacinto and Montgomery counties in Southeast Texas received about 4 inches of rain during the night and early today. Rainfall amounts in Dimmitt, La Salle and Webb counties ranged upward to 3 inches.

Forecasts called for scattered showers and thunderstorms over most parts of the state tonight and Thursday.

Although the flash flooding was most likely in the Panhandle and South Plains, a flash flood watch was in effect for the low rolling plains and northwestern area of the Permian Basin as well.

The cold front that helped trigger most of the rain across the state was nearly stationary early today along a line from Shreveport to Dallas to Midland.

In West Texas, it will be partly to mostly cloudy through Thursday.

There is a chance of showers and thunderstorms across North Texas tonight and in the northern two-thirds of the area on Thursday. It will remain partly cloudy, warm and humid through Thursday.

Lows tonight will be in the 60s and 70s except in South Texas where readings will be in the 70s.

Israeli chief assures Clinton of peace talks

WASHINGTON (AP)--Assuring President Clinton he will move ahead on peace talks with the Palestinians, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is said to be taking a more conciliatory line in private than his tough public stand would indicate.

Publicly, Netanyahu emphasized his hard-bargaining position again today. He told ABC's "Good Morning America" he would like to reopen Israel's borders - but only with a "permanent" commitment from the Palestinians to prevent terrorist attacks.

"I'm not a closure freak," Netanyahu said. "I don't believe in unnecessary hardships for the Palestinian population. And what I would do, if the Palestinian Authority keeps its commitments on a permanent basis to prevent terrorist attacks against us from their domains, then I will certainly ease up on the closures."

According to well-placed U.S. sources, Netanyahu told Clinton privately at the White House on Tuesday he intends to carry out the Israeli commitment made by two previous Labor-led governments to pursue a final settlement with the Palestinian Authority.

Also, Netanyahu gave assurances

he expects to find a way soon to implement a pledge to redeploy Israeli troops in the volatile West Bank town of Hebron so they keep their distance from the Arab majority, said the sources, who spoke only on condition of anonymity.

And he is stepping up contacts with the Palestine Liberation Organization, but deferring a summit meeting with Yasser Arafat unless it becomes critical to working out further accords.

On the dormant Syrian negotiating track, Netanyahu is insisting on a virtual halt to attacks by Lebanon-based Hezbollah guerrillas on Israel before considering a deal with Syrian President Hafez Assad.

"I think it's only right," Netanyahu said at a joint news conference with Clinton after an extended 2 1/2-hour meeting that caused them to miss the first two courses of a salmon lunch.

White House spokesman Mike McCurry described the president as delighted with the results of the talks.

Today, Netanyahu turned his attention to Congress, meeting with Republican and Democratic leaders and addressing a joint meeting of the House and Senate. He also was speaking at the National Press Club.

Minimum wage increase wins approval by Senate

WASHINGTON (AP)--The Senate approved a 90-cent increase in the minimum wage Tuesday, raising the prospect of bigger paychecks for more than 10 million Americans. Lawmakers rejected a Republican proposal to narrow the number eligible, culminating months of acrimonious debate.

The 74-24 vote to raise the minimum from the current \$4.25 an hour to \$4.75 initially and to \$5.15 by next July was a victory for Democrats who have sought to make it a central election-year issue.

"The invisible Americans who have been left out and left behind were recognized today by the U.S. Senate," said Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., a leading proponent.

The bill was part of a package of tax breaks aimed mainly at business that passed the House by 281-144 in a similar version on May 23. The two chambers still must work out differences in the tax section of the legislation.

Sen. Majority Whip Don Nickles, R-Okla., said he might try to block the House-Senate negotiating conference until Democrats give ground on stalled health care legislation. But Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota said Republicans would obstruct final passage "at their own peril."

Americans overwhelmingly support the increase and Nickles "would be held responsible should he decide to pursue that course," Daschle said.

President Clinton urged Congress to send him the bill quickly for his signature. "There is no reason that minimum wage workers should have to wait any longer for their raise. This is not a time to nickel and dime our working families."

Vice President Al Gore made a rare appearance in his capacity as

president of the Senate to oversee the final vote and stress its importance. "If you are looking for a straw in the wind" to see how political fortunes are blowing this year, "look no further than this vote," he said.

The Clinton administration has campaigned vigorously for the wage increase and has chided Bob Dole, President Clinton's likely opponent in November, for not speaking out in behalf of it. The minimum wage issue bedeviled Dole's final days as Senate majority leader, with Kennedy and other Democrats blocking movement of other bills because of GOP reluctance to take up the minimum wage.

Dole's campaign, in a statement, said he had made clear his support of a raise in the wage and said Clinton had ignored the issue in his first two years and was now "playing maximum politics with minimum wage."

Clinton, while saying the increase was crucial in helping millions of working Americans escape poverty, had promised to veto the bill if it contained an amendment, proposed by Sen. Christopher Bond, R-Mo., to exempt newly hired employees and workers in businesses grossing less than \$500,000 a year.

Bond's measure would have allowed employers to wait six months before meeting the minimum wage. It would also have delayed until Jan. 1 the date for raising the wage to \$4.75 and until Jan. 1, 1998 for instituting the full \$5.15, both six months beyond the House-set dates.

The House bill allows for a 90-day period when teen-agers can be given a "subminimum" or "training" wage of \$4.25. Bond would double that period and make it apply to all new workers.

His amendment was defeated 52-46, with five Republicans joining

all 47 Democrats in opposing it. Sen. James Jeffords, R-Vt., who joined GOP Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell of Colorado, Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, Alfonse D'Amato of New York and Mark Hatfield of Oregon in voting against it, voiced concern that businesses would fire workers after six months to avoid paying the minimum wage.

The Senate also rejected by 52-46 an amendment by Kennedy that would have reduced the training wage time for teen-agers to 30 days and removed House language capping the hourly wage that must be paid to those receiving tips.

Supporters of the bill argued that the minimum wage has not been raised since 1991 and is nearing a 40-year low in purchasing power. They said the \$8,800 an individual can earn on the minimum wage is slightly more than half the poverty level income for a family of four.

But Republicans said the raise could force small businesses to make large-scale layoffs of low-income workers, adding to the welfare rolls. "There's something worse than low wages and that's no wages," said Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss.

Bond accused Democrats of being manipulated by organized labor and said the defeat of his amendment "shows me they don't care about small business in America."

Immediately after the minimum wage victory, Democrats geared up for another labor fight, over a GOP-backed bill called the "TEAM" act that would make it easier for employers to form groups with workers to discuss such issues as quality control.

Debate began Tuesday on the bill, which labor unions and the administration (See MINIMUM WAGE, Page 2)

Judge stops Republic of Texas from filing lawsuits, bogus liens

AUSTIN (AP)--When the state of Texas took the Republic of Texas to court Tuesday, the anti-government group didn't show up.

Nevertheless, state District Judge Joseph Hart of Austin granted a temporary injunction Tuesday to prevent the Republic of Texas from filing property liens or other purported governmental orders.

Several former members of the group who were among those sued by state Attorney General Dan Morales' lawsuit appeared in court. They didn't object to an injunction and said they split with the Republic of Texas over issues including the filing of liens.

"I consider them lawbreakers," John C. Van Kirk, former president of the Republic of Texas, said of some current group leaders. He said of other members, "A lot of people are being duped and don't understand the law."

Of the four defendants who appeared in court, Van Kirk and William Johnston said they're no longer Republic members. Lawyer John Fahle said his client, Tim McMahan, also is no longer a member. Michele Faucett wouldn't

speak to the press, but Johnston said she is no longer a group member.

Members of the Republic of Texas - who believe the state was illegally annexed in 1845 - have staged demonstrations, convened their own courts and filed lawsuits and liens against officials and private citizens. Such liens have been filed with county and district clerks.

Attorney General Dan Morales has said the "hundreds if not thousands" of bogus liens are clogging the state's property records systems. One lien, filed in February, was filed against all state property.

Liens can cause financial and legal difficulties when property owners attempt to sell those properties or list them as assets.

The temporary injunction extends a temporary restraining order Morales obtained earlier in his lawsuit against the Republic of Texas and individual members. The lawsuit alleges illegal restraint of trade, intimidation, retaliation and falsifying government records.

Richard McLaren, chief ambassador and legal consul of the Republic, said the group only would deal with a federal judge "on a diplomatic

basis." The group considers Texas to be in transition from a state to an independent nation.

"The current situation involving Mr. Morales basically has no force and effect," McLaren said.

McLaren said he didn't plan to abide by orders issued by a state judge, but that he didn't plan to file any liens. He also said the group, which has filed one lien against state property, doesn't intend to file any additional liens.

As for other Republic members, McLaren said, "What the citizens do, that's up to them."

While granting the temporary injunction, Hart denied the attorney general's request to be appointed a temporary receiver of the Republic and individual defendants in order to dissolve any bogus liens.

Hart urged the attorney general's office, represented in court by Assistant Attorney General Peter Haskell, to find another method to accomplish the same thing.

Fahle had objected to the receivership, saying, "It's simply an excuse for them to muck around in my client's books."

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Local Roundup

More rain possible tonight

Hereford recorded another .57 of an inch of rain since Tuesday evening, making a total of 1.07 inches since early Tuesday morning, according to the official report from KPAN Radio. The high temperature was only 79 Tuesday and the low this morning was 63. Tonight, cloudy with areas of dense fog along with a 40 percent chance of showers and a few thunderstorms. Low in the middle 60s. Southeast wind 5-10 mph. Thursday, low clouds and areas of dense fog until around mid-morning, then becoming partly cloudy. A 40 percent chance of afternoon thunderstorms, some possibly severe. High in the lower 90s. Southwest to south wind 10-20 mph.

News Digest

State

EL PASO--Authorities now face a twofold challenge in the drug fight: trying to stem increased trafficking through Mexico, while also preparing for the next battlefield, the nation's top drug official says.

AUSTIN--School property tax abatements granted to businesses are hurting both poor and wealthy school districts, according to a report released by the Senate Economic Development Committee.

DALLAS--It wasn't as dramatic as O.J. Simpson trying to cram his fingers into gloves, but Michael Irvin's top attorney may have won just as many points with his jury by pouring artificial sweetener onto a plate.

AUSTIN--The head of the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee says the most hard-core sex offenders prey on the state's most vulnerable citizens and should be monitored for the rest of their lives.

DALLAS--A son-in-law of Dallas development king Trammell Crow pleaded guilty to helping a Libyan official enter the United States illegally in the hope of getting economic sanctions against his country lifted.

HOUSTON--It's time to set some guidelines governing housing owned by the state prison system, Texas Board of Criminal Justice Chairman Allan Polunsky says.

HOUSTON--The University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston has upheld the expulsion of a former student accused of cheating on an exam.

AUSTIN--Reading programs in 10 cities have been awarded financial grants to help improve literacy in Texas families.

WASHINGTON--The Senate has breathed new life into an effort to give homemakers the same Individual Retirement Account deductions available to millions in the workplace. Included in the minimum wage package adopted Tuesday by the Senate was a provision offered by Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, allowing stay-at-home spouses to increase their IRA contributions from the current \$250 annual ceiling to a maximum \$2,000.

FORT WORTH--A federal jury has convicted a 34-year-old Oklahoma woman of hiring an undercover FBI agent to kill her husband and sister.

DENVER--Richard Lamm is taking his brand-new presidential campaign and "no B.S." agenda to California. The Reform Party hopeful might as well hit the road - back at campaign headquarters, there's no place to sit.

Obituaries

CHARLES RUSSELL

July 8, 1996
Charles "Charlie Horse" Russell, 66, died Monday at Hereford Regional Medical Center.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday in Hereford Church of the Nazarene with Ted Taylor, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in West Park Cemetery with military honors by Cannon Air Force Base. Arrangements are by Rix Funeral Directors.

Mr. Russell was born in Emory and had been a Hereford resident since 1960, moving here from Compton, Cal. He married Jackie Ferreira in 1953 at Fall River, Mass.

He had been a truck driver, working for Burke Inman Trucking, Neil Young Trucking, Pitman Grain Co., and Barrett-Crofoot Feedyard. He served in the U.S. Navy and was involved in the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the Hereford Elks Lodge, No. 2269, and had served as Exalted Ruler.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Chuck and Bruce Russell of Hereford, and Jim Russell of Bremenhaven, Germany; one daughter, Mary Russell of Hereford; a brother, Jimmy Russell of Bovina; a sister, Carol Sartain of Hereford; his mother Mae Russell of Hereford; and 10 grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Hereford Elks Lodge.

SEFERINO H. GOMEZ JR.

July 9, 1996
Seferino Hernandez Gomez Jr., 55, of Abilene died Tuesday. Services are pending at Rix Funeral Directors.

Emergency Services

Arrests and incident reports at Hereford Police Department this morning included the following:

A woman was arrested for aggravated assault after a family argument resulted in her stabbing him twice with a knife. He was treated and released from Hereford Regional Medical Center.

Officers issued four traffic citations and two curfew violations. One minor vehicle accident without injuries was reported.

The Hereford Volunteer Fire Department responded to a call of persons trapped in their car after a flash flood seven miles west off the Harrison Highway.

A theft of \$8 from a money bag was reported at a church on Main Street. Officers are investigating the injury of a 3-year-old boy. He sustained numerous bruises and was treated by a local physician.



Cooking for kids

Connie Moyers, home economist with SPS, gives preparation instructions to children who attended the Kids' Cooking School held Tuesday in the SPS Energy Center. A total of 56 children attended the two sessions of the school which was co-sponsored by SPS and Beverly Harder, Deaf Smith County Extension Agent.

Officials say it's time to set rules on state prison system housing

HOUSTON (AP)--It's time to set some guidelines governing housing owned by the state prison system, Texas Board of Criminal Justice Chairman Allan Polunsky says.

Texas taxpayers pay about \$1.5 million a year to subsidize rent, utilities and renovation of the state-owned housing.

The guidelines would determine who gets the housing and what renovations would be allowed.

Polunsky says he will appoint three board members to a housing study panel at the board's regular meeting Friday in Beaumont.

"I don't think it's going to be business as usual with respect to state housing in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice," the chairman told the Houston Chronicle Tuesday.

The agency owns 883 residences, including single-family homes, duplexes and mobile homes. About half of them are provided rent-free and 110 of those are provided free utilities. Those who pay rent pay only \$25 to \$50 a month.

Wayne Scott, TDCJ executive

director, is the only employee paying \$100 for housing, according to prison spokesman Glen Castlebury.

The system took in almost \$647,000 in rent and utility payments last year, he said.

Besides the state-owned housing, TDCJ has 428 trailer home sites where employees can park their mobile homes rent-free. Most of them pay their own utility bills.

When the state-owned homes were first built, officials said it was an attempt to bolster security by allowing key unit employees to live on prison grounds.

But it has evolved to a situation where housing is frequently assigned under pressure from high-ranking executives.

The Chronicle recently disclosed that taxpayers footed the bill for \$9,000 in renovations for one administrator's house - including the installation of a bar in the living room.

The renovations were for the home of former administrator William McCray, who was fired after he

refused to resign or retire because of his role in the purchasing scandal

involving VitaPro soy-based food served to prison inmates.

The state also spent more than \$21,000 in less than two years to renovate the Huntsville mansion where Scott, the executive director, lives.

In 1994, the state spent about \$11,000 to renovate the interior of the mansion for then-director James A. "Andy" Collins when he took over as head of the state's largest agency. Those renovations included new carpeting, repainting interiors of kitchen cabinets and installing 23 rolls of wallpaper border, according to prison documents.

After Collins resigned, another \$10,000 was spent to prepare the place for Scott. Some of the carpet that had been installed just 20 months earlier for Collins was replaced at taxpayer expense.

"They buy cheap carpet," Castlebury said, adding that it was already worn in spots.

Shoppers want consistency at nation's meat counters

By DAVE ZELIO
Associated Press Writer

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)--Beef marketer Steve Sands says it's not hard to figure out what shoppers want at the nation's meat counters.

"They want consistency, something predictable," said Sands, chief executive of Standard Meat Co. "I don't think we're listening to them."

The result is that beef, once the king of the supermarket and the meat that was "What's for Dinner," is in trouble. Blame the growing popularity of poultry and pork for a 20-year decline in the amount of beef Americans eat.

For Sands and other panelists at Tuesday's daylong Beef States Summit, beef producers and the industry as a whole have been slow to adjust. While consumers are able to buy boneless chicken, for example, the pot roast remains a pot roast.

"I'm embarrassed to go into a supermarket and look at the meat counter," said Jeff Pribbeno, president of Nebraska Cattlemen. "It looks the same as it did 30 years ago. The consumer out there has changed. We haven't."

Few summit members seemed surprised that beef's U.S. market share dropped 15 percent in the last decade.

This year, the bad news is worse because of low cattle prices that have sparked accusations of market manipulation against the nation's meatpackers. Ranchers also are paying record-high prices for corn, a major feed for cattle.

The summit, organized by Nebraska Gov. Ben Nelson, drew about 300 beef producers and industry officials looking for solutions to the recent downturn in the nation's \$36 billion industry.

"I've never seen or felt so much frustration as I have in the last four or five years," Pribbeno said. "It comes from having to sell to one person, not having the ability to shop around."

But while some lambasted meatpackers for alleged price fixing, others worried about making beef the meat of choice.

Twenty years ago, the average American ate 89 pounds of beef. Last

year, according to the U.S. Agriculture Department, the number fell to 64 pounds.

Over the same time, the per capita consumption of poultry grew from 35.5 pounds to 63 pounds. Pork also is more popular.

"You can couch it however you want, but it's the truth," said Randy Blach, marketing analysis director of the Denver-based Cattle Fax. "We continue to look at beef as beef. It's not. Consumers are telling us it's not ... our value is flat out not stacking up to the competition."

Dick Clark, an agricultural economist at the University of Nebraska's research center near North Platte, said better and more creative marketing will be a key in beef's recovery.

Other suggestions to cure the slump included throwing out USDA's grading system for beef. The system classifies beef as "prime," "choice" or "select," but panelists said it gets in the way of sales.

Prudential to pay millions for widespread abuses by agents

TRENTON, N.J. (AP)--The Prudential Insurance Co. of America has agreed to pay up to \$1 billion to as many as 10.7 million customers for failing to stop widespread sales abuses by its agents.

The company also will pay a record \$35 million fine if all 50 states sign the restitution plan, Elizabeth Randall, New Jersey's banking and insurance commissioner, said Tuesday.

The plan, including refunds and opportunities for new coverage, could cost Prudential as little as \$100 million, but a report from a multistate task force estimated the cost could reach \$1 billion.

Prudential Chairman Arthur F. Ryan, who came to the company after the investment scandals surfaced, said the insurer would make sure the problems never happen again.

"The improper practices cited by the task force are intolerable," Ryan said. "We apologize to our policy owners who may have been misled."

The negative publicity could also harm sales, something that led Wall Street credit agencies to place

"The alternative is to leave it up to wholesalers to say this is a 'Monfort steak,' for example," Clark said. "Then if it's bad, the consumer doesn't buy Monfort again. You can bet Monfort would make sure their steaks were up to par, and the industry would gain more consistency."

"Think about it. People know 'Hormel' hams and 'Butterball' turkeys. Beef needs to catch up."

Nelson said he will give a list of recommendations gathered at the summit to Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman later this year.

Blach said the current downturn was expected and cattle prices will improve - but possibly not until 1998.

"We'll see smaller supplies by then, and prices will go back up," he said. "But if the industry doesn't recognize the broader picture, then what's to stop the loss of market share?"

Lottery

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

8-20-24-26-38
(eight-twenty-twentyfour-twenty-six-thirtyeight)

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

0-3-4
(zero, three, four)

Lamm planned two campaign stops in San Jose

DENVER (AP)--Richard Lamm, the latest long-shot entry in the presidential campaign, said today he will try to turn the major parties expensive advertising against them in what he calls his "jujitsu" move.

Lamm planned to campaign in California today to promote his "No B.S." agenda. The Reform Party hopeful might as well hit the road: Back at campaign headquarters, there's no place to sit.

Lamm, the former Colorado governor bidding for the nomination of Ross Perot's fledgling Reform Party, planned to mark his uphill climb to a viable national campaign with two campaign stops in San Jose. But his path was shadowed by a lack of funds and the specter of a Perot challenge.

In his first round of media appearances after announcing his candidacy Tuesday, Lamm was both feisty and romantic about his quest for what he called "reform and renewal" in American politics. Campaign volunteers, meanwhile, coped with the reality of his late start in the race.

"I'm going to run a positive plan," he said today. "I'm just hoping a plurality of the American people are sick enough of the two major political parties to do something about them."

And how will he cope with the millions of dollars in campaign advertising the Democrats and Republicans will throw into the race?

"I'm going to use their slick advertising against them," he said on CBS' "This Morning." "It's political jujitsu."

He said the campaign contributions that fuel the major party coffers have become a "legalized form of bribery in America" and that he is counting on his campaign setting off a "spontaneous combustion" in America.

"If I'm right, there is a prairie fire to be lit out there," said Lamm.

At his furniture-bare headquarters in downtown Denver, indoor-outdoor carpet was still being laid late Tuesday. Heidi VanGenderen, Lamm's unpaid director of operations, sat on the floor fielding phone calls from potential volunteers and donors.

BUDGET

"The money is not out there," he said.

He said many taxpayers cannot afford to pay more for property taxes.

"I encourage you to look a little harder and dig a little deeper," he said.

"When times get tough, we buckle down," Hoover said. "And this community has been through tough times before."

In order to cut the budget, school administrators might have to "buckle down," he said.

Trustees scheduled the next budget workshop on July 22 at 6 p.m.

Trustees Charest, Tracy Straghan, Charlie Arellano, Randy Tooley and Roy Dale Messer were present. Jeff Torbert was absent.

In a letter to the board, Trustee Cherry McWhorter announced that she moved out of the school district and officially resigned from the board.

MINIMUM WAGE

tion see as an attempt to break the strength of organized labor.

On Wednesday, the Senate will vote to cut off debate and move toward final action on another highly disputed labor bill, a measure introduced by Sen. Lauch Faircloth, R-N.C., to eliminate the rights of states to require nonunion workers covered by collective bargaining agreements to pay their share of the costs of union representation. Democrats say they have the votes to defeat the cloture vote.

The Senate tax-break package, intended to soften the blow to businesses of the wage raise, is more generous than the House's - roughly \$11 billion over eight years, compared with \$7 billion.

Both bills liberalize equipment write-offs for small businesses and offer them a new type of simple pension plan. The bills would temporarily reinstate several expired tax breaks, including the exemption for employer-paid tuition.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Texans drop dollars at theme parks

Adults pay between \$26.95 and \$29.95 (plus tax) for admission to Texas theme parks, while children's prices range from \$18.95 to \$23.90 (plus tax). Theme parks also offer special promotions and group rates.

Texas theme park prices:	Adult	Child
Six Flags-Fiesta Texas	\$27.95	\$19.03
Sea World of Texas	\$26.95	\$18.95
Six Flags-Astroworld	\$29.95	\$18.95
Six Flags Over Texas	\$29.93	\$23.90

*Plus state and local tax

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Lifestyles

Youth attends camp sponsored by Lions

Justin Davis, 17, the son of Elton and Patricia Davis of Hereford, recently attended the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville.

Sponsored by the Hereford Lions Club, Davis participated in summer camp activities including horseback riding, swimming, field sports and a challenge course program.

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JUSTIN DAVIS

Scarborough agency adds foster home care



ANNETTE SCARBOROUGH

Phoenix Home Care Service, Inc. in Lubbock has recently acquired a foster home as an additional option for those who are seeking alternative living arrangements for their loved ones.

Annette Gooch Scarborough, RN, BSN, daughter of Donnie Gooch, formerly of Hereford and the late Kenneth Gooch, is owner of Phoenix Home Care.

A graduate of West Texas State University, Scarborough holds a bachelor's degree in nursing and was a member of the teaching staff at South Plains college School of Nursing in Lubbock for five years.

Phoenix Home Care is a Medicare/Medicaid certified agency that has been in operation since July 1994. The agency offers all types of home services ranging from high-tech skilled nursing to custodial care.

Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I read your answer to "Deprived and Bitter," the woman whose husband was too heavy to have sex. You said anyone who is 100 pounds overweight needs some serious counseling.

I beg to differ. Why does everyone assume that an overweight person is a weak-willed slob who can't keep food out of his or her mouth? I know many "fatties," and we are happy people who would love to be thin. Most of us have tried to lose weight, and often we succeed, but it always comes back -- partly because we are not willing to give up eating the things we enjoy. We know this.

I am a woman, in my mid-50s, and am almost 100 pounds overweight. I have been on every diet known to man, and each time, I've gained back more than I lost. But -- I have a wonderful husband and children who love me for what I am.

My health is good, and I am rarely sick. I do have high blood pressure, which is controlled by medication, but so did my father, who was normal-sized. I know the health risks of being overweight, but I also feel my body cannot take the large ups and downs of 60- and 70-pound weight losses and gains.

I have been trying for the last couple of years to eat "normally" and have succeeded moderately well, but I'm still overweight. Two of my three sisters are also large women. We have determined that this is just the way we are and we will continue to take good care of ourselves and enjoy life. It's too short to worry about what other people think of us. Now if you still think I need counseling, please tell me why, and I'll be glad to get it. -- Fat and Very Happy in N.C.

Dear Fat and Happy: Anyone who is 100 pounds overweight and has high blood pressure is sure to develop health problems down the road. If it's not the heart, it will be a stroke or severe problems with the legs and feet. You DO need counseling, but I doubt that it would be effective because you are much too defensive and your mind is not only

closed but nailed shut. Good luck.

Dear Ann Landers: I have been dating "Zeke" for one year. We've been living together for about eight months, and we love each other deeply.

Last February, a woman from Zeke's past called and left a message on our answering machine. She wanted Zeke to take a DNA test and, if the results were positive, sign over birth rights to her baby. The child is now 18 months old. This woman was a one-night stand. Neither of them is certain the child is his, but Zeke took the test several days ago and we are awaiting the results.

If this woman decides to sue Zeke for child support, he plans to ask for custody. Zeke told me he'd prefer to sign over the birth rights, but he doesn't want to pay child support and not be able to raise the boy. I told him I would support his decision completely, but I refuse to help raise this child.

I am only 19 and am a full-time college student. Zeke is 25 and mature enough to handle parenthood. I am not ready to take care of someone else's child. If I had known Zeke had a son, I would not have dated him to begin with.

I love Zeke, but I'm not willing to be a stepmother at this stage of my life. I pray every night that this boy is not Zeke's child. Am I being immature or selfish?

Help me make the right decision, Ann. -- Undecided in Dallas

Dear Dallas: Regardless of the outcome, I suggest that you move out, expand your horizons and date others. You are too young to be tied to a man who is having paternity problems.

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

Stanton will be guest speaker

Pat Stanton of Shallowater will be the guest speaker when Hereford Flame Fellowship meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Hereford Community Center.

Stanton has spent 11 years ministering through the organization of the Rays of Hope Prayer Ministry. She has had her own television and radio programs. She now spends her time in prayer, study and public ministry.

The public is invited to attend.

C of C women meet Thursday

The Women's Division of the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce will hold its quarterly meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Hereford Community Center.

The business meeting will be preceded by a salad supper.

All members are encouraged to attend and bring their favorite salad.

New Arrivals

Gary and Pamela McCuistian of Carrollton are the proud parents of a son, Gary Michael, born July 9 in Trinity Medical Center in Dallas.

The infant weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

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Sports

Nationals shut out AL stars Piazza homers, drives in two, captures MVP



Tourney champs

The Believers of San Jose Teen Youth Ministries won a volleyball tournament held in conjunction with a youth rally last weekend in Amarillo. They are (front row, left to right) Vanessa Orosco, Lori Ulibarri, (back) Robert Chavarria, Paul Guerrero and Albert Chavarria.

Smith gets huge ovation in his last All-Star Game

By JOHN F. BONFATTI
AP Sports Writer
PHILADELPHIA (AP) - In his final All-Star appearance, Ozzie Smith didn't have to do backflips.

All he had to do was soak up the applause.

The sellout crowd at Veterans Stadium, which was relatively quiet when Smith came in to play shortstop in the sixth, stood and cheered for nearly a minute when Smith came to the plate in the seventh.

As the fans chanted "Ozzie! Ozzie!" Smith tipped his batting helmet to the crowd and bowed. American League catcher Sandy Alomar offered his hand, and Smith shook it. The rest of the American Leaguers stood in the dugout and applauded, paying homage to the "Wizard of Oz," who is retiring at the end of the season.

Even after Smith grounded out to second, the fans gave him another ovation as he trotted back to the NL dugout.

"There were a lot of butterflies," Smith said in the dugout during the bottom of the eighth inning. "It's a very touching time for me."

Smith didn't do his trademark backflip when he entered the game.

Instead, Smith flashed a radiant smile and his acrobatic flair in his 15th All-Star game.

Smith couldn't get an out on the first ball hit his way, a high chopper by Roberto Alomar that went for a single.

But the 41-year-old shortstop did make a sensational play for the inning's third out. As he went to cover second on Alomar's steal attempt, Mo Vaughn hit a weak grounder to the first base side of second. Smith shifted gears, fielded the ball and threw out the slow-running Vaughn.

Earlier in the inning, Smith also made a savvy play that nearly resulted in the pickoff of Kenny Lofton. Smith was smiling and chatting with Lofton as he led off second. Suddenly, pitcher Pedro Martinez turned and fired, but the throw to Smith was a little late.

When Smith took the field, replacing Barry Larkin, there were no gymnastics. As he went to take his position, he calmly bounced a ball.

The crowd, which seemed fascinated by a hot dog-shooting mascot at the time, didn't seem to

(See OZZIE, Page 6)

By BEN WALKER
AP Baseball Writer
PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Mike Piazza and his National League teammates were the ones who really hit it on the nose.

Piazza launched an upper-deck home run in his first at-bat and lined an RBI double his next time up, leading the Nationals to a 6-0 victory in the All-Star game Tuesday night for their first three-game winning streak since 1982.

"I can't describe it," said Piazza, voted the MVP. "I'm really really happy and very humbled."

The biggest blow for the American League, meanwhile, did not even come with a bat. Two hours before the game, Baltimore iron man Cal Ripken sustained a broken nose when he caught a forearm in the face from Chicago White Sox reliever Roberto Hernandez, who lost his balance on a platform during a team picture.

The bloodied Ripken was treated, and returned to play his 14th All-Star game. His streak of 2,239 consecutive games is expected to continue.

But the power-packed AL lineup did little at the plate, managing just seven hits against winning pitcher John Smoltz and eight relievers. Albert Belle became the first AL player to strike out three times in a nine-inning All-Star game since Mickey Mantle in 1956.

"Tonight just wasn't our night," AL manager Mike Hargrove said.

While the AL was handed its first shutout since 1987 - when it lost 2-0 in 13 innings in the last supposed year of a lively ball - the NL increased its overall lead to 40-26-1.

The Nationals hadn't done so well since they won 11 in a row from 1972-82. Who knows if their streak will continue next year when the All-Star game comes a few weeks after interleague play is scheduled to start?

Ken Caminiti, Lance Johnson and Chipper Jones, all playing in place of injured stars, each delivered key hits

for the NL. Caminiti homered in the sixth, and Johnson had three hits.

Ozzie Smith, in his 15th and final All-Star game, drew the biggest cheer of the evening, a 45-second standing ovation that also included a hand-shake from opposing catcher Sandy Alomar Jr.

Johnson, in his first All-Star game at age 33, took Tony Gwynn's spot and doubled on loser Charles Nagy's first pitch. He later scored on Barry Bonds' groundout.

Jones, playing third base for injured Matt Williams, singled and scored in the second. Caminiti, added to the team when Williams was dropped from the roster, hit a leadoff home run in the sixth that made it 5-0.

Piazza, meanwhile, added to his fond memories of Veterans Stadium, where he attended many games as a youngster.

Having homered in his last All-Star at-bat last summer in Texas, he picked up where he left off with a long drive leading off the second inning. That made him the first player to homer in consecutive at-bats since Gary Carter in 1981, and the last to do it in two straight games since Fred Lynn in 1979-80.

Piazza's two-out double off Chuck Finley in the third put the Nationals ahead 4-0.

That 4-0 score was exactly what it was after three innings the last time the All-Star game was played at Veterans Stadium, back in 1976 when early home runs by George Foster and Cesar Cedeno off Mark Fidrych and Catfish Hunter led the Nationals to a 7-1 win.

Piazza, born and raised in nearby Norristown, Pa., remembered watching that game on television while his dad, Vince, was there in person.

Vince Piazza was in the stands again Tuesday night to see his son, a four-time All-Star catcher for Los Angeles at age 27.

"It's hard to believe," Vince Piazza

said. "It's amazing. It's something that's hard to explain. I still can't accept it. It's like a dream."

The AL, minus injured Ken Griffey Jr. and Frank Thomas, only had a couple of threats, and each time Belle made key outs.

Booed in pregame introductions and again every time he came to the plate, Belle struck out swinging against Smoltz, Atlanta's Tom Glavine and Montreal's Pedro Martinez, the last time with runners on first and third in the sixth.

Belle came up again with two on in the eighth and hit a hard line drive to center field that Johnson caught on the run.

Three of Atlanta's four pitchers - the most ever for one team - helped post the first All-Star shutout since 1990, when the AL won 2-0 at Wrigley Field. All pitchers did a good job of putting the ball over the plate in the first All-Star game without a single walk.

Smoltz, leading the majors with 14 wins despite losing his last three starts, and Nagy formed a rematch from Game 3 of last October's World Series. While Smoltz was an easy choice for NL manager Bobby Cox of Atlanta, Nagy (11-2) was picked by Hargrove, the Indians manager, over Andy Pettitte (13-4) of the New York Yankees.

Nagy struggled from his first pitch, allowing four hits and three runs in his two innings.

The short-handed AL found out before the game that first baseman Thomas could not play because of a nagging foot injury and learned outfielder Greg Vaughn was out because of food poisoning.

Still, none of the problems compared to what happened to Ripken. It turned out not to be a serious injury - unlike Ted Williams' fractured elbow in the 1950 game, Dizzy Dean's broken toe in 1937 or Ray Fosse's ruined shoulder after Pete Rose's hit in 1970.

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Construction worker electrocuted

ATLANTA (AP) - Construction workers say they heard an explosion just before a roofer was electrocuted on top of a three-story building near Centennial Olympic Park.

The accident Tuesday killed Scott Dawson, 30, and injured his boss, Emory Brown, 52.

"It sounded like a clap of thunder," said carpenter Darrell Robinson. "I've been doing this long enough to know someone's beer electrocuted."

The two men were working to get the three-story triangular building ready for use during the Olympics. Dawson dropped a set of air conditioning cables, including the copper tubing, across a set of power lines running near the building.

The building is across the street from the park, where Olympic crowds

are expected to gather once the games begin July 19. The privately owned building, which was nearly destroyed by fire eight months ago, will house a gift shop for Olympic visitors, Robinson said.

The electrocution is the second death in accidents at pre-Olympic construction projects in Atlanta. Last year, a light tower at the Olympic Stadium collapsed, killing a construction worker and injuring another.

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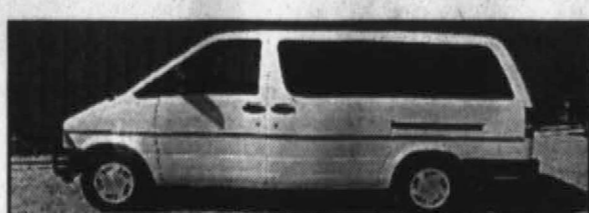
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Latest NBA lockout lasts about 8 minutes

By CHRIS SHERIDAN
AP Basketball Writer

The lockout was on, then it was off. When it was all over, a Dream Team workout was avoided.

On a day of stunning developments in the NBA's unresolved labor situation, the league imposed a lockout Tuesday and lifted it a couple of hours later.

Instead, the NBA and the Players Association agreed to extend the moratorium on trades, signings and negotiations to 5 p.m. EDT Thursday, thereby avoiding a showdown that could have affected the Olympics.

"We would not have played tomorrow night if a lockout was in effect," Charles Barkley said of the Olympic team's exhibition game tonight against China.

"I don't trust the owners as far as I can throw them, and they got very fortunate. It wouldn't be fair for us to play and make them money on TNT if they had us locked out. And that's what the argument was over-TV money," Barkley said.

Barkley's teammates said no vote had been taken and no decision on a walkout had been made, but all agreed that a lockout would have forced them to consider what action to take.

The bizarre sequence of events began at 6 a.m. Tuesday after an all-night work session in New York aimed at putting the collective bargaining agreement on paper so it could be signed before the moratorium expired at noon.

The negotiations broke down over

one issue - the dispersal of \$50 million in profit-sharing from the league's television revenue. The union refused to extend the moratorium, dared the owners to impose a lockout and then saw it happen.

Moments later, it was over. "If the lockout began at noon, it lasted eight minutes, because we settled the issue at 12:08 p.m.," union attorney Jeffrey Kessler said.

Now, the deal is expected to be signed by 5 p.m. Thursday and a flurry of activity should commence.

A number of trades are rumored to be on hold, including one which would send Barkley to the Houston Rockets. And a free agent market that includes Michael Jordan, Shaquille O'Neal and Dennis Rodman may

finally open for business.

"We've waited nine days, a couple more won't hurt," said Gary Payton, another of about 150 free agents who remain forbidden from talking with prospective employers.

Last summer, a lockout was imposed, but ended three months later when the players voted to ratify a modified labor deal rather than decertify the union.

The agreement remained unsigned, however, while the two sides argued over details. The matter ended up in court, and the league threatened a lockout for July 1 if the differences couldn't be resolved.

That led to four straight days of talks that supposedly produced an agreement on all remaining disputed

issues, and an eight-day moratorium was put in place until the labor deal could be completed.

Then the latest snag developed over \$50 million of profit-sharing with NBC and TNT, the league's two TV rights holders. Once the networks recoup the \$750 million they paid for broadcast rights, the resulting profits are shared. The league insisted that 50 percent of those profits be applied toward player salaries; the union argued that 100 percent be included.

amount of that television money will be included" in future salary cap increases, Kessler said. "Both sides agree there are no more open issues."

The Olympic Team learned of the lockout when it got on a bus to ride to practice at American West Arena, and found out it had been lifted by the time the bus arrived.

"The free agents obviously have some concerns about when they can sign," David Robinson said, "but other than that I think everyone understands that they're just working out the details."

New Mexico family bids for Spurs

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - One day after a proposed deal to sell the San Antonio Spurs to a New Mexico family appeared doomed, Spurs Chairman Robert McDermott has announced new details to keep the proposed \$120 million deal alive.

In an interview joined by would-be buyers Joe and Gavin Maloof, McDermott told the San Antonio Express-News on Tuesday that the Albuquerque, N.M.-based family proposes to pay current owners \$90 million now and \$30 million later for the NBA franchise.

The Spurs owners paid \$85 million for the team when they bought it in 1993.

McDermott called the package "the largest cash offer in the history of the NBA," and said the offer "appears to be the best way to make the Spurs financially viable."

The proposal would have the Maloofs pay the owners \$53 million in cash, pay off \$7 million of the team's outstanding bills and assume \$30 million of the franchise's debt.

After the \$90 million, the Maloofs

would pay another \$30 million at a future date.

For the first time in its history, the franchise lost money last season although team officials would not release the amount. Team officials project additional losses next season.

The deal, however, hinges on the city of San Antonio either giving up or reducing the amount of money it receives from the Spurs at the Alamodome - something city officials have resisted.

Mayor Bill Thornton said neither he nor his staff had been contacted about the proposal.

"How do they want to accomplish that sale when they ask the city to be one of the parties but never invite us to dance," he said.

McDermott told the San Antonio Express-News that the Maloof proposal "would provide a totally unexpected financial windfall for the current investors, allowing them to get back their investment plus a sizable profit."

The franchise's 21-member owners group is scheduled to meet

today to hear details of the deal.

McDermott, 75, owns just under 2 percent of the team. He said Tuesday he had the support of the team's biggest stakeholder, Gaylord Properties, which owns 18.41 percent of the Spurs. Gaylord's representative declined comment.

Peter Holt, the team's newest investor and the second-largest owner with a 13.37 percent stake, opposes the Maloof offer. Holt said Monday that he "didn't buy into the team to sell it" and that he wants to increase his stake.

Holt, a 47-year-old businessman who owns equipment dealerships in Texas and Ohio, is mentioned often as the heir apparent to McDermott's chairmanship.

But the Maloof brothers said Tuesday they would accept less than 100 percent ownership of the team, as long as any deal gave them controlling interest.

The Maloofs' offer also includes a provision for a new arena that McDermott said could be built with only a minimal amount of public

Steelers release ex-Tech star Morris

By BOB GREENE
AP Sports Writer

Money, conditioning or drugs have put four NFL stars into the unemployment line.

Andre Rison, who signed a five-year, \$17 million contract with the Cleveland Browns before the 1994 season, and linebacker Pepper Johnson were let go by Baltimore as the Ravens moved to make space under the league's salary cap.

Tight end Eric Green, who signed a six-year, \$12 million free agent contract with Miami prior to last season, was dropped by the Dolphins.

Running back Bam Morris was released by the Pittsburgh Steelers

nearly two weeks after pleading guilty to a felony marijuana charge.

"We felt releasing Bam Morris was in the best interest of both parties," Pittsburgh coach Bill Cowher said. "It gives the Steelers and Morris an opportunity to move forward and focus on the 1996 season."

Ravens owner Art Modell said releasing Rison and Johnson was strictly financial.

"The door remains open to them to come back and talk to us if they test the market and do not find the market open to them," Modell said. "They have to come back on a new basis, obviously."

The moves give Baltimore around \$3 million in salary cap room to sign rookies and free agents.

Rison had rejected the team's request to lower his salary by \$1 million and add incentive clauses, according to his agent, Charles Tucker. Last season, Rison had a career-low 47 catches for 701 yards and three touchdowns.

Speaking from his home in Atlanta, Rison told the Baltimore Sun that he was stunned by the Ravens' decision, especially since he was the first player to defend Modell's move from Cleveland to Baltimore.

Rison was booed repeatedly at Cleveland home games, and received death threats from some irate fans.

"I have been places where loyalty was not shown before, and where there was a lot of cut-throating during negotiations," said Rison. "But this came from a man I had respect for, and it shook me up for a minute. It's kind of ironic, because I was the first to stand up and support him."

"I don't feel bad, because I know this was a business decision, not one based on ability."

Johnson, 31, led the team in

tackles last season with 195.

Ravens coach Ted Marchibroda denied cutting Johnson had anything to do with his weight of 274 pounds - only nine over his playing weight - during a recent minicamp, or Johnson's missing days during the second week of that camp.

"Pepper will be welcomed back if things work out and we can restructure his contract," Marchibroda said. "We all know that Pepper can play football on Sundays, that he gets this team excited. It was a decision based on finances."

Green, 29, was one of the most widely sought free agents when he signed his huge contract with the Dolphins a year ago. But new coach Jimmy Johnson has been upset with Green's work habits and weight.

The tight end underwent arthroscopic surgery on his left knee in May and was expected to miss the first month of the regular season. Training camp begins Monday.

According to his agent, Drew Rosenhaus, the 6-foot-5 Green will try to collect his \$1.5 million salary for this year in a grievance to be filed by the NFL Players Association.

Cuba's No. 1 pitcher defects

MIAMI (AP) - The Cuban national baseball team's No. 1 starting pitcher has defected, becoming the third Cuban Olympian to desert his team recently.

Rolando Arrojo, left the team's hotel Tuesday in Albany, Ga., with sports agent Joe Cubas, who has made a trade recently of helping Cuban athletes leave their teams for shots at careers in the United States.

Arrojo, 32, who led the Cuban team to victory over the U.S. Olympic team in an exhibition game in June, was in Miami on Tuesday night after about a 10-hour drive from Georgia.

"It was a very hard decision, but I had to make it to achieve my dream of gaining freedom and playing in the major leagues," Arrojo told The Miami Herald by telephone from Cubas' car.

"I have great confidence in what I can do."

Cubas is representing Arrojo as well as the two Cuban boxers, Ramon Garbey and Joel Casamayor, who defected in Mexico recently. When the boxers deserted their teammates during a training camp in Guadalajara, they claimed they feared persecution because they refused to support Cuba's communist government.

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Rangers scour Far East for baseball talent

By SIMON GONZALEZ
Fort Worth Star-Telegram
ARLINGTON, Texas - U.S. automakers are not the only group with a serious trade imbalance with Japan. Major league baseball has the same problem.

Actually, it's a slightly different problem. The automakers' plight is that Japanese cars are readily available in the United States, while restrictive trade practices make it hard for them to sell their wares over there.

In baseball, it's the other way around. U.S. imports are common in Japan, but restrictive practices make it difficult for Japanese players to export themselves to the major leagues.

Slowly, that's beginning to change.

The success of Japan's Hideo Nomo, both in leaving his country and in retiring big-league hitters, has more and more teams exploring ways to tap the Far East market.

"Nomo is the match that lit the fire," said Omar Minaya, the Rangers' director of pro scouting.

That fire has spread to Texas. Minaya spent the first week of June in Japan on a goodwill/scouting mission as the Rangers seek to expand their scouting efforts world-wide.

"This trip was an exploratory trip," Minaya said. "We will be evaluating the Asian situation. Our philosophy is that we are going to be in every part of the world."

General manager Doug Melvin said the Rangers need to scout worldwide to stay ahead of or, at minimum, keep pace with other teams

that have begun scouring the globe for talent.

"We just want to make sure that in some of these avenues of procuring players we're not left out in the dark or falling behind," Melvin said. "If Japanese baseball is going to be a way of getting players, we thought a trip was worthwhile."

Minaya split his time between Tokyo and Chiba, making contacts, evaluating the caliber of the Japanese professional leagues, scouting Americans who can become free agents in the next year or two, and scouting Japanese players.

"I saw some players over there who can be free agents in the near future," Minaya said. "One of them could be the next Nomo."

Ah, Nomo. That's the magical name for those who envision an influx of talented Japanese players.

Nomo was a five-time all-star for the Kintetsu Buffaloes before signing with the Los Angeles Dodgers prior to the 1995 season. The 26-year-old right-handed pitcher quickly silenced critics who suggested that Japanese players couldn't compete in the majors, posting a 13-6 record with a 2.56 earned-run average, leading the National League with 236 strike-outs (in 191-1/3 innings), starting the All-Star Game at The Ballpark in Arlington, and being selected as the NL Rookie of the Year.

"It's the dawn of a new era," one Japanese newspaper said.

Perhaps, but it's an era that is proceeding deliberately, almost imperceptibly. The arrival of Nomo did not signal the start of a flood of Japanese players to the United States.

"Because of the distance and the

language barrier, baseball is not sure what it wants to do with the Asian market," Minaya said.

There are other reasons why the Asian market remains a difficult one in which to shop.

For one, the players don't have the same freedom of movement enjoyed by their counterparts in the United States.

Free agency doesn't come until after 10 years. And when a player does become a free agent, Minaya said the team he signs with must pay his old club a sum equivalent to the contract. Whether a U.S. team would have to abide by those rules is a matter that would have to be worked out between the commissioner's offices of the two countries.

Nomo sidestepped the rules by declaring his retirement after five seasons. Kintetsu technically retained his rights, but they didn't protest when he began negotiating with the Dodgers, a stance that angered some in Japan.

"Voluntary retirement should mean he had the will to quit baseball," Masaaki Nagino, a baseball official in Japan, told Baseball Weekly. "In order to play baseball in the states, he should obtain the status of unconditional release."

Another of Japan's top pitchers, Shigetoshi Hasegawa, tried to follow Nomo. Hasegawa went 12-7 with a 2.89 ERA for the Orix Blue-Wave in '95. He attempted to get his release, but with another five years before free agency, he was unsuccessful.

"They have a different mind-set than we do," said former Rangers pitching coach Tom House, an international consultant with the San

Diego Padres. "Basically, you've got a job for life when you sign with an organization. You're not signing with the Chunichi Dragons. You're signing with the Chunichi corporation, and they will find work for you in the organization somewhere for the rest of your life."

Major-league clubs also are finding it difficult to approach the country's top amateur players. The Dodgers made inquiries about 18-year-old pitcher Kosuke Fukudome and set off a firestorm of controversy.

Fukudome rebuffed an offer from the Kintetsu Buffaloes, electing to stay with his semi-pro team. This is the equivalent of an American high schooler going to college instead of turning pro. The drafting team loses the rights to him, but he is not eligible to be drafted for three years.

Japanese baseball officials have requested that major-league clubs abide by their rules, and threatened to go after top amateurs in the United States in retaliation if they don't.

"The MLB had better not try to seek amateur players (from Japan) or a bidding war might start," Nobuhisa Ito, Japan's assistant director of baseball operations, told Tokyo's Daily Yomiuri.

Then there's the matter of just how many Japanese players are willing to leave their homes and their culture to compete in a foreign land.

"I find Japan to be very traditional, very organized, very dedicated," Omar Minaya said. "They have a system that works. They are not going to be dying to come to America. Just as they are an uncertainty to us, we are an uncertainty to them."

Efforts have begun to open up the Asian market, though.

The Padres play host to the Chiba Lotte Marines for a few days at their spring training camp in Peoria, Ariz., and are negotiating to play exhibition games in Japan.

The Cleveland Indians have a working relationship with the Yakult Swallows.

And the Yankees gave the Seibu Lions \$350,000 to let them sign a Japanese minor-league pitcher, Katsuhiko Maeda.

House, who has worked with the Lotte Marines and the Chunichi Dragons since 1988, sees those things as positive developments.

"When I first started going over, it was like a block of wood and a block of concrete," he said. "Now what I'm seeing is there's permeation on both sides."

House said the question isn't when can U.S. teams sign Japanese players, but when will U.S. teams play Japanese teams in regular-season games.

His answer, he said, is five to 15 years.

"I see a big-league ballclub in Hawaii for the body-clock arrangements, two teams in Japan, a team in Taiwan, a team in Seoul, Korea, and eventually a team in Australia, so there'll be a Pacific Rim division," he said. "Americans and Japanese do business, so there's no reason American baseball and Japanese baseball can't find a common denominator and make it work."

"I think you can hang your hat on it. I have always been a little goofy, but I think I'm goofy with a purpose on this one. There's just too many things right about it. I think it's a win-win-win. Economics, fan base and player base. What's the term, 'Zeitgeist'? It's an idea whose time has come."

It might happen in the future, but for the present the restrictive free-agency rules make it unlikely that the Rangers will sign a Japanese player

in the near future. "I see us competing," Minaya said. "Before we act, we are going to be very thorough. I think we can do it someday, but it won't happen soon."

Still, the Rangers already have done business in Japan, selling the rights to minor-league pitcher Balvino Galvez and minor-league third baseman Craig Worthington.

"It can be a money-making market," Minaya said. "We hope to be able to do more of that in the future."

Doug Melvin wouldn't say what the Rangers got for selling Galvez and Worthington but he said a standard price is \$200,000 to \$500,000 for players of that caliber.

The players involved don't have to go to Japan, but they can make more money there. Galvez signed for almost \$400,000. Had he made the Rangers' roster out of spring training, which was unlikely, he would have made the major-league minimum of \$109,000.

"Most guys who have a chance to make that kind of money are going to be very interested in going to Japan," Minaya said.

Just like the Rangers, and an increasing number of major-league clubs, are interested in doing business in Japan and doing something about that trade deficit.

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notice. But when he was announced, the fans gave him a warm, if brief, round of applause.

Before the game, the fans seemed to follow and applaud Smith's every step. He gave them a show during fielding practice.

Standing next to Montreal shortstop Mark Grudzielanek, he fielded grounders from Pat Corrales, flipped the ball into his throwing hand and fired nearly unceremonious strikes - without looking - to first base.

They cheered loudly as he walked toward the dugout after batting practice, and Smith veered off his

path and came over to the box seats along the first-base line.

Immediately, a crowd that was two rows deep doubled, pushing balls and programs for him to sign. That commotion in turn drew a ring of television cameras and boom mikes.

An usher tried to bring some order to the throng.

The warm response from the fans at the Vet gave Smith was a far cry from the disheartening reception he got from the Cardinals this season when he came to spring training.

The shoulder woes that limited Smith to 44 games in 1996 moved St. Louis to trade with San Francisco for

up-and-coming shortstop Royce Clayton. When spring training ended, Clayton was the starter and Smith was on the bench, even though Smith had hit for a higher average in the exhibition season.

His pride wounded, Smith and new Cardinals manager Tony La Russa settled into an uneasy truce. On June 19, Smith announced he would retire at the end of the season.

Smith has played in only 34 games during the season, and is hitting .267 in 101 at-bats with eight RBIs. Defensively, Smith, the NL's premier shortstop for most of the past decade, has made three errors.

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Grandson requests family recipes as wedding present

By TERESA S. JOHNSON
Waco Tribune-Herald
WACO, Texas -- Evelyn Chance wanted to give her grandson a special wedding present but she was surprised at what he asked for -- her recipes.

Mark Rhodes brought his fiancée to Waco to meet his grandparents, Dr. Joel and Evelyn Chance, two summers ago.

"I suggested he pick out something he would like to have from our home," said Evelyn, 81, when she called to tell us about this story. "What he wanted was my recipes."

"She always made wonderful things, desserts, breakfasts, meals," Mark said during a phone interview from Boca Raton, Fla., where he lives with his wife of 1-1/2 years, Elizabeth. "In cooking myself, I've come to appreciate all the cooking she did."

He also wanted to preserve this facet of his family's heritage.

"She had a kitchen drawer filled with recipes on 3-by-5 cards and clippings from magazines. I wanted to know what was there and put them on computer so they wouldn't get lost," he said.

Mark, a 27-year-old computer programmer, is now in the process of typing the recipes into his computer files so he can categorize them.

"I'm trying to automate them so I can type in what kind of meal I want and what I've got on hand and the computer will come up with the recipes I can use," he said.

"Most of the recipes were collected through the years," said Nancy Rhodes, Evelyn's daughter and Mark's mother. She was in Waco recently, visiting her parents before heading back to Florida where she lives with her husband Nelson, who

used to be airport manager here.

Nancy said her mother was a great cook, especially when it came to desserts, even though she learned to cook late in life.

"When I was growing up, my grandmother lived with us and did most of the cooking," Nancy said. "It wasn't until she had to go to a nursing home that mother started cooking."

This was when Evelyn was in her mid-40s.

This is in contrast to Mark, who has been preparing meals since he was a youngster.

"Both my parents worked, so I had to put together my own breakfast. I got tired of eating cold cereal, so I started experimenting," he said.

Evelyn, who has Parkinson's disease, doesn't cook anymore. But her grandson is making sure her recipes will be enjoyed for generations to come.

Following are a few of the recipes Evelyn passed along.

Remove core and cut pineapple meat into small cubes, but do not remove from shell. Fill each shell with vanilla ice cream and variety of sherbets. Sprinkle with coconut and almonds. Pour warmed rum over top and ignite. Serve at once.

CHILI PIE
2 cans chili
2 medium onions, chopped
2 large packages corn chips
3 cups grated American cheese
Arrange alternate layers of chips, onions and cheese in casserole. Pour heated chili over this. Bake in moderate oven for 15 minutes. Makes 10 servings.

MEXICAN RICE
1 pound rice
2 tablespoons margarine
1 cup chopped onion
1 cup chopped green pepper
4 cups canned tomatoes
2 teaspoons salt
1 tablespoon chili powder
2 cups water
Wash rice and drain well. Melt margarine in skillet; add rice and heat until brown, stirring frequently.
Saute onion and green pepper until tender. Combine with rice along with tomatoes, salt and chili powder. Add water. Cover tightly and simmer until rice is tender. Makes 10 servings.

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Muffins great for special occasion, brunch

These delicious muffins combine the flavor of bacon, apples and cinnamon. The tops glisten with bits of bacon and sugar crystals.

You'll love making them for special occasions or for that leisurely Sunday brunch.

Turbinado sugar is a coarse sugar sold at most grocery stores or in health food stores. It is a natural cane sugar with some of the molasses left in it, so it has a golden color and a slight molasses flavor.

Bacon Apple Muffins
3 cups buttermilk baking mix
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1-1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
12 slices hickory smoked bacon-cooked crisp and divided
1-1/2 cups cored and chopped Granny Smith apples
1-1/8 cups milk
2 eggs
3 tbl. vegetable oil
3 tbl. melted butter or margarine
1 cup turbinado (coarse) sugar

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Line 16 standard size muffin cups with paper liners.

In a large bowl, combine baking mix, sugar and cinnamon. Mix well and break up lumps. Crumble 8 slices bacon into the bowl and add apples. Stir to combine with the dry ingredients. In a small bowl, beat together milk, eggs and oil. Stir liquids into dry ingredients and mix until moistened; do not overmix.

Fill each muffin cup with 2 rounded tablespoons batter. Fill to within 1/4" of the top of paper liner. Crumble remaining 4 slices bacon and sprinkle on muffin tops.

Bake for 16 to 20 minutes or until tips are golden brown and a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.

Place pans on wire racks and brush muffin tops with melted butter while still hot. Sprinkle tops with turbinado sugar. Cool muffins for 20 minutes and serve warm. Refrigerate leftovers or if not serving immediately.



Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Wednesday, July 10, the 192nd day of 1996. There are 174 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On July 10, 1940, during World War II, the 114-day Battle of Britain began as Nazi forces began attacking southern England by air. By late October, Britain managed to repel the Luftwaffe, which suffered heavy losses.

On this date:
In 1832, President Andrew Jackson vetoed legislation to re-charter the Second Bank of the United States.
In 1850, Vice President Millard Fillmore assumed the presidency, following the death of President Taylor.
In 1890, Wyoming became the 44th state.
In 1896, 100 years ago, the Democratic National Convention in Chicago nominated William Jennings Bryan for president on the fifth ballot. (The next day, the convention nominated Arthur Sewall for vice president.)
In 1919, President Wilson personally delivered the Treaty of Versailles to the U.S. Senate, and urged its ratification.
In 1925, the official news agency of the Soviet Union, TASS, was established.
In 1943, during World War II, U.S. and British forces invaded Sicily.
In 1951, armistice talks aimed at ending the Korean conflict began at Kaesong.
In 1962, the Telstar communica-

tions satellite was launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla.
In 1973, the Bahamas became independent after three centuries of British colonial rule.
In 1992, a federal judge in Miami sentenced former Panamanian leader Manuel Noriega, convicted of drug and racketeering charges, to 40 years in prison.

Ten years ago: The Federal Reserve Board cut its discount rate from 6.5 to 6 percent, its lowest level since early 1978.

Five years ago: Boris N. Yeltsin took the oath of office as the first elected president of the Russian republic. President Bush lifted economic sanctions against South Africa, citing its "profound transformation" toward racial equality. President Bush announced he was appointing Alan Greenspan to a second term as Federal Reserve chairman.

One year ago: Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi was freed from her almost six-year-long house arrest in Rangoon, Burma. Lawyers for O.J. Simpson opened their defense at his murder trial in Los Angeles. President Clinton embraced mandatory ratings for TV programs and legislation to put parental-control chips in new sets.

Today's Birthdays: ABC News correspondent David Brinkley is 76. Former boxer Jake LaMotta is 75. Former New York City Mayor David N. Dinkins is 69. Broadway composer Jerry Herman is 63. Tennis player Virginia Wade is 51. Actor Ron Glass is 51. Folk singer Arlo Guthrie is 49. Rock singer Neil Tennant is 42. Banjo player Bela Fleck is 38.

Absence diminishes commonplace passions and increases great ones, as the wind extinguishes candles and kindles fire.
—Duc de la Rochefoucauld

Dietitian relates ways to fight the weekday afternoon blahs

HOUSTON -- Weekends fly. Weekday afternoons crawl.

You don't need your watch to know it's mid-afternoon, when post-lunch slump hits offices everywhere. Time drags while your heavy head bows closer to your desk.

But you don't have to feel like a lifeless sack of beans. To fight the afternoon blahs, Sue Thompson, senior dietitian at The Methodist Hospital's Institute for Preventive Medicine in Houston, suggests:

*Eat a balanced meal as your best insurance against post-lunch slump. Carbohydrates -- foods such as fruit, pasta, bread and vegetables -- are great for quick energy, but won't work alone, unless you're prepared to graze all day. Their effects fade in about an hour.

"A diet salad without protein will hardly last you till you get to your desk," Thompson says. So, mix in low-fat protein such as lean meat, yogurt, beans and cheese to keep you alert for as long as four hours.

*Eat a mini-meal -- up to five a day -- about every four to five hours.

*Limit high-sugar foods such as dessert or candy. "Sugar picks you up quickly, but drops you just as quickly," Thompson says. "As with coffee, you may feel more tired after the surge of energy has worn off."

*Cut the fat during and after lunch. A little fat used sparingly gives you staying power of up to six hours, she says. "A typically fatty lunch of a deluxe cheeseburger, french fries and a shake or dessert is so overloaded with fat that your body has to work hard to digest it. Your energy is diverted to the food load, and leaves you feeling tired."

*Save part of your lunch -- such as half a sandwich, fruit or fat-free yogurt -- for mid-afternoon to provide energy till dinner.

*Drink water. "A lot of times when

you think you're hungry, you're actually thirsty," Thompson says.

*Eat lightly, because bingeing will make you sluggish and sleepy.

*Take a brisk walk. "Most people are energized after a good workout," she says.

*Try to take a quick break outside or anywhere away from the office environment to energize a numbed brain. Relax by taking a few deep breaths or daydreaming about anything but work.

Says Thompson, "If everyone took a 10-minute mini-vacation every day from their work, they'd really see results."



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Reese Air Force Base prepares to close operations

By MARK BABINECK
Associated Press Writer
LUBBOCK, Texas (AP)—As Joe Ramirez puts some of the finishing paint and decal touches on a T-37 training jet at Reese Air Force Base here, the irony of his labor isn't lost on him.

"It's kind of sad to do all this good work for someone else," he said Tuesday as another of his birds prepared to migrate south to Laughlin AFB in Del Rio.

Reese's fleet of T-37s, the elder statesmen of jet trainer aircraft in the U.S. Air Force, will be disbanded entirely next week as the base throttles down its operations under the looming April 1 closure date.

Lockheed Martin, which maintains aircraft at all five pilot-training bases, already has cut its payroll here by more than 100 jobs, nearly a third of its former work force.

Now that the last class has graduated from flying T-37s, or "Tweets," some workers' final tasks will involve removing Reese's "LB" tail markings and replacing them with the codes of their destinations.

The Tweets, jet training standbys for 40 years, will be split primarily between Laughlin AFB and Columbus AFB in Mississippi. Vance AFB in Oklahoma also took a few of the blue and white Cessnas.

"It's disappointing to put your airplanes in someone else's uni-

form," said Lockheed Martin Contract Manager David Dietsch, chatting effortlessly on a tarmac that once spent summer mornings overcome by the deafening roar of jet engines.

Dietsch, a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel, oversaw the 1991 shutdown of the volcano-damaged Clark Air Base in the Philippines, once America's largest foreign airfield.

"There's a certain amount of pride you take in shipping out a high-quality product," said Dietsch, 51, a Lockheed Martin manager for 21 years after nearly 27 years in the Air Force.

Some of the planes are headed to the "boneyard," where they'll sit and wait to be recommissioned or simply used for parts. Reese spokesman Bill Tynan joked that the only T-37 whose fate hasn't been decided is the one mounted on a pedestal near the front gate.

"That's up to the city of Lubbock," Tynan said.

Splitting a military aircraft fleet among three other bases is a feat of organization. Each Tweet undergoes a two-week, nose-to-tail inspection every 450 hours of flight, meaning the planes must be kept on a rigid schedule.

Since Reese went on the base closure chopping block last year, Dietsch's staff has painstakingly coordinated the exported fleets to mesh with the receiving bases' schedules. Many of his workers will move on with the planes.

"I got permission to hold a job fair," Dietsch said, adding that he's been able to place about 60 workers so far. "The only ground rule was that they could interview people if they give me the courtesy of coordinating (their hirings) with their release dates."

He said he's tried to be as open as possible with employees about their

job status as the inevitable approaches. Only five Lockheed workers have suffered involuntary layoffs thus far.

Ramirez, a Lubbock native who worked for Lockheed at Meridian, Miss., before returning home in 1988, since has earned a degree at Texas Tech and plans to enter the advertising industry.

Fellow corrosion worker Kenneth Green says he's taken a shine to Lubbock since moving here. The Philadelphia native, who has worked on Tweets since his military days in 1982, admitted he'll regret leaving Lubbock.

"But I'm going to try to follow these jets," he said.

Japan's luxury automakers rank high in customer satisfaction

DETROIT (AP)—Japan's luxury automakers and dealers still are doing the best job at keeping their customers happy.

In the latest J.D. Power and Associates survey of driver satisfaction, Infiniti, Lexus and Acura came out on top. The survey, released Tuesday, is a closely watched industry yardstick.

"Acura, Lexus and Infiniti have made customer satisfaction an integral part of their overall market strategy," said Bill Wallis, the survey's author. "These automakers built customer satisfaction into the fabric and fiber of their entire organizations ... and it has paid off."

The three Japanese lines have been at or near the top of the list for several years. Lexus, Toyota's luxury division, fell to second place after five years as the No. 1 car line in the survey.

Nissan's Infiniti line was last ranked on top in 1991 in a tie with Lexus, and had been ranked second since then. Honda's Acura division was ranked fourth in 1995.

Saturn, the General Motors Corp. small-car unit that has succeeded in large part because of its emphasis on friendly, no-haggle dealers, was once again the top-rated U.S. car brand. It fell to fourth place in a tie with Germany's Mercedes-Benz after being ranked third since 1993.

Among buyers of pickups, minivans and sport utility vehicles, Honda was rated No. 1, ending Toyota's five-year domination as the top light-truck line. Toyota was ranked second, followed by Chevrolet's Geo line and a tie between Chrysler and Pontiac.

Honda's popular Odyssey minivan received the highest truck score in the 15-year history of the J.D. Power Customer Satisfaction Index: 181 out of a possible 240.

The marketing firm surveyed 32,117 car and light truck owners who registered new vehicles in February, March and April 1995. The surveys measured how they felt, after a year driving their cars, about the way they were treated by their dealerships, and about the repair and

reliability records of the vehicles.

The industry average score for cars was 137 out of a possible 202, down one point from last year. Infiniti scored 168, Lexus 166, Acura 159, and Mercedes-Benz and Saturn 158. The top 10 car lines included four Japanese brands, three American and three European.

The car average for U.S. makes remained below the industry average at 134, the same as last year. Asian makes averaged 142, down one point, while European nameplates averaged 139, down four points.

J.D. Power sells details of the study to automakers and others interested in the industry. Its surveys of initial vehicle quality and customer satisfaction often are used in car and truck advertising.

It takes a long time to become young.

—Pablo Picasso

The fool wonders, the wise man asks.

—Benjamin Disraeli

Television

WEDNESDAY												JULY 10	
6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM			
Faerie Tale Theatre	Movie: Angela in the Outfield **PG	CaseyBat	Unknown Marx Brothers	(10) Zorro	Texas John Slaughter								
News	Ent. Tonight	Unsolved Mysteries	Dateline	Law & Order	News	(25) Tonight Show							
NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Live From Lincoln Center	Cezanne											
News	Wh. Fortune	Ellen	Faculty	Grace Under Champs	Primetime Live	News	Seinfeld	Nightline					
Griffith	Newhart	Parent	Sister, Sis.	Wayans	Unhappily	News	Night Court	Simon & Simon					
News	Home Imp.	Dave's	Can't Hurry	American Gothic	American Gothic	News	(25) Late Show						
Roseanne	Simpsons	Beverly Hills, 90210	Party of Five	Hercules-Jrny.	M*A*S*H	Cops	Wanted						
Sportsctr.	Women	Gold Medal Athlete	U.S. Olympic Trials: Call to Glory	Baseball	Sportscenter	Baseball							
Waltons		Highway to Heaven	Rescue 911	700 Club	Three Stooges	Bonanza							
Movie: Tyson	Movie: Angela in the Outfield **PG	(45) Movie: Little Big League	Luke Edwards **PG	(45) Movie: Sunset (1988)									
(5:45) Movie: Bebe's Kids	Movie: Grand Avenue A Martinez	Independnc	Tales-Crypt	Strangers	Movie: South Central	Glenn Plummer: R							
Movie: Die Laughing PG	Movie: Castle Freak	Jeffrey Combs: R	(35) Movie: Direct Hit	William Forsythe	Movie: Incredibly True Adventure								
Movie: Johnny Belinda	Movie: The Barbarian (1933) **	(45) Movie: Hold Your Man (1933)	Jean Harlow: ***	Movie: Stamboul Quest									
Dukes of Hazard	Aaron Tippin	Prime Time Country	Club Dance	News	Tippin								
Bey, 2000	Next Step	Wild Discovery	Invention	Next Step	Last of the Czars	Next Step	Bey, 2000	Wild Disc.					
Equalizer		Biography	American Justice	20th Century	Law & Order	Biography							
Designing	Nurses	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: The Abduction (1996)	Victoria Principal	Living	Mysteries	Mysteries						
PGA Today	Major League Soccer: Burn at MetroStars	Triathlon	US Sr. Open	Living	Boxing	Volleyball							
In the Heat of the Night	Basketball Chinese Olympic Team vs. Dream Team III	Movie: Crazy Horse (1995)	Michael Greaves	Movie:									
Doug	Tiny Toon	Bewitched	Bewitched	Bewitched	Bewitched	Taxi	M.T. Moore	Rhoda					
Wings	Wings	Murder, She Wrote	Movie: Letter to My Killer (1995)	Mare Winningham	Silk Stalkings	Big Date							
Marisol	Cancion	Pobre Nina	El Premio Mayor	Fuera	Lente Loco	Noticiero	P. Impacto	Hoy Daniela					
Air Combat	Future That Never	Movie: Eight Men Out (1988)	John Cusack	Charlie Sheen ***	Year-Year	Future							
RPM 2Night	Roller Hockey International All-Star Game	Minor League Baseball AAA All-Star Game											

THURSDAY

THURSDAY												JULY 11	
7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM			
Pooh	Care Bears	GummiBär	Pooh Cnr.	Dumbo	Umbrella	My Little	Ducktales	Chip 'n' Dale	Tale Spin	Movie:			
Today				Leza		Geraldo	Gordon Elliott	Our Lives					
On Location	Sesame Street	Lamb Chop	Storytime	Mr Rogers	Critters	Barney	Puzzle Place	Prj. Smart					
Gilligan	Bewitched	Little House on the Prairie	Boss?	3's Co.	B. Hillbillies	Griffith	(05) Matlock	Movie:					
Good Morning America				Live -- Regis & Kathie Lee	Caryl & Marilyn: Friends	Rosie O'Donnell	News						
News				Court TV	Griffith	Geraldo	News						
This Morning				Ricki Lake	Price Is Right	Young and the Restless	News						
Ektstravag	Aladdin	Mighty Max	Rimbaz	700 Club	K. Copeland	Christian	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Murphy				
Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Firefighter						
Family Challenge	Waltons	700 Club				FIT TV	Rescue 911						
Movie: Stalker (1979)	Alexander Kaidanovsky, Anatoli Solonitsin: NR	(45) Movie: Mad Love	Chris O'Donnell: ** PG-13	Movie: Little Big League									
Movie: The Scout	Albert Brooks: PG-13	(45) Movie: With Honors	Joe Pesci: ** PG-13	Movie: Star Trek Generations	Patrick Stewart: ** PG								
Movie: Curly Sue	James Belushi: PG	Courage	Movie: A Man Called Peter	Richard Todd: ***	Movie: You'll Never Get Rich ***								
Movie: Are You Listening?	Movie: Fast Life (1932)	Madge Evans: **	Movie: Lovers Courageous	(1932) **	Movie: Fugitive Lovers (1934) **								
(Off Air)													
Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	HomeWorks	Easy Does It	Home	Start	Housesmart!	Kerr's	Cuisine	Great Chefs				
Mike Hammer	McCloud					Police Story	Quincy	Equalizer					
Baby Knows	KidsDays	Sisters				Our Home	Main Ingrid.	Handmade	Living	Our Home	Designing		
Press Box	Workout	Plex & Blast	Get Fit	Paid Prog.	Golf Colo.	Major League Soccer: Burn at MetroStars							
(6:30) Scooby	Dooby Doo	Bugs Bunny	Flintstones	Gilligan	Gilligan	Knots Landing	CHiPs	Thunder					
Looney	Looney	Rugrats	Busy World	Rupert	Muppets	Allegra	Gullah	Papa Beaver	Rupert	Busy World			
Sonic	Turtles	American Gladiators	Parker	Facts of Life	Ten of Us	Ten of Us	Major Dad	Major Dad	Peoples				
Plaza Sesa	El Chavo	Liviatelo	Papa Solt.	Dr Perez	Magica Juventud	Dulce Enemiga	Morelia						
Movie: 8	Year-Year	Classroom	History Showcase	Winston Churchill	Crusade	Crusade	Real West						
Flex Appeal	Bodyshape	Crunch	Bodyshape	Flex Appeal	Crunch	Gotta Sweat	Fitness	Flex Appeal	Bodyshape	Sports Babe			

12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
Movie: Rock 'n' Roll Mom	(35) Movie: Freaky Friday **PG	C. Brown	Donald	Darwin	Tale Spin	Ducktales	Chip 'n' Dale	News	NBC News	
Our Lives	Another World	Jenny Jones	Maury Povich	Oprah Winfrey	News					
Body Elec.	Minister	Keeping Up	Capriol	Black Swamp	Reading	C. Sandiego	Science Guy	Creatures	Wishbone	
(12:05) Movie: **1/2 Timestalkers (1987)	Flintstones	Flintstones	Scooby-Doo	Brady	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.		
Rush L.	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Montel Williams	Jeopardy!	Jeopardy!	Fam. Mat.	ABC News	ABC News		
News	Perry Mason	Geraldo	Warner	Animanicas	Fam. Mat.	Dreams	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell		
Bold & B.	As the World Turns	Guiding Light	Cur. Affair	Hard Copy	Day & Date	News	CBS News			
Griffith	Matlock	In the Heat of the Night	Taz-Mania	Bobby	Batman	Rangers	Full House	Fresh Pr.		
Firefighter	Equestrian	Signature	Par	Senior PGA Golf Players Championship -- First Round	Up Close	Sportsctr.				
(12:00) Home & Family		Highway to Heaven	Punky B.	I'm Telling	Family Challenge	Three Stooges				
Movie: Little Big League	Movie: Metropolitan	Caryn Farina: ***	(15) Movie: Barbarella	Jane Fonda: ** PG	Movie: High Frequency					
Movie: Mom and Dad	Saved the World **	Movie: Ski School 2	Dean Cameron: NR	Movie: Free Willy 2: Home	(15) Movie: With Honors					
Movie: Running Free ** PG	Movie: Only the Lonely	John Candy: ***	(45) Movie: Switching Channels	Kathleen Turner: PG	Movie: 7					
(45) Movie: Piccadilly Jim (1936)	Frank Morgan: ***	Parade	Movie: Teresa (1951)	Pier Angel, John Ericson: ***	Movie: 3 Guys-Mike					
Wildhorse	VideoPM	Dukes of Hazard	Wildhorse Saloon	Club Dance						
Home	Start	Easy Does It	Home	Graham K.	Cuisine	Great Chefs	Popular Mechanics	Strange Planes		
Equalizer	Columbo						Mike Hammer	Quincy		
Nurses	Movie: Foxfire (1987)	Jessica Tandy: ***	Cagney & Lacey	Comish	Championship Wrestling	Transworld Sport	Supernikt	Debt		
Horseworld	Thoroughbred World	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Cycling	Cycling	Championship Wrestling	Transworld Sport			
Thunder	How the West Was Won	Wild, Wild West	Movie: Best of the Badmen (1951)	Robert Ryan: **	In the Heat of the Night					
Muppets	Gumby	Chipmunks	Nick in the Afternoon	You Afraid?	Rocko's Life	Clarissa	Rugrats			
Live With the People's Court, Love Connection & The Big Date	MacGyver	Highlander: The Series	Renegade							
Morelia	Retrato de Familia	Cristina	Primer Impacto	Dr Perez	Noticiero					
Real West	Air Combat	History Showcase	Winston Churchill	Crusade	Crusade	Real West				
Sports Babe	RPM 2Night	Minor League Baseball AAA All-Star Game								

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Baby-Sitters	Ready-Nut	Movie: Return to Snowy River	Tom Burlinson: ** PG	Martin & Lewis: Comedy	Movie: Abbott & Cost-Keystone Kops					
News	Ent. Tonight	Friends	Frasier	Seinfeld	3rd Rock	ER	News	(35) Tonight Show		
NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Last Train Across Canada	Mystery!								
Videos	(35) Major League Baseball Florida Marlins at Atlanta Braves									
News	Wh. Fortune	High Incident	Comish	Comish						
Griffith	Newhart	Major League Baseball St. Louis Cardinals at Chicago Cubs								
News	Home Imp.	Dangerous Animals	American Gothic	48 Hours	News	(35) Late Show				
Roseanne	Simpsons	Martin	Single	New York Undercover	Star Trek: Deep Space 9	M*A*S*H	Cops	Wanted		
Sportsctr.	Women	16 Days of Glory	U.S. Olympic Trials: Call to Glory	Baseball	Sportscenter	Baseball				
Waltons		Highway to Heaven	Rescue 911	700 Club	Three Stooges	Bonanza				
Movie: High Frequency	Movie: Mad Love	Chris O'Donnell: ** PG-13	On the Set	Sherman	Full Frontal	Movie: Deadly Rivals	Andrew Stevens: R			
(5:15) Movie: With Honors	Movie: Serpent's Lair	Jeff Fahy: ** R	Boxing Riddick	Bow vs. Andrew Golota	Multiplicity	(45) Comedy Half-Hour				
Movie: Seven Minutes	Movie: Foreign Student	** R	Movie: Darkman II: The Return of Durant		(15) Movie: Boys on the Side ** R					
Movie: 3 Guys-Mike	Movie: It's a Pleasure (1945) **	(45) Movie: Gurrifighters of Abilene **	Movie: China Doll (1955)	Liu Hua **						
Dukes of Hazard	Life of Lenny Frizzell	Prime Time Country								
Bey, 2000	Next Step	Wild Discovery	Mysterious	Movie Magic	Time Traveler	Next Step	Bey, 2000	Wild Disc.		
Equalizer		Biography	Ancient Mysteries	Target: Mafia	Law & Order	Biography				
Designing	Nurses	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: Miss Rose White (1902)	Maureen Stapleton: ***	Living	Mysteries	Mysteries			
URL Softball	Racing	This Week in NASCAR	Cycle World	MotorSports Hour	Press Box	Baseball	C. Martin			
In the Heat of the Night	Movie: American Flyers (1985)	Kevin Costner, David Grant: **	(40) Movie: Big Mo (1973)	Bernie Casey: ***						
Doug	Tiny Toon	Odd Couple	Odd Couple	Odd Couple	Taxi	M.T. Moore	Rhoda			
Wings	Wings	Movie: Planes, Trains and Automobiles (1987) ***	Movie: Going Berserk (1983)	John Candy: *						
Marisol	Cancion	Pobre Nina	El Premio Mayor	Bienvenidos	Noticiero	P. Impacto	Hoy Daniela			
Combat at Sea	CIA	Movie: The Killing Fields (1984)	Sam Waterston, Hany S. Ngor: ***							

'Homemaker IRA' legislation included in wage package

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate has breathed new life into an effort to give homemakers the same Individual Retirement Account deductions available to millions in the workplace.

Included in the minimum wage package adopted Tuesday by the Senate was a provision offered by Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, allowing stay-at-home spouses to increase their IRA contributions from the current \$250 annual ceiling to a maximum \$2,000.

Mrs. Hutchison and Sen. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md., have been trying unsuccessfully since 1994 to get their "Homemaker IRA" legislation through Congress. It was included last year in a balanced budget bill vetoed by President Clinton.

The two senators contend the current tax code discriminates against stay-at-home spouses, inhibits savings and doesn't promote the family structure. Nearly 10 million middle-income families are affected

by the "blatant discrimination in our tax laws," Mrs. Hutchison said.

The expanded IRA provision isn't included in the House-passed minimum wage bill, meaning that the issue will have to be resolved when House and Senate negotiators meet later to resolve differences in their bills.

Mrs. Hutchison framed her measure as one of fairness for stay-at-home spouses. Dual-income married couples can save a maximum \$4,000 a year in their IRAs, compared to \$2,250 for a married couple with one paycheck.

"I cannot believe that we are standing here today talking about this issue," she said in a floor speech, rapping the podium for emphasis. "Because if you work outside the home you can set aside \$2,000 a year, which accrues tax-free for your retirement security, but if you are a homemaker working at home, raising your children, contributing to this country and its stability, you are

allowed to set aside \$250 a year."

Mrs. Hutchison found herself in the somewhat unusual position of urging approval of the overall minimum wage bill - and signature by President Clinton - even though she voted against final passage.

She rejected a 90-cent-an-hour increase in the minimum wage after Republicans were unsuccessful in their attempt to exclude newly hired workers and small business employees from the wage hike.

Currently, tax deductions for annual \$2,000 IRA contributions are limited to people not covered by other retirement plans and whose income doesn't exceed specified limits.

For single taxpayers, a full deduction is available with adjusted gross income of \$25,000 or less; a partial deduction from \$25,000 to \$35,000, and no deduction above that point.

For married couples filing jointly, the full deduction stops at \$40,000, with partial deductions in the \$40,000 to \$50,000 range and nothing at \$50,000 and above.



Preparing a treat

Youngsters who attended the Kids' Cooking School got hands-on experience in preparing "Fruit in a Cup" during the Tuesday afternoon session. A total of 56 attended the two sessions of the school designed especially for children ages 7 and up. The school was co-sponsored by SPS and Beverly Harder, Deaf Smith County Extension Agent. It was presented by Connie Moyers, SPS home economist.

Outlet malls are what's going on in America

ITEM: More tourists now go to discount outlet malls than the Liberty Bell, the Jefferson Memorial, the Alamo and other historical monuments and national parks. --The New York Times, May 26.

By HANK STUEVER
Austin American-Statesman
SAN MARCOS, Texas -- They wake up in a motel room late on a Sunday morning, snuggle in sheets with the air conditioner on full blast. This room smells, she thinks to herself, like furniture polish and swimming pool chlorine. They eat at the International House of Pancakes. They get in their Toyota Camry and head for the Interstate 35 on-ramp.

It's a beautiful day, he tells her. We'll make it to Corpus Christi in a few hours.

Wait, she says. Look at that. "I tried not to see it," Steve Krause admits. "But you really can't miss it. Especially when she's pointing at it and telling me to pull over right now." He's 31, works as a computer programmer in Dearborn, Mich. He and his wife, Emily, 30, are driving from there to Mexico, because they have two weeks of vacation and they've never been. They brought cassette tapes (Alice in Chains, the Who) and sunblock (SPF 15) and big bags of pretzels. "I can't believe," he sighs, "she's made me stop at another one."

This is a road adventure, only it's about outlet malls.

Outlet malls and tourists and what's going on in America. Outlet malls and the open highway, the rumble of Winnebagos. Big outlet malls, where people will say, "We're a value-oriented society," and "Oh, look, a Donna Karan," and "If you two don't straight'n up right now, you'll both get a spanking and get to wait in th' car!"

And then, to understand all this, we make a phone call to a retail economist in New Jersey, a man who frequently headtalks on those cable television money-news shows, and in his lovely German accent he says:

"It gives people something to do. A trip to a shopping mall is boring. But a trip to the outlet mall is, in quotations, an 'outing.'"

An outing?

"Yes, an outing. There is a sense of adventure, being on a trip, of finding a steal and, ultimately, the very real pleasure of saving money."

Steve and Emily Krause set off on their own pleasurable outing across the wide, steamy afternoon griddle of the San Marcos Factory Shops' parking lot. She is dragging him from one end to the other, from Mikasa to J. Crew. He has this feeling he's been here before. A vague dislocation.

"What he doesn't get," Emily huffs, "is that they aren't all the same. You never know what you might find."

"Honey, I hate to tell you -- they're all alike," he says.

If you're looking, there are 327 outlet malls on the nation's highways, double the number since 1989 with 17 already in Texas and another dozen planned.

They cluster along the interstates and turnpikes, almost always occupying a somewhere-but-nowhere (40 miles out of town, or 100 miles before town), ingeniously, symbolically and economically isolated in places like Locust Grove, Ga., 12 miles east of the Atlanta Motor Speedway; or Vacaville, Calif., between Sacramento and San Francisco, not far from a shrubbery maze for tourists; or Algodones, N.M., on the Santo Domingo Indian pueblo, amid the all-night casinos and violet sky.

Or the holy temple of all outlet malls, Potomac Mills in Dale City, Va., 225 shops and 17.2 million annual shoppers who far outnumber those who manage to also see, while in the area, the Smithsonian, Mount

Vernon or Arlington National Cemetery.

As reported in The New York Times (with a kind of veiled, Eastern horror), many of us seem to have given up on the "traditional tourist treasures" of national parks and monuments and instead are going straight for the thrill of paying prices below retail. The rise of factory-direct discount sales is, we are told, the fastest-growing segment of the retail and travel industries.

Take San Marcos. Here is a pleasant Central Texas town of 28,743 people, with a college and a waterfall and Wonder World and, on the south side of town, a few hundred acres of former ranch land give way to anybody's biggest reason for being here: 4.2 million visitors a year stop at the San Marcos Factory Shops and Tanger Outlet Center, where there are 142 stores and 17 places to eat fast food, rising out of the fields as you speed by, a blur of designer names and stucco and giant U.S. flags billowing in the wind.

"I find 'em on the map and I say 'Oooh, let's stop.'"

This is Sharon Humphrey talking. It's a Friday afternoon, muggy after a morning rain. Sharon is looking for Duane, her husband. Duane is with the dog. The dog is Wendy, a Yorkshire terrier. They are retirees from Scottsdale, Ariz. It's too hot there in the summer, which leads them to drive around the country in a recreational vehicle to visit friends. They have a Good Sam Club sticker on the back window.

She throws her shopping bags (Bruce Alan, Springmaid-Wamsutta, Ann Taylor) in the back. She offers iced tea. "Or a sandwich? I have some delicious leftover brisket. ... Duane is probably out in a some wheat field with that dog looking at a fence post or something. He lets me shop and I let him take his walks."

Sharon has folding chairs. It's surreal, sitting in front of the RV on

the parking lot's far edge, like a campground, watching the cars come and go, talking about all the outlet malls she's ever been to. Sharon likes it. "I meet all kinds of people. ... There's kind of a challenge to it that I like. I see something for a good price (and I buy it because I sure don't want to find myself 50 miles down the road wishing I'd bought it.")

She buys dishes and towels and mails them to a daughter. She buys tennis shoes for everyone, anyone. Birthday presents to squirrel away for later.

"We aren't exactly on the vacation of our dreams here," she says. "We're just traveling. ... When we go on vacation, we get serious and see the local stuff, the museums, we go on a cruise. This is just our normal traveling. If I let Duane play golf every few days, then he'll stop at a mall for me."

Duane and Wendy show up. "I was waiting for you over by NordicTrack like you told me," he says.

"I didn't say that," Sharon replies. "I said I'd meet you back at the truck. Anyway, I bought you one of those sunglasses holders you wanted." Wendy barks and sniffs around the chairs and our feet.

"Oh, she likes you," Sharon notes.

San Marcos Factory Shops, one of 19 outlet centers built and operated by Prime Retail of Baltimore, and the largest in Texas, opened in August 1990. The design, an "authentic Southwestern-style village," follows the original concept set forth in 1988 by Abraham Rosenthal, Prime's chief executive officer and an architect, who wanted to find an alternative to building expensive enclosed malls without building strip shopping centers.

It is like a zoo without animals, and more quiet, even reverent -- trees, patios, color-coded maps and pathways. Parents pushing strollers and kids slurping frozen drippy

things, fountains gurgling, couples holding hands.

Monica Blackburn, the Factory Shops' assistant manager and marketing director, strolls the grounds with her trusty walkie-talkie. While she talks about the excitement of an outlet center, she stops to bend over and pick up any scrap of litter she sees.

"You could spend all day here and not get through all the stores. You see people with their little maps circling the certain stores they know they have to see. It's fun."

Once a summer, for two weeks, Blackburn and her employees stop 400 customers and survey them,

trying to get a handle on where they're from and what they buy. "Did you make a purchase today? What do you feel like you saved?" Shoppers drove an average of 2 hours and 27 minutes to get here. (As many as 10 tour buses pull up every week.) Sixty-four percent are repeat visitors. They stayed at least three hours, on average, and spent \$146.

"Overwhelmingly, it's the value. People know they're saving money," Blackburn says. "Then, the part about it becoming a destination, that's even more exciting. It's just one more attraction."

"And our customers are just becoming smarter and smarter."



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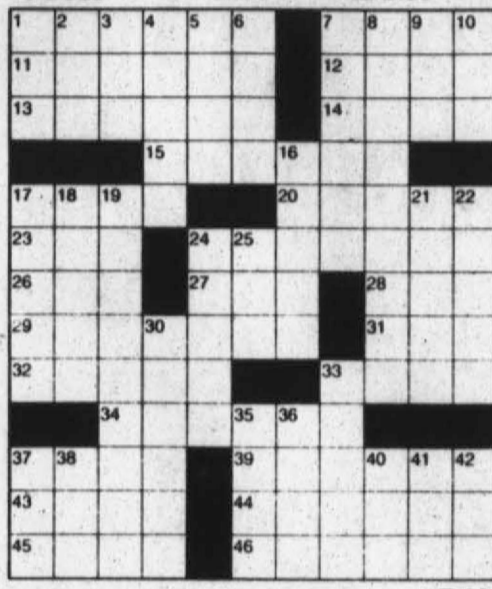
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: On November 25, 1985, the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation was duly appointed as Receiver for Hi-Plains Savings & Loan Association, Hereford, Texas ("Bank") by the Federal Home Loan Bank Board of Washington, D. C. As provided in Section 11A of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U. S. C. / 1821a), as amended August 9, 1989, FDIC, acting as manager of the FSILC resolution fund, replaced the FSILC as Receiver. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all former stockholders, creditors and other interested parties of the Bank that the FDIC, as Receiver, intends to terminate the Receivership. Because no assets of the failed association are available for distribution by this Receivership, the stock and subordinated debt of the association is worthless and there will, therefore, be no recovery. Any and all objections to this action must be made in writing, filing them, along with any supporting documentary evidence with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; 5080 Spectrum Drive, Suite 400W, Dallas, Texas 75248 to the Attention of Bradford Miller, Attorney on or before August 9, 1996 or such objections will be forever barred. After the time period for filing objections has

passed, if no objections are filed, then (i) the Receivership is terminated; and (ii) the Receiver is forever discharged from all liabilities and duties; and (iii) that no person may have or maintain any claim or suit against the Receiver individually or in its capacity as statutory liquidator of Hi-Plains Savings & Loan Association.

ORDINANCE NO. 1351

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HEREFORD, TEXAS PROVIDING THAT THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF HEREFORD, TEXAS, BE AMENDED BY ADDING SEC. 98-364. TO ARTICLE XIII, CHAPTER 98, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES AND PROHIBITING THROUGH VEHICULAR TRAFFIC ON UNION AVENUE BETWEEN AVENUE F AND AVENUE G ADJACENT TO HEREFORD HIGH SCHOOL BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7:45 A.M. AND 4:00 P.M. ON SCHOOL DAYS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HEREFORD, TEXAS.

Section 1: That the Code of Ordinances of the City of Hereford, Texas, is hereby amended by adding Sec. 98-364, to Article XIII, Chapter 98, which Section reads as follows:

Sec. 98-364. Union Avenue be-

tween Avenue F and Avenue G adjacent to Hereford High School closed to through vehicular traffic between the hours of 7:45 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on school days.

A. Union Avenue between Avenue F and Avenue G adjacent to Hereford High School shall be closed to through vehicular traffic between the hours of 7:45 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on school days.

B. No person shall drive, move or operate a motor vehicle through Union Avenue between Avenue F and Avenue G adjacent to Hereford High School between the hours of 7:45 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on school days.

Section 2: This Ordinance shall be effective from and after its passage and publication, in accordance with the Charter of the City of Hereford, Texas.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was duly introduced on the motion of Commissioner Winget, seconded by Commissioner Black, and was duly PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the unanimous vote of the City Commission on the 1st day of July, 1996.

/s/ Robert D. Josseland
ROBERT D. JOSSERAND,
Mayor
City of Hereford, Texas

ATTEST:
/s/ Terri Johnson
TERRI JOHNSON, City Secretary

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP)—A federal jury has convicted a 34-year-old Oklahoma woman of hiring an undercover FBI agent to kill her husband and sister.

Linda Darnell McCannless of Newcastle, Okla., stood impassively beside her attorney as the verdict was read about Tuesday afternoon. Both supposed victims also were in the courtroom.

Convicted of two murder solicitation counts, Ms. McCannless faces a maximum sentence of 10 to 12 1/2 years in prison. Sentencing is scheduled for Oct. 11.

Among the evidence presented in the trial was a videotape of Ms. McCannless promising the "hit man" the title to an old Chevrolet Camaro and an undetermined amount of money. She also gave him \$50 and four gold-plated rings.

The tape, made inside a car parked at the Boyd post office in January, shows Ms. McCannless asking FBI agent Danny Sisco to kill her sister.

"I want her took care of first," she said.

The prosecution contended that Ms. McCannless wanted to get rid of her sister to gain control of several thousand dollars and to eliminate a rival for their mother's affection. She wanted her husband dead to escape his physical abuse, the prosecution said.

Fears of a mistrial were raised Tuesday when a woman left the jury room and reported to U.S. District Judge John McBryde that she was fed up with a fellow panelist, who she said was throwing pencils, rolling her eyes and tossing her hair.

But the jury returned its verdict about five minutes after McBryde sent the woman back into deliberations.

Assistant U.S. Attorney John Teakell presented testimony from Ms. McCannless' friends and acquaintances, who said she complained of beatings by her husband and asked them to kill him or find someone who would.

Ms. McCannless' husband, Kenneth Walker Jr., testified on Monday that he had never abused his wife and that they were "very much in love," spending virtually all of their time

together working on his father's cattle farm.

Sandra Scott, 32, of Springtown, testified for the defense, saying Monday that her sister had no motive to have her killed. But Tuesday, she said she believes her sister wanted her dead.

"It's hard to take. She was my sister. But if you do it, you pay for it," she said.

Paul Stickney, an assistant federal public defender, noted that the witnesses who testified against his client had felony records and that one is a government informant.

He portrayed Ms. McCannless as a gullible woman set up by a "snitch." He contended she was just "venting" her frustrations when she spoke of having her husband and sister killed.

Utility companies reach settlement agreement for merger approval

DENVER (AP)—A settlement between Southwestern Public Service Co., the Texas Public Utilities Commission and five other intervenors has been reached in the company's proposed merger with Public Service Co. of Colorado.

Southwestern has guaranteed savings of \$3 million a year, to be credited to Texas customers' bills. The hearings, which started June 24, have been suspended to give all parties time to work out details.

The merger with Colorado's utility was proposed in August of 1995. "We are very pleased with this

progress, and very pleased with this settlement," said Bill D. Helton, Southwestern Public Service Co. chairman and chief executive.

"We're confident the merger will benefit our customers and our company. This guarantee reflects that confidence."

The only intervenor not joining the settlement is the Office of Public Utility Council in Texas.

On July 1, Public Service Co., the Colorado Office of Consumer Council and the staff of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission announced a settlement agreement on

the filing for the merger approval in Colorado.

As part of the agreement, Public Service Co. agreed to lower rates by \$18 million, put a five-year freeze on electrical rates, institute a five-year regulatory performance plan; set up a "Quality of Service Plan," and begin pricing for customers willing to pay more for electricity produced through renewable sources.

Other intervenors in Colorado have joined in the settlement. Abbreviated hearings are to start on Tuesday.

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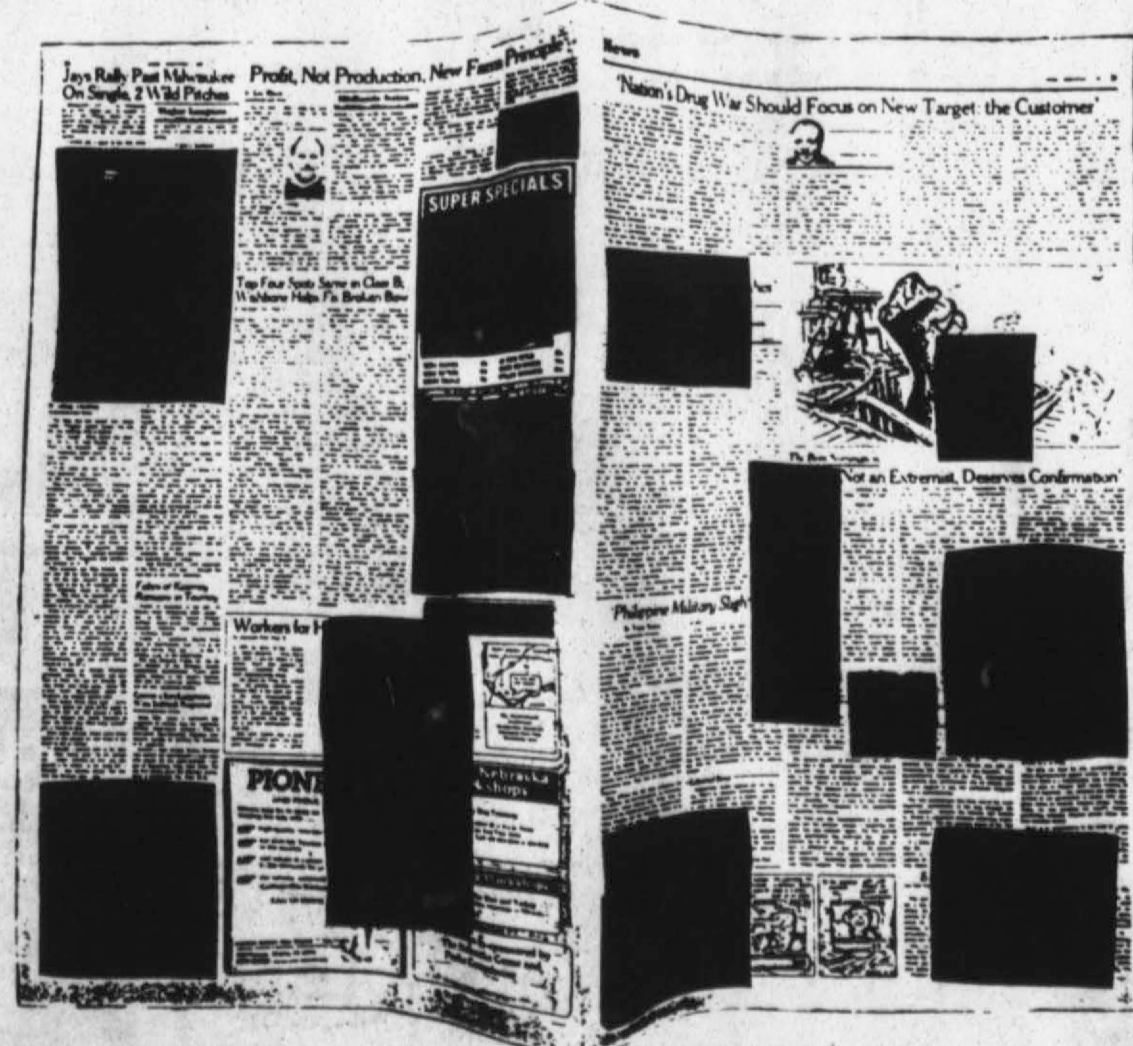
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Even 'wisp of smoke' can prompt cries of inflation

By JOHN CUNNIFF
AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP)--You have to wonder about the prudence, stability and responsibility of portfolio managers so edgy they scream "inflation" when the economic statistics produce a wisp of smoke.

It happened again last Friday with reports of a decline in the jobless rate and a jump in hourly wages. Within minutes the faxes were spreading the fears of rising prices, higher interest rates and falling securities prices.

As professionals, you might have expected their reasons for being in the market were sufficiently grounded in fundamental analyses, economic logic, long-term views and strong convictions not to be panicked by a fraction.

Were they right? Is there a looming shortage of workers? Are wage demands going to force price increases? Is inflation a sure thing, with higher interest rates to follow? Here are some interesting observations:

--William Dunkelberg, Temple University professor and chief economist of the National Federation of Independent Business, had just received the returns from his monthly survey of small business owners and officials.

"There is no evidence of future

inflation," he said after a quick look at the survey results for June. The percentage of companies lowering prices had risen, while the number planning increases fell.

In fact, he found that the percentage planning lower selling prices in the future rose to 5 percent, a seemingly small percentage but still the highest since the recession year of 1990. And plans to raise prices fell from May.

He did find that wages were rising, and that 18 percent of companies planned further increases, but he saw no reason for alarm in that. Greater worker output, he suggested, is neutralizing pressure for higher prices.

--Edward Yardeni, chief economist at the securities firm Deutsche Morgan Grenfell/C.J. Lawrence, tends to agree. "Nearly all price indicators show little if any upward pressure on inflation," he says.

True, wage inflation is showing some signs of an upturn, but there appear to be offsetting factors, he said, listing these:

1. Benefits inflation is close to zero.
2. Productivity growth seems to be improving.
3. Wages are rising fastest in

industries that are least likely to raise prices.

4. Workers are willing to take modest wage gains in exchange for security.

5. Technology is boosting productivity.

--Joseph Duncan, Dun & Bradstreet chief economist, has just published an annual job survey that suggests hiring plans in 1996 will lag far behind those of a year ago: 1.4 million new jobs vs. a predicted 3 million in 1995.

Duncan's figures, based on a sample of 5,000 companies, show the sharpest decline in job creation is likely to be among small businesses, which he points out were the most active job creators in earlier surveys. The survey also shows that 52 percent of businesses expect to grant raises this year, compared with 56 percent that actually granted raises in 1995, and that most likely to get raises are workers in government rather than industry.

Comments such as these are not rare, but you would hardly guess that from the actions of the securities markets, where so many professional investors believe there is an arsonist seeking to set the house on fire.

They don't need to see any flames. An imagined whiff is enough.

Legislature is encouraged to find tax abatement alternatives

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AUSTIN (AP)--School property tax abatements granted to businesses are hurting both poor and wealthy school districts, according to a report released by the Senate Economic Development Committee.

The committee on Tuesday adopted a recommendation that will encourage the 1997 Legislature to find alternatives to the school tax abatements as a way to attract businesses in Texas.

Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco, chairman of the committee, vowed that if another lawmaker didn't draft a bill to address the matter, he would.

"We are going to do something about this," Sibley said. "This isn't right. While we want to be friendly to businesses, we need to come up with other types of incentives to replace school property tax abatements."

"The school children in the state of Texas ought not to be the ones who are paying incentives for business to come and locate."

According to the report, the state's new school finance plan no longer makes it economically sound for school districts to enter into property tax abatements.

Prior to 1993, school districts could exempt property that was

subject to a tax abatement from their lists of taxable properties and the state would make up the local revenue loss with additional aid.

But an amendment to the state's school finance plan approved in 1993 eliminated that exemption. Now, districts have the property under abatement counted as part of their taxable value even though no taxes are being collected.

As a result, poor districts look richer than they are and receive less in state aid, while wealthy districts lose property tax revenue and are subject to sending more money into the state for redistribution to poor districts, also known as recapture.

Without the exemption, poor districts never recoup the losses in tax revenue incurred during the abatement, according to the report. A wealthy district would need roughly 210 years to recover its abated tax revenues, the report said.

Tony Proffitt, a spokesman for Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, said Bullock has never been a fan of school tax abatements.

"He is going to warmly receive the committee's recommendations," Proffitt said. "He doesn't consider them (school tax abatements) fair and equitable, especially when the state is pouring money into the schools. He believes that if they continue, they

need fixing." The committee studied 134 school tax abatements granted in 1993 and 1994. Of those, 126, or 94 percent, were granted by low-wealth school districts.

"In every scenario, low-wealth school districts lose state aid during the term of the abatement," the report said. "Thus, low-wealth school districts experience short-term losses and no long-term gains."

Sen. Eddie Lucio, D-Brownsville, said low-income school districts are caught in a "damned-if-you-do and damned-if-you-don't scenario."

"These areas of the state are giving abatements because they would very much like to see some economic development take place," said Lucio, whose South Texas district contains several low-income school districts.

"But with the formulas we use now, it means a deficit for low-income school districts. Unless we pass some legislation this next session, you are going to see the poor school districts hold back in terms of tax abatements."

Sibley said he was confident that big business would strongly oppose any efforts to do away with school tax abatements.

"I'm sure we'll hear from them," Sibley said.

Lindale board rejects advanced placement English reading list

LINDALE, Texas (AP)--The school board in this small East Texas town has rejected an advanced placement English reading list one trustee said the books "conflicted with the values of the community."

The Lindale Independent School District board voted Monday unanimously to reject the list of 32 books.

Some of the books offended many school board members and parents because they contained profanity and

described explicit sex acts, said board president John Offutt, pastor of Prairie Creek Baptist Church.

"We just want our reading for (advanced placement) to be based in the moral values of this community," Offutt said. "This is no one's personal agenda."

"The House of Spirits" by Isabel Allende is "pornography" that explicitly described necrophilia, a parent said.

"I believe that some of these books

would contribute or do contribute to the demoralization of today's youth," said Cheryl Van Haselen.

Many of the banned books were especially not suited for 15 to 16 year-old boys, said trustee Gary Camp.

"We're turning our young men into ticking time bombs," he said.

The board directed school administrators to assemble a "suitable" reading list. The rejected list included many classics such as "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," "To Kill a Mockingbird," "The Scarlet Letter" and "Moby Dick." It's possible that some may ultimately appear on the revised list.

A recently formed book committee will then approve the new list.

The committee, which consists of parents and teachers, was created in June after concerns were raised about the appropriateness of the books which had already been approved by a teacher in charge of the English department.

The decision was not greeted with enthusiasm by all parents. Some said it denied students freedom of choice and would ultimately impair their education.

One citizen claimed a book committee member based her opinions on "what Jesus would or wouldn't read" and considered that opinion very presumptuous.

Offutt said the board is prepared to take any criticism its action might prompt because trustees believed they were protecting traditional family values.

Lindale has a population of about 2,000 and is located about 20 miles north of Tyler in East Texas.

Attorney of Viper Militia says tape shows only threat to hunk of dirt

PHOENIX (AP)--Members of the Viper Militia should be kept behind bars because they might retaliate against infiltrators and blow up homemade bombs in the desert, a prosecutor argued. Defense attorneys denied any plot to blow up government buildings.

"There was no such plot. The only thing we've seen blown up on film was a hunk of dirt," said defense attorney Deborah Williams during the third day of a detention hearing for 12 members of the militia group.

The hearing was expected to end today with arguments from remaining defense attorneys for the militia members, who were arrested July 1 and charged with conspiracy. Some face additional weapons charges.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Frederick Battista said the existence of a 1994 videotape, in which members blew up bombs in the desert, showed that releasing them would be dangerous.

"They had the tape, they had the training and they had the capability,"

he said. "Their conduct is extremely dangerous."

The prosecutor said the Viper Militia kept a stockpile of explosives and weapons, including illegally unregistered machine guns.

Defense lawyers countered that testimony about the tape diverted attention from a lack of evidence and only showed that the group posed a danger to dirt in the desert.

"It appears like these folks like to play army," defense attorney Patrick McGillicuddy argued.

The prosecution dropped its request to use the 1994 tape at the hearing rather than wait for a ruling from the trial judge, U.S. District Judge Earl Carroll, about its admissibility.

Relatives of the militia members testified earlier Tuesday that the defendants liked guns, but were far from terrorists.

Loren Nelson described his son as a music-lover and competitive shooter.



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