



# County seeks ban on sale of fireworks

## Commissioners ask Gov. Bush to forbid sales based on 1975 disaster law

By GEORGIA TYLER  
Staff Writer

Sale of fireworks or other pyrotechnic devices will be banned, officially, in Deaf Smith County when Governor George W. Bush issues the order provided by state law.

Commissioners' Court Monday adopted a resolution calling for the ban on fireworks sale under terms of a 1975 disaster act.

And, a preliminary expenditure budget for next year was reviewed by County Auditor Alex Schroeter.

He reported that the county should end the current year in better shape, financially, than expected when the current budget was adopted.

In other business during the meeting, commissioners:

-- Set a 35 mile per hour speed limit on a county road.

-- Took no action on a county-wide no-burn policy, leaving the policy in effect.

-- Heard a request for funding from Family Support Services.

-- Made line item amendments to the current county budget.

A ban on use of fireworks in the county was adopted by commissioners two weeks ago.

Because of the action, the annual fireworks display sponsored by the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce will not be held this year.

County Judge Tom Simons reported that Governor Bush has agreed to sign orders for all counties wishing to ban sale of fireworks because of drought conditions.

Simons said he had consulted with Fire Marshal Jay Spain who recommended that the ban on sale be adopted.

"The rain didn't do anything to alleviate the hazard," Simons said Spain told him.

With the commission action, neither sale nor use of fireworks will be permitted in Hereford and Deaf Smith County. The city forbids both use and sale by ordinance.

Spain at the meeting two weeks ago said dry conditions had not improved sufficiently to allow use.

The resolution requesting action

by the governor, presented by Simons, was adopted by unanimous vote after a motion by Commissioner Lupe Chavez of Precinct 2 and second by Commissioner Troy Don Moore of Precinct 3.

Beginning work on the budget for 1996-1997, Schroeter gave the commission the estimates, based on requests submitted by county officials for funding.

"These requests are about \$70,000 more than we budgeted for this year and there are no pay increases or elevator improvements included," Schroeter. The total is \$3.681 million, compared with \$3.603 million provided for general operations this year.

The good news from Schroeter, though, is a projected \$955,625 in the general fund unencumbered balance at the end of the fiscal year. Road and bridge fund balance is expected to stand at \$234,920.

When the current budget was adopted in 1995, the projected balances were \$741,000 in the general fund and \$240,500 in road and bridge.

Total of unencumbered funds at the end of the year is pegged at

approximately \$1.368 million.

Schroeter attributed the additional money in the funds to increased revenue from several sources. Tax collections have reached \$2.208 million, compared with the \$1.1 million projected.

Commissioner Tony Castillo of Precinct 1 reported he had consulted with Department of Public Safety officials about posting a speed limit of 35 miles per hour on about a mile of County Road 5 (Dairy Rd.), from its intersection with Progressive Rd., to FM 2943.

Signs also have been erected on the road warning motorists that children are playing in the area.

Fritzi Cates of Amarillo, director of crisis services for Family Support Services, addressed the commission on need for funding for the service. The county currently provides office space for the outreach office in Hereford.

Cates asked for a contribution of \$5,000 to help maintain the service in Hereford. She said work of the office is being enhanced in several

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## Fireworks display falls victim to dry conditions

A Fourth of July celebration, including a fireworks display, sponsored in recent years by the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce will not be held this year.

Tommie Weemes, CoC president, announced Monday that the extreme dry conditions of Veterans Park make a fireworks display impossible.

The announcement comes on the heels of action by Deaf Smith County Commissioners' Court Monday morning to ban sale as well as use of fireworks because of fire hazard.

Weemes said cancellation was decided on a request by Jay Spain, city fire marshal.

"The park and surrounding areas are tinderbox dry and constitute an extreme fire hazard," Weemes said in the announcement.

Deaf Smith County voted a ban on use of fireworks two weeks ago and added a ban on sale by voting a resolution to be sent to Governor George W. Bush for action. The governor may endorse the ban by invoking the disaster act of 1975.

## Final budget vote to come after Dole departs Senate

By DAVE SKIDMORE  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Republicans' blueprint for balancing the budget by 2002 is headed for all-but-certain passage in the House and Senate, but too late for Bob Dole to cast one last symbolically important vote.

The House was scheduled to vote on the budget today. The Senate planned to follow, with passage expected this evening or Wednesday.

The budget resolution, a compromise from versions passed separately in May by the House and Senate, would trim spending by \$702 billion over six years, allow a tax cut of \$122

billion over the period and produce a \$5 billion surplus in 2002.

Republicans had hoped to arrange the Senate's schedule so that Dole, R-Kan., could vote on the budget as one of his final acts in the Senate. Deficit reduction has been a recurrent theme throughout his 35-year congressional career.

But a procedural wrangle with Democrats ensured the vote would occur too late for the majority leader, who planned to resign by 2 p.m. EDT today to devote full time to campaigning for the presidency.

Republicans wanted Democrats to waive their right to push an alternative budget drafted by moderate

Republicans and Democrats. Under the rules governing the process, they'll lose that right anyway if the Senate delays taking up the budget until after the House does.

And that's what will happen, said Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M.

"We were trying to get the minority to let us ... perhaps complete this before the leader leaves," he said. The procedural disagreement "just means he won't have a chance to vote on it."

The resolution does not carry the full force of law and isn't sent to President Clinton for signature. But it's a politically important document that establishes the parameters for later tax and spending bills that are supposed to be enacted between now and the start of fiscal 1997 on Oct. 1.

The blueprint's six-year savings in Medicare, \$158 billion; Medicaid, \$72 billion; and welfare, \$53 billion, all have been moderated from the GOP budget vetoed by Clinton last year. But they still are more severe than the president has said are acceptable.

The tax cut, larger than Clinton wants, would provide the \$500 per child credit at the center of House Republicans' "Contract With America." More tax cuts could be enacted if they were offset by closing loopholes and reinstating lapsed taxes, such as the \$10-a-ticket airline tax.

Senate Majority Whip Trent Lott, R-Miss., expected to succeed Dole as majority leader, told a group of elderly Republicans that Congress would pass a cut in the capital gains tax for the second consecutive year.

"Before this year is out, we will pass a capital gains tax rate cut again and the president can sign it or veto and explain why he vetoes it," Lott said.

## Numbering of county discussed at hearing

A major change in addresses for rural residents of Deaf Smith County may be implemented in about six months, Commissioners' Court was advised Monday evening.

During a public hearing conducted by the commission on the numbering system, Pam Nielsen, who directed the work, reviewed a map showing details of the project.

A grant to Panhandle Regional Planning Commission provided funding for 24 counties of the Texas Panhandle.

Numbering by the mile will begin at the western edge of the county. Numbers will be in increments of 100, in the same way most city streets are numbered, by the block.

Nielsen said numbering from west to east will extend from the New Mexico line to Oklahoma. For north-south numbering, the starting point is one county below Deaf Smith.

Only homes occupied at the time the system is implemented will be

assigned numbers, Nielsen said. Coordinator in the future will be the county clerk.

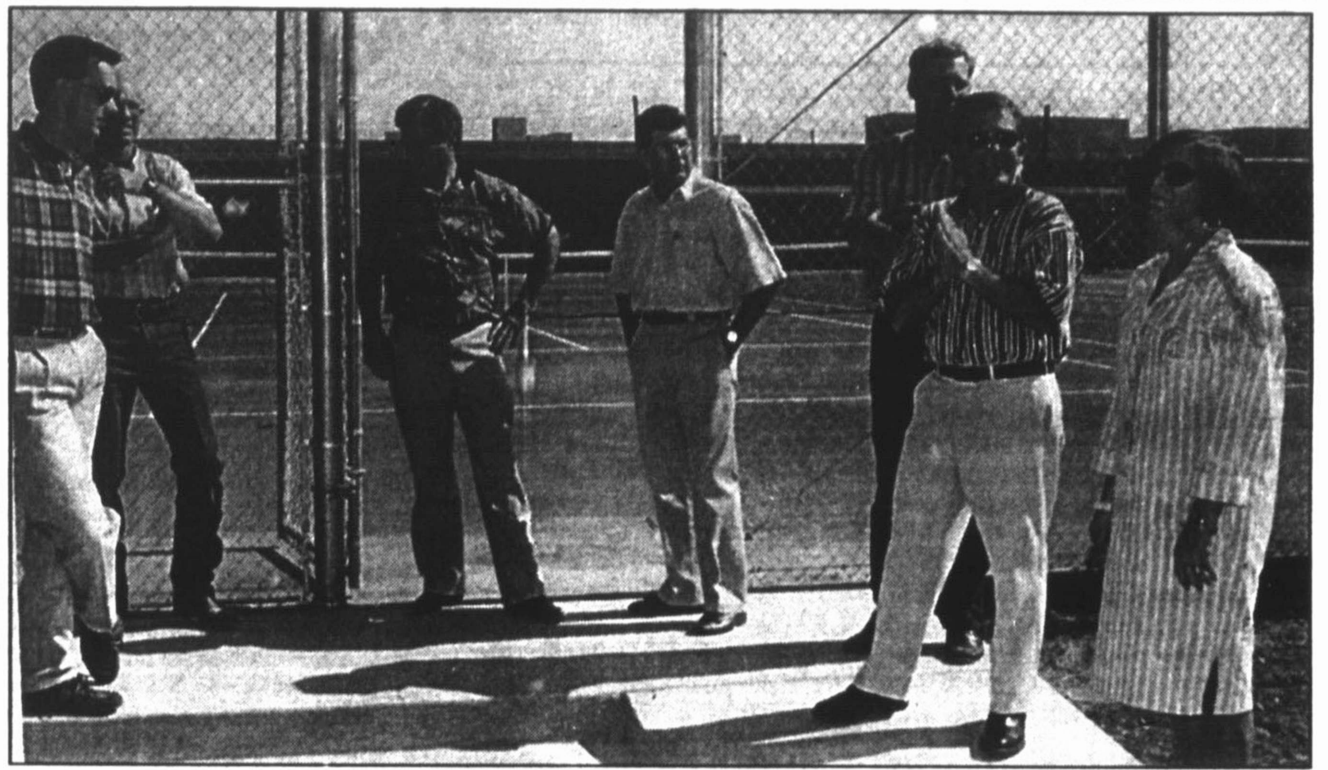
Hereford Postmaster Charles Britten said postal delivery will use the numbers and road names instead of rural route numbers, when the system is fully implemented.

Residents in rural areas will be notified of their addresses.

Detailed maps will be provided emergency services, Nielsen said. Reflective signs designating road names will be installed at intersections in rural areas and at intervals between intersections.

Nielsen said the county will be responsible for placing signs at designated locations.

Cost of the 545 signs is \$19,075 and is included in a budget of \$80,920 for the entire project in Deaf Smith County. The county is providing approximately \$20,000 in kind and the remainder is through a grant made to PRPC.



## Checking out the tennis facility

Members of the Hereford ISD board of trustees took their official walk-through of the district's new high school tennis complex on Monday, looking over four new courts and a fieldhouse that have recently been constructed. Work is virtually complete, with an electrical problem yet to be solved. Assistant Superintendent Don Cumpton, second from right, conducted the walk-through. Also present were, from left, board vice president Tracy Straughan; president Dave Charest; a representative of construction management firm Quicksilver Inc.; trustee Charlie Arellano; trustee Randy Tooley; and at right, trustee Cherry McWhorter. No shown is trustee Jeff Torbert, who also was present. Trustee Roy Dale Messer was absent.

## High school committee eyes campus child care

By GARRY WESNER  
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It was presented as part of a list of recommendations to improve Hereford High School, but the attention of the Hereford ISD board of trustees was commanded with just those two words -- day care.

A group of HHS teachers representing the High School Improvement Committee appeared before the school board Monday for the first regular meeting of the month.

They presented the fruits of an extended study aimed at making HHS a better school.

Cherie Zinck said the committee made up of school board members, teachers, administrators and members of the public originally began looking at block scheduling, but determined after 1-1/2 years of looking at the issue that it was not feasible at this time.

The committee then turned its attention to other ways to improve attendance, lower the dropout rate and increase test scores.

They proposed six things:  
-- Extended Day Offerings.  
-- Summer School Offerings.  
-- Academic Teaming in Ninth Grade.  
-- Child Care.  
-- Addition of an Assistant Principal.

-- Opportunities for Reading Coursework.

For the most part, the recommendations were made in a preliminary state, with the board told more work was done.

However, Mrs. Zinck said an additional assistant principal was something they wanted this year, in order to assign one assistant principal to the freshman, sophomore and junior classes, and Principal Terry Russell to the senior class, to give each group its own administrator.

The day care proposal met reluctance from the board and, later,

from two members of the community who spoke during the public comments portion of the session.

Mrs. Zinck said members of the committee visited the day care center at Caprock High School and were impressed with how it was run, noting that student parents were required to each lunch with their children and mothers were taken out of class to deal with children who became sick during the day.

"We would like to investigate the child care programs available" in the area, she said, noting that some funding for child care would be available from grants and the rest from local dollars.

Under the group's proposal, two locations on the high school campus -- part of the old administration building and the area currently housing the DocuTech print shop -- would be considered for a day care, which would be operated as a registered facility.

Mrs. Zinck said the Caprock facility has been credited with getting several young mothers to stay in school who normally would have dropped out to care for their children, and that some of the mothers finished high school, got their certification as child care workers and returned to Caprock to work in the facility.

Board president Dave Charest told the teachers that convincing the board to open a day care at HHS would be a "hard sell."

He said young people grow up with the attitude that free help will be there for their children, a message he said he doesn't want these young parents to get -- that their children will be raised by the school district for them.

But he also noted that the board would have to see the costs of the program and how those costs would be offset by additional state Average Daily Attendance funding generated by increased attendance rates.

Superintendent Charles W. Greenawalt said investigation of the matter would continue.

No votes were taken on any of the high school proposals, which were presented as a discussion item.

Also Monday, trustees took action on five different things, including the status of the school district attorney.

The board was given a letter from C.T. Wimberly of Canyon, who was appointed in April to represent the district, asking that the new board -- which includes four members who were not on the panel at the April vote -- ratify his appointment before any

retainer agreement was signed. Wimberly noted in his letter that his appointment has become a political issue.

"When I applied for the position of attorney for HISD it was not in support of any faction involving the school district but in the desire to work with HISD and to be involved in the local community," he wrote. "Unfortunately, my appointment has become politically symbolic."

Greenawalt reiterated his desire that Wimberly be replaced as district counsel by the Amarillo firm of Underwood, Wilson, Berry, Stein and Johnson.

The Amarillo firm is currently legal counsel for the Region 16 Education Services Center, plus more than 20 school districts in the Panhandle.

Trustee Randy Tooley, who presented Wimberly to the board in April, pleaded that Wimberly be retained as counsel, arguing that an agreement had been made and saying

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## Poarch Bros. management buys company

A Poarch Bros. management group consisting of Ken Walser, Danny Miller, Mark Shuman and Donnie Foerster recently entered into an agreement to purchase A.L. Black's interest in the company.

Employees were informed of the change in ownership at an annual company banquet June 4. The management group, headed by Walser as president, now has 100 percent ownership of the company.

Walser said the change in ownership "will be virtually seamless and will permit Poarch Brothers to continue to provide quality service and quality products well into the 21st century."

Hoot and Earl Poarch formed the company here in 1947 as a small welding facility on Lee Street. In 1957, the business was relocated in a new building on Holly Road. The company has become a design engineering and manufacturing plant serving agribusiness throughout the Southwest.

Friona Industries purchased the company in 1976, then A.L. Black acquired the company in 1982.

4-Hers from Deaf Smith and Oldham counties have returned from State Roundup in College Station.

Complete results of performances by all the participants are on Page 3.



## Local Roundup

### Hereford records more rain

A thunderstorm that passed through the area Monday night brought an official 0.19 of an inch of rain to the city, according to KPAN Radio. There were unofficial reports of up to 1.25 inches of rain to the north and west. The city's high Monday was 94 degrees, with the overnight low reported as 64 degrees. For tonight, look for partly cloudy skies, a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms and a low in the lower 60s. Southeast wind will be at 10-20 mph. Wednesday forecast is for mostly sunny skies, with a 20 percent chance of afternoon thunderstorms, a high in the mid 90s and southwest wind 10-20 mph.

## Obituaries

### ROSE FOGERSON June 6, 1996

Rose Fogerson, 52, of Lubbock, sister of Jimmy Bell of Hereford, died Thursday in Lubbock.

Services were held Monday in Sanders Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. John Westman, pastor of Wesley United Methodist Church of Hereford, officiating. Burial was in Friona Cemetery.

Mrs. Fogerson was born in Hereford and lived here until moving to Lubbock in 1973. She married Russell Fogerson in 1982 in Lubbock. She was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church. She had worked for Goodart Candy Company in Lubbock for 20 years.

Survivors are her husband; three sons, Vester Funk Jr., of Amarillo, Danny Funk of Italy and Jerry Funk of Umbarger; two stepsons, Jerry Fogerson of Southland and Tony Fogerson of Alto Loma, Cal.; a stepdaughter, Susie Pierson of Southland; two other brothers, Glenn Bell of Oklahoma and Neal Bell of Lubbock; four sisters, Betty Davis of Arlington, Peggy Alexander of Wichita, Kan., Gay Frost of Canyon and Karen Stillwagoner of Mount Joy, Pa., and eight grandchildren.

The family has suggested that memorials be directed to the American Cancer Society.

### BESSIE SLONE June 7, 1996

Bessie Slone, 78, of Tahoka, sister of Marvin Mathis of Hereford, died Friday in Midland Memorial Hospital.

Services were held Sunday in Wilson with burial there. Arrangements were made by Englands Funeral Service of Slaton.

Mrs. Slone was born in Donley County. She moved to the Wilson area in 1920 and to Slaton in 1932.

Survivors also include two sons, C.W. Slone of Tahoka and Lloyd Slone of Temple; a daughter, Juanell Fort of Midland; a brother, Carl

Carpenter of Childress, eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

### IRMA UECKERT June 11, 1996

Irma Ueckert, 93, of Winters, mother of Clifton Lee Ueckert of Hereford, died Monday.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Winters Funeral Home with the Rev. Gayland Broadstreet officiating. Burial will be in the Lutheran Cemetery, by Winters Funeral Home.

Mrs. Ueckert was born in Kingsburg and had lived in Winters since 1926. She had been a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Winters since 1926. She was married in 1926 to Norbert Ueckert in Geronimo. He preceded her in death.

Survivors are another son, Raymon Ueckert of San Antonio; two daughters, Nelda Voss of Wingate and Elsa Mae Woodward of San Antonio, a number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

### NAOMI K. TUCKER June 6, 1996

Naomi K. Tucker, 86, sister of Robbie Seed of Hereford, died Thursday in Killeen.

Services were held Saturday in Killeen with burial in City Cemetery there.

Mrs. Tucker was born in Pampa and had lived in the Killeen area since 1962. She had worked at the Texas Capitol and retired after working eight years as head hostess at the Fort Hood NCO Club. She was a member of Faith Tabernacle of Harker Heights.

Survivors are a son, George B. "Sonny" Reddoch of Brenham; three daughters, Jackie Joy Johnson of Dallas and Shirley Lowden and Jo Ann "Jody" Lilley, both of Killeen; a brother, Bob Jackson of Utah; another sister, Emma Long of Austin, nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

## Investigators find Satanic markings

### North Carolina church fire may not be related to others

By JAMES MARTINEZ  
Associated Press Writer  
Federal investigators looking for evidence of a conspiracy in a wave of fires at Southern black churches say Satanic markings were seen on a North Carolina sanctuary before it was burned and the 13-year-old suspect may have used the blaze as an anti-religious statement.

Mark Logan, an agent with the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, said investigators were pursuing both angles, but noted there is no evidence the girl, who is white,

is linked to any other church fires. Meanwhile in Texas, three men were questioned Monday about suspicious fires at two black churches.

In the North Carolina case, NBC Nightly News, quoting federal officials it did not identify, said the girl was suspected of being part of a devil-worshipping cult.

While police refused to comment on the report, they acknowledged that investigators who specialize in racial and cult activity were questioning the girl.

Two white men and a Hispanic man, charged with alcohol-related crimes, were questioned about both fires, although the second blaze was reported three hours after their arrest. Fire Chief Robert Wood called the fires "acts of local vandalism."

Authorities would not say whether they thought the fires were racially motivated. But Greenville officials said "KKK" was spray-painted on a wall at a car wash early Sunday and carved into greens at a golf course, and the men would be questioned about those incidents as well.

In Washington, the White House said President Clinton will go to Greenville, S.C., on Wednesday to visit the site of a the Mount Zion AME Church that burned in June 1995.

Also, the National Council of Churches announced a \$2 million fund-raising campaign to help rebuild burned churches, many of which are underinsured or uninsured.

"If there's any possibility that it's cult-related, they've got a very cooperative suspect who I am sure will tell them about it," said Capt. D.L. Skipper of Charlotte-Mecklenburg police, which arrested the girl Sunday.

The fire destroyed a 93-year-old wooden sanctuary at Matthews Murkland Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, N.C., on Thursday night. The sanctuary was used to store old pews; the congregation worshiped at a building nearby.

The ATF has been investigating 30 church fires since January 1995 and has declared five of those cases closed with arrests. Two weekend fires in Texas would bring the total to 32.

In Greenville, Texas, about 40 miles northeast of Dallas, the New Light House of Prayer was heavily damaged late Sunday night. Another fire moderately damaged the Church of the Living God a mile away.

## Mandate for facilities for disabled voters issued by U.S. judge

By JUAN B. ELIZONDO Jr.  
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) - An advocate for the disabled says a federal court in Texas has become the first to apply the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act to voting rights.

All Texas polling places and many of their voting booths must be made accessible to voters who are blind or physically disabled before elections in the year 2000, U.S. District Judge David Briones ordered Monday.

"This is a declaration of independence for voters who have disabilities," said attorney Jim Harrington, legal director of the Texas Civil Rights Project who worked on the case.

The decision was forced by a class-action lawsuit against Texas Secretary of State Tony Garza. Six El Paso voters and an advocacy group sued Garza in 1994. They argued that blind and disabled voters have the right to get to voting booths and vote in privacy.

Garza issued a statement late Monday saying he was disappointed by the decision. He added that he planned to appeal the decision.

"This ruling amounts once again to another federal judge's efforts to micro-manage state affairs and pass the potentially huge cost to the local governments, and that's not good for Texas," he said.

However, it may be good for plaintiff Olivia Schonberger, a 45-year-old coordinator for services for students with visual impairments at the Region 19 Education Service Center.

Mrs. Schonberger said she now has to take her husband, a friend or a stranger volunteering at the polling place into the voting booth to read and mark the ballot for her.

"What I don't like is that I don't have a secret ballot," she said.

An experiment underway in El Paso allows blind voters to listen to a tape-recorded explanation of the ballot and mark it themselves, counting notches on the ballot.

Mrs. Schonberger said the cost has been minimal and the idea can be modified to work with paper ballots.

"It's just not impossible," she said.

In November, Briones found that Garza's office had discriminated against the blind and disabled by failing to ensure that polling places and voting booths are accessible and maintain secrecy for the blind.

Briones on Monday ordered Garza's office to:

- Write comprehensive guidelines and instructions for local voting authorities detailing how all voting systems in Texas will be made accessible by Dec. 31, 1999.

- Stop approving voting systems that are not accessible and do not preserve voting secrecy for blind voters by the end of this year.

- Develop a system to monitor Texas voting places to ensure that each is accessible.

Briones said he would maintain jurisdiction over the case until all of the requirements were met. He ordered Garza to give him the written guidelines and plans for poll monitoring before putting them into effect.

"This is not a difficult thing," Harrington said. "Just as it wasn't difficult with the idea that blacks ought to vote, it took a long time and a lot of court action to get around to doing away with things like poll taxes and literacy requirements. That's what this is: getting rid of a 1996 form of a poll tax."



### "Just Peachy" work

After reading "James and the Giant Peach," Connie Ortiz, a fifth grader, works on her correlated art project on Monday. Connie is attending the summer reading academy at Shirley Intermediate School.

### HISD

Wimberly would provide more personal attention to HISD than would the Amarillo firm.

In the end, however, it came down to a motion by board vice president Tracy Straughan that Wimberly's contract be rescinded and that the Amarillo firm be retained instead.

That motion passed on a 4-2 vote, with Tooley and Cherry McWhorter -- who voted in favor of appointing Wimberly in the first place -- voting against the measure. Trustee Roy Dale Messer was not present.

In other action, Jeff Torbert was appointed to the Tax Abatement Board, replacing former trustee Jim Marsh. Charest was appointed a voting delegate to the Texas Association of School Boards delegate assembly, with Straughan named an alternate.

Several contracts with the Region 16 Education Services Center in Amarillo were approved unanimously. The contracts deal with a variety of services offered by the center, including those dealing with English as a Second Language, gifted and talented education, media services, school board training and others.

Total cost of the contracts, Greenawalt said, would be \$28,670 for the 1996-97 budget year.

Also Monday, trustees were given preliminary budget information and agreed to meet on June 18 for a technology and budget workshop.

They also received a preliminary

report from assistant superintendent Nena Veazey on the district's TAAS scores. A complete report is to be presented at the June 25 regular meeting.

Greenawalt also told the board he has approached City Manager Chester Nolen to be placed on the City Commission agenda for its next meeting to ask that the district be allowed to close Union Street between Avenue F and Avenue G during school hours.

The closure, he said, would prevent non-students from "circling" through school property and causing problems in the morning and during lunch.

The gates, however, could be opened in case of emergency and would not directly block any residences.

The meeting closed with an executive session dealing with an Equal Employment Opportunity Commission complaint and the personnel report.

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areas, including crisis intervention, ongoing counseling, community services, legal advocacy and community education.

She introduced Tillie Boozer, a Hereford counselor, who will assist the counselor that comes to Hereford weekly.

Judge Simons said the request will be taken under advisement when the new budget is prepared.

Schroeter presented a list of adjustments to be made to the current budget, as suggested by the outside auditor last fall. The adjustments were involved no additional budget expense.

## Emergency Services

Weekend emergency services reports -- which are typically compiled at 7 a.m. daily for activity during the previous 24 hours -- contained the following information.

### HEREFORD POLICE

#### Tuesday

A 52-year-old female and a 28-year-old male were arrested on outstanding city warrants for disorderly conduct.

Phone harassment was reported in the 800 block of Union. Charges are pending.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 400 block of Sycamore Lane. No assault took place. Civil charges of violating a court restraining order are expected.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 200 block of Kingwood, where someone used a vehicle to damage a fence. Damage was estimated at \$350.

Police recovered a pickup that was reported stolen in Olton. It was not occupied.

Criminal mischief was reported on East U.S. 60, where two windows were broken, causing damage estimated at \$100.

A fight was reported at Hereford Aquatic Center between two juvenile males. Disorderly conduct citations were issued and the individuals were released to their guardians.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of Westhaven, where a car window valued at \$200 was broken.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 100 block of Avenue E, where a criminal trespass warning was issued to a man after the property owner was concerned the man was having an affair with his wife.

A juvenile male was issued a Class C theft citation and released to his aunt in connection with his being caught trying to take a shirt from a business in the 200 block of North 25 Mile Avenue.

Officers issued 13 traffic citations. There were five curfew violation citations issued.

#### Monday

A 34-year-old female was arrested

at 15th and Avenue H for public intoxication after officers were called to the area in reference to a fight between two women.

A 19-year-old female was arrested in the 100 block of Norton for third offense no drivers license.

A 23-year-old male was arrested in the 500 block of Avenue K on DPS warrants for speeding and failure to appear.

A runaway was reported in the 500 block of Avenue J, then later returned.

Officers and an ambulance were dispatched to the 500 block of Avenue J, where a young female had taken different kinds of pills. She was transported for medical treatment.

Theft of gas was reported in the 400 block of East First.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of Pine Street, where a vehicle was scratched on both sides with a sharp object.

An incident of a man lying in the street was reported in the 400 block of Long Street. He was transported to Hereford Regional Medical Center for treatment.

Attempted suicide was reported in the 800 block of East First, where a 30-year-old female drove herself to HRMC for treatment, reporting she took 12-15 pills with some beer.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 2900 block of East First, where a female was upset that her boyfriend had been at a dance with another woman. The female started an argument with her boyfriend inside the business, blocked the doors to keep him from leaving, then kept him from getting into his vehicle. Officers arrived and settled the problem. No assault took place.

Officers issued 13 traffic citations. Sunday

A 45-year-old male was arrested in the 200 block of North Lee on a city warrant for curfew violation. He also was issued instant citations for no seat belt and for having a child under 2 years old unsecured in a child safety seat.

A 41-year-old male was arrested at Country Club Drive and South Lane for DWI.

A 53-year-old male was arrested at Grand and Avenue K for DWI.

A 37-year-old female was arrested in the 100 block of First Street for DWI after striking a water hydrant.

Theft of gas was reported in the 2900 block of East First.

Criminal trespass charges were filed on a subject in the 800 block of Avenue K.

Domestic assault charges were filed in the 800 block of North Avenue K. A husband and wife were arguing in the front yard of a residence and the husband grabbed the wife and allegedly assaulted her.

A civil matter was reported in the 700 block of Cherokee. The complainant told officers she and her mother were kicked out of their home by her father. He took a vehicle that was in their possession and, when the complainant stood behind the car to prevent him from leaving, she was struck on the leg. No serious injury was reported and charges have been filed.

Juvenile problems were reported in the 200 block of Windsor Street, where a woman said she was having trouble with her son staying out late. She said she needed help because she was tired of paying his curfew violation fines. She was referred to the juvenile department.

Officers issued 14 traffic citations. There were four curfew violation citations issued.

There was one traffic accident reported with no injuries.

### DEAF SMITH SHERIFF

#### Weekend

A 17-year-old male was arrested for criminal trespass.

A 21-year-old male was arrested for violation of probation (assault).

A 24-year-old male was arrested for no insurance.

A 22-year-old male was arrested for violation of probation.

A 20-year male was arrested for failure to identify.

The Texas Department of Public Safety arrested three people for DWI.

## Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) - One ticket bought in Pasadena correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth \$4 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were: 4, 5, 6, 10, 41 and 46.

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

8-6-6 (eight, six, six)

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

9-9-8 (nine, nine, eight)

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# Lifestyles

## Area 4-Hers participate in state competition on campus of A&M

Deaf Smith and Oldham County 4-Hers returned home with a series of outstanding accomplishments and achievements from the Texas 4-H Roundup at Texas A&M University in College Station last week.

Hereford High School graduates Cady Auckerman, Ted Peabody III and Amanda Sims and Adrian High School graduates Jennifer Brorman and Melanie Harwood all received major scholarships during ceremonies that kicked off the week of Roundup activities.

Auckerman received a \$15,000 scholarship from the San Antonio Livestock Show, and Peabody was the recipient of a \$4,000 Texas Farm Bureau scholarship.

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo scholarships of \$10,000 each went to Sims and Brorman.

A \$10,000 J.C. Penney scholarship in marketing went to Harwood.

Jaime Steiert received \$850 in scholarships as event prizes. She won first place in the nutritious snacks and desserts category of the Texas 4-H Food Show, receiving a \$750 scholarship from Morrison Milling. She also received a \$100 scholarship for her second place finish in the comparative buying casual division of the Texas 4-H Fashion Show.

Rachel Wilks garnered a \$200 scholarship for her first place finish in the specialty buying division of the fashion show and Amanda Sims received a \$100 scholarship for her second place finish in the casual buying division of the fashion show.

Placings by participants in other State Roundup events include:

**METHOD DEMONSTRATION.**

**Deaf Smith**  
First place-Entomology-Rachel Wilks and Jodi Wilburn.

Second place-Meat Science-Joanna Brumley and Amber Brumley.

Third place-Family Life-Jami Parker, Robin Bell, Brent Carlson, Ted Peabody and Erin Auckerman.

Fourth place-Focus on Health-Amber Vasek and Miriam Wilks.

**Oldham**  
First place-Food-Jennifer Brorman and Melanie Harwood. Brorman was selected as narrator for the State Fashion Show.

**CONSUMER DECISION MAKING**  
**Deaf Smith**  
Second place team-Miriam Wilks, Karis Blain, Jodi Wilburn and Amber Brumley.

Third place individual-Wilburn.

**FASHION SHOW**  
**Deaf Smith**  
Sixth place-Formal Construction-Joanna Brumley.

**Oldham**  
Third place-Formal Buying-Deborah Gruhkey.

**FOOD SHOW**  
Second place-Main Dish-Karis Blain.

**PUBLIC SPEAKING**  
**Oldham**  
Tenth place honorable mention.

**Oldham**  
Tenth place-Meats-Seth Solomon, Mary Alice Brorman, Karen Brown and Bridget Spinhirne.

Deaf Smith County 4-H member Cady Auckerman served this past year on the State 4-H Council and

Karen Brown.

**JUDGING TEAMS**  
**Deaf Smith**  
Fourth place-Horse-Courtney Crawford, Loretta Camp, Tommy Mather and Meredith McGowan.

Fourth high individual-Loretta Camp.

Ninth place-Livestock-Sy Olson, Ted Peabody, Brent Carlson and Erin Auckerman.

Eighth high individual in reasons-Sy Olson.

Seventeenth place-Dairy-Amy Perrin, Terri House, Chris Hardcastle and Jantzen Louder.

**Oldham**  
Tenth place-Meats-Seth Solomon, Mary Alice Brorman, Karen Brown and Bridget Spinhirne.

Deaf Smith County 4-H member Cady Auckerman served this past year on the State 4-H Council and

held major leadership roles for the Roundup rallies, banquets and assemblies each day. She will continue her council duties with the 4-H Congress in July in Austin and conclude with the chairmanship of Spectra Camp at the Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood in August.

## Romero named on dean's list

Mona Romero, a Hereford student at New Mexico Highlands University in Las Vegas, N.M., has been named to the dean's list for the spring semester.

To qualify for the dean's list, undergraduates must have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. Graduate students must have maintained a 3.85 or better GPA.



## Eastern Star officers

The 1996-1997 officers of Hereford Chapter No. 312 of the Order of the Eastern Star were installed Saturday. Pictured are, front row from left, Karen White, installing officer, Bill Shore, chaplain, Bonnie Hartley, Ruth; Troyce Hanna, Martha; Lupe Cerda, warder; Shirley Brown, associate conductress; Jayne Euler, worthy matron; Jessie Averill, Adah; Dorothy Noland, installing secretary; back row from left, Richard Ochs, installing marshal; David Euler, worthy patron; Mildred Fuhmann, installing chaplain; Audrey Rusher, Esther; Joy Bunch, Electa; Courtney Brooke, treasurer; Ed Hartley, marshal; and Becky Camp, associate matron.

## Hereford chapter of Eastern Star holds installation of 96-97 officers

Officers of Hereford Chapter No. 312 of the Order of the Eastern Star for 1996-1997 were installed during an open installation ceremony Saturday in the Masonic Hall.

Installed were Jayne Euler, worthy matron; David Euler, worthy patron; Becky Camp, associate matron; Courtney Brooke, treasurer; Shirley Brown, associate conductress; Bill Shore, chaplain; Ed Hartley,

marshall; Jessie Averill, Adah; Bonnie Hartley, Ruth; Audrey Rusher, Esther; Troyce Hanna, Martha; Joy Bunch, Electa; and Lupe Cerda, warder.

Other officers not present for the installation will be installed at the next regular meeting. They are Larry Knowles, associate patron; Margaret Bell, secretary; Suzan Schriber,

conductress; Kee Ruland, organist; and L.J. Clark, sentinel.

Serving as installing officer for the ceremony was Karen White. Richard Ochs of Amarillo, the current associate grand patron of Texas, was installing marshal. Others assisting were Dorothy Noland, installing secretary; Mildred Fuhmann, installing chaplain and Betty Rector, installing organist.

Special music was provided by the Praise Singers.

Following the ceremony, members and guests were served refreshments of cake, fresh fruit and punch in the dining hall.

## Former resident seeking member of class of 1973

By BECKY CAMP  
Lifestyles Editor

Mae Wofford of Waka is looking for a female member of the Hereford High School class of 1973 whose initials were RDC.

Those are really all the clues Mrs. Wofford has to the identity of the person she is seeking. And those clues are furnished by a senior class ring.

"My daughter found the ring when she was still living in Hereford," said

Mrs. Wofford. "And she moved from there in 1985."

An ad was placed in *The Brand* at the time the ring was found, but received no response.

"We even posted a notice at the doughnut shop on Park Street because we felt like a lot of people would see it there, but no one ever called to claim the ring," she said.

After the futile search for an owner, the Woffords put the ring away and it was virtually forgotten until recently.

Mrs. Wofford saw a news story about a class ring that had been lost for an extended period and was eventually recovered.

"The story reminded me about the Hereford senior ring my daughter had found. So I got out the ring and called the school in Hereford to see if they could help me identify who it might belong to," Mrs. Wofford said.

The ring is undoubtedly a woman's ring, according to Mrs. Wofford. It is a smaller design than a man's ring and "is approximately a size 7, because that's what size I wear and the ring fits me," she said.

Mrs. Wofford is unsure what symbols are on either side of the red stone, but there is an "H" in the center of the stone. And the initials "RDC" are engraved inside the band.

If you have any information about the ring's owner, contact Mrs. Wofford at Box 103, Waka, Texas 79093, phone 806-435-5927, or contact Becky at *The Brand* office, 364-2030.

## Lifeguard class starts Wednesday

The Tri County Chapter of the American Red Cross and the Hereford Aquatic Center are offering a Lifeguarding Training Course which will begin Wednesday at the Aquatic Center. Instructors are Danny Kilanowski and Robin Watts.

The class is open to persons at least 15 years old who are good swimmers. A prerequisite swimming skills test, which includes swimming 500 yards nonstop using the four basic strokes, must be successfully completed Wednesday to be able to take the remainder of the class.

The class will continue through Sunday. Hours are 4:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Register for the class by calling the Red Cross office at 364-3761 or the Aquatic Center at 363-7118.

## Names in the news

LOS ANGELES (AP) - "Batman" star Michael Keaton says he walked away from a rich offer to play the caped crusader for the third time in order to star in the movie "Multiplicity."

In an interview in the July issue of *Premiere Magazine*, Keaton said his decision to turn down a potential \$35 million payday would probably be considered "a stupid move" by many.

The 43-year-old actor said, "I take chances because mostly that's what keeps me interested. Otherwise I get bored."

Keaton said the upcoming "Multiplicity" was the hardest movie he has ever made. He plays four characters who are actually all components of the same man.

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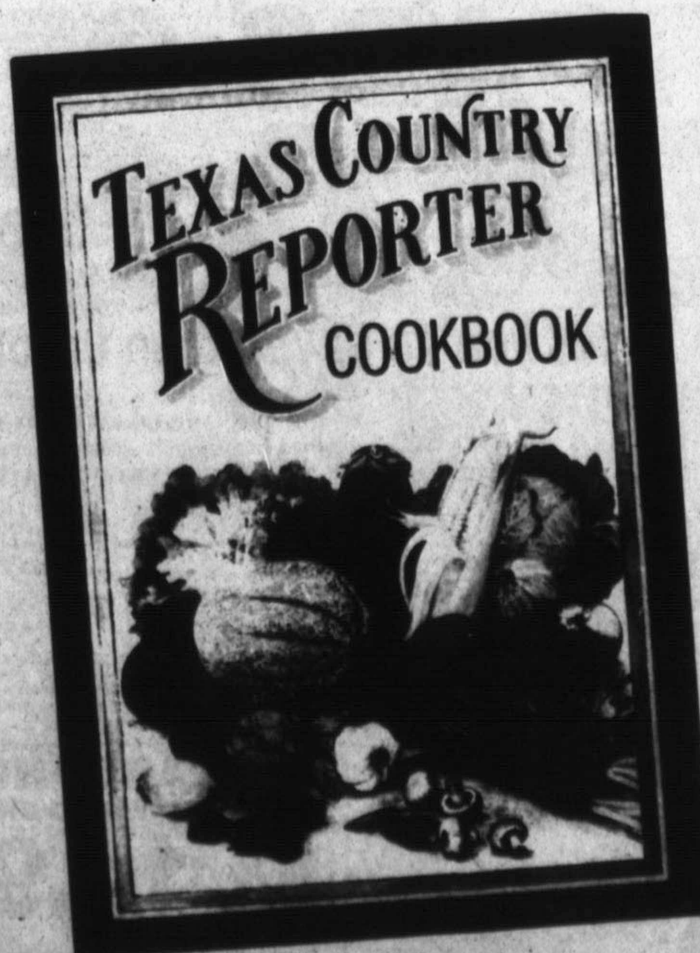
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# Sports

## Sonics' Karl talks about Rodman

By MIKE NADEL  
AP Sports Writer  
SEATTLE (AP) - George Karl has Worm on the brain. Shawn Kemp already is talking about "losing like a man." Gary Payton speaks of lessons learned for future seasons.

Beaten physically and mentally by the Chicago Bulls, the Seattle SuperSonics sound like a team ready to mail in Game 4 of the NBA Finals.

"There's nothing wrong with losing ... to a better team," Kemp said Monday, the day after the Bulls took a 3-0 series lead with a decisive victory at Key Arena. "If we're going to end it, we've just got to end it in a manly way."

Apparently, they won't be borrowing any of Dennis Rodman's feather boas or mascara for Wednesday night, when Chicago can complete the sweep - and the best season in NBA history.

Karl continues to complain about Rodman's ability to "create a circus and get away with it," referring more to the Worm's cunning and sometimes dirty on-court tricks than the flamboyant forward's outrageous appearance.

"With his elbowing, his grabbing, his walking underneath players," the Seattle coach said, "is he winning with that or is he hurting the game with that?"

In dealing with the media Monday, Karl kept bringing up Rodman even when asked questions about other subjects.

For example, queried about the Bulls' strengths, Karl said: "They're an obviously good rebounding team, led by Dennis Rodman, who is obnoxious."

It's a sign that Rodman - and the Bulls - already have won.

And don't think the Worm doesn't know it.

"The whole game (Sunday), they were so concentrating on what I was doing, saying and how I was acting on the floor that they forgot how to play basketball," Rodman said.

"After that, the game was over."

Michael Jordan is eagerly

anticipating the series being over.

Jordan, who had 36 points in Game 3, is closing in on his goal of securing a title for those without rings - teammates such as Luc Longley, Ron Harper, Steve Kerr and Toni Kukoc. Jordan and Scottie Pippen are the only players remaining from Chicago's championship teams of 1991, 1992 and 1993.

"So many people have never experienced winning," Jordan said. "It's been my motivation all season to help them. I've said, 'Hang on to my coattails, and I'm going to take you where you need to go.'"

"You can see signs of their appetite growing, being so close right now. They get up every day with a sparkle in their eyes. I'm pretty sure that when we win this thing, you're going to see them crying like babies."

Few will forget the way Jordan hugged the championship trophy, tears rolling down his cheeks, after carrying the Bulls to their first title back in '91.

Having leaders like Jordan and Pippen, as well as Rodman, John Salley and James Edwards, current Bulls who won titles with Detroit, is comforting to other Chicago players.

"When guys have been there before, you know they can get there again," Longley said.

"Michael promised me a championship ring," Harper said. "And he's getting ready to deliver."

It's not surprising that the Bulls are full of anticipation. After all, they've been thinking about this for months. They won an NBA-record 72 regular-season games. And a victory Wednesday would give them the best postseason mark ever, 15-1.

"I don't think it's been that easy," Jordan said. "Everything's been painted as a golden stream to a championship, but dealing with expectations is sometimes hard. It's dangerous, because you can fall prey to that and forget about playing the game and doing your job. But we've done our job all year long ... and this is the reward."

For Seattle, the feeling is more resignation than anticipation.

"They've been here three times and won it three times. We're just our first time being here," Payton said. "This is a learning experience to me. They're teaching us a lesson."

When not ranting about Rodman,

Karl kept repeating that "the Bulls are beatable," as if trying to convince himself.

Technically, of course, he's right. But even he knows that his Sonics have little chance of winning four straight against a Chicago team that is 86-11 since November.



### Tennis champ

Monica Rodriguez of Hereford won the 14-under singles division at the Dumas Dogie Days tennis tournament, held Friday and Saturday in Dumas. There were 18 girls in her division.

## Avalanche finishes Stanley Cup sweep

By HOWARD ULMAN  
AP Sports Writer

MIAMI (AP) - In a stirring finale, the Colorado Avalanche completed a Stanley Cup sweep for a city that didn't have a team a year ago and never had a major championship.

Defenseman Uwe Krupp decided the superbly played climax on the 119th shot of the game at 4:31 of the third overtime. His blast from the right point gave Colorado a 1-0 win over the gallant Florida Panthers early Tuesday.

Finally, after 104 minutes, 31 seconds of thrilling, end-to-end action, the team that moved to Denver after 16 seasons without a title as the Quebec Nordiques subdued the 3-year-old Panthers, who played with a maturity beyond their years.

The series was much closer than Colorado's 4-0 margin in games and 15-4 lead in goals. And Colorado's Patrick Roy and Florida's John Vanbiesbrouck were equally spectacular in their duel of veteran goalies in the clincher.

And Roy won, just as he did in 1993 when he had three overtime victories in the finals as Montreal won the Cup.

"It was a great game," Roy said. "It was unbelievable. It was important to me to stay focused."

Moments after Krupp's fourth playoff goal zoomed past Vanbiesbrouck, fans unleashed a shower of plastic rats, a ritual they followed all season after Panther goals. They had to find another use for them in Florida's last game of the season.

And the Avalanche didn't mind. In the midst of the deluge, they hugged each other in their defensive end, the patch of ice they guarded perfectly in the decisive game.

"They were an unbelievable story," Colorado coach Marc Crawford said of the Panthers. "Hockey is in good hands here in South Florida."

Krupp's goal ended the longest game of a final series since Edmonton beat Boston 15:13 into the third overtime on May 15, 1990.

"I leaned into it and got a little juice on it," Krupp said, "and it kind of found its way through."

Joe Sakic, whose 18 playoff goals were one short of the NHL record held by Philadelphia's Reggie Leach and Edmonton's Jari Kurri, won the Conn Smythe Trophy as the MVP.

"For the rest of my life I'll always remember this moment," Sakic said.

It could just have easily gone to Roy, who stopped all 63 Panthers shots. Vanbiesbrouck missed just one of Colorado's 56. And that bullet ended a determined game by a Panther team fighting desperately to survive.

"We accomplished a lot this year," Vanbiesbrouck said. "We can't be disappointed with our season. We put up as much resistance as we could."

Krupp was an unlikely hero. The 11-year veteran played in just six games this season and had no

goals. He injured his knee Oct. 6 against Detroit and underwent surgery 15 days later. He didn't resume skating until March 3, and returned to action April 6. In 557 regular-season games in his career he has just 53 goals.

The Avalanche became only the second North American big-league team to win a title in its first season after relocation, joining football's Washington Redskins, who left Boston after the 1936 season.

Led by Roy, Sakic and a veteran nucleus, Colorado won the first two games at home 3-1 and 8-1. Then it quieted the raucous Panther partisans with a come-from-behind 3-2 win in an evenly played Game 3 on Saturday night.

Now Denver, frustrated in four Super Bowl losses by the Broncos, had a championship to celebrate that's far more significant than the International Hockey League title won last year by the Denver Grizzlies, who moved to Salt Lake City after the Avalanche arrived.

It was the sixth back-to-back sweep in the finals, following New Jersey's win over Detroit that ended a playoffs in which current Avalanche player Claude Lemieux was the MVP.

Colorado is the fifth different champion in five years, following Pittsburgh, Montreal, the New York Rangers and New Jersey.

The Avalanche had the NHL's second best record but was overshadowed during the season by Detroit, which set a league mark with 62 wins. But the Avalanche, the second highest scoring team in the league, made it to the finals by beating the Red Wings in the Western Conference finals after

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## 76ers hire ex-Blazer Davis as head coach

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - To diehard Philadelphia fans, it wasn't that long ago when Johnny Davis, a spunky guard from Portland, was partly responsible for one of the bleakest moments in 76ers playoff history.

The year: 1977. The event: the Trail Blazers defeat the 76ers to capture the NBA title.

"I was instrumental in taking a championship away from the 76ers and the city of Philadelphia," Davis said. "Now I want to be instrumental in bringing a championship basketball team back to the Delaware Valley."

On Monday, the Sixers brushed away the past and made Davis their

sixth coach in 11 years, the latest ingredient in an extensive and expensive mix to move the team out of the depths of NBA oblivion.

"I like an up-tempo, exciting style of basketball," Davis said. "I want our team to be enthusiastic, with a lot of energy. I want the fans watching us perform to not want to turn their eyes for a minute, because they may miss something that is very exciting."

Davis, 40, replaces John Lucas, fired last month after compiling a 42-122 record in two seasons. Davis joins the 76ers from Portland, where he was an assistant for two seasons.

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# Astros' Wall stops Rockies

**By The Associated Press**  
Donne Wall saw plenty of slugfests when he pitched for Tucson in the Pacific Coast League. That gave him a taste of what games are like at Coors Field in Denver.

Wall (3-0) stayed undefeated with eight solid innings Monday night, then stood by helplessly as Colorado rallied for four runs after two were out in the ninth. But Todd Jones finally got the final out with the bases loaded, giving the Houston Astros a 10-9 victory over the Rockies, who are 3-2 in their last five games after scoring 58 runs in that span.

"I pitched in Colorado Springs for so many years, you get used to it," he said after beating the Rockies for the second time in six days.

"You have to make quality pitches against this team. They have good hitters and can explode at any time."

Sean Berry and Derek Bell supported Wall (3-0) with three hits each, with both having a triple shy of the cycle. Berry drove in three runs and Bell scored three times as Houston won in Colorado for just the third time in 14 games.

Houston manager Terry Collins shrugged off the Astros' past woes at Colorado.

"That's past history," Collins said. "This is only our first time in this year. This is a tough place to play and a tough place to win."

Elsewhere in the NL, it was New York 8, Atlanta 3; Florida 5, Montreal 2; Chicago 2, Philadelphia 1; Los Angeles 2, St. Louis 1; Cincinnati 6, San Diego 3; and Pittsburgh 5, San Francisco 4.

After Houston scored three unearned runs in the eighth for a 10-5

lead, relievers Dean Hartgraves and Jones combined for four walks in the ninth.

A bases-loaded walk to Dante Bichette made it 10-6 and Andres Galarraga followed with a two-run single, giving him five RBIs in the game.

After Ellis Burks' infield single made it 10-9, Vinny Castilla walked to re-load the bases, but Quinton McCracken grounded out to second baseman Craig Biggio for the second time in the inning.

"If I'm hitting, the game's tied," Rockies manager Don Baylor said after watching McCracken avoid an inside fastball from Jones. Baylor was hit a major-league record 267 times.

The Astros have won six of seven games to climb two games over .500 for the first time this season, thanks in part to four Colorado errors that led to five unearned runs.

"In the last seven or eight games, we've had nights like they had tonight and like the one they made seven errors in Houston," Collins said. "We got some key hits and took advantage of mistakes when we needed to."

## Pirates 5, Giants 4

Pittsburgh won at San Francisco, giving the Pirates eight victories in nine games, as Jason Kendall singled home the winning run in the eighth inning.

With the score tied 4-4, Orlando Merced drew a leadoff walk in the eighth off Rich DeLucia (2-2) and went to second on a wild pitch. DeLucia got two outs before Kendall blooped a hit over the head of shortstop Shawon Dunston.

Kendall also scored the game-tying run in the seventh after entering the game as a pinch-runner.

## Dodgers 2, Cardinals 1

Los Angeles held visiting St. Louis to three hits, and Delino DeShields set up one run with two stolen bases and drove in another with a sacrifice fly.

Chan Ho Park (4-2) earned the victory in his first start since May 8, allowing one run and one hit in five innings, with five walks and six strikeouts. Mark Guthrie allowed one hit in the next three innings and Antonio Osuna completed the three-hitter by pitching the ninth.

## Reds 6, Padres 3

Eric Davis, who came off the disabled list earlier in the day, scored the go-ahead run in a four-run eighth inning on a wild pitch by Doug Bochtler as Cincinnati won at San Diego.

The Reds' rally was aided by two wild pitches and three walks by Bochtler (0-2). Thomas Howard had a two-run single, and another run scored on Eddie Taubensee's infield hit.

Lee Smith (1-1) got the victory despite facing only one batter, getting Tony Gwynn to fly out with the bases loaded in the seventh. It was Smith's first victory since being acquired in a trade from California on May 27.

The Padres have lost four straight and seven of eight, losing three games off their NL West lead in three days.

## Mets 8, Braves 3

Todd Hundley homered from both sides of the plate, singled twice and drove in five runs for New York against

visiting Atlanta.

Hundley, boosted his season homer total to 16, tying his career high set in 1994. In his last seven games, Hundley is 14-for-25 (.560), with four homers and 14 RBIs.

Bobby Jones (6-2), who scattered 12 hits and no runs in 7 1-3 innings, was the winner.

The game was marred by a bench-clearing incident in the fifth inning. Losing pitcher Steve Avery (6-5) and Hundley exchanged words after second baseman Jose Vizcaino was hit on the right kneecap by the Atlanta pitcher.

## Cubs 2, Phillies 1

Doug Glanville and Terry Shumpert got their first NL RBIs and Jaime Navarro pitched a three-hitter for Chicago at Philadelphia.

Recalled from Triple-A Iowa on Sunday, Shumpert snapped a 1-1 tie in the eighth with a sacrifice fly off Terry Mulholland (5-5). Shumpert previously played in Kansas City and Boston.

Glanville got his first major-league RBI in the third with a two-out single.

The only run allowed by Navarro (4-6) was a homer by Benito Santiago in the seventh.

## Marlins 5, Expos 2

Devon White singled in the tiebreaking run in the ninth inning and Greg Colbrunn homered and drove in three runs, lifting Florida to victory at Montreal.

The Expos tied the game 1-1 against reliever Robb Nen (3-0) in the eighth on Moises Alou's RBI single before the Marlins scored four times in the ninth.

## Yankees 5, Blue Jays 3

Tino Martinez capped the Yankees' four-run first inning with a three-run homer and Wade Boggs went 4-for-4 as the Blue Jays lost their season-high fifth straight.

Boggs opened the game with a double, advanced to third on a single by Bernie Williams and scored on Paul O'Neill's double. Martinez followed with his 10th homer of the season to make it 4-0 before an out was recorded.

Jimmy Key (3-6) allowed two runs and four hits over 5 2-3 innings for the win. New York has won 15 of the last 16 games with Toronto.

## Twins 13, Mariners 6

The Twins hit five homers, including the first two-homer game of Greg Myers' career, as they won for the 12th time in 16 games. Ron Coomer, who had four hits, Paul Molitor and Scott Stahoviak also homered for the Twins.

Edgar Martinez had half of the four homers by Seattle, which extended its major league-leading total to 105 and had at least four in a game for the 10th time this season. Ken Griffey Jr., with his 21st, and Dan Wilson also went deep for the visiting Mariners.

Myers hit a solo drive in a four-run seventh, which included a three-run shot by Stahoviak that made it 10-5. Myers then added a three-run homer in the eighth, his fifth.

## Angels 7, Royals 5, 10 innings

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# Tapani proves valuable for White Sox

**By The Associated Press**  
Kevin Tapani was looking to pitch for a contender. He made a good choice. The Chicago White Sox look like they made a great one.

The White Sox signed the free agent to a one-year contract in the offseason and all he has done is go 7-3 and become an integral part of the rotation that has Chicago tied for first place in the AL Central with the Cleveland Indians.

"Everything's worked out pretty good. There are a lot of smart people here," Tapani said Monday night after winning his fourth straight game, 8-2 over the Boston Red Sox.

It was Chicago's 19th win in its last 22 games, it improved Tapani's career record against Boston to 9-0, and it gave the White Sox a 21-5 mark this season at Comiskey Park.

"We do not feel invincible here,

but we sure like playing at home," White Sox manager Terry Bevington said.

Tapani didn't feel like he was impressive, but he's not arguing.

"I didn't feel like I was throwing that well, but at the end when you look up and see eight innings, five hits, two runs and two walks with nine strikeouts, I'll take that almost every time out," Tapani said.

The Red Sox will take any game where one of their pitchers manages any numbers that translate into a victory.

Tim Wakefield (4-6) worked on two days rest as he moved up in the rotation to replace scheduled starter Aaron Sele, who had a stomach flu.

"We knew Wakefield would have to go seven or nine innings tonight," Boston manager Kevin Kennedy said. "Our bullpen has been taxed quite a

bit and their arms have been heavily used this week."

Wakefield, a knuckleballer, went the distance, throwing 162 pitches and allowing 16 hits.

In other AL games on Monday night, it was Detroit 8, Baltimore 3; Cleveland 5, Oakland 4; New York 5, Toronto 3; Minnesota 13, Seattle 6; California 7, Kansas City 5; and Texas 8, Milwaukee 3.

Ron Karkovics homered, while Tony Phillips and Robin Ventura each had three hits for Chicago, which improved to 40-21, the club's best record after 61 games since the 1951 team got off to the same start.

## Rangers 8, Brewers 3

Darryl Hamilton went 2-for-3 and drove in three runs against his former teammates as Texas won its fourth straight and stretched its lead over second-place Seattle in the AL West to 6 1/2 games, the largest in franchise history.

Ivan Rodriguez and Kevin Elster each drove in two runs for the Rangers, while Mark McLemore went 3-for-4, making him 16-for-31 in June.

## Tigers 8, Orioles 3

The Tigers won for the third time in their last four games and eighth in 48 as Omar Olivares threw eight shutout innings, the most by a Detroit pitcher this season.

Olivares (2-2) allowed four hits in winning for the first time since April 10. The Tigers, who got two RBIs from both Tony Clark and Kimera Barte, had lost eight straight to the visiting Orioles.

Baltimore, which has lost four straight, scored all its runs in the ninth off Mike Walker on a two-run homer by Bobby Bonilla and a solo shot by Cal Ripken.

## Indians 5, Athletics 4

Charles Nagy (10-1) became the league's first 10-game winner and improved his career record against Oakland to 7-2. He allowed four runs on nine hits over seven innings with one walk and seven strikeouts. Jose Mesa pitched the ninth for his 22nd save.

Manny Ramirez and Kenny Lofton homered for Cleveland. Mark McGwire's 16th homer of the season

brought the visiting Athletics within 5-4 in the seventh.

Yankees 5, Blue Jays 3

Tino Martinez capped the Yankees' four-run first inning with a three-run homer and Wade Boggs went 4-for-4 as the Blue Jays lost their season-high fifth straight.

Boggs opened the game with a double, advanced to third on a single by Bernie Williams and scored on Paul O'Neill's double. Martinez followed with his 10th homer of the season to make it 4-0 before an out was recorded.

Jimmy Key (3-6) allowed two runs and four hits over 5 2-3 innings for the win. New York has won 15 of the last 16 games with Toronto.

## Twins 13, Mariners 6

The Twins hit five homers, including the first two-homer game of Greg Myers' career, as they won for the 12th time in 16 games. Ron Coomer, who had four hits, Paul Molitor and Scott Stahoviak also homered for the Twins.

Edgar Martinez had half of the four homers by Seattle, which extended its major league-leading total to 105 and had at least four in a game for the 10th time this season. Ken Griffey Jr., with his 21st, and Dan Wilson also went deep for the visiting Mariners.

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## HOCKEY

eliminating Vancouver and Chicago. All three series lasted six games.

The sweep ends a surprisingly strong season for the Panthers. They had the NHL's best record, 25-8-2, through 35 games, then lost three straight to fall to second.

After 60 games, they were third in the league before staggering to the finish with a 6-13-3 slide. But they revived in the playoffs, behind the exceptional goaltending of Vanbiesbrouck and a strong defense, beating Boston in five games and upsetting Philadelphia in six and Pittsburgh in seven.

Colorado's best chance until the winning goal came at 16:42 of the second overtime. Adam Deadmarsh hit the crossbar from the front edge of the crease as Vanbiesbrouck sprawled to the ice. Scott Young shot the rebound right into the fallen goalie.

Roy won his eighth straight finals game, two shy of the record of Ken Dryden, another former Montreal goalie. He made three saves in the third overtime after making numerous spectacular stops until then.

At 5:07 of the first overtime, Roy made a superb pad save on Scott Mellanby and defenseman Sylvain Lefebvre cleared the rebound.

At 7:42, Vanbiesbrouck made a magnificent grab with his left glove of a point-blank shot by an unguarded Sandis Ozolinsh. The red light went on, signaling a goal, but referee Bill McCree quickly signaled the puck hadn't gone in.

In the second overtime, the goalies were as sharp as they had been all night.

There was Roy's save in which he slapped Radek Dvorak's shot out of the air with his stick. There was Vanbiesbrouck's on Young's vicious 15-footer into his chest. And there were many, many more.

They had plenty of help as their teammates checked feverishly, killed

penalties impressively and never stopped skating swiftly even as the clock moved past 1 a.m. Krupp scored at 1:05.

The Panthers got a scare 4:45 into the second period when Colorado's Warren Rychal, racing in for a rebound of Sakic's shot, slid into Vanbiesbrouck. The goalie stayed down for about a minute, got up slowly and stayed in the game.

At 9:28, Roy disappeared in a pile of bodies in front of his net after Ed Jovanovski, skating at high speed, made contact with him. Colorado's Adam Foote was penalized for roughing during the ensuing shoving, but the Avalanche kept Florida from taking a single shot during the power play.

The Panthers were just as impressive killing a cross-checking penalty against Jovanovski at 12:27, with Colorado failing to put one shot on Vanbiesbrouck.

Both goalies were tested frequently in the third period and never faltered. With 6:16 left, Vanbiesbrouck flashed his right pad to stop Sakic's 15-foot blast. Roy stopped all eight Florida shots.

With 44 seconds left in the period, fans apparently thought Roy had been beaten and tossed a few plastic rats. But the shot missed and play was delayed while the rodents were removed.



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## Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I recently read an article in the Marin Independent Journal in San Rafael, Calif., that was quite disturbing. It said a copy of Thomas Paine's "Common Sense" sold at an auction for \$123,000 and an account of the Lewis and Clark expedition went for \$28,750 -- more than 11 times the cost of the trip itself.

The original proclamation of Thomas Jefferson's Louisiana Purchase, with the signatures of then-President Jefferson and his secretary of state, James Madison, was valued at \$1 million to \$1.5 million. It failed to sell at the auction but was later purchased for \$772,500. ("A bargain," the buyer said.)

The beribboned, 18-page document, bearing the Great Seal of the United States, was the top prize in the private collection of Jane Engelhard, widow of Charles Engelhard, who sold precious metals and other commodities. The two dealers who bought the proclamation suggested their transaction was as much of a steal as Jefferson's original deal with Napoleon.

Tell me, Ann, why are these precious American historic documents in private hands? It seems to me these treasures should be in the Smithsonian or some other place in Washington where we, the people, can see them. I remember so well my first trip to Washington, when I was 18, and the wonderful documents I saw there. I was so proud.

These documents belong to the American people. They should not be sold to the highest bidder. -- San Anselmo, Calif.

Dear San Anselmo: Your point is well taken, and I'm sure a great many people will agree with you, but the individuals who own these treasures have the right to do what they wish with them.

The sale at auction of Jacqueline Onassis' "stuff" as one paper called it, gave us a glimpse of how much people will pay for a piece of history. Although the auction net was nearly \$35 million, you can be sure that most of the objects sold will appreciate greatly as time goes by.

The only item I was sorry to see go on the auction block was John John's rocking horse. I wish he had saved it for the son he may have one day.

Dear Ann Landers: I am a black, 28-year-old female who was raised in Mississippi and New York by elderly parents. I agree with "Chris in Heyburn, Idaho," who remembers what things were like in the "good old days." They weren't all that terrific, according to the stories my parents told.

People seem to have forgotten the sore palms from scrubbing clothes on a washboard and hanging them on the clothesline to dry, the stench of the outhouse (often the home for snakes), bathing in a tin tub in the backyard, chopping wood for the fireplace while ants crawled up your legs, and sewing all night so that you would have a decent dress to wear the next day.

I laugh when my peers talk about how "great" the '60s were. They seem only to remember the music and fashionable clothes. They have forgotten the struggle to gain equality and the tremendous indignity of

segregation. We had drive-by shootings then, too, but it was the Ku Klux Klan. Now we are shooting at each other.

I'm so thankful that I can drink at any public fountain, choose any seat on the bus, eat at any exclusive restaurant and choose the profession of my choice. We've come a long way, baby, and I don't want to go back. -- Felicia Bams in New York

Dear Felicia: Your letter has the ring of truth, and I thank you for writing. We have indeed come a long way, baby, and I see no chance of going back.

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## Bridal shower honors Wolf

Laura Wolf, bride-elect of Robert Jones, was honored with a bridal shower Saturday in the home of Dorothy Prowell.

The couple plans to be married June 29.

Greeting guests with the honoree were Cherry Wolf, mother of the bride-elect; Rebecca Wolf, sister of the bride-elect; Elaine Jones, mother of the prospective bridegroom; Martha Wagoner, grandmother of the prospective bridegroom; Karen Curtis, his sister; and Susie Jones, his sister-in-law.

Refreshments of punch and cookies were served by Crystal Kelso.

The serving table was covered with a red cloth and centered with a multicolored floral arrangement of spring flowers.

The hostesses were Debbie Wade, Terrie LeGate, Barbara Allen, Barbara Burkhalter, Leota Kelso, Kay Hansard, Sandy Blevins, Linda Minchew, Dorothy Prowell, Nicky Walser, Linda Hicks and Bertha Zepeda.

## Toastmasters hold meeting

Dan Hall presided at the recent meeting of Hereford Toastmasters in the Ranch House Restaurant.

Speakers for the meeting were Joe Don Cummings, Hall and Linda Minchew.

Cummings' topic was "The Camel and the Jackal" and was evaluated by Clark Andrews.

Hall spoke on "The Three Pitfalls" while Charles Minchew served as evaluator.

"What's In a Package" was the topic for Minchew which was evaluated by Coleen Seright.

The award for best speaker went to Minchew and Seright was voted best evaluator.

Topic speakers, with Wayne Winget serving as topicmaster, were Sharon Cramer, Mike Morrison and Dave Kimmel.

Kimmel was voted best topic speaker.

Toastmaster was Jigger Rowland; timer, Cramer; AH counter, David Rohrbach; and grammarian, Kimmel.

Expedient was the word introduced by wordmaster Morrison, who also told the joke.

Margaret Del Toro served as general evaluator.

Guests for the meeting were Kimmel and Adolfo Del Toro.

## Hereford Care Center reports May activities for residents

Among the interesting and fun events that residents of Hereford Care Center participated in during May was the lift off of numerous balloons in honor of Nurses Week.

Nineteen residents were in attendance for the monthly council meeting where the main topic was planning the June dinner in honor of fathers. Other topics included more crafts and bingo games. The next council meeting will be at 3 p.m. June 13.

Community Christian School came to the care center to sing and visit twice a week during the school year. They will be missed during the summer and residents look forward

to seeing them again in the fall.

Men's Club is busy with a wheelchair garden. Materials were donated by Bear's Seed Company, Glenda's Gardens and Doris Sweeney. They lost a few tomato plants to the wind, but with good rains the radishes were the first to grow.

The Quilt Club is busy sewing quilts.

The employee of the month for June is Lorenzo Martinez.

There are two new faces in the activities department. Carman Dotson is the new certified activities director and Sherry Green is the new assistant.

## Hints from Heloise

Dear Readers: One of my secretaries attended a homeowners' meeting to listen to a policewoman give information on ways to help prevent homes from being burglarized. The information was very interesting and worth passing on in this column.

Most people know that when they go away on vacation not to have newspapers accumulate. Instead, ask a neighbor to pick them up. The officer didn't recommend stopping the paper. She said the fewer people who know you are leaving, the better.

Also, when you purchase something expensive, such as a television, video recorder, VCR, anything that comes in a box, DON'T put the box out front for the trash pickup. Cut the box up in small pieces and put it in a trash bag for disposal.

Cut any tall bushes or trees that block your front and back windows and doors.

Keep your drapes closed at night. Don't advertise what you own. A burglar can get a good view of your belongings through the windows.

Most important, know your neighbors! Talk with them, know what cars they drive, how many live in a home and when they are leaving

town.

If you see a suspicious-looking vehicle or something out of the ordinary, the officer said to call the police. Don't hesitate, because that call can save a home from being burglarized.

One exceptional hint came from a neighbor who is an insurance agent. She has her clients take pictures of their belongings (for insurance purposes), but she has the film developed in her business name. This prevents someone from putting the name, address and phone number with it!

Take the time to be careful and safe. -- Heloise

### PICK UP GLASS

Dear Heloise: After reading a hint in the Dallas Morning News about disposing of broken glass in coffee cans or heavy sacks, I was reminded of what our cook used to do when she inadvertently broke a glass item.

After getting the large pieces picked up, she would lightly wet a stale slice of bread and "mop up" the tiny splinters so as not to get tiny pieces in fingers or toes! I use that hint to this day when my children or I break a glass. -- Ruth Robinson, Dallas



## Local students attend Amarillo Prep

These Hereford High School students are participating in Amarillo Prep pre-engineering program at Amarillo College this summer. Picture are, front row from left, Theresa Aguillon, Audri Gonzales, Stephanie Taylor, James Baxter, Daniel Cortez; middle row, Myra Sanders, Sara Perez, Tan Nguyen, Tony Garcia, Charles Hubner; back row, Stephan Bribiesca, Ruben Cantu, Damian Esquivel, Josh Rowe, Eddie Montoya and Carey Lyles.

## Hereford High students attend pre-engineering program at AC

Sixteen students from Hereford High School are attending the 1996 Amarillo Prep Pre-engineering program offered for eight weeks at Amarillo College.

Charles Hubner is returning to Amarillo Prep as a third year student.

Other Hereford students returning for a second year are Daniel Cortez, Carey Lyles, Sara Perez, Eddie Montoya, Tan Nguyen, Myra Sanders, Tony Garcia, Damian Esquivel and Stephanie Taylor.

First year students joining this

group are Josh Rowe, Ruben Cantu, Stephan Bribiesca, James Baxter, Audri Gonzales and Theresa Aguillon.

These students' high academic performance during the school year has earned their acceptance into the program along with a scholarship that pays their tuition.

Students will attend classes Monday through Thursday and will study logic and its application to mathematics, algebraic structures,

introduction to engineering or physics, computer science, problem solving and career awareness.

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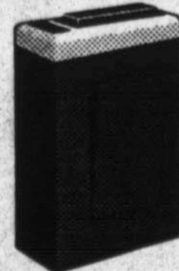
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# Drought dries river rafting; tourist business declining

## Rio Grande canyons becoming inaccessible

By EDUARDO MONTES  
Associated Press Writer  
TERLINGUA, Texas (AP) - The drought has quite literally dried up Beth Garcia's business.

For the past decade, Garcia has earned her living by sending raft-loads of excited travelers drifting down the Rio Grande to explore the awe-inspiring canyons that slash through the Big Bend wilderness.

But in recent weeks the river has become so depleted that such trips are now all but impossible, leaving Garcia to scramble to sustain even a portion of her livelihood.

"We've dipped into reserves until there aren't any," she said. "Now we're just waiting on the water."

Until water levels rise, Garcia's company, Big Bend River Tours, will be virtually shut down, as will the other river outfitters that offer tours into the network of canyons accessible from the Rio Grande.

Of four companies operating around Terlingua, some 300 miles southeast of El Paso, only one, Far Flung Adventures, is still offering any kind of river trips.

The other three suspended all water excursions about two weeks ago. Texas River Expeditions completely shut down until midsummer and moved its whole operation to Colorado.

"It's really disappointing for all of us," said Jason Blanton, a river guide with Garcia's company. "In May, I made almost nothing and this

month is looking like that too. That could change, but I'm not banking on it."

Rafting is one of the most popular activities around Big Bend National Park and the tours draw thousands of people from within and without the United States every year.

The visitors contribute significantly to the economies of area towns, which include Terlingua, Lajitas and Study Butte. So many people have been feeling the pinch since the river began to dry up.

"June is generally very busy because the kids are out of school and the parents plan their vacations to come down and raft the river," said Ruthie Rainey, general manager of the Big Bend Motor Inn in Study Butte. "We're not getting that this year."

The problems actually date back about three or four years, when the drought began in far West Texas. Other areas of the state began drying up in recent months.

Garcia said she first began noticing an impact on her business in 1994 when the river began to recede and she couldn't put as many people into each raft, which on average carry up to six.

Last year, she and others had to shut down for a short time because of low water levels.

Then Big Bend park was closed by a federal government shutdown in November and another in December and early January, cutting off the outfitters' access to the river.

"I was stunned. I couldn't believe it," Garcia said. "I was thinking, 'OK, maybe I'm not supposed to have a business.'"

At that point, the outfitters got inventive, offering park tours and van and bike excursions to make up for the loss of business. They're again emphasizing similar activities.

Far Flung Adventures, one of the larger outfitters, is offering limited canoe trips in certain areas of the Rio Grande, which ranges from looking like a real river, to a creek to gravel bars with water running around it.

Canoeing involves more work than the leisurely raft trips, and sometimes the canoes actually have to be pulled through shallow water, but Far Flung owner Michael Davidson said it has proven popular.

"We're going to keep doing it as long as people seem to be enjoying it," Davidson said.

Steve Calvert, owner of Rio Grande Adventures, said he is taking customers on jeep tours of the outback, where they can experience some of the area's more scenic vistas.

"It doesn't pay my rent, but it keeps me doing something," he said.

Actually, everyone concedes the alternative tours can't replace running the river. Still, no one seems ready to give up just yet and hope persists that a recovery won't be too long in coming.

"I see myself hanging on," said Garcia. "I just feel that I have to hang on, that I have too much invested in this business to just let it go."



AUSTIN — State inspectors pop in so infrequently at registered in-home day-care facilities that bad situations can slip through the cracks.

Inspectors are required to visit each of the 12,769 registered family homes in Texas only once every three years, according to a report by the Associated Press.

An internal audit of the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services shows infrequent monitoring of registered family homes that care for four or more unrelated children "has a questionable impact on the protection of children" and might as well be cut to save money.

Child-care advocates oppose cutting the monitoring.

Ronnie Earle, Travis County District Attorney, opposes curtailing the unannounced inspections, but said that if the monitoring is cut, there must be an alternative program. "We have to provide for the safety of our children, and that means these homes have to be monitored," he said.

Meanwhile, last week, the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission released a study recommending the Department of Protective Regulatory Services be given power to fine deficient or dangerous day-care facilities, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported.

"I think it would put some teeth in the laws out there," said Fred Seale, deputy director of programs

for the agency. "It becomes more of an issue ... if there's a penalty associated with a non-compliance finding," he told the *American-Statesman*.

The agency has authority to revoke licenses or file lawsuits, but the authority to fine would expand enforcement power to deter violations of state law, the sunset commission report said.

Last year, state regulators found about 92,000 violations of child-care standards, but imposed only 122 sanctions and of those revoked only 48 permits to operate.

### Sharp Recommends Drought Aid

Texas Comptroller John Sharp last week released a list of ways the state could help drought-stricken farmers across Texas.

"These hard-working folks who put food on our tables deserve the full range of available assistance to see them through these trying times," he said, and made four recommendations:

- That the U.S. Department of Agriculture extend its emergency livestock feed program, which is set to expire Aug. 31, and readmit 24 counties to the program that had been dropped.

- Expand the state agricultural water conservation loan program, which helps water districts, farmers and ranchers pay for water conservation efforts and irrigation systems.

- Redirect loans that go to farmers who diversify their crops and expand their processing.

- Put more money into the small community emergency loan program so towns can deal better with the drought.

Sharp also announced the Texas Department of Transportation will promote a program allowing ranchers to get livestock feed by cutting and baling grass from state highway rights of way.

### No Refund for Eaten Food

Attorneys for the State of Texas last week withdrew their demand for a \$3 million refund for a soybean-based meat substitute purchased — perhaps illegally —

by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Why? Most of the granular, just-add-water foodstuff made by the Canadian firm, VitaPro, has already been eaten by Texas prison inmates and guards.

Seeking a refund also could have required switching the location of the trial from prison headquarters in Huntsville to a court in Austin. State attorneys opposed the move because their witnesses and records are in Huntsville.

The state's attorneys continue in their efforts to void a \$33.7 million contract with VitaPro, contending the contract violates Texas' competitive-bidding laws.

VitaPro attorneys argue the contract is valid because the company complied with its terms.

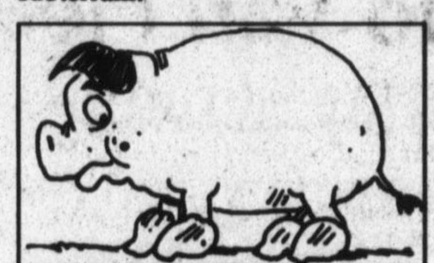
### Children Rally Against Dump

More than 500 Mexican children gathered in Austin last week to protest a proposed low-level nuclear waste dump to be built near the small West Texas town of Sierra Blanca.

Sierra Blanca, population about 700, is 16 miles from the Mexican border and about 80 miles southeast of El Paso. The children came from Ciudad Acuna, Coahuila, a town 300 miles from Sierra Blanca that relies on the Rio Grande for its water.

The children came by buses to the state Capitol and joined about 150 Austin-area children to march by the Governor's Mansion in hopes of persuading Gov. George W. Bush to abandon his support for the dump.

Critics of the dump-building proposal say the proposed dump site is in an earthquake-prone area that has many faults in its subterrain.



Some people call pig's feet Cincinnati Oysters.

# Republican proposal has 'way to go' for health care

By DIANE DUSTON  
Associated Press Writer  
WASHINGTON (AP) - A Republican proposal to phase in medical savings accounts as a way to save a health insurance bill is a step forward but still contains problems, a White House official said.

"Clearly, they have a way to go," said Chris Jennings, the White House spokesman on health issues. Yet, the plan has some good elements and the Clinton administration will study it, he said.

The insurance bill's Democratic sponsor, Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., was less open to the idea, rejecting it as a "travesty."

Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole announced the Republican compromise plan Monday on his last afternoon on the job. He leaves the Senate today to campaign full time for the presidency.

"Now it's up to the White House, it's up to the president," Dole said. "I would hope the president would say this is good, this is close enough."

Dole called the GOP plan "a good, solid health reform bill" and said his only regret was that the Senate would not be able to vote on it before his departure.

The medical savings account fight has held up final action for weeks on the health insurance bill, a measure supported by both Democrats and Republicans that ensures workers access to health insurance when they change or lose jobs.

Republicans themselves had been divided over the scope of medical savings accounts.

The GOP plan announced by Dole would allow companies that employ 50 or fewer people and the self-employed to set up tax-deductible medical savings accounts from next January. Aides to Kennedy estimated that would amount to 25 million people — a much bigger test than the senator could support, they said.

After three years, such accounts also would be available to people working for larger companies, contingent on an interim study and the approval of Congress.

"From where they were to where they are now, it could be considered a step forward," Jennings said. "But it's not a step forward far enough."

Jennings said the White House was concerned with the procedure for expanding medical savings accounts after three years.

Kennedy had suggested letting just a few states try out the accounts.

"Medical savings accounts should be tested responsibly first, not recklessly imposed on a massive scale," Kennedy said Monday.

But House Republicans said Kennedy's proposal was not enough. Republican Sen. Nancy Kassebaum, who sponsored the insurance bill with Kennedy and opposes unlimited availability of medical savings accounts, first came up with the plan to limit them to employers of 50 workers or less.

The GOP proposal then was adopted in meetings Monday with House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Archer, R-Texas, a chief advocate of the medical savings accounts, and other Republican leaders.

"I am going to compromise, but I am going to get MSAs," Archer said earlier. "Otherwise the House is not going to pass this measure."

The health insurance bill passed the Senate, 100-0 after the medical savings account concept was stripped out in a much closer vote that was widely portrayed as a political blow to Dole, who said at the time the issue would remain alive in conference committee deliberations.

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## Enough of jet found to determine cause of fatal plane crash

By EDDIE DOMINGUEZ  
Associated Press Writer  
MIAMI (AP) - Investigators

suspended their month-long search for the wreckage of ValuJet Flight 592, saying enough of the plane has been recovered from the Everglades muck to determine what caused it to crash.

But a quarter of the jet and nearly 80 percent of the human remains are still in layers of mud and dead sawgrass, to be consumed by bacteria, animals and the tropical heat. Only 36 of the 110 people who died in the May 11 crash have been identified.

"As far as I'm concerned there is nothing further to recover," said Metro-Dade chief medical examiner Roger Mittleman.

National Transportation Safety Board Chairman Jim Hall said the search for the bodies was unparalleled. "None of us can think of a previous accident that required us to be on scene for a month," he said.

The probe will now shift to a reconstruction of the plane at the Kendall Tamiami Airport outside Miami and NTSB offices in Washington, where investigators are focusing on the possibility that a fire in the cargo hold brought down the plane.

In announcing the suspension of the search Monday, Hall said enough

of the plane has been recovered to determine how it crashed.

Parts from the cargo hold show extensive fire and smoke damage, said NTSB Vice Chairman Robert Francis. The cargo hold contained oxygen canisters capable of starting a fire.

Recovered cockpit parts showed no sign of fire or smoke damage, Francis said, refuting the theory that a fire started in the cockpit. Crew members told the control tower there was smoke in the cabin and cockpit just before the crash.

Critical cables that connect cockpit controls to the plane did have extensive fire damage, Francis said.

"These cables all run right over the top of that forward cargo hold," said NTSB chief investigator Greg Feith.

A formal report on the crash's cause will not be completed before next year, Francis said.

The plane dug a crater in the limestone underneath the Everglades when it nose-dived shortly after takeoff from Miami International Airport, killing everyone aboard.

Many unanswered questions remain, such as whether the pilot had control of the plane or if the crew and passengers died upon impact or of smoke inhalation before the crash.

## Courthouse Records

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State vs. Darrell Washington, 30, hindering secured creditor; \$100 fine, \$187 court costs, June 5.

State vs. Andrea Martinez, 39, sale of alcohol to minor; 90 days probated one year, \$200 fine, \$187 court costs, June 5.

State vs. Ricky Dean Jones, 33, driving while intoxicated, second offense; 180 days probated two years, \$700 fine, \$242 court costs, June 5.

State vs. Manuel Garza, 22, criminal mischief; 90 days probated one year, \$100 fine, \$187 court costs, June 5.

State vs. Albino Dean Baca, terroristic threat; 75 days probated one year, \$300 fine, \$187 court costs, June 5.

State vs. Coronado Alvarado, 24, driving while license suspended; 90 days probated one year, \$150 fine, \$187 court costs, June 5.

State vs. Felicia Carruthers, 31, unlawful carrying weapon; 90 days probated one year, \$200 fine, \$187 court costs, June 5.

State vs. Albert Sturgeon, 26, fraudulent destruction; 75 days probated one year, \$150 fine, \$187 court costs, June 5.

State vs. Gabriel Don Galvan, 20, failure to identify; 30 days in jail, \$187 court costs, June 5.

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State vs. Julian Benito Benavidez, agreed order modifying probation, May 29.

State vs. Roel Robledo, order revoking probation for possession of marijuana, sentenced to seven years, Texas Department of Criminal Justice institutional division, \$1,500 fine, May 29.

State vs. Jeffrey Wade Garrett, judgment on plea of guilty to criminal non-support, two years in state jail probated five years, \$1,000 fine, May 29.

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State vs. Enrique "Henry" Balderaz, order appointing attorney, Marshall T. White, June 5.

State vs. Richard Garcia Puente Jr., order appointing attorney, David Martinez, June 5.

## 'Mother' role actress, Jo Van Fleet, 81, dies

NEW YORK (AP) - Jo Van Fleet, the Academy Award-winning actress who made a career playing mothers on stage and in such films as "East of Eden" and "Cool Hand Luke," has died.

Van Fleet died Monday at Jamaica Hospital. While she was said to be 81 at the time of her death, some reference books gave her age as 76.

In her first screen appearance, Van Fleet won the 1955 Oscar for best supporting actress as the mother of James Dean's character in "East of Eden." Two years later, she won a Tony Award as best supporting actress for her role as Jessie Mae Watts in Horton Foote's "Trip to Bountiful."

She also played the mother of Susan Hayward's character in the film "I'll Cry Tomorrow" (1955), Paul Newman's character in the film "Cool Hand Luke" (1967), and Anthony Perkins' character in "Look Homeward, Angel" on Broadway.

In 1965, she played the wicked stepmother in a TV revival of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella."

Some of Van Fleet's best performances were portrayals of women much older than herself: In "Wild River" (1960) she portrayed an 80-year-old matriarch who refuses to leave her island home that is about to be flooded by the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Van Fleet made her New York stage debut in "The Winter's Tale" in 1946. In 1950, she played Regan to Louis Calhern's "King Lear."

Her other films included "The Rose Tattoo," "Gunfight at the O.K. Corral," "This Angry Age" and "The Gang That Couldn't Shoot Straight."

Van Fleet was married to William Bales, a dancer and choreographer, who died in 1990. She is survived by a son, Michael, and a granddaughter.

## Water management to highlight meeting

A discussion of how economic studies can be integrated into the High Plains Ogallala Regional Water Management Plan will highlight the June 13 quarterly meeting of the Management Plan Committee at 10:15 a.m. at the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Boulevard West, in Amarillo.

The meeting is open to the public and all interested persons are invited to attend.

"For the past year and a half, representatives from the area's primary water user groups have been meeting on a quarterly basis to develop, promote and implement water conservation, augmentation and management strategies to provide adequate water supplies for the Ogallala Region of the Texas High Plains, A. Wayne Wyatt, Co-Chairman for the Ogallala Regional Water Management Plan, said.

"Through these activities, we hope to help stabilize or improve the economic and social viability and longevity of the region," he said.

During the morning session, Darrell Peckham with the Texas Water Development Board in Austin will review the status of the planning grant for the Ogallala Water Management Plan. The grant will

provide \$600,000 in state funding from the TWDB and \$600,000 in local matching funds.

The project participants include all major water users in the 47 major counties underlain by the Ogallala Aquifer in the Texas High Plains.

Dr. James Jonish of Texas Tech University Economics Department will discuss how to include such topics as economic evaluation, economic benefits of certain conservation practices, private and social benefits and associated costs in the Ogallala Regional water Management Plan effort.

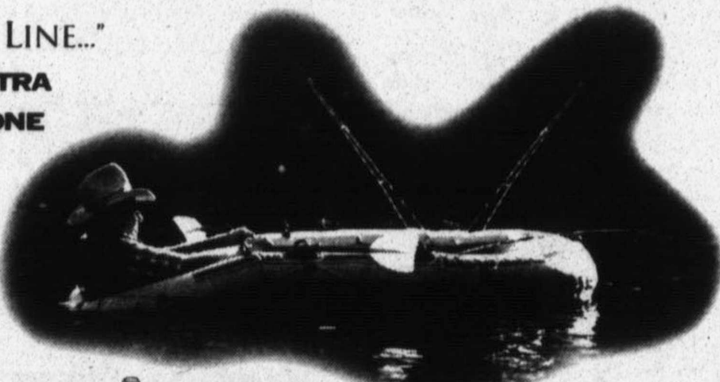
Following a lunch break, the planning group will reconvene to hear reports from committees representing major water users in the region, such as agriculture, industry, livestock, home water use and wildlife.

These committees have been gathering information on methods that can be used to improve water use efficiency within each respective water user group.

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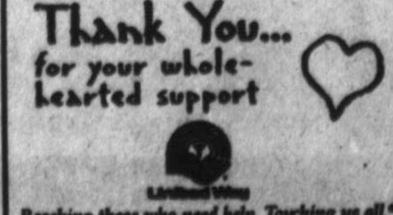
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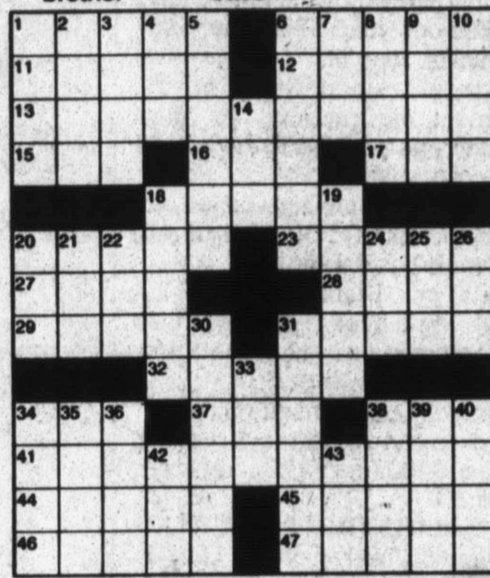
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# Texas prepares for second great drought

By CHUCK LINDELL  
Austin American-Statesman  
AUSTIN - Like Friday night football and beef on the hoof, droughts are a big part of life in Texas.

Major droughts sear this semi-arid region about once a decade, while shorter-duration dry spells rear up every few years.

The worst drought, the granddaddy of them all, stretched across most of the 1950s. It reduced dammed-up lakes to rivers, shattered the rural economy and turned small towns into near ghost towns. After at least seven dry years, nearly every county became a national disaster area.

The Great Drought changed Texas forever. Even 40 years later, water plans in every region attempt to guarantee water during a repeat of that dry spell.

There is no guarantee, however, that today's drought or any future dry spell won't eclipse the Great Drought in severity.

And when the Second Great Drought arrives, it will find more people using more water. Supplies will dwindle faster, sucked up by cities that sprouted with little regard to water availability.

Wells will dry up and crops fail. Jobs will die and families relocate. Many cities will restrict, then ban, lawn watering and car washing. Lake recreation will be a memory.

"We are going to have a worse drought. It's not a question of if, it's a question of when," said Mark Rose, general manager of the Lower Colorado River Authority, which offers water service to 33 counties, including Travis.

"The critical difference is going to be the economic impact. It's going to be enormous," he said.

Even without a seven-year dry spell, the far greater number of Texans can accelerate a drought's damage.

After less than one year of sharply reduced rainfall, the spring that feeds the Comal River is in danger of drying up this summer - something that didn't happen until the Great Drought's final year in 1956.

San Antonio, which lately has pulled about 230 million gallons a day out of the same underground formation that feeds Comal Springs, has almost 1.5 million people today, up from 588,000 in 1960.

"We are about to be in same level of stress right now that it took us seven years to get into," said Bill West, general manager of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority in Seguin. "It's bad."

Despite last week's rains, water officials are refusing to call the drought over. In Texas, droughts are creeping disasters - measured in months, and sometimes years.

"Two or three rainfalls are not going to come close to solving our problems here in Texas," Gov. George W. Bush said.

Even in the 1950s, rain fell periodically. But more often than not, showers were followed by dry, hot winds that sucked the moisture back into the sky. Within days, dust hung in the air again.

"What I remember most is the day after day after day of dry, hot, dusty winds," said Elmer Kelton of San Angelo, the celebrated author of 35 Western novels, including "The Time It Never Rained."

"There never was a time when it never did rain at all. It would always build up false hopes that maybe this was the beginning of the end," he said. "One of great things of life is that we can't predict the future. If we did, there would've been mass panic."

After the soaking rains finally came in 1957 - bringing floods, perversely enough - Texas went on a reservoir-building tear, creating new lakes to capture water to save for those non-rainy days.

Today, there are no great reservoirs under construction because permits are extremely difficult to acquire, the environmental impact is great and the multimillion-dollar price tag is high.

Texas will have to make do with the water it has, stretching that commodity thinner and thinner to meet a fast-growing population. Today's 17 million Texans are expected to swell toward 31 million in three decades. During the Great Drought, the state's population was about 9 million.

Conservation, water restrictions and miles-long pipelines will become a fact of life.

There are only two sources of water in these parts - aquifers underground and rivers and lakes above ground. Both are fed by rain.

Unfortunately, Texas becomes progressively drier the farther west you go.

"We do have a mismatch between where most of the water is and where most of the people are," said Tony Bagwell, director of water planning for the Texas Water Development Board. "That geography makes it somewhat difficult to meet the future water needs."

The state has designated the area from just west of Austin to Kerr County, including Blanco and Fredericksburg, as a critical area because the aquifer is not dependable in dry years.

In northern Hays County and southern Travis County, 35,000 people live over an aquifer segment where water levels drop rapidly during dry spells, putting many private wells at risk of drying up.

Williamson County is a relatively water-poor region that could exhaust

its water supplies by 2030.

Most of Travis County is served by the Colorado River and its reservoirs, Lakes Travis and Buchanan. About 21 percent of the lakes' capacity is available for future use, but that water will likely be spoken for "sometime after the year 2025," said Quentin Martin, the LCRA's chief water resources planner.

One obvious solution would be moving water from wet areas to dry spots, and indeed Texas has begun an aggressive study to secure water until at least 2050 for wide areas surrounding Austin, San Antonio, Corpus Christi and Houston.

There is excess water in Texas. One of largest lakes in the Southwest, Toledo Bend on the Louisiana border, is virtually untapped, Bagwell said. Other lakes have similar low levels of use.

"But getting access to that water is difficult, involving regional competition for water, political obstacles and the expense," he said.

Last year, when phase one of the state water study identified Lake Austin and the Colorado River as possible sources for San Antonio, howls of protest came out of Central Texas. The LCRA has vowed to fight the transfer, arguing that today's

excess water will be needed locally in as little as 30 years.

The second and final phase of the state study will determine what water options are economically feasible. That will take until 1997 and '98.

In one of nature's ironies, dry weather not only reduces supplies in aquifers and lakes, it also increases the demands for water. Lawns, crops and livestock need watering with increasing frequency, drawing water levels down even faster.

It's a spiraling pattern that can put water systems, even those with plenty of water, in jeopardy.

High demand can push systems to peak capacity, increasing the risk for mechanical failures such as burned-out pumps. This summer, most of these problems should be confined to small water systems and utilities, said Mike Personett with the Texas Water Development Board.

"Major metropolitan areas are not going to be feeling the pinch for the foreseeable future," Personett said. "But all of them could if this turns into an extended drought."

Getting people to use less water is the fastest, cheapest way to lower water demands. Many cities are asking homeowners to water lawns once every five days. Last month,

state officials begged Texans to use less water, from repairing leaky faucets to showering instead of bathing.

For golf courses and other high-volume water users, cities are increasingly turning to "reused water," a polite term for sewage treated and distributed for irrigation. Austin reuses water on three city golf courses.

Other options, such as removing the salt from seawater or treating sewage to drinking-water standards, are at least 10 times more expensive than using water stored in lakes. Water may become precious enough to justify that expense, but not in the near future, water providers say.

When conservation isn't enough, water providers have one last tool in their arsenal - mandatory restrictions.

San Marcos is on the verge of prohibiting residents from using lawn sprinklers or washing their cars. Leander, which will tie into Cedar Park's water system by mid-June, for now limits lawn watering to one day a week.

The LCRA will not guarantee more water than was available during the Great Drought. The rest of the stored water is called the interruptible supply. As the name implies, that

water can be limited or cut off.

Rice farmers near the Gulf Coast account for about 70 percent of the LCRA's water demand, but part of that water is interruptible. If the drought worsens, the LCRA can inform rice farmers that their 1997 supplies will be cut back, Martin said. Farmers would have to adjust their crops accordingly.

The LCRA cannot curtail farm water use unless a drought exceeds the 1950s dry spell. "At that point, no stored water would go to irrigators at all," Martin said.


Martin emphasizes that the current drought is nowhere near the severity of the Great Drought, but state officials are taking little for granted.

Agencies have drawn up an emergency plan to aid drought-ravaged areas. There is also talk of relaxing water rules to let areas use substandard, but safe, wells.

Every plan for the future is shaped by the Great Drought of the past.

"You have an entire state under severe drought, and we are hoping like hell it ends tomorrow," Rose said. "But it could last for the next six years. This could just be the beginning."

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## Bishop quit wondering, made decision on bomb assembly

By MARK BABINECK  
Associated Press Writer  
AMARILLO, Texas (AP) - There was a time when the Rev. Leroy Mathiesen wondered what the Catholic position should be on the nuclear bombs being assembled next door to his church.

"I said that's up to the bishop to take a position," Mathiesen said. "Then I became bishop."

Under Catholic rules, Mathiesen's 75th birthday on Tuesday meant he had to submit his retirement from the post he's held since 1980. The mark he made on the nuclear arms debate, however, is secure.

Mathiesen's stance against nuclear weapons and call for Christians working at the massive Pantex weapons facility to reevaluate their jobs reverberated around the country amid the tension of the Cold War.

When President Reagan announced the United States would begin building neutron bombs in 1981, Mathiesen shifted his efforts into high gear.

His written opinion on the subject appeared in a church newspaper and was picked up by the Amarillo Globe-News. He said the headline read, "Bishop urges Pantex workers to resign."

"That's where it hit the fan,"

Mathiesen said. "By implication, that's what I was doing."

Most residents suspected Pantex was the nation's nuclear bomb plant, but it wasn't until the mid-1980s that the Department of Energy confirmed that was basically the facility's sole mission.

The neutron program never became reality, but the escalating arms race continued to draw Mathiesen's focus. One of his chief local opponents in the Pantex debate was another man of the cloth, First Baptist Church Pastor Winfred Moore.

"His view was this is bad, but Communism is worse," said Mathiesen, who said he considers Moore to be the area's undisputed religious and civic leader. "My point of view is you don't kill an ideology with a bomb, but with a better idea."

The two men remained friends and respectful of the other's ideals and morality. Both agree the bilateral arms buildup probably resulted in the crumbling of the Soviet Union, but both remain secure in their original beliefs.

"If (disarmament) continues this way, it is facilitating what all of us on either side wanted to happen," said Moore, 76, now a professor at Baylor and interim

pastor at Austin's First Baptist Church. "There was a difference of opinion about the best way to get there, but there was nothing in our debate or discussion that was not done calmly."

The low point of the debate came in 1985 when a \$10,000 fund was set up with Catholic Family Service to assist Pantex workers who quit because of the nuclear issue.

The United Way, heavily supported by employees there, pulled support for the local Catholic charity.

"It was a fund for those who wanted to change jobs to make a transition, not to encourage people to do it," Mathiesen said.

Sixteen years and two heart valve replacements later, Mathiesen remains vibrant and cheerful, yet ready to hang up his collar. He expects the Pope to approve a replacement by early 1997, and he'll step down then, splitting his newfound leisure time between Amarillo and his native San Angelo area.

Moore is sorry to see Mathiesen step down.

"With his wisdom, stature, bigness, and largeness of mind and heart, he is as greatly needed as now as he's ever been," Moore said.

## GOP House member claims truth not told about FBI files

By LARRY MARGASAK  
Associated Press Writer  
WASHINGTON (AP) - A House committee chairman says he has information that suggests the Clinton administration still isn't telling the full story of how it obtained hundreds of FBI background files, many on prominent Republicans.

Rep. William Clinger, R-Pa., said Monday that his information showed the White House used more than one list of names to request the files. The White House has said the files on 341 people were gathered from a single list of names from A to G.

An Army investigator who requested the files while assigned to the White House in 1993 and 1994 confirmed in a sworn statement released Monday that he worked with multiple lists. He said the purpose of the so-called Update Project was to develop an updated White House access list.

Meanwhile, The New York Times reported in today's editions that independent counsel Kenneth Starr sent aides to the Pentagon on Monday

to interview the Army investigator, Anthony Marceca. Starr is investigating the 1993 White House travel office firings, as well as the Whitewater real estate dealings of President Clinton and his wife, Hillary.

Clinger, who as chairman of the House Government Reform Committee has battled the Clinton administration over access to travel office records, said he would hold hearings as early as next week on the FBI background files. He's awaiting an internal FBI investigation that should be completed by Friday.

The Clinton administration said the files of former White House officials, including many Republicans no longer needing access, were obtained in a bureaucratic mix-up.

Clinger raised the possibility that the White House was engaged in a larger file-collection project.

He said FBI Director Louis Freeh told him a file was requested on a fired White House travel office employee, Barney Brasseux. But Brasseux was not among the names

on the A-to-G list the White House has disclosed.

"It appears to be more than one list," Clinger said. "We may be dealing with two separate White House abuses of the FBI, involving the former travel office employees and political appointees of past Republican administrations."

White House press secretary Mike McCurry, traveling with the president in California, was asked who had authority to make such a request for the White House. He declined to answer because of two investigations - by the FBI and Starr.

From August 1993 to February 1994, Marceca was on loan to the White House from the Army Criminal Investigative Division. One of his assignments was to help re-create personnel security files for employees from the Republican Bush administration who stayed on in the Clinton administration, and for others who had a need for access to the White House complex.

## Wet fields cause late planting of soybeans in several states

WASHINGTON (AP) - Wet fields kept soybean plantings way behind schedule in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio, lowering the nationwide average.

The department reported Monday that soybeans were 59 percent planted, up from 45 percent last week. Plantings were also higher than the maximum of 55 percent anticipated by the market but still far behind the 74 percent average for this time of year.

The department reported some small progress in planting the corn crop, with 92 percent of the crop in. But planting still lagged in Indiana

and Ohio, holding down overall progress.

The department reported good progress in planting the spring wheat crop farther north and west, important because of the disastrous winter wheat crop now being harvested.

Scarcely one-third of the Indiana soybean crop was in the ground, compared with a five-year average of 87 percent for this time. Illinois was at 41 percent, compared with an 80 percent average; Kentucky, 27 percent, compared with a 50 percent average; and Ohio, 42 percent, compared with the 80 percent average.

The corn crop was 92 percent planted, compared with 86 percent a week ago and a five-year average of 96 percent. Half the crop was in good or excellent condition, while 39 percent was fair, 9 percent poor and 2 percent very poor.

The spring wheat crop was 96 percent planted, up from 85 percent a week earlier and only slightly behind the five-year average of 99 percent.

The first quality report said 72 percent of the spring wheat crop was in good or excellent condition as of Sunday, 23 percent fair, 4 percent poor and 1 percent very poor.

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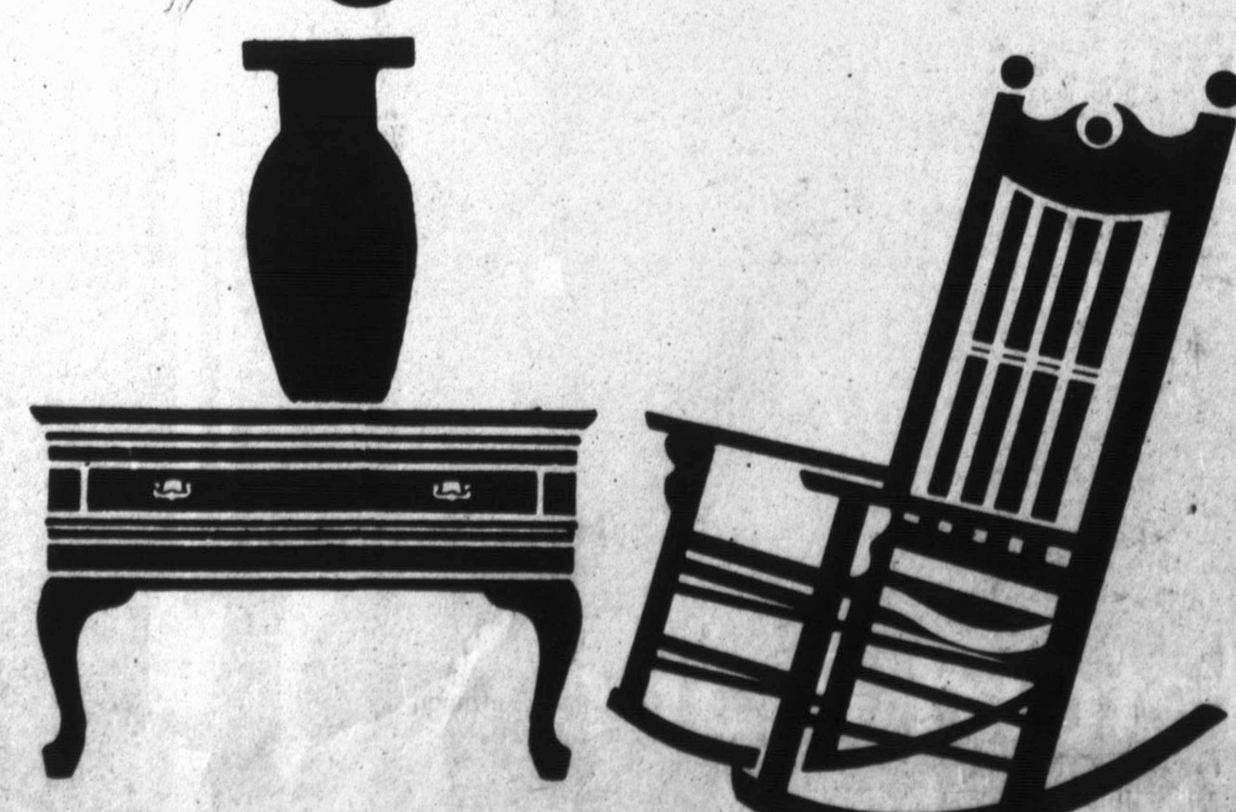
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