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Gone Fishing

It's the start of summer vacation. Here, from left, Brian Gonzales, Eric Gonzales and Tim Gonzales spend the afternoon fishing in the pond near the Aquatic Park Tuesday.

Hundreds of houses hit by Kentucky tornadoes

By DAVID ROYSE
Associated Press Writer

HILLVIEW, Ky. (AP) - Anna Herdt and her niece crouched in a bathtub, trying not to listen as a howling tornado blew their house into a pile of bricks.

"The first thing I said was 'Thank you, Lord,' because I don't know how I survived," Herdt said after riding out one of the tornadoes that wrecked hundreds of homes in the suburbs south of Louisville on Tuesday night. "I'll remember that sound for as long as I live."

About 750 homes were seriously damaged or destroyed but no one was killed. Only eight or nine people were treated at hospitals, and 30 to 35 others were treated at the scene, said Joe Laswell, a Bullitt County emergency official.

One man was killed by lightning as the same storm system swept through neighboring Indiana.

More thunderstorms were possible today across much of the Midwest, the South and the mid-Atlantic region.

Kentucky Gov. Paul Patton was traveling out the country, but his office authorized the deployment of more than 60 National Guardsmen. Curfews were ordered for storm-stricken areas, and authorities planned to fly over the area today to get a better idea of the damage.

One tornado touched down around 6:30 p.m. Tuesday near the Bullitt-Jefferson county line, and another hit around 6:55 p.m. at Mount

Washington, said John Bollinger of the National Weather Service in Louisville.

State Rep. Allen Maricle had just picked his 7-year-old son up from a baseball game and was driving in the storm. The tornado picked up his truck and set it back down, he said. "We are so lucky," said Maricle, whose house was also damaged. "This thing was close to a quarter mile long. I've been through a tornado before, but this was incredible."

Hundreds of residents spent the night with relatives and at shelters. Many residents frantically tried to reach their relatives at a Baptist church, although most telephones were out of order.

"It's a sad situation," said emergency medical technician Lana Sanders. "Right now, they're trying to call looking for husbands, wives, children."

About 15,000 Louisville Gas & Electric customers lost power in a 17-county area. LG&E and other utilities said about 6,000 still were blacked out this morning, and officials said it would take several days to restore electricity everywhere.

In Hillview, about 20 miles south of Louisville, the streets were littered with power lines and trees. A pile of rubble stood in Ms. Herdt's driveway where a garage had been.

The house was a shell of bricks with no roof. Ms. Herdt and her niece, Linda Abel, took shelter in a bathtub as the home crumbled around them.

So did Lee Welker and his wife, Jackie, who huddled in their tub with their dog when the tornado tore off their roof and knocked down the walls of their home in the town of Pioneer Village. It took about a minute, "but it seemed like a lifetime," Mrs. Welker said.

Tornadoes also touched down in Indiana and on the Kanawha River in West Virginia, where 13-year-old Harlan Casto said he "saw the river suck up into the sky."

Lightning struck close to a group of Cub Scout leaders holding an outdoor training camp near Meridian, Miss. Seven men remained hospitalized today in stable condition, the Lauderdale County sheriff's department said.

In Missouri, Gov. Mel Carnahan extended a month-old state of emergency after rain washed boulders onto streets and flooded thousands of acres of farm land.

In St. Joseph, Mo., the Missouri River crested more than 6 feet above the flood stage of 17 feet. The Frontier Casino riverboat was riding high during the holiday weekend, and special precautions were taken to keep people from slipping as they boarded on the wet, muddy steps.

Arkansas governor resigns after Whitewater conviction

By JAMES JEFFERSON
Associated Press Writer

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) - Jurors convicted President Clinton's former business partners and Gov. Jim Guy Tucker of fraud even though they mostly found Clinton's defense testimony credible. Republicans said the verdict would be a campaign issue nonetheless.

James McDougal, his ex-wife, Susan, and Tucker were convicted Tuesday of fraud and conspiracy in the first trial to stem from the investigation into the Whitewater real estate development.

Within hours, Tucker, a Democrat who succeeded Clinton as governor, announced that he would resign by July 15. He said the state should be spared the distraction of his appeals. A Republican, Lt. Gov. Mike Huckabee, would then become governor.

At the White House, Clinton said he felt sorry "on a personal level" for his three Arkansas friends and shrugged off any political blow. "I was asked to give testimony. I did that. And for me, it's time to go back to work."

Asked whether the verdict meant the jurors did not believe him when he testified he took no part in discussions about illegal loans, he said: "I doubt that. I doubt that that's what was going on, but you ought to ask them."

Jurors questioned after the verdict said they largely ignored Clinton's defense testimony and were swayed more by a devastating paper trail -

618 documents, including canceled checks and loan papers against the defendants.

"President Clinton is a very credible witness, but his testimony didn't really relate to the transactions we were dealing with," said juror Risa Briggs.

"It was the documents we went with," said Janice Greer, a juror who said she personally suspects the president of being involved in Whitewater wrongdoing. "The documents told me more than the testimony did."

White House press aides worked overtime to prepare a seven-page summary of quotes from other jurors who said they found Clinton's testimony credible.

Forewoman Sandra Lynn Wood, a 38-year-old nurse, said Clinton's testimony simply wasn't relevant.

"What we did was look at the pertinent facts as they related to the counts in the indictments," she said today on "CBS This Morning." Clinton "just didn't shed a lot of light on the transactions."

"Bill Clinton's name is not mentioned in the indictment," she told the New York Post. "It was not a political issue - it was a criminal trial."

"I don't think we saw this in a political setting at all," another juror, Tracy Pleasants, told NBC's "Today" show. She called Clinton "the most credible witness, in my opinion."

But Republicans were quick to pounce - calling the president's

credibility into question even though he faced no charges.

Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, the New York Republican who chairs the Senate investigations committee on Whitewater, said the convictions "indicate the seriousness and depth of Whitewater for those who said there was nothing there."

"At 5 p.m. today, the cover-up began to unravel," said Tony Blankley, spokesman for House Speaker Newt Gingrich, referring to the time when word of the verdict came out of the Little Rock, Ark., courtroom.

Tucker and McDougal were convicted of conspiring to arrange nearly \$3 million in fraudulent loans from two federally backed lenders, including the McDougals' Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan.

McDougal was found guilty of 18 of 19 counts of fraud and conspiracy, and Tucker was convicted on two of seven felony counts - one each of fraud and conspiracy. The governor's conviction stems from his part in the purchase of a water and sewer utility owned by a Madison Guaranty subsidiary.

Mrs. McDougal was convicted on all four fraud-related charges against her, including charges she illegally benefited from a \$300,000 loan made in 1986 when Clinton was governor.

The prosecution's chief witness, former banker David Hale, had claimed two years ago that Clinton pressured him to make the \$300,000 loan to Mrs. McDougal.

McAllen residents to start water rationing

McALLEN, Texas (AP) - Mandatory water-rationing will go into effect this weekend because of dropping water levels at two reservoirs used to provide water for this Lower Rio Grande Valley city.

City officials voted Tuesday to implement a "water alert" on Saturday and warned that even tougher measure are ahead if the water levels at Falcon Reservoir and Amistad Reservoirs continue to drop.

Under the "water alert," McAllen residents will be able to water their lawns and wash their cars only once every other day. It will be illegal to wash driveways and most other paved areas in most cases. Violators face possible fines.

Under the stage-two water alert, McAllen residents with addresses ending in even numbers may water their lawns and wash their cars on odd-numbered days, only before 10 a.m. and after 6 p.m. Those with addresses ending in odd numbers may water and wash cars on odd-numbered days.

Lawn watering with hand hoses is permitted. Nurseries and commercial car washes are exempt from any of the restrictions.

McAllen becomes the first Rio Grande Valley city to implement water-rationing measures, but city officials encouraged other area communities to take similar action.

"It is time; it may be past time," Mayor Othal Brand said at Tuesday's meeting of the McAllen City Commission, which made the decision.

"I think it's time we all do it. I would encourage all other cities to go to (mandatory stages)," Brand said.

"We're in a desperate water crisis now," McAllen utility manager Bart Hines added.

"The whole area needs to be thinking alike and participating in this conservation," said Tony Aguirre, a trustee of the McAllen Utility Board, which met following the city commission. He noted that McAllen and other Valley cities draw their drinking water from the same sources, the Falcon and Amistad reservoirs.

San Antonio, Corpus Christi and other cities in Texas have adopted water-rationing measures because of drought conditions and water shortages affecting much of the state.



Cockpit recorder piece of ValuJet crash puzzle

MIAMI (AP) - The newly recovered cockpit voice recorder will be used along with radar readings, the flight data recorder and air traffic control conversations to create a timeline of ValuJet Flight 592's final minutes.

But National Transportation Safety Board investigators say it will be at least weeks before the recordings are analyzed and they piece together the DC-9's 10- to 12-minute flight before it crashed into the Florida Everglades, killing all 110 people aboard.

"It takes so much time and analysis, we need experts to sit down and decipher what a noise could be," NTSB spokesman Patrick Cariseo said Tuesday. "Any sound the tape records, noise of machinery, a human voice, is so valuable."

Meanwhile, four more victims were identified Tuesday by the medical examiner's office, bringing the total to 12, spokesman Charles Nicolas said. The names were not released.

Preliminary analysis of the voice recorder, found Sunday, indicates that moments before the jet crashed May 11, the cockpit door opened and someone reported fire in the cabin. There also was word that passengers were having problems getting oxygen.

Air traffic control conversations

showed the pilot also reported smoke in the cockpit and was unable to locate the nearest airport, an indication that heavy smoke may have obscured her vision.

The data recorder, recovered two days after the crash, showed a sudden decline in altitude and air speed that ground radar didn't register.

Representatives from the plane's manufacturer, McDonnell Douglas, the engine maker, Pratt & Whitney, ValuJet, the NTSB and Federal Aviation Administration were studying the voice recorder, which tapes cockpit conversations, mechanical and other background sounds.

At the Everglades crash site Tuesday, salvage workers continued to build a pontoon platform bridge to the crash crater. Once the bridge is in place, a backhoe and other equipment can begin dredging what investigators believe are larger pieces of wreckage.

Investigators still are searching for evidence to support the theory that a fire was ignited or fueled by hazardous oxygen canisters in the front cargo hold. The partly melted and scorched aluminum frame of a passenger seat has been recovered along with heat-damaged parts of the canisters.



Countering the drought

Amelia Davalos tries to counter the drought conditions in the Hereford area by watering her lawn in the 700 block of Grand Avenue Tuesday afternoon.

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Trans-Atlantic flight forced to land after power outage

By JOSE MARTINEZ
Associated Press Writer

BOSTON (AP) - By the time the trans-Atlantic flight reached Newfoundland, crew members knew they needed to land - and fast.

The Boeing 767's navigational instruments lost power over the Atlantic as the plane headed from Amsterdam, Holland, to Orlando, Fla.

With help from air traffic controllers and manually operated equipment, the crew managed to land Tuesday at Boston's Logan International Airport. Tires were blown out on the plane but none of the 204 people aboard Martinair Holland Flight 631 was injured.

To find Boston, the three-member crew had to follow the coastline from Newfoundland, Canada's easternmost province. Air traffic controllers in Boston also could follow their course on radar.

The loss of electricity also meant they had no power for the plane's flaps, spoilers and automatic braking system. Operating the equipment manually, the crew made a perfect

if speedy - landing, coming in at about 190 mph instead of the normal 144 mph.

The pilot hit the brakes so hard, the landing gear caught fire briefly and eight tires on the landing gear blew out. The pilot pulled the plane off the runway and onto the usual taxiway before stopping.

"They'll take a couple of blown tires, but the point is to get that plane down and stopped," said Thomas J. Kinton Jr., the airport's aviation director. "I think the pilot's reaction was excellent."

A Martinair spokesman in Amsterdam, Udo Buys, said the instruments apparently had been affected by an electrical problem. A second 767 was flown in to take the passengers on to Orlando later Tuesday.

Logan officials were notified of the problem when the plane was over Newfoundland, about an hour before it reached Boston, so there was plenty of time to prepare, Kinton said. Fire crews were standing by on the field.

Local Roundup

Here comes the heat again!

Hereford recorded a high temperature of 81 degrees on Tuesday, with an overnight low of 52 degrees Wednesday, according to KPAN Radio. For tonight, look for clear skies and a low in the lower 60s with southwest winds at 15-20 mph and gusty. On Thursday, skies will be mostly sunny with a high of 95-100 degrees. Southwest to west winds will be 15-25 mph and gusty.

News Digest

National

LITTLE ROCK - President Clinton's testimony couldn't save his former business partners and successor as Arkansas governor, whose fraud convictions virtually assure that Whitewater won't go away before Election Day.

A federal jury in the first trial to emerge from the investigation into the Arkansas real estate venture convicted James and Susan McDougal and Gov. Jim Guy Tucker on fraud and conspiracy charges. Within hours, Tucker, a Democrat who succeeded Clinton as governor, announced his resignation.

WASHINGTON - After hearing the jury's verdict, President Clinton's somber expression said it all. His dramatic testimony did not erase Whitewater from the presidential campaign.

JERUSALEM - Israelis vote in an election that will shape the future of the Middle East, with Prime Minister Shimon Peres and challenger Benjamin Netanyahu running in a tight race. Peres seems prepared to give up more Israeli territories to fulfill his promise of Arab-Israeli peace, while Netanyahu vows to block the Palestinians' dream of a state in the West Bank and Gaza.

BROOKS, Ky. - Tornadoes tore across Kentucky, destroying or damaging hundreds of homes in suburban Louisville, tossing cars and knocking out power for thousands. Police reported few serious injuries.

LOS ANGELES - Maybe they should have called it "Mission: Inconceivable." Despite mixed reviews citing a convoluted script and not enough action, the Tom Cruise film "Mission: Impossible" has become a smash. Its \$56.8 million in tickets sold over the Memorial Day weekend gave it the best four-day opening in Hollywood history.

WASHINGTON - Many in the Army sense trouble at the top. They see distrust within the officer corps, a blind ambition to win promotion, too little attention to the welfare of subordinates, too many ethical transgressions. These are among findings of an internal Army report that suggests the largest branch of the American military suffers leadership doubts - little known outside the Army - stemming from the trauma of post-Cold War reduction in military manpower.

TORRANCE, Calif. - As he prepares to leave the Senate, Bob Dole is turning his attention to two urgent presidential campaign tasks: searching for a running mate and trying to erase President Clinton's giant lead in California. "We are going to carry California in November," Dole told a rally. "Don't make any mistake about it."

WASHINGTON - Another election-year promise of a hefty tax cut? Longtime deficit-fighter Bob Dole should know better, mainstream economists suggest. But politician Dole may be testing a course that's worked for presidential contenders before.

WASHINGTON - At age 13, Amanda Burke seems a little young to be thinking about retirement. But the record five-time National Spelling Bee finalist is getting ready to put away her word lists and Webster's.

State

DALLAS - President Clinton is having success raising money in former President George Bush's back yard. The latest federal reports show that Clinton has collected more campaign cash than GOP challenger Bob Dole in the upscale section of west Houston where Bush lives and works, according to The Dallas Morning News.

AUSTIN - The Natural Law Party and other third party groups faced a deadline Tuesday to submit petitions to be included on general election ballots in November. Ross Perot's Reform Party had been collecting petitions but discontinued its efforts.

AUSTIN - If one truck helped propel school teacher Victor Morales to the Democratic U.S. Senate nomination, what might a whole caravan of truck-driving statewide Democratic officeholders do? Democratic Party officials are having "very preliminary" discussions about scheduling such a road rally in East Texas after the June 7-8 state convention in Dallas, Democratic spokesman Joe Cutbirth confirmed Tuesday.

DALLAS - Bishops representing about 10 percent of all U.S. Episcopalians are hinting that they might break away from the church because of a controversial ruling that allows the ordination of homosexuals.

HOUSTON - Attorney John O'Quinn made the cover of a national magazine after winning multimillion-dollar verdicts in silicone breast implant cases and other personal injury litigation.

CORPUS CHRISTI - Two recent government publications warn shrimpers of all manner of obstructions on the bottom of the Gulf of Mexico off Texas and Louisiana.

McALLEN - Mandatory water-rationing will go into effect this weekend because of dropping water levels at two reservoirs used to provide water for this Lower Rio Grande Valley city.

FORT WORTH - BFGoodrich, which just opened a new factory, has found a ready source of aerospace workers from laid-off Lockheed workers. BFGoodrich Aerospace plans to hire about 130 workers to staff their new factory which opened last week at Alliance Airport and will manufacture interconnects, which are wire harnesses for airplane engines. The company has received at least 500 applications from former Lockheed workers.

NEW YORK - Texas Instruments stock rises as the company signals its readiness to move up a level in computer chip production, beginning next year. Other chip stocks also move higher.

AUSTIN - The Texas Lottery Commission on Tuesday unanimously approved a five-year contract extension with Rhode Island-based G-TECH.

Emergency Services

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

HEREFORD POLICE

A 32-year-old male was arrested in the 400 block of Bradley for domestic assault.

A 24-year-old male was arrested at Avenue C and 13th for public intoxication.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 200 block of Ross Street, where someone spray painted a word on a building.

A diamond wedding ring valued at \$300 was reported stolen from a residence in the 300 block of North 25 Mile Avenue.

An incident was reported in the 500 block of North 25 Mile Avenue in which tempers flared among several juveniles involved in a water balloon fight. One juvenile kicked a car, causing damage estimated at \$300. Criminal mischief charges are pending.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of Avenue K, where residence windows were broken, causing damage over \$275. Two 11-year-old female subjects are suspected in the case.

Burglary of a residence was reported in the 600 block of Avenue K, in which a radio and cassette player valued at more than \$300 were taken. No charges are expected.

Officers issued six traffic citations. There were three curfew violation citations issued.

There was one minor traffic accident reported in the 600 block of Avenue G.

DEAF SMITH SHERIFF
Threatening phone calls were reported.

Theft of a trailer and irrigation pipe was reported.

FIRE DEPARTMENT
No calls.



Monkeying around

Jacob Mancha, 6, heads for high ground while playing in his front yard Tuesday afternoon. With school out for the summer, local children are having to find a variety of ways to occupy their time.

Dole's 72 years are back-of-mind issue for number of voters

By MIKE FEINSILBER
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - He's healthy and he's vigorous, but Bob Dole also is inescapably 72-years-old. No one knows if that's an issue that will trip him in his race for the White House.

His age didn't stop Dole from cleaning up in the primaries. One opponent, former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander, tried to plant the idea that Dole was too old, saying things like, "It's time Republicans said again with respect, loudly and clearly, 'Senator Dole, it may be your turn, but it's not your revolution.'"

The tactic got him nowhere; Alexander washed out early, even though in surveys during nearly a third of Republican primary voters said they thought Dole's age would hurt him in the presidency.

Dole's age is one of those back-of-the-mind issues. At a parade on Memorial Day, voter Elaine Adler-Amrani of Clifton, N.J., told a reporter as Dole walked by, "Quite frankly, he's too old. He looks very frail. President is a tough job." She said she'd vote for Clinton.

Whether voters like her are numerous enough to make Dole's age an important handicap is not known. Dole's answer is to try to make an asset of age's great side effect - experience - and to demonstrate his vitality.

Dole would be 73 on Inauguration Day, older than any president upon taking office for the first time. Ronald Reagan was 73 when he started his second term in 1985.

The Democrats have to tread carefully here. They run the risk of engendering sympathy for Dole - and of offending senior voters - if they attack the issue head on.

But Clinton seemed to be raising it, subtly, when he saluted Dole's World War II service in his State of the Union address in January and when he invited photographers to show him hoisting a log on Earth Day.

And sensitivity to the nuances didn't keep Democrat Sen. Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut from joking last week at a Democratic dinner about a newly displayed 500-year-old mummy. "In high school," said Lieberman, "she dated Bob Dole."

Dole indirectly acknowledges the age issue when he talks about choosing a running mate. "Obviously it will be a younger person, somebody who's in good health," he has said.

He also said he would pick someone "ready to take over on day one if necessary."

Dole's doctor says he's in great shape for a man his age and with his medical history. Dole's own vigor tends to help neutralize the issue. Reporters who travel with him marvel at his stamina.

"I have good genes and good health," the senator says - and better cholesterol and blood pressure numbers than Clinton.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich says Dole's fitness is the first question that voters will ask themselves.

"Either he is healthy enough and sound enough and agile enough to be president of the United States or he isn't," the speaker said.

"And it's not going to help any to say, 'You know, Dole can't pass that test, but he's got a really great vice presidential nominee.'"

Hidalgo commissioner in scheme sentenced

McALLEN, Texas (AP) - A former Hidalgo County commissioner has been sentenced to six months of home confinement and five years' probation for his role in a scheme to rig county contract bids for kickbacks.

Under the sentence delivered Tuesday by U.S. District Judge Ricardo Hinojosa, former commissioner Ramiro Cavazos also must pay a \$1,000 fine and \$4,500 in restitution to the county.

Also Tuesday, another Hidalgo County official who was acquitted of participating in the scheme was denied reinstatement to his job.

The county's Head Start policy board voted 6-3 against reinstating suspended Head Start Director Luciano Ozuna, but it agreed to give Ozuna back pay.

Ozuna said the board's decision left him with "a feeling of rejection, a feeling of betrayal," especially since a jury found him innocent.

"They are doing an injustice to this program," he said. Cavazos was one of the original defendants in the corruption case, which accused County Judge J. Edgar Ruiz, Ozuna and others of rigging contract bids for bribes.

In a deal with federal prosecutors, Cavazos pleaded guilty last summer

Astronauts return from successful trip, complicated mission

By IKE FLORES
Associated Press Writer
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) - Space shuttle Endeavour returned to Earth safely today, successfully completing a complicated 10-day scientific mission that released an inflated giant antenna and grew pure crystals in space.

The shuttle and its six astronauts glided through wispy clouds to an on-time landing at Kennedy Space Center at 7:09 a.m. EDT. A bright-orange sun hovered over the nearby seaside launch pad that Endeavour had left May 19.

"It really is a beautiful day," shuttle Commander John Casper said shortly after touchdown. Thanking mission managers and ground crews for their work, he added, "It's absolutely gorgeous, and we really appreciate it and we're really glad to be home."

Patchy ground fog and low-level clouds had threatened to delay the landing, but these dissipated and Casper got the go-ahead to start the descent on schedule.

NASA officials and scientists were pleased with Endeavour's accomplishments, terming the mission a complete success.

"It doesn't get any better than this," said Tommy Holloway, NASA's director of flight operations.

"In general, we accomplished a wide range of work, and it all went very well."

The landing on the Space Center's 15,000-foot concrete runway appeared to be without incident. It came on the shuttle's 161st orbit of the Earth after it traveled roughly 4 million miles in space.

A cooling system in one of the three auxiliary power units that failed during launch worked fine during the descent, ground controllers said.

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A day after launch, Endeavour's crew released a satellite that carried

a giant inflatable foil antenna. The antenna, which was folded into a box the size of a kitchen table, was blown up to the size of a tennis court once free of Endeavour.

Once Casper flew Endeavour a safe 400 feet away, doors on the satellite dropped open, and the antenna filled with nitrogen gas and expanded.

NASA is interested in inflatable antennas, sun shades and other space structures because they would be lighter, more reliable and less expensive to launch than mechanical craft.

After about an hour of measurements, the antenna was severed from the satellite and abandoned. It re-entered the atmosphere and burned up two days later.

In another test of less expensive equipment, the crew ejected a small, lopsided satellite a week ago to determine whether it could fly straight without jet thrusters.

The astronauts visited the 80-pound, wastebasket-sized craft three times over five days to check its stability. They observed it from within 2,000 feet and discovered it was traveling like a dart with its heavy end forward, as predicted, and wobbled less each time.

The satellite was left in orbit and is expected to burn up by January.

Researchers said the experiment demonstrated that a satellite outfitted with magnetic rods and weighted on one end could become steady using only its own mass and Earth's magnetic field. It could pave the way toward longer-lasting satellites that won't require expensive thrusters and fuel tanks.

The crew - made up of an Australian-born rookie and five veterans - also tended to crystal growth, metals and navigation experiments and tried out a new shuttle soda dispenser. The astronauts worked with thousands of embryonic sea urchins, starfish and blue clams.

Columbia and seven astronauts are scheduled to blast off June 20 on the next shuttle flight.

Texas boy will play prize role of Beaver

DALLAS (AP) - An 8-year-old boy who starred in his first national commercial when he was 3 has been selected for the title role in Universal Pictures' upcoming coming "Leave It to Beaver" movie.

Cameron Finley of Garland, a Dallas suburb, will leave Thursday for Los Angeles, where shooting starts June 17. He beat out 5,000 others.

He attended a December casting call in Dallas, but his mother, Lexa Finley, said it was a homemade videotape that got him the job.

"We made it in the bedroom with the yard light. They must've had it about an hour when they called him to come out for an audition," she said.

Last month, Cameron visited the studio for his audition, met the head of production, and played

football and read lines with director Andy Cadiff.

Three weeks later, on his last day of school in Garland, he received word that he was the new Theodore Cleaver.

He's had several screen appearances. In "A Perfect World," he played a kid slapped by his mother in a station wagon. In "Eight Seconds," he was young Lane Prost. And twice, he's had roles on "Walker, Texas Ranger," with real-life hero Chuck Norris.

"I've never been the main actor," Cameron said Tuesday. "I think it's going to be really cool, and I'm going to meet a ton of people. The main person always gets to meet a lot of people."

Jerry Mathers was star of the original sitcom, which ran from 1957 to 1963.

Lottery

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

17-22-24-28-29

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-7-9 (eight, seven, nine)



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In every passionate pursuit, the pursuit counts more than the object pursued.
—Eric Hoffer

Lifestyles

Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I feel compelled to write after reading the letter from "An Aunt in Greenfield, Mass.," whose sister, Dora, emotionally abuses her children by forcing them to eat everything on their plates.

My parents also believed in making their children clean their plates. When unpalatable foods were placed in front of me, I would simply refuse to eat. When everyone else was finished and all the dishes were washed, I would still be sitting at the table, staring at my plate. At that point, my father would lose his temper and slap me out of my chair. After that, the ritual was over and I would run off crying and hide in my room.

Ann, the anger I felt after reading "Aunt's" letter upset me so much it has taken me two days to compose this letter. Dora and others like her are child abusers. The effects of emotional abuse are as severe and as long-lasting as physical abuse. I pray that "Aunt" can provide those children with an emotional safety net.

As an adult, I now realize that many of our parents grew up during the Depression, when a plate full of anything was a luxury. As a child, I only knew that I wasn't going to eat something I didn't like -- no matter what happened. I have never forced my children to eat anything they didn't want, nor have I coerced them with "just take one bite and try it."

I suspect you will get a flood of letters from people with eating disorders and stomach problems that resulted from their childhood experiences. My problems are minor compared to theirs, but I appreciate the opportunity to vent my feelings. I go for psychological counseling and have discussed this eating thing, but I never felt that degree of anger until I read the letter about Dora. -- Coping in Riverside, Calif.

Dear Coping: Sorry I stirred up some unpleasant memories. Your testimony bears witness to the damage that can occur when parents force children to eat. How fortunate for yours that the toxic legacy

stopped with you. Too often that is not the case.

The blanket rule should be as follows: If the child says, "I don't like this," don't tell him or her about the starving children in India. Remove the plate without commenting and offer no substitutes.

Dear Ann Landers: This is for "Loretta in Michigan," who was the exhausted care giver for her husband. She wanted her children to realize she needed help. I'd like to share the solution our family is using.

A full-time care giver must have time off. My husband and I have five grown children who help care for my mother, who has dementia. We have a family schedule. Each night, a different child takes Mom to a restaurant or to his or her home for dinner and a visit. The children also alternate entire Sundays. This way, the care giver gets a few hours each night and all day Sunday to take care of herself. It also allows the children to maintain a bond with their grandmother.

Caring for a loved one can be very demanding and frustrating. It is comforting that my children are so loving to their grandmother. When I get old, if they do half as much for me, I shall consider myself blessed. -- Been There in La Jolla, Calif.

Dear La Jolla: You and your husband have done a fine job of raising your children. I feel certain they will give to you and their father the same loving consideration they are giving their grandmother. The Good Book says, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

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Bride-elect honored

Camille Betzen, center, bride-elect of Joel Bassinger, was honored with a bridal shower Saturday in the home of Judy Detten. Pictured with the honoree are, left, her mother, Cheryl Betzen, and her future mother-in-law, Jean Bassinger.

Betzen bridal shower held in Detten home

Camille Betzen, bride-elect of Joel Bassinger, was honored with a bridal shower Saturday in the home of Judy Detten.

The couple plans to be married June 8.

Greeting guests with the honoree were her mother, Cheryl Betzen; her grandmothers, Mildred Betzen and Jo Solomon; the mother of the prospective bridegroom, Jean Bassinger; and his grandmothers, Jeanette Bassinger and Billie Rhodes.

Refreshments of fresh fruit and assorted pastries were served by Gina Alley.

The refreshment table was centered with an arrangement of long stemmed red roses, baby's breath and larkspur.

A vacuum cleaner was the gift from hostesses Donna Albracht, Eileen Alley, Theresa Artho, Jan Betzen, Jaime Broman, Jane Coplen, Judy Detten, Shelly Diller, Francie

Farr, Dolores Foster, Alice Hund, Ann Lueb, Christine Marnell, Nancy Paetzold, Leona Schilling, Joan Strafuss, Cookie Tarr, Denise Teel, Karla Vasek, Donna Warrick, Shirley Wilson, Marian Yosten and Mary Zinser.

Young receives SPC certificate

A resident from Hereford was among 757 students who received associate degrees or certificates of proficiency May 10 during South Plains College's 38th commencement exercises.

Hereford recipient of the certificate of proficiency is Tasha Rena Young, administrative secretary.

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FRIDAY-Pool classes, line dancing 10-11 a.m.

SATURDAY-Games 12 noon-4 p.m., dance 7:30 p.m.

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

TUESDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., Golden Spread Hearing 1-3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., craft and ceramics 1-3 p.m., Alzheimers Support Group 11:30 a.m.

Two residents qualify for membership in honor group

Two Hereford life insurance professionals, C. Charles Bell Jr. and B.J. Gilliland, have qualified for 1996 membership in the Texas Leaders Round Table (TLRT), an honor organization affiliated with the Texas Association of Life Underwriters.

Both are members of the Amarillo Area Association of Life Underwriters and Life Members of TLRT. Bell has been a TLRT member for 33 years and Gilliland for 17 years.

Representing only the top seven percent of life insurance professionals in the state, TLRT recognized outstanding achievement in the life and health insurance and related

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—George Bernard Shaw

Stylish, elegant are terms applied to Texas fashions

By MIA B. MOODY
Waco Tribune-Herald

WACO, Texas -- In the old days if something wearable was grown, designed and made in Texas, it was probably either jeans, boots or cowboy hats. But today's "Naturally Texas" fashions run the gamut.

Stylish, chic and elegant is usually what come to mind when people see fashions by Yoakum resident Cheryl McMullen Matussek, who designs everything from evening gowns to shorts in the Lone Star State.

During the past seven years, her company Double D Ranchwear has zoomed to prominence in the fashion world in part because Matussek's family helps her run the business, but mostly because of her unique style.

The line, steeped in tradition, includes a mixture of colors, textures and intricate detailing such as hand-beading, embroidery and silver studs.

Matussek's line is designed and sewn in Texas -- mostly of Texas fibers -- but that's where her geographic limitations end. Her creations are worn all over the world by people from all walks of life. Some of her more famous customers are Jane Fonda, Clint Eastwood and Kirstie Alley.

The designer said she doesn't feel

limited by her loyalty to the state.

"When you use Texas-grown fibers, you don't have to give up quality," she said in a telephone interview from Dallas.

Cotton is a given -- it's easy to work with, comfortable and easy to wear, she said. Wool, on the other hand, is a classic fabric that is long-lasting and heavy duty. Leather, suede and mohair have their own attraction because they have a rich, luxurious feel to them, she said.

Matussek is one of the more than 250 members of the Naturally Texas program, a campaign to stimulate interest for natural Texas fibers and leather products. The campaign was instituted by the state's Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry four years ago and is still going strong.

The program is important to Texans because one in every five jobs in Texas is agriculture-related, said Suzanne Farren, director for fiber marketing for the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Texas is the world's sixth leading cotton producer. Texas sheep produce about 20 percent of the nation's supply of wool, which is more than any other state. In addition, about 93 percent of all U.S. mohair is grown in the state.

"Texas agriculture is the second

largest industry in the state, so every time you buy a Texas natural fiber garment, you are helping to maintain jobs in the state," she said. "The agriculture industry pumps more than \$36 billion into the Texas economy annually."

Items in the Naturally Texas campaign carry a logo that pictures the heads of a cow, a sheep and a lamb and a puff on cotton on a paper bag brown background.

Another way to support the Naturally Texas campaign is to search for Texas designers such as Matussek. According to Farren, there are hundreds of clothing manufacturers in the state -- including designers of men's, children's, women's clothes.

Barbara Hairston-Roberson, one of the more well-known Texas designers, combines the flavors of Dallas and Santa Fe in her Naturally Texas numbers. The Dallas resident's collection features sportswear that is decorated with Indian and Western motifs, colored in desert hues.

One notable vest in the line is covered with beads on heavy cotton. Every six bead is tied and knotted off, so it can be repaired without ruining the whole thing. She has made 150 of the design that sells for more than \$400 each.

"It's wearable art that will be

passed down from generation to generation, and it's a part of Texas," said Craig Davison, vice president of sales and marketing for the company.

"We like to promote Texas as a place where people can buy unique fashions with an upscale twist. It's something that Texans should support and be proud of," he said.

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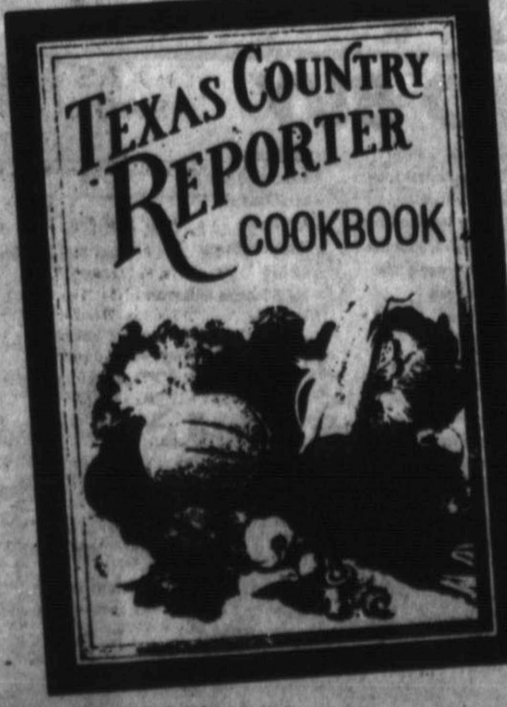
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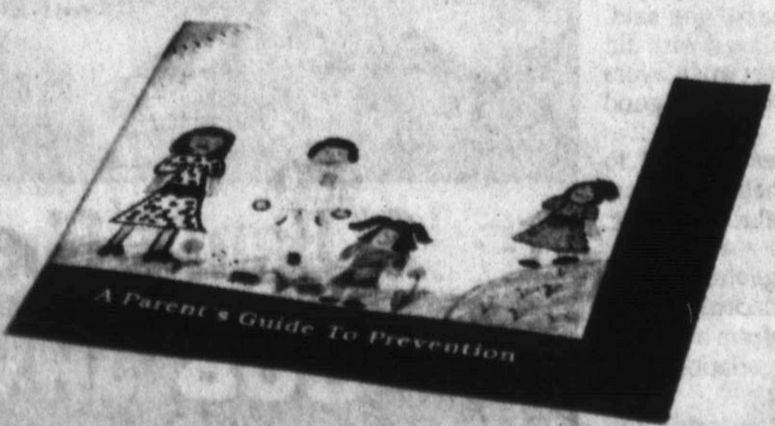
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Sports

Jazz stuns Sonics in OT, forces Game 6

SEATTLE (AP) - The hand-made signs were strewn around Key Arena, abandoned like so many best-laid plans for a weekend in Chicago.

"Bring on Da Bulls." "Goodbye Jazz, Hello Bulls." "Hey Bulls, Prepare for a Sonics Boom."

No one brought them home Tuesday night as mementos of the Sonics' Western Conference clincher. That's because there was no clincher, only a shocker for those who thought Seattle would brush aside the Utah Jazz.

Utah staved off elimination and forced a Game 6 Thursday night at Salt Lake City with a 98-95 overtime victory that reduced the Jazz's deficit to 3-2 in the best-of-7 series.

"Probably the biggest win I've

been associated with in this organization," Karl Malone said.

"I try not to read the papers, but you see headlines like 'Jazz Done' and 'Stick a Fork in Them, They're Done.' Well, we're still cooking a little bit," Malone said.

It was Utah's first victory in nine conference finals road games in 1996, 1994 and 1992. And it gave the Jazz a shift in momentum they can carry into the Delta Center as they try to improve their 7-1 home record this postseason.

"We knew they were trying to blow us away and we knew they were selling Bulls tickets," Malone said. "Those are things you keep in the back of your mind. If that doesn't get you ready to play, nothing will."

Malone scored 29 points, Jeff Hornacek had 27 and John Stockton had a big offensive rebound late in overtime and a key steal with 18.1 seconds left to make up for an otherwise poor game - four points and six assists in 38 minutes.

During overtime, Seattle had four turnovers and went scoreless over the final 2:48. The Sonics had a chance to send the game into double overtime, but Gary Payton missed a 3-pointer at the buzzer.

The Key Arena crowd, strangely quiet in the final seven seconds of action, turned mute as the shot missed, then filed out stunned after witnessing just the fifth home loss of the season for Seattle.

"If we win Game 6, I think the momentum will be on our side," Hornacek said.

Game 7 would be Sunday at Seattle.

"Those guys are capable of beating us in our building if we're not ready to play," Malone said. "But I guarantee we'll be ready to play in our own place."

The Jazz outscored Seattle 8-5 in overtime, taking the lead for good at 97-95 on a pair of foul shots by Stockton after he grabbed an offensive rebound and was fouled by Shawn Kemp.

Seattle committed turnovers on its next three possessions, but Malone missed two straight jumpers and Antoine Carr overthrew an inbound

pass with 37.7 seconds left to give the ball back to the Sonics.

Payton, who led Seattle with 31 points but had a career playoff-high five turnovers, then missed a jumper in the lane. But the Sonics recovered a loose ball and called timeout with 18.1 seconds left.

That's when Stockton, who has struggled through the series while being outplayed by Payton, made his biggest play of the night. Detlef Schrempf's inbound pass went off Payton's fingertips and Stockton grabbed it for a steal.

Utah moved the ball around, avoiding a foul for several seconds, and the Sonics finally hacked Hornacek with 7.8 seconds left.

He made one free throw, making the score tie 98-95 and setting up the final sequence. The Jazz had a foul to give, but Stockton let Payton fire away and the shot drifted off to the right.

"We didn't want to foul him on a 3-point shot, obviously, but as it worked out he missed and we got a little bit of luck," Sloan said.

"It showed the class of Utah. You

have to give them credit for what they did," Seattle coach George Karl said. "Now, we hopefully have to give them a battle up there and show our class Thursday night."

Antoine Carr came off the bench to score a season playoff-high 16 points and Bryon Russell had 15 for the Jazz, who won despite missing 14 of 40 free throws. Utah's bench outscored Seattle's 38-19.

Kemp had 24 points and 13 rebounds, avoiding foul trouble for the first time since Game 1, and Hersey Hawkins scored 12.

The Jazz are trying to become just the sixth team in NBA history to successfully come back from a 3-1 deficit. The last team to do it was Houston in 1995, and no team has ever done it in the Western Conference finals.

Finding coach, GM top Mavs' priorities

DALLAS (AP) - The Dallas Mavericks will worry about their staffing before considering where the team will play in the future.

Majority owner Ross Perot Jr. said a coach and general manager will be named by July, then he and partner-owner auto dealer David McDavid will look at arena sites.

"We'll get our basketball fixed and then we'll concentrate on an arena. An arena is a low priority at the moment," Perot said Tuesday.

The Mavericks and the NHL's Stars currently share the downtown Reunion Arena. Perot has said in the past he would not rule out building the arena in a suburb.

But the land developer said Tuesday that one area that has been ruled out is his Alliance Airport mega-development north of Fort Worth.

At the beginning of the month, Perot and McDavid bought 67 percent of the club from original owner Don Carter for \$125 million. Carter and some limited partners continue to own 33 percent of the team.

After the sale, Dick Motta resigned as head coach and president and general manager Norm Sonju also quit the club.

Mentioned as possible candidates for the coaching job are former Phoenix Suns coach Paul Westphal,

Mavericks assistant Brad Davis and former Boston Celtics coach Chris Ford.

Perot, who said he's not a basketball fan, said he bought the team because he saw the business deal as a "unique opportunity to work with the Carter family."

Perot said that the development of an arena site was a plus as well.

"Basically it's a business operation. Hopefully it will be a profitable business," he said.

Carter saw his share of profits having sold the team for 10 times what he paid for the NBA franchise in 1980, but he didn't see a lot of team success.

The Mavericks made the playoffs in their fourth season and were in the Western Conference finals another four years. But things have soured for Dallas since the team got within a victory of the NBA Finals.

The team made the playoffs only once, set scores of league records for losses, saw Roy Tarpley banned twice for substance abuse problems, and employed five coaches in eight seasons.

"I think Don Carter did everything he could to win and run a professional operation. It's a very good operation as a matter of fact. They had some bad luck," Perot said.

Tagliabue to meet with Houston officials

HOUSTON (AP) - NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue was coming to Houston today for a face-to-face session with one of his biggest critics and talk about the future of the National Football League in the nation's fourth-largest city.

With U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm acting as organizer, Tagliabue was set to meet with Gramm, Harris County Judge Robert Eckels and Houston Mayor Bob Lanier, a Tagliabue foe.

It was uncertain what would result from the session, scheduled to last for two hours behind the closed doors of Lanier's office.

"Nothing happens if you don't talk about it," Gramm spokesman Larry Neal said Tuesday after the senator's office in Washington announced today's meeting.

"He (Gramm) believes there are lots of ways to skin a cat and if we talk about it we'll find one. Every

journey begins with a single step and this is the first step."

Houston is losing the Oilers, its NFL team of 35 years, to Nashville, Tenn., which has lured Oilers owner Bud Adams with the promise of millions of dollars and a new stadium. Adams has said the Oilers, who have two years left on a lease at the Houston Astrodome, will play at least one and perhaps as many as three more years in Houston.

"As a Houston fan, my interest is in bringing a new pro football team to Houston," Gramm said. "I have asked Commissioner Tagliabue to come to Houston to continue discussions that I hope will bring the NFL back to Houston. I am pleased that he has agreed to come."

Gramm said the meeting comes in the wake of a session between him and Tagliabue in Washington earlier this month.

"I want to regain what we had in the glory days of Earl Campbell and Bum Phillips," said Gramm, a Republican seeking re-election in November to a third six-year term.

Neal insisted there was no political reason for the session.

"Football in Houston is important and important for reasons that go well beyond sports and have to do with prestige and economics of the city," he said. "We want to do what's possible and we would be doing that regardless of any other factor."

The meeting also comes a week after a committee appointed by Lanier and Eckels recommended a \$625 million plan to build a new baseball stadium for the Houston Astros, a downtown basketball arena for the Houston Rockets, and a renovated Astrodome for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and an NFL team.

There were no specifics, however, on how to pay for the projects.

Tagliabue has said the Astrodome in its current form would be unacceptable for an NFL team.

Lanier frequently has criticized the NFL and its treatment of Houston, speaking to NFL owners before they voted to approve the Oilers' move to Nashville, and testifying before a congressional committee considering legislation to limit moves by pro sports franchises. His comments reportedly have irritated the league hierarchy.

Lanier said last week the city would be seeking written guarantees from the NFL before embarking on a football stadium plan. If the league would refuse to make a commitment to Houston to replace the Oilers, "Then we keep the money in our pockets," Lanier said.

Indy driver is 'fair' after 3rd surgery

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Driver Alessandro Zampedri, injured in a crash on the last lap of the Indianapolis 500, was in fair condition Tuesday after a third operation on both of his legs and feet Tuesday.

His left foot was most severely injured, and doctors won't know until Monday whether it can be saved, said Charlotte Hatfield, a Methodist Hospital spokeswoman. His right foot was repaired during the three-hour surgery, she said.

"The right foot and ankle were badly broken and will require a long period of rehabilitation. The left foot was badly lacerated from the crash but progress has also been made in the last 24 hours," said Team Scandia owner Andy Evans.

Zampedri, Roberto Guerrero and Eliseo Salazar crashed in the fourth turn just as Sunday's race ended. Guerrero was not hurt and Salazar was treated for a bruised right knee

and released from Methodist Hospital on Sunday evening.

Zampedri, who led 20 laps before he was passed on the 190th of the 200 laps, was in surgery for seven hours Sunday night to repair multiple fractures of his legs and feet.

Hatfield said Zampedri was resting in a hyperbaric oxygen chamber to

help stimulate the growth of blood vessels and control swelling. She said he would undergo surgery Thursday and again Saturday so doctors can assess the injuries.

Zampedri was awarded fourth place in the race, Guerrero fifth and Salazar sixth. Buddy Lazier won the race.

Hornets to name Cowens as coach

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) - As a player, Dave Cowens had a reputation as an overachiever. As Charlotte coach, he will demand the same of the Hornets.

"I had a good time when I played and I tried to play hard," he said. "Most of the guys I played with did the same thing. I expect my players to give a good effort and have a good attitude."


The Hornets were expected to introduce Cowens as their fourth head coach at a news conference today. Now 47, the former league MVP and a key member of championship teams in 10 years with Boston confirmed in a telephone interview from his Texas home Tuesday that negotiations with Charlotte are finished.

Cowens left Charlotte last Thursday after two days of talks with Hornets officials, leaving behind his attorney to complete contract details. Bob Bass, the Hornets vice president for basketball operations, said nothing stood in the way of hiring Cowens.

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Ripken stays at shortstop, rips 3 homers

By BEN WALKER
AP Baseball Writer

Cal Ripken, it turned out, got a good look at third base. In fact, he passed it three times.

Ripken, told before the game that he wouldn't be forced to move from shortstop, hit three homers for the first time and drove in a career-high eight runs Tuesday night as the Baltimore Orioles beat Seattle 12-8.

"It'd be a nice story to say that finally having that weight off my shoulders about moving to third helped me accomplish what I did tonight," Ripken said. "I'm not sure it's true."

Orioles manager Davey Johnson had considered shifting Ripken because of injuries. But Johnson and the 13-time All-Star talked earlier in the day and the manager now says that plan is "on the backburner."

After the game, Johnson joked that perhaps he'd ignited his star player. Ripken hit only three home runs in the Orioles' first 47 games before connecting for a grand slam and a pair of two-run shots at the Kingdome.

"If I have to hack him off every night to get him to hit three home runs, I'll do it," Johnson said. "Maybe I'll ask him to DH tomorrow."

In other games, California edged New York 1-0, Texas beat Cleveland

11-3, Oakland beat Boston 6-2, Chicago topped Toronto 8-5 and Milwaukee defeated Minnesota 7-3.

Ripken's two-run homer off Bob Wolcott gave the Orioles a 3-1 lead in the fourth inning. His fifth career grand slam, off Mike Jackson, put Baltimore ahead 9-6 lead in the seventh, and he homered off Scott Davison in the ninth.

Ripken's three home runs gave him 333 for his career, tying Eddie Murray for the most in Orioles history.

The most durable player in baseball history has started every Orioles game since July 1, 1982, at shortstop. He began his major league career the previous season as a third baseman.

The Orioles scored all of their runs on homers. Brady Anderson hit his seventh leadoff home run of the season, and 19th overall, and Rafael Palmeiro had a two-run shot.

In the ninth, after Ripken homered, his brother Bill - who started at third base - also connected.

It was the second time the Ripkens have homered in the same game, and the 16th time in major league history that brothers have connected in the same game. The Ripkens were the last to do it, in 1990.

"Any time you see your bro' hit one deep and then you get one yourself, it's a pretty special

feeling," Bill Ripken said.

Ken Griffey Jr. hit his 16th homer for the Mariners.

Rangers 11, Indians 3

Ivan Rodriguez hit two of Texas' four home runs and the Rangers beat visiting Cleveland for the second straight night.

Dean Palmer, who drove in four runs, and Kevin Elster also connected as Texas won for the third time in five games in a matchup of division leaders.

Palmer's bases-loaded double keyed a five-run first inning against Orel Hershiser (4-4). The Rangers won their fourth in a row overall.

Albert Belle hit his major league-leading 21st home run for the Indians. It took him 87 games to hit 21 homers last year, but has taken him just 49 games this season.

Angels 1, Yankees 0

Kenny Rogers lost his no-hitter in the eighth inning and walked home the winning run in the bottom of the ninth, giving California its win over New York.

Rogers (3-1), who pitched a perfect game against the Angels in 1994 while with Texas, lost despite a two-hitter. Jason Grimsley (3-4) pitched a five-hitter for his first career shutout.

Rogers held the host Angels hitless until Garret Anderson blooped a

single leading off the eighth. With one out in the ninth, Rex Hudler reached on shortstop Andy Fox's second throwing error of the game and moved to third on Randy Velarde's double.

After Tim Salmon was intentionally walked, Chili Davis drew a four-pitch walk that forced home the only run. Rogers kicked and threw some equipment in the dugout on his way to the clubhouse.

Two weeks ago, Dwight Gooden pitched a no-hitter for the Yankees. The last time a major league team had two different pitchers throw no-hitters in the same season was 1972, when Burt Hooton and Milt Pappas did it for the Chicago Cubs. The last AL team with a pair of no-hit pitchers in the same year was Boston in 1962 with Bill Monbouquette and Earl Wilson.

White Sox 8, Blue Jays 5

Robin Ventura had a pinch-hit home run in the seventh inning, then homered again in the eighth as Chicago won at SkyDome.

Tony Phillips led off the game with a home run and Ozzie Guillen also connected for the White Sox, who have won nine of 10.

The benches emptied in the sixth when Toronto starter Frank Viola hit Phillips with a pitch in the hip. Phillips had to be held back from Viola by plate umpire Tim Welke, but no punches

were thrown.

An inning earlier, White Sox starter James Baldwin hit Joe Carter in the hand with a pitch.

Brewers 7, Tyins 3

Kevin Seitzer and Matt Mieske homered as Milwaukee overcome a pair of solo home runs by Ron Coomer to beat Minnesota.

Seitzer's first homer since April 18 started a three-run seventh inning that helped the Brewers stop a four-game losing streak. The visiting Twins had won three in a row.

Rockies' pickoff play fools Cards

By TOM WITHERS
AP Sports Writer

Keep your eye on the ball.

That mantra is repeated over and over to little leaguers learning the basics of baseball. It also applies for the big boys.

On Tuesday night, rookie Miguel Mejia forgot the rule.

The Colorado Rockies scored three runs in the ninth inning, and then executed a unique pickoff play, catching Mejia off third base, to preserve a 6-5 win over the St. Louis Cardinals.

Trailing 4-3, the Rockies scored three runs in the top of the ninth on Eric Young's one-out, two-run single and an RBI double by Ellis Burks.

In the bottom of the inning, Colorado reliever Bruce Ruffin got one out before being relieved by Darren Holmes after giving up a double.

Ozzie Smith's RBI single sent pinch-runner Mejia to third. Holmes then faked a pickoff move to first which Mejia bought and broke toward the plate. Holmes threw to third and got Mejia in a rundown while Smith took third.

Holmes then struck out Brian Jordan to end the game for his first save.

"They used the play that never works, fake to first and throw to third, but they used it at just the right time," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said. "You have to give them credit."

Pirates 6, Astros 5

At Pittsburgh, Charlie Hayes hit a two-run home run and Jason Kendall tripled home the go-ahead run in the eighth inning.

Trailing 4-2, Hayes tied it with his two-run shot off Greg Swindell (0-2). Swindell got two outs before Jay Bell singled and Hayes followed with his eighth homer.

The Astros rallied in the ninth and pulled to 6-5 on John Cangelosi's one-out RBI single off Francisco Cordova. But Cangelosi was thrown out at the plate by right fielder Orlando Merced on Craig Biggio's single, his fourth hit.

Phillies 9, Dodgers 3

At Philadelphia, Pete Incaviglia hit a pair of three-run homers to help rookie Mike Grace improve to 7-2.

Dodgers All-Star catcher Mike Piazza, leading the NL with a .373 batting average, left the game in the first inning after hyperflexing his right knee. He hurt himself sliding into second base and was listed as day-to-day.

Piazza doubled high off the right-field wall and his right leg, tucked underneath him, appeared to momentarily catch on second base as he slid. He got up limping and walked off the field.

Incaviglia tied a Veterans Stadium record for RBIs in a game by a Phillies player.

The Phillies jumped on Ismael

Valdes (5-3) in the first, with the first four batters scoring.

Padres 3, Expos 2, 10 innings

At Montreal, pinch-hitter Scott Livingstone singled home Wally Joyner with the go-ahead run in the 10th inning as San Diego won for the sixth time in seven games.

Montreal tied it 2-2 in the ninth on Henry Rodriguez's NL-leading 18th homer off Trevor Hoffman (3-1). Hoffman got the win despite blowing his second save in 12 tries, and Doug Bachtler earned his third save.

Montreal has lost five straight and 11 of its last 13.

Tim Scott (1-1) was the loser.

Marlins 6, Reds 2

At Miami, Kevin Brown (3-4) allowed one run in five innings and drove in a run with his first major-league hit in a game delayed twice by rain.

The game started 20 minutes late because of rain, and there was another delay of 1 hour, 37 minutes in the fifth.

Barry Larkin hit an inside-the-park homer for Cincinnati, his seventh homer.

Gary Sheffield hit his 17th home run for the Marlins, who won their third in a row.

Brown, activated from the disabled list before the game, had been sidelined since May 12 with a bruised right leg. Dave Burba (0-6) was the loser.

Mets 4, Giants 0

At New York, Bernard Gilkey homered twice and Mark Clark pitched seven shutout innings as the Mets posted their second straight shutout.

Clark (4-5) scattered four hits over seven innings and Doug Henry finished up as the Mets posted consecutive shutouts for the first time since 1992. New York blanked San Diego 1-0 on Sunday.

Gilkey led off the sixth and eighth innings with solo homers. Gilkey, who has 13 homers, has driven in 11 runs in his last seven games.

Mark Leiter (2-5) lost his fourth straight decision.

Butler's other lymph nodes found benign

LOS ANGELES (AP) - All the lymph nodes removed from the neck of Brett Butler - with the exception of the one cancerous node - are benign, the Los Angeles Times reported today.

The Los Angeles Dodgers center fielder had a malignant thumb-sized lymph node excised May 21. The biopsy report shows that the other 49 nodes removed at the time were all benign.

"I have great news," Butler said, when he called Dodgers spokesman Jay Lucas. "I'm feeling a lot better. I'm getting better every day."

Butler was to meet Wednesday with Dr. William Grist, who performed the surgery, and radiation treatments were tentatively scheduled for June 10. The treatments were first scheduled for a week earlier, but the delay will allow Butler to regain his strength.

If his treatments begin June 10, Butler will be done with them on July 19. That leaves 10 weeks before the end of the season.

"That's great news," third baseman Mike Blowers said. "It

would be something if he felt good enough to see us when we're in Atlanta. I think that would make all of us feel a lot better."

The Dodgers, who go to Atlanta on June 13-16, have been hoping for Butler's return. They carry his uniform on the road and have a locker for him.

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'Twister' consultant works as full-time storm chaser Miami, Texas, twister on movie poster taken by photographer/author

By VAN MITCHELL Stillwater NewsPress

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) - The weather outside has taken a turn for the worse. Lightning is flashing across the night sky and a tornado has just been sighted.

Pop quiz: What do you do? For most the answer would be finding shelter, but for Warren Faidley that isn't the answer. Instead he gets into his car and chases the storm - something that he does for a living.

"When I tell people what I do for a living, their first reaction is look at me like I'm crazy," Faidley said. Faidley, a photographer and full-time storm chaser, was recently in Oklahoma City for the premier of the movie "Twister" for which he served as a pre-production technical consultant. He has also written a book called "Storm Chasers" which will be released this month.

The University of Arizona photojournalism graduate worked with "Twister" producer Ian Bruce, who wanted to know things about climatology, where tornadoes had occurred, what to expect where they can find weather people, among others, to help give some background information for the film.

"When they ('Twister' producers) first started putting this thing together, they weren't even sure what they would need," Faidley said. "That's when they consulted with me."

Faidley said he tried to give the producers and director as much background information to help make the movie as realistic as possible.

"It's hard doing a movie today without crossing into something that's been done before," Faidley said. "This film was dealing with a subject that not a lot of people knew too much about."

Although realism was strived for in this film, Faidley said there are

some things that can't be exactly duplicated no matter how much a person would like it to.

"It's kind of like when you have 'Top Gun' or 'Jaws' come out, you are always going to have people who are going to technically pick things apart," he said. "You have to remember that a movie is an art, it doesn't dictate life exactly."

Even before he was hired for the film, Faidley had made contact with the star itself - the twister.

"It was May 29, 1994, near Miami, Texas, and there was an isolated super cell, it was the kind of storm that chasers dream of," Faidley said. "It was a monster storm by itself, and right before sunset it produced a tornado, which is the one that ended up on the 'Twister' poster."

With all of the photographs that he has taken over the years (with many of them ending up in Life magazine and National Geographic) and a public's growing interest in weather, Faidley decided to combine his pictures and education into one.

"The main thing that I find interesting about the book is that it's the first book of its kind about storm chasing," he said. "It's important because what it does is it defines chasing. It lets people know what is chasing, what a storm chaser does. It has the value of educating people."

He said it was a "herculean" effort to narrow his book down to 100 pictures and limiting the amount of information to put with it.

Faidley recently signed a book deal with Putnam Books to do a children's book. It was something that he was eager to do.

"Of all the people I talk to, I have the most fun with the kids," he said.

"They come up with some of the best questions. I remember one kid asked me, 'What do I do if a tornado, a flash flood and a hurricane came at me at

once?' That one caught me off guard."

After graduating from college, Faidley went to work in the newspaper business, but that interest soon faded.

"Newspaper work can sometimes get pretty boring, so at night after work I would go up in the mountains (of Arizona) and shoot lightning if a storm was coming," he said.

"Everyone else was shooting fires, wrecks and other things, and after awhile I found that there was a vacuum, there was no one shooting weather," Faidley said.

Faidley continued to shoot weather in his spare time until one day one of his weather pictures was published by Life magazine. "The morning after I got published, the phone began ringing off the book," he said.

With his career taking off, Faidley began to trek into the uncharted territory of storm chasing.

"Chasing is usually pretty dull," Faidley said. "It's 90 percent waiting and 10 percent work. That's when all hell breaks loose."

Faidley's day begins early when he heads to his computer to make a weather forecast to figure out how far he and his crew at his company Weather Stock are going to have to drive that day to find severe weather.

"Some of the time we don't have to travel very far while other times it can be 500 miles or more away," he said. "Once we get on the road we are becoming forecasters and narrowing down the area where we think severe weather might be happening. It's kind of like a little treasure map, it tells you where you are going."

Faidley said his approach to chasing storms has changed a lot since he first started - safety now comes first.

"When I look back it makes me want to become religious," he said jokingly. "I think how lucky I was to have survived some of those early

chases, now that I know how dangerous those storms were."

"We are now very organized and we are conscious of our safety and the safety for those around us."

Faidley has chased and photographed all types of severe weather, but one type of storm is his favorite.

"I prefer the tornado chasers because they are a lot more personable," Faidley said. "You meet people out here you only see once a year. We kind of have our own little brotherhood of chasers."

The plotline in "Twister" revolves around a pair of rival storm chasers and their quest for the best weather action. There had been some fear by public and private officials that the theme of the film could suggest that storm chasing isn't dangerous - an assumption that could have costly consequences.

"One of the fears that this movie would generate is that people would go out and chase storms themselves, but I don't think it will do that,"

Faidley said. Faidley's job is one that keeps him busy year round. From the middle of April until about early June, he will be traveling the Southwestern part of the country in search of tornadoes.

"It's so fascinating to have this job where you get up in the morning and you just don't know if this is going to be the day that I'm going to get the mother load of a shot. I like what I'm doing. It's still a lot of fun."

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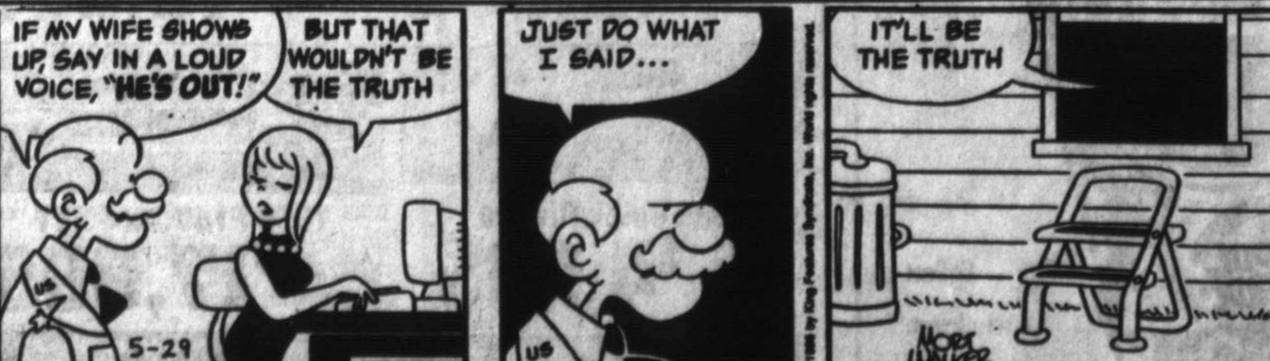
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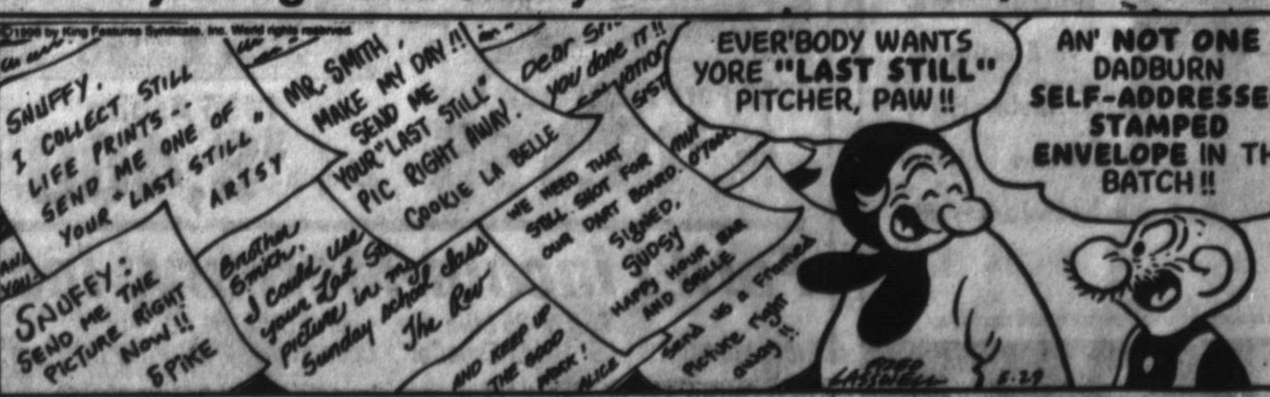
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Amarillo College lists fall, spring graduates

Amarillo College honored 977 graduates during recent commencement ceremonies.

This was the first commencement ceremony that combined the graduates of Amarillo College and its newest division, the Amarillo Technical Center.

Fall graduates from Hereford are Bradford Earl Brookhart, associate in applied science (AAS), associate degree nursing; Travis Dale Gilliam, AAS, substance abuse counseling; Ruby Elaine Parker, certificate of completion, vocational nursing; John Westman, AAS, aviation maintenance technology.

Spring graduate from Dawn is Lisa Phillips Albiar, certificate in medical

data specialist.

Spring graduates from Hereford are AnnaMaria D. Cantu, AAS, associate degree nursing; Daniel Del Toro, certificate of completion, basic peace officer academy; Derenda Boggs DeLeon, certificate of completion, vocational nursing; Suzanne Fangman, AAS, associate degree nursing; Gilde Flores Jr., certificate of completion, commercial service technology; Jason Daniel Frisk and Marcus Loyd, both certificate of completion, basic peace officer academy; Cynthia Liedke-Valdez, certificate of completion, vocational nursing; and Michael E. Veasey, AAS, electrical utility technology.



Illustrated by David LaRochelle

Ordinary ideas help make family activities

Some of our best family activities come from the ordinary. I remember a day last June. I was checking off a routine to-do list and noticed my daughter's writing at the bottom, "Pick up flower bouquet for Latin teacher." Her 8th grade classmates had collected \$16 worth of coins and bills for a group end-of-the-year thank-you gift.

What a nice idea, I thought to myself. Anyone who can motivate 14-year-olds to stick with a dead language for nine months deserves an accolade.

En route to the florist, we happened to stop at a local garden-supply center to stock up on the basics. The \$1.99 geranium pots in front of the store immediately caught my daughter's eye and within minutes our cart was blooming with pink, red and white geraniums, a big clay pot and a sack of soil. An idea was germinating!

She dumped her plastic bag of coins at the cash register counter and covered the bill to the penny.

We hurried home, where she painted the pot with bright acrylic paints and wrote the date in giant Roman numerals with permanent marking pens, leaving enough room

for her classmates to sign their Latin names.

I helped her pot the flowers. It was magnificent.

It's good to step back once in a while as a parent and let the kids take the lead. If we are patient and don't try to do everything our way, we open the opportunity for our children to learn new skills and grow in self-esteem.

So, when you're plowing through chores during the more relaxed summer months ahead, let the kids sidetrack you once in a while. One thing might lead to another, and whammo! An idea is born. It may be a little thing, but another family memory is in the making and you will have shared it with your children.

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Hereford students are honored at WTAMU

West Texas A&M University's campus radio station, KWTS-FM 91.1, announced fall semester staff members and awards at an end-of-the-year party recently.

Javier Gutierrez, a junior radio, television and film major from Hereford, will serve as program director and Torey Sellers, a senior radio, television and film major from Hereford, will serve as sports director. Jeremy Lomas, a junior radio, television and film major from Hereford, will work as the assistant program director.

Lomas was honored for outstanding service during the spring semester.

More than 80 students work at the campus radio station each semester. The Hereford students' staff positions are three of 17 management positions.

Matthew Parker, a senior pre-medicine major from Dawn, will continue as a President's Ambassador for West Texas A&M University for the 1996-97 academic year.

President's Ambassadors is a group of 13 students that represent WTAMU and the Office of the

President by hosting special University events.

Requirements for the President's Ambassadors included enrollment as a full-time student with a minimum of 45 hours at the time of application; successful completion of a minimum of 12 hours the previous long semester; minimum overall grade point average of 2.5; two letters of reference, one from a WTAMU faculty/administrator; demonstrated campus leadership experience and involvement; and broad knowledge of the campus.



Gary, Indiana, is named in honor of E.H. Gary, who helped organize the U.S. Steel Corporation.

To Your Good Health

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Following a heart attack I developed Dressler's syndrome, and my doctor put me on prednisone. I have been on it for about a year, during which time the doctor has tried to wean me off of it, but to no avail. He wants to get me off because of possible side effects. I'd like your comments. — G.D.

ANSWER: Prednisone is in the cortisone family and one of the most powerful anti-inflammation drugs we have.

Dressler's syndrome is an inflammation of the heart cover, the pericardium. It can occur in the wake of a heart attack.

Usually, the inflammation responds fairly rapidly to prednisone. It's unusual for it to linger as in your case.

You are not specific about dosages and frequency of prednisone use. High doses over long periods can get troublesome. The skin thins, bones become brittle and over time there might be marked redistribution of body fat, the patient's arms and legs becoming skinny while the trunk thickens. Your doctor is trying to spare you those effects.

Such side effects almost always result from high doses, however. Most of us easily weather the less

florid effects.

Your doctor seems sensitive to the problem. I am sure he will identify any intolerable effects should they occur.

You have a serious illness, for which serious medicine is in order. Many times, we accept unpleasant side effects in exchange for a drug's curative or palliative value.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My daughter, 16, was told she has granuloma annulare. What can you tell me about it? We were told there is no treatment for it. The doctor says watch and wait. — P.D.

ANSWER: Granuloma annulare is a rash of small pink-to-red bumps, usually on the backs of the hands or tops of the feet. Patients tend to be young women.

The rash often vanishes in short time. In some patients, though, it can last for years.

If there is a lingering patch or two, it is best left alone. With extensive rashes, cortisone drugs injected into the areas might help.

I agree with the watch-and-wait approach.

In widespread involvement in adults, medicines such as dapsone, hydroxychloroquine and etretinate are used.

Long, lean are looks in fall, winter fashions

By DIANE SUSTENDAL
For the Associated Press
NEW YORK (AP) -- Summer's beach scene usually puts fear and loathing into the hearts of most women, even the ones who hit the gym on a regular basis. But this fall and winter will be no time to quit calorie counting.

It's been a long time since fashion has taken such a long and lean stance.

Designers at the recent presentations in New York sent models down the catwalk in clothes which made even the shortest of the group look rangy.

Inspiration for all the long looks vary.

More than one designer looked back to the early 20th century to show clothes deeply inspired by the Bloomsbury group, England's literary, artistic and intellectual center during that period.

Others waxed nostalgic for the peace-and-love era of Woodstock with clothes marked with all the fun, folly, and frivolity of the '70s.

And then there are the American masters -- Calvin Klein, Donna Karan, Ralph Lauren, Bill Blass -- who believe their clean-and-lean designs mark a turning point in this decade, a turning point which moves fashion into a new direction that fits into the framework of simple, modern clothing for the woman of the '90s.

Whether the clothes are midcalf skirts, maxi coats, sleek sweater dresses, streamlined jumpsuits, or natty, little jackets, everything is cut narrow and close to the body.

The pencil-slim styles are as far removed from the full-blown ballgowns and pouf party dresses of the late '80s as they are from the street-scene grunge, punk rock clothes of the early '90s.

The mood moves from playful to pretty to downright serious boardroom business, but it never gets vulgar or flashy.

Put another way, it's "ta ta" to all those tardlike lingerie looks of last fall and this spring which only looked good on young girls who were forced to layer them over T-shirts for modesty's sake. It's "hello" to clothes that are wearable for many occasions, look good on a variety of figure types, and are flattering to woman of all ages.

These new sleek, chic modern looks and even slightly cheeky nostalgic numbers deliver a maximum dose of style while demanding a

minimum of planning and accessorizing.

These are clothes to toss on and go -- to the office, on a trip or off to a party -- without requiring a great deal of forethought.

At the best, they are easy, effortless clothes that don't overpower the wearer. At their most outrageous, they are fun and fanciful.

But with the exception of a trendy few, these are clothes to form the backbone of a great wardrobe which won't look dated in two or three seasons.

Most of the long, lean looks certainly fall into the category of classics -- a great shirt tucked into slim trousers topped with a walking length jacket; a simple sweater elongated to dress length; a snappy jacket with multiple buttons worked to make the torso look narrow.

They are basics but they are hardly boring.

Josserand is named officer

Nancy Josserand from Hereford was among officers and trustees for 1996-97 elected at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society's 75th annual business meeting recently.

W.H. Brian Jr. of Amarillo was elected president; W.A. Attebury, president-elect; and Josserand, treasurer.

Incoming trustees elected for a three-year term are Carol Lovelady, Campbell Burgess and Tom Patterson, all from Amarillo.

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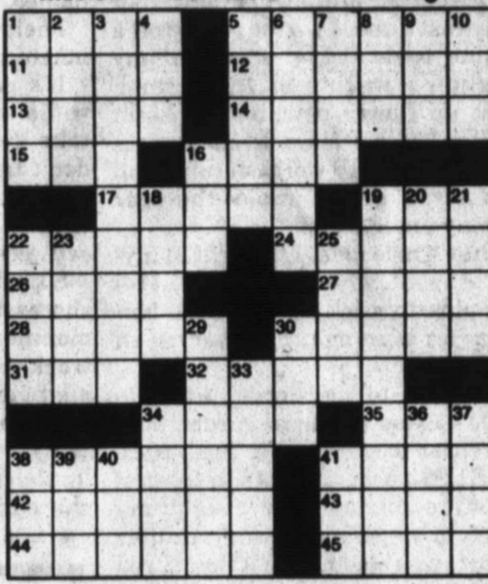
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 - 26 La Scala song
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 - 30 Explosion
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 - 35 Block up
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 - 42 Brunch choice
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Lake Meredith just keeps getting saltier and saltier

By MARK BABINECK
Associated Press Writer
FRITCH, Texas (AP) - Imagine coffee spiked with salt instead of sugar.

Some 450,000 people on the Texas High Plains cities don't have to imagine it.

Lake Meredith, the primary water source for Lubbock, Amarillo and nine other cities is salty, getting saltier by the year and could become uselessly unless something is done.

"I can certainly taste the water in tea and coffee, but you can hardly tell it in cold water out of a fountain," said John Williams, general manager of the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, which oversees the lake's use as a reservoir.

But Amarillo resident Jack Chambliss switched to bottled water two years ago after relying on his tap since he moved there in 1951.

"I've had it where I had to hold my nose just to drink it," said Russell, 81, who spent a day earlier this month trolling the lake for bait minnows on the ruggedly picturesque shore with his 29-year-old son, Russell.

The elder Chambliss blames the water on his wife's digestive ailments, though there's no proof that the salt has been strong enough to cause long-term health effects.

Since the switch to bottled water, Chambliss said his wife "seems to be improving. She's better off than what she was before."

Williams, whose office is on the lake shore near Sanford, said the water doesn't cause serious health problems, but admits it's not very aesthetic.

Although bad now, the saltiness is manageable by blending the Lake Meredith water with fresh well water, but Williams says that's only a stopgap measure.

"The water quality is getting worse and worse," he said. "The water in the lake eventually could get so bad it wouldn't meet drinking water standards."

The scenic lake 35 miles north of Amarillo is more of an innocent bystander than a culprit. Constructed in the 1960s and named for A.A. Meredith, a city manager of nearby Borger, the lake is an extremely popular recreation stop and fishing hole.

The lake is fed by the Canadian River, which picks up its brackish cargo near the New Mexico border where a gargantuan aquifer of brine - up to 1-1/2 times saltier than sea water - seeps into the river through geological fissures.

The five-mile stretch of near where the brine seeps into the river that it

has developed its own ecosystem, complete with saltwater fish and other adaptable wildlife.

"The river is a very low spot," said Santa Fe, N.M.-based hydrologist Lee Wilson. "We have to lower the (artesian) pressure in the brine so it doesn't leak into it."

The aquifer is far too large to empty, so water officials hope to merely divert the pressurized flow to the surface rather than into the river.

For more than a decade, the proposed solution has encompassed drawing brine from a shallow well near the river, sending it through a short pipeline and injecting it about 4,500 feet deep into the ground.

Problem is, a recent pilot hole found that a mostly impermeable granite basement about 3,200 feet underground, making the original plan unworkable.

Officials are tinkering with other

ideas to freshen up the Canadian River, including piping brine to remote injection wells and building an evaporation facility that would produce pure water and salt, both of which can be sold.

"We do need to look at innovative options for handling brine," Wilson said.

The federal government has spent about \$2 million on the project, which was estimated to cost a total of \$11.5 million.

The injection project would take 10-12 years to work even if it were begun immediately, Williams said. A short-term solution is the purchase and use of ground water from Roberts County, a sparsely populated area in the northeastern Panhandle.

Salt is preventable, Williams says, and West Texans eventually will have to do something about it if Lake Meredith is to remain a viable reservoir

into the next century.

The \$80 million plan calls for mixing the Roberts County water with Lake Meredith's, improving the quality and quantity of tap water well into the 21st century.

Lubbock and Amarillo use about 75 percent of the lake's 118 gallon per day output.

"We get a few complaints about the salt," said Ron Freeman, Amarillo's director of utilities. "It's a problem for people on a low-sodium diet. We realize that it is corrosive to piping systems on water heaters and other things."

The water's sulfate concentrations, which come from innumerable sources around the lake and are unstoppable, can make tap water act as a natural laxative for people not used to it, Williams said.

"(Roberts County water) is an excellent short-term approach and will

provide an immediate improvement," said Williams, who expects the additional water to begin flowing by the end of the decade. "There is a danger of relying on it solely, though. It might get so bad eventually that that won't help anymore."

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation knew water quality would be marginal in 1960, five years before the lake was filled. The bureau began studying the problem in 1977 and decided in 1985 that injection was the most cost-effective method to rid it of salt.

Ten years later, a granite basement has returned officials to the drawing board.

"A lot of people are skeptical (desalination) is going to do any good anyway," Freeman said. "But if they can do anything to improve the water, we're all for it."

Effects of lake saltiness

LAKE MEREDITH, Texas (AP) - The salt content of Lake Meredith makes the water relied upon by 450,000 West Texans less desirable than water that comes out of taps in other places. Some of the reasons:

TASTE
Water in northwestern Texas tastes different than in other places. It was unusual enough to cause one Houston-area football recruit to spurn coming to Lubbock's Texas Tech University.

The salt is one problem, and naturally occurring sulfates are another. "The sulfate concentrations in the water make it taste soapy," said John Williams, general manager of the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, which supplies the lake's water to 11 cities.

Gypsum concentrations in the lake are more responsible for the taste than salt, and there is no manmade solution for it.

CORROSION
The water is tough on the pipes and machinery through which it runs, particularly water heaters.

"It's definitely a detriment to plumbing and a lot of factors," said Ron Freeman, Amarillo's director of utilities.

Businesses and others who use water softeners should be careful, too. The agents might actually mix with the water to make it even harsher on plumbing.

It also tends to cause water spots on cars washed with it.

HEALTH
Doctors sometimes instruct patients on low-sodium diets to rely on alternative sources, like bottled water.

Too much sodium has been linked to hardening of the arteries, high blood pressure and other circulatory problems.

"It's a problem with them," Freeman said.

DROUGHT
The current lack of rain only accentuates the salinity problem. While Williams said there's enough water in the lake to fully supply the authority's member cities for 3-5 years, the quality will decrease steadily.

"The lake is like a giant teapot," Williams said. "Water evaporates from the surface continually, and hot, dry winds make it worse."

"As water evaporates, chemicals are left. A lot of hot, dry weather will make the water quality progressively worse."

By LAURA MYERS
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - It took less than a minute for the first pupil to be knocked out of the National Spelling Bee today as three of the first 10 spellers suffered from letter-jumbling nerves.

"I knew the word. I just said it too fast," 13-year-old Logan Owen of Heber, Ariz., lamented after failing to correctly spell "asymmetric" by slipping in an extra "s."

His dad, Doug Owen, added: "Once it's out, you can't take it back."

Logan was the second speller to be eliminated in Round One as youngsters one after another sought enlightenment by asking for definitions, word origins and even taking in extra gulps of air to feed brain cells.

Before Logan, No. 3 Wiley Bogren, 11, of Fairbanks, Alaska, misspelled "foraminate," thereby making his hopes foraminatinate - perforated - as the audience sympathetically applauded Wiley as the first speller told to sit down.

John Henry, 12, of New Carlisle, Ind., was temporarily frozen when asked to spell "choreographer." A judge advised him to take three breaths and the room seemed to hold its breath as the sixth grader's effort

was amplified by his microphone - WHOOSH! he said at last before he answered: "koreographer."

The bell rang. Out. John made two fists and shouted, "Oh!"

The two-day, 69th annual Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee got under way with 247 contestants aged 10 to 15, from fourth grade to eighth, who won regional contests nationwide and in U.S. territories.

During Round One, to last all day, the children took turns in alphabetical order by state in trying to spell words from a list they were given weeks ago. They're usually the hardest, selected from the 1996 Paideia and the Additional Words section of the 1996 Sponsor Bee Guides.

By the halfway point of the first round, 18 of 129 were eliminated.

Jimmy McCarthy, the first profoundly deaf youngster to compete, moved ahead, correctly spelling, "diplopia" - a disorder of vision in which two images of a single object are seen. The 11-year-old goes to school in Land O Lakes, Fla.

The sixth-grader can detect some sound when he uses two hearing aids. He wore a radio device to let him hear the word announcer better. Jimmy's interpreter mouthed and signed the word, which often is difficult: About 400,000 words are in the

English-language dictionary but only 40,000 in sign language.

Jimmy signed the letters and said d-i-p-l-o-p-i-a for the judges.

During later rounds through the Thursday finals, words will be taken from Webster's Third New International Dictionary, a 14-pound monument to English and its many roots, from Greek to Germanic.

When a contestant misspells a word, a bell rings and the youngster is sent off stage into the Comfort Room. Tissues, snacks and a hug from Mom or Dad can be found there - along with a dictionary for double-checkers.

"Most kids handle it pretty well," said Jeff Hess, a Bee spokesman. "We've never had a fainter, but we have had a few who come off stage and get sick. You know, nerves and all."

The winner will receive a loving cup, \$5,000 from the Scripps Howard news organization, a \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond from Merriam-Webster, a Compaq personal computer and other prizes, including four round-trip tickets from United Airlines for travel within the continental United States.

The 1995 winner, Justin Tyler Carroll of Wynne, Ark., isn't

competing this year because as a ninth grader he is no longer eligible.

Most competitors are new. But among this year's spellers are a record-breaking five-time competitor, two four-timers, six in their third Bee and 33 trying for a second time.

Record-setter Amanda Burke, 13, said she would probably retire after this year, putting away her word lists and Webster's.

"I've been doing this since the second grade," the Gate City, Va., eighth-grader said. "I have had some great experiences. Every year it's new - anything can happen. But I'm thinking I'll retire after this."

The 1996 National Spelling Bee is the last one Amanda can compete in, as eighth grade marks the eligibility cutoff, but high school contests could keep her orthographic skills sharp through her senior year.

"I'm going to do one forensic spelling competition in a few weeks, but then that's it," she insisted. "It's time to do something else."

For now, she fondly remembers her best effort in 1993 when she made it to the sixth round before she was stumped by "farraginous" - formed of various materials in no fixed order or arrangement.

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Weather elements ravage crops in wide area of state

By MARK BABINECK
Associated Press Writer
LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) - Farmers in the drought-ravaged High Plains couldn't even get through a desperately needed downpour without hardship.

The showers dumped up to 4 inches in some parts of northwest Texas last weekend, a welcome relief for cotton farmers anxiously awaiting some moisture to plant crops.

Then came the winds. "Out here we probably lost about 80 to 90 percent of the cotton that was up," grower Don Langston said Tuesday.

Langston cultivates about 1,000 acres near Woodrow, eight miles south of Lubbock. About 500 acres were in the ground, he said, and now they're ruined.

The powerful deluge that began Friday and ended Sunday morning matted many farms down to a smooth mud cake. The gales that followed dried the soil and blew dust and sand across the fields in waves, burning up cotton plants in their paths.

"(The storms) probably did more damage than good," said grower Wayne Huffaker of Tahoka, south of Woodrow. "It rained too hard, then the 50 mph winds Sunday killed most of the irrigated cotton."

Elsewhere, hail and lightning-sparked fires further damaged a wheat harvest already plagued by the drought that is tormenting the southern Great Plains and southwestern United States.

The winds following the rain dried the top layer of soil, creating the blowing dust that gave much of the Lubbock area horizon a ruddy, bleak look afterward. Meanwhile, the soil was so wet underneath that it couldn't handle the weight of farm equipment.

"Everybody's been running (sand-fighting rigs) like crazy," said Huffaker, who added he's only seen one other storm followed by such high winds in his 35 years of cotton growing. "Tractors were getting stuck everywhere."

Sand fighting is unique to the sometimes dusty farms of northwest Texas. Growers pull large, spiked tills through the soil to roughen the terrain, blunting the effects of blowing sand and dust that collect on flat land.

The rains also will cause recently planted dryland cotton crops to sprout too early and die, victims of premature moisture above ground and not enough below to serve the plants' tap roots.

Dryland crops rely on rainfall for moisture.

Many growers south of Lubbock watched the clouds become an atmospheric Gatling gun, pelting fragile seedlings with hail. Even pea-sized stones can be a mortal blow to a cotton seedling.

"It would be like a 400- or 500-pound rock falling on your head," said Shawn Wade, spokesman for the Plains Cotton Growers group.

The storms benefited dryland farmers who hadn't planted yet. Dryland cottonseed must be in the ground by early to mid-June, and many farmers were holding out for one decent spring rain before planting.

"I've tried to wait and stay out of (dryland) and give it some time for the moisture to get into the ground," said Wilson farmer David Wied, who helplessly watched the wind wreck his irrigated cotton last weekend. "Some areas are going to be iffy because they've been so dry for so long."

Farmers say irrigated cotton, which develops more slowly than dryland plants, must be resown by Friday at the latest. Then they must hope for two or three gentle summer rain showers and a hot, dry September with no early cold spells.

"It's a big quandary, but we'll work out of it," Huffaker said.

Courthouse Records

COUNTY COURT DISPOSITIONS

State vs. Ida Sotelo, 27, criminal mischief; 120 days probated one year, \$195 court costs, May 7.

State vs. Shawn Dale Malone, 19, reckless driving; 30 days probated one year, \$300 fine, \$187 court costs, May 13.

State vs. Evangelina Reyes, 51, theft; 90 days probated one year, \$200 fine, \$187 court costs, May 14.

State vs. Macedonia Romero, 36, theft by check; 25 days in jail, \$100 fine, \$175 court costs, May 15.

State vs. Roger Pickens, 38, theft by check; 180 days probated one year, \$100 fine, \$195 court costs, May 15.

State vs. Lionel Guerra, 26, driving while license suspended; 15 days in jail, \$100 fine, \$187 court costs, May 15.

State vs. Jorge P. Avila, 43, assault; 180 days probated two years, \$187 court costs, May 15.

State vs. Monica Rangel, 22, bail jumping and failure to appear; \$187 court costs, May 15.

State vs. Lionel Guerra, 26, bail jumping and failure to appear; 15 days in jail, \$175 court costs, May 15.

State vs. Brian A. Hubbard, 23, evading arrest; 180 days in jail, \$175 court costs, May 15.

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State vs. Jackie Pickens Murphey, 39, theft by check; 180 days probated two years, \$100 fine, \$187 court costs, May 15.

State vs. Joshua Lopez, 19, fraudulent destruction; 12 days in jail, \$187 court costs, May 15.

State vs. Jesse Matthew Tijerina, 18, criminal mischief; 75 days probated one year, \$50 fine, \$187 court costs, May 15.

State vs. Pablo Murillo Jr., 28, assault; 10 months in jail, \$175 court costs, May 15.

State vs. Tony Salazar Jr., 18, false identification to peace officer; 120 days in jail, \$187 court costs, May 15.

State vs. Johnny Morris, 28, theft; 90 days probated one year, \$150 fine, \$187 court costs, May 15.

State vs. John Frank Cook Jr., 34, terroristic threat; 75 days in jail, \$2,000 fine, \$195 court costs, May 21.

State vs. John Frank Cook Jr., 34, terroristic threat; 75 days probated two years, \$2,000, \$195 court costs, May 21.

State vs. Connie Torres, 28, theft by check; 90 days probated one year, \$100 fine, \$187 court costs, May 22.

State vs. Lamont Johnson, 17, assault; 20 days in jail, \$175 court costs, May 22.

State vs. Debra Gonzales Lopez, 31, theft by check; 180 days probated two years, \$100 fine, \$187 court costs, May 22.

State vs. Joel Jackson, 25, criminal trespass; 30 days in jail, \$187 court costs, May 22.

State vs. James Willie Vaughn, 37, criminal trespass, 30 days in jail, \$175 court costs, May 22.

State vs. James Willie Vaughn, 37, evading arrest; 30 days in jail, \$175 court costs, May 22.

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State vs. Julian Benito Benavidez, order appointing attorney, Marshall White, May 8.

State vs. Linda Uvalle, order appointing attorney, Kent Canada, May 8.

State vs. Callentano Villarreal Jr., order revoking probation for burglary of motor vehicle, six years in Texas

Department of Criminal Justice institutional division, May 9.

In the matter of Yolanda Alaniz and Jose Cesar Castro, protective order, May 9.

State vs. Linda Uvalle, order appointing attorney, Gerald Gamboa, May 10.

State vs. Ricardo Jose Macias, amended order deferring judgment and granting probation of seven years for aggravated assault, May 7.

In the marriage of Roberto Guardilova Valdez and Mary Helen Valdez, final decree of divorce, May 13.

State vs. Armando Bustamante Jr., agreed order modifying probation, May 13.

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State vs. Billy Parrack, order revoking probation on delivery of marijuana and sentence to seven years, Texas Department of Criminal Justice institutional division, May 13.

State vs. Cynthia Thompson, order revoking probation for forgery by passing and sentence to eight years, Texas Department of Criminal Justice institutional division, May 13.

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