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Bomer OKs increase in car insurance benchmark rate

RAIN!

By JUAN B. ELIZONDO Jr.
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AUSTIN (AP) - Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer has approved a 3.2 percent increase in the state auto benchmark.

But insurers say that does not mean a rate increase for every Texas driver.

Insurance companies can set their rates within a "flex band" that stretches from 30 percent above to 30

percent below the benchmark rate. They said many are below the benchmark.

Rob Schneider, an attorney with Consumers Union Southwest Regional Office, said while a rate increase is not welcomed, consumers can be glad that only a small increase was approved.

The new benchmark, announced Wednesday, takes effect Aug. 1. In other rate decisions, Bomer:

- Increased the benchmark rate for high-risk motorists insured through the Texas Automobile Insurance Plan Association by 20.1 percent. With increases to the cost of optional coverages, the TAIPA increase totals 25.9 percent. TAIPA covers about 2 percent of all Texas drivers. The association had sought a 46.5 percent increase.
- Decreased the benchmark for commercial vehicles by 3.7 percent.

There are 52 rate territories in Texas. The 3.2 percent increase in standard auto insurance represents an average of the changes approved in each area.

"Whatever the local impact of the benchmark, policyholders' actual rates won't necessarily change in the same way. With more than 200 car insurers offering a wide range of rates, consumers should shop around for the best deal," said Lyndon Anderson, associate commissioner serving as temporary acting commissioner because Bomer is ill.

Insurers have until Sept. 1 to file their rates under the new benchmark. They said some rates will not change and some will go down.

"Despite allegations to the contrary, any changes in the benchmark rate for private passenger auto insurance does not mean that premiums are going up for a large portion of Texas drivers," said Jerry

Johns, president of Southwest Insurance Information Service, an insurance industry group.

But Bill Thornton, chairman of Texas Automobile Insurance Service Office, another insurance industry group, warned that the slight increase may not be enough to cover expected claims.

"If insurers perceive that the limited increase in the benchmark rates is inadequate to cover the losses and expenses of riskier drivers whose rates are already close to the top of the flex band, they may have little choice but to decline to offer coverage," he said.

TAISO had recommended an 11.3 percent increase to the statewide benchmark.

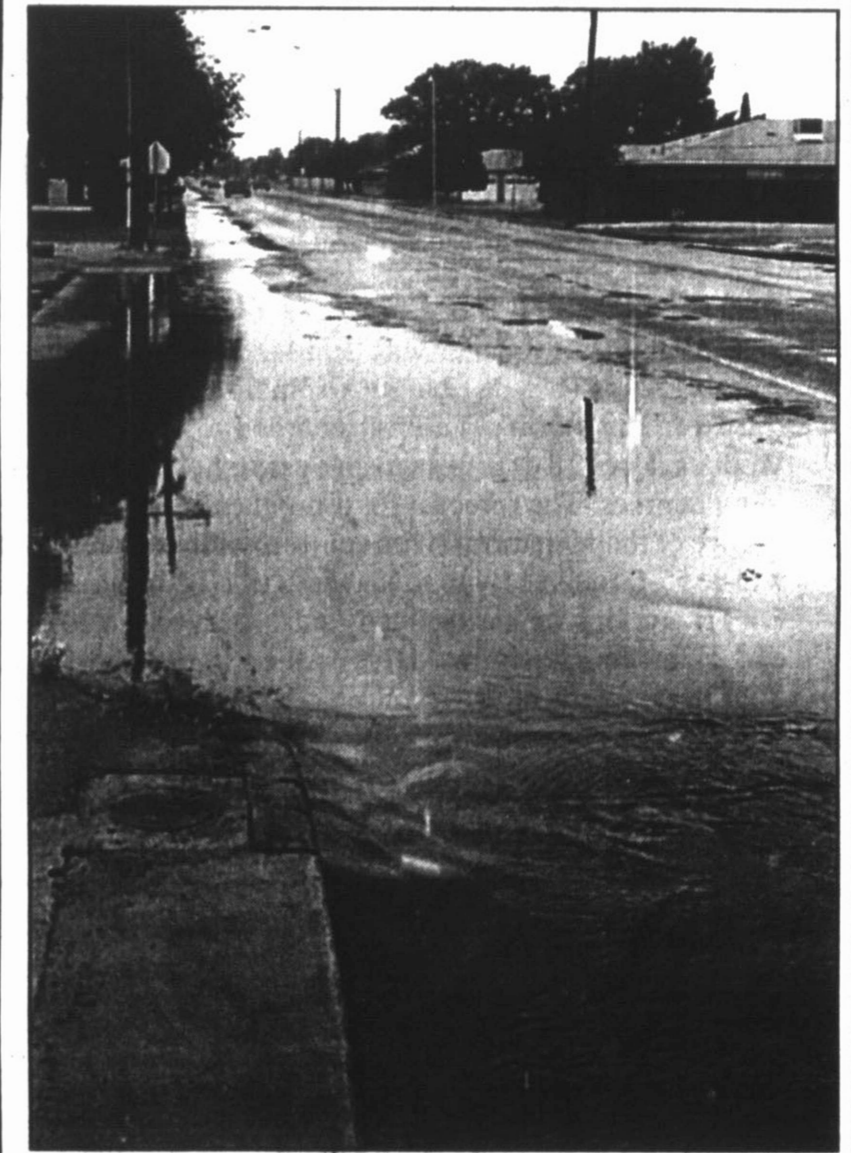
The statewide average increase is about half of the 6.3 percent increase recommended by two state administrative law judges who considered recommendations from insurers and consumer groups.

Others in the insurance industry had sought a 6.5 percent increase. The Office of Public Insurance Counsel, a state office that argues insurance issues for consumers, suggests a 2.1 percent increase.

"I'm very pleased with the commissioner's decision," said Rod Bordelon, head of OPIC. "We're telling (insurers) that an overall increase of 3.2 percent is appropriate."

As for the increase for drivers in the high-risk pool, Schneider said, "We are alarmed that thousands of Texans who are good drivers but must buy coverage from TAIPA have been hit again with a hefty, double-digit rate increase."

Under state law, benchmark rates for auto and home insurance are reviewed each year. The process will begin again later this year.



What's this stuff?

Residents traveling Moreman Street near U.S. 385 -- and other parts of town -- this morning saw something unusual on their windshields and running down the gutters of the street. Rain fell intermittently throughout the morning, bringing slight relief from nearly a year without much moisture at all. Fire Marshal Jay Spain reported about 0.06 of an inch of rain had fallen by 11 a.m., which will slightly mitigate the 0.37 of an inch of evaporation recorded on Sunday.

Look at area rate hikes

AUSTIN (AP) - A look at what the "typical motorists" pay under the current benchmark in some of the area rating territories, plus what those drivers will pay under the new benchmarks that take effect Aug. 1 and the percentage change, according to the Texas Department of Insurance.

Typical motorists are defined as men between the ages of 25 and 64 and women between the ages of 21 and 64. They have no at-fault accidents or major traffic convictions, drive to and from work and carry the minimum liability coverages required by law - \$20,000 bodily injury liability per person, \$40,000 bodily injury

liability per accident and \$15,000 property damage liability.

Typical motorists drive a 1995 Ford Taurus sedan and purchase optional collision coverage (\$250 deductible) and comprehensive coverage (\$100 deductible).

Rates for particular individuals and insurance companies will vary:

Panhandle counties -- \$481.00 now, new rate \$509.00, 5.80 percent increase.

Potter, Randall counties -- \$524.00 now, new rate \$554.00, 5.70 percent increase.

Lubbock County -- \$547.00, 7.30 percent decrease.

Severe weather continues to bring destruction to Kentucky

By ANN GIBSON
Associated Press Writer

PIONEER VILLAGE, Ky. (AP) - Amid the debris left by a punishing tornado, Dwight Hoskins found a treasure.

"We found a swimming pool cover out in the road," Hoskins said Wednesday. "I nailed it up over the hole in my roof."

Some 1,150 homes were believed damaged by the twister that struck about dinnertime Tuesday in suburbs south of Louisville. Of those homes, 192 were destroyed, and more than 250 sustained major damage. No serious injuries were reported.

North Bullitt High was converted into a shelter for people who couldn't return to their homes - or what was left of them.

"There's nothing left but the basement - three walls of the basement," said Randall Jones.

Jones said his only warning was a call from his sister, who was at work and heard there was a tornado in his neighborhood. He made it to the basement with seven other family

members.

The tornado, which meteorologists said packed winds in excess of 150 mph, cut a seven-mile swath through Bullitt County, then headed eastward and destroyed 15 homes in Spencer County, where 40 other homes were damaged.

Barbara Abell said the noise was deafening.

"They always say it sounds like a train but it sounded like a jet plane to me," she said. "My dog was barking but I couldn't hear him."

She weathered the storm in a bedroom closet, and her home had only minor damage.

By mid-afternoon Wednesday, fire and rescue workers had all but completed a door-to-door check to assess damage. Sunlight streamed into roofless homes as residents hustled to salvage their belongings. Other homes lay in a ruin of bricks and blown-out windows.

Access to the damaged areas was restricted to residents. Kentucky State Police and National Guard troops provided extra security and a curfew

was imposed for a second night Wednesday.

Severe spring weather continued Wednesday with strong storms in North Carolina and Texas.

In Durham, N.C., a National Weather Service radio station that is supposed to issue weather warnings was knocked off the air. Authorities said the transmitter had been hit by lightning.

A tornado touched down in Rowan County, northeast of Charlotte, damaging a storage building. Funnel clouds and hail also were reported in other counties, though damage was limited to downed trees and power lines.

Meanwhile, a small west Texas ranching town was pummeled by a tornado and baseball-sized hail.

Hail piled up 6 inches deep in and around Mertzon, a town of about 650 residents about 30 miles southwest of San Angelo, officials said.

"It ripped every tree here," said resident Velia Martin.



Creative bicycling

Jamie Holman, on bicycle, gives Heather Calkins a free ride as they travel the street looking for fun summer activities. They were just two of the many who took advantage of Wednesday's ideal weather for being outdoors.

Local resident announces plan for greeter service for new residents McManigal plans to begin July 1

By GARRY WESNER
Managing Editor

If a Hereford man has his way, future new residents to the city will be greeted with packets containing business promotions and non-profit organization invitations.

Mike McManigal, a Hereford High School teacher who has lived here two years, has begun collecting incentives to use in a new "Greeter Service" to be offered beginning July 1 in Hereford.

"I'm going to spend a month lining up incentives and I'm going to kick it off July first," he said, adding that preliminary contacts with local business people have been met with interest.

McManigal said a similar project has been offered in the past, but is currently not being done.

Under his service, he said, local businesses will subscribe to the service for \$3 a month, which entitles them to provide to McManigal one

paper insert promoting that business.

These items, he said, can be coupons, gift certificates, free offers or other incentives. He cannot accept product samples.

"This is to lure them in to your establishment," he said. Each company will be limited to one paper item and will be asked as a condition of their subscription to provide McManigal with the items when he requests them and in the desired quantities.

In addition, non-profit organizations such as churches, civic clubs, study clubs and the like have been invited to provide inserts to McManigal's greeter service.

Those groups will be allowed to participate at no cost.

McManigal said the city, county, hospital and school district also will participate with inserts.

"Really what I plan to do, there will be two packets. One packet will be for the merchants, one will be for

the non-profit organizations.

McManigal said he has received cooperation from utility companies to provide him with listings of new customers on a regular basis.

Those new listings will be used to acquire the names of new residents, who will be delivered a packet within two weeks of McManigal receiving their names.

McManigal said he decided to provide the service to welcome new residents -- like himself -- to Hereford.

"I just love it (Hereford)," he said, adding that he plans to make his permanent home here.

McManigal said he plans to continue teaching at Hereford High School, and that the greeter service is a side endeavor for himself -- and something to keep him busy after retirement in the future.

Local business people interested in the service may call McManigal at 364-7721 for more information.

Visiting judge issues sentences in 222nd District Court session

A seven-year prison sentence was imposed Wednesday on a defendant in 222nd District Court after revocation of probation. Three defendants entered guilty pleas to charges against them and terms of probation were modified for two defendants.

Visiting Judge H. Bryan Poff, sitting by assignment in the court, ordered Roel Robledo, 26, to serve seven years in Texas Department of Criminal Justice institutional division after revoking probation. He had been sentenced to an eight-year probation term on conviction for possession of marijuana.

A guilty plea was entered by Jeremiah Lanny Virden, 41, to a charge of theft over \$1,500, under \$20,000. A state jail term of two

years, probated five years, was assessed.

A six-year probated term was given Elsie Martinez, 23, on her plea of guilty to tampering with government records. She also was fined \$500.

On a guilty plea to criminal non-support by Jeffrey Wade Garrett, 30, Judge Poff imposed a two-year state jail sentence, probated for five years. A \$1,000 fine was levied, also.

Terms of probation were modified on sentences previously given Miguel Dominguez, 36, for injury to an elderly individual and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. He was ordered to counseling, electronic monitoring and intensive supervision.

On the state's motion to revoke probation of Julian Benito Benavidez,

previously convicted of burglary of a building, Judge Poff signed an agreed order modifying terms of probation. The defendant was ordered to enter a restitution center at Abilene.

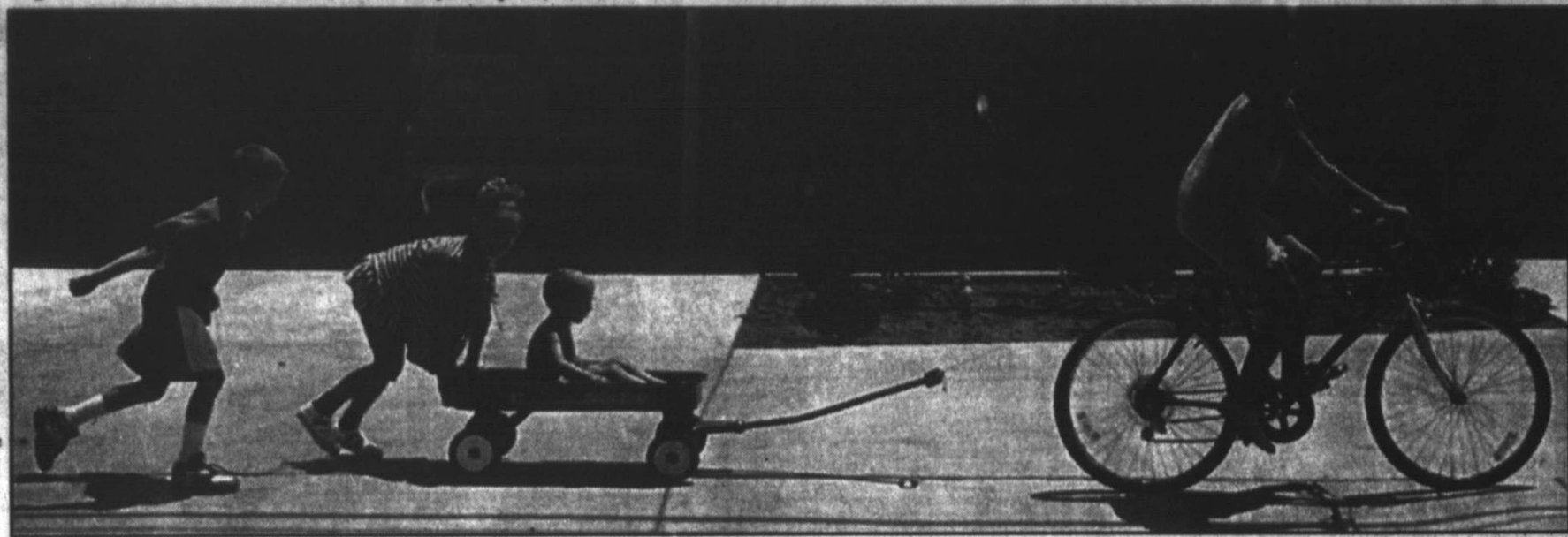
In a 222nd District Court sitting last Thursday, Judge David Wesley Gully heard a guilty plea by Andrew Lee Fennell, 36, charged with possession of a controlled substance, cocaine. Fennell was sentenced to a two-year term in a state jail, probated five years, and fined \$1,500.

Judge Gully also signed an agreed order modifying terms of probation of Rachel Rodriguez Fortuna, serving an eight-year probation sentence for forgery by passing. She was ordered to enter and complete a program at a restitution center.

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...and even more creative bicycling
Hitching a free ride behind a bicycle is not an original idea. Getting a ride in the wagon is Kyle Burfield, while Monica Scroggins pedals the bike, Jori Porter gives a push and David Burfield follows, waiting for his turn to ride.

Welfare recipients must sign promise or risk benefit loss

By **TERRI LANGFORD**
Associated Press Writer
HOUSTON (AP) - Starting this weekend, welfare recipients in Texas must agree to move off the dole and into the workplace or risk losing some of their monthly benefits.

Beginning Saturday, all Texas parents or guardians receiving Aid To Families with Dependent Children must promise to sign a personal responsibility agreement with the state that says they will enroll in a job training program.

"It is a statement of principle in our state," said Gov. George W. Bush, who unveiled the program in Houston on Wednesday. "It now says that you're responsible."

The pact marks a dramatic step for Texas in trying to pare the welfare rolls, a move promised during Bush's campaign.

receive Medicaid and food-stamp assistance that pushes the monthly taxpayer subsidy to an average of more than \$800 a month.

The pact requires adult AFDC recipients to accept these responsibilities:

- Enroll in a job program.
- Cooperate with child-support requirements to establish paternity and help obtain child support for children in each household.
- Not voluntarily quit a job without good cause.
- Ensure that your children get medical and dental checkups and are immunized properly.
- Ensure that each child receiving AFDC stays in school unless the child has a high-school diploma or a general-equivalency diploma.
- Attend parenting classes if asked to do so.
- Remain drug free.

Recipients who are unable to work because of physical ailments will not be required to enroll in a drug program. However, those parents or guardians who fail to sign or comply with the program will have their individual benefits suspended.

Bush defended the tactic, brushing aside criticism that revoking benefits from an irresponsible mother could lead that mother to abuse the children's monthly aid check.

"A mother who abuses her children is going to do so. An AFDC payment is not going to be a trigger," Bush said. "That's a mental problem, not a financial problem."

AFDC recipients do not have to undergo drug testing. But if a state case worker suspects an AFDC parent of drug abuse, the parent's portion of the benefit will be suspended.

Last year in Austin, lawmakers approved numerous changes to welfare in Texas, including up to a three-year limit on benefits and a requirement that mothers identify the fathers of children receiving assistance.

Many of the changes required federal approval before taking effect. That approval came in March from U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala.

However, most AFDC families

Local Roundup

Rain chances return to forecast

The rumble of thunder was heard in Hereford in the early morning hours Thursday, but KPAN Radio reported no moisture fell from the storm. The city recorded a high temperature Wednesday of 78 degrees and an overnight low this morning of 60 degrees. The forecast for tonight calls for a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms, with some possibly severe. The low will be 55-60 degrees with south winds of 10-20 mph and gusty. For Friday, look for partly cloudy and breezy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. High will be in the mid-80s with Southwest winds of 10-15 mph.

News Digest

National

JERUSALEM - The election battle over Israel's leadership and the course of Mideast peacemaking remained an open question as the last votes were counted, with ballots split almost evenly between Prime Minister Shimon Peres and hard-line challenger Benjamin Netanyahu. Results may not be known until as late as Sunday, when absentee ballots can be counted.

WASHINGTON - Whitewater suddenly got simpler, which makes it harder for President Clinton to handle politically. The intricacies of the case, at trial and in congressional testimony, were eclipsed by the guilty verdict in Little Rock. The very complexity of the charges had deflected it as a campaign issue, but the convictions in Little Rock were instantly translated by Republicans into words anybody can understand. Words like guilty, influence-wielding, cronies, cover-up.

WASHINGTON - Concerned about possibly losing a safe seat, House Republican leaders have talked privately of trying to ease Rep. Wes Cooley off the November ballot if he can't clear up questions about his past, congressional sources say.

State

AUSTIN - Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer on Wednesday approved a 3.2 percent increase to the statewide target for auto insurance rates. The benchmark rate varies across the state. Insurers can set rates 30 percent above or below the benchmark. Jerry Johns, an industry spokesman, said the increase is meaningless because many insurers set rates below the benchmark.

AUSTIN - The state attorney general says transit authorities can't use the state criminal-trespass law to keep people from carrying handguns on buses. And the concealed-gun law's chief author, Sen. Jerry Patterson, said the attorney general's opinion means that existing transit authority gun bans are unenforceable.

HOUSTON - Gov. George W. Bush on Wednesday unveiled the state's new personal responsibility agreement for welfare recipients during a tour of a welfare-to-work program at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital. Beginning June 1, all Texas welfare recipients will have to sign the pact, which stipulates that they must work, learn or train in return for taxpayers' assistance. They must also remain drug-free and keep their children immunized and in school.

WASHINGTON - A denunciation of immigrants rights, religious and union organizations Wednesday denounced proposed House and Senate legislation that would put stringent restrictions on legal immigrants' access to federal services, including medical care, English classes and immunizations.

WASHINGTON - Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison is disputing congressional investigators' findings that a Pentagon push to privatize more of its \$1.5 billion annual equipment repair workload could jeopardize military readiness and cost taxpayers more.

Emergency Services

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

HEREFORD POLICE

A 31-year-old male was arrested in the 500 block of Jackson for public intoxication.

A fight was reported in the 200 block of Avenue F, where two adult males got into a verbal argument, which turned into a fist fight, during which one of the men pulled a knife. No injuries were reported and no charges are being filed.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 400 block of Avenue G.

An 8-year-old boy allegedly threw a rock through a neighbor's window in the 300 block of Irving. No charges will be filed due to the age of the suspect.

Assault was reported at Dameron Park, where a teenage boy allegedly assaulted another boy with a bat. Aggravated assault charges are pending.

A woman's diamond ring valued at \$5,500 was reported stolen from a business in the 500 block of East Park Avenue.

Several teenage males were caught by police stealing barricade lights at Kingwood and Plains. The group ran,

and two were caught. Names of the other teens were obtained. Charges of theft, fleeing from a peace officer and reckless driving are pending.

Officers issued eight traffic citations.

There were three curfew violation citations issued.

There was one minor traffic accident reported at U.S. 385 and 13th Street.

DEAF SMITH SHERIFF
A 40-year-old male was arrested on a DWI commitment.

A 32-year-old male was arrested on a driving while license suspended commitment.

A 33-year-old male was arrested on a violation of probation (criminal non-support) commitment.

A 24-year-old female was arrested on a surrender of surety warrant (theft by check).

A 56-year-old male was arrested by the Department of Public Safety for DWI.

Dog bite was reported.
An abandoned vehicle left on a roadway was reported. The vehicle was towed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT
Volunteer firefighters were called out at 2:30 p.m. to a wreck rescue at U.S. 385 and 14th Street.

Appeals courts may rule on facts in trial decisions

By **JUAN B. ELIZONDO Jr.**
Associated Press Writer
AUSTIN (AP) - In Texas courtrooms, juries determine whether evidence presented as fact is true, and judges make sure that laws are followed.

On rare occasions, though, trial judges can decide that juries have made a wrong decision about the facts and can overrule their decisions.

On Wednesday, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals reaffirmed a decision that appeals courts also can review jury decisions on facts and can overrule them if they are judged to be overwhelmingly wrong.

"The courts of appeals do not possess 'fact-finding authority' but may 'unfind' a fact determination that the jury has found or failed to find," the state's highest criminal appeals court said in an opinion released earlier this year.

Backing up that decision, the court on Wednesday sent 11 cases back to lower appeals courts to review questions of fact raised by convicted criminals. The court did not reverse the convictions, but ordered the lower courts to determine if the juries' decisions were correct.

The Court of Criminal Appeals said jury decisions could be overturned by appeals courts only if they were "so contrary to the overwhelming weight of the evidence as to be clearly wrong and unjust."

Prosecutors have argued that giving appeals judges the ability to overturn juries' decisions undermines the jury system.

But John Boston, executive director of the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, said that's not the case.

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Clinton calls for curfew for under-17 Conservative themes to be tested in New Orleans speech

By **SONYA ROSS**
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - Sounding a conservative theme, President Clinton is embracing tough curfews to fight crime: Kids under 17 should be off the streets at 8 p.m. on school nights.

Clinton will offer his recommendations for successful curfews today in New Orleans, where a strict "dusk to dawn" curfew is credited with reducing juvenile crime by 27 percent and lowering auto theft by 42 percent.

He will deliver a speech before a women's group of the Church of God in Christ on "a specific type of safety program for kids," White House spokesman Mike McCurry said Wednesday.

Today's trip provides a good sounding board for the president to test his conservative themes. Louisiana is a conservative state that gave Clinton 42 percent of the vote in 1992 and has a healthy number of swing voters.

Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole used the crime issue in a report is to act as a guide in how to establish curfews that can

withstand a constitutional challenge. The most successful programs, Justice officials said, use "creative community involvement" to attack "the root causes of juvenile delinquency and victimization."

"Law enforcement professionals generally view a juvenile curfew ordinance as an effective means to combat late evening crime," department officials wrote. "However, curfews are also intended to protect youth from becoming victims of crime."

Officials recommend that curfews fulfill seven criteria:

- A curfew center to receive violators.
 - Volunteers and social service professionals at the curfew centers.
 - Counseling or other referrals for families.
 - Fines or community service sentences for repeat offenders.
 - Recreation or jobs programs.
 - Anti-drug and anti-gang programs.
 - Hotlines for follow-up services.
- Clinton is embracing curfews enacted in Dallas, Phoenix, Chicago, Denver, Jacksonville, Fla., and North

Little Rock, Ark., White House officials said. The New Orleans campaign swing in California just a day earlier, calling the president an election-year convert to the fight against illegal drugs.

Dole said society must help children who "never have a chance in America," but he also urged strict punishment for youths drawn to gangs and drugs. "We can beat gangs and we can beat drugs if we work together," Dole said during a visit to a public park once threatened by gangs.

New Orleans' curfew is similar to those in six other cities that require youngsters to be off the streets at night and steer violators to curfew centers where they receive counseling.

A curfew report being issued today by the Justice Department says the best curfews provide exceptions for youths who are married, accompanied by an adult, traveling to or from work, responding to an emergency or participating in a supervised school, church or recreational event.

Media evicted by FBI from hillside overlooking Freeman compound

By **HAL SPENCER**
Associated Press Writer
JORDAN, Mont. (AP) - The FBI evicted the media from their hillside vantage point overlooking the Freeman compound, then turned on a portable generator that could be used to further isolate the anti-government fugitives.

Federal authorities said there were no immediate plans to cut power to the 960-acre ranch, and denied their actions were a prelude to the FBI moving against the Freeman.

Reporters and cameramen were ordered to leave Wednesday after a Fox network news crew arranged interviews with the Freeman without telling the government beforehand.

"The negotiators have their own strategy for contacting the Freeman and don't want this kind of disruption," said a senior federal official in Washington, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The hill was less than a mile from the Freeman's main house and the fugitives were able to communicate with the media by leaving notes at a

fence half a mile from the journalists. Access to the compound is now severed, by an FBI roadblock and sheer distance - journalists are barred from coming any closer than 2 miles.

The media representatives left the hill about 10 minutes ahead of the FBI's 9 p.m. deadline Wednesday, some relocating nearly 3 miles away on a privately owned hilltop. It offers only a distant view of the ranch where the Freeman have been hiding out since March 25, when two of their leaders were arrested.

"We're trying to do everything we can to peacefully resolve the situation and we will continue those efforts," Attorney General Janet Reno said in Washington.

Fox chairman Roger Ailes said the journalists were being used as scapegoats, adding in a statement that the FBI had planned to remove the media well before his staff made contact with the Freeman.

The fugitives responded by distributing two batches of press releases defending the journalists and

urging them to stand up for the right to remain on the road.

"If you cannot occupy the county road near Justus Township, Montana state, United States of America, you cannot go anywhere without the permission of your masters," they said.

In addition to the roadblocks and eviction demand, one of two large generators was running. The generators were brought in to provide electricity to area ranches if the Freeman compound is cut off.

But U.S. Attorney Sherry Matteucci said power to the compound has not been cut off and there were no immediate plans to do so.

Matteucci emphasized that the eviction order, signed by U.S. District Judge James Burns of Portland, Ore., did not portend a move against the Freeman.

"This is no indicator that any dramatic change in the status of the situation is occurring or about to occur," she said. "There are no changes planned in the handling of the situation."

Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) - No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were: 6, 16, 19, 20, 23 and 28. Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Saturday night's game will be \$25 million.

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

2-2-1 (two, two, one)

AUSTIN (AP) - Four tickets matched all five numbers Tuesday night in the Cash Five drawing, with the big payoff \$70,736 apiece.

The winning Cash Five numbers were: 17-22-24-28-29.

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Lifestyles

Two area high schools name top students during recent Commencement exercises

Top students were recognized during recent Commencement exercises at Vega High School and Adrian High School.

The 1996 Vega High School valedictorian is Amber Dawn Cousins with a grade point average of 95.73. She is the daughter of Kathy Wheeler and Don Cousins and the granddaugh-

ter of Harold and Wynema Wheeler of Vega.

Amber participated in UIL events, was secretary of the National Honor Society and received the Best Citizenship Girl Award. She plans to attend West Texas A&M University in the fall and pursue a career in writing.

Keith Alan Brorman is the

salutatorian of the Vega class of 1996 with a grade point average of 93.84. He is the son of Tony and Dorothy Brorman of Vega.

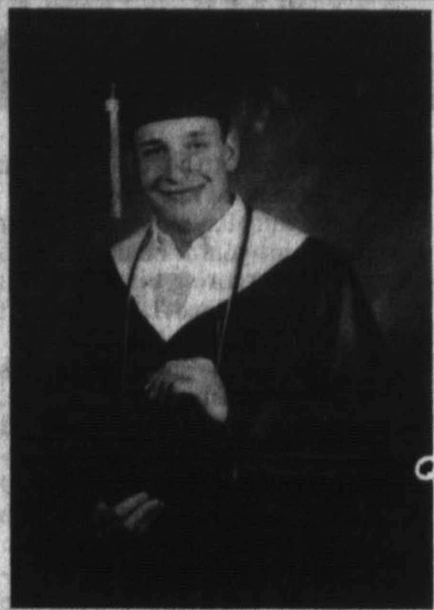
He has been involved in football, basketball, golf, and FFA and was named the Best Male Athlete. Keith has been a class officer for three years and president of the National Honor Society. He plans to attend Texas Tech University in the fall and study in the field of agriculture.

Richard and Connie Harwood of Adrian.

Her extra-curricular activities included cheerleading, Student Council, track, basketball, cross-country, golf, one-act play and UIL academic events. She was awarded the Adrian High School Business and Spanish Award and was on the "A" honor roll. She plans to attend Texas A&M and major in business administration.



AMBER COUSINS



KEITH BRORMAN



JENNIFER BRORMAN



MELANIE HARWOOD

Openings still available for Girl Scout camps

Registration for summer resident and day camps at Girl Scout Camp Kiwanis is in full swing and a few openings are still available.

Girl Scout Camp Kiwanis is open both to Girl Scouts and non-Girl Scouts ages 6-16 throughout the Panhandle. Those who are not registered Girl Scouts must pay an additional \$20 fee or join Girl Scouts

for \$6. The camping season runs from June 11 to July 28, with sessions from two or three days in length to one or two weeks.

Camp fees range from \$50 for two days to \$160 for 13 days, with most one-week (6-day) sessions costing \$100. Specialized programs, such as gold camp or advanced horseback riding, cost more. A canoeing unit is available, as well as a "Grease Paint, Song and Dance" session for would be performers.

Other camp activities include swimming, tennis, volleyball, archery, horseback riding, and arts and crafts. Interested persons may obtain a camp booklet with details of the various camp sessions from the council office, 6011 W. 45th, Amarillo, phone 806-356-0096 or 800-687-4475.

Children with disabilities are welcome. Parents or guardians of children with special needs should contact the council to discuss the best placement for their child.

Rebekahs hear reports

Hereford Rebekah Lodge #228 met Tuesday evening with 11 members attending.

Noble grand Anna Conklin presided at the business session.

Six visits to the sick, 18 cheer cards, nine dishes of food delivered and three flowers or memorials were reported.

Memorial flags totaling 114 were displayed on graves of deceased members on Memorial Day.

Jessie Matthews read "Meanest Mom" in Good of the Order. "My Mother," an original poem by Sue Andrews, daughter of Susie Curtsinger was read.

Congratulations were extended to Ursalee Jacobsen, Pioneer of the Year.

Appreciation for the support of the bake sale was expressed. Proceeds will go to Arthritis Foundation, Visual Research and other charities supported by I.O.O.F. and Rebekah Lodges.

Matthews served refreshments to Conklin, Curtsinger, Dorothy Lundry, Tony Irlbeck, Peggy Lemons, Ben Conklin, Irene Merritt, Rosalie Northcutt and Lucille Lindeman.

Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: My 78-year-old grandmother has lived in the same apartment building for 50 years. She receives disability payments plus Social Security. She has one small problem. She loves to gamble.

Grandma, it seems, is always late paying her rent. Once, she asked the landlord to wait for several months. She ended up borrowing money from questionable sources and had to pay a horrendous amount of interest. Now, it seems she is in the same kettle of stew again. She owes six months of back rent. Her big-hearted landlord is fed up, and Grandma has received an eviction notice.

Last week, she came to me and asked for a loan. Ann, I work very hard and have finally managed to put a small amount of money in the bank. When I told my husband that Grandma needed another loan, he blew a gasket. I decided not to lend Grandma the money. She screamed at me and threatened to jump off the roof.

I feel guilty because I love Grandma, but I need to know if I am wrong or right. -- Astoria, N.Y.

Dear Astoria: Tell Grandma this is the last time you are bailing her out and make it stick. Insist that she go to Gamblers Anonymous. Look it up in the phone book, and take her to the first meeting. This organization is truly phenomenal.

Dear Ann Landers: I found this prayer when I went through some things I had been saving for almost 30 years. I have no idea who wrote it or where it came from. If you think it would have some value for your readers, please print it. -- Loyal Fan in Detroit

Dear Detroit: I hope this prayer will be put in plastic and taped to the dashboards of thousands of cars. It could save lives. Here it is:

Perrin named on spring honor roll

Sarah C. Perrin from Hereford was listed on the University of Oklahoma Norman campus honor roll for the spring 1996 semester.

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Dear Ann Landers: Those wonderful old Burma Shave signs made driving along the highways much more interesting. Here's one I recall seeing on my first trip out west in 1942 when I went to visit my grandparents. Please print it for old time's sake. -- Irene

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Names in the news

NEW YORK (AP)-- Seems more people prefer the gospel sounds of Andy Griffith to the urban angst of Alice in Chains.

Over the past few weeks, a gospel album by the actor has been climbing the popular charts. This week the disc hit No. 78 -- above Seattle grunge stars Alice in Chains.

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Sports

27 claims Scramble

A foursome shot a sizzling 27 to win the weekly Wednesday Scramble at Pitman Municipal Golf Course. Craig Nieman, Jim Yeager, Steve Sanders and Perry Ray teamed up to win the event. The second-place team was two strokes back at 29. The members of that team were Dave Kaesheimer, Connie Martin, Mary Haun, Gayle Cornelius and Ed Sanders.

Morris not welcome by Steelers

PITTSBURGH (AP) - Bam Morris will be a no-show at the Pittsburgh Steelers' minicamp this weekend. And it is the team that is telling him not to show.

Coach Bill Cowher has not talked with the former Texas Tech star since the running back's March arrest in Texas on two felony drug charges. But he made it known to Morris that he should stay away from minicamp. "We initiated the decision, and we made the decision we felt was in the best interests of our football team," Cowher said Wednesday. "We think the focus of this camp should be on football and the upcoming season, so we think he should remain in Texas at this time."

The Steelers' draft-day trade for Jerome Bettis and their distancing themselves from Morris are signs the troubled running back may not play for them soon even if he is cleared of charges.

"We will make a decision that clearly defines where everybody is at some point in the near future, but not at this time," Cowher said.

Morris, the Steelers' top rusher last season, is scheduled to stand trial July 15 in Rockwall County, Texas. That is the same day the team reports to training camp.

The decision to keep Morris out of minicamp was not made with any knowledge of how the legal proceedings may conclude, Cowher said. "We're waiting to see what happens, and that in itself may answer a lot of questions," Cowher said.

Tech's Bryant makes all-star team

HOUSTON (AP) - Four players including third baseman Clint Bryant of Texas Tech and pitcher R.A. Dickey of Tennessee were named again to the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association all-star team.

The awards, named in conjunction with the Rotary Smith College Baseball Player of the Year Award, also had two other repeaters, Stanford catcher-utility athlete A.J. Hinch and outfielder-pitcher Mark Kotsay of Cal State-Fullerton.

Five different schools contributed two players each to the first unit, and they were Miami (Fla.), Wichita State, Florida, Texas, and Florida State. The squad is comprised of the top 30 collegians across America.

On Friday, May 30, there will be a news conference in Omaha to announce the three finalists for the 1996 Rotary Smith Award.

Statistical leaders from the 1996 Smith Super Team include the nation's leading hitter with a .483 average in Miami freshman third baseman Pat Burrell and Clemson junior pitcher Kris Benson. Benson enters the NCAA World Series with a perfect, 14-0 record and nation-leading 1.40 ERA. Other standouts are LSU's Eddy Furniss and Georgia Southern's Tommy Peterman with a NCAA-high 26 home runs in '96 and national hits leader Robert Fick of Cal State-Northridge with 118. Furniss (102 RBI) and Texas Tech's Bryant



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Jazz need to use home court advantage

By BOB MIMS AP Sports Writer

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - "Homecourt advantage" isn't always working in the Western Conference finals, where Seattle and Utah - nearly unbeatable at home in the regular season - have both won in the other's arenas.

That is a trend the Jazz must stop tonight if they want to continue their bid to become only the sixth team in NBA history to rebound from a 3-1 playoff deficit.

"We're looking forward to it," Utah's Karl Malone said. "Someone's got to stop it, so it might as well be us."

The Sonics took a commanding lead with an 88-86 win in the Delta Center on Sunday. The Jazz, unwilling to see their third conference finals visit in five years end so soon, stunned Seattle 98-95 in overtime Tuesday in the Key Arena to trim the Sonics' series lead to 3-2.

Pitino turns down Nets' offer

Wildcat coach to stay in Kentucky after all

By MIKE EMBRY AP Sports Writer

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) - Rick Pitino has turned down a lucrative offer from the New Jersey Nets and will stay at Kentucky.

Pitino said in a statement released today by the University of Kentucky Sports Communications Office that he had indeed been offered a contract by Joseph Taub, the Nets' owner. It was reported to be worth up to \$30 million and include partial ownership of the team.

"Joe Taub, a longtime friend, asked me to meet last Friday with Henry Taub, CEO, and Michael Rowe, president, of the New Jersey

Losing at home in the playoffs belied the two teams' strong regular season homecourt performances: Seattle was 38-3, second-best in the league, while Utah was 34-7.

But even after claiming their only victory over the Sonics this season - and first ever on the road in a conference finals - the Jazz know a win tonight to force a Game 7 on Sunday in Seattle is not assured.

Certainly, there's no such thing as momentum for Utah, coach Jerry Sloan said. He pointed to two home losses this season to the Sonics - on Sunday, which also was Utah's only loss at home this postseason, and on April 2.

"(Momentum) is just a big long word that goes with newspapers," he said. "If you're looking for an edge, there's not going to be any - you've got to get yourself mentally ready to play ball."

Added John Stockton: "They've

all been tight games and when they're tight, anything can happen."

Disappointing as Tuesday's Game 5 loss was, Seattle coach George Karl realizes the Sonics' ticket to the NBA Finals still can be punched with one win.

"We realize we're in a battle," Karl said. "I'm happy we have the home court (and) we have two games to try to win one, while they have to win both of them."

"We're on top," he added. "We need to get the acid out of our stomach because we're still in control."

Shawn Kemp, who had 24 points in Tuesday's loss, said this is "no time to hang your head and pout."

"It's not the first game we've lost this season. We're only one game away."

But Gary Payton said not wrapping up the series only "makes our job tougher. We've got to go to Utah,

Nets," the statement said.

"I came away from that meeting intrigued with tremendous confidence and respect for the future of that organization. I want to thank them for their consideration but after a few days of thought, my wife gave me some simple advice: 'Listen to your heart.' I realize now that my heart is with the players of Kentucky."

"I'm a big admirer of the NBA and I'm looking forward to covering the draft as a television analyst. Everything, however, is completely closed."

The Associated Press left a message for team spokesman John Mertz, who was not immediately

available to comment. Rowe is on a business trip, an administrative assistant said.

Pitino, who is on a golf trip in Ireland with the UK Alumni Association, will return on Monday. The school said he is unavailable for comment at this time.

On Wednesday, Pitino said he would have a statement on Monday or Tuesday.

Last Friday, Pitino received an offer to become the Nets' coach, general manager and part-owner. Rowe said it is less than the reported figure, but would make Pitino the highest paid NBA coach.

Olympic boxing judges paid off

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) - A British journalist claims to have documents from the former East German secret police that show boxing matches in the 1988 Seoul Olympics were rigged by judges, USA Today reported today.

While the documents do not specifically cite United States star Roy Jones' controversial 3-2 loss to South Korea's Park Si-hub, author Andrew Jennings believes the

evidence is clear.

"I think it's a safe assumption Jones' was one of the bribed fighters," said Jennings, author of "The New Lords of the Rings: Olympic Corruption and How to Buy Medals."

Jones, the IBF super middleweight champion, told the newspaper he wasn't surprised by the revelation.

"When they made that decision the way they did, I knew there had to be a payoff," said Jones, who is

considering filing an appeal with the International Olympic Committee. "I kind of feel the U.S. amateur boxing federation should do it for me."

Jennings said former East German Karl-Heinz Wehr, secretary general of the International Amateur Boxing Association, routinely reported to the East German secret police, known as Stasi.

Jennings wrote that records of one such debriefing note South Korean "organizers" paid boxing officials to ensure Korean fighters won.

where it's going to be real hard. You know, we messed up."

Once again, Payton got the better of his point-guard matchup with Stockton, outscoring him 31-4. But where Stockton faded, Jazz backcourt mate Jeff Hornacek shined.

On Tuesday, he scored 27 points and was 4-of-5 from 3-point range. For the series, Hornacek has averaged 21.8 points, well above his regular-season average of 15.2. He's 10-of-19 (53 percent) on 3-pointers, leading up from his season percentage of 46.6.

"For a stretch of shooting 3-pointers, this has probably been one of my better ones," Hornacek said. "I may be past that now; we've had 16 games in the playoffs and I've shot pretty well the whole time."

As for tonight's do-or-die date

with the Sonics, the ninth-year shooting guard has a simple recipe for success.

"You just go out and play and take some chances," he said. "When we were down 3-1, we went out and gave it our all and good things happened."

Tell Malone that oddsmakers still favor Seattle to face Chicago for the league crown, and he'll smile. He doesn't mind the role of underdog. "It's kind of amazing what 24 hours will do. One minute, it's 'Stick a fork in them, they're dead,' and the next minute it's, 'These guys show a lot of character and pride.'"

"My attitude is still the same. It's a one-game season and we've got to come out and be ready," Malone said. "This time of the year, you shouldn't need any pep talks."

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SECOND TEAM: Pitchers Seth Etherton, USC; Kyle Peterson, Stanford; Marcus Jones, Long Beach State; Eddie Yarnell, LSU; Mark Roberts, South Florida; Jim Parque, UCLA; Billy Koch, Clemson; Mark Johnson, Hawaii; Brent Billingsley, Cal State-Fullerton; Eric DuBose, Mississippi State; Catchers Matt

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Tigers hit four homers, break losing skid

By TOM WITHERS
AP Sports Writer

It was bound to happen sooner or later.

The Detroit Tigers won a game. That's right, the Detroit Tigers won, beating the Kansas City Royals 5-4 Wednesday night.

"Whew," Tigers manager Buddy Bell said. "I don't even know how to act right now."

Just enjoy it, Buddy.

Curtis Pride, who hit one of Detroit's four solo homers, tripled and scored the go-ahead run in the eighth inning as the Tigers posted only their fourth win in May and just their fifth in 37 games.

Cecil Fielder, Melvin Nieves and Raul Casanova also homered for the Tigers.

It wasn't so easy, though. There was some luck involved.

Fielder made a great stop at first base of Michael Tucker's two-out, bases-loaded smash in the eighth. Nieves then turned in a sparkling catch of Bob Hamelin's sinking liner to right in the ninth as Joe Randa, who doubled leading off, forgot to tag up and go to third.

"Cecil made a great play. Nieves made a great play. We're usually just out of reach of those balls," Bell said. "I think we had a little luck tonight, which we hadn't had in a long time."

On Monday, the Tigers (13-39) took a 4-2 lead into the ninth before

losing 5-4 in 13 innings.

"I was just able to be in the right place at the right time," Fielder said. "It's about time for us to be in the right place at the right time. We've had some rough days."

Elsewhere in the American League, it was Texas 5, Cleveland 4; Minnesota 8, Milwaukee 7 in 12 innings; Toronto 6, Chicago 5; California 4, New York 0; Oakland 7, Boston 6 in 10 innings; and Seattle 9, Baltimore 8.

Rangers 5, Indians 4
At Arlington, Dean Palmer raced home with the go-ahead run on a passed ball to cap Texas' three-run rally in the eighth inning, and the Rangers completed a three-game sweep.

Texas, which has won five straight games, defeated the Indians for the fourth time in six games between the division leaders this season.

Cleveland has lost three straight for only the second time this year after opening the season 0-3.

Texas rallied in the eighth against Julian Tavarez (2-2). Dennis Cook (3-0) pitched 1 1-3 innings for the win, and Mike Henneman pitched the ninth for his 15th save.

Julio Franco hit his seventh homer and Jim Thome hit an RBI triple for the Indians, who were last swept by the Rangers on May 18-20, 1992.

Angels 4, Yankees 0

At Anaheim, Chuck Finley blanked New York for eight innings and California shut out the majors' top hitting team for the second straight night.

Finley (7-2), who gave up seven hits and struck out 10, hasn't given up a run to New York in his last 17 innings.

Troy Percival pitched the ninth for the Angels, striking out the side. On Tuesday, New York's Kenny Rogers had a no-hitter through seven innings before walking in the game's only run in the ninth inning of a 1-0 loss.

The consecutive shutouts were the Angels' first since June 11-12 of 1992, against Chicago and Kansas City. The Yankees were blanked in consecutive games for the first time since 1991.

Ramiro Mendoza (1-1), took the loss.

Athletics 7, Red Sox 6

Torey Lovullo's bases-loaded grounder scored the winning run when first baseman Mo Vaughn's throw to the plate was in the dirt for an error as Oakland rallied for two runs in the bottom of the 10th.

Heathcliff Slocumb (1-3) did not retire any of the five batters he faced in the 10th, blowing his fourth save in 11 chances.

Mike Mohler (3-0) got the win in relief despite giving up a run in the

10th that put Boston ahead 6-5.

Geronimo Berroa's two-run homer in the eighth tied it 5-5.

Kevin Mitchell hit his first homer in the majors since 1994 for the Red Sox, who also got homers from Vaughn, his 19th, and Jose Canseco, his 13th.

Mariners 9, Orioles 8

At Seattle, after Ken Griffey Jr. tied it with a homer, Russ Davis won it with a bases-loaded single in the ninth.

Davis, whose fielding error in the top of the inning gave Baltimore an 8-7 lead, drove in Jay Buhner with a line drive off the right-field wall.

Randy Myers (0-1) started the ninth and got one out before Griffey unloaded a 427-foot shot over the center-field fence for his 17th home run.

Norm Charlton (2-1) got the win. Cal Ripken hit his fourth homer in two games, a two-run shot. Ripken, who hit three homers for the first time in his career in Baltimore's 12-8 win Tuesday night, has 11 RBIs in his last two games.

Twins 8, Brewers 7

At Milwaukee, Jeff Reboulet hit an RBI single with one out in the 12th for the Twins, who blew a 7-1 lead.

Dave Hollins opened the 12th with a bunt single off Graeme Lloyd (1-2) and was sacrificed to second. Reboulet, who entered the game in the 11th, followed with a single up the middle, and Chuckie Carr's throw hit Hollins as he slid past home plate.

Benes saves Cards' win over Rockies

By BOB GREENE
AP Sports Writer

Unable to turn to his bullpen ace, St. Louis manager Tony La Russa turned to starter Andy Benes.

Trailing 6-5 in the ninth inning, Colorado put runners on first and third with two outs - normally the spot for Cardinals closer Dennis Eckersley.

But Eckersley, sidelined with a sore right elbow, was placed on the 15-day disabled list Sunday, retroactive to May 19. So La Russa called in Benes, relieving for only the second time in his major league career.

"There was a lot of weird stuff going on at the end," La Russa said.

Benes got Dante Bichette to ground into a forceout to end the game. Wednesday night's 6-5 victory snapped the Cardinals' three-game losing streak and their seven-game winless string against Colorado.

"Everyone else worked hard for 3 hours and 20 minutes," said Benes, who is scheduled to start Saturday against the Houston Astros. "I come in for about 45 seconds, make two pitches and everyone's patting me on the back."

In other NL games Wednesday, Atlanta blanked Chicago 2-0, Houston defeated Pittsburgh 7-4, Montreal downed San Diego 9-4, Los Angeles edged Philadelphia 3-2 in 11 innings, and San Francisco stopped New York 4-2. Cincinnati at Florida was postponed by rain.

"It's a lot different than starting,"

Benes said of coming out of the bullpen. "It's a lot different mentality. You have to prepare yourself for that role."

"I wouldn't read too much into it. I don't think it's going to particularly help me on Saturday against the Astros. Maybe it will scare them or something."

Benes only other relief appearance was on Aug. 14, 1990, when he was with San Diego.

The starter actually volunteered for bullpen duty.

"They told me it was going to be a week between starts," Benes said. "I wanted to be positive about it, so I told them that I'm the kind of guy who can pitch every three or four days, and if you need me in the pen,

go with me."

Luis Alica said of his second home run of the season. "I thought it had a chance as soon as I hit it. I'm just glad I was able to contribute something."

"I hit that one pretty well," Alica said of his second home run of the season. "I thought it had a chance as soon as I hit it. I'm just glad I was able to contribute something."

Astros 7, Pirates 4

Jeff Bagwell hit two homers, one into Three Rivers Stadium's seldom-reached upper deck, and drove in five runs as Houston defeated Pittsburgh.

Bagwell's 4-for-5 night included a solo drive into the left-field upper

deck in the fourth, a go-ahead two-run double in the seventh and a two-run homer in the ninth. He now has 18 homers.

Alvin Morman (1-0) gave up opposing pitcher Danny Darwin's second career homer in 19 major league seasons, but pitched 1 2-3 innings for his first career victory, while Todd Jones pitched the final two innings for his 11th save as Houston won its fifth in six games.

Bagwell became the eighth player to hit a ball into the upper deck at Three Rivers Stadium.

Expos 9, Padres 4

At Montreal, rookie Ugueth Urbina pitched seven strong innings and Henry Rodriguez hit his NL-leading 19th home run as the Expos ended a five-game losing streak.

Urbina (3-0), making his fourth start of the season, held San Diego to six hits in seven innings and didn't walk a batter in his longest outing in seven major league starts.

Shane Andrews hit a two-run homer and drove in three runs as Montreal won for just the third time in 14 games.

Braves 2, Cubs 0

At Chicago, Atlanta's John Smoltz became the majors' first 11-game winner, throwing a four-hitter.

Smoltz (11-1) walked two and struck out 13, raising his NL-leading strikeout total to 97. He also had an RBI single in the fifth inning at Wrigley Field, where pitchers were helped by a 25 mph wind that was blowing in.

Bagwell hits upper deck

PITTSBURGH (AP) - Jeff Bagwell of the Houston Astros became the only player other than Willie Stargell to homer twice into Three Rivers Stadium's upper deck with a fourth-inning shot Wednesday night.

Bagwell's drive, estimated at 459 feet, landed in the second row of the left-field seats three sections to the right of the foul pole. The pitch was thrown by Pirates starter Danny Darwin.

Bagwell also hit an upper-deck shot estimated at 472 feet off Pittsburgh's Bob Kipper on May 5, 1991.

There have been 12 upper deck homers - six to left field and six to right - since Three Rivers opened on July 16, 1970. Stargell hit four of the first five upper-deck shots, all to right field, from 1970-73.

Between them, Stargell and Bagwell have half of the upper-deck drives. The others were hit by Bob Robertson (1971), Greg Luzinski (1979), Bobby Bonilla (1987), Howard Johnson (1991), Mark Whiten (1993) and Glenallen Hill (1994).

Tribe's Belle curses fan

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) - Albert Belle, who is supposed to be on his best behavior, can't seem to stay away from controversy.

The Cleveland Indians' slugging outfielder, ordered by AL president Gene Budig less than two weeks ago to undergo counseling in an attempt to curb his temper, had another run-in Tuesday night when he cursed a fan who refused to give him a home run ball.

Ken Logan of Benbrook, sitting in the left-field stands, caught Belle's major league-leading 21st home run in the fourth inning of the Rangers' 11-3 victory over the Indians.

Belle was taken out of the game in the sixth inning, and he told Joe Macko, the visitor's clubhouse manager, he wanted the ball. Belle is collecting his home run balls when he can this season.

Macko dispatched a representative to Logan, and the fan was escorted to the Indians' clubhouse. Logan, a Rangers season ticket-holder, told Belle he would trade him the ball for one autographed by Belle.

Belle refused and Logan said he would not give up the ball without compensation. Belle told Logan he wouldn't give him anything because fans in the left-field stands taunted him during the first two games of the series.

"His exact words, his quote, was, 'I won't pay you (expletive)," Logan said. Belle, Logan said, punctuated his reply with a curse.

"I won't give it to him now," Logan said. "I'll give it to the organization, but I won't give it to him."

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CITY OF HEREFORD

Missionaries work to save world's 'small tongues'

By CHARLES J. HANLEY
 AP Special Correspondent
 UKARUMPA, Papua New Guinea (AP) - Go ahead, try to "make my day" in Budibud. Or "surf the Net" in Bukiyip. Or "do a deal" in a dialect of Bo. Linguistically speaking, you aren't going to get there from here.

New Guinea's 1,300 languages come up short in the trite and trendy. But they make up for it with the treasures of timeless tongues: a wealth of words for nature's works, for myths and age-old rites and magic, and a complexity rich enough to turn a linguist's inquiry into a lifetime endeavor.

There's just one problem: The timeless tongues are running out of time.

"To some extent, almost every language in the country is endangered," said Bill Staley, a linguist in Ukurumpa, a missionary outpost in Papua New Guinea's lush Central Highlands.

In fact, languages around the world may share the same fate. Scholars believe 90 percent of human languages may disappear by

the mid-21st century, pushed to oblivion's edge by the spread of English and other "world" languages via media, trade and migration and by the pressure of dominant vernaculars in their own homelands.

A thin, underfinanced line of linguists around the world is trying to hold back the tide and save - or at least document - many of these "small tongues."

In America, more than 150 native languages are declining. In India, 149 are endangered. Extinction looms even in Europe: Only 200 Cornish speakers remain in England, for example.

The challenges are everywhere. But just as archaeologists flock to Egypt and art lovers to Rome, linguists gravitate to this corner of the western Pacific, where one-fifth of the world's 6,000 languages, from Abaga to Zimakani, are spoken on a rugged tropical island the size of Texas.

Terrain explains New Guinea's linguistic diversity.

The islanders - now 4 million - developed in isolated units hemmed in by mountains, sea and rivers, and

by the enmity of the tribe over the hill.

"You'll find people living on hills in grassy swamp areas, and each hill has a different language, maybe 200 people each," said linguist Daryl Pfantz.

Staley and Pfantz are with the Summer Institute of Linguistics, a U.S.-based, nondenominational Christian organization that translates the Bible into the world's minor tongues.

The translator-missionaries, usually husband-wife teams, typically spend 15 to 20 years in a remote village, learning the language, developing an alphabet, translating the New Testament and, if time permits, the Old. Often they learn native speech with the help of villagers who speak the English hybrid Pidgin, Papua New Guinea's unofficial vernacular.

Institute teams are working on 185 New Guinea languages and have completed translations for 94. And they have shed new light along the way on the human gift of tongues.

In New Guinea you can find, for example, the language with the world's fewest basic units of sound - Rotokas, with just 13 - as well as the one with the most - Yele, with 96 "phonemes."

One language has a vocabulary of a mere few hundred words - apparently a tribe with an especially simple life. Another has 68 ways to pluralize nouns. One count finds 117 languages with fewer than 100 speakers. And the languages can be as different as Spanish is from Japanese. In fact, seven are "isolates" - with no relationship to any known tongue in the world.

The curiosities are boundless: One group has named each bird by mimicking its sound, and calls dogs "rruff."

With no word for "pilot," people speaking Olo - Staley's specialty - settled on "man who holds the nose" of the helicopter. And oddities relate not just to modern concepts: Olo has no distinctive word for "walk," instead

taking "ile," meaning "stand," and doubling it to "ilele," meaning "stand here, stand there - in other words, walking."

But if the gaps are striking - no language here is believed to have a "thank you" or "hello" - the riches are even more so.

In Olo, Staley has identified 40 metaphors using "heart" for the range of emotions, from "good heart" for thankful to "crusty heart" for stubborn. "If you have 36 names for banana and 36 for sago palm, English looks pretty impoverished to cover the things important to these people," he said.

For scholars, documenting grammars and vocabularies helps build universal

linguistic theory. But actually saving languages would do more.

"Western culture tends toward 'Everybody does it this way,'" Pfantz said. "But to wipe out this diversity of humankind and make us all clones of each other, well ..."

New Guineans themselves feel even more strongly about their "home" tongues, squeezed by English, the official language, on one side and Pidgin on the other.

"You're looking at distinct communities with our own way of life," said Otto Nekitel, a languages professor at the national university. "It saddens me. ... The diversity makes us what we are."

To bolster tribal tongues, the government is urging localities to use their languages - not English - in the first three grades of school.

Internationally, UNESCO's 2-year-old Endangered Languages Project makes small grants to linguists to document living tongues. And the University of Tokyo has just established an Internet database to compile basics about individual languages and, eventually, vocabularies, audio texts and other resources.

But it's an uphill struggle against a landslide of homogenization, a trend typified by the first Papua New Guinea entry in UNESCO's "Red Book on Endangered Languages."

Sample of rare language

By The Associated Press

Sample of Papua New Guinea's Olo language - translation of Gospel passage John 3:16:

OLO

Ma ili, le ninge nelyeyeti lele, wolo le onom puwotei lipre mete yeflipyi pitu te fe le so watepe ninge nelyeyeti lele lepe. Ma ili lolpepe soma wem mete yeflipyi wuso pulpowo lepe, pe yeflipyi miso pa pelengi kolo olo, wolo pe miso kali nempu liti pratei pingi wem wem.

LITERAL ENGLISH TRANSLATION

The Big One, he has only one Son of his very own, but his heart remains very much upon all men of the ground, and he thus gave them his one only true Son. The Big One did this, so that all men who believe in him, they all will surely not die completely, no, but they will be able to receive life-breath to remain alive following time and time.

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Television

THURSDAY MAY 30

6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
Baby-Sitters	Ready-Not	Movie: Danny, the Champion of the World ***		Grand Canyon		Movie: Mary, Queen of Scots *** PG				
News	Ent. Tonight	Friends	Seinfeld	NBA Basketball Playoffs: Western Final Game 6		News	Tonight			
NewsHour	With Jim Lehrer	Great Drives	Mystery!	Domestic Violence		Computer	Charlie Rose			
Videos	Videos	(-05) Movie: Chisum (1970) John Wayne, Forrest Tucker. ***½		(-20) Movie: The Train Robbers (1973) ***						
News	Wh. Fortune	Videos	Before	Movie: Royce (1994) James Belushi, Miguel Ferrer. ½		News	Seinfeld	Nightline		
Fam. Mat.	Newhart	Major League Baseball Detroit Tigers at Chicago White Sox				News	Simon & Simon			
News	Home Imp.	Murder, She Wrote	Rescue 911	48 Hours		News	(-35) Late Show			
Roseanne	Simpsons	Martin	The Show	New York Undercover	Star Trek: Deep Space 9	M*A*S*H	Cops	Wanted		
Sportstr.	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Eastern Conf. Final Game 6 - Penguins at Panthers			Baseball	Sportscenter	Baseball				
Waltons		Highway to Heaven	Rescue 911	700 Club		Three Stooges	Bonanza			
(5:15) Movie: Hail Caesar		Movie: An Innocent Man Tom Selleck. ** R		Movie: On Dangerous Ground (1996) Rob Lowe, Jürgen Prochnow. ½						
(5:15) Movie: Draw! (1984)		Movie: Beyond the Law Charlie Sheen. * R		Movie: Serial Mom Kathleen Turner. R		(-35) Movie: Bad Boys R				
Movie: Collision Course		Movie: Nobody's Fool Paul Newman. ***½ R		Movie: Street Law Jeff Wincott. R		Movie: Seduction-Ang				
Movie: Audrey Rose (1977) Marsha Mason. **		Movie: Star Trek: The Motion Picture (1979) William Shatner. **½		Movie: The Haunting						
Dukes of Hazzard		Life of Minnie Pearl	Prime Time Country	Club Dance		News	Minnie Pearl			
Bay, 2000	Next Step	Wild Discovery	Mysterious	Movie Magic	Time Traveler	Next Step	Bay, 2000	Wild Disc.		
Equalizer		Biography		Voyages		Law & Order	Biography			
Comish		Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: Jonathan: The Boy Nobody Wanted (1992)	Unsolved Mysteries		Unsolved Mysteries	Mysteries			
Cycling	Busters	This Week in NASCAR	Cycle World	MotorSports Hour	Press Box	Baseball	Preview			
In the Heat of the Night		Movie: From Here to Eternity (1953) Burt Lancaster. ***½		Movie: The Caine Mutiny (1954) Jose Ferrer. ***½						
Doug	Tiny Toon	Munsters	Jeanie	I Love Lucy	Bewitched	M.T. Moore	Rhoda	Kotter	Taxi	Van Dyke
Wings	Wings	Movie: Out on a Limb (1992) Matthew Broderick. *		Movie: The Naked Gun (1988) Leslie Nielsen. ***½		Highlander				
Marisol		El Premio Mayor		Bienvenidos	Noticiero	P. Impacto	Hoy Daniela			
Combat at Sea		Desert Storm		Movie: Dieppe (1994) Victor Garber, Gary Reineke.		DartStorm				
RPM 2Night	Major League Soccer: United at MetroStars	Bloopers	In-Line Skating	Extreme	RPM 2Night	Women				

FRIDAY MAY 31

7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
Pooh	Care Bears	Gummi B.	Pooh Crnr.	Dumbo	Umbrella	My Little Pony *** G	Ducktales	Chip 'n' Dale	Tale Spin	Movie: Our Lives
Today				Leza		Gerald		Gordon Elliott		
Cucina	Cucina	Sesame Street		Lamb Chop	Storytime	Mr Rogers	Imaginand	Barney	Puzzle Place	Texas
Gilligan	Bewitched	Little House		B. Hillbillies	Griffith	(-05) Matlock		(-05) Perry Mason		Movie: Good Morning America
News	Good Morning America			Live - Regis & Kathie Lee	Mike & Maty	Montel Williams		News		News
News				Court TV	Griffith	Charlie's Angels		Gerald		News
This Morning				Ricki Lake		Price is Right		Young and the Restless		News
Bobby	Aladdin	Mighty Max	Rimbab	700 Club		K. Copeland	Christian	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Murphy B.
Sportscenr		Sportscenr		PGA Golf Memorial Tournament - Second Round		LPGA Golf: U.S. Women's Open		Rescue 911		Home
Family Challenge		Waltons		700 Club		FIT TV		Rescue 911		Home
Movie: Five Weeks in a Balloon Red Buttons. **½ PG				Movie: Only You Marisa Tomei. ** PG				Movie: Inferno Robert Ryan. ***		
Movie: Naked Gun 33 1/3				Movie: French Kiss (1995) Meg Ryan, Kevin Kline. ***½		Real Sports		Movie: Blue Chips (1994)		
Movie: Summer-Smoke		Movie: Mom and Dad Save the World **		Movie: The Hudsucker Proxy Tim Robbins. *** PG		Movie: For Keeps (1988)		Movie: Bachelor in Paradise (1961) Bob Hope. ***		Movie: The Honey Moon Machine (1961) ***
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(Off Air)		VideoMorning		Home	Start	Houseman!		Graham K.	Cuisine	Great Chefs
Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Understanding								
New Mike Hammer		McMillan and Wife		Our Home	Gourmet	Biggers and Summers		Living	Our Home	Handmade
Baby Knows Your Baby		Sisters		Alan Warren	Outdoors	MotorSports Hour		Cycle World		Bowling
Press Box	Workout	Plex & Blast	Get Fit	Gilligan	Gilligan	Knots Landing		Charlie's Angels		Starzky
(6:30) Scooby Dooby Doo	Bugs Bunny	Flintstones		Gilligan	Muppets	Allegra	Gullah	Papa Beaver	Busy World	Eureka
Sonic	Turtles	Knight Rider		Tennis French Open - Third Round						People Ct.
Plaza Sesa	El Chavo	Chespirito		Ulesteleto		Magica Juventud		Dulce Enemiga		Morella
(5:00) Movie: Dieppe		Classroom		History Showcase		I. Claudius		Shining Mountains		Real West
Flex Appeal	Bodyshape	Crunch	Bodyshape	Flex Appeal	Crunch	Gotta Sweat	Fitness	Flex Appeal	Bodyshape	Sports Babe

12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
Movie: The Muppet Movie	Pooh	Charlie B.	Quack	Movie: My Little Pony ** G		Movie: Born to Run Tom Farley. ***½				
Our Lives	Another World	Jenny Jones	Maury Povich	Wild Animal	Family Challenge	Oprah Winfrey		News	NBC News	
Body Elec.	Risk and Reality	Painting	Real Life	World	Reading	C. Sandiego	Science Guy	Wishbone	Carver	
(12:05) Movie: ** The Money Pit (1996)		Garfield	Flintstones	Scooby-Doo	Brady	Saved-Bell	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	
Rush L.	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Little House			Videos	Jeopardy!	News	ABC News	
News	Perry Mason	Geraldo	Warner	Animaniacs	Fam. Mat.	Dreams	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell	
Bold & B.	As the World Turns	Guiding Light	Cur. Affair	Hard Copy	Day & Date			News	CBS News	
Griffith	Matlock	In the Heat of the Night	Taz-Mania	Eklstravag	Batman	Goosebump	Full House	Fresh Fr.		
(11:00) LPGA Golf U.S. Women's Open Championship - Second Round		College Baseball NCAA World Series - Teams to Be Announced								
(12:00) Family	Highway to Heaven	Punky B.	Wild Animal	Family Challenge		Three Stooges				
Movie: Tides of War David Soul. PG-13	Movie: High Jump (1959)	(-15) Movie: Look Who's Talking John Travolta. PG-13		Movie: Only You (1994)						
(11:30) Movie: Blue Chips	Movie: I'll Do Anything (1994) Nick Nolte, Whittni Wright.	Movie: Airheads Brendan Fraser. PG-13		Movie: French Kiss (1995)						
Movie: (-15) Movie: The Toy Richard Pryor. ** PG		Movie: Memphis Belle Matthew Modine. ***½ PG-13		Movie: The Client (1994)						
Movie: Period-Adjust.	Parade	Movie: Looking for Love (1964) Connie Francis. ***½		Movie: British Agent (1934) Leslie Howard. **						
Wildhorse	VideoPM	Dukes of Hazzard		Wildhorse Saloon		Club Dance				
Home	Start	Easy Does It Home	Graham K.	Cuisine	Great Chefs	Popular Mechanics	Wings			
Equalizer	Columbo			New Mike Hammer		Quincy				
Designing	Movie: Risky Business (1983) Tom Cruise. **½	Spenser: For Hire		Cagney & Lacey		Supernat	Designing			
(12:00) LPBT Bowling	Fast Pitch	Paid Prog. Bass 'n' Gal	Golf	Instructional	Futbol	English Soccer Highlights				
Starzky	CHiPs	Wild, Wild West	Movie: Fighter Squadron (1948) Robert Stack. ***	In the Heat of the Night						
Gullah	Gumby	Tintin	Looney	Beetlejuice	Muppets	Chipmunks	Tiny Toon	Looney	Clarissa	Rugrats
People's Court		Live With Love Connection		MacGyver		Highlander: The Series	Renegade			
Morella	Como Tu, Ninguna	Cristina		Primer Impacto		Dr Perez	Noticiero			
Real West	Combat at Sea	History Showcase		I. Claudius		Shining Mountains	Real West			
Sports Babe	NBA	RPM 2Night	Billiards	Cycling	Finish Line	ATP Tennis	Bloopers	Flex Appeal	Outdoors	

6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
Movie: King of the Wind Navin Chowdhury. ** PG				Movie: Misty David Ladd. **½		Kenny-Home		(-35) Movie: Brenda Starr		
News	Ent. Tonight	Unsolved Mysteries	NBA Basketball Playoffs: Eastern Final Game 6			News	Tonight			
NewsHour	With Jim Lehrer	Wash. Week	Wall St.	Horatio Alger Awards		Internet	Previews	Keeping Up	Charlie Rose	
Videos	Major League Baseball Atlanta Braves at Cincinnati Reds							Movie: The Money Pit (1986) Tom Hanks. **		
News	Wh. Fortune	Fam. Mat.	Boy-World	Step-Step	Mr. Cooper	20/20		News	Seinfeld	Nightline
Major League Baseball Chicago Cubs at Florida Marlins						News		Night Court	Simon & Simon	
News	Home Imp.	Diagnosis Murder	Due South		Nash Bridges			News	(-35) Late Show	
Roseanne	Simpsons	Sliders	X-Files	Star Trek: Voyager		M*A*S*H	Cops	Wanted		
Sportstr.	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Western Final Gm. 7 - Avalanche vs. Red Wings or Blues	Outside the Lines						Sportscenr		
Waltons		Highway to Heaven	Rescue 911	700 Club		Three Stooges		Bonanza		
(5:00) Movie: ** Only You	Movie: 3 Ninjas Knuckle Up Victor Wong	Paris	Pottergelst	(-45) Movie: Street Law Jeff Wincott. R						
(5:00) Movie: French Kiss	Movie: Spilvine Kristin Phillips. R	Phantom	Tales-Crypt	Strangers	Radio Sex	Dennis M.	Movie: Mask			
(5:00) Movie: The Client	Movie: Blood for Blood Lorenzo Lamas.	Movie: Maverick (1994) Mel Gibson, Jodie Foster. PG		Emmanuelle the Series						
Movie: Two Sisters From Boston (1946) ***		Movie: Go for Broke! (1951) ***		(-45) Movie: Gabby (1956) Leslie Caron, John Kerr. ***						
Dukes of Hazzard	Championship Rodeo	Prime Time Country		Club Dance		News	Rodeo			
Bay, 2000	Next Step	Wild Discovery		Wings		Beyond 2000		Next Step	Bay, 2000	Wild Disc.
Equalizer		Biography		Movie: The Right Stuff (1983) Sam Shepard. ***½		Law & Order		Biography		

Taking it on faith, Grapevine couple adopts four children

Special needs children are placed by non-profit agency in Hurst

By NEIL STRASSMAN
Fort Worth Star-Telegram
GRAPEVINE, Texas -- A horn blares outside and Susie Marshall turns away from the telephone to hurry her son from the house. "Get your backpack on, honey, the bus's horn is blowing," she says. Her 5-year-old son heads for the door in what seems like a common scene in a typical American home. In many ways, it may be. But Susie Marshall and her husband, Bob, both 56 and in their second marriages, have just started a family. Their children, four siblings between the ages of 4 and 8, were adopted last year.

The children came from Adopt a Special Kid/Texas, a nonprofit agency in Hurst that places children with special needs with foster or adoptive parents.

These are children who have medical or emotional problems; have been abused or neglected or were born with drug problems; are part of

a sibling group; are 6 or older; or are of ethnic or minority heritage.

The Marshalls' children, three girls and a boy, had been living in two foster homes. The Marshalls put them under one roof, resolving their special need, and are providing religious training, love and the constancy of a family home. The family may not be Ozzie and Harriet or the Brady Bunch, but it's moving in that direction.

This week the agency had an open house to honor parents such as the Marshalls and their adopted children, and to let people know that many children still need homes.

"Ask these kids what they want and they'll tell you, very simply, 'a forever home,'" said Norma Farrow, an agency volunteer and spokeswoman. "We need to wake people up to the fact these kids are out there, and that's why we want to honor some of these parents and new families."

Some people might consider adopting four children at once, at

best, a risky proposition. But consider this: The Marshalls decided to adopt their children before they had met them or saw their pictures.

"We took it on faith. The first time we saw them in person was while visiting at a foster home," Susie Marshall said.

And some might believe that the Marshalls, married five years ago and having reached a time in their lives when they might relax, need their heads examined for starting a family so late in life. But it's their hearts, not their heads, that may need to be studied.

Bob Marshall was long familiar with the adoption process. As a child, he had been adopted by his stepfather. Also, he raised two adopted children in a previous marriage that ended in divorce.

"Some people think we're crazy, but we did a lot of thinking about it (adoption)," he said. He is a computer programmer who retired from one company after almost 30 years and now works for another.

Susie Marshall grew up with three brothers, a sister and lots of aunts and uncles in a West Virginia home where there were always 10 or 12 people at the dinner table. Later, she was always the aunt who helped out with the nieces and nephews when needed, she said.

She longed to be a mother but did not have children with her late husband.

After the Marshalls married, they knew they wanted to adopt a child. "We wanted a baby, and only one," Susie Marshall said.

But they encountered difficulties - not the least of which was their age - and soon were mired in the bureaucracy and long wait that often precedes adoption.

When it became apparent that it would not be easy to adopt a baby, the Marshalls went to foster-care

training, hoping to eventually adopt the children for whom they would be caring. But they learned that was a longshot, too.

The couple heard about Adopt a Special Kid/Texas last year. After looking through a book of children's photographs, they realized the need that exists to adopt older children and siblings.

"We saw the photos of older children that needed a home. We said we might take one or two, then that became three, and then four," Susie Marshall said.

Get-acquainted visits and sleepovers followed. In July 1995, the children moved in. The adoption became final March 7. The Marshalls asked that the children not be identified, out of concern for their privacy.

The children have adapted well to their new life, Susie Marshall said.

On a recent afternoon, she greeted the two older girls as they returned home from school. The 7-year-old gave her Mom a bird feather as a gift.

"She's our little finder, always picking flowers," Marshall said. "They said she'd never be able to bond and might need therapeutic foster care or an institution. She's the most loving and tenderhearted of the children."

Marshall then bundled all four children in the car and drove to the nearby elementary school, where the oldest girl practiced for a dance recital. Marshall and the other children sat on the floor and watched.

"It's amazing to look at pictures of the kids before the adoption and now. There have been great changes. They were extremely demanding of attention and so shy. They've blossomed," she said.

Marshall has adapted, too. She did office work most of her life but quit her job when she remarried. She is now a full-time homemaker.

"The toughest part was learning to cook for six, instead of two, but all of this has come naturally," she said. "There are mountains of laundry and the grocery bill has gone up, but it keeps you young running after four kids."

The Marshalls' commitment to their new family runs deep. Twice a week they go to therapy with the children to help them work on problems from their past, and they take them to Grace

Community Church in Euless, a most important part of their lives.

Books are a passion with Bob Marshall, and on Saturdays he often takes the children to a bookstore while his wife goes shopping. That is not to say the Marshalls don't take a break. They relieve each other of child-rearing responsibilities when needed, and every other Friday they hire a baby sitter and go to dinner or a movie.

"Our home was empty, and rather than sitting around watching television, we decided to do something about it. Now we don't have time to watch television," Susie Marshall said. "We have a soft spot in our heart for children."

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Agency sets fewer restrictions to help place special needs kids

By NEIL STRASSMAN
Fort Worth Star-Telegram
HURST, Texas -- Adopt A Special Kid/Texas is a nonprofit adoption agency that finds homes for children who have medical or emotional problems; who have been abused or neglected or were born with drug problems; are part of a sibling group; are 6 or older; or are of ethnic or minority heritage.

Last year, the agency placed 34 of the special-needs children in the 19-county Fort Worth-Dallas area it serves, said Norma Farrow, a volunteer and agency spokeswoman.

The agency particularly has a need for African-American

parents and those willing to adopt older children, she said.

To help recruit families, the agency places fewer restrictions on prospective parents than other adoption agencies.

It accepts single adults, doesn't require applicants to own a home and has fewer age barriers.

The agency can often get an adoption done more quickly, and all special-needs adoptions are eligible for federal and state aid, with some children eligible for Medicaid and further adoption assistance, officials said.

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Some are still looking for best-tasting, favorite summer vegetable: the tomato

By GEORGE BRIA
POUND RIDGE, N.Y. (AP) -- Still looking for the best-tasting tomato?

Some of us think we've already found the ideal blend of sweet and tart. There's enormous acclaim for Brandywine and Persimmon, two heirlooms. Yellow Pear, a petite oldie, has lots of admirers, and pea-sized but powerfully flavored Red Currant, the world's smallest tomato, won a contest a few years ago at Dunbar Nursery's annual tasting festival in Ghent, N.Y.

Chuck Wyatt, a retired Air Force major who gardens in Rosedale, Md., grows as many as 150 different varieties a year and is still looking for the supreme flavor.

"Maybe there's no such thing as the best tomato," says Wyatt. "But maybe it's there, and maybe I'll find it."

As another summer comes around, the tomato easily holds sway as America's favorite garden vegetable. Indeed, worldwide it ranks way up there among food discoveries of the millennium.

It took four centuries for the native South American fruit to pass as safe to eat, overcoming fears that it was poisonous. But from the late 19th century onward it has achieved spectacular popularity.

Hundreds of cultivars now fill catalogs and breeders keep trying for "new and better" fruit even as aficionados swear the old-timers can't be beat.

A day-to-day measure of the tomato's clout appears online as gardeners use their computer modems to swap tips and experiences.

Tom Tallardy of Norristown, Pa., a monitor for the Garden Forum on CompuServe, says tomato discussion far outpaces interest in other vegetables. Peppers are way behind in second place.

"In early spring, it's, 'How to start

seeds', by midsummer it becomes, 'They did or didn't do this or that' and in the fall it's, 'My best tomato was,'" Tallardy said in a telephone interview, summing up thousands of cyberspace exchanges.

"There's also a lot of interest in growing tomatoes hydroponically and in the greenhouse," he added.

A just-published book, "Horticulture Gardener's Desk Reference" (Macmillan, \$35, 542 pages, hardcover) offers 15 as best tasters: Bonny Best, Brandywine, Burpee's Delicious, Celebrity, Costoluto Genovese, Dona, Johnny's 361, Marglobe, Marmande, Persimmon, Pink Ponderosa, Pruden's Purple, Rutgers, Sweet 100 and Tappi's Finest.

Wyatt, whose expertise has earned him the title of "Mr. Tomato" among members of the CompuServe Garden Forum, praises some of these, but offers others, too.

"In 1989 or 1990, I ran into a variety called Crimson Cushion, the first of the heirlooms I ever tried," Wyatt said in a telephone interview. "And I found a flavor I'd been looking for a long time."

A very old beefsteak variety, Crimson Cushion produces huge, ribbed fruits.

The best reference for old varieties is the Garden Seed Inventory published by the Seed Savers Exchange, 3076 North Winn Road, Decorah, Iowa 52101, telephone 319-382-5990. The 628-page directory costs \$24, soft-cover, and lists the places that carry thousands of varieties of vegetables.

Another good source is the Tomato Growers Supply Company, P.O. Box 2237, Fort Myers, Fla. 33902, telephone 813-232-4157.

Wyatt, 60, a Vietnam veteran, says his love of tomatoes goes back to childhood summers spent at a grandparents' place in Virginia.

"Tomatoes were grown in

different parts of the chicken yard every year," he said, noting chicken manure is an excellent fertilizer. "They were fantastic."

He started growing his own in 1961 when, he says, longer-lasting hybrids began replacing old varieties on produce shelves but "just didn't have the flavor."

Wyatt grew tomatoes at various Air Force bases, but retirement really gave him the scope to indulge his hobby. He now grows the fruit on raised beds in his own garden and also raises transplants for a couple of other tomato growers in suburban Baltimore for a yearly total of 100 to 150 different varieties. And he saves the seed for next year's crop.

Aside from well-known varieties, Wyatt mentions others some of us may not have heard of: Druzba, a medium-red tomato; Manyel, a medium-small yellow; Stump of the World, producing pink fruit as heavy as two pounds; Anna Russian, a pink-red tomato whose seed was reputedly smuggled through Ellis Island under an immigrant's hatband.

In my own garden, I grow up to 12 kinds a year, always reserving space for Yellow Pear and Red or Yellow Currant, but also experimenting with varieties I hadn't tried before.

Last year, a cultivar from Russia called Black Plum proved unusually productive, giving me fruit from late July until frost in late October. This year I'm trying Costoluto Genovese, which is supposed to harbor great flavor within its deep ridges and heavy lobes, and two from seeds I mooched from Chuck Wyatt - Druzba and Stump of the World.

EDITOR'S NOTE: George Bria retired from the AP in 1981 after 40 years that included coverage of World War II from Italy.

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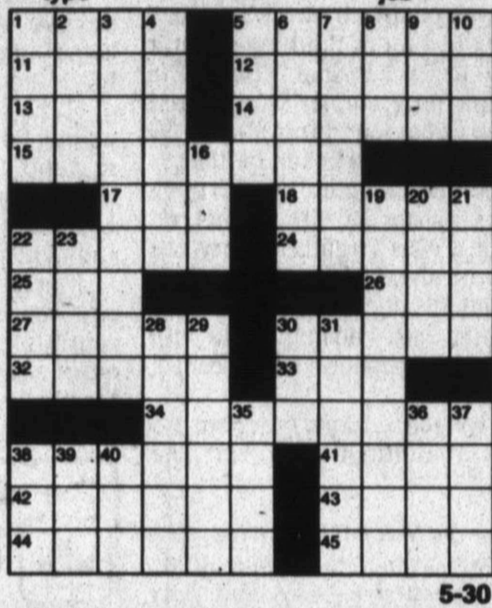
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Move by FCC opens door to additional kids' programming

By LYNN ELBER
AP Television Writer
LOS ANGELES (AP) - TV-wise, things are looking up a bit for kids' Public television kicked its children's programming into high gear in the past couple years, with "Storytime," "The Puzzle Place" and "Wishbone" joining "Sesame Street" in the PBS pantheon.
Others, like the Nickelodeon cable channel, are finding ways to amuse and sometimes even inform children in a socially responsible manner through shows such as "Doug" and "Nick News."

This week, progress came on a proposal to set a standard amount of educational programs TV stations should air each week: FCC Commissioner James Quello reversed his opposition, which could move the debate ahead.

Children, of course, being the wise creatures they are, favor simple immediate gratification over vague and lofty promises.

So while we wait for the big broadcasters to possibly jump or be pushed into providing a chunk of worthy shows, here come two new offerings likely to gain a kid's - and a parent's - seal of approval.

"Kratz's Creatures," on standard-bearer PBS, is a lively nature romp for youngsters and even

animal-loving adults that airs weekdays. "Big Bag," is a Sunday morning show from cable's Cartoon Network, a newcomer to preschool educational programming.

Let's start with the great outdoors, brought to us courtesy of the youthful Kratt brothers, Martin and Chris, creators and hosts of "Kratz's Creatures" (debuting Monday, June 3; check local listings for time).

Martin Kratt is a zoologist; his younger brother is a biologist. Paired, they are enthusiasm and energy squared.

See the Kratts dive into Caribbean waters to get the firsthand story on killer sharks. See the Kratts gamely scale cliffs, wallow in mud and take to the skies to track all manner of animals in territory ranging from Africa to Florida to Canada.

They have a young cohort: teen-ager Allison (actress Shannon Duff), who stays in touch with the scientists from a colorful "research station" staffed by Tark, a wise-cracking cartoon animal.

Unimpressed by traditional wildlife documentaries, the Kratts decided that young viewers needed something that didn't talk down to them but was dynamic enough to be kid-friendly.

"A good story is important to us," said Martin Kratt. "We personally

don't believe you can make a good children's wildlife show by slapping together stock footage. The show has to have more guts than that."

As do the brothers. They became so entranced while filming a family of giant river otters in the Peruvian Amazon that they didn't notice their raft was sinking. Nearby crocodiles did, but the two made it safely to shore.

Being able to share their wildlife philosophy with children makes it all worthwhile, say the Kratts.

"We don't look at animals as scientific curiosities. We look at animals as fellow creatures and we try to see the world from their point of view," said Martin Kratt.

"Big Bag" is a bit tamer but equally ambitious in its own way: It aims to get preschoolers involved and provide some important life lessons, explains executive producer Nina Elias Bamberger.

"I wanted to create a show that would make kids an active participant - and not just by yelling and dancing, which is great, but also (by giving) them something tangible at home they could do along with the show."

A bagful of simple items - including a hat, spoons and socks - are the elements that let children join in "Big Bag" activities. But there's more than simple fun promised.

The hourlong program, debuting 9 a.m. EDT Sunday, includes a "social goals curriculum" featuring lessons in sharing, honesty, conflict resolution. "All those really good things," says Bamberger.

"Big Bag" is set in a rural general store owned by Molly (actress Selena Nelson), a recent big-city transplant. Molly's friends include sidekick Chelli, a new Muppet character, and town residents like Dr. Furbal (the local vet, of course; you had to ask?).

Regular features include six animated film series from around the world and "I Did Something Nice Today," a way to encourage kind behavior. Viewers are encouraged to send in videos telling of their own good deeds.

The show has an impressive pedigree: it's produced by Children's Television Workshop, creator of venerable "Sesame Street."

Bamberger, part of the workshop and a 17-year veteran of children's programming, is pleased to be staking out new Cartoon Network turf with "Big Bag."

"PBS used to be the only vehicle," she said. "Now, there are more avenues like the cable channels. They've realized there are a lot of preschoolers out there who are selective. As are their parents."

Five Questions With: Bart Simpson

By The Associated Press
If summer had a trademark it would likely be the face of Bart Simpson: he epitomizes the ethos of inertia and that endless angling to shirk work for play. You'd even think that Bart would smell like summer, which is kind of ripe. And he's made a career, if that's possible at his age, of finagling those kind of mad-cap adventures that seem synonymous with the season. So we decided to ask the dimensionally challenged standard-bearer of summer a few

questions about this, the season of sloth and idle.
1. Any plans for the summer, besides trying not to get arrested?
Bart: Get one of those "Mission: Impossible" rope things, then drop down into Carvel for a little "Mission: Free Cookie"ness.
2. If you could be a live-action person, who would it be?
Bart: That freaky tall guy who used to live in the olden days. So when Mrs. Krabapple puts my slingshot on top of the bookshelf ... well you figure it out, Einstein. Plus just think of all those giant shoes!
3. How does it feel to have you face on T-shirts worn by so many unattractive people?
Bart: You know what, if I can make one dorky looking nerd look even the slightest bit cooler, then it's worth it. But if they buy one of those rip-off shirts, I'll come after 'em - just 'cause I'm a kid doesn't mean I don't have lawyers.
4. If you actually got hold of a nuclear weapon, what would you do

with it?
Bart: Second stall, third floor bathrooms, Springfield Elementary School.
5. What does it say under your picture in your school yearbook?
Bart: Short white male seeks somewhat stupid, but very wealthy kid to spend long summer of movies, water rides, and fireworks. Must have access to credit card - moped a plus.
- Patricia Bibby, Associated Press Writer.

This week in entertainment

By The Associated Press
Entertainment highlights during the week of May 30-June 5:

40 years ago: On the "Milton Berle TV Show," Elvis Presley's hip-shaking performance caused a storm of protest. And Doris Day signed a five-year recording contract with Columbia (CBS) Records worth \$1 million.

25 years ago: As its "Survival" album entered the U.S. top 10 at No. 6, Grand Funk Railroad sold out New York's Shea Stadium in 72 hours, even faster than The Beatles at the

height of its fame.
20 years ago: "Apocalypse Now," filming in the Philippines, was halted by the rainy season and a typhoon, which destroyed many of the sets. Production was shut down for several months. And The Who set a record in the "Guinness Book of Records" as the loudest performance (at 120 decibels) by a rock group.

15 years ago: "Superman II" starring Christopher Reeve, Margot Kidder, Gene Hackman and Ned Beatty, premiered in Washington, D.C.

10 years ago: After 212 consecutive weeks in first place, "CBS Evening News" was knocked off its orbit atop the nighttime news ratings by "NBC Nightly News" with Tom Brokaw. Mario Puzo was signed by Paramount Pictures to write the screenplay for "The Godfather, Part III." Amnesty International's "A Conspiracy of Hope" tour opened in San Francisco featuring U2, Sting, Lou Reed and Peter Gabriel. And actress Lillian Gish, the heroine of D.W. Griffith's 1915 classic film "Birth of a Nation," was given an award for distinguished lifetime achievement, the Star Award, by the Friends of the Theater Collection of the Museum of the City of New York.

Spoken 10 years ago:
"The sad thing about fame is that, like a flower, when it's the most beautiful it has to die." - Boy George, the 25-year-old flamboyant lead singer of Culture Club. With his mascara, eye shadow, lipstick and thrift shop rags, Boy George often left his audiences in an androgynous daze.

"You learn your lines, don't bump into the furniture, and, in the kissing scenes, keep your mouth closed." - President Reagan, a former actor, giving a group of U.S. senators some tips on appearing on television.

"Ratings don't last. Good journalism does." - Dan Rather of "CBS Evening News," on the day after his news show fell to second place. The last time CBS lost was to ABC's "World News Tonight" in April 1982.

Birthdays:
There's more to Mark Wahlberg than his famous pees. Or so he says. "People seemed to really enjoy it when I was in my underwear and nothing else, but you gotta move on," explained the rapper better known as Marky Mark, who is turning 25. Wahlberg's torso was ubiquitous in Calvin Klein underwear ads of recent years. He stars in the movie "Fear" and played Leonardo DiCaprio's high school pal in "The Basketball Diaries."

After working more than a decade in films, Lea Thompson, star of NBC's "Caroline in the City," was hesitant about jumping into a sitcom. But it turned out to be one of her better career moves, unlike the flops she appeared in after the 1985 hit movie "Back to the Future." Said Thompson, winner of the 1996

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HIGHLIGHTS
By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Gov. George W. Bush said he will oppose any effort to alter the 1995 school reform law when the state Legislature convenes in January.

Though he said he was addressing no group in particular, Bush made the statement after a group of 21 House members asked the State Board of Education to continue screening textbooks despite provisions in the new law that put textbook selection under the authority of local school districts.

Members of the group told reporters they may seek to change the law in the 1997 legislative session.

Bush urged lawmakers to give the new law a chance to work before putting the state's public schools through more sweeping changes.

"Last year we passed one of the most far-reaching reform packages in the United States. ... We need to give people a chance to adjust to the new environment. I will frown on anything that tries to structurally change Senate Bill 1."

"The worse message we could send to educators in Texas is we will pass a law and two years later we will fundamentally change it again," Bush said.

Despite his caution against tinkering with S.B. 1, Bush told reporters certain provisions in the law need fine-tuning. In particular, he said, the student disciplinary policy ought to be clarified in the legislative session.

Also, Bush said he would support a measure in the upcoming session to increase the number of state-granted charter schools. The 1995 reform package limited the number of charter schools to 20.

Lone Star Card Is Success
Welfare fraud is on the decline and the Lone Star Card is getting the credit.

Texas Comptroller John Sharp said that since the card was initiated two years ago, more food stamp dollars are being spent on approved foodstuffs, such as milk and cheese, and less is being spent on cigarettes and beer.

Texas' food stamp rolls have been cut by nearly 32 percent in two years, apparently without hurting the needy, the *San Antonio Express-News* reported.

Tom Smith of the government watchdog group Public Citizen, said the program is "basically working," the *Express-News* reported. "Every once in a while a government program actually works. Everybody's shocked."

Much like the bank cards used in automatic teller machines, the Lone Star Card is used by recipients of food stamps and Aid to Families With Dependent Children. Their benefits are credited to an account that is accessed with the card at checkout counters.

Meanwhile, last week, Sharp's office unveiled a test program in which welfare recipients will be fingerprinted as a fraud prevention measure.

The \$270,000 test program is to begin Sept. 1 in Guadalupe and Bexar counties. A computerized system will check digitized fingerprints to detect fraud when welfare applicants file their applications.

Court Rules Against Firms
The Texas Supreme Court rejected an effort by Allstate and Farmers insurance companies to stop a TV commercial by policyholders suing the companies for \$109 million.

The commercials now running in Dallas-Fort Worth and Austin, announces a May 30 court hearing

involving as many as 4 million current and former policyholders, the *Dallas Morning News* reported.

The ads are being broadcast far from where the lawsuit is filed — in sparsely populated and plaintiff-friendly Zavala County, on the Mexican border.

Policyholders are seeking reimbursement and damages against the insurance companies for allegedly improperly computing premiums for Texas drivers by using a practice call "double rounding."

But the insurance companies contend that since the early 1970s, they have been required by the Texas Department of Insurance to calculate premiums by double-rounding.

Plaintiffs' lawyers have said that double rounding might lead to overcharging a driver \$35 over a 10 year period.

Though Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer came to office in 1995, he confirmed his department had informed insurance companies — as recently as 1991 — that double-rounding was the law.

Companies Seek Venue Change
Tobacco company lawyers expressed their wish last week to move Texas' \$4 billion lawsuit against cigarette makers from Texarkana.

Jack Maroney, an attorney for Philip Morris, one of the defendants, told the *Dallas Morning News*, "It makes no sense to try the case in Texarkana," and added that it would be a matter of convenience both to the attorney general's office and the defendants to move the trial to Austin.

But Special Assist Attorney General Harry Potter dismissed the idea of moving the case as nothing more than a delay tactic by the defense, and he argued that the case could proceed more quickly in Texarkana because the federal court docket is less crowded.

Attorney General Dan Morales filed suit against the tobacco companies in late March, seeking reimbursement of billions of dollars in Medicaid money the state spent in treating Texans' tobacco-related illnesses.

CAPITOL COMMENT

KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON
U.S. SENATOR

Staying on Course Toward a Balanced Budget

This month Congress unveiled its budget plans for 1997, and I thought, you remember your father saying to you at some point, "It's not the money, it's the principle of the thing." It's the money and the principle of the thing that are at stake.

One guiding principle: both the House and Senate 1997 budget resolutions keep to the deficit elimination course set last year. We continue to call for balancing the budget sooner rather than later.

To achieve the goal of a balanced budget is the single most important accomplishment the 104th Congress has undertaken.

The budget Congress has just approved sticks to the priorities that are most important to Americans, including real welfare reform, tangible tax relief for the middle class

and ensuring the solvency of Medicare for the next generation of retirees.

The contrast with the executive branch's budget proposal couldn't be more stark. Not only does the executive branch alternative fail to eliminate the deficit, it also fails fundamentally to reform welfare; it fails to provide tax relief; and it aims simply to maintain Medicare's solvency one year beyond its projected bankruptcy date, rather than put that program on a permanent track to fiscal health.

But Congress' budget plans address these issues head on.

- * It would eliminate the deficit by 2002.
- * It ends welfare as we know it with enforceable work requirements and real time limits on the length an individual can stay on welfare. And it gives the states the authority to create welfare programs to suit their individual needs, not meet some arbitrary standards set in Washington by bureaucrats with no real working knowledge of the states' unique situations.
- * It provides families with real tax relief establishing a permanent \$500-a-year tax credit for every child under age 18.
- * It protects Medicare into the next decade (not just past November, 1996 as does the executive branch proposal). It does not cut Medicare, but rather slows the rate of growth from per cent a year to 7 percent.

Congress wants to balance the budget by pegging future spending on the rate at which government revenues come in -- a simple, common sense approach which every American can understand. We cannot continue to spend more than the Treasury collects.

Geography winner started early

By DEB RIECHMANN
AP Education Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - National Geography Bee champ Seyi Fayajun took a fancy to maps at age 3. He flips through encyclopedias to learn about the globe and his classmates drill him at lunch to keep his mind limber.

The 12-year-old from Verona, N.J., didn't miss a single question in this year's bee and walked away with a \$25,000 scholarship. He beat Ryan Bean, 14, of Augusta, Maine, in the championship round.

The first question in that round was: "Name the 16th-century Flemish geographer who designed a map projection for use in navigation and who is credited with producing the first collection of maps called an atlas."

Ryan, an eighth-grader at Buker Middle School, left his answer card blank.

Seyi correctly answered Mercator. The second question was: "Name the Portuguese territory on the east coast of Asia that is scheduled to revert to Chinese control in 1999."

They both correctly answered Macau.

The third question was a cinch for Seyi: "Name the European

co-principality whose heads of state are the president of France and the bishop of Urgel."

He correctly answered Andorra -- a mountain republic in the Pyrenees range between France and Spain. Ryan incorrectly answered Monaco, an independent principality on the Mediterranean surrounded by France.

"I knew it because I read it in an encyclopedia like maybe three years ago, or four years ago," said Seyi, a seventh-grader at H.B. White Middle

School in Verona. "I just remembered it."

Nearly 5 million students, ages 11 to 14, participated in various levels of this year's bee. Fifty-seven contestants competed in preliminary rounds Tuesday. Ten were in Wednesday's final round preceding the three-question Seyi-Ryan face-off.

They were quizzed by Alex Trebek, host of the television show "Jeopardy!"

Bee's first deaf speller remains on stage for finals of '96 event

By LAURA MYERS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Boy Behind the Book has come out from under cover and he's sitting center stage at the National Spelling Bee.

Jimmy McCarthy, the first profoundly deaf pupil to compete, advanced to today's finals with little trouble. All he had to do was "v-e-r-n-a-c-u-l-a-r-i-z-e," which he did while spelling, because it means expressing something in a native language, which for Jimmy is a mix of sign and speech.

"I feel very happy because I made it this far," the 11-year-old said following Wednesday's opening rounds, reading a questioner's lips and getting help from his mother, Sally. She said her son is called "the boy behind the book" because he's always reading.

"I think it's possible I could win," Jimmy predicted, crossing his arms with assurance. He soon thought better of his brashness. "And then sometimes I think it's impossible and I get nervous," he added.

On Wednesday, Jimmy, who goes to school in Land O'Lakes, Fla., sped through three rounds, spelling "diplopia," a double-vision disorder, "dormition," death resembling falling asleep, then "vernacularize."

The sixth-grader can detect some sound when he uses two hearing aids. A radio device lets him better hear the announcer. Jimmy's interpreter mouths and signs the words. But there are only 40,000 words in sign language compared with about 400,000 in most English-language dictionaries.

For "dormition," for example, the

interpreter made the signs for both death and sleep, and Jimmy figured out the rest.

"You know, it's not all that easy up there," Jimmy said. "I'm looking at all those people. They're looking at me. And I'm thinking, 'Oooooooooo.'"

Out of 247 pupils in the 69th annual Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee, 103 made it through the first three rounds on Wednesday.

At the end of today's rounds, one youngster will be champion. The winner takes home \$5,000 in cash, a \$1,000 U.S. savings bond and other prizes.

But, first, it's those words, coming fast, furious and proving that even straight-A students and spelling superstars are fallible.

Christina Silafago Toleafoa, a 14-year-old from Pago Pago, American Samoa, sailed past "aberrant" in the first round and sat down, thinking that her first trip to the mainland wasn't going so bad.

"Life is easy on the island, but it's exciting out here," said the eighth-grader, smiling shyly. "I'm

glad I came" - even after she was eliminated in the second round, misspelling, "fallibility."

"I still have a lot to do - all these museums!" she said.

Not all the children, ages 10-15, took defeat so well. Some left the stage stifling tears, others stomping in disgust.

Logan Owen, 13, of Heber, Ariz., was the second pupil to make a mistake, putting an extra "s" in "asymmetric."

After more than 20 minutes in the Comfort Room, he emerged with his father, a bit red-eyed if none the worse for wear.

Some of the contestants - nailbiters, eye-rollers, hand-wringers and ear-tuggers all - struggled to stay in the running.

Kush N. Patel, 12, of Roxers Ford, Pa., might have had the closest call. The judges ruled him out, but a replay of the audiotape gave him a reprieve when they decided he had spelled "yarrows," a strong-scented herb, correctly. The judges had been thrown off when he stuttered on the double R's

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