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Feds hike short-term interest rate to 5.5%

By DAVE SKIDMORE
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - Once won't be enough in the Federal Reserve's effort to crush bubbling inflation pressures with higher interest rates, many economists believe.

Saying the economy's strength risks fueling inflation, the central bank raised a key short-term interest rate by a quarter of a percentage point to 5.5 percent on Tuesday.

"This action was taken in light of persisting strength in demand, which is progressively increasing the risk of inflationary imbalances developing," the Fed said.

U.S. troops prepare for Zaire evacuation

WASHINGTON (AP) - U.S. troops are nearly in position to carry out an air or sea evacuation of Americans from Zaire, but the Pentagon says the situation appears to be improving.

"It is now calm in Kinshasa and there are not any immediate signs that disorder will break out," Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon said Tuesday. "But we have to be alert to that possibility."

Nearly 700 U.S. troops were expected to be in position by Thursday around Kinshasa, Zaire's capital - most of them in Brazzaville, Congo, just across the Congo River from Kinshasa, Zaire, others in Libreville, Gabon, and a handful in Kinshasa itself.

Bacon called the evacuation force a precaution against a sudden worsening of the unrest. "What we're preparing for is an unpredictable situation, and in an unpredictable situation, it's better to send in a solid, well-trained adequate force than a force that might be too small to do what you have to do," the spokesman said.

Most analysts believe the increase in the federal funds rate charged on interbank loans - the first in two years - will be followed by additional increases. The Fed almost never moves just once, they said.

Chances are about 50-50 the next quarter-point increase will come at the Fed policy-makers' May 20 meeting, Zandi said. And, if not, an increase is a stronger possibility at the July 1-2 gathering, he said.

Bush, only president to make parachute jump, felt 'exhilarated'

YUMA PROVING GROUND, Ariz. (AP) - George Bush was flushed, watchers were impressed, and Barbara Bush was adamant after the former president safely completed the second parachute jump of his career.

"Absolutely not. Mrs. Bush won't allow it." Tuesday's feat was historic, not only in that Bush is the only former president to make such a jump but for other former members of the military, many of whom winter at nearby Yuma.

Despite coaching from the ground, Bush landed about 40 yards from his target at the Army's Yuma Proving Ground, the sprawling base where the Golden Knights, the Army precision parachuting team, train eight weeks a year.

Former Hereford resident dies in train-vehicle crash

Keith Shore, 37, of Canyon and a native of Hereford, was killed Tuesday in a train-vehicle collision along Rockwell Road between Canyon and Amarillo.

waiting for a northbound train passing on the western track. After the first train passed, he moved forward when the second, southbound train struck him as he crossed the eastern track.

McGrath said Bush had wanted to make the jump for personal reasons after receiving an invitation at the Parachute Industry Association convention last month in Houston.



Swinging around

Eight-year-old J.R. Maldonado swings from bar to bar on the playground at the Hereford Aquatic Center Park. Maldonado is the son of Lorenzo and Darlene Maldonado. The high was 53 degrees on Tuesday in Hereford. Thursday's forecast calls for temperatures in the 70s.

State senators decry plan for private school tuition

AUSTIN (AP) - Seven senators are decrying a proposal to use tax dollars for private school tuition, saying the idea doesn't have public support and would devastate public schools.

Private schools that receive vouchers could not discriminate based on such factors as race, and they would be subject to the same state accountability system as public schools.

700 Texas voters March 19-20. Of them, 42 percent considered themselves Republicans, 38 percent Democrats and 12 percent independents. The margin of error is 3.7 percent.

Clinton sends mediator for Middle East talks

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton is sending senior American mediator Dennis Ross to the Middle East to try to halt violence that threatens to rupture peacemaking between Israel and the Arabs.

while the Arabs, with considerable support around the world, insist the site is Arab land.

A White House announcement on the Ross mission, one of dozens he has made for the Bush and Clinton administrations, was expected today.

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Local Roundup

No holiday on mail delivery

Hereford's Post Office will be delivering mail Friday, Saturday and Monday. Postmaster Charles Britten reported today. The Easter weekend will not affect the usual delivery of mail on these days.

Mid 70s predicted Thursday

Hereford recorded a high Tuesday of 53 degrees at 4:30 p.m., and this morning's low was 27 at 7 a.m., reports KPAN. Tonight, partly cloudy with a low near 40 and south wind 10-20 mph. Thursday, windy with a southwest wind 20-30 mph and gusty. Partly sunny with a high in the mid 70s. Friday, mostly clear with a low in the lower 40s and a high in the upper 70s.

News Digest

STATE

WASHINGTON - The head of the Education Department's Office of Civil Rights and Texas Attorney General Dan Morales may be going head-to-head over differing interpretations of court rulings dealing with affirmative action.

SAN ANTONIO - Authorities found 57 undocumented immigrants, including seven children and seven women, inside a rented truck that was headed for Houston, a federal spokesman said.

DALLAS - Plans submitted by both Dallas sports franchises for a new arena in downtown Dallas are unacceptable, Mayor Ron Kirk says.

AUSTIN - West Texans who fear the effects of a planned low-level nuclear waste dump testified before a House committee in favor of a bill that would effectively scuttle the project.

AUSTIN - The Texas Education Agency could allow more private groups to establish publicly funded schools under three bills pending before a House committee.

AUSTIN - Seven senators are decrying a proposal to use tax dollars for private school tuition, saying the idea doesn't have public support and would devastate public schools.

AUSTIN - Amtrak could get a \$5.6 million loan to continue its Texas Eagle passenger rail service under a bill approved by the state Senate.

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND - Spring Break might have been a blast for college students, but merchants say it was a bust. Business owners from South Padre Island to Matamoros, Mexico, blame bad weather and competition from other tourist destinations for smaller-than-expected crowds.

NATION/WORLD

BEIJING - Vice President Al Gore heads into a meeting with China's communist leader after using a speech to university students to promote the essential freedom to challenge "existing institutions and habits of thought." Gore finds himself ensnared again in the allegations that China tried to illegally influence U.S. elections, as the administration offers conflicting accounts of how the allegations were discussed with senior Chinese officials.

JERUSALEM - Palestinians in the West Bank towns of Bethlehem and Hebron staged a sixth day of violent protests against a new Jewish neighborhood in east Jerusalem, with Israeli troops firing tear gas and rubber bullets at hundreds of stone-throwing Palestinians. American envoy Dennis Ross is expected to go to the Middle East to see Yasser Arafat and Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to try to end a spate of violence.

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Obituaries

MARY BOWEN

March 23, 1997

Marie Bowen, 73, of Hereford,

died Sunday.

Services were at 11 a.m. Wednesday in First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt with the Rev. Rusty Dickerson, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Castro Memorial Gardens in Dimmitt by Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

Mrs. Bowen was born in Frederick, Okla. She lived in Dimmitt until moving to Hereford in 1994. She married George Bowen in 1972 in Canyon. He died in 1993.

She had owned and operated Marie's Beauty Shop since 1959. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt, the Castro County Senior Citizens and Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. She was an artist and a volunteer at Kings Manor Nursing Home.

Survivors include three sons, Steve Hutton of Aberdeen, Wash., Ronnie Hutton of Amarillo, and Mike Hutton of Richmond, Va.; three stepdaughters, Georgia Rogers of Hereford, Barbara Braughman of Amarillo, and Frankie Coady of Houston; a brother, James Autry of Rocky Ford, Colo.; a sister, Mary Williams of Ruidosa, N.M.; and five grandchildren.

JACK KEITH SHORE

March 25, 1997

Jack Keith Shore, 37, died Tuesday near Canyon in a train-vehicle accident.

Funeral services are scheduled Friday at 2 p.m. in Temple Baptist Church of Hereford with the Rev. H.W. Bartlett, pastor, and Rev. J.L. Bozeman, retired minister, officiating. Burial will be in West Park Cemetery under direction of Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home.

Shore, a native of Hereford, was a road foreman for Randall County and had lived in Canyon almost 16 years.

He was born July 19, 1959 in Hereford. He had been employed with the Randall County Road and Bridge Department for about 16 years. He coached softball, baseball, soccer and served as an umpire in Canyon.

Survivors include a daughter, T.J. of Canyon; a brother, Ken of Dumas; a sister, Karen of Hereford; and his parents, Billy G. and Mary Lou Shore of Hereford.

The family requests memorials be to the Canyon High School Girls' Soccer Association, or to a favorite charity.

Simpson's attorneys file new trial notices

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) - Citing legal errors including jury misconduct, O.J. Simpson's attorneys filed notices seeking a new trial and a reduction of the \$33.5 million in civil damages awarded to Nicole Brown Simpson's estate and Ron Goldman's family.

Both notices were filed Tuesday with Superior Court Judge Hiroshi Fujisaki, who presided over Simpson's civil wrongful death trial.

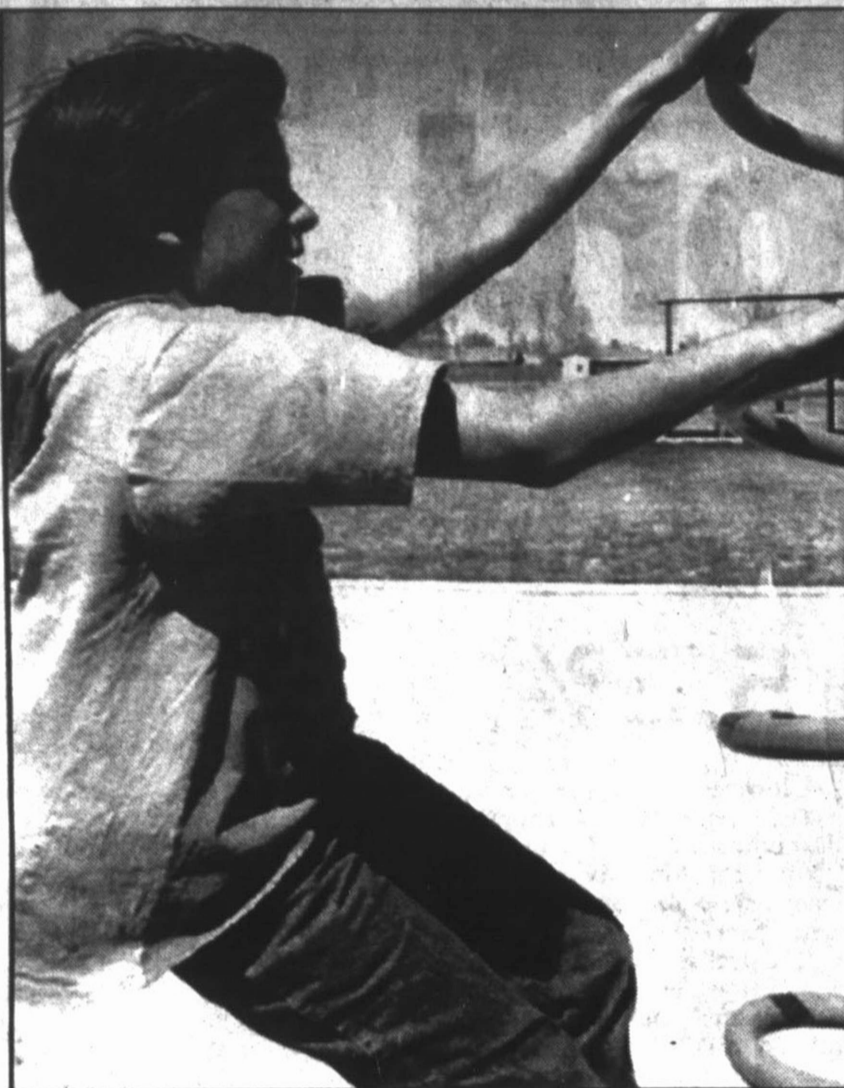
The two-page "notice of intention" to move for a judgment setting aside the verdicts included a bare bones outline of how attorneys will attack the case in a more

extended legal brief.

"This is a formal notice required under California law," said attorney Daniel Leonard. "The actual substance of the motion will be filed April 4."

He said that document will be about 50 pages and will include claims that the judge erred in admitting lie detector evidence and permitting a battered women's counselor to testify about a call never fully authenticated as coming from Simpson's ex-wife, Ms. Simpson.

Leonard said Fujisaki scheduled a hearing on the motion for April 25.



Climbing up

As spring break continues, many Hereford school students spent time on the area playgrounds on Tuesday. Here, Ricky Maldonado climbs up the spiral bars at the Hereford Aquatic Center Park playground. Maldonado, 10, is the son of Richard and Gloria Maldonado.

Jury selection for McVeigh's trial scheduled for Monday in Denver

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) - Prosecutors will not try to prove that the bomb that destroyed an Oklahoma City federal building was built near a secluded Kansas lake, according to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

That decision means the government is having second thoughts about those allegations against Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols, or has determined the bomb was built elsewhere, a source who requested anonymity told the newspaper in Tuesday's editions.

During the morning of April 19, 1995, explosives in a Ryder truck destroyed the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in downtown Oklahoma City, killing 168 people and injuring more than 500 others.

Jury selection for McVeigh's murder and conspiracy trial is to begin Monday in Denver. Nichols is to go on trial later.

A federal indictment alleges that "on or about April 18, 1995, at Geary Lake State Park in Kansas, McVeigh and Nichols constructed an explosive truck bomb with barrels filled with a mixture of ammonium nitrate, fuel and other explosives placed in the cargo compartment of the rental truck."

The source said prosecutors will have to read that portion of the indictment to the jury at the beginning of McVeigh's trial.

But after that, the official said, "They're not going to introduce evidence that the bomb was built at Geary Lake ... which leaves the possibility that they'll introduce evidence that the bomb was built elsewhere."

"Or it might be that they'll skip over the whole thing."

Beth Wilkinson, one of the prosecutors in the case, said she was not allowed to talk, citing a gag order issued by U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

The Hereford Athletic department would like to give a hearty "Thank You" to all of those individuals and groups who helped make our Spring Sports Weekend a huge success. A special thanks goes out to the Chamber of Commerce and Booster Club for all their help during the track meet.

Craig Yenser,
HISD Athletic Director

Dear Editor:

In response to Joyce Stevens' letter about buying prize items locally, she didn't have all the facts and I believe an explanation is due.

As a 21-year member of the Merry Mixers Square Dance Club, and as a former state vice chairman on prizes, I would like to explain the procedure.

The Texas Federation of Square and Round Dancers choose the prizes in a statewide raffle and distribute the tickets to all 17 districts in the state. All member clubs receive tickets to sell, and the local club has no voice on the selection and value of prizes. Different state districts bid on the

"We can't comment on any evidence that we will or will not be putting on a trial," Ms. Wilkinson said.

Dick Burr, one of McVeigh's defense attorneys, said, "I don't know that we can make a comment because we are under a strict gag order."

Joseph Vinduska is one of several witnesses who testified before a federal grand jury in Oklahoma City that they saw a Ryder truck at Geary Lake.

Vinduska told the newspaper that federal agents came to his home in Marion, Kan., three months ago to "review their notes" about his testimony to the grand jury. At that

time, he said, the agents told him that he would be called to the stand at McVeigh's trial to describe the truck.

"They said that I would, but I haven't heard from them since," Vinduska said.

Dennis Euwer of Hope, Kan., who also testified before the grand jury about the Geary Lake sighting, said FBI agents and a prosecutor visited him in August.

He said he repeated his earlier testimony that he saw a Ryder truck, identical to the one used in the bombing, backed up nearly into the lake, with the front facing the roadway.

Nine Corps of Cadet advisors suspended

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) - Nine student advisors to the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets' elite freshman drill team have been suspended after three cadets said they were hazed and beaten in a dormitory last weekend.

School officials said a member of the Fish Drill Team on Monday filed a complaint saying he had been assaulted by a drill team adviser Saturday night in a Corps dormitory.

In all, three students - Matthew Dionne of Irving, Travis Alton of Tyler and Brendan O'Reilly of Novato, Calif. - complained of hazing and assault.

"The students said they were beaten in various modes, and there was possibly some cutting - self-inflicted, perhaps - in response to orders from their superiors," said university police director Bob Wiatt.

"That's what we have to sift

through and sort out so we can get to the bottom of this."

The six sophomores, two juniors and one senior accused in the case were told to leave the Corps dormitory area immediately.

"They were all told to clear out of the Corps area for the night and move their things out tomorrow," said Corps student commandant Steve Foster.

Cynthia Dionne, the mother of Matthew Dionne, said she is depending on Maj. Gen. Ted Hopgood, the officer who oversees the student military organization, and university investigators to find out what happened to the three 18-year-old students.

"I understand that the police and Gen. Hopgood are trying to be very open about this. And I'm depending on that," she told the Bryan-College Station Eagle.

The school, citing confidentiality rules, refused to identify the nine student advisers suspended from the Corps on Monday.

No charges had been filed by Tuesday.

"At the end of our investigation, it will be presented to the appropriate prosecuting attorney and that office will make the decision as to whether criminal charges will be filed on any or all of the nine accused," he said.

Hazing is a misdemeanor offense under state law, but criminal charges could be filed in the case, depending on the outcome of the investigation.

The state law defines hazing as any intentional, knowing or reckless act, occurring on or off campus, that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of being a member of a campus group.

Hopgood said that, in addition to any legal action, the case will be referred to the school's Student Conflict Resolution Center for possible university disciplinary action.

"Texas A&M will not tolerate hazing within the corps or its associated organizations," Hopgood said. "I find it personally distasteful and far from the ideals that the corps and the university promote."

This is the fourth hazing incident to be investigated at Texas A&M this school year.

Benny Womble

Authorities catch illegal immigrants

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Authorities found 57 undocumented immigrants, including seven children and seven women, inside a rented truck that was headed for Houston, a federal spokesman said.

The 43 Mexican citizens and 14 El Salvadorans were found inside the U-Haul truck after a traffic stop Monday on Interstate 10 near Gonzales, about 60 miles east of San Antonio, said spokesman Ray Dudley of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Two Mexican citizens were charged with illegally transporting them. It was the largest discovery of people ever found crammed inside a 26-foot truck in the San Antonio area, officers said.

"We have caught more people in several vehicles or in larger vehicles, but this is a lot of people for one 26-foot truck," Dudley said. "That is about twice the length of a car, when you think about it. Even standing up they were crowded and cramped. It was unsafe and unsanitary."

Among those from El Salvador were three children traveling by themselves, reportedly being taken to their parents in Houston, Dudley said.

"They were a 6-year-old girl, a 7-year-old boy and a 14-year-old girl, packed in there with all the rest," Dudley said. The rest of the

undocumented immigrants were teen-agers or older, he said.

Officials said the 43 Mexican immigrants were voluntarily deported Tuesday. It will take longer to arrange the return of the El Salvador residents, Dudley said.

The children were turned over to Texas Child Protective Services.

Authorities said the truck was rented in Houston and driven to Laredo, where the immigrants were picked up. One said his final destination was New York City; the others were headed for Houston.

The Mexicans were charged \$500 for the trip, the El Salvadorans \$2,500, authorities said.

The truck was stopped because of a traffic violation, Gonzales County sheriff's deputies said. They called in the INS after discovering there were people packed in the trailer.

"The deputies said the truck had been weaving all over the road; and when they stopped it, the driver had no license," Dudley said.

Carlos Perez-Hernandez, 28, and Jose Alfaro Cortez-Flores, 22, were charged with transportation of undocumented immigrants. They were ordered held without bond following an appearance Tuesday before U.S. Magistrate John Primomo.

A bond hearing will be held April 4.

Perez-Hernandez is believed to have been the guide for the group, Dudley said.

The truck was rented by someone other than the two men charged in the case and a second truck rented at the same time has not been found, Dudley said.

Emergency Services

Activities reported by law enforcement agencies Wednesday:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

-- 30-year-old female arrested for assault.

-- Gang-related graffiti sprayed on outside walls of Hereford High School reported.

-- Theft of beer reported in the 500 block of Avenue H.

-- Damage to a car reported in the 1100 block of West First Street.

-- 12-year-old male taken into custody and then taken to Deaf Smith County Youth Home for false fire report.

-- Phone harassment reported in the 500 block of Lawton Street.

-- Domestic disturbance reported in the 400 block of Avenue G.

-- Child custody charges filed on a male.

-- Twelve citations issued.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

-- Three fire calls reported.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

-- 33-year-old female arrested for surrender of surety.

-- 24-year-old male arrested for violation of probation.

-- 21-year-old female arrested for violation of probation.



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

1-13-22-31-35
(one, thirteen, twenty-two, thirty-one, thirty-five)

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

9-5-4
(nine, five, four)



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Lifestyles

HRMC issues 'wake-up' call to all undiagnosed diabetics

6.5 million people in U.S. have diabetes

Hereford Regional Medical Center and the American Diabetes Association are joining together to issue a "wake-up" call to the 6.5 million people in the United States who have diabetes and don't know it.

"For many people, undiagnosed diabetes is just a time bomb that can lead to blindness, heart disease, stroke and kidney disease, Donna Kemp, RN, BSN, HRMC Director of Nursing, said.

"People don't realize how devastating diabetes is. It's the third leading cause of death, the leading cause of blindness, and is estimated to decrease your life expectancy by a full one-third. It's time to take diabetes seriously, Mrs. Kemp said.

American Diabetes Association defines diabetes as a condition where the body does not use foods properly.

The diabetic does not produce enough insulin, a hormone produced by the pancreas.

Due to the insufficient supply of insulin, blood sugar levels remain elevated, which in turn causes accelerated blockage of the blood vessels. This causes impaired circulation, and the blood vessels in the eyes, kidneys, heart, brain and other organs are damaged.

quickly, and the Type I diabetic will probably be dependent on insulin injections for life," Mrs. Kemp said. The other type of diabetes, which is more common, is Type II diabetes, she said.

"This type develops more gradually and is often easy to overlook. This type usually occurs in middle-aged people and is more common in the over-weight and in women," Mrs. Kemp said.

Warning signs that the public should be aware of include:

- Persistent excessive thirst.
- Frequent urination.
- Unexplained lack of energy.
- Constant hunger.
- Unexplained weight loss.
- Cuts or bruises that don't heal.
- Pain in the hands and feet.
- Changes in vision.

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Mrs. Kemp explained that there are two basic types of diabetes.

"Type I or juvenile diabetes usually strikes suddenly in people under the age of 25," she said.

"Symptoms must be treated

Senior Citizens

MENUS

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

FRIDAY-Fried pollack, tartar sauce, buttered parsley potatoes, Harvard beets, carrot/cabbage slaw, whole wheat bread, applesauce cake; or McRibb, Angel Food cake.

MONDAY-Meat loaf with salsa, hashed brown potatoes, corn, cucumber and onion salad, pears, sliced bread, cookies; or salmon, cottage cheese.

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

WEDNESDAY-Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered green peas, sliced tomato salad, rolls, banana pudding; or ham, fresh fruit.

ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY-Pool class, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., oil painting, 9-11 a.m., choir 1-2 p.m., thrift store open.

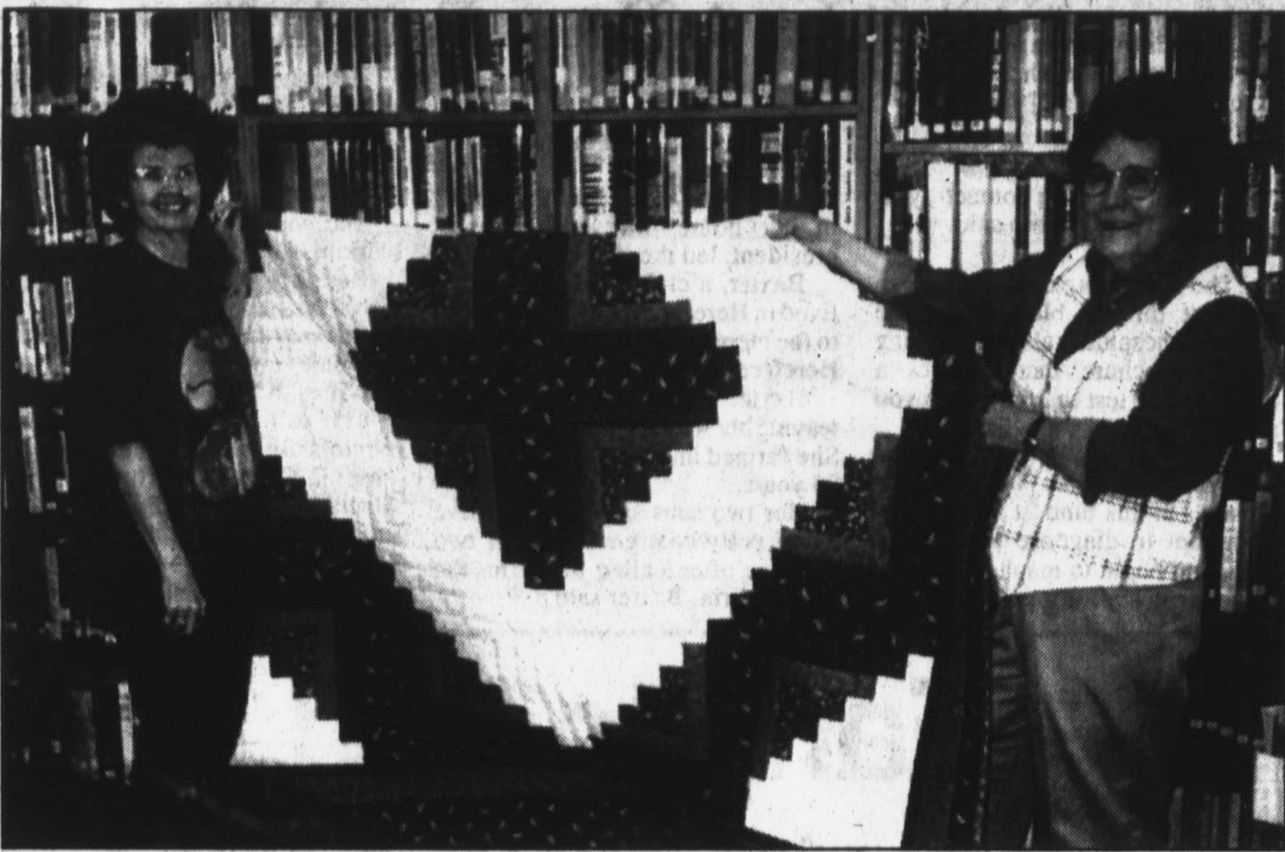
FRIDAY-Pool class, line dance 10-11 a.m., thrift store open.

SATURDAY-Games 12-4 p.m.

MONDAY-Pool class, line dance 10-11 a.m., doll class 1-4 p.m.

TUESDAY-Pool class, exercise class, 10-10:45 a.m., decorative tile painting, 1-3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY-Pool class, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., ceramics 1-3 p.m.



Quilt winner

Carolyn Richardson, left, displays the quilt she won in a recent drawing. The winning ticket was drawn at the recent Tasting Bee held by the Family Community Education Council. The Tasting Bee and Cultural Arts Fair is held each spring to raise funds for a scholarship to be awarded to a graduating senior in May. Applications for the scholarship may be obtained at the Deaf Smith County Extension office. Also pictured is Mary Bromman.

Ann Landers

Daughter accuses father of trying to control her with money bribes

Dear Ann Landers: I am a divorced father of two children who live with their mother. Since the divorce, my children have chosen not to see me. I did not abuse them, but I now realize I was too strict and our relationship was distant, which I regret.

I have set up savings accounts for each child, in which I deposit gift money for birthdays and Christmas. She feels that if this money is really hers, I should just send her the check, and she doesn't think she should have to acknowledge the gift. She accused me of using this money to try to control her. Of course, that is not my intention. I do it to protect myself from additional rejection.

The other day, I had to phone my daughter, who is especially hateful, and she lit into me about the account. She feels that if this money is really hers, I should just send her the check, and she doesn't think she should have to acknowledge the gift. She accused me of using this money to try to control her. Of course, that is not my intention. I do it to protect myself from additional rejection.

Since my intentions with the accounts are quite noble, what should I now do with my daughter's account? Should I close it and mail her the proceeds or continue to make deposits? I need guidance. -- Battleground in D.C.

Dear B.G.: Your daughter makes a valid point. The gifts should be unconditional. Otherwise, they are out-and-out bribes. I hope that in time your children will forgive you and be more forthcoming. Meanwhile, extend the olive branch periodically.

You are going to have to pay for all those years of poor parenting, and it appears there will be no shortcuts.

Dear Ann Landers: I used to be a police detective on the east coast of Florida. After reading the letter from the insurance adjuster in Texas, I believe I can provide some useful advice based on information I've received from burglars.

When I asked burglars what they look for when selecting a house to hit, their responses were: We never choose a house with a sprinkler running in the yard or with laundry hanging on the clotheslines or with a car parked in the driveway. We look for cartons in the trash indicating a new appliance or electronic equipment has just been purchased or a sign saying, "Beware of Dog," but no doggie dish, bowl or toys anywhere in sight.

One burglar said he paid the crews of a garbage truck company for lists of addresses where no one was home during the day when they picked up the trash. I have arrested thieves who follow mail-order delivery trucks until the driver leaves a package on the doorstep after knocking on the door and receiving no response. They then take the package and enter the house knowing that no one is there.

Last, but not least, I had two cases where the burglars took the family dog. -- Retired Detective in Florida

Dear Florida: Thanks for a letter that will help spare many readers the


grief of a break-in. It brought to mind another letter I received a few years ago. It seems a man whose home had been burglarized several times decided to buy a mean-looking black Labrador to discourage thieves. The dog was of no value because the clever break-in artists made friends with the dog by bringing chunks of raw meat.

The man's wife hit on a bright idea. She had a sign made and posted it on the front gate. It read, "Do not attempt delivery of any parcels after 6 p.m. Poisonous snakes used for medical research have escaped from their cage, and we have been unable to find them."

No burglars appeared from then on.

Drugs are everywhere. They're easy to get, easy to use and even easier to get hooked on. If you have questions about drugs, you need Ann Landers' booklet, "The Lowdown on Dope." Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$3.75 (this includes postage and handling) to: Lowdown, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$4.55.)

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Maundy Thursday Service

Maundy Thursday, Service of Holy Communion at 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday

6:30 am — Sunrise Service
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*10:45 am — Worship Service

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Hunting for eggs

Hereford Care Center hosted an Easter egg hunt for students at Community Christian School. The residents helped color and hide the eggs in the lobby of the care center. Here, two students hunt for eggs, while residents watch on.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, March 26, the 85th day of 1997. There are 280 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 26, 1979, the Camp David peace treaty was signed by Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat at the White House.

On this date:

In 1804, the Louisiana Purchase was divided into the Territory of Orleans and the District of Louisiana.

In 1827, composer Ludwig van Beethoven died in Vienna.

In 1875, poet Robert Frost was born in San Francisco.

In 1892, poet Walt Whitman died in Camden, N.J.

In 1937, a 6-foot-tall concrete statue of the cartoon character Popeye was unveiled during the Second Annual Spinach Festival in Crystal City, Texas.

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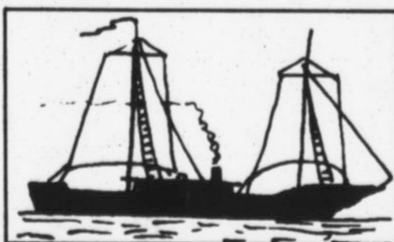
Five years ago: A judge in Indianapolis sentenced former heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson to six years in prison for raping a Miss Black America contestant.

One year ago: Amid public fears

of mad cow disease, British farmers demanded their government order the destruction of old cattle, but Prime Minister John Major refused, and blamed the crisis on his political opponents. Former senator and Secretary of State Edmund Muskie died in Washington, D.C., two days shy of his 82nd birthday.

Today's Birthdays: Retired Army Gen. William C. Westmoreland is 83. Singer Rufus Thomas is 80. Comedian Bob Elliott is 74. Conductor-composer Pierre Boulez is 72. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor is 67. Actor-director Leonard Nimoy is 66. Actor Alan Arkin is 63. Actor James Caan is 57. Author Erica Jong is 55. Journalist Bob Woodward is 54. Singer Diana Ross is 53. Rock singer Steven Tyler (Aerosmith) is 49. TV personality Vicki Lawrence is 48. Singer Teddy Pendergrass is 47. Comedian Martin Short is 47. Country singer Ronnie McDowell is 47. Country singer Charly McClain is 41. TV personality Leeza Gibbons is 40. Actress Jennifer Grey is 37. Basketball player John Stockton is 35. Rock musician James Iha (Smashing Pumpkins) is 29. Country singer Kenny Chesney is 29.

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Baxter presents program at La Afflatus Estudio meeting

Margaret Baxter presented a program on "How I Got Here" to La Afflatus Estudio Club members at the March 18 meeting.

Emily Suggs hosted the meeting in her home. Mary Williamson, president, led the club collect.

Baxter, a club member who has lived in Hereford for one year, spoke to the members about how she got to Hereford.

Baxter's husband died young, leaving her with three small children. She farmed and raised chickens for 25 years.

Her two sons said that they live under petty-coat gout and her two brothers often called the farm, the feather farm, Baxter said.

After the children were grown, she sold the farm and bought a Dairy Queen franchise. She didn't enjoy that, so she went to work for Texas Instruments.

She was in a car accident, after working for TI for 15 years.

Baxter's daughter was living in Hereford. So, she moved here.

She lives near the Hereford Senior Citizen's center. She enjoys the activities at the center.

The roll call was answered by Virginia Beasley, Leola Cook, Virginia Curtsinger, Opal Elliston, Alberta Higgins, Aileen Montgomery, Roxie Phipps, Della Stagner, Merle Boozer, Annie Delozier, Baxter, Suggs and Williamson.

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Sports

Herd woes continue with Caprock



By TOMMY WELLS
Managing Editor

There are a lot of good things that start with the letter 'L'. Like Lottery, Laugh and even Luck.

Unfortunately, as Hereford head coach Pete Rodriguez can attest, none of those words call Whiteface Field home. How so? Well, Rodriguez didn't win the lottery, and even worse, he had little to laugh about as his Whitefaces' run of bad luck continued Tuesday night in a disheartening 13-1 loss to the Caprock Longhorns in front of a large crowd.

Hereford, which has played their last few games without three of its top hitters, managed just two hits - one by Nathan Gavina and one by Joseph Artho - en route to dropping their eighth straight decision and running their season mark to 6-10, and their District 1-4A record to 0-3.

Caprock, which broke a tight game open with a seven-run outburst in the third, improved its season mark to 9-8-1 and their league record to 2-1.

The Longhorns used a bit of Hereford misfortune in the first inning to snare a quick edge. Caprock's Curry Brecht led off the game by striking out. He managed to reach base, however, by racing to first on a dropped third strike. Two batters later, Layne Darnell picked up the first of his three RBI with a simple grounder to short.

The Whitefaces answered the Longhorn challenge in the bottom half of the inning, however.

After Caprock had enticed HHS the HHS lead-off batter to ground out harmlessly to second, Nathan Gavina drew a walk and moved to second on Joseph Artho's ensuing sacrifice bunt. With a runner on second and two outs, Eric Ambold helped himself by driving a Jerrod Haws pitch to right field for a run-

DISTRICT 1-4A STANDINGS

Team	District	Overall
Dumas	3-0	13-5
Canyon	2-0	8-8
Caprock	2-1	9-8-1
Borger	1-2	9-8-1
Randall	1-1	6-15
Pampa	0-2	8-6
Hereford	0-3	6-10

Tuesday's Games:
Canyon 10, Borger 8;
Dumas 12, Pampa 8; Clovis, N.M. 12, Randall 2; Caprock 13, Hereford 1.

scoring single. their next trip to the plate, scoring seven of the 12 batters they sent to the plate. Darnell keyed the CHS attack with a two-run double to left.

Hereford threatened to pull closer in the bottom of the third. After opening with back-to-back grounders to third, Gavina reached base via an error. Artho then put runners in scoring position by clubbing a double down the left field line. The opportunity faded quickly, though. The Whitefaces' threat ended minutes later with a harmless grounder to short.

Caprock, which cranked out 15 hits in the contest, found lightning in their bats again in the top of the fifth. The Longhorns used four hits and a pair of errors to score five runs and inflate their lead to 13-1.

scoring single.

The Whiteface defense was flawless in the second. Hereford, despite giving up a single to center, held Caprock scoreless as Ambold faced just four batters.

That, however, turned out to be the calm before the storm.

Caprock opened an 8-1 lead in

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High ball

Hereford's Arturo Nava watches on Tuesday afternoon during the fifth inning of the Whitefaces' 13-1 loss to Caprock as a pop up off his bat sails high into the air. Hereford, which has lost its last eight games in a row, managed just two hits in the District 1-4A matchup. With the loss, the Whitefaces fell to 6-10 on the year.

Penders tours Rutgers' campus, could be on the way as UT mentor

By TOM CANAVAN
AP Sports Writer

If Rutgers can come up with the right financial package and his wife gives him the OK, there's a good chance Tom Penders will leave Texas to become the Scarlet Knights next basketball coach.

Penders spent an enjoyable six hours on the Rutgers campus on Tuesday and then returned home while his agent, Craig Fenech, worked on a deal to make him Bob Wenzel's replacement at the Big East Conference school.

"I think he really liked Rutgers," a source close to the talks told The Associated Press on Tuesday evening. "It sounds positive; at least his agent is here."

Penders, who guided Texas to the third round of the NCAA tournament last week, left the Piscataway, N.J., campus of the Big East school around 3 p.m. EDT, while Fenech was involved in negotiations with

Rutgers treasurer Joe Whiteside.

Fenech did not return a telephone call left at his home. Rutgers athletic director Fred Gruninger was not immediately available for comment.

Rutgers reportedly plans to offer Penders a deal that will pay him \$600,000 annually. It includes a base salary between \$150,000 and \$200,000.

Penders currently earns \$400,000 at Texas and reportedly will receive an additional \$100,000 next season.

In an interview on campus with the Courier-News and the North Jersey Herald & News, Penders said money isn't the only issue that will influence his decision.

"I do have a wife (Susie) I'd like to keep and she has to be involved in the decision," Penders said.

Jeff Capel of Old Dominion and Bill Herrion of Drexel also have interviewed for the Rutgers job, but Penders is considered the leading candidate.

Penders has a record of 194-93 in nine seasons at Texas, taking the Longhorns to the NCAA tournament eight times. Texas lost to Louisville 78-63 in the round of 16 on Friday.

Penders met Tuesday with university president Dr. Francis L. Lawrence, Whiteside and Gruninger. He toured the facilities and then met with academic support personnel, board members and players. After lunch he had more talks with Lawrence, Whiteside and Gruninger before taking a flight to Dallas.

Penders has rebuilt basketball programs at Tufts, Columbia, Fordham and Rhode Island. He interviewed with Rutgers while at Fordham in 1985. He spoke with Rutgers again while at Rhode Island, before taking the Texas job in 1988.

Wenzel was fired almost three weeks ago after Rutgers finished its fifth straight losing season.

Braves, Tribe swap star players

ATLANTA (AP) - The Braves and Indians pulled off a blockbuster trade today in which Atlanta sent outfielders David Justice and Marquis Grissom to Cleveland for outfielder Kenny Lofton and reliever Alan Embree.

The trade, first reported by CNN-SI and confirmed by The Associated Press, had great implications for both teams.

The NL champion Braves were looking to trade the high-priced Justice to free room in their salary structure for re-signing pitchers Greg Maddux and Tom Glavine, both free agents at the end of the season. Justice, who missed nearly all of last season with a shoulder injury, will make \$12.5 million over the next two seasons.

The Indians were facing the loss of Lofton, one of the game's top leadoff hitters, at the end of this season. The center fielder already had told the team he didn't want to talk about a contract extension and plans to file for free agency once the season is over.

Atlanta general manager John Schuerholz, whose team has been to

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Wednesday's Games

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- Phoenix at Seattle, 10 p.m.
- Milwaukee at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Cleveland, San Antonio combine for second-lowest score in NBA history

By CHRIS SHERIDAN
AP Basketball Writer

Just when it seemed the NBA's downward scoring spiral had ended, San Antonio and Cleveland caused everybody to do a double-take when the final score of 64-59 popped up.

That's right, 64-59. The Spurs and Cavaliers combined for the second-lowest NBA point total since the inception of the shot clock in 1954. Their combined total of 21 fourth-quarter points broke the previous NBA record of 23.

"We expected a low-scoring game, but 64-59? That's ridiculous," said Cory Alexander, who scored the last four points of the game from the free-throw line in the final 18 seconds to keep the Spurs and Cavaliers from breaking the record of 119 points set in a 1955 game between the Milwaukee Hawks and Boston Celtics.

"I don't think anyone expected 128-115, but I do think the score was lower than expected," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "I don't care about the highs and lows. What matters is we won and the guys gave the same effort and laid it on the line like they do every night."

In other NBA games, Chicago edged Dallas 94-92, Seattle drubbed Golden State 126-89, Phoenix defeated Milwaukee 117-112, Atlanta beat Portland 96-89, Houston downed Minnesota 112-103, Orlando defeated Sacramento 114-

103, Indiana topped Toronto 98-84 and the Los Angeles Clippers beat Vancouver 110-104 in overtime.

Cleveland's final total of 59 points tied the second-lowest in league history. The Milwaukee Hawks scored 57 in that 1955 game against the Celtics, and the total has been matched twice since then - in February 1996 by the Philadelphia 76ers and by the Orlando Magic last December, when this season's dropoff in scoring was most pronounced.

Bulls 94, Mavericks 92
At Chicago, Steve Kerr led a fourth-quarter comeback with 12 of his season-high 20 points as Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen stayed on the sideline for much of the final period.

Jordan also scored 20 points as the Bulls reached 60 victories. "It wasn't one of our great games, but it was No. 60," Jordan said. "We held them off. It was a battle when it shouldn't have been."

Dennis Rodman had 21 rebounds before limping off the court after being hit in the left knee with three seconds left.

SuperSonics 126, Warriors 89
At San Jose, Calif., Gary Payton scored 23 points in three quarters, and Seattle had its highest point total of the season in extending Golden State's losing streak to a season-high five games.

The Sonics swept their four-game season series with the Warriors, winning by an average of 30.3 points. They led 73-39 at halftime

and 101-61 after the third, then kept the lead above 30 points even though reserves played most of the fourth quarter.

Suns 117, Bucks 112
At Phoenix, Kevin Johnson scored 28 points as the Suns, currently eighth in the Western Conference, improved their lead over Sacramento to 11 games despite a knee injury to Cedric Ceballos.

After jumping for a rebound with two minutes remaining in the first quarter, Ceballos winced in pain and limped off the floor to the locker room. He did not return.

Hawks 96, Trail Blazers 89
Steve Smith scored 27 points and Dikembe Mutombo added 24 points and 12 rebounds as Atlanta extended its winning streak to five games and improved to 31-4 at the Omni.

Houston fans greet teen skater at airport

HOUSTON (AP) — The minute she stepped off the plane and into the gate at Houston Intercontinental Airport, figure skating star Tara Lipinski was swarmed by a crowd of hometown fans.

Two dozen little girls waved plastic American flags and clinked multicolored balloons as their 14-year-old idol returned home Tuesday night the youngest world cham-

pio ever. The girls all wanted a piece of their 4-foot-8, 75-pound idol, and they lined up for snapshots and autographs, handing her ice skates, tennis shoes, even a teddy bear, to sign.

Lipinski couldn't wait to go home to suburban Sugar Land and spend some time with her dad and her five dogs. She trains in Michigan, but

the family home has been in Texas since her father, Jack, came to work in Houston in 1991.

"This week I want to just relax and cut down a little bit on skating," said Lipinski, who won the title on Saturday at the world championships in Lausanne, Switzerland.

"It's so good to be home," agreed her mom, Pat, who stays with her daughter outside of Detroit while she trains.

During her week-long visit, Lipinski wants to go shopping at the Galleria, the three-story mall on the city's west side where she used to practice.

She smiled and hugged friends who waited for her at the airport.

"It was so great that everyone

could come and greet me," said Lipinski, who seemed unaffected by the frenzy.

In a town known for Olympic gymnastics and coach Bela Karolyi, Lipinski said she hopes to inspire more kids to skate.

Next week, Lipinski takes off for an appearance on the Rosie O'Donnell show, then goes on tour for a few months. A biography is in the works.

Her goal is to make the U.S. team for the Nagano, Japan, Olympics next February. She originally was aiming for the 2002 Olympics at Salt Lake City, but that was before her first-place finishes at the national and world championships.

TRADE

"We think with Lofton we get an established center fielder and lead-off batter, one of the best in baseball," he said. "We think our 1997 team will be as strong if not stronger."

Lofton, 29, gives the Braves their best leadoff hitter since they traded Brett Butler more than a decade ago. He hit .317 with 14 homers, 67 RBIs and 75 stolen bases last season.

The option year of Lofton's contract pays him \$4.75 million. Justice will make \$6 million this year and \$6.5 million in 1998, while Grissom enters the second season of a four-year contract that pays him \$4.8 million annually.

Preliminary salary figures showed the Braves' payroll was set to be the highest in baseball in 1997, an estimated \$62 million. That would have made the team liable for a luxury tax of more than \$3.8 million under baseball's revenue-sharing formula.

While the payroll is cut in the

short term, Atlanta now faces the daunting task of trying to resign three prominent players who are set to become free agents after this season.

Cleveland assures itself of outfield stability and continues to bolster a lineup that lost Albert Belle to the Chicago White Sox.

Grissom, a 29-year-old native of Atlanta, was acquired from Montreal in a trade before the 1995 season. He led off for the Braves the past two years and had one of his best seasons in 1996, hitting .308 with 23 homers, 74 RBIs and 28 stolen bases. His on-base percentage was only .349 and it was believed he would be better suited at a lower spot in the batting order.

Justice, whose best season came in 1993 when he hit 40 homers and had 120 RBIs, was one of the senior members of the team, having first joined the Braves at the end of the 1989 season and then taking over the following year in right field when Atlanta traded Dale Murphy.

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Gophers head to Indy with title in mind

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - Maybe Minnesota doesn't have the size, speed or tradition of other teams in the Final Four. What the Golden Gophers do think they have is the best team in the country.

After spending the last two weeks proving that their Big Ten title wasn't just the product of a down year for the conference, Minnesota is headed to the Final Four for the first time.

The Gophers (31-3) meet defending national champion Kentucky in Saturday's second semifinal. They enter as 6-point underdogs, against a school seeking its seventh national title - and believing that they are

the team to beat.

"We've got a lot of confidence in ourselves," forward Courtney James said Monday. "We just can't wait for the game to start."

"We know Kentucky has a great tradition and a great ballclub. They're going to be trying to repeat, and they have an NBA player in Ron Mercer."

"It's going to be a tough game for us, and I feel we match up perfectly with them. And they've got to match up with us, also."

Coach Clem Haskins is getting his team out of the Twin Cities early to avoid the outbreak of Gopher-mania that has surfaced

since Saturday's win over UCLA. Minnesota will be in Indianapolis on Tuesday afternoon, and Haskins plans to keep a tight grip on his players to make sure they don't become impressed simply with reaching the national semifinals.

After spending about an hour with the media Monday afternoon, the Gophers are off-limits until Friday.

"We want to get out of town because I know what's happening here in the Cities," Haskins said. "Everybody loves the guys so much and you hear so many times people patting you on the back and congratulating you."

"You need to get away from that. We think we have it won (already). We need to get back to work, and as long as I have them in town we can't do that."

Bobby Jackson, for one, will be happy to get away.

He went to the Mall of America to buy a pair of shoes Sunday, and spent more than two hours signing autographs at the shopping center of an adoring throng.

"We really can't go anywhere out in public without being mobbed," Jackson said. "It's been fine. The publicity that we're getting now is nice, (but) it's been overwhelming." The Gophers haven't been that

good on the court, needing two overtimes to get past Clemson in the regional semifinals and rallying from a 10-point deficit to beat UCLA. But they beat the Bruins with little help from starting point guard Eric Harris, who suffered a separated shoulder and was largely ineffective Saturday.

Harris expects to be healthy for Kentucky, giving Haskins back the full nine-man rotation that has gotten Minnesota within two wins of a national title.

The Gophers aren't as well-known nationally as Kentucky, North Carolina or Arizona, and none of their players seem destined

to be NBA stars. But they have worked their way quietly into the national semifinals with relentless defense and a balanced offense that makes them difficult to shut down.

That combination had some players talking about being a team of destiny after winning the Midwest Regional, a notion Haskins downplayed Monday.

"This team is here because they worked hard and prepared themselves to be here," Haskins said. "I don't think it's any luck that we win. It's preparation. When preparation meets opportunity, it equals success."



Team captains

Rob Reinauer and Annie Hoffman are serving as the team captains for the Hereford Whiteface tennis team this year. Reinauer and Hoffman are scheduled to lead the HHS team into District 1-4A play on April 11-12.

Iverson unconcerned of others opinion of his game

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Anyone expecting humility from Allen Iverson when he talks about the NBA's best rookies this season hasn't been following the program.

Iverson, the brash, trash-talking point guard for the Philadelphia 76ers, believes he deserves the league's Rookie of the Year award.

"I'd vote for myself," Iverson said Tuesday. "I'm real close friends with Stephon Marbury and Marcus Camby, all of those guys. I want to see them do well, but I don't think any of those guys performed better than me."

But he also thinks he's in trouble if it comes down to a popularity contest.

Though Iverson, the No. 1 choice in the June draft, leads all rookies in scoring, minutes and steals per game, he's not had a smooth transition to the pros.

Already tarnished by his role in a high school brawl that led to jail time in his native Virginia, Iverson's rookie season has been marred by a fight with teammate Jerry Stackhouse, his admission that he carries a gun and a steady stream of criticism from some of the league's best-known veterans.

"He thinks he's G-O-D God," Dennis Rodman said. "I didn't want to hurt him, just make sure he knows he shouldn't come in here talking all that trash."

Charles Barkley said Iverson's fundamentals were shaky, terming him the "playground rookie of the year."

Even Michael Jordan has criticized Iverson.

Iverson said he doesn't know why he's become a target considering there are "a lot of guys who did a lot more worse things than I have. I don't understand where the criticism came from. I guess a lot of people wanted me to come into this league and not do so well. It's bad that I think that, but the way I see it, it's true."

Some critics have focused on Iverson's undisciplined game, but many have taken him to task for not being deferential enough to the game's stars. Iverson said he doesn't care.

"I'll be hated all my career in the NBA if they want me to become some soft basketball player that bows down to everybody," he said.

"I'm not going to fear anybody in this league. That's how I got here - by competing, by not having any fear. And I'll stay that way because once I let people change me from how I was, and take that hunger away, that's when I'll start going downhill."

Statistically, Iverson has made a strong case for himself. He's averaging 21.7 points, 38.9 minutes and 2.1 steals - tops among rookies.

LSU hires coach to rebuild basketball program

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) - His voice breaking, his daughters wearing purple and gold cheerleader outfits, his wife and mother looking on, John Brady realized a longtime dream - becoming LSU's basketball coach.

Brady, the coach at Samford for the past six years, acknowledged he didn't have the credentials of many of the coaches the school considered. He acknowledged, too, that he was largely unknown outside of Birmingham, Ala., where Samford is located.

And he didn't doubt there would be some second-guessing about his hiring. He also had no doubts about taking over for Dale Brown, who retired after 25 years at LSU.

"There will be some who say I don't deserve what I've gotten, but I do deserve what I've gotten and the opportunity I've been given," Brady said Tuesday. "I have worked hard to get where I am."

Brady lobbied hard to get the LSU job. As soon as he heard Brown was retiring, Brady called athletic director Joe Dean and told him he wanted the job. Bit it wasn't his eagerness that got him the job, Brady said.

"I think I got it on my ability to coach basketball," said Brady, who is the most successful coach in Samford history, with a career record of 89-77 for six years, including four winning seasons in the past five years.

"I took a program over in Birmingham, Ala., where nobody came and nobody cared. We were able to turn losing into winning there, and I think I've proven myself."

Before Brady's arrival, Samford had just three winning seasons in the previous 20 years and had not won more than seven games in any of the previous five years.

This year Samford was 19-9, including an upset of LSU in Baton Rouge.

Brady was not Dean's first choice for the job. Dean pursued several major college coaches and finally

offered the position to Mississippi coach Rob Evans, who turned it down.

Brady, whose appointment was announced Monday, signed a five-year contract. His base annual salary will be \$100,000, with another \$100,000 from a radio and television contract and another \$150,000 in "other guaranteed income" from product endorsements.

Speaking to a crowd of reporters, school officials and friends from through the years, Brady had to stop more than a dozen times to regain his composure.

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Students of the Month

The Hereford Kiwanis Club recently recognized Isaac Walker, third from left, and Annie Hoffman, second from right, as the "Students of the Month" at Hereford High School. Also pictured, from left, are Esther Walker, Don Walker, Stephen Hoffman and Patsy Hoffman. The Kiwanis club honors students monthly for their academic and extracurricular activities.

Traffic mishaps happening much too often on highway

DALLAS (AP) - Driving at highway speeds, you watch a pickup truck's load vibrate loose ahead of you, landing in front of your wheels in heavy traffic.

Just about everybody has a tale of near-misses avoiding roadway obstacles. But two Texas motorists have died this month after swerving to avoid debris, and state statistics show those mishaps are occurring increasingly often on busy Texas roads.

Four children were thrown from a truck Saturday when the vehicle in which they were riding stopped for a pet carrier that was dumped on C.F. Hawn Freeway in Dallas. A dump truck struck their vehicle, ejecting them.

Minutes later, another driver rolled his truck and died trying to avoid the same wreck, near where law officers call "Dead Man's Curve."

And near Waco earlier this month, a chair on Interstate 35 prompted motorist Ralph Marcelli, 65, of Hondo to swerve into oncoming traffic, hitting a bus head-on.

Marcelli sustained internal injuries and his wife, Mary-Ellen, was rushed to Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center in Waco where she later died. Eighteen bus passengers were treated at a hospital and later released.

From January through November 1996, preliminary figures show that four Texans died in wrecks in which their vehicles had swerved or veered to avoid objects in the road. There were two deaths in all of 1995.

The total of all such mishaps also increased, from 299 in 1995 to 375 through November 1996, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety. Total injury accidents rose to 259 by November, compared with 187 the previous year.

"If you have a load, make sure it

is secured and not falling off the vehicle," said Dallas police Sgt. Floyd Simpson. "We're seeing too many of these kinds of wrecks."

But he said all large Texas cities with heavy commercial traffic face the problem.

"Our guys are out there on the lookout for it," he said. "Citations are issued for it."

In the Texas Transportation Code, the offense comes under the heading of failure to control "loose materials." Motorists can be fined up to \$200 for a first misdemeanor conviction for failing to contain loads.

But catching up with the moving culprit isn't easy. Those who are caught leaving the scene of a wreck they caused could be charged in a hit-and-run.

"If the driver knew something fell out of the vehicle and caused an accident, then he would have criminal liability if you catch up with him," said Dallas police detective Charles Marsh. "But if it fell out and he didn't know, he wouldn't have intentionally left the scene of an accident."

Some such mishaps that do not involve criminal acts may still wind

up in civil courts, said DPS spokeswoman Sherri Deatherage Green in Austin.

"It happens every now and then," she said. "But we concern ourselves with the criminal aspects."

No part of the state is immune from loose loads. In San Antonio, a wheel that came loose from a tractor-trailer rig March 18 ricocheted off a car, knocking debris into a third vehicle on Interstate 10, said police spokeswoman Sandy Perez. No one was seriously injured.

Even law officers can't dodge debris all the time.

"I have been a victim," Simpson said. "A wheelbarrow fell off a truck in front of me. I ran over it."



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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
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AUSTIN — State lawmakers last week continued with their search to find alternatives to the local school property tax that generates about \$10 billion in revenue each year.

Operating under a directive by Gov. George W. Bush, the House Select Committee on Revenue and Public Education Funding has been hearing from business people and individual taxpayers.

Bush wants to cut school property taxes by \$3 billion and make up for the lost revenue with a state sales tax hike and a new business activity tax. But he said some groups are voicing opposition to a new tax on business, while others are trying to protect their sales tax exemptions.

"The noise level is loud at the Capitol, because there are a lot of lobbyists who are paid a lot of money to protect the interests of those who pay no tax to the state of Texas, and that's not fair," the governor told the Texas Association of Home Builders, in a speech last week.

Rep. Paul Sadler, D-Henderson, chairman of the select committee, said he hopes the panel decides on a tax plan before the end of March.

Senate OKs Managed-Care Bill

Sen. David Sibley's bill that would hold managed health-care organizations liable for medical decisions was approved by the Senate last week.

The legislation, which moves

to the House for consideration, would open up Texas managed-care organizations to malpractice lawsuits. If the legislation becomes law, Texas would be the first state in the nation to allow those providers to be sued for medical malpractice.

"What's so special that this industry should be treated differently from everybody else?" Sibley, R-Waco, asked during Senate debate.

"This bill is for Texans who have to fight to get the health care they have paid for years," he said. About 12 percent of Texans are enrolled in managed-care programs, Sibley said.

Lotto Contract to Be Rebid

The Texas Lottery Commission voted to accept new bids on the contract to operate the Texas Lottery.

Requests for bids will be submitted to potential bidders no later than June 30. Meanwhile, the state's contract with the current contractor, GTECH Holdings Corp. of New Jersey, remains in effect.

The Commission fired Lottery Director Nora Linares in January after learning that GTECH had hired her boyfriend, Mike Moeller, as a \$5,000-a-month consultant in 1992. Harriet Miers, chairwoman of the three-member commission, proposed that the contract be rebid, after questions arose as to how GTECH conducts business.

Last spring, the commission voted to extend GTECH's contract for five years.

Marc Palazzo, a spokesman for GTECH, said the firm expects that the state "will act in good faith and honor the existing agreement."

Last week, the commission also decided to scrap a plan to consider using state employees to run the lottery. Miers said lawmakers told her they would not approve the hiring of additional employees that would be needed.

False-Lien Bill Passes

Persons who use false court documents to harass others would face criminal penalties under a bill

passed by the Texas Senate.

The bill, sponsored by Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, would stop the use of fake court records and property liens by groups such as the "Republic of Texas" to intimidate their adversaries. "This targets anybody who engages in these practices," Bivins said.

Republic of Texas members have filed false liens against government officials as part of their campaign to take Texas out of the United States.

Redistricting Issue Resurfaces

Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, chairman of the Senate Redistricting Committee, warned fellow lawmakers against spending too much time on redistricting during this legislative session.

During a hearing, a few of Barrientos' colleagues said they favor redrawing boundaries where cities and communities have been split into one or more districts.

Barrientos urged against wholesale changes in favor of minor, technical changes, as set forth in two bills he has filed that would keep the Senate and congressional districts the same for the next election.

A Houston federal court redrew 13 of the state's 30 congressional districts after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that three of the districts were racially gerrymandered.

Lawmakers have until June 30 to draw new congressional boundaries or ratify the court-ordered plan.

Other Capital Highlights

The Senate passed legislation that would require doctors to inform a teen-age girl's parents 48 hours before she could get an abortion. The bill by Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, assigns punishments of up to a year in jail and fines of up to \$4,000 to doctors who perform abortions without notifying parents.

The Texas House passed a bill that would allow the University of Texas to add an additional upper deck to Royal-Memorial stadium, although the construction would violate a state law protecting views of the Capitol.

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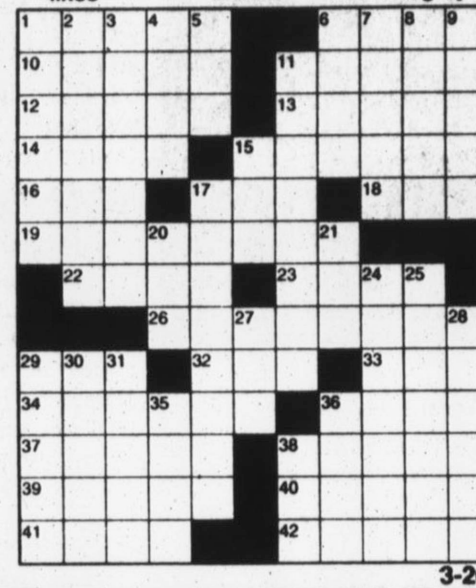
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March 25, 1997

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Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office of Don Day, Area Engineer, Canyon, Texas, and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction and Maintenance Division, 200 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704-1205. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.

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May	49.50	+0.35	49.85	Sept	2.75	+0.01	2.76
June	50.00	+0.45	50.45	Nov	2.50	+0.01	2.51
July	50.50	+0.55	51.05	Jan	2.25	+0.01	2.26
Aug	51.00	+0.65	51.65	Mar	2.00	+0.01	2.01
Sept	51.50	+0.75	52.25	May	1.75	+0.01	1.76
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Month	Price	Change	Settle
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May	1.27	+0.01	1.28
June	1.28	+0.01	1.29
July	1.29	+0.01	1.30
Aug	1.30	+0.01	1.31
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Oct	1.32	+0.01	1.33
Nov	1.33	+0.01	1.34
Dec	1.34	+0.01	1.35
Jan	1.35	+0.01	1.36
Feb	1.36	+0.01	1.37
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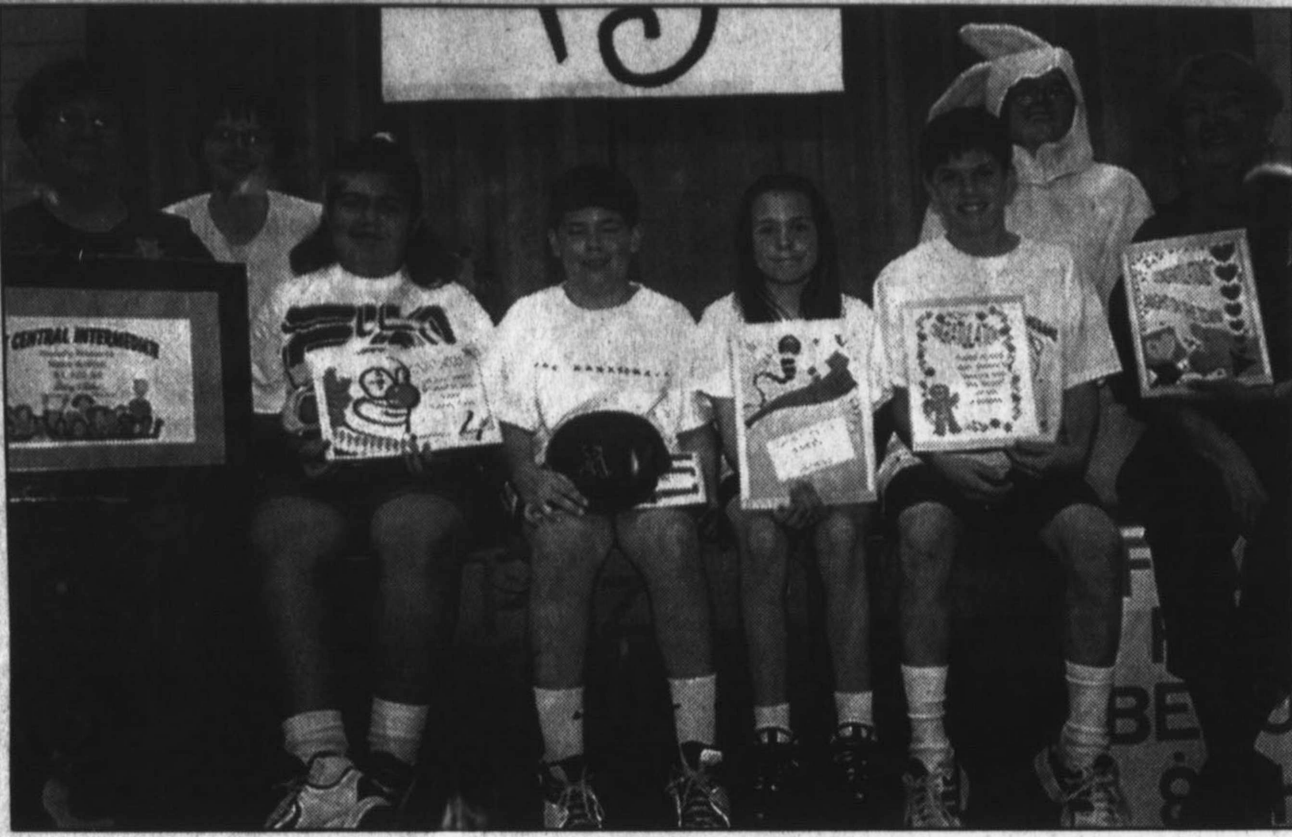
Month	Price	Change	Settle
Mar	1.00	+0.01	1.01
Apr	1.01	+0.01	1.02
May	1.02	+0.01	1.03
June	1.03	+0.01	1.04
July	1.04	+0.01	1.05
Aug	1.05	+0.01	1.06
Sept	1.06	+0.01	1.07
Oct	1.07	+0.01	1.08
Nov	1.08	+0.01	1.09
Dec	1.09	+0.01	1.10
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Prize winners

West Central Intermediate School has announced the winners of its Kids for Wish Kids fund-raiser. The students, teachers and staff raised more than \$1,300 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The money will go directly towards granting wishes for Hereford wish kids. Pictured, left to right, are Deby Reinart, Bernadette Wright, both Hereford Make-A-Wish representatives, Amy Garcia, family pass to Wonderland Park; Tanner Black, Dillas ticket and autographed cap; Kylee Veazey, bicycle donated by West Texas Rural Telephone; Stewart Carr, family pass to Beauty and the Beast on Ice; Easter Bunny, who drew the tickets; Linda Anderson, gift certificates for movie, restaurant and hotel. Not pictured is Ashley Fortenberry, winner of family pass to Beauty and the Beast on Ice.

Water conservation bill expected to pass Senate

By MARK BABINECK
Associated Press Writer

MIAMI, Texas (AP) - Roberts County, perfectly content to remain a throwback to when the Panhandle was mostly unfettered range, didn't mean to set an example for water law in Texas.

Nonetheless, the statewide water conservation bill that's expected to clear the state Senate this week in many ways mirrors the experiences of folks here, where the Ogallala Aquifer runs deep and tempers once ran short.

"My dad would tell me that there's two things that kept him on the High Plains: One was the cool summer nights, and the other was the good drinking water," lifelong area farmer Lewis Davis said over coffee one morning. "He didn't know whether, once the water was gone, if the cool nights would keep him here."

The Ogallala extends from Texas up into South Dakota, quenching thousands of farms and towns along the way. Most of the Roberts County land is too gouged and harsh for farming, but the water below is unusually plentiful.

That's why Southwestern Public Service Co., the regional power provider, bought a slew of water rights around here in the 1970s. The reservoir below was perfect to help cool the nuclear power generator it planned nearby.

The Carter Administration nixed the plant, and the rights remained dormant until 1993, when SPS subsidiary Quixx Corp. sold them to the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority.

The water authority's wanted to pipe water from area ranches to 11 cities in the Panhandle and South Plains, including population centers Lubbock and Amarillo.

That didn't go over well with many locals.

"My grandfather bought this ranch in 1907, and the water and mineral rights went with it. That was just standard," said former U.S. Rep. Bob Price, a rancher who sold most of his rights to SPS in the early 70s.

"No one ever thought water would ever be worth anything, but it's worth more than oil, because human beings can't do without water."

The 460,400 human beings in cities served by the water authority need a lot more water than the 940 residents of Roberts County. Most of those live in Miami, the only town among the county's scenic hills and gorges.

People here always had resisted joining the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District for fear that it would exert unwanted controls upon them. But the prospect of their water flowing as far as 220 miles south changed their minds, and the conservation district won a heated election in 1994 to represent their interests.

With the threat looming that their water transfers would be curtailed, the water authority fought back. Opponents then agreed to a compromise rather than risk losing a court fight and the possibility that they would lose all control over the water.

The compromise allowed the water authority to tap the aquifer but only with certain conservation measures and pumping limits.

The deal is similar to what would be enacted statewide with Senate Bill 1, which encourages regional water districts to develop extensive management strategies.

"I don't think the way it's currently drafted would have made a significant difference in what we ended up with," said C.E. Williams, manager of the White Deer-based Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District.

"The stuff we did was kind of a forerunner to this bill. We just looked at it a little earlier than the rest of the state."

Once the equipment is in place by mid- to late-1999, the water authority is permitted to pump up to 13 billion gallons from the aquifer annually, and another 3.3 billion in times of acute need.

The state has estimated that there are about 9 trillion gallons beneath Roberts County.

John Williams, general manager for the water authority, said the goals of pro- and anti-pumping forces can coexist.

"We can't afford to do anything to endanger or damage the agricultural economy of the area," he said. "It's certainly not a matter of opposing agriculture at all. We're simply trying to find the best use of a resource."

El Paso believes it knows the best use for water under some land it purchased near Van Horn and Valentine. Those towns have fretted that their big neighbor to the west will leave them high and dry.

Environmental committee hears testimony Tuesday

West Texans fear nuclear waste dump

AUSTIN (AP) - West Texans who fear the effects of a planned low-level nuclear waste dump testified before a House committee in favor of a bill that would effectively scuttle the project.

The House Environmental Regulation Committee heard testimony Tuesday on the bill sponsored by Rep. Norma Chavez, D-El Paso.

The bill changes the requirements for a waste dump planned for a site 16 miles from the Rio Grande in Hudspeth County, saying the dump must be at least 60 miles from the river.

The Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Authority is petitioning for a license to operate the dump in Sierra Blanca, a rural community 90 miles southeast of El Paso.

The committee sent the legislation to a subcommittee while Rep. Chavez awaits an opinion from federal authorities on whether the site violates the La Paz Agreement in which the U.S. and Mexico agreed not to enter into projects that might have significant effects on the border environment.

Proponents argued Tuesday that the dump poses health, ecological and economical hazards.

"They don't know what they're doing. That's why we drove 400 miles here," said Alpine resident Susan Curry.

Marfa resident Gary Oliver offered a letter from a Culberson County rancher who couldn't sell his land

after a prospective buyer found out a dump would be built in the area. Presidio County Attorney Teresa Todd, meanwhile, said the dump would hurt the area's effort to encourage tourism and attract environmentally-sound companies.

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