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Charles Richard Walsler has seen his share of history come and go during his 109 years. The former Summerfield farmer came to Deaf Smith County - via wagon - in 1917 from McLean

## BIRTHDAY BASH

### Humor, quick wit keep Hereford man smiling at ripe young age of 109

By TOMMY WELLS  
Managing Editor

In 1888, Grover Cleveland was serving his first term in the White House. Babe Ruth had yet to take his first swing as a baseball player for the Boston Red Sox, and the capitol building for the State of Texas was nearing completion.

In 1888, The U.S. map, in case you didn't know, wasn't quite as expansive as it is today - as Montana, South Dakota, North Dakota and most of the other western states had yet to be admitted into the Union. And in 1888, in case you were wondering, was just 20 short years after Gen. Robert E. Lee put the Confederate State of America to rest by surrendering to the Union army at Appomattox.

It was also the year Charles Richard Walsler was born.

The same C.R. Walsler who still frequents the Hereford Dairy Queen to hash out the news with his friends. The same C.R. Walsler who can remember dates and times better than most men nearly three-quarters of a century younger.

Born March 26, 1888 in Montague County to Samuel and Ingram Walsler, the witty farmer celebrated his 109th birthday yesterday with approximately 100 of his family members and friends looking on.

So, how does it feel to have a 109th birthday? Don't ask Walsler.

"I never been there but once," he joked. "So I guess it feels about like any other day."

One day he remembers well is March 27, 1917 - the day he and his family completed a long and laborious move to Deaf Smith

County. Walsler, who at the time lived in McLean, set out to move his wife, Sarah Della, and his children to the small community of Summerfield early in March. He and another man loaded their belongings on two wagons and began the week-long march across the panhandle. Once the families belongings had been put in place, he took a train back to McLean, where he loaded his family into a Model T Ford for the return trip.

Deaf Smith County wasn't their first choice, however. Walsler, his brother, Lafayette, and his father-in-law, happened upon the land at Summerfield quite by chance.

Word has been spread that prime land was available around the Plainview area, so the three took off in search of the golden spread.

After Plainview didn't pan out, the trio turned their attention to Dimmitt, but that didn't work out either.

"We got to studying on it," the father of four stated. "There just wasn't much at Dimmitt at that time so we decided to go on. My father-in-law had a sister who lived up at Summerfield so we came up to visit. After staying the night, Walsler and his family set out for Hereford. Along the way, they happened to pass across a piece of land that caught his brother's eye."

"He said 'This is a pretty farm,'" Walsler said. "This is the land we should buy.' I just told him 'maybe.'"

No more thought was given to the idea. The trio spent the night in Hereford and set out for Friona the following day - still looking for the right land. As fate would have it, a northern cold front blew in and forced the

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C.R. Walsler on the secret of longevity

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## 39 found dead in mansion; cult activity blamed in mass suicides

By TED ANTHONY  
AP National Writer

A mansion in the "Beverly Hills of San Diego," a community replete with swimming pools and tennis courts. Men and women ages 18 to 24. And a seemingly orderly death-matching dark pants, tennis shoes, hands at their sides.

Thirty-nine young men and women were discovered dead Wednesday afternoon in a mansion in the well-to-do San Diego suburb of Rancho Santa Fe. They were connected to Higher Source, a quasi-religious group that designed Internet sites for computer users.

A Website NBC's "Today" show said was apparently designed by a Higher Source member described the group's desire to leave Earth and rendezvous with a spaceship behind the Hale-Bopp comet.

"We are happily prepared to leave 'this world' and go with Ti's crew," the cryptic Heaven's Gate Website reads.

The Website contains an entry that said suicide was unacceptable for people who are not part of the group but was an acceptable way for cult members to ascend to a higher level of life.

There is no information on the Heaven's Gate Website that connects it to the Higher Source group.

Ronald E. Enroth, a sociology professor at Westmont College in Santa Barbara, Calif., and an expert in new religious movements, said the fact that most of the dead were young is consistent with cult activity.

"That age bracket is precisely the target population for cults. Eighteen to 26 is the group that most of the new organizations are targeting," Enroth said. "And if it was in an upscale neighborhood, the new groups have been targeting the upper middle class."

Before 1950, Enroth said, such cults as the Father Divine movement and the Sweet Daddy Grace movement targeted disenfranchised Americans. In recent years, he said, religious groups have been recruiting more affluent members.

Initial reports hinted at a typical case of mass suicides, he said.

"To put it in very unprofessional, unacademic language, it looks as if somebody snapped - probably the leader," Enroth said. "Some emotional trigger occurred and these people followed suit."

Enroth and other cult experts say leaders of religious groups often consider themselves messiahs - the

living embodiment of doomsday prophecy - and tailor their actions accordingly.

Other bits of information also hint at religious activity. Scott Warren, a real estate agent who showed the house last week, was greeted by about 20 people who referred to it as "our temple," according to Warren's

employer, Bob Dyson.

"Everybody was met at each door. Shoes had to be taken off, and they were invited to wear surgical booties or socks," Dyson said. "They kept referring to the temple as very self sufficient and how proud they were. A lot of bunk beds, (and they) referred to each other as brother and sister."

## Here's ticket for local drivers: buckle up, obey speed limits

By SHERRI MARTIN  
Staff Writer

Here's the ticket -- buckle up, restrain children in safety seats and drive within the speed limit.

The Hereford Police Department will participate in STEP, or Selected Traffic Enforcement Program during the Easter holidays, Cpl. Terry Brown said.

STEP is a zero tolerance policy on seat belts, child safety seats and speed violation.

The police department received a grant to implement the program. Officers will enforce STEP Friday through Monday, Brown said.

STEP, which is funded by the Texas Department of Transportation, provides funds for officers' overtime pay, patrol vehicles' gasoline and equipment, he said.

The police department divided the city into four quadrant. Officers in marked and unmarked

cars will patrol each quadrant, Brown said.

The state average compliance is 74 percent for seat belts and 61 percent for child safety seats, he said.

The Hereford average compliance is 71 percent for seat belts, Brown said.

"So, we're going to set a goal of 90 percent compliance this weekend," he said.

The Hereford average compliance is 41 percent for child safety seats, he said.

"We're going to try to double that," Brown said.

No warnings will be given. Police officers will issue tickets for traffic violations, he said.

One motorist in compliance will be pulled over by police. The motorist will be given an Easter ham, Brown said.

The police department is not

doing this to be mean or make money for the city, he said.

"It's a health and safety issue. We just want them (motorists) to wear their seat belts," Brown said.

The police department recently sent four officers to a Standard Field Sobriety School, which was sponsored by the TxDOT, he said.

The school teaches officers to determine borderline drunk drivers by the eye test, Brown said.

"It takes the guessing out of it," he said.

The police department now has seven officers trained in field sobriety, Brown said. The STEP program has worked well in the city, he said.

TxDOT recognized the police department for its successful program, Brown said.

"So, we're doing well," he said.

## Lawmaker pushing plan to eliminate property taxes

By JUAN B. ELIZONDO Jr.  
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) - The list of ideas for cutting local school property taxes has grown by two, with one lawmaker proposing to abolish property levies altogether.

State lawmakers are trying to find a way to lower local school property taxes by increasing the state's share of education funding.

The House Select Committee on Revenue and Public Education Funding is considering a plan to pay for a cut to local school taxes by eliminating many exemptions to the current sales tax, expanding the business tax and raising other taxes.

Gov. George W. Bush has proposed a half-cent sales tax increase, a new business tax and the use of \$1 billion in state funds to replace money lost when the local taxes are lowered.

But Rep. Talmadge Heflin, R-Houston, said if local property taxes aren't abolished, lawmakers will force them back up in the future. He's pushing a plan to abolish all property taxes.

To pay for it, Heflin would raise the sales tax and subject nearly all goods and services, including food, to the higher tax.

"I don't want to tamper with the sales tax without doing away with the property tax," Heflin said.

Under his proposal, the state sales tax would rise 2.75 cents on the dollar to 9 cents. Local governments, school districts and other taxing entities would split another 2 cents per \$1.

Dick Lavine, of the Center for Public Policies Priorities, said

Heflin's plan would harm poorer Texans.

"The sales tax is inherently regressive," Lavine said.

Heflin countered that the property tax is more regressive. He said the sales tax has a "choice" component because consumers can choose what to buy.

Rep. Kim Brimer, R-Arlington, said that's not the case with food.

But Heflin said people choose between prepared foods - which already are taxed - and unprepared foods. He also said savings from abolishing all property taxes would offset the higher sales tax for most people.

"That's an interesting idea," said Bush spokeswoman Karen Hughes.

"People have said that they want to contribute through their local school taxes and this plan obviously wouldn't allow that. But the governor welcomes ideas as the process moves along."

## Panhandle wildfires burn up 25,753 acres

WASHINGTON (AP) - The beef war is over.

Tempers flared last month after a children's magazine linked to the Smithsonian Institution published an anti-beef article, angering cattle producers and lawmakers from Texas, the nation's top beef-producing state.

After Muse magazine's March edition hit the newsstand - its cover emblazoned with the photo of a calf and the slogan "Please don't eat me!" - Smithsonian officials were immediately apologetic.

Now, they've transmitted their apology officially.

"Clearly, no magazine should attempt to proselytize for a specific cause or viewpoint, and since this case violates that principle, I must offer my sincerest apologies and assurances that such a case shall not be repeated," Smithsonian Secretary Michael Heyman wrote to congressmen earlier this month.

Rep. Mac Thornberry, who had been among the lawmakers expressing concern, said Wednesday that he has accepted Heyman's apology.

"It appears that there was a breakdown in communication on the Smithsonian's part and that steps are being taken to correct this error," said the Clarendon Republican, who is himself a rancher.

Prevailing dry, windy weather has kept the potential for destructive wildfires at extreme levels throughout the Texas Panhandle.

Eighty wildfires have burned more than 25,000 acres in 20 counties of the Panhandle since March 11, according to Ron Davis, incident commander of the Texas Forest Service Wildfire Task Force staged at Canadian.

Davis has compiled a Panhandle fire activity report, which shows Deaf Smith County reporting the most fires, 18, since March 11. However, Hemphill County tops the list in acres burned with 9,503 and Wheeler is next with 7,001. Deaf Smith was third with 2,200 acres burned. Total for the 20 counties was 25,753 acres.

Fortunately, only one structure was destroyed in these fires. A total of 34 structures were threatened. Main causes of the fires attributed to anything from trash burning and controlled burns, to auto catalytic converters, welding accident and arson.

The brisk winds and low humidity, when combined with the amount of dry grass in much of the Panhandle, translate into fast-spreading wildfires which are more difficult and dangerous to control, according to Davis.

The task force at Canadian includes four trucks equipped with slip-on foam pumping units and an all-terrain vehicle equipped with a 750-gallon tank and pumping unit.

With little chance of rain in the forecast through the rest of the week, Davis said the Forest Service continues to recommend that all outdoor burning be postponed. Agency fire control leaders also stress that everyone needs to be extremely careful with all potential wildfire ignition sources.

"Wildfires which occur under the prevailing weather conditions will burn fast and hot," Davis said. "The high winds which recently passed through the Panhandle only dried the existing fuels further. Firefighters can expect higher flame heights, more intense heat and possibly erratic fire behavior."

## Fishing party set for kids

A free fishing event for youngsters age 14 and under will be sponsored by the City of Hereford Saturday at Aquatic Park Lake. The event is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

The city's Parks & Recreation Department is stocking 500 pounds of trout in the lake for the fishing experience. Free hot dogs and drinks will also be served.

A \$50 savings bond will be awarded for the biggest fish caught in two age divisions - one for ages 11 through 14, and one for age 10 and under. Children under 6-year-old must be accompanied by an adult.

Participants should bring their own fishing pole and a container.

Members of the Hereford Volunteer Fire Department will cook the hot dogs, and Hereford Cattlewomen will serve the food and drinks.

Theme for the event is "Hooked on Fishing...Not on Drugs."

## Combest visits here

U.S. Rep. Larry Combest was scheduled to be in Hereford this morning to visit with local and area residents at a Town Hall meeting in Hereford Community Center.

Invitations to the 10 a.m. meeting were mailed to every residential household and post office box in the county and to area towns.

Congressman Combest was expected to make a brief report on important issues, then provide folks the opportunity to express concerns and ask questions.

The meeting here is one of six town hall meetings that Rep. Combest has and, will be, holding in the district.

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## Local Roundup

### Easter Egg Hunt set Saturday

The City of Hereford will hold its second annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday in Dameron Park beginning at 10:30 a.m. Children should have their own Easter baskets as they hunt for Easter eggs and toys.

### Friday to be sunny, cooler

Hereford had a high of 68 Wednesday and a low of 43 this morning, reports KPAN Weather Station. Tonight, the weather bureau forecast is for mostly clear skies with a low around 40. A west wind of 15-25 mph and gusty will diminish and shift to the northwest at 10-20 mph late. Friday, sunny and cooler with a high in the upper 60s and northwest to north wind 10-20 mph. Saturday, mostly clear with a low in the upper 30s and high near 70. Sunday, partly cloudy with a low in the upper 30s and a high near 70.

## Obituaries

### ALFRED "MACK" NOLAND

March 27, 1997

Alfred "Mack" Noland, 86, died this morning at Hereford Regional Medical Center.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Rector Funeral Home. Services will be under the personal direction of Dave Anderson of Hereford.

Mr. Noland was born Sept. 18, 1910 in Floydada. He farmed in Deaf Smith County for many years. He married Emma Plunk at Clovis in 1939.

Mr. Noland was a 32nd degree Mason, belonged to the Shrimers and worked with the Rainbow Girls for

many years.

He will lie in state at First Baptist Church in the Kinsey Chapel from 5 to 7 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday.

Survivors include his wife, Emma; three sons, Joe Don Noland and Jay Noland of Hereford, and Bill Noland of House, N.M.; one daughter, Janey Allmon of Hereford; three brothers, J.B. Noland of Summerfield, Jim Noland of Amarillo, and Otho Noland of Hereford; one sister, Eva Lookingbill of Summerfield; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

### JAY WASHINGTON

March 25, 1997

Jay Washington, 68, of Tulia, died Tuesday. His brother, Earl Washington resides in Hereford.

Services were at 3 p.m. Thursday in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Jesse Hodge, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery by Wallace Funeral Home.

Mr. Washington was born in Flomot. He grew up in Flomot and Springlake-Earth. He graduated from Springlake-Earth High School in 1948.

He moved to Swisher County in 1948 and joined the Navy in 1951. He was the caretaker of Rose Hill

Cemetery in Tulia and a member of First United Methodist Church.

He married Bernice Hinsley in 1954 at Clovis, N.M.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Pam Wilks of Tulia; two sons, Buddy Washington and Bruce Washington, both of Tulia; a sister, Peggy Dannecker of West Palm Beach, Fla.; three brothers, George Washington of Clarendon, P.A., Washington of Springlake, and Earl Washington of Hereford; and seven grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the Tulia Cemetery Association.

### LUCILLE SLAUGHTER

March 26, 1997

Lucille Slaughter, 82, of Olathe, Kan., died Wednesday.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home Rose Chapel with the Rev. J.L. Bozeman, retired Baptist minister, officiating. Burial will be in West Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Slaughter was born in Slaton. She married Gordon Slaughter in 1932 at Arnett, Okla. He died in

1978.

She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

Survivors include three sons, Larry Slaughter of Oklahoma City, Okla., Gary Slaughter of Lenexa, Kan., and Dick Slaughter of Houston; a daughter, Debbie Dupree of Kansas City, Mo.; a sister, Louise Hightower of Las Vegas; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

### JULIANA GARZA

March 21, 1997

Juliana Garza, 65, of Runge, died Friday. She is the sister of Isabel Cervantez of Hereford.

Services were held Monday at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Runge, and burial was in Runge L.A. Cemetery.

Mrs. Garza was born Dec. 27, 1931 in Runge. She was a nurse's aide at John Paul Nursing Home in Kenedy

and a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband, Felix M. Garza Sr.; a daughter, Linda Pennington of Clear Lake; seven sons, Richard of Victoria, Louis of Beeville, and Jesse, Gilbert, Felix Jr., Alfredo and Robert, all of Runge; a sister, Isabel Cervantez of Hereford; a brother, Hilario Garza of Olton; and 13 grandchildren.

## News Digest

### STATE

**AUSTIN** - Nearly all Texans who wear contact lenses would be able to get copies of their prescriptions under a bill headed to the full House. According to a study by Consumers Union, nearly 70 percent of Texas eye doctors won't release contact-lens prescriptions to their patients. That limits patients to buying lenses only from their doctors.

**HOUSTON** - Los Angeles police and Texas state troopers have seized a videotape in Houston that could help identify the killer of rap star Notorious B.I.G., the Houston Chronicle reported today.

**SAN ANTONIO** - The smuggling of undocumented immigrants is on the rise along the Texas border because of beefed-up patrols in the border area, authorities say.

**IRVING** - The issue of who flies regional jets remained a sore spot with American Airlines pilots as they met to discuss a proposed settlement to their contract dispute with the airline.

**WASHINGTON** - The beef war is over. Tempers flared last month after a children's magazine linked to the Smithsonian Institution published an anti-beef article. After *Muse* magazine's March edition hit the newsstands its cover emblazoned with the photo of a calf and the slogan "Please don't eat me!" - Smithsonian officials were immediately apologetic. Now, they've transmitted their apology officially.

**WASHINGTON** - Nearly half of the House of Representatives is on record opposing a NAFTA provision that would allow Mexican cargo trucks unfettered access to U.S. highways.

**WASHINGTON** - Amid reports of illegal immigrants rushing into marriage and unfounded fears of mass deportations, the Clinton administration wants to clear up confusion over new immigration policies taking effect next week.

# Senate budget writers are open to proposal of delaying tax cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) - A week after House Speaker Newt Gingrich suggested delaying tax cuts until after Congress votes on legislation eliminating federal deficits, top Republican aides said Senate budget-writers may follow a similar path.

Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., is leaning toward proposing about \$77 billion in tax cuts over five years, an amount that could eventually grow to about \$140 billion, said aides, who spoke on condition of anonymity. But final action on the reductions could

come only if lawmakers first vote to eliminate federal deficits by 2002, the aides said.

Gingrich, R-Ga., was attacked by many conservatives after he proposed delaying votes on tax reductions until after the budget-balancing effort.

He said that would be the best way to avoid accusations from Democrats that Republicans were paying for tax cuts by slashing Medicare and other needed programs. Conservatives said the strategy would probably kill the tax cuts by making them easier for President Clinton to veto, and accused the speaker of abandoning

bedrock GOP principles.

White House officials have said they are open to the idea of delaying tax cuts. High-level budget talks between the administration and Congress are due to resume when lawmakers return from their Easter recess early next month. Domenici would write his plan if, as is likely, there is no quick bipartisan deal, one aide said.

The tax cuts envisioned by Domenici would be paid for by savings the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office says the government would enjoy because of

increased economic activity and lower interest rates sparked by a balanced budget deal. Those savings are projected at \$77 billion.

The package could grow to \$140 billion by paying for the extra reductions with a renewal of the 10 percent airline ticket tax, which expires Sept. 30, and extension of other expiring tax provisions, aides said.

The \$140 billion in tax cuts is about \$40 billion more than Clinton has proposed, and about \$60 billion less than Senate GOP leaders included in a tax bill they unveiled in January.

The amount would be enough to accommodate some versions of Republicans' favorite tax reductions, including reductions in capital gains tax rates, paid on profits from sales of property; tax credits for children; tax breaks for education; and a reduction on the levy paid by people who inherit estates worth more than \$600,000.

Under the strategy, the Senate would approve a budget resolution eliminating annual deficits by 2002 and including the tax cuts. Budget resolutions map spending and tax changes, but do not actually implement them - that comes in later legislation.

## WALSER

men to turn back to Hereford - where they learned the land they had crossed - the old R.L. Wilson farm - was indeed for sale.

"We went to Hereford Real Estate and told them what we were looking for and what we would put down. They told us Mr. Wilson had taken the farm off the market but that the bank was going to foreclose on him if he didn't sell."

Wilson did.

That land, which was co-owned by his brother and used for raising cattle, sugar beets, cotton and wheat, served as the home for his family for 37 years. In 1954, he and his wife moved into town. He leased the land until 1975 before finally deciding to sell the place. The couple raised four children on the land, including sons Guy, D.C., and "Hollis" and a daughter, Leatrus.

"That place was a home for all of us," said Leatrus, who eventually married and settled with the late Jim Clark. "We all grew up there."

Hereford, according to Walsler, has changed considerably in his 80 years of residency.

"There's too much to tell," he joked. "It (Hereford) is about four times as big. There used to be three banks in town when I first came here, and downtown was only three blocks."

After 109 years of living life as a farmer, husband and father, one thing is certain: He doesn't know the secret to longevity.

"I don't know," he laughed. "You'd have to ask someone older than me to get that answer."

Perhaps it's the two scrambled eggs and oatmeal he eats every morning that keeps him active enough to walk about his house and get out when the weather allows.

Or maybe it's his sense of humor.

### National Mental Retardation Week

Hereford Mayor pro tem Roger Eades, right, signed a proclamation recently which will observe March 31-April 5 as National Mental Retardation Week in Hereford. The signing was held at Hereford Satellite Center at 218 25 Mile Avenue. Gracie Chavez, director of the center, left, and one of the center's clients, Amy Anderson witnessed the event.

## 57 immigrants are found crammed in U-Haul truck

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Fifty-seven undocumented immigrants, including seven children, have been found crammed inside a 26-foot U-Haul truck on an interstate highway near San Antonio.

Two Mexican citizens have been charged with illegally transporting the immigrants, said spokesman Ray Dudley of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service.

"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."

The discovery was made Monday during a traffic stop on Interstate 10 near Gonzales, about 60 miles east of San Antonio. The truck was headed for Houston, Dudley said.

Forty-three of the immigrants are from Mexico and 14 from El Salvador. Among the group were seven children and seven women. Three of the children were from El Salvador and were 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 teenagers or older, he said.

The 43 Mexican immigrants were voluntarily deported Tuesday, but it will take longer to arrange the return of the Salvadorans, Dudley said.

The children were turned over to Texas Child Protective Services.

Carlos Perez-Hernandez, 28, and Jose Alfaro Cortez-Flores, 22, were charged with transportation of undocumented immigrants and ordered held without bond Tuesday in an appearance 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.

Authorities said the truck was rented in Houston and driven to Laredo, where the immigrants were picked up. The smugglers charged the immigrants from Mexico \$500 for the

trip and those from El Salvador \$2,500, federal officials said.

One of the immigrants said his final destination was New York City; the others were headed for Houston.

Gonzales County sheriff's deputies said they stopped the truck because it had been weaving. It then was determined the driver had no license, and the INS was notified after people were discovered packed inside the truck, Dudley said.

## Emergency Services

Activities reported by law enforcement agencies Thursday:

### POLICE DEPARTMENT

-- 25-year-old female arrested for domestic assault.

-- 18-year-old male arrested for domestic assault.

-- Theft of beer reported stolen from a convenience store in the 300 block of North 25 Mile Avenue.

-- Three pay-per-view lined filters reported stolen off cable TV lines in alley between Avenues D and E.

-- Vandalism reported in 300 block of Cherokee.

-- Damage to construction equipment reported in the 700 block of Main Street.

-- Eleven citations issued.

-- One motor vehicle accident without injuries.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT

-- One fire call reported.

### SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

-- 43-year-old male arrested for domestic assault.

-- 33-year-old male arrested for public intoxication and violation of probation.

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

-- 29-year-old male arrested for theft of service and Randall County warrants.

-- 32-year-old male arrested for commitment on DWI.

-- Domestic assault reported.

## Smuggling of aliens on rise along border

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - The smuggling of undocumented immigrants is on the rise along the Texas border because of beefed-up patrols in the border area, authorities say.

It's more difficult now for someone to cross the Rio Grande into Texas without being detected.

"Smuggling is up phenomenally," spokesman Ray Dudley of the Immigration and Naturalization Service in San Antonio said Wednesday.

The region includes Corpus Christi, Laredo, San Angelo and Waco.

Dudley said that INS agents processed 623 undocumented aliens and arrested 76 persons for smuggling aliens in fiscal 1996, which ended last September.

In the six months of the new fiscal year, 402 undocumented immigrants have been processed already and 41 people have been arrested for smuggling aliens.

Beefed-up patrols along the Texas border come as part of a nationwide push to hire 4,000 new Border Patrol agents and 2,699 other immigration officers between 1996 and 1999.

Alfonso Moreno, supervisory intelligence agent for the U.S. Border Patrol in Laredo, said that stepped-up enforcement usually means more smuggling cases as people turn to professionals rather than attempting the trip themselves.

"Some of these smugglers even offer guarantees that if they get caught and sent back to Mexico, they will transport them a second time and make sure they are successfully smuggled into the United States," Moreno said.

"Whether the people can ever find the smugglers after being returned to Mexico is a different story. A lot of folks are taken in by smugglers' scams."

Dudley said the increase in smuggling cases was expected because a similar increase was reported in Arizona a few years ago when forces along the border were increased.

Moreno said he also believes there are simply more people coming, especially from Mexico and some Central American countries.

"And most of the people we talk to tell us their motive to come here is economic," he said.



**LOTTO TEXAS**

By The Associated Press  
No ticket correctly matched all six numbers for the \$31 million jackpot offered in Wednesday night's Lotto Texas drawing, state lottery officials said.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 19, 20, 25, 35, 36 and 38

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$45 million.

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-3-4 (two, three, four)

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# Lifestyles



## FCE club members participate in District Cultural Arts Contest Urbanczyk, Brorman advance to state

Deaf Smith County Family and Community Education Club members competed in the District Cultural Arts Contest on March 21 in Amarillo. Loretta Urbanczyk and Mary Brorman placed first in the contest. These ladies will advance to the State FCE contest in Wichita Falls in September.

Urbanczyk entered a large machine quilted log cabin quilt and a smaller baby block patch quilt. Brorman entered a crocheted star-fan pineapple doily.

Placing second in their respective categories were Audrey Rusher in painting and ceramics, Alta Mae Higgins in photography, and Neoma Stokesberry in fashion creations and wearable arts.

woodworking, Carolyn Evers in jewelry, and Kay Behrends in holiday decorations.

The Deaf Smith FCE Cultural Arts contest was held in conjunction with their annual scholarship fund-raiser - Tasting Bee on March 4. Mariellen Homfeld was the chairman and committee members were Naomi Brisendine, Marilyn Smith and Shirley Brown.

## County FCE holds meeting

The Deaf Smith County Family Community Education members met March 24 at the Deaf Smith County library.

Maudette Smith, chairman, called the meeting to order. The Cultural FCE club had the opening exercises. Perry Keyes read a poem, "This is the Story."

The United States flag pledge, Texas flag pledge and FCE prayer were recited.

Welcomed visitors were Alta Mae Higgins, Marilyn Smith, Wilma Geotch, Jewel Hargrave and Daisy Steel. There were seven clubs represented, with four clubs having 100 percent attendance.

In the business meeting, Kay Behrends read the minutes and roll call. Grace Covington read a letter from the Honorable John Smithee. Loretta Urbanczyk gave the treasurer's report, and Mariellen Homfeld gave the education report. The deadline for the scholarship applications is April 10 in the Deaf Smith County Extension office. A scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior.

Several members will be attending the District I meeting in Perryton on April 10. Beverly Harder, CEA, will accompany Tonic Vaughn, Smith, Lee, Keyes, Covington, Homfeld.

Recipes for the 1998 Tasting Bee are to be turned in at the May council meeting. The categories are pies, desserts, cakes and candies.

Six members attended the District I Cultural Arts competition in Amarillo on March 21.

The winner of the quilt at the Tasting Bee was Carolyn Richardson of Vega.

The next meeting will be a luncheon on April 28.



When a recipe says "fold" it means you should combine the ingredients lightly, less vigorously than stirring, mixing or blending.

## Admiring cultural arts exhibits

Family Community Education members recently compete in the District I Cultural Arts Contest in Amarillo. Pictured admiring some handwork, from left, are Texas FCE County Chairman Jo Lee, Grace Covington of the Westway FCE Club, County FCE Chairman Mariellen Homfeld, and Alta Mae Higgins of the Bippus FCE Club.

## Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I was very pleased to see the letter from "Irate in Michigan," whose neighbors were plugging into her electrical outlets. That same scenario happened to a friend of mine.

A new house was being constructed next door, and the construction company plugged into his electrical outlets for six months. The workers also tapped into his water supply, and although that didn't cost as much as the electricity, it was still stealing.

My friend talked to the new home owners and the construction company, but nothing happened. Finally, he called the police, and the stealing stopped. However, vindictive acts of vandalism were done to my friend's property. Landscaping was ruined, and the water was left on for hours. The construction workers parked in front of the garage so my friend couldn't get his car out and so on.

I'd like to offer some advice to anyone who is victimized by this sort of theft and harassment:

1. Document events in a journal, including dates, times and locations.
2. Confront the offenders in a non-threatening manner.
3. If you don't get results, send a letter to the construction company, and let it know that further action will be taken if the workers don't stop.
4. If that doesn't work, call the

police. I have since discovered that the water company makes a faucet meter so neighbors can be charged when they tap into the outside faucet. I don't know if the electric company has any options like that, but it's worth looking into. -- Still Steamed in Oregon

**Dear Still Steamed:** According to A to Z Electric Co. in Chicago, ground-fault locking covers are available through any electrical supply house. Also, since most outside outlets have their own power line, they can be shut off at the fuse box, and no one can use them until you turn the power back on.

Commonwealth Edison says if you suspect theft, call your local electric company. For those who live in apartments and suspect a neighbor is plugging into their electrical power, there is an easy way to find out. Shut off all electrical appliances, including the lights and refrigerator, and check to see if the wheel on the meter is still turning. If it is, call the electric company, and report it.

Here's one more on the subject: **Dear Ann Landers:** This is in response to "Irate in Michigan," who found construction workers had tapped into her electrical outlets. In 1988, while living in Louisiana, it happened to me. I was away for a month on a work assignment, and

when I returned, my electric bill had almost tripled. When I spoke to the electric company, I found out that not only had my electric usage gone up, but my security seal had been cut. I couldn't prove who had stolen my electricity, but there was a new home being built in the lot next door.

Why would a construction worker steal electricity when the cost is paid by the owner of the new building? -- Puzzled in Oklahoma

**Dear Puzzled:** ComEd told us that for most new home building, the local electric company provides temporary service so the construction company has access to electrical power. It seems to me there would be no reason to tap into yours unless the construction company is cutting corners to avoid exceeding the cost of the agreed-upon price.

What can you give the person who has everything? Ann Landers' booklet, "Gems," is ideal for a nightstand or coffee table. "Gems" is a collection of Ann Landers' most requested poems and essays. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$5.25 (this includes postage and handling) to: Gems, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$6.25.)

## Voleda Study Club views early pictures of Hereford at museum

The Deaf Smith County Museum was the site of the Voleda Study Club meeting. Frances Crume served as hostess.

Crume lead the club collect. Roll call was answered with "How many Indian tribes are there in the United States and Canada?"

The minutes were read and approved. The balance in the treasury is \$122.83.

Donna Brockman and Leslie Gavina of the museum shared some pictures of early day Hereford with the club.

Hereford's first post office was a natural cave, called "Dean Post

Office." The college and dorm, where Hereford High School is now located, lasted until 1911.

Early pictures of the Tierra Blanca Creek showed it full of water, winding and with no trees. When the park by the E.B. Black House was called Gregg Park, it had lots of cedar and other trees.

Also, members saw a picture of the railroad tank car that was used to send Hereford water to other states.

The next meeting will be April 14 at Theda Seiver's home.

Those present were Marcella Bradley, Bettie Dickson, Mary Dzuik, Betty Gilbert, Joyce Ritter, Norma Walden, Margaret Zinser and Crume.

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### Showing off their caps

The Sparkler 4-H club members made decorative spring caps at their March meeting. Jennifer Brorman gave the program at the meeting, which was held at St. Anthony's School. Here, club members show off their hand-decorated caps.

## Today in History

**By The Associated Press**  
 Today is Thursday, March 27, the 86th day of 1997. There are 279 days left in the year.  
**Today's Highlight in History:**  
 On March 27, 1794, President Washington and Congress authorized creation of the U.S. Navy.  
**On this date:**  
 In 1512, Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon sighted Florida.  
 In 1625, Charles I ascended the English throne upon the death of James I.  
 In 1836, the first Mormon temple was dedicated, in Kirtland, Ohio.  
 In 1884, the first long-distance telephone call was made, between Boston and New York City.  
 In 1917, the Seattle Metropolitans became the first U.S. team to win the Stanley Cup as they defeated the Montreal Canadiens.  
 In 1945, during World War II, General Dwight D. Eisenhower told reporters in Paris that German defenses on the Western Front had been broken.  
 In 1958, Nikita Khrushchev became Soviet premier in addition to First Secretary of the Communist Party.  
 In 1964, Alaska was rocked by a powerful earthquake that killed 114 people.  
 In 1968, Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin, the first man to orbit the Earth, died in a plane crash.  
 In 1977, 582 people were killed when a KLM Boeing 747, attempting to take off, crashed into a Pan Am 747 on the Canary Island of Tenerife.  
 In 1979, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 8-1 that police could not stop motorists at random to check licenses and registrations unless there was

reason to believe a law had been broken.  
 Ten years ago: The Marine Corps charged that Sgt. Clayton J. Lonetree, a Marine guard, had escorted Soviet agents through the U.S. Embassy in Moscow — an accusation that was later dropped, although Lonetree was convicted of espionage.  
 Five years ago: Democratic presidential front-runner Bill Clinton, campaigning in New York, apologized for recently golfing at an all-white club. German Chancellor Helmut Kohl met with Austrian President Kurt Waldheim in Munich, a meeting denounced by Jewish groups because of Waldheim's alleged involvement with Nazi persecution during World War II.  
 One year ago: An Israeli court convicted Prime Minister Yitzhak

Rabin's confessed assassin of murder, then sentenced former law student Yigal Amir to life in prison.  
**Today's Birthdays:** Lord Callaghan, former British prime minister, is 85. Former Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance is 80. Newspaper columnist Anthony Lewis is 70. Dance company director Arthur Mitchell is 63. Actor Austin Pendleton is 57. Actor Michael York is 55. Rock musician Andrew Farriss (INXS) is 38. Movie director Quentin Tarantino is 34. Singer Mariah Carey is 27. Rock musician Brendan Hill (Blues Traveler) is 27. Actress Emily Ann Lloyd ("Something So Right") is 14.  
**Thought for Today:** "Often the test of courage is not to die but to live." - Vittorio Alfieri, Italian dramatist (1749-1803).

Pastor Dorman and Jani Duggan and Congregation of Community Church Invite You to Celebrate Good Friday Service 7:00 p.m. Community Church 1508 Whittier

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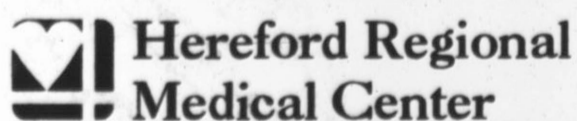
Psalm 103:2 "who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases" Psalm 107:20 "The Lord forgives the word and cleanses them" Gal. 3:2-3 "and by His wounds you have been healed" Matt. 23:1 "and by His stripes we are healed"



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## Area Events

### AMARILLO

The sixth annual Amarillo Arts and Crafts Festival will be held March 29-30 in the Amarillo Civic Center.

More than 140 artists and craftspeople will fill the main exhibit hall with original and handcrafted items.

Hours for the show are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. There is no admission charge.

The Don Harrington Discovery Center and the Amarillo Astronomy Club will be hosting Astronomy Days on April 5 at the Discovery Center.

The event is free to the public and offers activities for all ages.

Astronomy Days is being sponsored by Battelle and National Home Health Care.

The afternoon's activities, which will be held from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., will consist of the following:

- Telescope workshop.
- Water rocket demonstrations.
- Model rocket demonstrations.
- Exhibits.
- Constellation viewing in the Starlab Portable Planetarium.
- Astronomy exploration on the computer.
- Several activities for the children.

An observing session will also be held from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Discovery Center's parking lot.

Telescopes will be set up by the Amarillo Astronomy Club for viewing planets, nebulae, galaxies and Comet Hale-Bopp.

A special showing of Comets: From Fire and Ice may be viewed at 8 p.m. in the Discovery Center's planetarium.

Tickets to the planetarium show are \$2 per person, and the Discovery Center members will be admitted free.

The outside observing session is free to all. There will be a 10 percent discount on any astronomy related item in the Discovery Center Gift Shop.

The Harrington String Quartet will hold the final performance of their 1996-97 season at 8 p.m. on April 5 in Westminster Presbyterian Church in Amarillo.

The concert includes a string quartet by Franz Schubert that is part of the Amarillo Symphony's year long celebration of the 200th anniversary of Schubert's birth in 1797.

The Quartet presented an early Schubert work on their last concert and the Symphony has performed several Schubert compositions this season, including his "Unfinished" Symphony.

Tickets for the Harrington String Quartet three concert series are \$7 for adults and \$2 for students and senior citizens.

For ticket information, call the Symphony office at 376-8782.

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## Make Reservations Early For Your Park Activity!

### CURRENT PARK RESERVATIONS

**AQUATIC PAVILION**  
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**AQUATIC PAVILION**  
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 Saturday, March 29, 1997  
 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

**AQUATIC PAVILION**  
 Carmen Castillo  
 Sunday, March 30, 1997  
 10:00 am - 8:00 pm

**DAMERON PARK NW AREA**  
 Amanda Flores  
 Sunday, March 30, 1997  
 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm

**VETERANS PAVILION**  
 Leticia Rodriguez  
 Sunday, March 30, 1997  
 3:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Reservations are taken for a specific park location on a first come, first served basis. Reservations must be made in person at the City Hall.



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# Sports

## Penders decides to stay at Texas

**By CHIP BROWN**  
Associated Press Writer  
AUSTIN (AP) - Rutgers offered big bucks and a long-term contract, but Tom Penders said Wednesday that he will remain the head basketball coach at Texas.

Penders toured the Rutgers campus Tuesday with school President Francis Lawrence and athletic director Fred Gruninger, a close personal friend of Penders for more than 20 years.

The financial package presented

by Rutgers would have paid Penders \$700,000 annually over at least seven years. But Penders said his decision didn't boil down to money.

"I was offered the Rutgers job," Penders said. "It was an offer that I wouldn't have had to work another day in my life if I had taken it. But I love the University of Texas and I'm staying."

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

Penders was offered the job after Eddie Fogler rejected an offer from the New Jersey school and decided to stay at South Carolina after getting a raise.

Penders, who currently makes just over \$400,000 a year, is expected to get a raise that would pay him roughly \$550,000 per year, according to Texas Athletic Director DeLoss Dodds.

The raise would make Penders one of the top paid coaches in the Big 12 Conference.

"DeLoss has said he wants to get me on the same level with the other Big 12 coaches," Penders said. "No new contract has been written, but DeLoss has always been fair and his word is golden with me."

Penders said he didn't use the Rutgers job as leverage for a pay raise.

"My agent asked me if I wanted him to go to DeLoss and talk money, and I said no," Penders said, adding that Dodds had voluntarily promised him a raise well

before the Rutgers interview.

Penders has five years remaining on his current seven-year deal at Texas.

Dodds said he was relieved by Penders' decision.

"I'm happy that he's staying," Dodds said. "I felt from the beginning that he would stay, but you're never certain until it's over. Now it's over."

Penders said a large part of his decision to stay was the recruiting class that he signed to come to

Texas next year, including Chris Mihm of Austin Westlake High School. Mihm, who is 6-foot-11, is considered one of the top players in the country.

"I certainly want to bring a national championship to Texas and the young players coming into our program weighed heavily in my decision," he said.

Penders, who has been considered for other college jobs and even NBA positions, said he was impressed with Rutgers.



**Giddy up and gone...**

Hereford's Merline Culver drives past a barrel during competition this past weekend in the Lazbuddie High School Rodeo. Culver and most of the area Texas High School Rodeo Association members will travel to Childress this weekend for a rodeo.

## Tech breaks ground on new arena

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) - Texas Tech officials and area luminaries broke ground Wednesday on a \$47 million arena that someday will house the university's basketball and volleyball teams.

In a ceremony complete with a band, cheerleaders and a balloon release at the arena site on the southern part of campus, Chancellor John T. Montford led about 40 donors, sports figures and other dignitaries in turning the soil.

Among the diggers was Robert Snell, whose United Supermarkets provided the lead \$10 million gift. In turn, the building will be dubbed United Spirit Arena, and the doors will open in the 1998-99 school year.

"I'd be less than candid to say we haven't had our problems," said Montford, referring to an ongoing NCAA investigation and other recent academic troubles in the athletic department.

"I pledge to you that Texas Tech will have a squeaky clean athletic program, a competitive athletic program and world-class facilities as we move from this decade into the next century."

The 12,600-seat building will be financed mostly by private donors except for an estimated \$20 million that will come from increased fees, which students overwhelmingly approved last year.

## License will be required for public fishing

Persons, ages 17 and over, who plan to fish in the public portion of the Kidfish program this weekend at the Hereford Aquatic Center will need a fishing license and a trout stamp.

The actual Kidfish program is free to those children and parents - and is exempt from state laws requiring licenses. Once the event is over, and the pond is opened to the general public all state laws, including limits, will be in effect.

## Switzer, Cowboys draw NFL's toughest schedule for 1997

IRVING, Texas (AP) - The Dallas Cowboys, champions no more, face the toughest 1997 schedule in the NFL.

The league's schedule, released Wednesday, has the Cowboys playing on national television five times, including three Monday-night games on ABC, one Sunday-night game on TNT, and the annual Thanksgiving game.

Based on the combined 1996 records of its opponents, no team drew a tougher schedule than Dallas. The Cowboys' 1997 opponents were 143-113 last year. Kansas City, whose opponents were 140-116 in 1996, has the second-toughest schedule, while Detroit (119-137) has the easiest.

Despite the draw and Dallas' diminished NFL dominance, Cowboys coach Barry Switzer said he was hopeful of competing for another championship.

"If we remain healthy and can some way get a supporting cast in there to help the nucleus of players we right now have ... we have an opportunity to do that," he said.

Besides the usual games against NFC East rivals, Dallas plays on the road against Pittsburgh, San Francisco, Green Bay and Cincinnati. The Cowboys' non-divisional home games are against Chicago, Jacksonville, Houston and Carolina.

"We play nine games against teams that finished ... 500 or better," Switzer said. "That's quite a challenge, but our guys are used to

competing at that level."

Dallas opens the season Aug. 31 in Pittsburgh.

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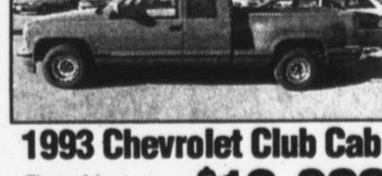
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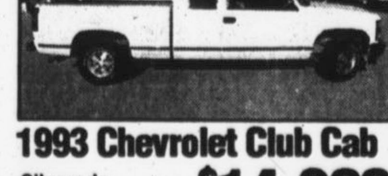
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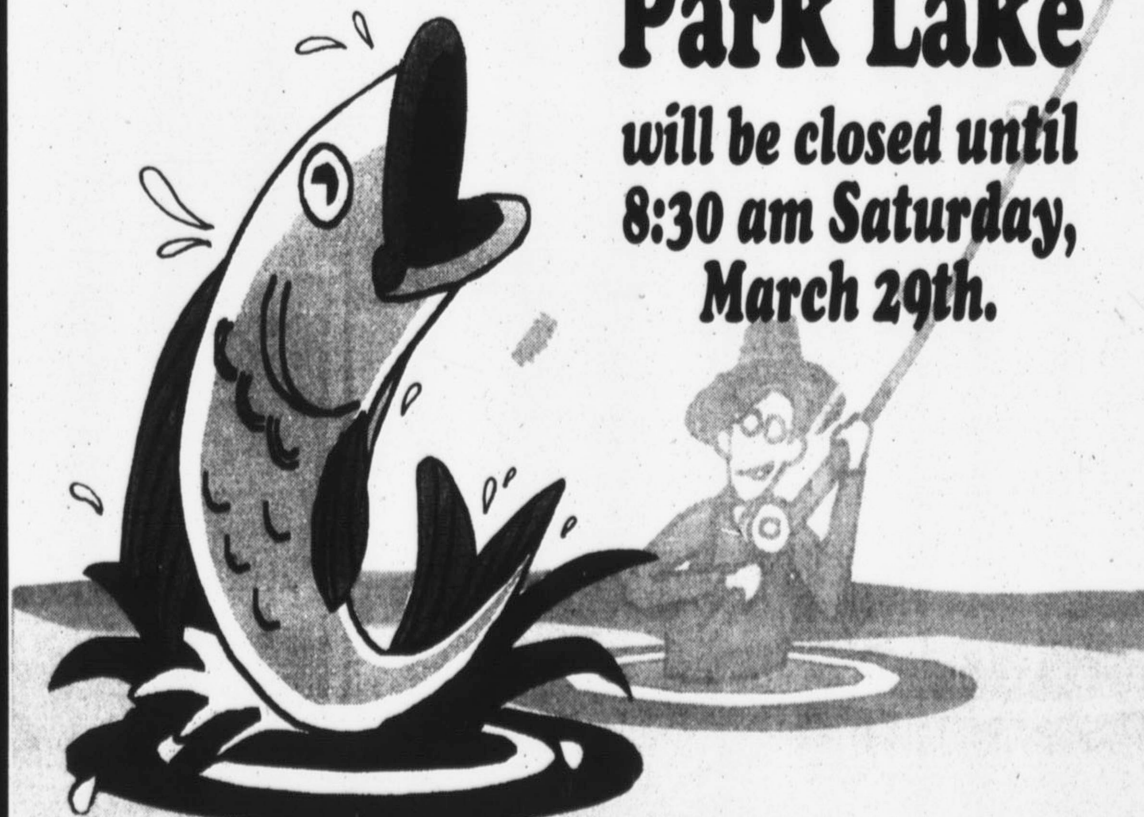


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**Whalers to leave Hartford after '97?**

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) - Hartford Whalers owner Peter Karmanos raised the stakes too high. His wish list grew too long. After two months of negotiations, the sides said they remained far apart on several issues, with the main sticking points linked to a new arena deal. The team has agreed to pay a \$20.5 million penalty to leave

at the end of the season, a year before its four-year commitment expires. "Despite all our efforts, the Whalers say they can no longer survive in Hartford," Gov. John G. Rowland said. "This is a setback. But the future of Hartford does not depend on the Whalers or any other major league sports franchise."

**KJ, Suns closing in on playoff berth**

**By The Associated Press**  
Not only are the Phoenix Suns racing toward the NBA playoffs, they're sending a message to the rest of the West that they won't be pushovers.

Kevin Johnson, who has said he will retire after this season, looked spry as a rookie with 31 points Wednesday night as Phoenix won 109-107 at Seattle. It was the Suns' fifth straight road win and improved their record to 31-39 after starting 0-13.

Phoenix currently holds the eighth playoff spot in the conference and improved its hold on it as Sacramento lost.

"This is a big win for us, because we may meet them in the playoffs and we haven't beaten them in a while," Johnson said of the Sonics. "It's a good rivalry over the years."

Phoenix hadn't beaten Seattle in nearly two years. But it shut down the Sonics in the final moments and scored the last five points.

Johnson was 9-for-14 from the field and 6-for-10 from 3-point range. Jason Kidd scored the winning basket on a pass from Rex Chapman with 2.9 seconds left.

"Their defense will give you some chance to have some looks from the outside," Johnson said.

"The ball bounced our way," Kidd added. "In the past, we lose this game."

Hersey Hawkins led the Sonics with 22 points.

Elsewhere in the NBA, it was New Jersey 123, Philadelphia 105; the Los Angeles Lakers 106, Milwaukee 84; Miami 101, Sacramento 88; New York 105, Detroit 94; Portland 88, Charlotte 87; Washington 105, Boston 92; Indiana 104, Dallas 80; and Minnesota 102, Denver 100.

Hours before the game, NBA commissioner David Stern fined New Jersey coach John Calipari \$25,000 for calling sports writer Dan Garcia of the Star-Ledger of Newark a "Mexican idiot."

The fine was the largest ever against an NBA coach, and it marked the first time the league punished non-game related speech.

Calipari said he would not contest the fine.

Jim Jackson tied his season-high with 28 points and Tony Massenburg matched his career-high with 26 for the host Nets. The 123 points tied their season high.

**Lakers 106, Bucks 84**

Even without three starters, the Lakers had no trouble with the visiting Bucks, who dropped their 14th in the last 17 games. Los Angeles moved within two games of first-place Seattle in the Pacific Division and into third place in the Western Conference, a half-game ahead of idle Houston.

Elden Campbell scored 13 of his 31 points in the third quarter. Rookie Kobe Bryant made his fourth start of the season as a replacement for Eddie Jones and scored 19 points.

All-Star guard Eddie Jones has a bruised left calf. Also out for L.A. were Shaquille O'Neal and Robert Horry.

**Heat 101, Kings 88**

Miami welcomed Alonzo Mourning back to the starting lineup by blitzing slumping Sacramento. Mourning, starting for the first time since tearing a tendon in his right foot on Feb. 21, scored 26 points in 39 minutes as the Heat won their seventh straight game.

Coach Pat Riley saw plenty missing from Mourning's game.

"Mourning is not feeling right," Riley said. "When he posts people up, he's all right, but when he tries to drive by people and hit a home run, that's when he's not right."

Tim Hardaway also had 26 points for Miami, which stayed 2 games ahead of New York in the Atlantic Division. Mitch Richmond paced Sacramento with 32, but the Kings have lost 10 of their last 11 and seven in a row on the road.

**Knicks 105, Pistons 94**

The Knicks' 50th victory of the season gave them a 2-1 edge in the season series and moved them 1 game ahead of Detroit in the race for the third playoff seed in the East. New York also clinched the tiebreaker edge against the Pistons.

It was the Knicks' best all-around

game since they beat Chicago 2 weeks ago — a victory that was followed by losses in four of their next six games.

Patrick Ewing scored 27 points for host New York, which became the first team in 11 games to score more than 100 points against the Pistons.

**Trail Blazers 88, Hornets 87**

Portland held the Hornets to one field goal in the final six minutes to win at Charlotte.

The Blazers, who erased a 10-point deficit by hitting their first

eight field-goal attempts of the third quarter, concluded a five-game Eastern swing with a 3-2 record.

Glen Rice had 33 points for the Hornets, who missed five of their last six field-goal attempts and had their three-game winning streak broken.

**Bullets 105, Celtics 92**

Reserve Tracy Murray scored a season-high 24 points and Rod Strickland had a season-high 17 assists as Washington crept within 2 1/2 games of idle Cleveland for the final playoff spot in the East.

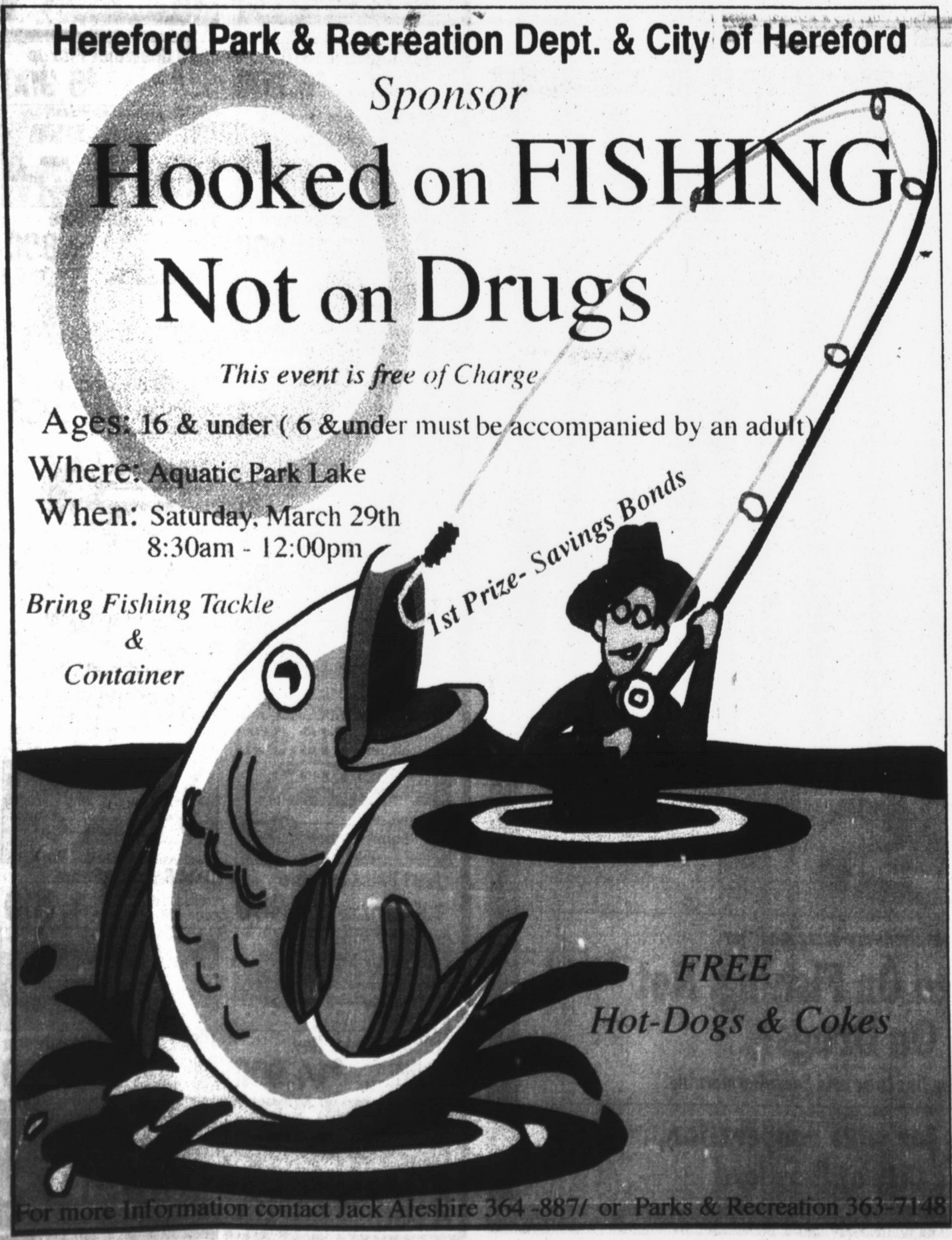
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## Rodman to miss remainder of regular season with knee injury

CHICAGO (AP) - Dennis Rodman will miss the rest of the regular season because of an injured knee, but the NBA's rebounding leader is expected to return for the playoffs.

Chicago Bulls general manager Jerry Krause said today that Rodman had a sprained medial collateral ligament in his left knee, sidelining the flamboyant forward for the final 13 games of the regular season.

"Obviously, it has an effect going down the stretch," Bulls coach Phil Jackson said.

Rodman hurt himself near the end of Tuesday night's game against the Dallas Mavericks.

He had jetted to Los Angeles to attend the Academy Awards on Monday and then made it back the next morning in time for a practice

in suburban Chicago.

Then Rodman, full of energy despite the short night, went out and grabbed 21 rebounds. All was well until three seconds remained in the 94-92 comeback victory.

That's when Rodman, going for a rebound, had his left knee inadvertently hit by the Mavs' A.C. Green and had to limp off the court as the game ended.

"It hurts like hell. I'm going to get an MRI tomorrow," Rodman said after the victory, the Bulls' 60th this season.

"Twenty-one boards. That's Dennis. He can do that," Bulls guard Steve Kerr said after sparking Tuesday's victory with 12 of his season-high 20 points in the final quarter. "He's a physical specimen. Most of us would have been asleep out

there."

Michael Jordan, who along with Scottie Pippen watched from the bench as Kerr rallied the Bulls, said he was surprised by Rodman's vigor.

"He had a good rebounding game," said Jordan. "I was shocked he had the energy level he had. It must have been an easy night at the Oscars."

The Bulls trailed by 10 late in the third quarter and were down by seven with a quarter to go.

"It was a tough game," Jordan said. "It wasn't one of our best games, but it was No. 60."

The Bulls are 130-19 over the last two seasons, tying the Philadelphia 76ers for most wins in consecutive seasons. The 1966-67 and 1967-68 Sixers were 130-33.

## Chiefs sign Thomas to long-term deal

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) - Derrick Thomas is virtually certain to be a member of the Kansas City Chiefs when he retires - and a very wealthy one at that.

The eight-time NFL Pro Bowl linebacker and his agent, Leigh Steinberg, arrived Wednesday in Kansas City, where Thomas signed deal that will keep him with the Chiefs for seven more years.

The Chiefs wouldn't discuss details of the deal, but The Kansas City Star reported in today's editions that Thomas, 30, will get \$27 million for the life of the contract, or an average of slightly less than \$3.9 million a year.

At a news conference with Thomas and Chiefs president Carl Peterson, Steinberg said the contract tops the six-year, \$24 million deal signed by Chad Brown with Seattle in February. That would make Thomas the highest-paid defensive player in the NFL, a distinction that might not last long given that Steinberg also represents Buffalo Bills defensive end Bruce Smith.

"It's a complex contract that does make (Thomas) the highest-paid defensive player in football, which is where he should be," Steinberg said.

"We certainly didn't win Monday night," Steinberg said, referring to the Academy Awards, "but Carl showed us the money."

Steinberg is widely believed to be the inspiration for the agent in the

Oscar-nominated movie "Jerry Maguire."

But Peterson, who answers to Chiefs owner Lamar Hunt, quickly reminded Steinberg and reporters who really has the deep pockets.

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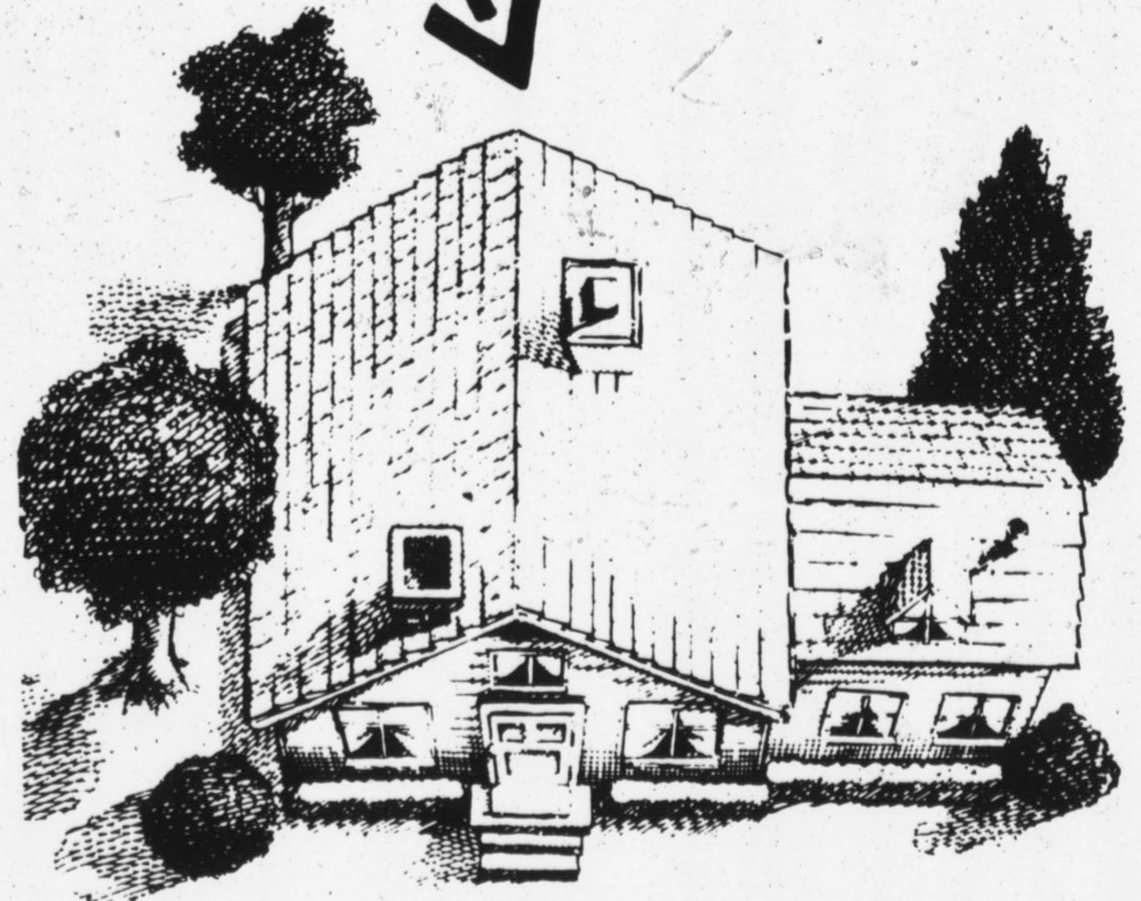
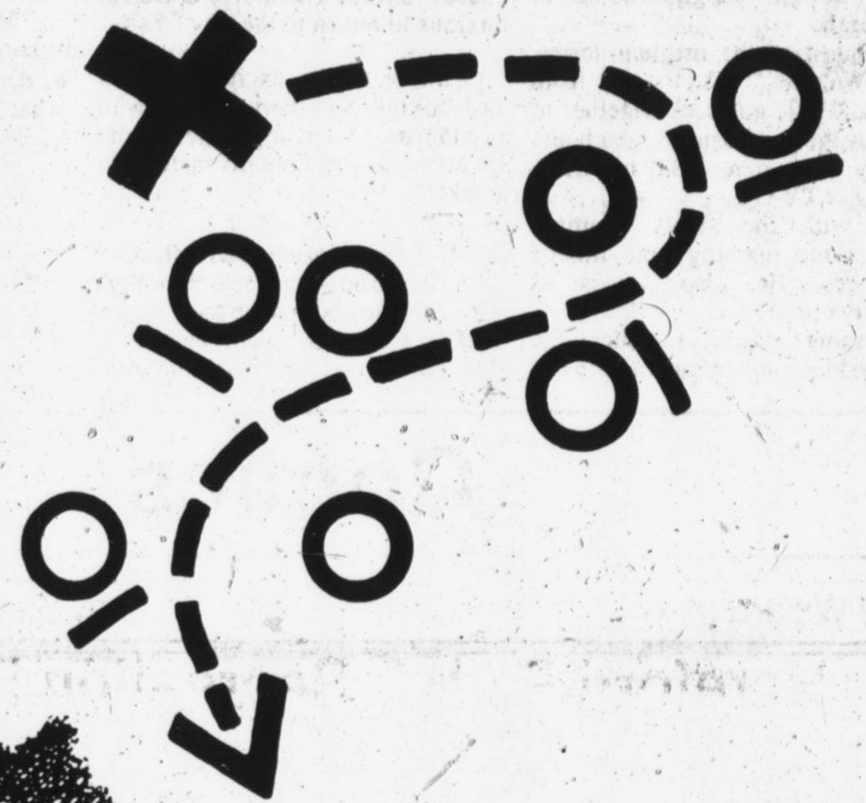
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This marzipan potato is another example in which one food is created to look like another. The "skin" is almond paste and the "pulp" is a mixture of chocolate cake and preserves. This is a real hands-on recipe, so enlist your preschooler to help you prepare it and surprise the rest of the family.

In a large bowl, combine 2 cups finely crumbled chocolate cake with 1/2 cup chopped walnuts and 1/4 cup apricot preserves. (Mixing with your hands works best.)

When evenly mixed, divide cake mixture into four equal parts and

shape each part into an irregular oval log. Wash your hands.

To make the potato skins, cut a 7-ounce roll of marzipan paste (in the baking section of the grocery store) into four equal pieces. Place a marzipan medallion between two sheets of waxed paper and roll out into a 5-inch circular disk. Remove the waxed paper and wrap the disk around one of the cake logs. Fold in all edges and press together to seal. The finished shape should resemble a small russet potato.

Roll each potato in cocoa powder and insert a few slivered almonds to resemble slightly sprouted potato eyes. Make small indentations in the "skin" for added realism!

Place several potatoes in a small basket on the table. After tricking everyone, slice into 1/2-inch-thick sections and place on a pretty dish for serving.

Watch "Donna's Day with Donna Erickson" on your local PBS station.

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# Government recommends routine mammograms for women in 40s

By LAURAN NEERGAARD  
Associated Press Writer  
WASHINGTON (AP) - Moving to end one of the most contentious issues in medicine, the government is recommending that women in their 40s get routine mammograms to check for breast cancer.

The presidentially appointed National Cancer Advisory Board suggests that women get mammograms every one to two years in their 40s, The Associated Press learned Wednesday.

For women at high risk of breast cancer, the recommendation advises seeking expert medical advice before age 40 to determine the frequency at which they will need mammograms in the following decade. High risk factors include a family history of breast cancer and delaying pregnancy until after age 30.

The board, which advises the National Cancer Institute, was scheduled to announce its recommendations today. And sources close to the decision said NCI Director Richard Klausner would support the board's determination.

The government's long-anticipated decision moves closer to what cancer advocates recommend. The American Cancer Society on Sunday tightened its own recommendations for 40-somethings from mammograms every year or two to annual screenings.

Congress is preparing to address whether insurance companies should be forced to pay for mammograms in the 40s. Aides said President Clinton, whose mother died of breast cancer, planned to take four steps in response to the report:

- Assure state Medicaid directors in writing that federal money is available to help pay for mammograms for women in their 40s.

- Amend his Medicare proposal to cover mammograms for the elderly.

- Challenge the private sector to extend mammogram coverage in their insurance plans.

- Seek to have future federal employee health insurance plans cover mammograms for women in their 40s.

The cancer institute since 1993 has said there's insufficient scientific evidence to justify mammograms for women in their 40s. But in January, a panel of experts assembled by the institute recommended that women decide for themselves whether to start mammograms in their 40s, based on their individual assessments of the risks and benefits.

The outcry was immediate. The Senate unanimously urged women to get mammograms in their 40s, and Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., pressured Klausner to reverse his expert panel's opinion.

The science is murky on how much benefit mammograms offer women in their 40s. Scientists agree that annual mammograms are vital for women in their 50s, cutting breast cancer deaths by 30 percent. And they agree mammograms are mostly unnecessary in the 30s.

The combined results of eight studies of 40-something mammograms suggests the exams could reduce breast cancer deaths by 17 percent. But it is unclear from these studies whether mammograms in the early 40s or the late 40s actually saved lives.

Younger women have denser breasts that are more difficult for mammograms to penetrate and this density changes only gradually during middle age, making it harder to say that two women would benefit equally from a mammogram at age 40 versus age 50.

Experts say that only about 15 percent of the lumps mammograms detect in 40-something women prove to be cancerous - and the X-rays miss twice as much cancer in this age group as in older women.

So women and their doctors must decide whether the expense and the possibility of being frightened by benign tumors or lulled into a false sense of security is worth the possible benefit.

Breast cancer strikes about 180,000 American women each year, and is expected to kill 44,000 this year - about 10 percent of them under age 50.

Mammograms cost \$40 to \$150, and as many as 90 percent of the abnormalities they uncover are benign. Women often undergo

stressful, somewhat painful further testing.

Federal surveys show 63 percent of women in their 40s have had a mammogram in the past two years.

The cancer advisory board had intended to take a few more weeks to announce its screening recommendation so it could simultaneously issue pamphlets in laymen's terms telling 40-something women how to determine their breast cancer risk and thus how frequently they should have a mammogram.

Specter, in a March 5 letter to Klausner, said he did not want the recommendation delayed, so the board rushed out its announcement and will issue consumer-friendly pamphlets later.

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The babysitting workshop will be presented as a service project by members of the Girls Scout Troop 289.

Attendees will receive training and information about basic babysitting skills, household emergencies, first aid and medical emergencies.

Because space is limited, reservations are required. For more information or to make reservations,

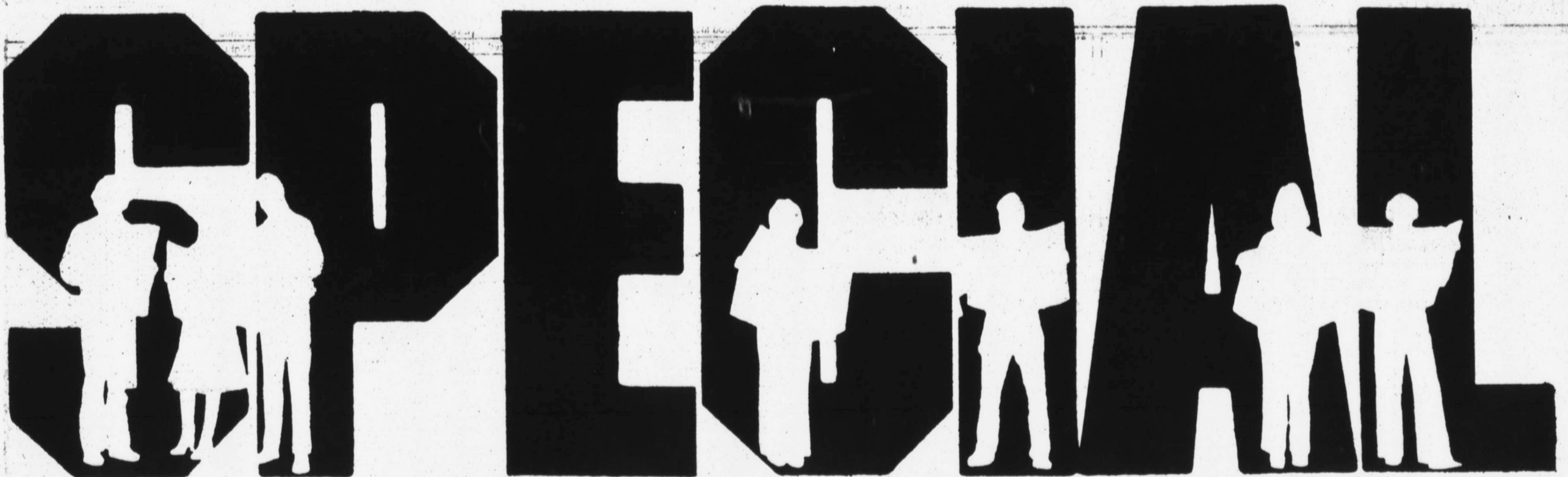
St. Mary's Hospital's Women and Children's Center and Senior Class program will host a Brown Bag Lunch series from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesdays during the month of April.

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by THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 6 Is boastful
- 11 Once more
- 12 Illuminated
- 13 Globe
- 14 Foe
- 15 Judged
- 17 Forty winks
- 19 Young seal
- 20 Roof part
- 23 Blows one's top
- 25 Manner
- 26 Puppet-show clown
- 28 Basics
- 29 Lurch
- 30 --di-dah
- 31 Beaver's creation
- 32 Crowbar
- 33 J. Paul Getty Museum setting
- 35 November stone
- 38 Ties
- 41 Idolize
- 42 Bring on oneself
- 43 Techie nerds
- 44 Fire aftermath

**DOWN**

- 1 Crow cry
- 2 Long, long --
- 3 Old computer tool
- 4 Floor piece
- 5 Thorough
- 6 Censor's sound
- 7 Peel
- 8 Had dinner
- 9 Candy-counter buy
- 10 Bond, e.g.
- 16 Broadway show
- 17 Tibet's neighbor
- 18 Caribbean resort
- 20 Perforating tool
- 21 Slugged sites
- 22 Showy flower
- 24 Office equipment
- 25 Mal de --
- 27 Neighbor of Botswana
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- 37 "The Bells" writer
- 39 Payable year's
- 40 Last yr's

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-- Don't be misleading. Think accurate and factual when you write. Be sure to include a phone number and the best times to reach you.







# Sting operation nets welfare card cheats

By MICHAEL GRACZYK  
Associated Press Writer  
HOUSTON (AP) - People walked into the south Houston convenience store known as the "Snack Shack and Meat Market" and thought it was just

another funnel for illegal welfare transactions. What they didn't know was the two clerks were Houston cops and hidden in other parts of the store were officers videotaping their fraudulent

use of Texas' Lone Star Card, the state's relatively new electronic welfare benefits card. The 10-week sting operation run by federal, state and local authorities, touted Wednesday as the first of its

kind in the nation, has left 225 people facing charges for welfare fraud. In a scheme financed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which administers the federal food stamp program, the police officers posing as store clerks accepted requests from customers to improperly scan the plastic card - which is like a bank debit card - in exchange for cash, instead of groceries.

"We believe this has opened the door for us and gave us a format to continue to do these kinds of things," said Gordon Hardy, director of electronic benefits transfer trafficking for the Texas Department of Human Services.

Under what officials said is a growing illegal practice, unscrupulous merchants ring up phony food purchases in exchange for cash and pocket a percentage of the transaction, with 30 percent being the typical rate in Houston.

For example, a retailer agreeing to debit a welfare recipient's account for \$100 in non-existing purchases could run the card through an electronic scanner, give the person \$70 and keep the remaining \$30 for himself. Given the speed of electronic banking, the reimbursement from the state would show up in the retailer's account the next day.

Authorities noted four retailers raided in a sweep of the same south Houston area late last year were billing state welfare agencies \$280,000 per month, with 90 percent of that believed to be illegal. One merchant alone rang up \$140,000 in Lone Star Card receipts.

Officials said they have been addressing the problem with retailers and wanted to turn their attention to welfare recipients who were improperly using their so-called EBT cards.

So they set up the convenience store.

On the fifth day of business, they got their first illegal request from a welfare recipient and then relied on word of mouth for 10 weeks. The store was shut when officers staged a phony bust last December.

"It was an interesting experience," Frank Quinn, a Houston police sergeant who worked the sting, said. "We'd never been in the grocery business before."

As a result, 88 people have been charged, 79 cardholders are under review by the Harris County district attorney's office and another 58 are in the process of being charged. So far, 42 people have been arrested for fraud and another 84 cases have been resolved.

Penalties can range from probation to up to 10 years in prison, depending on whether the person has a criminal record. The cardholders also lose their cards.

The investigation is viewed as important because while Texas is the largest of only eight states involved in the electronic card program, 30 more have the plan under consideration and the Clinton Administration wants EBT cards nationwide.

State Comptroller John Sharp, the patron of the Lone Star Card program that began in 1995, hailed the results

of the sting in a statement released in Austin as proof that electronic tracking can identify welfare cheats.

"Taxpayers throughout Texas have come to expect increased safety and efficiency under the new system," he said.

However, officials appearing at a Houston news conference acknowledged they had no idea how much fraud or abuse existed.

"When we get into EBT trafficking, I hate to tell you this but nobody has got a good hard number on how many of those dollars get diverted," Hardy said.

"In Texas alone, we probably award \$2 billion a year in food stamp benefits to over 800,000 households. Now you can't have any kind of system ... with that many partners, that many people involved, that much money, and not have some money diverted."

Authorities said while the electronic cards are praised for keeping track of purchases, they defended the use of a sting operation because records of electronic transfers alone would not be enough to stand up in court.

"You have to observe constitutional rights," Carl Hobbs, a Harris County assistant district attorney, said. "We have to be able to show how the individual knowingly participated in an illegal transaction. You still have to establish a criminal wrongdoing."

## Deaths from Hepatitis C will triple in next 20 years

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) - The number of Americans dying each year of hepatitis C will triple to about 24,000 within two decades and there is little medical science can do because current treatments are not effective for most patients, experts say.

Hepatitis C is a blood-borne virus that has infected about 4 million Americans, mostly as the result of needle-sharing by drug users, according to a committee of experts sponsored by the National Institutes of Health.

The panel issued a report Wednesday that noted that even though the rate of infection from hepatitis C is going down, many Americans will still die of liver failure caused by the disease.

"There is a large reservoir of patients with chronic (hepatitis C) disease who will become ill, require liver transplants or die," said Dr. D.W. Powell of the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston.

Powell was chairman of a panel of experts selected by the NIH to evaluate the current understanding, diagnosis and treatment of hepatitis C.

In their report, the 12 committee members said that treatment of the disease with current drugs has been "disappointing" because only about 20 percent of patients with chronic disease have been cured.

"The therapy has been effective for some, but the rate of complete clearance (cure) is quite small," said Powell.

For most people, hepatitis C is benign, with few symptoms or signs of illness for many years.

"A good portion of people don't know they are infected," said Powell.

About 15 percent of patients throw off the disease without medical help. The rest, however, develop a chronic, simmering infection that never goes away. The health of most of these patients is never seriously affected, although they all are carriers who can give the virus to others.

The principal drugs used are all based on interferon, an immune system protein produced by the body to fight viral infections.

Treatment with these drugs requires injections three times a week for six months to a year. The committee found that the longer treatment period produces better results. Coincidentally, the Food and Drug Administration on Wednesday gave approval to use one of the hepatitis C drugs for up to two years, an extension from the previously-approved six months.

Antiviral drugs, used in combination with interferon, are now being tested and at least one, ribavirin, "has shown promise," the committee said.

Hepatitis C is spread most commonly by needle sharing among intravenous drug users. It can also be spread through blood transfusions, but this has become very uncommon - about 1 case per 10,000 transfusions - as the result of a blood test that detects the disease in blood donors.

Powell said sexual relations with many partners is also a risk factor since the virus can be present in both blood and body fluids.

For about a fifth of the chronic patients, 10 to 20 years of hepatitis C infection leads to cirrhosis, a

disorder that scars the liver. A small percentage of these cirrhosis patients eventually have liver failure and can die without an organ transplant, said Powell.

The committee estimated that about 8,000 Americans are dying annually now from hepatitis C and that this number will triple over the next 20 years. Chronic infection by the virus already is the leading reason for liver transplants.

There are an estimated 30,000 new cases of the disease annually, the report said, but the rate of new disease is declining.

The committee said that due to the poor success with current therapies, treatment should be limited to hepatitis C patients who have signs of progressive cirrhosis. Such patients will have elevated levels of an enzyme, called ALT, that is secreted by dying liver cells. They will also test positive for the presence of the virus and show signs of severe disease in liver biopsy tests.

Patients younger than 18 or older than 60 should not be treated, the committee said. Nor should patients with a history of major depression, a severely depressed white blood cell or platelet count, evidence of autoimmune disease, such as diabetes, or those with kidney transplants.

## Chemical spill sends 30 people to hospital

VINTON, La. (AP) - Two westbound tractor-trailers collided Wednesday on Interstate 10, spilling a hazardous chemical that sent at least 30 people to area hospitals for observation and detouring traffic in both directions for hours.

I-10 was closed about 3 p.m. along a 10-mile stretch between Vinton, about 12 miles east of the Texas border, and Sulphur in western Calcasieu Parish. The interstate remained closed early today and state police said it was not immediately known when it would reopen.

The accident happened about 2:45 p.m. when an Allwaste 18-wheeler, carrying a Not Otherwise Specified (NOS) receptacle containing 19 different chemical "substances," ran into the back of another 18-wheeler about two miles east of Vinton.

The substances "sloshed inside the container" and spilled onto the interstate, said Troop D spokesman Chris Guillory. No one in either truck appeared seriously hurt, state police said.

Traffic on the westbound lane had slowed when the Allwaste truck hit the second truck, covering the westbound lanes of I-10 with a "two-inch thick" layer of sludge about 40 feet wide and 100 feet long, Guillory said.

Two of the more dangerous substances aboard the truck were benzene and toluene, both flammable liquids that can be ignited by a spark, Guillory said.

The substances also are poisonous if inhaled or absorbed through the skin, and can cause dizziness, suffocation and irritation to the eyes, Guillory said. He said the eastbound lanes of I-10 were closed as a precaution.

Vinton Police Chief Dennis Drouillard said other substances in the container included chlorobenzene, phenol, nitro toluene, nitro benzene and carbon tetrachloride.

Traffic was rerouted from I-10 to U.S. 90 via Louisiana 108 from Vinton to Sulphur, but vehicles of every description were still backed up for miles late Wednesday night.

By 8 p.m. Wednesday, at least nine cars were impounded in Vinton and were going to be "decontaminated,"

Drouillard said. Their occupants went to West Cal-Cameron Hospital for observation.

Others travelers were taken to Cal-Cam after complaining of dizziness, headaches and skin irritation.

A Cal-Cam supervisor said no one had been admitted.

Allwaste, a Houston-based company, handles the removal and transfer of chemicals and wastes.

Guillory said the spill was literally "vacuumed off the interstate."

Allwaste and L&L Chemical, assisted by various state and local agencies, participated in the cleanup. Allwaste was expected to handle the decontamination of the vehicles.

Robert Verwers, a sales representative from Houston, said the paint job on his 1995 van was "completely ruined" because of a substance that will "not come off."

Verwers traveled to Lake Charles for business and was returning to Houston when he came upon the accident.

"I thought it was mud," he said. "There were about four or five 18-wheelers parked on the side (of I-10). I thought the truck went into the median."

Verwers said he smelled a "sweet smell" and the substance was a yellow-brown color.

"It's almost like paint," he said. Verwers said no one was directing traffic when he arrived at the scene of the accident.

"None of the truckers even tried to slow or stop anybody," he said. "The cars in front of me spilled (substances) on the hood, the windows ... the sludge was from shoulder to shoulder."

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