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## Rehearsing their lines

Nazarene Christian Academy first-grade, second-grade and third-grade students will perform the musical "Toys 'n Treasures at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Church of the Nazarene sanctuary.

The musical is directed by Polly Hays. Here, left to right, Leanna King, Dick Lee, Trent Huffaker, Lauren McNeese practice their lines on Monday.

## Industries want school tax cut, but few line up to help pay for plan

AUSTIN (AP) - Texans want their local school property taxes lowered but few are lining up to help pay for the cuts.

Representatives from various industries told a House committee Monday that they want to pay their share of taxes to support schools. But nearly all said they think they already are paying all they can and most said they are operating on marginal profits.

The House Select Committee on Revenue and Public Education Funding plans to conclude its hearing Tuesday on a plan to lower local school property taxes by more than \$3 billion a year. Gov. George W. Bush and lawmakers have argued that property taxes are too high. They also say too many businesses don't pay their share of school costs.

To pay for the property tax cuts, the committee has proposed several tax changes, including the expansion of the current business tax to all companies except sole proprietorships and an increase to the number of goods and services subject to the

state sales tax.

Only corporations pay the business tax now.

Farmers, truckers, customs brokers and dozens of other industry representatives said they can't pay more in sales or business taxes.

"We'd say let's just stay where we are," Paul Lawrence, a spokesman for United Parcel Service, said of the tax plan.

The trucking and shipping firm would pay higher taxes on fuel and would be subject to a new transportation services sales tax under the proposal.

Lawrence said the trucking industry works on a tight margin and couldn't afford to pass the entire new cost onto its customers.

"No one is going to say their profits are so exorbitant I can pay any tax," said Rep. Paul Sadler, D-Henderson, chairman of the committee.

Sadler, an attorney, would be subject to the business tax under the proposal.

"I'm willing to do that. Why

aren't you?" he asked.

Rep. Mark Stiles, D-Beaumont, said the property tax cuts being considered are substantial, but someone has to pay for them.

"I'm still looking for a solution," he said. "All we hear is don't do this (tax change)."

The tax cut plan also includes the use of \$1 billion in additional state

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AUSTIN (AP) - Here's a look at the property tax bill being considered by a House committee:

### SCHOOL FINANCE

- Eliminates the Robin Hood school funding system that forces wealthy school districts to share their funding with poorer school districts.

- Increases the state share of local school funding from about 47 percent to nearly 85 percent.

- Caps residential property taxes at 50 cents per \$100 in value for school maintenance and operation costs. The current cap is \$1.50. The average school maintenance and operation tax is \$1.30. The average would drop to 46 cents per \$100 value.

- Local voters could raise maintenance and

funds.

Dianne Stewart, head of the Center for Public Policy Priorities, said that money could be better used.

"Without that \$1 billion many crucial services won't be funded," she said of dedicating the money to tax cuts instead of state spending. "The solution is to give a little less (property tax) relief."

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operation tax rates by an additional 10 cents, for a total of 60 cents.

- Schools would get a certain amount of money for school buildings based on the tax rate they set for buildings and debt.

### BUSINESS PROPERTY TAXES

- Business property taxes would be set at \$1 per \$100 in value and collected by the state. That would be an average tax cut of 20 percent.

- Local appraisal systems would remain in place for three years. The Texas comptroller's office would recommend by January 1999 a statewide appraisal system.

### BUSINESS TAXES

- The franchise tax would be expanded to all businesses except sole proprietorships. Only corporations currently pay the tax. Gov. George W. Bush had proposed a new business tax to replace the franchise tax.

- The tax would be based on 0.25 percent of capital or 4.5 percent of earned income.

- Companies with 35 or fewer shareholders or partners could deduct up to \$100,000 per partner when calculating the income portion of the tax.

### SALES TAXES

- The tax rate would remain at 6.25 percent. Bush had proposed a half-cent increase to the tax.

- Adds 35 goods and services to the list of those subject to the sales tax.

### MOTOR FUELS TAX

- Extends the motor fuels tax at 6 cents per gallon on agriculture, industrial, commercial and construction uses.

- Imposes a 4-cent tax per gallon on aviation fuel.

### OTHER TAXES, CHANGES

- Excise tax on alcoholic beverages increased by 10 percent.

- Increases the state's share of lottery revenues from about 31 cents per \$1 to about 35 cents.

- Increases the hotel-motel tax from 6 percent to 6.25 percent.

- Increases cigarette taxes from 41 cents per pack to 61 cents.

- Increases taxes on cigars and other tobacco products by 50 percent.

- Increases the tax rate on manufactured homes from 5 percent to 6.25 percent.

- Increases the cement production tax from 2.75 cents per 100 pounds to 5 cents per 100 pounds.

- Imposes a 7.5 percent tax on lignite based on the total price paid for the fuel source.

## Middle East talks on hold

WASHINGTON (AP) - With Middle East peace talks on indefinite hold, the Clinton administration is trying more revolving-door diplomacy to lure unyielding Israeli and Palestinian leaders back to the negotiating table.

Following a two-hour session Monday with President Clinton that failed to get talks back on track, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was asked if he or his representatives would meet with a Palestinian delegation coming to see U.S. officials.

"No, not at this time," Netanyahu said. "And if you see any of my people here, they're not engaged in secret negotiations. Some of them may be engaged in shopping," he quipped.

In the Middle East today, a Jewish settler armed with a submachine gun shot and killed a Palestinian in the divided West Bank city of Hebron. Rioting broke out and Israeli forces killed a second Palestinian.

U.S. officials planned to meet Palestinian leaders in Washington this week to report on the Netanyahu meeting and suggest ways to break the stalemate that emerged last month when construction began on 6,500

Jewish houses in east Jerusalem, which Palestinians claim as a future capital. The project has attracted daily protests and several deadly bombings.

A somber Clinton said he would consider "any reasonable opportunity" to get peace talks up and going again. But he indicated he was not prepared to host an Israeli-Palestinian summit, as Netanyahu had suggested, or to make any other dramatic move right away.

Netanyahu told Clinton Israel has the right to build the new housing under the 1993 Oslo agreement that set out three stages for Israeli withdrawal from formerly occupied territories in the West Bank and Gaza. The United States has criticized the project as "bad timing."

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, who was at a meeting in India on Monday and wasn't invited to the White House, has called the new construction a declaration of war. He refuses to resume peace talks unless building stops.

Palestinian Cabinet member Hanan Ashrawi will sit down with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and, mostly likely, chief U.S. Mideast negotiator, Dennis Ross, as early as today, according to the Palestinians.

## Three finalists named For superintendent of HISD

Three finalists for the position of Hereford Independent School District superintendent were announced Monday, Board President Dave Charest said.

The finalists are Jack Patton, superintendent of Menard ISD since 1991; Barbara Skipper, assistant superintendent of Uvalde Consolidated Independent School District since 1993; and Nena Veazey, assistant superintendent of Hereford ISD since 1994.

The trustees will interview the finalists on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The new superintendent will be announced at the April 22 board meeting, Charest said.

The new superintendent will replace Charles Greenawalt, who resigned March 1 to become Kingsville ISD superintendent. Veazey has served as interim superintendent.

## City seeks grant for sewer system work

By TOMMY WELLS  
Managing Editor

There was reason to smile for at least five residents on Catalpa Street Monday night as they learned the Hereford City Commissioners planned to flush their troubles.

And they do mean, literally, flush. City Commissioners approved a measure that would allow the City of Hereford to apply for state funding that would make it possible to place a sewer line in an alley behind George Street and link several residences on Catalpa to the existing sewer line.

According to plans for the expansion of the current sewer system, the City of Hereford would apply for the \$197,000 grant. The city's share of the expense in expanding the sewer lines is expected to run approximately \$39,000.

City Commissioners also took a step towards making Hereford motorists' life easier, by continuing to fund the annual seal coating of city streets. Commissioners awarded the contract for the procedure to the Ronald Wagner Company of Spring Branch at a price of 52 cents per square foot. Also vying for the contract was Lipham Sealing Coating of Aspermont, which had proposed a price of 65 center per square yard.

According to city estimates, the Wagner Company is expected to seal coat approximately 100,000 square feet of roadways beginning in June. In other items on the agenda, the Hereford City Commissioners tabled a proposal to authorize the submission of a Texas Community Development Program application for community development because of insufficient data on hand.

## Astronauts pull plug, slate landing today

SPACECENTER, Houston (AP) - Their science mission lopped from 16 days to four because of a defective generator, space shuttle Columbia's astronauts pulled the plug on their laboratory for today's ride back to Earth.

The seven astronauts had two chances to land at Kennedy Space Center in Florida - the first around 2:30 p.m. EDT - and two at Edwards Air Force Base in California. Strong wind forecast for both sites could delay landing until Wednesday.

Commander James Halsell Jr. had to land with one-third less power than usual because of the faulty generator.

NASA cut short the \$500 million-plus mission after voltage steadily dropped in one of three electric generators, called fuel cells, that supply power for essentially all systems.

Flight controllers approved

Columbia's launch on Friday even though the generator had been giving abnormal readings. They based their decision on similar voltage jumps during the past two countdowns for Atlantis, said Patrick Simpkins, NASA's fluids chief for shuttle processing. In those instances, the fuel cell ended up working fine in orbit.

But two days into Columbia's flight, Mission Control ordered the crew to turn off fuel cell No. 2, which was losing voltage, and arranged an early landing. Such a generator problem could trigger an explosion.

NASA said although the astronauts were in no immediate danger, all three fuel cells must be operating for a shuttle to remain in orbit.

The crew only had time to make a dent in the 33 experiments involving fire, metals, crystals and plants planned for the flight.

## Medicare debate comes down to more cuts or fewer benefits

WASHINGTON (AP) - When Congress resumes budget talks this week, Republican lawmakers will float the idea of having a separate debate on Medicare. President Clinton will try to sink it.

Pay no attention, senior citizens' advocates say: It makes no difference whether the debate over Medicare happens as part of the bigger balanced-budget talks or outside of them.

"There is no compelling substantive difference. It's all politics," said Tricia Smith, a lobbyist for the American Association of Retired Persons.

That's because any separate debate on the specifics of Medicare would come only after lawmakers reach agreement on how the program's costs fit into an overall balanced budget.

In his budget-balancing plan, Clinton has proposed Medicare savings mainly by paying hospitals and health plans that care for senior citizens about \$121 billion less. The president also would give retirees new preventative care benefits worth about \$15 billion, making his real savings about \$106 billion.

Republicans - although they haven't made a formal counteroffer - are talking about making close to the same cost cuts, but adding fewer new benefits. That would make their plan's real savings slightly higher - about \$113 billion under one scenario described by Ari Fleischer, a GOP spokesman for the House Ways and Means Committee.

Either way - whether the Medicare debate takes place during behind-closed-doors budget talks or out on the House floor - lawmakers have just two unsavory choices left once the overall budget savings are set: either deepen unpopular cuts in Medicare or offer fewer new benefits.

Smith notes, however, that Republicans may push for a separate debate so that the public doesn't link Medicare cuts with tax breaks proposed for families and businesses by both parties this year.

"The underlying numbers are the same, but part of the gamble is the American public won't understand that," she said.

In 1996, Republicans were stung by accusations they wanted to balance the budget on the backs of the elderly and poor by cutting Medicare,

welfare and other entitlements while granting big tax breaks to others.

This year, both parties want tax cuts but have indicated they are willing to wait enacting them until the public is presented a blueprint showing how the tax cuts would fit into a balanced budget.

White House Office of Management and Budget spokesman Lawrence Haas said the president is less flexible on Medicare, however, and wants to keep discussions about cutting that program clearly in the context of the need for a balanced budget.

"We don't support the idea of picking specific pieces of the federal budget and setting them aside for separate votes. It's best to consider it in its totality," Haas said.

Still, Republicans insist a high-profile Medicare debate could be of value, since the senior citizens' health care program faces problems beyond its role in balancing the budget.

Benefits paid out by Medicare aren't covered by payroll taxes the program takes in, and as baby boomers reach retirement age, the situation will only get worse.

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# Local Roundup

### Women's Division to hold meeting

The Women's Division of the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce will hold its quarterly meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Hereford Community Center. Entertainment will be provided by Janet Rector of Friona. Winners in the membership drive will be announced.

### Juvenile board posts agenda

The regular meeting of the Deaf Smith County Juvenile Board will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in the courthouse. The agenda items include minutes, office reports, re-certification of the Youth Home, discuss expansion of the Youth Home and discuss staff salary. The meeting is open to the public.

### Neighbor Night planned

San Jose Community Center is hosting a "Neighbor Night" Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Residents are invited to see the type of services San Jose wants to bring to the community. Refreshments will be served.

### HJH hosts sixth-grade open house

Hereford Junior High School will host a sixth-grade open house for sixth-graders and their parents from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday in the HJH varsity gym. A topic of discussion will be current school policies. Students and their parents will have the opportunity to walk around the campus and meet with teachers.

### HHS bands to perform Thursday

The Hereford High School bands will perform at 7 p.m. in the HHS auditorium. The state solo and ensemble contest qualifiers will be announced following the performance. The bands will perform music for the UIL contest.

### Small Business group sets meeting

The Hereford-Deaf Smith County Small Business Support Group will hold its regular monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the San Jose Community Center. Don Tardy of HCR Insurance will present a program on the needs of liability insurance for small businesses. The program will be followed by a short business meeting. The meeting is open to the public and anyone interested in promoting or starting a small business is encouraged to attend.

### Five-day forecast: Rainy, cold

Hereford recorded .26 of an inch of rainfall early this morning, according to KPAN Weather. The high Monday was 73 and the low this morning was 43. Tonight, cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers possibly mixed with freezing rain late. Low near 30. Northeast wind 10-20 mph. Wednesday, cloudy with a 30 percent chance for rain, probably mixed with freezing rain early. High in the low 40s with northeast wind 10-20 mph shifting to the southeast in the afternoon. Wednesday night, continued cloudy with a 20 percent chance for rain. Low in the mid-30s. Forecast for chance of rain continues Thursday through Saturday.

# Crimestoppers

Anyone having information which leads to the arrest and indictment in the Crime of the Week for April 7, 1997, can receive a reward of up to \$1,000.

The Deaf Smith County Sheriff's office is seeking information concerning the theft of a 1993 Chevrolet well motor. The motor was taken March 28, 1997, from a location south of Wildorado.

Anyone having any information about this Crime of the Week or any other criminal activity is urged to call the CLUE LINE at 364-CLUE (2583).

All callers may remain anonymous by using a code name or number.

# News Digest

### STATE

**WASHINGTON** - More than two million people living in Texas last year were born outside the United States, accounting for one of the largest foreign-born populations nationally. Eleven percent of the 19 million people living in Texas were born in another country, the Census Bureau said in a report issued today.

**AUSTIN** - Those who rent homes and apartments in Texas should get a piece of the windfall promised by a proposal to drastically reduce local school property taxes, some lawmakers and advocates say.

**AUSTIN** - After testimony that the attorney general's office has mishandled its duties enforcing child-support collection, the Senate Jurisprudence Committee voted to move the job to a new agency.

**UNDATED** - States are suing cigarette companies and passing laws to stamp out butts, but when it comes to making money, many consider tobacco a dependable friend. State pension systems keep billions of dollars in tobacco stocks, and overseers are reluctant to dump what has been a cash cow.

**HOUSTON** - The executive salaries at Continental Airlines are soaring right along with the company's record financial performance. The Houston Chronicle reported in today's editions that Continental chief executive Gordon Bethune, 55, earned \$8.6 million in total compensation last year, including \$5.6 million from exercising stock options.

**AUSTIN** - Following a failed effort in Houston to make that city's minimum wage the nation's highest, the Texas Senate has OK'd a bill to keep cities from imposing a higher minimum salary than the rest of the state.

**DALLAS** - The amount of salt in newborns' diets could affect their blood pressure later in life, researchers say.

### NATION/WORLD

**WASHINGTON** - CIA Director-designate George Tenet appears poised for Senate confirmation now that an Intelligence Committee investigation has found no evidence linking him to agency memos on a controversial Democratic political donor.

# New bill meant to keep cities from imposing higher minimum salaries

**AUSTIN (AP)** - Following a failed effort in Houston to make that city's minimum wage the nation's highest, the Texas Senate has OK'd a bill to keep cities from imposing a higher minimum salary than the rest of the state.

"This is a bill that protects the state economy," Sen. Jon Lindsay, R-Houston, said of his measure, which was OK'd 27-3 Monday.

As state law currently stands, Lindsay said, business owners attracted by low wage rates may be leery of moving into Texas because cities could decide to raise minimum salaries within their limits.

If Houston voters had approved a January ballot measure, that city's minimum wage would have been raised from the federal \$4.75 an hour to \$6.50.

Allowing cities to set higher minimum wage levels also puts businesses within cities at a competitive disadvantage to those that are outside city limits, he said.

Opponents, however, said local communities should have the power to decide their own minimum wage levels and that the state shouldn't shut off a possible avenue for low-paid workers to get a raise.

"I'm for local control," said Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, who voted against the bill with Democratic Sens. Mario Gallegos of Galena Park and Carlos Truan of Corpus Christi.

Barrientos added, "Don't you also believe people have a right to make a decent wage?"

Texas AFL-CIO spokesman Ed Sills said he doesn't know of any Texas cities that have imposed a minimum wage higher than the rest of the state.

But he said it's important to leave the option in the law, particularly for categories of employees such as farm workers who aren't covered by the federal minimum wage. Sills said those workers fall under the state

minimum wage of \$3.35 an hour.

Lindsay's bill "cuts off an avenue for people making poverty wages to attain a living wage," Sills said.

"At \$6.50 an hour, we think you are reaching a level where someone

might be able to support a family at a barely adequate level. We don't think the types of business that Texas is trying to attract are going to run away because they would have to pay \$6.50 an hour minimum," he said.



### Certificate of appreciation

Deaf Smith County Crimestoppers Board President Bryan Hedrick, at left, presents a certificate of appreciation to Heath Urbanczyk, center, of West Texas Rural Telephone. Urbanczyk set up the web site, which was donated to Crimestoppers by WTRT. The web site can be reached at [www.wtrt.net/crimestoppers/](http://www.wtrt.net/crimestoppers/). Also pictured is Robin Ruland, Crimestoppers coordinator.

# Texas ranks close to top of largest foreign-born populations nationally

**WASHINGTON (AP)** - More than two million people living in Texas last year were born outside the United States, accounting for one of the largest foreign-born populations nationally.

Eleven percent of the 19 million people living in Texas were born in another country, the Census Bureau said in a report issued today.

Some 24.5 million people in the

United States last year were born elsewhere - accounting for 9.3 percent of the population. That figure is up sharply from the 4.8 percent low recorded in 1970 but remains well below the century's high of 14.7 percent in 1910.

California was the premier destination for the foreign-born, accounting for 8 million people. New York was second with 3 million.

Three other states joined Texas with foreign-born populations of 1 million or more: Florida, New Jersey and Illinois.

Only six states had a higher percentage of foreign-born residents than Texas, led by California, with 25 percent. The other states are New York, 18 percent; Hawaii, 17 percent; Florida, 15 percent; New Jersey, 15 percent; and Nevada, 11 percent.

Overall, a third of the foreign-born have become naturalized citizens. The others are here temporarily, haven't yet lived here long enough to apply for citizenship or may have no intention of becoming citizens.

Included in the total is the illegal immigrant population, which the Immigration and Naturalization Service estimates at 5 million.

Mexico leads all other nations in being the originating point for the U.S. foreign-born population, accounting for 6.7 million, or 27 percent, of the total.

Recent arrivals are more likely to be living in poverty, have lower incomes and higher unemployment rates than native-born people. Recent arrivals had a median income of \$10,875 in 1995, compared to the national average of \$17,835 for native-born residents.

But Census researchers found that the initial economic hardship declines after six or more years of residence.

"In fact, those who arrived during the 1970s are doing as well as natives in terms of income," the report said.

The foreign-born were more likely to receive such welfare benefits as Aid to Families with Dependent Children and Supplemental Security Income. The rate of receiving cash public assistance benefits was 5.8

percent for the foreign-born, 4.5 percent for the native-born.

While foreign-born residents taken as a whole are no more likely than native-born residents to be enrolled in Medicaid, the numbers shoot up for the elderly foreign-born.

Twenty-one percent of foreign-born over the age of 65 were enrolled in Medicaid last year, compared to 8 percent of native-born senior citizens.

The Census researchers said a likely explanation of the gap may be because the elderly foreign-born didn't work in the United States long enough to be eligible for Medicare, which covers 99 percent of elderly native-born.

Those statistics helped drive last year's push on Capitol Hill to eliminate welfare benefits for legal immigrants.

# Youth Training Leadership Camp deadline is April 23

The Texas Youth Leadership Training Camp will be offered in San Marcos June 17-20.

This camp is a joint project sponsored by the Texas DARE institute and the Peer Assistance Leadership (PAL) program of Texas.

It is a drug and youth violence prevention program.

During the camp, teams of drug-free junior and senior high student leaders are trained about drug abuse, youth violence and how to start or improve programs that help reduce these problems.

Participants spend four days on a college campus with hundreds of other student leaders sharing ideas, building friendships and absorbing valuable information.

The summer Youth Leadership Training Camp will help students:

- Become leaders.
- Get the facts about the physical and psychological effects of drugs and youth violence from experts in the field and learn about the roots of these problems.

-- Learn about successful school and drug violence prevention programs.

-- Create a plan to help reduce tobacco, alcohol and other drug use or violence in your school or community.

-- Learn how to form a drug-free club and sustain and energize an existing club.

-- Meet in small family groups where students will learn how to build trust and self-esteem, improve communication and appreciate differences in others

-- Be inspired by dynamic motivational speakers.

-- Have a blast with drug-free activities like a scavenger hunt, dance and recreational activities.

The cost of the camp is \$220, which includes all meals, double occupancy lodging, workshops, camp materials, all activities and a camp T-shirt.

Applications are due by April 23. If any students are interested, please contact Mrs. Cindy Simons at Hereford High School at 363-7620.

# Obituaries

### RAY WHITE

April 5, 1997

Ray White, 43, of Dimmitt, died Saturday. His son, Cody White resides in Hereford.

Graveside services were at 2 p.m. Monday in Castro Memorial Gardens Cemetery with Edgar Dennis and Butch Boyd, friends, officiating. Arrangements are by Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

Mr. White was born in Franklin, Tenn., and moved to Dimmitt in 1975. He married Susie Mooney in 1986 in Dimmitt.

He was a cowboy and had a feedyard south of Dimmitt for many years. He was a member of Cowboys for Christ in Hereford.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Cody Ray White of Hereford; a stepson, Caleb Bell of Lubbock; a daughter, Candy White of Nashville, Tenn.; a stepdaughter, Kacie Bell of Dimmitt; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley White of Flat Creek, Tenn.; a

brother, Reed White Flat Creek; two sisters, Marion Newcomb of Flat Creek and Linda St. Claire of Taos, N.M.; and a grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to Cowboys for Christ, in care of Foskey-Lilley-Funeral Home in Dimmitt.

### DANNY A. RITTER

April 5, 1997

Danny A. Ritter, 68, of Amarillo, died Saturday. His brother, George Ritter resides in Hereford.

Services were at 2 p.m. Monday in Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors Memorial Chapel with Keith Wiseman, Methodist minister from Lubbock, officiating. Burial will be in Llano Cemetery.

Mr. Ritter was born in Carson County. He moved to Amarillo when he was a child. He attended Amarillo schools and graduated from Amarillo High School. He attended New Mexico Military School Institute for

two years and graduated from Texas Tech University.

He married Sandra Shane in 1956 in Amarillo.

He was the owner of R&S Supply Inc. He was a longtime member of the American Business Club and a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Jan Adams of Amarillo; two sons, Dr. Timothy Ritter of Coppell and Mike Ritter of Amarillo; two sisters, Billie McCoy of Zanesville, Ohio, and Margaret Brownfield of Moberly, Mo.; two brothers, Keith Ritter of Amarillo and George Ritter of Hereford; and three grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice and Life Enrichment Center, The American Cancer Society or the Living Endowment of the American Business Club.



One ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated \$9 million.

The ticket was sold in: Marble Falls.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 2-33-35-38-40-42.

**AUSTIN (AP)** - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-5-3

(eight, five, three)

**AUSTIN (AP)** - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-1-7

(three, one, seven)

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

5-7-35-37-39  
(five, seven, thirty-five, thirty-seven, thirty-nine)

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# Lifestyles

Ann Landers

## Study provides car crash chronology

**Dear Ann Landers:** I work for a group of attorneys whose specialty is personal injury and motor vehicle accident litigation. I've read and seen some terrible things in this business, and I am now an extremely cautious driver.

Will you please print the enclosed? I don't know who wrote it, but it certainly made an impression on me. Maybe seeing it will wake up some of those speeding, drunk or drugged drivers. -- Legal Secretary in Nebraska

**Dear Nebraska:** The essay you sent appeared in my column several years ago, but I am pleased to run it again. People have a tendency to forget the unpleasant stuff. Here it is: Heaven Can Wait

It takes 7/10ths of a second to kill a person in an automobile crash. Studies at Yale and Cornell universi-

ties provided a dramatic split-second chronology of what happens when a car rams into a tree at 55 mph.

At 1/10th of a second, the front bumper and grille collapse.

At 2/10ths of a second, the hood crumbles, rises and smashes into the windshield, and the grillwork disintegrates.

At 3/10ths of a second, the driver is sprung upright from his seat, his broken knees pressed against the dashboard and the steering wheel bends under his grip.

At 4/10ths of a second, the front of his car is destroyed and dead still, but the rear end is still plunging forward at 55 mph. The half-ton motor crushes into the tree.

At 5/10ths of a second, the driver's fear-frozen hands bend the steering column into an almost vertical position, and he is impaled on the

steering wheel shaft. Jagged steel punctures his lungs and arteries.

At 6/10ths of a second, the impact rips the shoes off his feet. The chassis bends in the middle, and the driver's head is slammed into the windshield. The car's rear begins its downward fall as its spinning wheels churn into the ground.

At 7/10ths of a second, the entire body of the car is twisted grotesquely out of shape. In one final agonizing convulsion, the front seat rams forward, pinning the driver against the steering shaft. Blood spurts from his mouth. Shock has frozen his heart. But he doesn't mind because he is already dead.

**Dear Ann Landers:** Our youngest daughter, "Jenny," has been a financial drain and the source of much worry. She became pregnant at

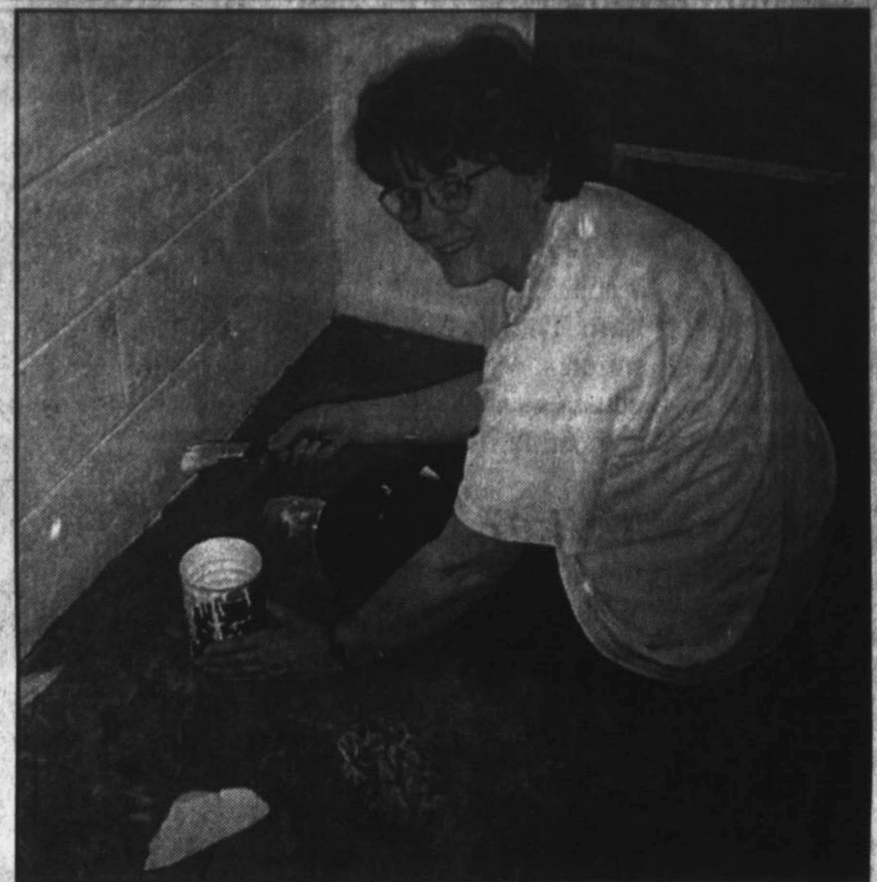
15 and dropped out of high school. At 17, she married a very unstable guy and had a second child. She is now 21, with a third child on the way and a husband who is verbally and physically abusive. Both of them are irresponsible when it comes to money and business matters, and neither can complete anything. Jenny has quit every job she ever had.

Recently, Jenny told us she wanted to get a divorce, so my wife and I let her move back into our home while we were away. We gave her strict orders that her husband was not welcome. Guess what? We just learned that he has moved into our house with Jenny. Now what do we do? -- Muddled in Memphis

**Dear Memphis:** You need outside help -- a lot of it. You cannot throw your pregnant, abused daughter out on the street, but there's no reason you must house her good-for-nothing husband. Ask your family doctor or lawyer to suggest a good therapist and go to work on Jenny. Without question, her husband must be banned from the premises. That's for openers. Good luck. You're going to need it.

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### Pianist turned painter

Marilyn Bell, church pianist for Wesley United Methodist Church, paints the kitchen as she helps get ready for the stew supper Thursday. Members of the church are painting and cleaning, as well as cooking stew, in preparation for the annual fund-raiser from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the church located at 410 Irving. Tickets are \$3.50 each for all the stew and cornbread you can eat. Cobbler will also be served.

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I am not young enough to know everything.

—Oscar Wilde

## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, April 8, the 98th day of 1997. There are 267 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On April 8, 1946, the League of Nations assembled in Geneva for the last time.

On this date: In 1513, explorer Juan Ponce de Leon claimed Florida for Spain.

In 1935, the Works Progress Administration was approved by Congress.

In 1952, President Truman seized the steel industry to avert a nationwide strike.

In 1970, the Senate rejected President Nixon's nomination of G. Harold Carswell to the Supreme Court.

In 1973, artist Pablo Picasso died at his home near Mougins, France, at age 91.

In 1974, Hank Aaron of the Atlanta Braves hit his 715th career home run in a game against the Los Angeles Dodgers, breaking Babe

Ruth's record.

In 1975, Frank Robinson, major-league baseball's first black manager, got off to a winning start as his team, the Cleveland Indians, defeated the New York Yankees, 5-3.

In 1990, Ryan White, the teen-age AIDS patient whose battle for acceptance gained national attention, died in Indianapolis at age 18.

In 1994, Kurt Cobain, singer-musician for the grunge band Nirvana, was found dead in Seattle of an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound; he was 27.

Ten years ago: Al Campanis, vice president of player personnel for the Los Angeles Dodgers, resigned after saying on ABC's "Nightline" that blacks may lack some of the "necessities" for becoming baseball managers.

Five years ago: Tennis great Arthur Ashe announced at a New York news conference that he had AIDS, saying he was forced to go public because a newspaper had

inquired about his health. Ashe died the following February of AIDS-related pneumonia at age 49.

One year ago: Stock prices plunged on Wall Street amid concerns over stronger-than-expected employment data. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 88.51 to end at 5,594.37.

Today's Birthdays: Former first lady Betty Ford is 79. Actor Edward Mulhare is 74. Opera singer Franco Corelli is 74. Television personality John Bartholomew Tucker is 66. Lyricist Fred Ebb is 64. Investigative reporter Seymour Hersh is 60. Basketball Hall-of-Famer John Havlicek is 57. Singer J.J. Jackson is 56. Singer Peggy Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 56. Rock musician Steve Howe (Yes) is 50. Actor John Schneider is 43. All-Star catcher Gary Carter is 43. Rock musician Izzy Stradlin is 35. Singer Julian Lennon is 34. Rock singer-musician Donita Sparks (L7) is 34. Rapper Biz Markie is 33. Actress Robin Wright is 31. Actress Patricia Arquette is 29. Actor Taran Noah Smith ("Home Improvement") is 13.

Thought for Today: "A highbrow is a person educated beyond his intelligence." - James Brander Matthews, American author and educator (1852-1929).

### Hospital Notes

Report from Hereford Regional Medical Center on April 7:

Admissions: Ernesto Greigo. Discharges: Sheila Brannon, Vera Crabtree, Cassandra Buentello, Lloyd McElmurry, Katie Smith, Suzette Martinez, Mary Benavidez, Pedro Covarrubas, Paula Rodriguez.

On April 8: Admissions: Jean Hollis, Christopher Galbreath, Elliott Terrell. Discharges: None.

## Financial assistance available for cancer screening patients

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic at South Plains Health Care Providers, Inc., 603 E. Park, on Friday.

A minimum of 15 women needs to register in order for the mobile mammography clinic to come to area towns.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening that includes a mammogram and instruction in self-examination by a registered nurse.

This clinic is available only to women who need financial assistance. Funding is available through the

Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance.

All exams are done by appointment only. Call 806-359-4673 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information.

### Courses offered at Aquatic Center

Hereford Aquatic Center has announced the following dates for Red Cross lifeguard courses: April 16, 18, 19, 20; April 30, May 2, 3, 4; and May 14, 16, 17, 18.

A Red Cross water safety instructors course will be conducted May 30-June 1.

For more information, contact the Aquatic Center office at 363-7144.

## Mobile Shop here Friday

The Texas Plains Girl Scout Council will bring its Mobile Shop to Hereford Thursday to make it easier for Hereford and Vega Girl Scouts to obtain official Girl Scout items.

The Mobile Shop will be open from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Hereford, 501 N. Main. Items available include uniform components, handbooks, tee-shirts, camping equipment and accessories.

For more information, call Linda Cotter, council shop manager, 1-800-687-4475.

## Fashions sought for 1947 exhibit

The Deaf Smith County Museum is planning a special exhibit opening later this month in honor of the Hereford High School class of 1947 who will celebrate its 50th class reunion during the Town and Country Jubilee in August.

The special museum exhibit will feature high school fashions and memorabilia from 1947, 1948 and 1949.

If you have letter jackets, sweaters or other apparel that was considered appropriate high school fashions, call Donna at 363-7070 if you are interested in having them included in the exhibit.

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# Sports

## Randall extends Herd's woes, 18-8



The Hereford Whitefaces enjoyed one of their better offensive days this season Monday afternoon as they cranked out eight runs on 10 hits.

Unfortunately, the Randall Raiders had one of their better nights of the 90's - reeling off 18 runs on 18 hits, including six doubles and a triple, and waltzed to an 18-8 victory in front of a large crowd at Whiteface field.

The win kept the Raiders' dreams of a postseason playoff berth intact, moving them into a second-place tie with Dumas with a 3-1 mark in District 1-4A action. Randall improved to 8-15 overall. Hereford,

which suffered its 10th straight loss, fell to 0-5 in loop play and to 6-12 for the year.

The Raiders didn't find things easy in the early minutes of the game. Hereford starter Eric Ambold held the Randall batters in check in the first inning.

The Herd, which shot themselves in the football throughout the affair by committing seven errors, didn't get as lucky in the second, however. Randall erupted for seven runs in their second at bat and never looked back.

The Whitefaces, who were forced

to use five pitchers in the lengthy battle, managed to scratch out a run in the bottom of the third and trailed 6-1 at the start of the fourth.

Randall stretched its cushion to 10-1 in the fourth by pushing three runs across the plate. They added to that total again in the fifth with an eight-run barrage that left them holding an 18-1 lead.

The Whitefaces didn't go quietly, though. The Herd pounded out seven runs in their final at bat and pulled to within 10 runs.

Hereford does managed to catch a break, however, as they get a chance to regroup via an off-day. The Herd will return to play against Canyon Friday.

## Houston mayor wants city to bid for Olympics

HOUSTON (AP) - Mayor Bob Lanier has asked the Houston City Council to begin its efforts this week to host the Pan American Games in 2007 and the Olympic Games in 2008, 2012 or 2016.

"Houston's diversity, healthy economy and strong infrastructure would make it the perfect place to host an international event like the Olympics," Lanier said Monday.

The City Council on Wednesday will consider submitting a letter of intent to the U.S. Olympic Committee to bid on hosting the Games.

Although officials had initially hoped to attract the 2008 Summer Games to Houston, the bid package if approved would be aimed at the 2012-2016 Games.

"We can't go for 2008 unless the committee decides in June to have a candidate city in 2008," said Councilman John Kelley, chairman of the Houston International Sports Committee. "We don't know right now what other cities are going to be making their deposits."

The U.S. Olympic Committee will determine when the United States will next submit a candidate city to host the Games to the International

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### Getting a break

Eric Ambold and the Hereford Whitefaces suffered a tough 18-8 loss to the Randall Raiders yesterday afternoon. With the loss, the Herd fell to 6-12 for the year and to 0-5 in District 1-4A play.

## Herd thinclads take 4th in Amarillo, Dumas meets

AMARILLO - With wind gusts of up to 40 miles an hour bombarding them at almost every turn, the Hereford Lady Whitefaces breezed to fourth place in the final standings Saturday afternoon at Dick Bivins Stadium in the Amarillo Girls Relays.

Hereford, behind the lead of Jamie Harrison and Bethany Townsend, racked up 60 points in the meet and finished 12 points better than both Tascosa and Clovis, New Mexico. Amarillo High won the overall team crown, edging out Pampa by 21 points. Palo Duro was third with 87.

The Lady Whitefaces showed few, if any, ill effects of a two-week layoff. Hereford, which had not competed in a meet since before spring break, medaled in four events, including a silver in the 1,600-meter relay.

Harrison and Townsend got the Herd off to a good start in the meet by posting a 3-4 finish, respectively, in the 3,200-meter run. Harrison ran a time of 12:14.57, while Townsend checked in at 12:29.09.

They were far from through. Harrison and Townsend came back later in the meet to place fifth and sixth in the 1,600-meter race.

Kristen Fangman and Kate

Denison posted the Lady Whitefaces' top efforts of the meet, netting silver medals in the 100-meter hurdles and 400-meter dash, respectively. Fangman dazzled in the hurdlng event, finishing just .16 seconds off the pace set by Palo Duro's Shayla Williams. Fangman, who also finished fifth in the 200-meter dash, covered the course in a time of 15.61. Denison ran the 400 in a mark of 61.29 - .35 seconds off the winning

time of Amarillo's Sharra Mitchell.

Lyndi Carlisle and Tri Walker also turned in strong performances, taking fourth and sixth, respectively, in the 300-meter hurdles.

Hereford took advantage of an Amarillo High miscue in the finals of the 1,600-meter relay. Amarillo and Canyon were both disqualified because of lane violations, catapult-

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## Weaver leads foursome to win in JPGCA event

The John Pitman Golf Course Association held its opening scramble, hamburger fry and election of officers Saturday.

Bill Brown was reelected as president of the association. Other officers will be John Elliott, vice president; Paul Hamilton, treasurer; Brenda Elliott, secretary; and Craig Nieman, handicap chairman.

The foursome of Bobby Weaver, Steve Stevens, Connie Martin and Larry Carver won the scramble, shooting a 9-under par 62. The score was remarkable, considering the

strong winds of Saturday afternoon.

Only 21 players braved the windy weather, but many more showed up for the hamburger fry at the KC Hall, said Brown.

The association, which is open to all golfers 18 years of age and older, made a number of donations last year - including a \$3,000 contribution to the local Make-A-Wish Foundation.

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# Marion happy to stay with Cowboys

IRVING, Texas (AP) - A few weeks ago, free agent safety Brock Marion thought he was a Baltimore Raven. On Monday, he rejoined the Dallas Cowboys and insisted he couldn't be happier.

Marion attended a March 20 news conference at the Ravens' training complex to announce he'd agreed to a reported four-year, \$6.5 million deal. Instead, team owner Art Modell said he wanted more doctors to examine Marion's left shoulder blade, which he broke in November.

After more tests, the Ravens told agent Jordan Woy they weren't interested. Woy continued talking to

them until late last week, then called the Cowboys and quickly worked out a one-year deal with incentives.

"I signed with the Cowboys because I chose to," said Marion, a starter the last two years and a contributor on Dallas' last three Super Bowl champion teams.

"It doesn't have to do with anything with other teams falling through. I chose to sign here for the fact that every year we compete for the championship."

Woy, however, said he's considering taking action against Baltimore, either with a lawsuit or by filing a grievance with the league.

He's upset because he felt the "memo of agreement" Marion signed with the Ravens took him off the market, and that the March 20 news conference portrayed Marion as damaged goods.

"When Baltimore made this announcement that Brock Marion has to have shoulder surgery, I had about 10 teams call me and say 'What's going on?' Obviously, it put a lot of thoughts in people's minds," Woy said.

On Monday, the Ravens released a statement saying it was a "disappointment" to lose Marion. "We obviously think highly of

Brock and we were hopeful of having him become a Raven," the statement said.

Dallas never even gave Marion a physical. The team had been monitoring his rehabilitation all along and was confident he could pick up where he left off last season.

The signing came at a good time for the Cowboys. With the draft less than two weeks away, they no longer have to worry about finding a safety. Marion will resume his spot in one of the NFL's best secondaries alongside safety Darren Woodson and cornerbacks Deion Sanders and Kevin Smith.

# Masters' mystique has everyone's attention

By DOUG FERGUSON  
AP Sports Writer

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) - Nick Faldo had the Masters on his mind two weeks ago when he went to the practice green and stayed into the twilight, searching for the right feel in his putter.

Greg Norman had the Masters on his mind two months ago when he changed his schedule so he could play consecutive weeks of tournament golf before showing up at Augusta National.

Want more evidence that the mystique of the Masters has a grip on players around the world? Then consider Robert Allenby.

The 25-year-old Australian had the Masters on his mind six months ago when, despite recovering from a fractured sternum, he flew halfway around the world just to hit the ball 40 yards off the tee.

To qualify for \$116,000 in bonus money, Allenby had to play one shot

at the Volvo Masters in Spain before he could withdraw.

The money itself wasn't an issue. Allenby only wanted to keep his No. 3 ranking on the European tour money list because it would improve his chances of getting an invitation to Augusta.

"All the muscles in the chest and shoulder are still tight. I have to stretch out everything," Allenby said Monday after a practice round. "But you can't dwell on it. You've got to move ahead."

And then he looked out at Augusta National, where thousands of spectators framed the fairways and milled about the dogwoods and azaleas.

"It can't get any better than this," Allenby added with a smile.

Allenby is among 15 players making their debuts in the 61st Masters, which begins Thursday under what is expected to be quick conditions.

"I don't know of anyone who wouldn't give his right arm to play this tournament," said Loren Roberts, making his fifth appearance.

Roberts already knows what Allenby is slowing beginning to realize - despite its sheer beauty, Augusta can be downright vicious to newcomers like Allenby, who are lulled into a false sense of security because of the absence of rough and because of fairways that look ample until tee shots wind up in the wrong spot.

"Driving the ball around the course is the easy part," Allenby said. "The rest of it is the hard part. You've really got to be creative with your short game. It takes a lot of imagination."

"The greens are pretty quick, and you know they're going to be getting a lot faster. You can have one putt, but you can hit it 10 different ways."

It has only taken 27 holes of practice for Allenby to figure out the

importance of putting at the Masters.

He could have watched Faldo win last year's tournament with only one three-putt over 72 holes - one more three-putt than Ben Crenshaw or Jose Maria Olazabal had when they won the green jacket the previous two years.

And with a forecast of mostly dry, breezy conditions, the greens figure to be as perilous as they have been in years.

"This golf course doesn't need to be windy to be tough," Olazabal said.

Scott McCarron was a first-timer a year ago. He finished tied for 10th, a remarkable debut that can be explained in part by his ranking of 26th on the tour in putting.

On Monday, he stood on the practice green for 20 minutes, choking up on a wedge from just off the green as he tried to get the right feel for the speed of the green.

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ing the HHS girls to second.

The Hereford Whitefaces also staged an impressive effort this past weekend, taking fourth in Dumas' North Plains Relays.

The Whitefaces, keyed by a win in the 1,600-meter relay, garnered two individual gold medals and a second place effort in the event and scored 62 points.

Hernandez and Carillo won their respective events. Hernandez cleared 12-0 and won the pole vault by six inches; Carrillo won the 300-meter hurdles by almost two seconds, running the event in 41.09 seconds.

The HHS 400-meter relay squad was second.

Pampa, 6:08.44.

1600 Relay - 1. Pampa, 4:11.41; 2. Hereford, 4:13.03; 3. Tascosa, 4:20.18; 4. Dumas, 4:30.43. AHS and Canyon were DQ.

### NORTH PLAINS RELAYS

Team Totals - 1. Tascosa, 151; 2. Canyon, 65; 3. Clovis, 65; 4. Hereford, 62; 5. Borger 44; 6. Plainview 37; 7. Caprock 32; 8. Palo Duro 29; 9. Randall 19; 10. Dalhart 17; 11. Dumas 14; 12. Pampa 0.

Shot put - 1. Graves, Tascosa, 56-0 1/2; 2. Adams, Tascosa, 51-9; 3. Sansom, Plainview, 50-11 1/4.

Discus - 1. Graves, Tascosa, 59-11; 2. Malone, Tascosa, 1:49.0; 3. Aragon, Clovis, 1:37.8.

High Jump - 1. Dwyer, Canyon 6-2; 2. Miller, Clovis, 6-2; 3. Scott, Dalhart, 6-2.

Long Jump - 1. Williams, Clovis, 20-6; 2. Cornelius, PD, 20-1 1/2; 3. Stumbo, Randall, 19-10.

Triple Jump - 1. Sutton, PD, 42-8 3/4; 2. Scott, Dalhart, 41-4 1/2; 3. Cornelius, PD, 39-5 3/4.

Vault - 1. Hernandez, Hereford, 12-0; 2. Beeby, Plainview, 11-6; 3. Bentley, Randall, 11-0.

3,200 - 1. Winter, Canyon, 10:29.63; 2. Dryden, Canyon, 10:43.60; 3. James, Caprock, 10:48.06.

400 Relay - 1. Tascosa, 44.04; 2. Hereford, 44.76; 3. Clovis, 44.88.

800 - 1. Dryden, Canyon, 2:07.50; 2. Teague, Caprock, 2:10.56; 3. Carr, Clovis, 2:10.57.

110 H - 1. McAlister, Tascosa, 14.5; 2. O'Borney, Clovis, 14.84; 3. Harbether, Perryton, 14.94.

100 - 1. Samuel, Tascosa, 10.38; 2. Longbine, Canyon, 10.70; 3. Lowenstien, Tascosa, 10.88.

400 - 1. Green, Borger, 52.81; 2. Redmond, Tascosa, 53.03; 3. Harris, Tascosa, 53.04.

300 H - 1. Carrillo, Hereford, 41.09; 2. Lowenstien, Tascosa, 42.76; 3. Harbether, Perryton, 43.31.

200 - 1. Samuel, Tascosa, 22.81; 2. Ross, Tascosa, 23.09; 3. Mendoza, Dumas, 23.66.

### AMARILLO GIRLS RELAYS

Team totals - 1. Amarillo High 126; 2. Pampa 105; 3. Palo Duro 87; 4. Hereford 60; 5. Tascosa & Clovis 48; 7. Dumas 42; 8. Canyon 34; 9. Randall 26; 10. Caprock 11.

3,200 - 1. Newton, AHS, 11:19.75; 2. Marable, Canyon, 11:44.76; 3. Harrison, Hereford, 12:14.57; 4. Townsend, Hereford, 12:29.09; 5. Hurts, Pampa, 12:35.39; 6. Resendiz, Pampa, 12:44.54.

400 Relay - 1. Pampa, 50.19; 2. AHS, 50.49; 3. Palo Duro, 50.50; 4. Clovis, 51.06; 5. Randall, 52.62; 6. Caprock, 59.16.

800 - 1. Fatheree, Pampa, 2:25.65; 2. Grant, PD, 2:27.52; 3. Lee, Pampa, 2:28.31; 4. Stone, Canyon, 2:29.42; 5. Cook, Dumas, 2:37.48; 6. Schruer, Canyon, 2:38.36.

100 H - 1. Williams, PD, 15.45; 2. Fangman, Hereford, 15.61; 3. Seitz, Tascosa, 15.84; 4. Teakell, Clovis, 16.57; 5. Sims, AHS, 16.89; 6. Trimble, PD, 18.37.

100 - 1. Moore, AHS, 12.33; 2. Dawson, Clovis, 12.52; 3. Davenport, PD, 12.57; 4. Armstrong, PD, 12.91; 5. Evans, Pampa, 13.48.

800 Relay - 1. AHS, 1:48.88; 2. Palo Duro, 1:48.89; 3. Tascosa, 1:50.94; 4. Caprock, 1:51.86; 5. Hereford, 1:51.96; Pampa was DQ.

400 - 1. Mitchell, AHS, 60.94; 2. Denison, Hereford, 61.29; 3. Whittenburg, AHS, 61.37; 4. Grant, PD, 63.45; 5. Brown, Pampa, 63.73.

300 H - 1. Seitz, Tascosa, 48.10; 2. Teakell, Clovis, 48.95; 3. Williams, Pampa, 49.34; 4. Carlile, Hereford, 51.13; 5. Morrow, Clovis, 51.88; 6. Walker, Hereford, 52.68.

200 - 1. Dawson, Clovis, 26.37; 2. White, Caprock, 26.45; 3. Flowers, PD, 26.65; 4. Semple, Tascosa, 26.76; 5. Fangman, Hereford, 26.89; 6. Gardner, PD, 27.44.

1600 - 1. Marable, Canyon, 5:27.02; 2. Newton, AHS, 5:31.00; 3. Fatheree, Pampa, 5:49.18; 4. Harrison, Hereford, 5:55.67; 5. Townsend, Hereford; 6:01.94; 6. Resendiz,

# Lubbock plans basketball tournaments

Registration is now underway for a series of boys' and girls' basketball tournaments to be held in April and June in Lubbock.

Panhandle Amateur Athletics will host tournaments each weekend during April. Divisions are planned in age groups 11-18 for both boys and girls. Entry fee is \$75 per team.

Registration has also begun for the West Texas BCI Open, scheduled June 6-8. The BCI meet will have age divisions 11-18 as well as an open division for boys and girls. Entry fee is \$200 per team.

For more information, or to register a team, call Linda Perry at 806-745-4203.

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Many thanks again to the folks listed below, and to the many others too numerous to list.

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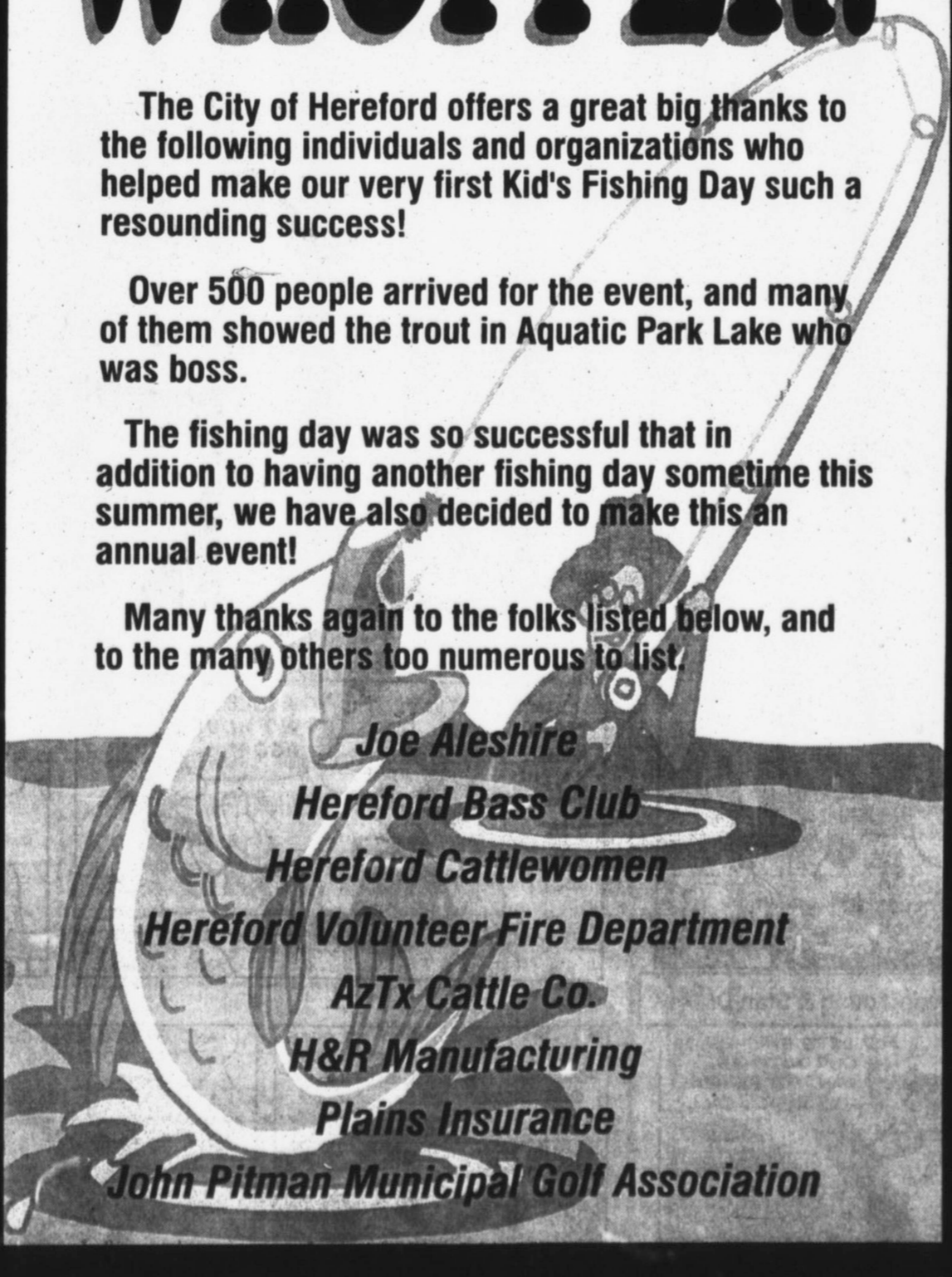
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TUESDAY APRIL 8											
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Movie: A Gooly Movie ** G				Movie: No Dessert Dad				(8:55) Movie: Picture Perfect		(4:40) Movie: The Hustler	
News	Ent. Tonight	Mad-You	Something	Frasier	Caroline	Deadline		News	(3:35) Tonight Show		
Newshour With Jim Lehrer	News			Frasier	Caroline	Deadline		News	(3:35) Tonight Show		
Videos	(3:35) Major League Baseball Houston Astros at Atlanta Braves							(3:35) Movie: Operation Petticoat (1959) ***			
News	Wh. Fortune	Home Imp.	Ellen	Home Imp.	Spin City	Practice		News	Satfield	Nightline	
Fam. Mat.	Bzzz!	Major League Baseball Toronto Blue Jays at Chicago White Sox						News	H'nooner	Heat	
News	Home Imp.	Promised Land		Movie: My Very Best Friend (1995) Jaclyn Smith				News	(3:35) Late Show		
Roseanne	Mad-You	Movie: Addams Family Values (1993) Raul Julia ***		Xena: Warrior Princess				Mad-You	Cops	Real TV	
Sportstr.	NHL Hockey	Teams to Be Announced						Baseball	Sportscenr	Baseball	
Waltons		Movie: Captains Courageous (1996) Robert Ulrich		700 Club				Three Stooges	Carson		
Movie: My Life-Dog	Movie: Bio-Dome Paddy Shore ** PG-13	(3:35) Movie: Who Framed Roger Rabbit Bob Hoskins		Red Shoe				Love Street			
Movie: Brady Bunch	Movie: Twister (1996) Helen Hunt, Bill Paxton PG-13	Movie: Back in Business Brian Bosworth		Tracy				Comedy			
Movie: Eyes of an Angel	Movie: Eye for an Eye Sally Field ** R	Double		Movie: Lifestrom Cotten Smith R				Movie: Getting Away			
Movie: On the Double	Movie: Show Boat (1951) Kathryn Grayson ***	Movie: East Side, West Side (1949) James Mason ***		Movie: Movie: Getting Away							
Dukes of Hazzard	Yesterday & Today	Prime Time Country		Sam's Place				Dallas		Dukes	
Wings	Wild Discovery	New Detectives		Outlaws and Lawmen				Wild Discovery		Detectives	
Law & Order	Biography	Movie: Cracker: Brothery Love (1995) Robbie Coltrane, Geraldine Somerville ***		Biography							
Intimate Portrait	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: My Son, Johnny (1991) Michele Lee		Living				Unsolved Mysteries			
FOX Sports	Major League Baseball Teams to Be Announced			Sports				FOX Sports News		Sports	
In the Heat of the Night	NBA Basketball Cleveland Cavaliers at New York Knicks			Inside-NBA				Movie: Vision Quest (1985) ***			
Doug	Rugrats	Alex Mack	Shelby Woo	I Love Lucy	Bewitched	Newhart		Odd Couple		Taxi	M.T. Moore
Highlander: The Series	Murder, She Wrote	Bazing Hasin Rahman vs. Obad Sullivan		Wings		Wings		Stalkings			
Bendita Mentira	Te Sigo Amando	Sentimientos Ajenos	Primer Impacto Noc.	P. Impacto		Noticiero		La Tocada			
Vietnam War	Ellis Island	War and Remembrance		Ellis Island							
RPM 2Night	Monster	Drag Race	Strongman	Strongman	World's Strongest Man	Billiards		RPM 2Night		NBA 2Night	

WEDNESDAY APRIL 9											
7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM	
Chip 'n' Dale	Marsland	Pooh	Mickey	Wonderland	Pooh Cnr.	GummiBär	Care Bears	My Little	Mermaid	DuckTales	
Today				Leesa		Geraldo Rivera		Sunset Beach		Days-Lives	
Earth	Earth	Sesame Street		Puzzle Place	Mr Rogers	Storytime	Reading	Arthur	Barney	Lamb Chop	
Brady	Bewitched	Little House on the Prairie		3's Co.	Mama	Griffith		(5:05) Matlock			
Good Morning America				Live - Regis & Kathie Lee		Caryl & Marilyn: Friends		Medicine Woman		News	
BugsDaffy	Animals	Woody	Bewitched	Griffith	Empty Nest	In the Heat of the Night		Geraldo Rivera		News	
This Morning				Rick Lake		Price is Right		Young and the Restless		News	
Quack Pack	Spider-Man	Mask	Batman	Fox After Breakfast		Murphy	Griffith	K. Copeland	Paid Prog.	Gunsmoke	
Sportscenr				Sportscenr		Sportscenr		Sportscenr		Latin Futbol	
Father Dowling Mysteries	Waltons			700 Club		FIT TV		Rescue 911		Home	
(6:30) Movie: *** Three Women PG	(3:45) Movie: The Legend of Gator Face Johnny White	Movie: Duchess & Dirtwater Fox		Movie: Congo (1995) Dylan Walsh, Laura Linney PG-13		Movie: Give My Regards to Broad Street ** PG		Talked to Death			
Movie: Congo (1995) Dylan Walsh, Laura Linney PG-13				Movie: Her Life as a Man **		(4:40) Movie: The Hunters Robert Mitchum ***					
Movie: Love Affair (1939) ***	Movie: All This, and Heaven Too (1940) Bette Davis. ***			Dallas		Alene's Crafts		Wildhorse			
(Off Air)	VideoMorning			Home Matters		Housemart!		Start	Interior Mot.	Home	
Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Beyond Darwin		Cosby Mysteries		New Mike Hammer		Quincy		Law & Order	
McCloud				Handmade	Gourmet	Our Home		Living	Main Ingrd.	Supermtk	
Baby Knows	KidsDays	Sisters		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Rodeo	
FOX Sports News	FOX Sports News			Gilligan	Gilligan	Spenner: For Hire		CHiPs		Thunder	
ScobyDobyDoo	Flintstones	Flintstones		Rupert	Muppets	Allegro	Gullah	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	USALive	
Looney Tunes	Rugrats	Busy World		Movie: The Road to Galveston (1996) Tess Harper ***		Major Dad	Lost-Earth	USALive		BUSALive	
Mighty Max	Sonic	Murder, She Wrote		Papa Solt.	Dr Perez	Dos Mujeres Un Camino	Bajo un Mismo Rostro	Sombra			
Gros T.V.	El Chavo	La Mejor de Chespirito		Real West	Charlemagne			Spies			
Classroom	History Showcase			Perfect	Crunch	Gotta Sweat	Fitness	Flex Appeal	Bodyshape	Sports Babe	
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WEDNESDAY APRIL 9											
12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30	
C. Brown	Pooh	Donald	Movie: Still Not Quite Human ***		C. Brown	Tale Spn	DuckTales	Chip 'n' Dale	Gool Troop		
Days-Lives	Another World	Jenny Jones	Maury			Oprah Winfrey		News	NBC News		
Body Elec.	Fly Tying	Vicar	Painting	Embroidery	Kerr	Wishbone	C. Santiago	Science Guy	Creatures	Magis Bus	
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Jopardy!	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Montel Williams	Roale O'Donnell							
News	Streets of San Francisco	Beauty and the Beast	Beverly Hills, 90210	Fam. Mat.	Dreams	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	
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Gunamoka	Little House on the Prairie	Matlock	Bobby	Bobby	Beetleborgs	Rangers	Fresh Pr.	Simpsons	Up Close	Sportstr.	
Latin Futbol	Legends of Hockey	Racehorse	PGA Golf Las Vegas Invitational - Final Round	NBA Finale							
(12:20) Home & Family	ShopDrop	Shopping	It Takes Two	Bloopers	Carson	Carson	C. Burnett	C. Burnett			
(12:15) Movie: * Suburban Commando	Directed By	(3:35) Movie: Mommie Dearest (1981) Faye Dunaway, Steve Forrest. **		Movie: Legend-Gator							
Movie: Grace Kelly Cheryl Ladd ***	(1:15) Movie: The Big Picture Kevin Bacon. *** PG-13	Movie: Being Human Robin Williams. ** PG-13		Movie: Legend-Gator							
Movie: Bushwhacked Daniel Stern PG	Movie: Weekend at Bernie's II ** PG	Movie: Being Human Robin Williams. ** PG-13		Movie: Legend-Gator							
Movie: (1:10) Movie: Barefoot in the Park (1967) ***	Movie: Love is a Ball (1963)	Glenn Ford **		Movie: Legend-Gator							
Wildhorse	VideoPM	America's Country Hits	Dallas	Wildhorse Saloon							
Home	Housemart!	Interior Mot.	Start	Great Chefs	Great Chefs	Travelers	Movie Magic	Next Step			
Law & Order	McCloud			Cosby Mysteries							
Debt	Movie: Johnny's Girl (1995) Treat Williams. ***	Comish		Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Supernit	Debt				
Rodeo	Augusta Spcl.	Boxing Fight Night		Hockey Wk.	Texas A&M	Sports	FOX Sports				
Thunder	How the West Was Won	Wild, Wild West		Movie: The Quick Gun (1964) Audie Murphy. **							
Papa Beaver	Looney	Beetlejuice	Tiny Toon	Muppets	Chipmunks	Gadget	You Afraid?	Rocko's Life	Clarissa	Tiny Toon	
USALive	USA Live	USA Live	USA Live	USA Live	USA Live	Wanted	Top Cops	Wings	Renegade		
Sombra	Quilpa de Tres Mujeres			Cristina		Primer Impacto		Dr Perez	Noticiero		
Spies	War Years	Real West		Charlemagne				Spies			
Sports Babe	NBA 2Night	Soccer: UEFA Champions League Semifinal Leg 1		Formula 1		Drag Racing		Guides	Auto Racing		

WEDNESDAY APRIL 9											
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Movie: Man of the House Chevy Chase.	(4:40) Movie: Can't Buy Me Love PG-13	(1:15) Movie: My Bodyguard Chris Makepeace. *** PG		Movie: Still							
News	Ent. Tonight	Newsradio	Single Guy	Wings	Men-Badly	Law & Order		(3:35) Tonight Show			
Newshour With Jim Lehrer	Sci. Frontiers	A Laugh, a Tear, a Mitzvah		Running Out of Time		Tony Brown	Charlie Rose				
Videos	Videos	NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Utah Jazz		Inside-NBA		Movie: Another You (1991) **					
News	Wh. Fortune	Grace Under	Coach	Drew Carey	Arsenio	Primetime Live		News	Seinfeld	Nightline	
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News	Home Imp.	Nanny	Temporarily	Feds		EZ Streets		News		(3:35) Late Show	
Roseanne	Mad-You	Beverly Hills, 90210		Pacific Palisades		Hercules-Jrmy.		Mad-You	Cops	Real TV	
Sportstr.	Major League Baseball Houston Astros at Atlanta Braves			Major League Baseball Teams to Be Announced							
Waltons		Movie: Who Will Love My Children? (1983) ***		700 Club		Three Stooges		Carson			
Movie: My Life-Dog	Movie: Nixon (1995) Anthony Hopkins, Joan Allen. *** R			Porterpeal: The Legacy				Movie: Legend-Gator			
What About Your Friends?	Movie: Waiting to Exhale Whitney Houston. *** R	Tracy		Sanders		Movie: Primal Fear Richard Gere. *** R					
(5:30) Movie: Mr. Mom PG	Movie: Rumpelstiltskin ** R	Movie: Patriot Games Harrison Ford. *** R		Movie: Tie-Dyed-Fans							
Movie: Abbott-Holly	Movie: The Yearling (1946) Gregory Peck, Jane Wyman. ***	Movie: The Black Stallion (1979) Mickey Rooney. ***									
Dukes of Hazzard	Life of Lefty Frizzell	Prime Time Country		Road		Dallas		Dukes			
Wings	Wild Discovery	Discover Magazine		Outlaws and Lawmen		Wild Discovery		Discover			
Law & Order	Biography	20th Century		Law & Order		Biography					
Intimate Portrait	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: The Abduction of Karl Swenson (1987) ***		Living		Unsolved Mysteries					
Major League Baseball Texas Rangers at Milwaukee Brewers		FOX Sports News		FOX Sports News		FOX Sports News		Sports			
In the Heat of the Night	Movie: David (1997) Leonard Nimoy, Jonathan Pryce.	Movie: David (1997) Leonard Nimoy, Jonathan Pryce.						Movie: Legend-Gator			
Doug	Rugrats	Hey Arnold!	Kenan & Kel	I Love Lucy	Bewitched	Newhart		Odd Couple	Taxi	M.T. Moore	Van Dyke
Highlander: The Series	Masters Tournament	Movie: Field of Dreams (1989) Kevin Costner. ***		(1:10) Wings	(4:0) Wings	Stalkings					
Bendita Mentira	Te Sigo Amando	Sentimientos Ajenos	Fuera	Lente Loco		P. Impacto		Noticiero	La Tocada		
War Years	Ellis Island	War and Remembrance		Year by Year		Ellis Island					
RPM 2Night	NHL Hockey Teams to Be Announced			NHL 2Night		Auto Racing		Thunder			

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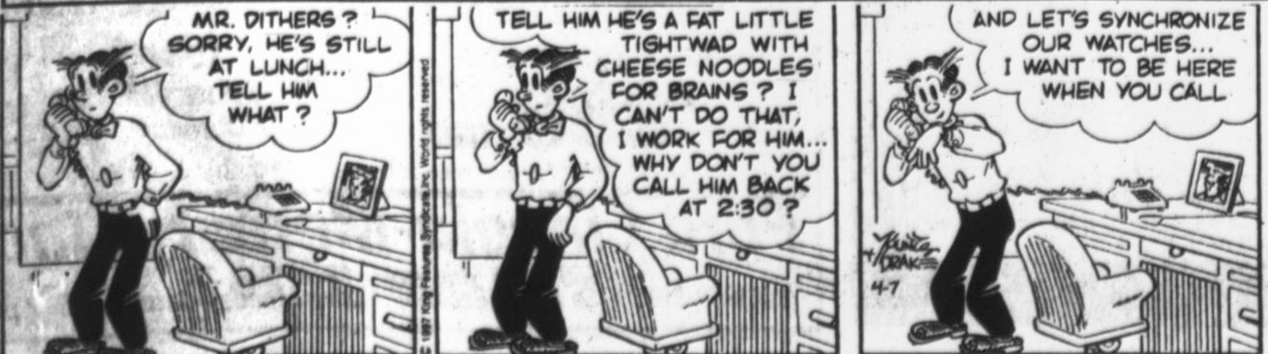
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## Income Tax

# Chances of IRS audit slim for most

By DAVE SKIDMORE  
Associated Press Writer  
WASHINGTON (AP) - There's no more dreaded word in the taxpayer's lexicon than "audit."

But keeping good records and familiarizing yourself with the audit process in advance can help ease the trepidation. That, and looking on the bright side.

Most taxpayers' chances of being audited by the Internal Revenue Service are slim to begin with, about 1 in 100, unless they earn more than \$100,000 a year or operate their own business.

And, even someone unlucky enough to be picked has about a 1 in 8 chance of owing nothing, or even getting a refund.

During an audit, you may feel as if you're on trial. There's one important difference, however. In a criminal trial, the prosecutor has to prove you're guilty. In an audit, you have to prove your return is correct.

That may seem unfair, but many tax experts argue that the IRS would have to be even more intrusive if the burden of proof were reversed.

Audits come in three basic types. In order, from not-so-bad to worst, they are: correspondence, office and field.

In a correspondence audit, the IRS sends a letter questioning specific aspects of your return. You reply by mail, sending copies - never originals - of any documents needed to prove your points.

An office audit is conducted at the IRS office closest to your home. Again, these are usually limited to specific areas. But there's nothing to keep a suspicious auditor from delving into other areas, so don't bring along irrelevant documents and don't chatter on about your finances. Just answer the agent's questions, in a direct, polite and businesslike fashion.

If you're the subject of an office audit, you'll get a Notice 904 with the time and place of your appointment. There's instructions for getting a postponement if you can't make the first one or if you need more time to prepare. But the IRS usually won't grant more than two postponements, without a compelling reason such as serious illness.

Many taxpayers represent themselves, especially when the amounts involved don't justify hiring a professional. But they have the right to have an attorney, certified public accountant or enrolled agent

(someone who's passed a two-day test that gives them the right to represent taxpayers before the IRS) go with them or go instead of them.

If you represent yourself and feel the audit is getting away from you, you have the right to suspend it at any time and ask for the chance to consult a tax professional.

In a field examination, IRS agents come to your home or business. Field audits generally are wide-ranging and usually target wealthy people and businesses. They sometimes involve so-called lifestyle auditing. Agents check out your house, your neighborhood, your car, et cetera, to see if it jibes with your reported income.

There's a fourth type of audit, conducted under the Taxpayer Compliance Management Program, that's been indefinitely suspended because of budget constraints. To allow the IRS to spot trends in tax avoidance, targets were picked at random and forced to justify every detail of their return, even to the point of producing birth certificates for their children.

Some basic tips for avoiding questions from the IRS include making sure all Social Security numbers on your return - for you,

your spouse and your dependents - are accurate.

Also, make sure the information reports filed by employers, banks and brokers match your return. If you dispute an information report, the IRS must go back to the source to request verification. If there's a mistake in an information report, it's better to get a corrected one filed before sending in your return.

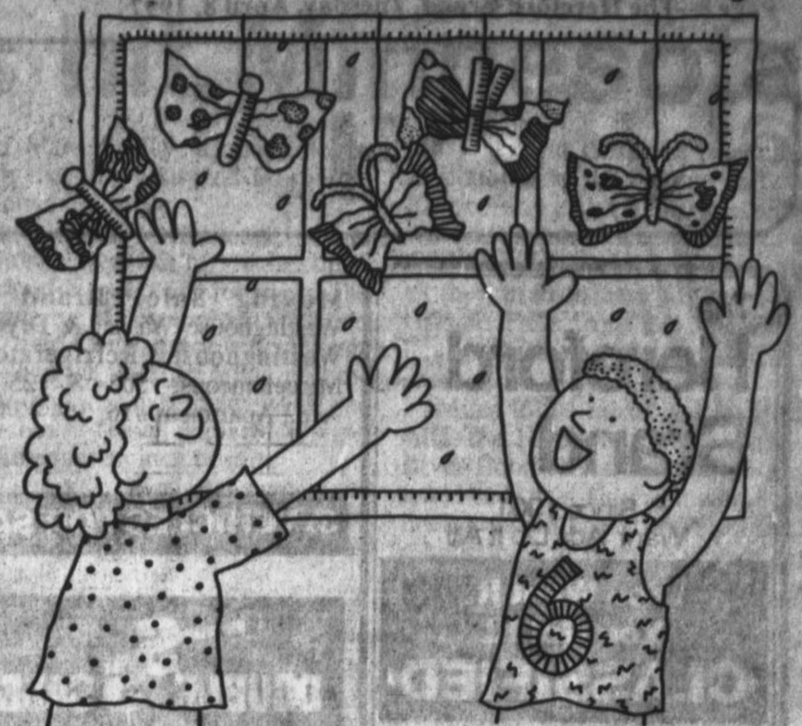
Starting this year, those filing information reports - W-2s, 1099s and 1098s - are supposed to furnish you the address and telephone number of someone who can answer questions. But the IRS won't penalize report filers for failing to include a number until next year.

IRS computers also look for inconsistencies - an investment interest deduction but no investment income - and unusual patterns - \$50,000 in earnings and \$25,000 in charitable contributions.

You can avoid an audit if you can show the IRS that it audited you on the same issue, with little or no change in tax liability, in either of the two preceding years. Mail the IRS examiner a copy of the IRS notice that adjusted your return, or the notice that said the return was accepted.

If you get to the end of an audit and don't agree with the examiner, you have the right to appeal. First, if you believe the examiner was biased or had the discretion to rule in your favor but refused, you can ask for a meeting with the examiner's supervisor.

If that doesn't work, you'll get a notice, referred to as a 30-day letter, telling you to pay up within 30 days or file an appeal with the IRS Appeals Office. See Publication 5. If, after the appeal, you still disagree, you have 90 days to file a petition to the U.S. Tax Court. Or, you can pay up and sue for a refund in U.S. District Court.



## Make colorful butterflies

After long months of snowy, dark and cold days, the black and white landscapes of winter turn to color as we anticipate the arrival of spring. Spring's palette brings our spirits to life! No wonder we delight in the sight of the first monarch butterfly in bright shades of orange or a tiger swallowtail in brilliant yellow.

Rush this longed-for season by making paper butterflies, an ideal project to share with young children. Your spirits will soar as these simple creations decorate your home to signal the onset of the bright days ahead.

On a newspaper-covered work surface, fill small bowls with water. Add a few drops of food coloring to each bowl. Have fun experimenting and creating your own colors. To get started, mix yellow and blue to create green, or red and blue to make purple. When you have a rainbow of colors, use an eyedropper to squeeze drops of color onto a round paper coffee filter. Or, if you prefer, simply paint the filter with watercolors and a brush. Each time you apply a color,

watch it spread on the paper to form interesting patterns and shapes.

Paint several filters. When dry, pinch the filter in the middle to resemble a bow, then clip together with a painted clothespin to hold in place or twist a pipe cleaner around the middle, leaving the ends of the pipe cleaner free. Twist those pipe cleaner ends to look like a pair of antennae. Spread out the filter to resemble butterfly wings. Tie fishing line or string to the butterfly and hang by a window.

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## Adjustments to IRA rules benefit stay-at-home spouses next year

WASHINGTON (AP) - Congress has adjusted the rules for Individual Retirement Accounts, benefiting stay-at-home spouses and people shouldering major medical expenses.

You should follow the old rules for 1996 returns. But, for planning purposes, you need to know about the changes that took effect this year.

By the way, it's not too late - if you qualify - to reduce last year's tax liability by investing in an IRA. You have until April 15.

If either you or your spouse are covered by an employer's pension plan, you can take the full \$2,000 IRA deduction so long as your adjusted gross income is no more than \$40,000 (married filing jointly) and \$25,000 (single).

The deduction is phased out until it disappears altogether for employees with incomes of \$50,000 (married filing jointly) and \$35,000 (single).

Employees with no retirement plan at work automatically qualify for the full deduction. But, even if only one spouse is covered by a company pension, that limits the deductible contributions of both.

Partial deductions are equal to 20 percent of the difference between your income and the upper limit for your filing status. For instance, a married couple earning \$45,000 is eligible for a \$1,000 deduction - 20 percent of the \$5,000 difference between \$45,000 and \$50,000.

When calculating a partial

deduction, round it up to the next \$10. However, couples earning between \$49,000 and \$50,000 and single people between \$34,000 and \$35,000 can take a \$200 deduction.

Keep in mind that you generally can't contribute more than you earn. There's an exception for non-working spouses. For 1996, such a couple can establish two IRAs and contribute a combined total of \$2,250. The contribution can be split in any way so long as the larger contribution doesn't exceed \$2,000. If both spouses have at least \$2,000 income, they each can contribute and deduct up to \$2,000 provided their combined income falls below the \$40,000 limit.

Starting this year, each spouse - both working and non-working - may contribute the full \$2,000 for a total of \$4,000, even if the non-working spouse had little or no income.

Contributions that were deducted from your income when put into your IRA will be taxed when withdrawn. However, contributions that weren't deducted won't be taxed on withdrawal. But you must designate them as non-deductible each year by filing Form 8606. Be sure to save the form permanently.

Earnings on both deductible and non-deductible contributions will be taxed - but not until withdrawal. Even if you don't qualify for a deductible contribution, it may be worth your while to make a non-deductible contribution of up to \$2,000 just so

you can defer taxes on the earnings.

As a general rule, you shouldn't put money in an IRA that you think you'll need before retirement. Funds withdrawn before you reach the age of 59½ usually are subject to an additional 10 percent tax, on top of the income tax.

However, starting this year, the 10 percent penalty doesn't apply to early withdrawals used to pay unreimbursed medical expenses in excess of 7.5 percent of your gross income. These are the medical expenses you can deduct on Schedule A.

In another change, the 10 percent penalty doesn't apply if you lose your job, receive unemployment compensation for at least 12 consecutive weeks and use the IRA withdrawal to buy health insurance for yourself, your spouse or your dependents.

If you withdrew more than \$155,000 from an IRA, 401(k) or other pension plan in 1996, you'll have to pay a 15 percent additional tax. But Congress suspended this tax for 1997, 1998 and 1999. So, if you're at least 59½ and you've been eyeing your IRA - to start a business or buy a vacation home - now is the time.

In general, contributions to IRAs must stop and withdrawals must start when you reach age 70½, even if you're still working. In 1996, the same rule applied to distributions from 401(k) accounts and other pension plans.



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--Don't use abbreviations. It's tempting to abbreviate and save money if ads are billed by the line. Brand ads are billed by the words, so spell them out so readers won't be confused trying to figure out abbreviations.  
--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.



# Classifieds

# Blizzards, floods hit Minnesota

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Saturday's Cryptoquote: SOME MEN HAVE SUNDAY SOULS WHICH THEY SCREW ON DUE TIME AND TAKE OFF AGAIN MONDAY MORNING.—R. HALL

ADA, Minn. (AP) - On the dry end of town, residents clambered aboard buses, personnel carriers and Jeeps, heading south to dryness. Four blocks away, a souped-up pickup plodding through hip-deep ice and water yielded at a stop sign - to a rowboat.

So it went much of Monday in Ada, whose location at the confluence of two swollen western Minnesota rivers made it an inopportune place to be. With the Red River rising to alarming levels today, there will be more such communities soon.

"Blizzards and floods. You can handle one or the other, but when they both come at the same time, what do you do?" said an exhausted Arvid Ambuehl, an Ada farmer spending the night at a school-turned-shelter in Borup, eight miles south.

Across the high plains, rising rivers and blistering winds delivered a one-two punch to emergency workers battling flooding said to be the region's worst in decades. Fields in western Minnesota, locked in ice, formed barren sheets of white to the horizon.

Severe cold continued bringing misery to the region overnight. In Dickinson, N.D., the temperature fell to 7 below zero degree early today,

smashing the old record for the date of 3 above set in 1948, while in Minneapolis-St. Paul, it was 11 degrees, breaking the reading of 16 set in 1923. Record lows for the date also were recorded in Bismarck and Williston, N.D.; Aberdeen and Sioux Falls, S.D.; St. Cloud, Minn.; and Eau Claire, Wis.

Ada, one of the hardest-hit areas, is growing increasingly desolate as even staunch holdouts leave this small town 35 miles northeast of Fargo, N.D. On Monday afternoon, Pfc. Keith Nordick of the Minnesota National Guard knocked his way down a list of doors - citizens who'd gone three days without electricity, phone or running water.

"You wonder what goes through people's minds. If I'd want to get out as soon as I could," said a wind-whipped Nordick, a 25-year-old reservist. At one point, even his vehicle got stuck.

Along the north-flowing Red River, which separates Minnesota from North Dakota, even worse water overflow from snowmelt was expected Thursday and Friday.

"Everything predicted for the Red is a flood of historic proportions,"

said Mark Sealey, a climatologist with the University of Minnesota Extension Service.

In central Minnesota, flood warnings were out for the next two weeks along parts of three rivers - the Minnesota, Mississippi and St. Croix.

There was no quick way to gauge how bad the flooding might become once the snow melts. Sealey said 4 to 5 inches of heavy, late-season snow could equal an inch of rain.

That year, flooding across the Midwest was blamed for 48 deaths and \$10 billion in damage in nine states.

The only blizzard-related death was in Grand Forks, N.D., where the body of a 33-year-old man was found about 100 feet from his pickup, stuck in a ditch off a county road. Troy Swartz apparently froze to death.

President Clinton signed a disaster declaration Monday for North Dakota and South Dakota, freeing up federal money for cleanup. Thousands remained without power in Minnesota and the Dakotas.

The flooding caused nightmarish scenes across nearly 200 miles of western Minnesota.

Hundreds of men, women and children turned out to help after ice

tore a hole in the levee protecting Appleton from the Pomme de Terre River. Forty miles to the southeast, wind-blown snow stung the faces of workers stacking sandbags on levees as they tried to save 40 homes in Granite Falls from the Minnesota River, which surged toward today's crest.

Miles to the north, not far from Ada, the bitter cold froze Buffalo River floodwaters that had poured onto roads near Kragies; with even boats stymied, the State Patrol used a helicopter to rescue five or six families from homes surrounded by water and ice.

Even as temperatures dropped to zero at Dickinson, N.D., Monday and Bemidji, Minn., recorded a wind chill of 37 below zero, people across the region seemed to remain defiant.

"Minnesota has an extremely hearty breed of people who know how to survive," said Jim Franklin, the director of Minnesota's Emergency Management Agency.

In Ada, just northwest of where the Wild Rice and Marsh rivers are overflowing, streets became virtual canals. Giant chunks of ice rolled through intersections.

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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — The state Senate approved a \$83.3 billion state budget last week that would increase funding for public schools, prisons and social services programs.

But the 1998-99 budget does not include pay raises for state employees and education programs such as Gov. George W. Bush's \$470 million reading initiative and a \$1 billion back-to-basics program sought by university officials to increase the number of graduates.

"Higher education pay raises have been forced to take a back seat to public education and prisons," said Senate Finance Committee Chairman Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant.

Also not included in the budget, which is now up for consideration by a House and Senate conference committee, is the \$1 billion surplus from the 1996-97 budget that Gov. Bush has proposed using for school property tax relief.

"The budget keeps the scales balanced between the state's most critical services and the taxpayer's demand for leaner government," said Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, who presides over the Senate.

The proposed budget would increase general tax revenue for public schools by 7.7 percent, prisons by 8 percent and social services funding by 3 percent.

Ratliff said general revenues of about \$600 million in the proposed budget would be available to spread across more than \$5 billion worth of wish-list items compiled by state

legislators.

Tax Them All, Bush Says

Last week, the House Select Committee on Revenue and Public Education Funding continued in its quest to raise \$5.7 billion to cut property taxes by killing sales tax exemptions and expanding the franchise tax to include partnerships.

Gov. Bush said that to help pay for property tax relief, he supports taxing all types of business, including partnerships.

"This plan ought to make sure there are no loopholes for people who are in the business world. I support including all forms of business entities in this plan," he said.

The committee heard testimony from Texans who belong to such partnerships.

Under Texas law, noncorporate companies such as limited and general partnerships are not subject to the state business franchise tax. The franchise tax is assessed on business capital or income, whichever is higher.

Both the governor and Rep. Paul Sadler, D-Henderson, chairman of the select committee, said they want to find a way to differentiate between active and passive income partnerships.

Bush and Sadler said they support taxing active business income but not business income from passive investments.

Primary Election Shift

Texas would be removed from the Super Tuesday presidential primaries under a bill approved by the House Elections Committee last week.

Under the measure by Rep. Sherri Greenberg, D-Austin, all primary contests in the state would be moved from March to the first Saturday in May, beginning in the year 2000.

Greenberg's bill was supported by Democratic and Republican

officials, the League of Women Voters, the Texas AFL-CIO and the government watchdog group Common Cause-Texas.

Before 1988, Texas held presi-

dential primaries in May. The state Legislature moved the primaries so Texas would join other Southern states in the March 1988 Super Tuesday primary. Since then, many non-Southern states have moved up their primaries and in doing so watering down any influence Texas might have gained by joining the Super Tuesday states.

Greenberg said she hadn't found anyone who thinks Super Tuesday has given Texas more clout. "We have a primary season that is very long and very expensive. It makes it difficult on the voters and difficult on the people trying to get into political life," she said.

House Backs 'Healthy Kids'

The House last week approved the creation of the Texas Healthy Kids Corp., a public-private partnership which would encourage insurance companies to provide basic health-care coverage for Texas' 1.3 million uninsured children.

According to a fiscal analysis, the corporation could save the state about \$200,000 in the upcoming state budget and \$30 million by the end of 2002.

Under the bill by Rep. Hugo Berlanga, D-Corpus Christi, the corporation's board would choose:

- Which children would be eligible to receive health care based on their parents' income and other factors;
• Which insurers would participate; and
• What treatment would be covered.

Senate Passes Phone Slam Bill

The Senate approved legislation that would stop "slamming," the practice in which a long distance carrier takes over a customer's phone service without consent.

"They have done that to literally millions of people," said Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, author of the bill.

The measure, co-sponsored by Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco, would require a telephone company to have to be able to verify that it has a customer's permission when it takes over their long distance service.

Emergency Services

Activities reported by law enforcement agencies:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Burglary of a habitation reported in the 300 block of Avenue J.
-- Burglary of a vehicle reported in the 100 block of Lawton.
-- Theft reported in the 1500 block of West Street.
-- Criminal non-support reported in the 100 block of Bradley.
-- Runaway reported in the 700 block of Stanton.
-- Furnishing alcohol to minors reported in the 500 block of Sycamore.

-- Five citations issued.
-- 24-year-old male arrested for public intoxication in the 100 block of South 25 Mile Avenue.

-- 33-year-old female arrested for domestic assault in the 100 block of South 25 Mile Avenue.

-- Three males arrested for inhaling a volatile substance in the 300 block of West 6th Street.

-- Burglary of a habitation reported in the 600 block of Irving Street.

-- Domestic disturbance reported in the 700 block of Stanton Street.

-- Criminal non-support filed from the 100 block of Bradley Street.

-- 20 citations issued.

-- Stolen property reported in the 500 block of West 5th Street.

-- Domestic disturbance reported in the 400 block of Bradley Street.

-- Burglary of a building reported in the 800 block of South Texas.

-- Theft reported in the 300 block of West 2nd Street.

-- Theft reported in the 200 block of North Kingwood Street.

-- Runaway reported in the 700 block of Stanton Street.

-- Twenty-one citations issued.

SEX OFFENDER

-- The offender is a 14-year-old male. He lives in the 600 block of Union Street. His offense is "sexual assault of a child."

FIRE DEPARTMENT

-- No calls.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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

-- 20-year-old male arrested for criminal mischief.

-- 24-year-old female arrested for driving while intoxicated.

-- 35-year-old male arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly

weapon.

-- 23-year-old female arrested for theft by check.

-- 33-year-old male arrested for theft by check.

-- 20-year-old male arrested for violation of probation on theft by check and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

-- 18-year-old male arrested for possession of marijuana, under two ounces.

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

-- Runaway reported.

-- Criminal mischief reported.
-- Burglary reported.
-- Criminal trespass warning issued.

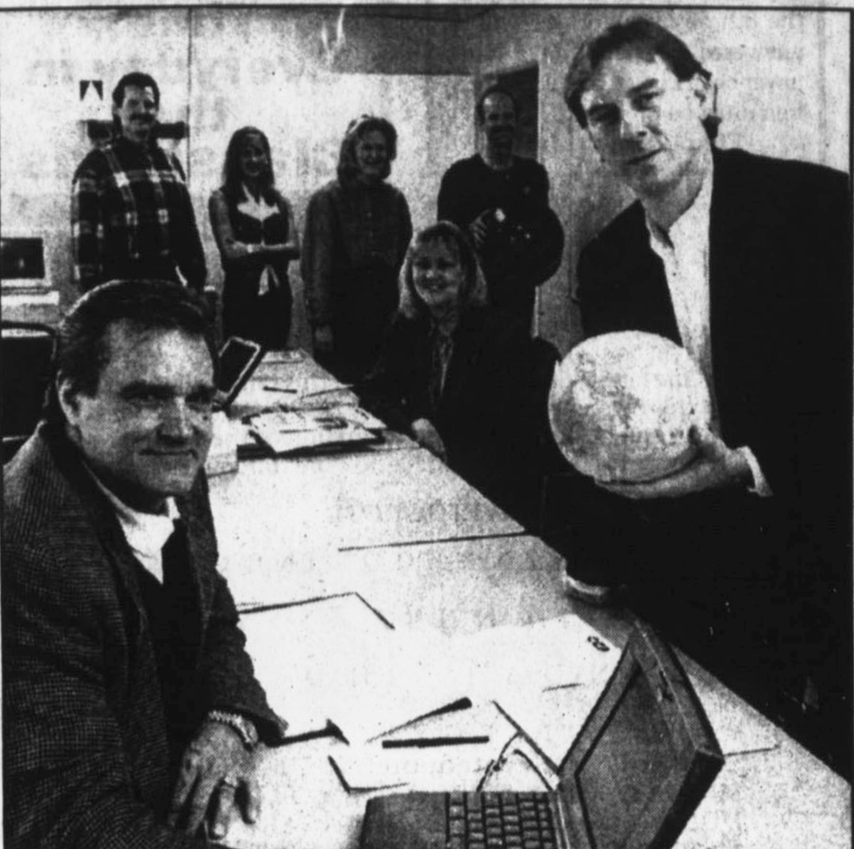
-- 17-year-old female arrested for compulsory school attendance.

-- 40-year-old female arrested for theft by check.

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

-- 26-year-old male arrested for surrender of surety.

-- 20-year-old female arrested for violation of probation and bond forfeiture.



Hereford man heads new firm

Hank Stringer, right, CEO of world.hire, and Jim Hardie, executive vice president, display company products as other staff members stand in the background. The firm is a world-wide web-based Internet recruitment productivity site based in Austin. Stringer, an HHS graduate, is the son of Marie Stringer of Hereford. Prior to founding world.hire, Stringer had almost two decades as a successful high tech industry recruiter. He graduated from Southwest Texas State University in 1979 and worked for several computer companies before co-founding world.hire. He is also president of Pedley-Stringer, a national high tech recruitment firm, opened in 1994.

McVeigh's lead attorney takes over potential juror questioning

DENVER (AP) - Stressing his Oklahoma ties and belittling reports of purported confessions, Timothy McVeigh's lead attorney took over questioning prospective jurors in the Oklahoma City bombing trial.

Stephen Jones spent most of last week on the sidelines as six other defense team members quizzed prospective jurors. Their sluggish questioning often drew objections from the prosecution and rebukes from the judge.

As the second week of jury selection began Monday, Jones alone questioned the six candidates with a soft approach, steering clear of legal wrangling.

"Well, I just thought it was my turn on the wheel," Jones said later. But Denver attorney Scott Robinson said Jones recognized the large-team approach was not connecting with the jury pool.

"He has taken the reins back over and the horse is riding fine," said Robinson, a trial observer for several news organizations. "The hallmark of a really good lawyer is the ability to change things."

Court adjourned as the 37th candidate out of a pool of about 350 people was being questioned. Jones focused his questions on the

death penalty and on a Dallas Morning News report that McVeigh purportedly confessed to the bombing. Jones said it was a scripted play by the defense to try to get a witness to talk.

"As far as you know, the reporter for the Dallas Morning News is yelling down a rain barrel so he could hear himself talk?" Jones asked a jury candidate, who agreed with that statement.

The paper's story - first posted on its Internet site Feb. 28 - alleged that McVeigh told his defense team he alone drove the truck in the bombing, and decided on a daytime attack to ensure a "body count." A similar report was posted on Playboy's Web site.

Two prospective jurors questioned Monday said they had heard about the purported confession, but dismissed it as unworthy of belief.

"I kind of thought it was something made up," said a

supermarket maintenance man. "I thought it was kind of hokey."

Jones also played up his Oklahoma ties, beginning each time by telling candidates he is from Enid, Okla. At times, his distinctive twang followed the softer drawl of Patrick Ryan, U.S. attorney for western Oklahoma.

McVeigh, 28, is charged with murder and conspiracy in the April 19, 1995, bombing that killed 168 people and injured hundreds more. If convicted, he could face the death penalty.

By law, only prospective jurors who say they would at least consider the death penalty may serve.



The game of mahjong was first played in China around 2,500 years ago.

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Business Briefs

AMARILLO—Southwestern Public Service Company this week reported second-quarter earnings of \$7.7 million, or 19 cents a share, compared with earnings in the same period last year of \$16.8 million, or 41 cents a share.

The utility company reported earnings of \$93.7 million, or \$2.29 per common share, for the 12 months ended Feb. 28, 1997. That compares with earnings in the same period last year of \$115.9 million, or \$2.83 per common share.

SPS Chairman Bill Helton said earnings were negatively affected by the previously announced one-time write off of approximately \$16 million investment by SPS subsidiary Quixx Corp. in the BCH waste-to-energy cogeneration project in North Carolina. During the fiscal year, the BCH write off was partially offset by the sale of a portion of underground water rights held by Quixx.

Annual earnings also were impacted by increased maintenance and interest expense. Higher levels of debt were caused by retirement of preferred stocks, acquisition of electric properties from Texas-New Mexico Power Company and increased construction expenses.

Large advertisement for Stevens Chevrolet - Oldsmobile - Aurora - Geo. Includes a list of cars for sale with prices and descriptions, such as '1996 Cadillac Sedan Deville' for \$24,900 and '1996 Oldsmobile Calais' for \$2,995. Also features a 'NO DOWN PROGRAM CAR SALE' and contact information for the dealership.