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Clinton, Hussein slate peace talks

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton is weighing options for Middle East peacemaking with Jordan's King Hussein as the administration calls on Arab nations to strengthen their relations with Israel.

Clinton and Hussein planned to meet today as the administration explores ways of breaking a deadlock in Israeli-Palestinian peace talks.

In the Gaza Strip today, two Palestinians blew themselves up outside Jewish settlements, the Israeli army said, but Palestinian police blamed one of the blasts on Israel soldiers. A third Palestinian was killed by Israeli troops during clashes in the West Bank.

"I think the issue here is how to get the peace process back on track," Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said Monday in New York after meeting with U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

Clinton is studying some ideas from Dennis Ross, senior American Middle East mediator who met last week with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

"We are assessing the information as it is coming out of Mr. Ross' talks, and we will be making a decision about my travel plans," said

Albright. "The issue is to try to determine when is the best time for me to go to get the peace process back on track."

Netanyahu is expected to announce soon whether he will accept an invitation to speak at an annual conference of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, a pro-Israel lobby, in Washington early next week. The visit also would give him an opportunity to meet with Clinton.

Hussein, one of the Arab world's strongest peace partners with Israel, is also a key player in helping Clinton and Albright shape their diplomatic moves in the Middle East.

Israeli-Palestinian negotiations are in suspension. Arafat is demanding Israel suspend a housing project in east Jerusalem. Netanyahu is demanding an end to Arab violence. And the Clinton administration is trying to bridge the gap between the two leaders.

"The process of creating confidence, forging agreements and meeting commitments can be painstaking and painful," Albright said at a dinner Monday night honoring Hussein. "It requires a steadfast adherence to principle and steadfast opposition to terror."

She said admiringly of the king, who signed a peace treaty with Israel in 1994: "Where others see no escape from conflict, he sees no acceptable alternative to peace. And he has labored courageously, relentlessly to build peace."

Hussein was honored by Seeds of Peace, a private group that encourages cooperation and compromise by Israel and the Arabs through projects that bring together Israeli and Arab children.

Hussein's warm peace with Israel contrasts sharply with the freeze on relations recommended by the Arab League. While other Arab leaders have hardened their stand, the king made an emotional trip to Israel to call on the mourning families of schoolgirls killed in Jordan by a Jordanian border guard.

His meeting with Clinton today and with Albright on Wednesday could touch off a new U.S. diplomatic effort.

Arab nations should strengthen ties to Israel as a way of promoting peace in the Middle East, the State Department said Monday after the Arab League recommended a freeze in relations with the Jewish state.



Staff photo by Julius Bodner

And the hunt is on

Local children participated in the Easter Egg Hunt in Dameron Park on Saturday. The hunt was sponsored by the City of Hereford.

Here, young children and their parents try to get a head start in the hunt for Easter eggs.

Firemen control early Monday fire at seed firm

A fire at Garrison & Townsend Seed Co. at 12:12 a.m. Monday was extinguished by the Hereford Volunteer Fire Department after it burned about 150 wooden pallets.

Shortly after arriving on the scene, the fire department called police and sheriff's officers to evacuate the nearby Forrest Avenue Apartments. Spain said he feared smoke from the fire would carry poisonous fumes to the area.

After the smoke cleared, the people went back to the apartments. The fire was under control by 12:30 a.m., said Spain. He estimated damage at about \$15,000 to \$20,000.

The fire was caused by ignition of a poison residue, said Jay Spain. The seed company had been fumigating the building with fumitoxin tablets. The residue had been placed in a wheelbarrow in a shed with about 300 old pallets. Spain said the residue reacted to moisture and ignited.



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The big catch

Erica Rodriguez, 7, shows off the trout she caught in the fishing event at the Aquatic Center Lake on Saturday. Rodriguez is a first-grader at St. Anthony's School. The event, which was sponsored by the City of Hereford, was for children ages 14 and under.

Stocks plunge on fears of more interest rate hikes

Americans earn, spend at robust rate

WASHINGTON (AP) - A government report showing Americans earning and spending at a robust pace wrenched an already-frazzled Wall Street on Monday. Stocks plunged on fears of more interest-rate increases from a Federal Reserve intent on keeping the economy from overheating.

Americans' personal incomes surged 0.9 percent in February, the largest gain in eight months and more than double January's 0.4 percent advance, the Commerce Department said.

Spending growth - 0.3 percent - was relatively modest but came after a large 1 percent increase in January, the best in 11 months.

Economists said February's broad-based income gain - with advances in every category except farm income - will help provide consumers with the wherewithal for strong spending through midyear. About four-fifths of the advance came in wages and salaries of private-sector jobs.

"People spend that money; they don't save it," said economist Sandra Shaber of the WEFA Group in Eddystone, Pa. "More jobs and more paychecks certainly equal growth in spending in the months ahead."

That kind of thinking jarred the

stock market because it implies that last week's quarter-point increase in short-term interest rates won't be enough to keep economic growth at or below the pace likely to produce accelerating inflation.

The Dow Jones average of industrial stocks fell 157.11 points to close at 6,583.48. That came on top of a 140-point decline last Thursday on news that existing home sales in February posted the biggest increase in more than a decade. Markets were closed on Good Friday.

Economist Richard Berner of Mellon Bank in Pittsburgh predicted Federal Reserve policy-makers - who have meetings scheduled in late May, early July and August - would boost rates several more times.

"When the Fed decided to implement its game plan and tighten monetary policy, I don't think they had just one step in mind. I think they had three steps in mind," Berner said.

"We're going to see them get on with that game plan fairly quickly."

With Monday's drop, stocks are down 7 percent from the Dow's March 11 peak of 7,085.16, and economist David Jones of Aubrey G. Lanston & Co. said he thought the decline could total 10 percent to 15

percent before the correction runs its course.

"The key to the story is the bond market. ... Rising interest rates have triggered large institutions - mutual funds, insurance companies - to shift some of their funds out of stocks into bonds," Jones said. "At least over the rest of the year that (bond) yield will be more attractive than the return on a volatile stock market."

A Labor Department report scheduled Friday - the government's first broad-based look at the economy in March - could be the next big market-roiling event if it comes in stronger than expected, Jones said.

Analysts are looking for the

unemployment rate to hold at 5.3 percent and for a gain of about 180,000 jobs.

Monday's income and spending figures were about what economists anticipated for February. But revisions to earlier months' spending were a surprise.

The 1 percent spending gain in January was revised up from a previous estimate of 0.7 percent. A December spending was reported up 0.4 percent, double the last estimate.

That's significant since consumer spending represents about two-thirds of economic activity.

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Arson is suspected in fire near Hereford

A grassland fire about six miles northeast of Hereford destroyed a barn and about 100 acres of grassland before Hereford and Dawn firefighters brought it under control Saturday afternoon.

Hereford Fire Chief David Spain said the fire, driven by high winds, swept across the grass and burned a 50-foot by 100-foot barn about a half mile from the origination point. A combine in the barn was salvaged, but the rest of the contents - including a hay baler - were destroyed, Spain said.

"It was just a firestorm," said Spain. He said firefighters faced flames that towered 40 to 50 feet in the air.

Dale Hollingsworth, owner of the barn, estimated his losses at more than \$10,000, Spain reported. The Hereford Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched to the fire about 1:30 p.m. Saturday and left the scene about 4 p.m. The fire was brought under control when it spread to a wheat field.

The fire was the latest in a series of suspicious wildfires in Randall and Deaf Smith counties in the past two weeks. Spain said a special task-force team from the Texas Forest Service is investigating the fire. The team is also looking into about seven other suspicious fires that have occurred in the past two weeks.

Units from the Texas Forest Service arson investigation team were moving from Canadian to Canyon Monday so they would be more centrally located.

Deaf Smith County Commissioners Court Monday imposed a burning ban, effective immediately. Randall and Hemphill counties already have burn ban in place, and Potter County has an ordinance against any controlled burning.

Fire Marshal Jay Spain said

controlled household trash fires would be permitted on Saturday and Sunday mornings, 8 a.m. to noon, "if the wind is below 5 miles per hour and if the resident calls the fire department to report the burning."

The call from household owners is required because the firefighters are responding to any smoke spotted in the county, Spain said. Fire officials are hopeful that the public will heed warnings about the extreme fire danger, and are requesting everyone to be mindful of fire prevention tips to keep the fire incidents down.

The public is asked not do any outside burning of any kind until adequate rainfall is received in the area, according to a forest service news release.

Motorists are asked to use their ashtrays to extinguish smoking materials. Drivers are also cautioned about pulling off roads onto shoulders that have tall grass. Catalytic converters and improperly disposed smoking materials have been leading causes of wildfires in the Panhandle.

"The media has played a big part in keeping the fire incidents down," said Mahlon Hammett, fire prevention specialist with the Texas Forest Service.

"Without the media's involvement in getting the extreme fire danger information to the public, I am sure we would have many more wildfires than we are presently experiencing."

Since March 11, grass fires have destroyed at least five structures and burned more than 30,700 acres in the Panhandle. Firefighters from Hartley County battled a 1,920-acre blaze early Friday. Brush fires in Donley and Collingsworth counties were also reported Friday. A blaze southeast of McLean burned 1,700 acres before being controlled. A fire southwest of Lela scorched 1,920 acres.

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Local Roundup

HJH holds program

Hereford Junior High School will hold a program on eighth-grade band concert and an overview of the graduation plans that students will have at Hereford High School from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday in the HJHS cafeteria. The presentations will be made by eighth-grade band students, Mike Bryant and HHS counselors.

Volunteers needed

The Hereford Rotary Club is seeking volunteers for the Hereford Special Olympics Track Meet. The track meet, which is sponsored by the Rotary Club, is set for April 26. Anyone interested in helping with the meet, contact any Rotarian.

Chance of rain Wednesday

Hereford had a high of 64 Monday and a low of 44 this morning, according to KPAN. The Weather Bureau forecast for tonight is mostly cloudy with scattered thunderstorms. Low around 40. Wednesday, cloudy and cooler with a 50 percent chance of thunderstorms. Low in the upper 30s. Thursday and Friday, a chance of showers and thunderstorms with highs of 60 to 65 and lows in the lower 40s.

Crimestoppers

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

The Deaf Smith County Crimestoppers are seeking information concerning arson in Deaf Smith. On Saturday, March 29, around 1 p.m., some one set fire to approximately 100 acres of CRP grass which also burned a 100-foot by 50-foot barn. Damage is estimated at \$30,000.

Anyone having 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.

Business Briefs

Excel Transportation honored 30 drivers for accident-free operation at a recent safety and service awards banquet. These 30 drivers have accumulated 230 years and more than 25,200,000 accident-free miles. They supply live cattle to the Plainview and Friona plants.

Hereford drivers (and years of safety) include: Ronald Jenkins (2), Terry Hardy (3), Robb Wells (7), Richard Williams (10), Cecil Thaxton and John Yocum (15), Robert Holmes (16).

Herb Marroquin was selected as Driver of the Year. He has been hauling cattle to the Excel plants for 23 years. His safe driving award only reflects 16 years - the time the award program has been operating.

Michael Morrison from Oglesby Equipment Company in Hereford recently attended the Cash IH

business meetings and training sessions which drew more than 3,000 Case IH dealers, customers and corporation personnel to Phoenix, Az.

Morrison was among the first to see the new Cash IH products introduced at the event, including the all-new MX Series Maxxum tractors, which feature increased horsepower and PTO-torque rise.

The MX series of versatile tractors can be equipped with a fully integrated loader for feedlot and livestock production operations, or with the enhanced hydraulic and hitch performance can be used for high-production row-crop farming.

The meetings also included sessions on key agronomic issues, such as precision farming and residue management to help increase Case IH dealers' roles in helping their customers increase yields and profits.

News Digest

STATE

AUSTIN - Texans aren't in the mood to pay more in state taxes just to save some money on their local property taxes, the head of the Texas Republican Party says. Tom Pauken took shots Monday at a tax overhaul plan which is being prepared by lawmakers for public hearings expected late this week.

SANTO - The district attorney prosecuting a priest accused of sexually assaulting an altar boy has been disqualified from the case because defense attorneys say he is a potential witness.

DALLAS - Baylor Health Care System and Baylor University have made peace, 21 months after a proposal to sell the hospital system sparked a bitter dispute.

DALLAS - New tactics will be used by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission in an attempt to crack down on teenage drinking and driving on prom night, officials say.

CORPUS CHRISTI - Tejano star Selena lives on in the memories of her fans, who have made pilgrimages to her grave to mark the second anniversary of the singer's death. She was gunned down two years ago Monday by the president of her own fan club.

CORPUS CHRISTI - Bishop Rene Gracida says he's stepping down after 13 occasionally turbulent years as spiritual leader of 351,500 South Texas Catholics. The retirement of Gracida, 73, is effective today.

AUSTIN - The Texas Legislature, which has been inclined to bring games of chance to the state in the past with pari-mutuel dog and horse racing and a lottery, now is considering an effort to cut down on it.

NATION/WORLD

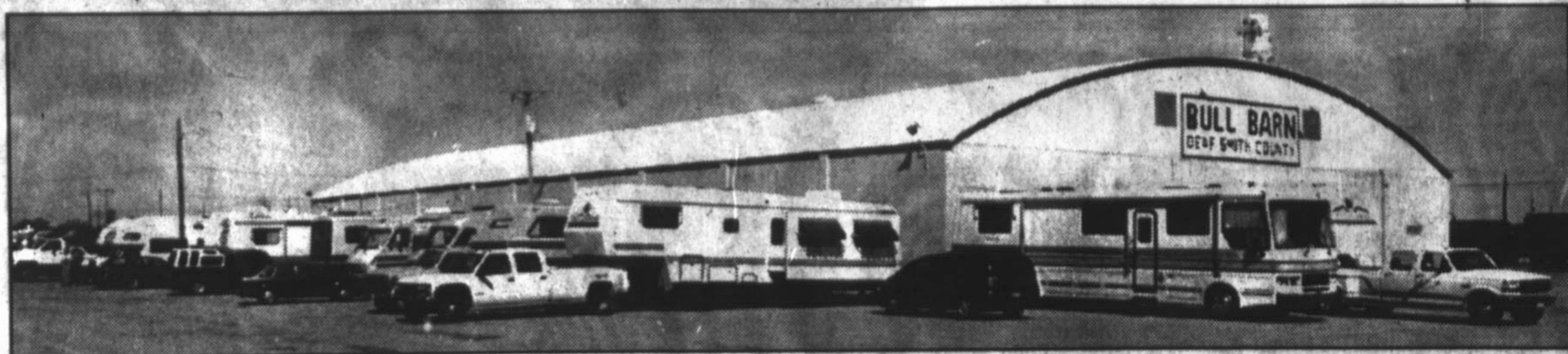
JERUSALEM - Two bombs explode near Jewish settlements in the Gaza Strip today, killing the two Palestinian suicide attackers and wounding several other Arabs, police said. The explosions were the second attacks in Israel in less than two weeks. In another incident, Jewish settlers say Palestinian gunmen fired on an Israeli army jeep patrolling near the Kiryat Arba settlement outside the West Bank city of Hebron.

WASHINGTON - President Clinton is weighing options for Middle East peacemaking with Jordan's King Hussein as the administration calls on Arab nations to strengthen - not weaken - their relations with Israel.

DENVER - After two nervous breakdowns, one potential juror fears judging the evidence against Timothy McVeigh could mean more health problems. Another doesn't believe in sitting in judgment of others. While jury selection for the trial of the Oklahoma City bombing suspect began at a snail's pace, five of six potential jurors questioned Monday said they would be willing to recommend the death penalty if he's found guilty.

WASHINGTON - Immigration rights groups succeeded in blocking a key piece of the new immigration law set to take effect today. Now they want to stop it for good. A government attorney argues that the delay imposed by a federal judge will cause chaos, possibly jeopardizing thousands of deportations cases.

WASHINGTON - The number of ATMs that charge consumers extra for using a cash machine not owned by their bank has nearly doubled to 45 percent in six months, a consumer group said today.



Staff photo by Julius Bodner

Campers visit Hereford

The Amarillo Campers Association used the Bull Barn grounds to gather for a weekend meeting in Hereford. Approximately

15 to 20 trailers parked here and visited Hereford Senior Citizen Center, Aquatic Park and other local attractions.

Obituaries

JOSE JESUS CERVAENTEZ JR. March 27, 1997

Jose Jesus Cervantez Jr., 22, of Alamosa, Colo., a Hereford native, died Thursday.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Hereford with Deacon Jesse Guerrero of San Jose Catholic Church in Hereford, officiating. Burial will be in St. Anthony's Cemetery by Rix Funeral Directors.

Mr. Cervantez was born in Hereford. He was a roofer. He also was a Catholic.

Survivors include his parents, Jose and Carmel Cervantez of Alamosa, Colo.; a sister, Rhonda Cervantez of Alamosa, Colo.; two brothers, Ricardo Cervantez of San Antonio, and Raymond Cervantez of Alamosa, Colo.; and his grandparents, Jose and Refugia Cervantez of Hereford.

HERMAN W. ROUNDS March 30, 1997

Herman Whitney Rounds, 90, of Greeley, Colo., a former Hereford businessman, died Sunday.

A memorial service will be at 4 p.m. Thursday in the chapel at the First United Methodist Church in Greeley.

Mr. Rounds grew up in Wichita, Cherryvale and Augusta, Kan. He graduated from Kansas University. He married Kathryn E. Mouchette in 1943 in Augusta, Kan.

He was an independent businessman and operated motels in Caldwell and Hereford. He was actively involved in Cub Scouts. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Greeley.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Peter Rounds of West Des Moines, Iowa; two daughters, Carolyn Schindel of Hot Springs Village, Ark., and Judy Gaffney of Overland Park, Kan.; a brother, Halford Rounds of Wichita, Kan.; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Bonell Chapel Fund at Bonell Good Samaritan Center.

SPENDING

In details from February's income and spending report, the Commerce Department said:

-Private wages and salaries surged 1.5 percent after declining 0.2 percent the month before.

-Disposable personal income, income minus taxes, grew 0.8 percent after a 0.7 percent gain in January.

-Americans' saving rate - savings as a percentage of disposable income - was 5.5 percent, the best in five months.

-Spending on durable goods, expensive items meant to last three or more years, rose 0.1 percent; on nondurable goods, 0.3 percent; and on services, 0.4 percent.

Services held for Art Stoy, prominent citizen, seedsman

Arthur M. "Art" Stoy, 77, longtime Hereford resident, seedsman and civic leader, died Sunday afternoon at St. Anthony's Hospice in Amarillo.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. today in First United Methodist Church with Dr. Tom Fuller, pastor, and Rev. Keith Boutwell, St. Anthony's Hospice chaplain, officiating. Burial followed in West Park Cemetery under direction of Gililland-Watson Funeral Home.

Mr. Stoy was born Oct. 17, 1919, in Terrell. He married Mary Martin on Dec. 1, 1945, in Eutawville, S.C. They moved to Deaf Smith County in 1956 from Moriarty, N.M.

A graduate of Texas Tech College with a BS degree in agronomy, he was a member of the first crop judging team at Tech. The team won international honors.

Mr. Stoy was a longtime manager of Garrison Seed. He was a past president and honorary lifetime member of the Texas Seed Trade Association, and was an honorary lifetime member of the New Mexico Seed Trade Association. He made the selection for the first pure strain of



ART STOY

German Foxtail Millet, Strain R, and helped lobby for its approval in the Texas House. He had served on the agricultural committee of Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce.

An active member of the First

United Methodist Church, he taught the Homebuilders Sunday School class for 40 years. Mr. Stoy was a past president and coach in the Hereford Little League and Pony League Associations.

He was an assistant Scout master and member of the Amarillo Council of Boy Scouts; a past president of Hereford Golden K Kiwanis Club; and an active supporter of the George Warner Day Care Center and the Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization. Mr. Stoy was World War II veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps.

Survivors include his wife, Mary; two sons, Tommy Stoy of Stratford and John Stoy of Excelsior Springs, Mo.; two daughters, Mary Johnson of Amarillo and Patricia Spencer of Wayzata, Minn.; four sisters, Jessie Roberts of Benjamin, Lucille Minas and Lorraine Parks of Wichita Falls, and Polly Floyd of Houston; and seven grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to St. Anthony's Hospice, Amarillo, or to First United Methodist Church of Hereford.

New automobiles will offer triple fuel economy, researchers say

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) - New Mexico researchers say a new generation of automobiles will offer triple the fuel economy and reduced pollutants over today's average vehicle.

But don't trade in your old car yet. The high-tech improvements aren't due in a concept car for at least another six years. When it hits the market, it's not even clear what else the improved vehicle will offer.

Five national laboratories are teaming with U.S. automakers on a vehicle that would get up to 80 miles per gallon. The \$600 million project is being jointly developed by Chrysler, Ford and General Motors.

The fuel-economy improvement would boost American cars far above the industry standard of 26 to 28 miles per gallon, said Joe Meyers, general sales manager at Casa Chevrolet in Albuquerque.

Still, Meyers said he's not ready to sell such a high-mpg vehicle yet. He said it's impossible to gauge a car on only a few improvements and warned that consumers would want to know what else the car offers.

"I don't think any one feature in and of itself makes a car marketable," Meyers said. "Obviously, 80 miles per gallon would save somebody lots of money. But if it has to be a two seater? Well, a golf cart

gets good mileage too."

Seven researchers from Los Alamos National Laboratory and four from Albuquerque-based Sandia National Laboratories were honored Monday in Washington, D.C., by Vice President Gore, who praised their efforts as a public asset spawned from cooperation between industry and government.

"We are putting the pedal to the metal on the creation of technologies for new vehicles that will reduce air pollution, increase fuel efficiency and decrease American reliance on imported oil," Gore said in a statement released by the U.S. Department of Energy.

The so-called Green Car Project is also known as the Partnership for the Next Generation of Vehicles, or PNGV. Researchers hope to have a concept vehicle within six years and a production prototype within 10 years.

New Mexico scientists contributed by reducing nitrogen oxide emissions from diesel and gasoline engines. Their "lean-burn" engine adds air to the fuel mixture, burning almost all the fuel's hydrocarbons to cut pollutants.

To be effective, the lean-burn engine needed a new kind of catalytic converter. The New Mexico teams helped make high-temperature

catalysts that split nitrogen oxide into harmless nitrogen, carbon dioxide and water.

"Now that we can understand why the catalysts break down, we can prevent it," said Antonio Redondo, project leader at the lab in Los Alamos. "We've improved the catalysts' efficiency from 20 percent to 80 percent."

Catalytic converters for automobiles were developed and refined during the 1970s and 1980s to meet changing federal clean-air standards. The new effort seeks to meet a higher round of standards.

"We are in a worldwide race to develop a catalytic converter that will enable clean-burn engines to meet stringent emission standards," said Steve Lott, leader of the Sandia research squad.



AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery: 10-14-31-33-36 (ten, fourteen, thirty-one, thirty-three, thirty-six)

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-6-0 (five, six, zero)

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 \$45 million. The ticket was sold in Terrell. The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 2, 16, 24, 42, 48 and 50.

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-4-7 (eight, four, seven)



Hamming it up

Hereford Police Department implemented the STEP, or Selected Traffic Enforcement Program, during the Easter holidays. Officer Rob Roach, left, presents Diana Tijerina, second from left, and Vickie Torres an Easter ham for being safe drivers. The ham was donated by Cpl. Terry Brown.

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Lifestyles

Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I read your stuff occasionally, but I am turned off by your constant warnings, threats and guidelines on how we should live our lives. Other than to make a good living, what business is it of yours? If folks want to smoke, drink, drive fast, not use seat belts, take risks and have affairs, so what? They are going to die anyway, so why don't you let them die happy?

I smoked about three packs of cigarettes a day for 30 years and wound up with all the smoker's crud you have written about -- difficulty breathing, heart problems and so on. I quit on my own many years ago but have felt deprived and been mad ever since. I'm going to start smoking again regardless of what the croakers say. I figure it's better than waiting for a stroke and being carted off to a nursing home. My wife smoked three packs a day for 60 years and died after suffering every kind of smoker's hell known to mankind. She refused to quit, and I admired her guts.

Doctors started knocking cigarettes when the tobacco companies stopped paying them off and using them in endorsements. Apparently, paying off politicians wasn't enough.

Over the centuries, war has killed, maimed and cost the country a heck of a lot more than cigarettes, but I never hear anybody complaining about war. You constantly nag about people's problems and tell them to see a shrink or a clergyman. It's sickening. Most of the trouble they get into is their own darn fault, so

leave them alone. I'll sign off now and light up a cigarette. -- Mad in Indianapolis

Dear Indy: You are "mad" all right, and I don't mean crazy, I mean angry. You obviously don't want any advice, so why did you write? To sound off, maybe? OK, go ahead, and blow your top.

You tell me to let the folks alone who want to smoke and drink and ignore seat belts. You say, "Let 'em die happy." Have you seen pictures of people who died from emphysema or who were unbuckled in car wrecks? Well, I have, and they didn't look very happy to me.

Whether or not you realize it, your letter was a cry for help. I wish I could rescue you, but no one can help you but yourself. Good luck.

Dear Ann Landers: Two weeks ago, we went to a family wedding. The people I consider my in-laws attended as well. My mother-in-law was the minister who blessed the couple. When we were seated with my in-laws and enjoying the refreshments, one of the guests approached my mother-in-law and asked, "Who is that handsome young man with your son?" She replied, "He is my son's housemate."

Should she have been more upfront and described me as her son's lover, companion, spouse or friend? We have lived together for six years and are an established couple. We bought a lovely house in an exclusive area, work hard and mind our own business. Somehow, I felt uncomfortable when I heard my mother-in-law's response. -- An Inquirer in N.Y.

Dear Inquirer: "Friend" would have been a more tasteful designation. You would not be out of line to let your mother-in-law know how you feel about this in case the question is put to her in the future.

Planning a wedding? What's right? What's wrong? "The Ann Landers Guide for Brides" will relieve your anxiety. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$3.75 (this includes postage and handling) to: Brides, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$4.55.) ANN LANDERS (R) COPYRIGHT 1997 CREATORS SYNDICATE, INC.



Expressing appreciation

Big Brothers/Big Sisters president, Roger Eades, right, presents Albert Cervantez a plaque of appreciation for his service as a board member and also as a volunteer in the program. Cervantez and his wife, Tina, who are moving to Lubbock where he will be employed by the Lubbock County Youth Center, have served as a "couples match" in BB/BS for the last three years.

Tour of Homes proceeds are distributed by La Madre Mia

La Madre Mia Study Club met Thursday evening in the home of Ruth Black with Nicky Walsler as co-hostess.

During the business meeting, conducted by president Mysedia Smith, decisions were made on the distribution of proceeds raised by the club's Christmas Tour of Homes.

Gladys Merritt, chairman of the project committee, made suggestions of her committee. Members voted on who would receive the money.

The Brent Cumpston Scholarship Fund will be \$750 and the scholarship will go to a Hereford High School senior. Big Brothers/Big Sisters will be the recipient of \$500, as will the Opportunity Plan.

The club also voted to purchase a membership in the Friends of the

Library of Deaf Smith County Library.

Donations made previously included United Way, \$100; Christmas Stocking Fund, \$250; and Christmas lighting fund, \$50.

Members were served refreshments after they completed a tour of the Black's recently completed new home.

Roll call was answered with "your best game."

The next meeting will be April 10 with time and place to be announced.

Members attending were Carolyn Baxter, Cindy Cassels, Kay Hall, Mary Herring, Glenda Marcum, Jan Metcalf, Lavon Nieman, Bettye Owen, Georgia Sparks, Betty Taylor, Marline Watson, Black, Walsler, Smith and Merritt.

Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Tuesday, April 1, the 91st day of 1997. There are 274 days left in the year. This is April Fools' Day.
Today's Highlight in History:
On April 1, 1945, American forces invaded Okinawa during World War II.

On this date:
In 1789, the U.S. House of Representatives held its first full meeting in New York City. Frederick Muhlenberg of Pennsylvania was elected the first House Speaker.

In 1853, Cincinnati, Ohio, became the first U.S. city to pay its firefighters a regular salary.

In 1873, composer Sergei Rachmaninoff was born in Novgorod Province, Russia.

In 1918, the Royal Air Force was established in Britain.

In 1933, Nazi Germany began persecuting Jews with a boycott of Jewish-owned businesses.

In 1939, the United States recognized the Franco government in Spain following the end of the Spanish civil war.

In 1946, tidal waves struck the Hawaiian Islands, resulting in more than 170 deaths.

In 1947, Greece's King George II died.

In 1960, the first weather satellite, TIROS-1, was launched from Cape Canaveral.

In 1970, President Nixon signed a measure banning cigarette advertising on radio and television, to take effect after Jan. 1, 1971.

Ten years ago: In his first major speech on the AIDS epidemic, President Reagan told doctors in Philadelphia, "We've declared AIDS public health enemy No. 1."

Five years ago: President Bush pledged the United States would help finance a \$24 billion international aid fund for the former Soviet Union. The House ethics committee publicly identified 22 current and former lawmakers as the worst offenders in the House bank overdraft controversy.

One year ago: In a case that sparked an uproar reminiscent of the Rodney King case, two Riverside County, Calif., sheriff's deputies were videotaped repeatedly clubbing a Mexican man and woman after a

70-mile highway chase involving a pickup truck suspected of sneaking across the border. Baseball umpire John McSherry died after collapsing during a season opener between the Cincinnati Reds and Montreal Expos.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Toshiro Mifune is 77. Author William Manchester is 75. Actor George Grizzard is 69. Actress Jane Powell is 68. Actress Debbie Reynolds is 65. Actor Gordon Jump is 65. Country singer Jim Ed Brown is 63. Actress Ali MacGraw is 59. Rhythm-and-blues singer Rudolph Isley (The Isley Brothers) is 58. Rock musician Ronnie Lane (Faces) is 51. Singer Arthur Conley is 51. David Eisenhower is 50. Reggae singer Jimmy Cliff is 49. Jazz musician Gil Scott-Heron is 48. Rock musician Billy Currie (Ultravox) is 45. Actress Annette O'Toole is 44. Tennis player Magdalena Maleeva is 22. Actor Sam Huntington ("Jungle 2 Jungle") is 15.

Thought for Today: "Si mi abuela tuviera ruedas seria bicicleta." (If my grandmother had wheels, she'd be a bicycle.) - Spanish proverb.

Scholarship is offered by HEA

Hereford Educators Association of the Texas State Teachers Association is accepting applications for a scholarship for the 1997-1998 school year. HEA promotes excellence in education and encourages students to enter the field of education.

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For more information or for an application, contact Dolores Foster at 806-364-2767 or contact her in writing at 120 Centre, Hereford. Applications must be returned no later than May 7.

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New Arrivals

Craig and Kelly Jackson of Amarillo are the proud parents of a boy, Tanner Scott, born March 26.

He weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Tanner has a sister, Megan, 5 years old.

Grandparents are Winthon and Carolyn Jones of Hereford and Jim Jackson of Amarillo.



Shop till you drop - wisely!

Jaime Steiert, senior 4-H teen leader, leads a session on wise consumer purchasing at the clothing and design workshop. Realizing that most youth have few funds to spend on clothing, Steiert teaches the points that 4-H'ers need to know to budget for the best quality and best wardrobe planning. These youth will test those skills and participate in competition Thursday during the County Fashion Project judging.

Hospital Notes

Report from Hereford Regional Medical Center on March 31:

Admissions: Tonya Cervantez, Ina Stanford, Charles Leffel, Cynthia Sapp.

Discharges: Irene Latham, Eulene Stubbs, Carolina Ortiz, Carrie Melear, Moises Salazar, Bruce Johnson, Don Martin, Naomi Ortiz.

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Sports

Arizona upsets Kentucky, 84-79

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Self-doubt was never an option, self-pity never a possibility. Fearless and peerless, Arizona simply used overtime to show why it deserved to preside over all of college basketball.

When the Wildcats came out of the huddle at the start of OT, having blown a four-point lead with less than a minute left in regulation, "it was still our game to win," Arizona captain Miles Simon said.

And so, they won. Displaying the resiliency that became its trademark in the NCAA tournament, Arizona opened overtime with a 10-2 run and finished off defending champion Kentucky 84-79 Monday night for its first national title.

Arizona (25-9) reached the Final Four after finishing fifth in the Pac-10 and getting the fourth seed in the Southeast Regional. Kentucky (35-5) was trying to join Duke as the only repeat champions since UCLA's stretch of seven straight titles ended in 1973.

In its six tournament games, Arizona either needed to come from well behind to win or needed to pull out a game after losing a late lead.

Along the way, Arizona became the first team in tournament history to knock off three No. 1 seeds - Kansas, North Carolina and now Kentucky, three programs that have won more games than any schools in college basketball history.

"They've gone through three number one seeds," Arizona coach Lute Olson said, "and in every one of those cases, that was the point: 'Are we tough enough? Can we be the ones that run other people out of gas? Can we get the tough rebound down the stretch, even though you're exhausted?' And I think they answered that for everybody tonight."

With freshman point guard Mike Bibby starting alongside three juniors and a sophomore, next season was supposed to be Arizona's time to shine. That everything happened more quickly than even Olson thought possible just made his team's accomplishments more remarkable.

"This team, there's no fluke," Kentucky coach Rick Pitino said of Arizona. "They're a great team who got better and better."

Arizona won the first overtime championship game of the 1990s by

repeatedly burning Kentucky's vaunted fullcourt press, by holding All-American forward Ron Mercer to nine shots, by going 34-of-41 from the free-throw line, and by getting a career-high 30 points from Simon.

"Miles Simon's toughness is unbelievable," said Olson, who finally won a title in his fourth Final Four appearance after coaching Arizona to the decade's best record. "Miles' understanding of the game is beyond anything that you can teach. He just has a feel for it."

Simon, who missed the season's first 11 games due to academic ineligibility, was named the Final Four MVP. He was 14-of-17 from the free-throw line, including 4-of-4 in overtime. Some of the foul shots came after he and Bibby broke Kentucky's press; others came after he took charge when Arizona's offense broke down.

"Miles was in a zone," teammate Michael Dickerson said. "He kept saying, 'They can't stop me! They can't stop me!' And he had 30 points, so they obviously couldn't stop him. And we kept giving him the ball."

Dickerson, Arizona's top scorer

this season, was held to five points for the second consecutive game. But he helped shut down Mercer.

Dickerson, Simon and Jason Terry took turns making life miserable for the NBA-bound sophomore, who had 13 points and committed five turnovers.

"I haven't been played like that all year," said Mercer, who had 20 points against Syracuse in the 1996 title game and was one of Kentucky's few returning players. "They made it very tough. Every time I curled around, they had somebody waiting for me."

Mercer went through long stretches without even touching the ball, but he did make a long, off-balance 3-pointer with 51 seconds left in regulation that cut Arizona's lead to 72-71. After Bibby made two free throws, Anthony Epps hit a 3-pointer with 12.1 seconds left to send it into overtime at 74-74.

But Arizona took command in OT, scoring all 10 of its points on free throws after beating the press that had helped Kentucky win its previous 11 NCAA tournament games.

"If I had my druthers ... I wouldn't have pressed at all," Pitino

said. "I did not want to press much because I felt that pressing wasn't the way to go."

Said Scott Padgett, who led Kentucky with 17 points: "They did a great job of handling our pressure. Before the game, they said they could do it ... and they went out there and kept their cool."

Nobody was cooler than Simon and Bibby.

"We've been working on the press since day one," Bibby said. "I think the greatest competition is what we see every day in practice. And our team is just so quick out there."

Bibby, whose father, Henry, won three titles playing for UCLA in the early-1970s, capped a wonderful tournament with 19 points, nine rebounds and four assists.

The scary thing for the rest of the country is that Arizona's top eight players will be back, unless one or more move on to the NBA. North Carolina coach Dean Smith already has predicted that Arizona will be in the 1998 title game.

"Next season, I'd hate to play them," Epps said. "They're going to be great. They're already great. They're obviously the team to beat."

Ramplsey named to Globe-News' Super Team

By TOMMY WELLS
Managing Editor

Julie Ramplsey was back at it this season.

After using her speed to give opposing teams a headache Advil wouldn't touch last year as a sophomore, the 5-foot-9 junior point guard improved her game to the migraine level this past season as she helped carry the Hereford program to its best performance since the late 1930's.

Her efforts weren't lost in the shuffle. Ramplsey's work paid dividends again this past weekend when she was named to the top squad of the Amarillo Globe-News' Class 4A Super Team for the third straight year.

And deservedly so. A three-year starter, Ramplsey averaged double figures in scoring and finished among the team leaders in several other categories, including rebounds, assists and steals.

This season she led the Lady Whitefaces with a scoring average of 15.4 points a night and dished out a team-high 7.3 assists and came away with 3.5 steals per night.

Amarillo Globe-News 4A Super Team First Team

Julie Ramplsey Hereford
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Katrisa O'Neal Plainview
Courtney Sims Canyon
Valeree Valdez Canyon

Second Team

Jody Avent West Texas
Carrie Bradley Dimmitt
Becky Gregory River Road
Lindy Lombard Canyon
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Marcia Knight Spearman
Player of the Year
Katrisa O'Neal Plainview
Sophomore of the Year
LaKisha Harper Palo Duro
Freshman of the Year
Natalie Ritchie Amarillo High

Offensively, Ramplsey enjoyed a stellar year from the floor, hitting just under half her attempts in Hereford 23-8 campaign.

Ramplsey was part of a unique situation on the Globe-News team. All

five first-team members from the paper's 1996 roster returned to comprise the 1997 list. It, according to reports, marked the first time ever that had occurred in the Super Team selection history.

Joining Ramplsey on the squad were two persons Lady Whiteface fans know well - Canyon's Valeree Valdez and Courtney Sims, both making their fourth straight berth on the honorary squad. Valdez, a 5-foot-9 senior, was an all-stater this past season after averaging 12.5 points and five rebounds. Sims, also an all-state pick, averaged 10 points and seven rebounds for the Lady Eagles.

Amarillo High's Jenny Blades and Plainview's Katrisa O'Neal - the 1996-97 Globe-News Player of the Year - were also named to the first-team roster.

Canyon, which had its 62-game win streak snapped in the Region 1-4A finals by eventual state champion Levelland, had two players named to the second-team, including senior point guard Candi White and junior guard Lindy Lombard. Also making the second-team were River Road's Becky Gregory, Dim-

mitt's Carrie Bradley and West Texas' Jody Avent.

Spearman's Marcia Shieldknight was named the 4A Coach of the Year. Shieldknight, in her third year at Spearman, led her squad to a berth in the Region 1-2A finals this season.

HHS duo to play in annual all-star hoop games

By TOMMY WELLS
Managing Editor

AMARILLO - Isaac Walker and Johnathan Keenan dazzled fans and foes alike this past season as members of the Hereford Whitefaces. The two combined to help carry the HHS program to its goal of making the state playoffs for the second time in three years.

Now, with that done, they're going to get their chance at helping an all-star team reach their goal -

winning the 27th Annual Golden Spread All-Star Games.

Walker and Keenan are among 80 of the Panhandle's best senior basketball players who will be taking part in the all-star games this week at the Cal Farley Coliseum. The tournament, which has the all-stars grouped into four 10-man teams, is set to begin Thursday evening and run through Saturday night.

Walker, the Whitefaces' top scorer this past season, will compete on the West squad, while Keenan will

help the South gun for the all-star crown.

The North and West boys are slated to tip off the tournament at 6 p.m. Thursday, and will be followed by a matchup between the North and West girls. Keenan and the South all-stars will meet the East boys at 8 p.m. on Friday.

The championship games will be held Saturday. The boys' consolation game is set to begin at 1 p.m., with the boys' title tilt slated to get under way at 8 p.m.

Golden Spread Rosters

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Jared Lopez, Randall; Dillon Miller, Spearman, Dean Stanzione, Clarendon; Jason Minter, Panhandle; August Larson, Pampa; Jay Leeson, Abernathy; Kevin Brinkley, Panhandle; Torrey Craig, White Deer; Joel Booker, Higgins; Fernando Vitela, Caprock. Coach: Arnold Perales.

NORTH
Ryan Davis, Stratford; Brandon Smith, Palo Duro; Josh Mayhew, Gruver; Tori Crain, Palo Duro; J.B. Presley, Stratford; Dane Billington, Trinity; Justin Calvert, Dumas; Paul Lewis, Tascosa; Kelby Crist, Clayton, N.M.; Cody McDowell, Amarillo High. Coach: Artrial Tillman.

WEST
Josh Clayton, Amarillo High; Josh Luscombe, Amarillo High; Isaac Walker, Hereford; Brandon Smith, Dimmitt; Scotty Wells, Fortales, N.M.; Mackie Washington, Sudan; Nathan Hoelling, Nazareth; Bryan Braddock, Nazareth; Austin Hayes, Vega. Coach: Sonny Clark.

SOUTH
Nathan Culwell, Tulia; Keith, Sparling, Canyon; Michael Pillard, Claude; Taylor Robinson, Canyon; Johnathan Keenan, Hereford; Lance McCaslin, Tulia; Vernon Cooper, Floydada; Andre Gattis, Valley; Matt Abram, Valley; Colby Yeary, Borger. Coach: Scotty Knutson.



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Opening Day '97: Jackie Robinson's signature is everywhere

By **BEN WALKER**
AP Baseball Writer

John Wetteland, Jimmy Key, David Justice and Marquis Grissom will be missing, among others.

No doubt, the World Series champion New York Yankees and the team they beat, the Atlanta Braves, have undergone changes since last October. So has baseball in general going into opening day.

Twelve games were on the schedule today, though none of them are interleague matchups - those start in June.

The Chicago White Sox, after adding Albert Belle to a lineup that already included Frank Thomas, are in Toronto this afternoon to take on Cy Young winner Pat Hentgen. On Wednesday, the Blue Jays show off their top newcomer when Roger Clemens pitches.

The Yankees, now minus Wetteland and Key, are in Seattle tonight. The Braves, having traded Justice and Grissom to Cleveland for Kenny Lofton, were in Houston. The new-look Florida Marlins, coming off a 26-5 record in spring training, were at home against the

Chicago Cubs.

This is the 50th anniversary of Jackie Robinson breaking the color barrier, and the season is dedicated to his memory. Special commemorative balls were made by Rawlings to mark the occasion, and will be used in every team's home opener. Players and umpires will wear Robinson patches all season in tribute.

Another change for 1997: Having seen a snowout at Fenway Park, a snowy afternoon at Yankee Stadium and freezing temperatures at Tiger Stadium and Wrigley Field for early home openers last year, baseball adjusted its schedules in an attempt to beat the cold weather.

As a result, all five domes in the majors will be in use today, and every West Coast club in both leagues will begin the year at home.

Sounds like it was a smart idea, too - a freak snowstorm hit the East Coast on Monday, with its effects supposed to linger into this afternoon.

Cincinnati and Baltimore, which traditionally play at home on open-

ing day, are the only typical cold-weather clubs playing at their own, open-air parks today.

"It is in response to last spring," NL vice president Katy Feeney said. "It's hard to make it a 100-percent warm weather schedule, but we did the best we could."

A rough draft of the 1997 schedule already had been drawn up last summer when baseball went to work changing it, prompted by the memory of 10 postponements in the first week of the 1996 season.

"It's not perfect," Feeney said. "A lot of East Coast teams don't want to start with nine or 10 games on the road, and a lot of West Coast teams don't want to have so many home games in April."

"We tried this once before in the early 1980s. We wound getting some rare rainouts on the West Coast and a blizzard in the East Coast on April 15th. But you do the best you can."

All 14 NL teams were on today's schedule. In addition to Chicago-Florida, Atlanta-Houston and Colorado-Cincinnati, it was St. Louis at Montreal, Philadelphia at Los

Angeles, New York at San Diego and Pittsburgh at San Francisco.

"I'll tell you about tomorrow. I really am excited," said Deion Sanders, who has returned to the Reds after spending all of 1996 with the NFL's Dallas Cowboys. "I'm excited about this time, not just about tomorrow."

The Braves, trying to win a record sixth straight division title, are to officially open their new Turner Field on Friday.

In the AL, in addition to Chicago-Toronto and New York-Seattle, it's Kansas City at Baltimore, Milwaukee at Texas, Detroit at Minnesota. On Wednesday, Boston plays at the newly named Anaheim Angels and Cleveland visits Oakland.

Among the top players in new places are Matt Williams with Grissom and Justice in Cleveland and Moises Alou, Bobby Bonilla and Alex Fernandez with Florida. Jim Leyland of the Marlins is one of six managers with new clubs.

Among the top players who won't be with their teams on opening day are Roberto Alomar and

Pedro Martinez.

Alomar, Baltimore's All-Star second baseman, will start serving a five-game suspension imposed for spitting in the face of umpire John Hirschbeck last September. Martinez, Montreal's top pitcher, must finish a suspension imposed for a fight last season.

Umpires, upset that Alomar did not have to sit during last year's playoffs, have professed a get-tough policy. In particular, they say they will not tolerate any lip from players or managers, and seemed to mean business with several ejec-

tions in exhibition games - a spring training rarity.

AL MVP Juan Gonzalez, St. Louis ace Andy Benes and highly touted Montreal rookie outfielder Vladimir Guerrero also will be absent on opening day, all because of injuries.

Mike Mussina, scheduled to start for the Orioles, was scratched Monday because of a calcium deposit in his elbow; Jimmy Key, signed by Baltimore after winning the clinching Game 6 of the World Series for the Yankees, was to pitch instead.



Getting their kicks

The sound of soccer action returned to the area recently as the Hereford Milan opened their 1997 season with a road game in Bovina on March 22. Milan got the season off to a strong start with a 5-3 victory.

Good shines in Childress Rodeo

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Managing Editor

CHILDRESS - Good, mind you, is his surname, but great is what T.J. Good was Saturday.

Good, competing on the Tri-State High School Rodeo circuit, turned in an impressive overall outing this past weekend in the Childress Rodeo. The Hereford cowboy nailed down a pair of top-notch efforts by taking second in the calf roping competition and third in the ribbon roping.

In the calf roping bracket, Good bolted from the gate, roped, dismounted and tied his calf in a blazing time of 11.983 seconds - a mark just .468 of a second off the winning time set by Hereford's Monty Lewis.

Good took third in the ribbon roping by completing the course in 8.024 seconds.

James Barrett and Tommy Kather also shined in the rodeo. The two finished sixth overall in the team roping standings with a final time of 11.724. Lewis and Lazbuddie's Jason Thomas placed eighth at

12.402.

Rodey Wilson, who won the all-around title last weekend in the Lazbuddie Rodeo, finished seventh in the calf roping, while Trent Barber and Lewis finished fifth and

eighth, respectively, in ribbon roping.

Area high school riders will continue their TSHSR season this coming weekend in Amarillo in the Randall Rodeo.

Hawaii football player drowns in rescue of boy

LIHUE, Hawaii (AP) - Shannon Smith, a kicker on Hawaii's football team, drowned over the weekend while trying to save coach Fred vonAppen's 6-year-old son.

Police on the island of Kauai said Smith and the vonAppen family were on an outing at Waipahoe Slippery Slide Saturday when the drowning occurred. Smith and the youngster, Cody, were sucked into a whirlpool after going down the natural slide together.

Police Sgt. Cecil Balaris said Smith saved the boy by pushing him toward a large branch which was used to pull the boy out of the water.

He said Smith was then pulled under. His body was found 90 minutes later.

"They apparently got sucked into a whirlpool and went down twice," Balaris said.

"Mrs. (Thea) vonAppen jumped in to try to render aid, but the whirlpool was too strong. Family members helped get her out with a big branch or stick."

"Shannon held the boy up to keep him from going under again. He pushed him toward the big branch and they got the little boy out, but Shannon was pulled under and drowned."

Hingis becomes youngest No. 1 in tennis history

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. (AP) - Martina Hingis became the youngest No. 1 player in tennis history Monday, making her the teen to beat.

The 16-year-old Swiss sensation likes her new role, and she's unconcerned about any pitfalls or pressure that may await her.

"Everyone is expecting you to beat every player in the world right now," Hingis said Monday at Hilton Head Island, S.C., where she'll compete this week in the Family Circle Cup.

"But if you don't make it, it doesn't matter. In tennis you have so many chances. When you don't play well in one tournament, the next week it's another one."

Hingis, who claimed her fifth title of 1997 at the Lipton Championships on Saturday, supplanted Steffi Graf in the WTA Tour rankings released Monday.

Graf has been sidelined for two months with a knee injury and will be sidelined for at least one more.

YMCA Men's Church League SOFTBALL

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Softball games will officially start on Monday, April 21st, with playing times at 6:30 pm and 7:30 pm. Games will be 55 minutes or 7 innings.

Game days will be on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Some weekends may be scheduled depending on the number of teams entered. Games will be played at the Nazarene ball park.

The teams must provide their own softballs (USSA 50 core blue stitch), the YMCA will provide umpires for the games. Games will be played according to USSA Rules.

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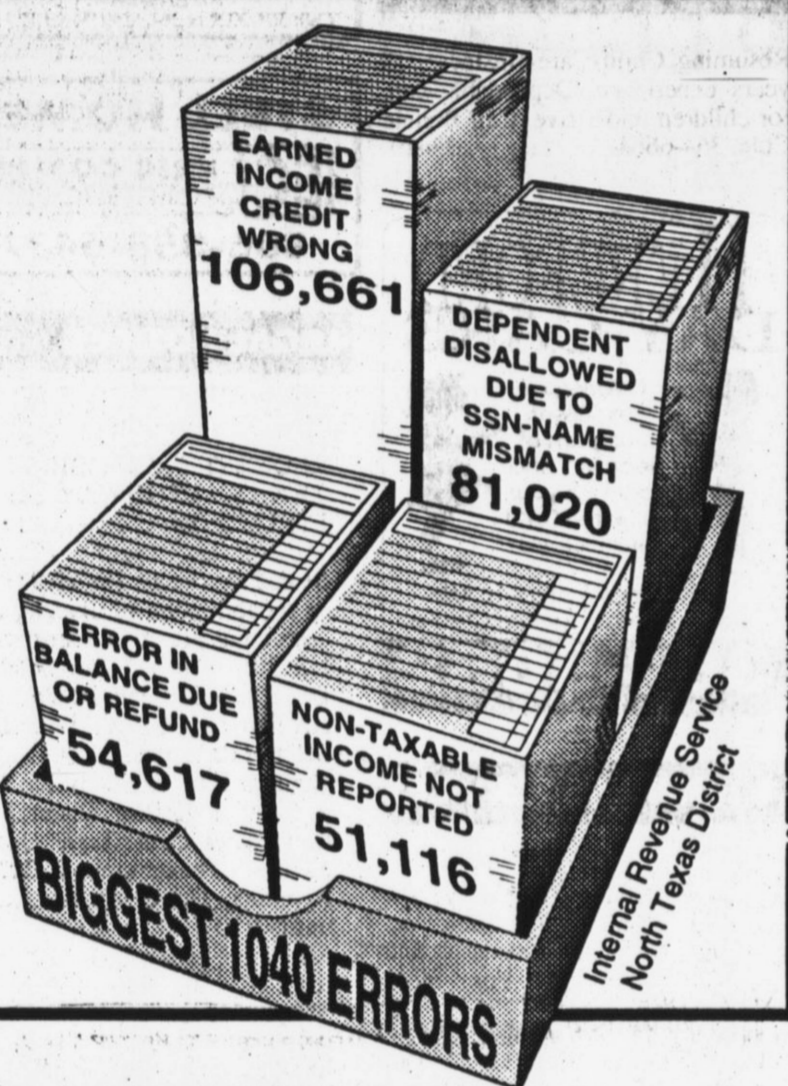
By Fred Lasswell

1997's Common Income Tax Errors

The IRS reminds taxpayers to double-check their math and all social security numbers shown on their tax returns. The most common mistakes on North Texas tax returns so far this year are:

- Earned income credit incorrect
- Social security numbers incorrect
- Calculating the refund or tax due
- Non-taxable earnings not shown
- Name doesn't match social security records

Top 4 Tax Errors of the 1997 Filing Season



Now is time to file tax return, IRS says

DALLAS -- Time is running out to file those federal income tax returns and with the April 15 deadline only about two weeks away, the message from the Internal Revenue Service is "Don't wait. File now."

As of March 21, the IRS had received 1,645,074 income tax returns from North Texas, up from the 1,593,381 returns filed by the same time last year. North Texas District Director Bobby Scott said filings could be up because for many people the IRS is making it easier to file.

"We are seeing a transition in the tax filing patterns of North Texas. For the first time, we have seen fewer traditional paper tax returns filed in North Texas, while the filings by telephone and computer have significantly jumped this year," Scott said. "I think more people are choosing TeleFile, our new file-by-telephone system and Electronic Filing because its simple and quick," he said.

According to the IRS, people who wait until April to file increase their chances of making careless errors on their returns. Using the wrong tax table and mistakes in addition/subtraction are common errors found on returns filed at the last minute, the IRS said.

According to officials at the IRS' Austin Service Center, the most common mistakes people now make on their tax returns affects their claim for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), and copying the wrong Social Security numbers on their tax returns.

Miscalculation of the refund or tax due is another common problem found when processing tax returns. "Some people are forgetting to write their Social Security numbers and the numbers of their children on their EITC form," Scott said. Also, when claiming the EITC, many people forget to write an entry for their non-taxable earnings on Form 1040 (line 53) or 1040A (line 29c).

Texans don't have to "go it alone" when preparing their taxes, he said, because free help is available. Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) sites are located across the state where IRS-trained volunteers will sit down with people and help them prepare their returns.

"The closer we get to April 15, the busier it's going to be. But you don't have to get caught in the rush. File now," Scott said.

For the location of the nearest

VITA site or IRS office, North Texans can call 214-767-1428. For locations of nearby TCE sites, people can call toll-free, 1-888-227-7669. Recorded refund and tax information is also available by calling 1-800-829-4477.

Other ways people can receive free tax help and forms include:

- The tax package.
- Electronic Information Services: --Internet: www.irs.ustreas.gov --Modem: IRIS at FedWorld 703-321-8020.

--TaxFax: From fax machine, dial 703-487-4160.

- Telephone services: --TeleTax, Automated Refund Information: 1-800-829-4477. --Forms and Publications: 1-800-829-3676.

Meeting 26 years ago was destiny

LUBBOCK, Texas - The story of how Carla Johnson met her husband of 26 years might be called a remarkable chain of events - or kismet. It's the stuff of romance, valor and destiny.

She calls it providential. Mrs. Johnson, a local musician and community leader, found true love at Reese Air Force Base many years ago - not once, but twice.

She was an 18-year-old Texas Tech student when she met Lyn Oberdier, a pilot in training at Reese. They married in 1963 and had two children, Carl and Laura. Carl was 3 years old and Laura was 18 months old in 1968, when Lyn left Lubbock to serve a tour of duty in Vietnam.

He was killed three months later. Soon after, Carla was invited to Reese to accept the silver star medal for her husband. Another young pilot also attended the ceremony to receive a silver star, one of the highest medals awarded for wartime valor. His name was Phil Johnson.

Carla calls what happened next the work of a higher power. Her husband's medal was switched with Phil's, and she and Phil agreed to meet to trade their medals in the next few weeks.

The rest is history.

Carla and Phil were married two years later on Nov. 6, 1970. "We just felt that it was all kind of providential - that it happened that way," Carla said. "Who would have ever dreamed?"

The Johnsons plan to attend Reese's reunion and inactivation ceremonies this week, along with hundreds of others whose lives have been touched by Reese.

Old newspaper clippings packed away in the Johnsons' family album include cerie photos of Carla and Phil, then strangers, standing side by side at the Reese award ceremony. Carla holds her two children, one still a baby and one a toddler, on her arm. The children soon would become Phil's.

The last thing on Carla's mind in the early days after her husband's death was remarriage, she said. She had two young children to take care of alone, and she was somewhat bitter about her husband's death.

She described her feelings in the early days after his death.

"When I first heard about (the medal), I wasn't that excited," she said. "I kind of resented it - it was kind of like I'd rather have my husband than the medals."

Carla said she took life one day at a time while grieving for her husband. She was uncertain about what her future would be.

Phil's life was also in a whirlwind, jostled by his wartime experiences. He admired Carla's spirituality and her strength in dealing with her tragedy, he said.

"That conflict cost us both a great deal personally," Phil said. "She went through an awful lot. Obviously I think very highly of her."

Upon their second meeting, to trade medals, Phil showed up at Carla's door with a box of expensive chocolates. He ended up asking her to dinner.

"I was really nervous," Carla recalls. "This was something unusual. I was a young mother - I was not really thinking about dating." Carla soon realized how much they had in common, as they both were used to living military lives. They dated for two years.

"He had a different perspective on our family than if I had married a civilian who didn't have anything to do with military," she said. "I think it was always in the back of his mind - the way he cared for my children."

"I think he thought what if it had been him who was killed and someone else was raising his children."

En route from Vietnam, Phil was reassigned several times before landing at Reese. He went to high school in Lubbock while his father was stationed at Reese. In another odd twist, it turned out Carla's aunt had been his high school algebra teacher.

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Computer designs for 4-H'ers

Kerrie Steiert, 4-H clothing leader, demonstrates how to make a computerized iron-on design at a recent 4-H clothing educational workshop. Paying close attention are, from left, Dawn Auckerman, Lindy Vasek, Karla Vasek, Chelsea Blain and Lark Duncan.

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Hooked on fishing

The City of Hereford sponsored a free fishing event at the Aquatic Center Lake for youngsters from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

The theme for the event was "Hooked on Fishing...Not on Drugs." Here, a crowd of people wait for the trout to tug on their poles.

Fans pay tribute to Selena's grave

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — And, since her murder, Selena has been the focus of numerous legal confrontations over rights to her music, name and image and the merchandising of products bearing her name.

"For me, believe it or not, it's a sense of closure," Daniel Mares, manager of a car audio store in Galveston, said Monday. "I never really got to say goodbye to her before."

Mares said he once thrilled at watching Selena Quintanilla Perez perform at Houston nightclubs. On Sunday, he traveled to Seaside Memorial Park in Corpus Christi, where Selena is buried.

About 5,000 people have done the same in the past five days to pay tribute to Selena, who was gunned down at a Corpus Christi motel on March 31, 1995. Yolanda Saldivar, the former president of Selena's fan club, was convicted of murdering her and is serving a life prison sentence.

"I feel very sad, because she was very well-liked. Everybody liked her," said one fan, Regina Ybarra-Garcia, a substitute teacher from San Antonio. "I'm also sad because of the way she had to go. That's what really breaks my heart.... She was too young to die."

A five-foot chain-link fence is erected around the burial site to keep people from disturbing a large arrangement of white roses, purple flowers and palm leaves that adorns the spot. Fans have decorated the fence with bunches of flowers, stuffed Easter bunnies and written homages to Selena.

In death, Selena has achieved a celebrity status she could have only dreamed of in life: She is the subject of eight books, new musical releases and a full-length movie.

"Ballpark, I'd say there have been 20 lawsuits filed, not counting the cease-and-desist letters that our attorneys send out to other parties who give up at that point," said Bert Quintanilla, marketing director of Q Productions, the family business. He also is a cousin of Selena's father.

"It's an ongoing battle. We have law firms in California, San Antonio and Corpus Christi, and we have investigators constantly trying to stop the pirating. Some people even blatantly tried to copyright the name Selena," Bert Quintanilla added.

The latest and biggest lawsuit is a purely local affair, pitting the Quintanilla family and band members against television station K-III in Corpus Christi, owned by McKinnon Broadcasting.

At issue is the ownership of videotapes taken by a K-III television crew of a Feb. 7, 1993, concert by Selena y Los Dinos at the Corpus Christi Memorial Coliseum.

In a federal court lawsuit filed last month by her father, Abraham Quintanilla Jr., and others, Channel 3 is accused of illegally copyrighting the concert tape and breaking an agreement for its limited use.

In its answer, K-III claims it owns the tape.

In an odd twist, Jorge Rangel, a Corpus Christi lawyer representing the station, is the chairman of the Selena Memorial Committee, which has renamed the Bayfront Coliseum for Selena and eventually will erect a bronze statue on the Corpus Christi Bay shoreline.

Soybean planting on rise across country

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Strong markets for soybeans appear to be influencing farmers as they make spring planting decisions.

Iowa farmers plan to plant a record 10.1 million acres of soybeans this year as they curtail corn planting slightly, the government estimated Monday.

Nationwide, soybean planting should be up 7 percent from last year to 68.8 million acres, the highest level since 1980, according to the USDA's initial report of planting intentions for this year.

The estimated soybean acreage in Iowa is up 6 percent from last year's record 9.5 million acres and comes amid strong soybean prices and return of Conservation Reserve Program

land to row crop production. Corn planting in Iowa is estimated at 12.5 million acres, down 2 percent from last year.

Corn planting nationwide should be up 2 percent from last year to 81.4 million acres, the highest level since 1985, USDA said.

Iowa, Michigan and Minnesota were the only Corn Belt states where farmers are curtailing corn planting, according to USDA.

Soybean planting is on the rise across the country, in response to strong international demand that has boosted prices for the remaining 1996 crop. Corn prices have also strengthened in recent months.

Corn and soybean futures prices fell in early trading Monday after

release of the report, which exceeded some private forecasts of planting of the nation's two major crops. The soybean planting forecast was seen as especially surprising.

The USDA report is based on farmer surveys. Figures could change in coming weeks due to weather and market conditions, especially since farmers have been freed from planting restrictions by the 1996 federal farm bill.

A wet spring, for example, could force farmers to switch from corn to soybeans, which have a shorter growing season. Most farmers switch annually from corn to soybeans for environmental reasons and were prepared to boost soybean planting

this year after last year's big corn crop.

The nationwide increases in corn and soybean planting intentions coincide with proposed outbacks in wheat, cotton and sorghum acreage. In some northern Plains states, a wet spring is all but certain as heavy snowpack continues to melt, so farmers are already turning to soybeans.

Farmers in North Dakota, the major durum wheat state, plan to cut planting of that crop 13 percent while boosting soybean planting 35 percent and corn production 22 percent.

The only major soybean states where soybean planting is declining this year are Indiana and Ohio.

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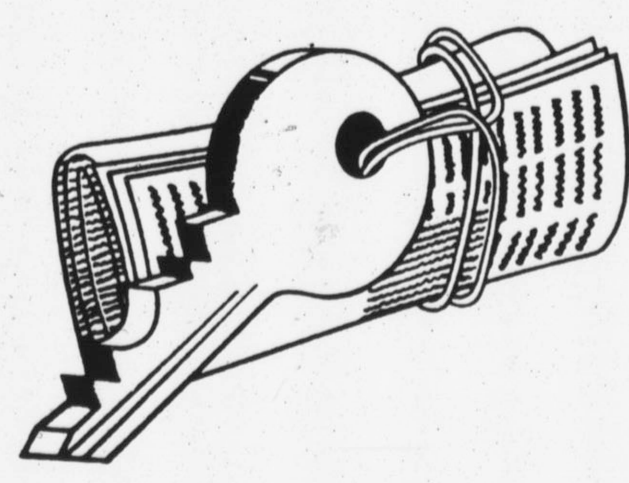
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Hooked on fishing

Five-year-old Maricela Guerrero concentrates on catching a fish in the free fishing event at the Aquatic Center Lake on Saturday. Guerrero is the daughter of Dominic and Melissa Guerrero. The event was sponsored by the City of Hereford. The city's Parks and Recreation Department stocked the lake with 500 pounds of trout.

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Property owners and businesses generally are liable for injuries that occur on their property or have been inflicted by their employees.

But, under a bill being considered by the House Civil Practices Committee, the property owner would be liable for employees' criminal acts only if they approved the act or the property owner showed gross negligence in hiring the employee.

The bill, by Rep. Tom Uher, D-Bay City, is being promoted by Texans for Lawsuit Reform, a business group that says some laws make it too easy to win big court judgments against businesses. Uher filed the bill after receiving many complaints from business owners who said they have been sued for injuries caused by criminals under whom they have no control.

Critics say the bill creates a loophole for nursing homes. C.W. Mattek of Lake Jackson and his lawyer talked about injuries suffered by Mattek's mother after employees of a Pflugerville nursing home handled her roughly. The Mattek family won a \$1.7 million judgment.

"Even management acknowledged that nursing homes routinely employ criminals and other employees who handle their patients roughly," Mattek said at a news conference.

Also criticizing Uher's bill at

the news conference was Barbara Suraci, whose two daughters were among four teen-agers who were murdered in 1991 at a yogurt shop in Austin. The civil case was settled for about \$12 million, but the killer never was found.

She said shop owners should be liable when their negligence makes it easier for criminals to hurt customers. "People making money off of other people" should be held responsible, she was quoted in the *Austin American-Statesman*.

Bill Protects Elderly, Disabled

Meanwhile, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock says a bill that passed the Senate by unanimous vote will broaden the state laws protecting elderly and disabled Texans in nursing homes and other health care facilities.

"No one in Texas is more vulnerable than our elderly or disabled citizens," Bullock said. "We must make every effort to keep them safe from harm."

Bullock said the bill, sponsored by Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco, expands current law prohibiting health care workers who have been convicted of certain crimes from coming in direct contact with the residents of nursing homes and other health care facilities that serve the elderly and disabled.

The bill extends the list to exclude workers who have been convicted of sexual assault, aggravated assault, injury to a child or elderly or disabled adult, abandoning or endangering a child and aiding in a suicide.

Unplanned Tax Side Effect
A special House panel is continuing work on a tax plan that would expand the state sales tax to more than 35 previously untaxed goods and services.

But panel members learned their plan has an unplanned side effect: under prior law, local governments who wish to piggyback their own tax to new state sales taxes could do so. And doing so would short-circuit Gov. George W. Bush's dream of cutting school property taxes in Texas.

State Rep. Paul Sadler, chairman of the Select Committee on Revenue and Public Education Funding, said, "We're going to make sure that if they raise additional tax revenue, they don't get to keep it."

So, the panel is looking at two ways of making sure: forbidding local governments from adding their own sales taxes to the new levies or forcing them to use the revenue to fix roads or cut city and county ad valorem taxes.

Without safeguards against "piggyback rides" on taxes by local governments, communities statewide would be able to add \$1.4 billion in new sales taxes to the \$6.6 billion they now collect in the state's two-year budget cycle.

Other Capital Highlights

■ Lawmakers have filed more than two dozen bills this session offering free or reduced tuition and fees at state public colleges and universities. Among the beneficiaries of such legislation would be children of veteran teachers, injured or disabled law enforcement officers and children in state foster care.

■ The Texas Board of Criminal Justice has granted Prison Fellowship Ministries permission to launch a Christian faith-based rehabilitation program. The program, which began last week at a prison camp near Houston, will use no state money. Former Richard Nixon counsel Charles Colson is donating \$1.5 million to run the program for two years.

■ Almost 5,000 people marched up Austin's Congress Avenue on Palm Sunday (March 23) to demand stronger laws against hate crimes. Between 1992 and 1995, more than 1,600 hate crimes were reported in Texas.

■ Lt. Gov. Bullock says it may serve Texas better to replace the elected State Board of Education with an appointed one. Speaking at the Texas Daily Newspaper Association's annual convention last week, Bullock said, "I'm about ready to go back to the appointed board, kick this bunch out and start again."

Emergency Services

Activities reported by law enforcement agencies:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

-- Domestic disturbance reported in the 800 block of Irving Street.
-- Criminal trespass warning issued to 8-year-old boy not to return to Aquatic Park area.
-- Damage to vehicle in the 300 block of Cherokee.
-- Criminal trespass reported in the 400 block of Paloma Lane.

-- Assault reported in the 100 block of South Douglas Street.
-- 26-year-old male arrested in the 100 block of Union Street for driving while intoxicated.
-- 35-year-old male arrested in the 100 block of Pine Street for driving while intoxicated.
-- 21-year-old male arrested at Grand Avenue and Avenue H for driving while intoxicated.
-- 18-year-old male arrested in the 200 block of Avenue H for resisting arrest.

-- 23-year-old male arrested in the 200 block of Norton Street for evading arrest, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.
-- 18-year-old male arrested in the 200 block of Norton Street for interfering with police.
-- 21-year-old male arrested in the 200 block of Norton Street for disorderly conduct.
-- 22 citations issued.
-- One minor traffic accident reported.

-- 23-year-old male arrested in the 900 block of Julian Street for domestic assault.
-- 26-year-old male arrested in the 200 block of Lawton Street for public intoxication.

-- 22-year-old male arrested for traffic offenses.
-- 22-year-old female arrested for traffic offenses.
-- Amherst male arrested for outstanding DPS warrants.

-- Burglary reported in the 200 block of West 2nd Street.
-- Two minor accidents without injuries reported.
-- Twenty-four citations issued.
-- 21-year-old male arrested in the 100 block of West 15th on traffic offenses.

-- 35-year-old male arrested for outstanding DPS warrants for traffic offenses.

-- 34-year-old male arrested for driving with a suspended license.
-- 30-year-old male arrested for outstanding warrants out of Amherst, no driver's license and failure to appear in court.

-- Domestic disturbance reported in the 400 block of Union Street.
-- Burglary of a motor vehicle reported in the 400 block of Country Club.

-- Theft of \$5 reported in the 200 block of Kingwood.
-- Domestic disturbance reported in the 200 block of Lawton Street.
-- Two Amarillo teenage runaways found in Hereford, returned to parents.

-- Domestic C assault filed on a male.
-- One traffic accident without injuries reported.
-- Sixteen citations issued.
-- Holiday STEP program: 212 citations issued.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

-- Responded to grass fire four miles south on Hwy. 385.
-- Responded to fire alarm at 4.0 Ranger.
-- Responded to CRP fire on Roads 14 and FF.

-- Responded to box car on fire five miles on Austin Road.
-- Responded to low-battery smoke alarm at 107 Avenue C.
-- Responded to structure fire at Garrison-Townsend Seed Company on East Hwy. 60.

-- Responded to dumpster fire at 602 Avenue F.
-- Responded to dumpster fire at 510 Avenue G.

-- Responded to structure fire smoke scare at 107 Avenue C.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

-- 17-year-old male arrested for engaging in organized criminal activity.
-- 38-year-old female arrested for theft by check.
-- 24-year-old male arrested for driving while license suspended.
-- Theft reported.
-- Burglary of a motor vehicle reported.

-- Burglary reported.

DPS

-- 22-year-old male arrested for driving while intoxicated and no driver's license.

-- 22-year-old male arrested for false application on a driver's license application.

Pre-Plant Conference set Friday in Dimmitt

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Texas Corn Producers Board will sponsor a Pre-Plant Crop Conference Friday at the Castro County Expo Building.

Five continuing education units (CEU's) to private, commercial, and noncommercial applicators and a licensed Certified Crop Advisors credit will be offered.

The morning session will cover three CEU's, and the afternoon session will cover the two remaining CEU's.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m.,

with doughnuts and coffee being offered.

At 8:30 a.m., the speakers will begin. The speakers will be Wayne Wyatt, Dr. Dan Kreig, Dr. Tom Fuch, Keeling, James Esty, Dr. Tom Fuch, Polly Vann, Dr. Tom Archer, Dr. Pat Morrison and Dr. Carl Patrick.

A free lunch will be provided by the Corn Producers Board.

For more information or to make reservations, please call Greta Schuster or Pammy Millican at 647-4115.

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