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Congress eyes bill set for veto

WASHINGTON (AP) - Congress finally gets to vote on a huge disaster relief bill that has been hobbled by political brawling and is headed for a presidential veto.

The House and the Senate arranged to take up the \$8.6 billion emergency spending bill today, with the goal of sending it to President Clinton's desk by the end of the day. Some \$5.5 billion of the money goes to 35 states hit by natural disasters.

With people in the Dakotas and Minnesota still homeless from spring floods and Congress under fire for being slow to respond, there was a sense of urgency to get the bill passed. But there was also little give in a standoff that assured the bill of a veto.

"I will veto it as soon as it arrives," President Clinton said. He called on Congress to pass another bill, free of politically motivated amendments. "Americans in need should not have to endure this unnecessary delay."

The final product approved by a House-Senate conference Wednesday

contains two provisions pushed vigorously by Republicans but strongly opposed by the administration.

One would eliminate the possibility of another government shutdown by freezing spending if there's no agreement on spending bills when the new fiscal year starts in October.

The other is a bar on funding for a sampling method the Census Bureau planned to use in the 2000 census. The bureau says the method is the best way to get an accurate count, particularly in urban areas that have been undercounted in the past. Republican critics say it is flawed and could lead to unfair reapportionment of congressional districts.

"The Republican leadership seems adamant in not relinquishing any of these issues, and apparently they want to see the president go through the motions of a veto. That's very disappointing," said Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota said.

The House Appropriations (See CONGRESS, Page 2)

Merrick Petfoods now has Italian Connection

Merrick Petfoods of Hereford now has an "Italian connection." The company is sending its first shipment of pet treats to a distributor in Italy, according to Garth Merrick, president.

The Italian connection began last fall when an Italian veterinarian received some samples of Merrick treats. She took the samples to the University of Milan for tests. She was so impressed by the results that she scheduled a trip with an Italian businessman to Hereford and toured the Merrick facilities.

In early May, Merrick made a reciprocal trip to Milan to attend the Expo Zoo, a worldwide trade show for animal products. An agreement

has since been signed for the first two 40-foot containers to be shipped to the new distributor in Milan.

Merrick, a pet over himself, was impressed by the Italians' love for their pets, regarding them as very much a part of the family and even taking them inside restaurants. Milan is said to have the highest concentration of pets of any city in Europe.

The Italian distribution company calls itself "Texas Pets" and trades on the mystique of Texas in its marketing. The Italians indicated they had never seen pet treats made from cattle parts, as the Merrick treats are.

Merrick has shipped petfood to Japan in the past, but domestic (See MERRICK, Page 2)

Vehicle fire this morning

Hereford volunteer fireman Bill Watts holds the door open for another firefighter during a pickup fire Thursday morning at Park Avenue and Ave. J. The fire gutted the late-model Chevrolet pickup.

Emotional stories flow from witness stand as jurors consider McVeigh's fate

DENVER (AP) - Five-year-old David Westberry was so traumatized after his grandfather died in the Oklahoma City bombing that he started having thoughts of his own death.

"He would ask ... to run a red light so they could crash and die so he could be with Paw-Paw," his grandmother, Mathilda Westberry, testified Wednesday.

Emotional stories of fractured bodies, shattered families and destroyed lives flowed from the witness stand as prosecutors asked jurors to sentence Timothy McVeigh to death for committing the worst act of terrorism on U.S. soil.

Ms. Westberry told of how David, after some counseling, sends messages to his grandfather in helium balloons he releases into the sky.

Officer Allan Prokop recalled feeling the hand of a trapped victim grow cold as her life drained away. Susan Walton was escorted into court in a wheelchair and talked about her 20 surgeries to repair facial fractures and damage to her legs, one of which is now shorter than the other.

McVeigh, convicted Monday of murder and conspiracy in the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, sat stone-faced during the testimony, which elicited silent sobs from jurors, bombing survivors and victims' relatives.

Laura Sue Kennedy's only child, 18-month-old Blake, was among the 19 children who lost their lives, many in the federal building's day-care center. She testified that Blake's bedroom remains exactly as it was, with the little clothes he would have outgrown long ago still hanging in the closet.

"It's painful to be a mother and not have anybody to mother," she said.

The prosecution's case in the penalty phase could wrap up today, lead prosecutor Joseph Hartzler said.

McVeigh's lawyers chose to delay their opening statement until they start their defense. They plan to call McVeigh's relatives and witnesses to describe the influences and events that turned the decorated Gulf War veteran against his own government.

Before even the first witness took the stand, jurors started crying as prosecutor Patrick Ryan described how some of the 168 victims lived and died.

"It would be easy for you as a jury to think of this as one mass murder. Don't. There are 168 people, all unique, all individual," he said.

Ryan said the death penalty is "the only verdict that justly fits this crime."

Fifteen witnesses testified, including wives, mothers, a husband, a father and an adult child of one victim.

"I feel like I died, too, on April 19," said Diane Leonard, whose husband, Secret Service Agent Don Leonard, was killed. "I feel like my heart looks like the building. It has a big hole that can never be mended."

Prokop, one of the first officers on the scene described trying to comfort a woman pinned under a 12-foot slab of concrete, only to feel her pulse stop.

"Her hand very still and started to get cold," he said. He also described pulling a young

survivor out of the rubble of the day-care center.

"I cradled him in my arms and he ... appeared to have a brick sticking out of his forehead," Prokop said.

Later in the day, prosecutors showed a video of the boy, Brandon Denny, as he struggled in physical therapy designed to help him regain use of his right arm.

None of the prosecution's witnesses faced even a single question of cross-examination.

"This was a horrible impact on these people's lives and we understand that," defense attorney Stephen Jones said as he left the courtroom.

U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch sent jurors home with a strong warning to put reason over emotion.

"We are not here to seek revenge on Timothy McVeigh," Matsch said. "We are here to consider the lives and what happened to these people, and as you'll see later, his life."

Cancer's Relay for Life to start here Friday at Whiteface Stadium

BY SPEEDY NIEMAN
Editor-Publisher

The first annual "Relay for Life", benefitting the Deaf Smith unit of the American Cancer Society, will start at Whiteface Stadium Friday at 6 p.m.

Businesses, families, churches, clubs and organizations have formed 10-member teams to take part in this 24-hour event to raise funds for the fight against cancer.

Jennifer Eggen, chairman, reported the event could break the state record of 33 teams that entered a Relay for Life event in Mt. Pleasant.

Those interested in sponsoring a team can still register at the Hospitality Tent at the stadium Friday evening, prior to the start of the event at 6 p.m.

Teams will set up their campsites at the stadium Friday afternoon. Each team will be responsible for keeping one member on the track at all times. Teams are encouraged to bring tents,

coolers, food, games and sleeping bags.

In addition to hosting the teams, the Relay for Life will include many other activities involving the entire community. Throughout the event, there will be local entertainment, food stands, and games and fun for the entire family.

Those attending the event should bring a little extra money, as great food will be provided by the Hereford Cattlewomen, Anselmo's Catering and Juanita's Express Burritos. The games will include volleyball, a trivia tournament, Karaoke time, and a field-goal contest.

The first lap of the Relay for Life at 6:30 p.m. Friday will be designated as the Cancer Survivors' Walk. This lap will honor those who have fought and won their battle against cancer. At dusk, relay walkers will participate in a special memorial service. Luminaria in memory of someone

who has lost their life to cancer, or to honor someone who has survived, will be placed around the track.

Prior to the memorial service, music will be provided from 7 to 8:30 p.m. by a D.J., by a trio of Noel Merrick, Christie Schumacher and Annie Keenan, and by the Good News Church.

Other activities Friday night include a "Best PJ's Contest" at 10:30, a field-goal contest at 11:30, a Tri-Bond Trivia Tournament at midnight, and a volleyball tourney starting at 12:30 a.m.

Saturday's schedule includes breakfast by Juanita's starting at 7 a.m., announcements at 9, wake-up aerobics music at 10, and music by "Lionshare" at noon. More announcements are set at 1:30 p.m., music by Mike's 50s Band at 2, and possibly another musical group at 4.

Closing remarks and awards are scheduled at 6 and 6:30.



Lions donate to Relay for Life

Hereford Lions Club President L.J. Clark Wednesday presented a \$300 check from the club to Jennifer Eggen, chairman of the Relay for Life being sponsored by the Deaf Smith unit of the American Cancer Society. The 24-hour fundraiser begins Friday at 6 p.m. at Whiteface Stadium. Spectators are invited to watch the relay runners and hear special entertainment during the event, which ends at 6:30 p.m. Saturday.

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Lifestyles

Auxiliary holds June luncheon

President Irene Reinart called the June meeting of the Hereford Regional Medical Center Auxiliary to order following a luncheon in the hospital dining room. Theda Seiver read the Auxiliary Prayer.

Bonnie Sublett reported that 196-1/2 hours were volunteered during the month of May. Grace Covington reported 31 baby books distributed during the same month.

Jo Lee read a thank you note from Renee Banner for the scholarship awarded to her. Banner is an advanced college student pursuing a career in the medical field.

The auxiliary voted to award scholarships to Hereford High School graduates already enrolled in college classes and the will continue to do so in the future. Other scholarship recipients are Cory Schumacher, Christina Kuper and Audrey Cerda.

Quintna Waits, a recent cancer survivor, will join other cancer survivors as a "walker" in the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life" June 6-7 in Whiteface Stadium. The 24-hour event promises to be fun and at the same time contribute to cancer funds.

Those present at the meeting were guest Billie Johnson and members Janis Bell, Irene Boardman, Mary Jane Burrus, Lape Cerda, Margaret Daniels, Bettie Dickson, Billie Kelley, Donna Parker, Joy Stivers, Elizabeth Vogel, Mary Williamson, Covington, Lee, Reinart, Sublett, Seiver and Waits.

Workshop scheduled

A program designed to assist youth in their pre-preparations for college and/or college orientations will be held on June 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center Club Room.

The workshop will be presented by Beverly Harder, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Science and Misty Peabody, Summer Assistant for Deaf Smith County Extension Office.

Objective of the workshop will be to help youth that have just graduated prepare for the language, management, finances, and opportunities of college life. Youth that are going to be juniors or seniors in high school for the 97-98 school year are also encouraged to attend to get a head start on the college application and scholarship preparation procedure.

The workshop will be open to anyone who would like to attend and parents or those interested in helping youth in this endeavor are also invited.

Those planning to attend are requested to call the County Extension Office, at 364-3573 and sign up for the event so that adequate handouts will be available.



CNA's recognized

In commemoration of National Certified Nurses Aid Week, June 5-12, Hereford Care Center held ceremonies Wednesday in recognition of the CNA employees. Certificates of appreciation were presented by, standing from right, Andrew Ugor, owner; Melba Patton, administrator and Irene Grabber, director of nurses.

Ann Landers

Dear Readers: You already know how I feel about smoking marijuana. In the spirit of even-handedness, I'm printing another point of view. Here it is:

Dear Ann Landers: I smoke pot. I have done so for nearly 10 years. I don't lie, steal, cheat or fool around. I don't do any other drugs, nor do I have the desire to. I am not a cigarette smoker, and I don't drink alcohol, watch sleazy movies or read trashy novels. I don't gossip or back-stab.

What do I do? I live a quiet life and go to school full-time on a scholarship. I work part-time at a job where I am respected by management, co-workers and clientele. I pay my bills on time, balance my checkbook, live within my means, exercise regularly, watch my weight and eat healthy.

I am married to a wonderful man who also smokes pot. He works hard to help pay the bills. He is dedicated, understanding, loving and my best friend. We don't fight, stay out all night or party on weekends. In fact, with his 60-hour work week and my classes, part-time job and one full day of volunteer work each week, where would we find the time?

Ann, please don't say all pot smokers have problems or need help. This is not true. I won't argue that some do, but some people also eat too much. Heart disease is the No. 1 killer. Should we take away food? Some people watch too much television. TV has contributed greatly to the "dumbing down" of our society. Should we make it illegal?

When we smoke pot, we do it in our own home. It's not nearly as unhealthy as eating junk food or as dangerous as driving after three or four beers. So, please, Ann, leave us

alone. -- The Girl Next Door, Anywhere USA

Dear Girl: I am perfectly willing to leave you alone as long as you don't get behind the wheel of a car, attempt to operate a piece of machinery or perform surgery on some unsuspecting patient while under the influence.

Meanwhile, pot is an illegal substance, and unless that changes, I am not about to give it my stamp of approval.

Dear Ann Landers: My son, "Jimmy," has Down's syndrome and will be 24 soon. He is non-verbal and functions on a 4- to 5-year-old level. I have been a single parent for 23 years and have done the absolute best I could. Jimmy is well behaved at home and in public and is one of the nicest people anywhere. I'm so grateful to have him. He is presently on a long waiting list for a day program, and until an opening becomes available, he will continue to stay home all day.

The problem is my family's attitude toward Jimmy. They want me to put him in a home so I can have my own life. I tell them that I DO and that Jimmy is part of it. Don't misunderstand me -- my family

always treats my son cordially when we visit, but it would be really nice if one of them would offer to watch him for a few hours and give me a little break.

By the way, please ask people not to come up to us and shout, "Does your son have Down's syndrome?" or "How retarded is he?" My son can hear perfectly well and is bright enough to know when he's being talked about, not to. -- Brandon, Fla.

Dear Brandon: I am appalled by your family's lack of sensitivity, not to mention common sense. I am printing your letter in the hope that my readers with friends or family members who are tied down caring for someone with a disability will offer some relief.

Gem of the Day: Money cannot buy happiness, but it can make it possible for you to seek happiness in much more interesting places. ANN LANDERS (R) COPYRIGHT 1997 CREATORS SYNDICATE, INC.

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County 4-H members place in state contests

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SCHOLARSHIPS
Karis Blain - \$4,000 from Red Davison Memorial.

Sy Olson - \$1,500 from National Farm Life Insurance Company.
Rachel Wilks - \$2,000 from Texas 4-H Foundation Fund.

Karon Harder - \$1,000 from Texas Extension Association Family and Consumer Sciences, collegiate scholarship.

Roy Homfeld - \$10,000 from San Antonio Livestock Exposition.

JUDGING TEAMS
Horse - Fourth. Members: Erin Auckerman, Loretta Camp, Tommy Mather.

Dairy - 16th. Members: Trey

Blain, Trey Bezner, Brent Carlson, Ian Isaacson.

Consumer Decision - First. Members: Karis Blain, second high individual; Jantzen Louder, Jodi Wilburn, Miriam Wilks.

FASHION SHOW
Formal Buying: Jaime Steiert - First. \$300 scholarship from Mike Benet Formals.

Scheduled for today, Thursday, were the State Food Show and method demonstrations with 10 Deaf Smith County teams competing.

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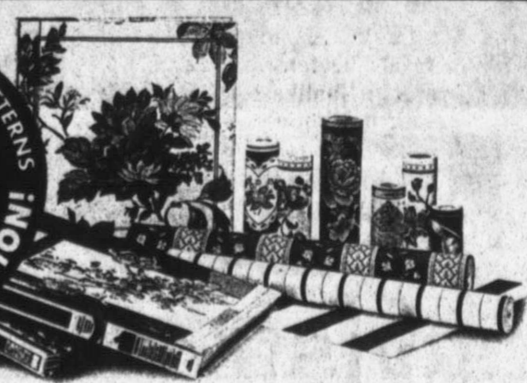
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Sox trip Tribe

Things get nasty in Cleveland

By Associated Press
Things got nasty between the Indians and White Sox, and guess who was right in the middle of it?

Albert Belle's second game back at Jacobs Field was like his first: he had three RBIs, the White Sox won 9-4, and the Cleveland fans booted. Belle wasn't a target this time as fans refrained from tossing debris at him as they did Tuesday. That didn't stop the teams from throwing at each other, though.

Belle, who had a two-run double and was walked with the bases loaded, was hit by Jose Mesa, setting off a series of beanings and brushbacks that resulted in a bench-clearing situation in the ninth and two ejections.

"We weren't throwing at them, but there was no doubt in my mind they were throwing at us," Cleveland manager Mike Hargrove said.

The testiness started in the eighth after Mesa gave up a solo homer to Ray Durham, giving Chicago a 7-0 lead.

Mesa then plunked Belle, who walked slowly to first and glared at the reliever. Belle slid hard into second base on a grounder, and Cleveland shortstop Omar Vizquel's leg collided with Belle's head as he threw to first. Belle trotted off the field without incident.

Mesa then hit Mike Cameron, but catcher Sandy Alomar insisted it was intentional.

"We were not trying to hit anybody," Alomar said. "Mesa was wild during warmups. Nobody told me to hit anybody."

Elsewhere in the American League, it was Baltimore 9, New York 7; Milwaukee 13, Boston 11; and Anaheim 7, Kansas City 3.

Orioles 9, Yankees 7
Rafael Palmeiro did in New York for a second straight night, doubling in the go-ahead runs in the seventh as

Baltimore completed a two-game sweep of the world champions.

Cal Ripken homered and Chris Hoiles had two RBIs as Baltimore extended its winning streak to a season-high seven games. The Orioles have a 9½-game lead over New York in the AL East, their biggest since Sept. 26, 1979.

The Orioles, who rallied in the seventh off Jeff Nelson (2-5), have won 13 of 15, and their 38-15 start matches the 1969 club as the best in franchise history.

Charlie Hayes' grand slam tied it 5-5 in the seventh before the Orioles responded with four in the bottom half.

Jesse Orosco (2-0) got the win and Randy Myers earned his 18th save. **Brewers 13, Red Sox 11**

At Milwaukee, the Brewers overcame a seven-run deficit by scoring five runs in the third and eight in the fourth to move into first place in the AL Central with their sixth win in seven games.

Boston lost its fifth straight.

Cal Eldred (6-5), coming off a shutout of Chicago, allowed a career-high eight runs in five innings. Doug Jones pitched the ninth for his 14th save.

Mark Brandenburg (0-1) took the loss.

Mo Vaughn hit his 15th homer for Boston. **Angels 7, Royals 3**

At Anaheim, Dave Hollins hit a three-run homer and Allen Watson (4-3) won his third straight start.

Hollins' homer off rookie Glendon Rusch (3-3) staked Anaheim to a 3-0 lead, and the Angels broke open the game with four runs in the sixth.

Watson, who left after six innings because a muscle in his left hip tightened up, allowed two runs and six hits. He matched his career high with eight strikeouts and walked two.

Rusch (3-3) gave up seven runs and 10 hits in 5 1-3 innings.



Practice, practice, practice

While ninth grader Chayse Rives takes a shot at the basket, eighth grader Mathew Northcutt passes another basketball off to an unseen player. They are among the more than 80 basketball players practicing their skills daily in the Whiteface Summer Basketball Camp under direction of Randy Dean.

Scramble winners named

One team scored a six-under par 29 on the front nine to capture the prizes in the Weekly Scramble at Pitman Municipal Golf Course Wednesday evening.

The team of L.V. Watts, Leland Shelton, Ed Durrett and Lillie Shipman won the event with a 29, two shots better than two other teams.

A three-man team of Cal Garrett and Steve and Ed Sanders had a 31, as did the team of Luke Thrasher, Denny Gibson, Mary Shelton and Wally Castillo.

The scramble is open to all interested golfers. Call Pitman Golf Course to sign up for the event or for more information.

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Jordan on mission

CHICAGO (AP) - Michael Jordan might have played his last game in Chicago. If so, he picked a great way to go.

He scored 38 points. He grabbed 13 rebounds. He dished out nine assists. He had two steals as part of a defense that stifled the Utah Jazz. He had another in a long line of "I can't believe he did that!" moves. He again upstaged an embarrassed Karl Malone.

Most importantly, Jordan led the Bulls to a 97-85 victory Wednesday night, giving them a 2-0 lead in the NBA Finals.

"Every time he got the ball, he was looking to score," Utah's

Shandon Anderson said. "He seemed like he was on some sort of mission."

He is. Just two more victories and Jordan will have carried the Bulls to their fifth championship in seven years. Games 3 and 4 are Friday and Sunday in Salt Lake City, which also will be the site of Game 5 if the Jazz can win one of the next two.

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Sports In Brief

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) - A federal judge dismissed a lawsuit against Texas Tech by former defensive lineman Stephen Gaines, who claimed the university exploited his talents while depriving him of an education.

Gaines, who played for the Red Raiders in the 1990, 1992 and 1993 seasons, sued the school in February, claiming racketeering, fraud, forgery and negligence related to his recruitment and time at Texas Tech.

The basis of the lawsuit was that the school lured Gaines while he was a minor, then ignored him as a student while utilizing his football abilities.

The judgment also called for Gaines, who never received a college degree and currently works in a Wichita Falls trailer home factory, to refund the defendants' legal costs, as calculated by the court.

EDINBURG, Texas (AP) - Texas-Pan American will pull out of the Sun Belt Conference effective July 1, 1998, the league announced. The school gave no reason for its departure and didn't say if it would join another league or become an independent.

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) - Julius Erving accepted an offer to join the Orlando Magic with duties that include evaluating new business opportunities for RDV Sports, the team's parent company.

The Hall of Famer will serve as vice president of RDV Sports and executive vice president of the Magic.

The move came one day after the team lured Chuck Daly back into coaching with a three-year contract worth \$15 million. The coach said his

interest in the job heightened last week when he learned the Magic were pursuing Erving, a studio commentator for NBC since 1993.

UIL Suspends Texas coaches

AUSTIN (AP) - The University Interscholastic League has suspended coaches at Port Arthur Jefferson High School and Clear Creek High School from opening action in their schools' 1998-99 seasons.

Jefferson baseball coach David Vince will miss the school's first two games in 1998 as punishment for being ejected from two games in the 1996-97 season.

Mike Kerley, track coach at Clear Creek, was suspended from the school's first track meet in 1998. That came after the UIL said Kerley allowed an ineligible student to participate in a district meet.

The UIL state executive committee also on Wednesday publicly reprimanded and issued one-year probation to:

- Austin Crockett High School for verbal and physical abuse of an official by a student representative

- Michael Gonzales, head basketball coach at Kingsville Academy High School, for recruiting violations.

- Chris Floyd, assistant varsity baseball coach at Clear Creek High School, for physical contact with an umpire.

- Herb Rios, varsity baseball coach for Littlefield High School, for physical contact with an umpire.

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Saturday, June 7
4:45pm The Babysitter's Club (PG)
6:30pm My Life As A Dog #9: The Fugitive (TVG)
7:00pm Jumanji (PG)
9:00pm Pick A Flick (NR)

Sunday, June 8
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Area Events

DIMMITT

Dimmitt's 10th Annual City Wide Garage Sale will open at 8 a.m. Saturday, according to the board of directors of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce.

There will be more than 100 garage sales in the community, including residential garage sales and booths on the courthouse square.

Local merchants will also participate in the day's festivities with sidewalk sales and bargain racks.

AMARILLO

Rare and unusual books are featured in the Annual Used Book Sale sponsored by the Friends of the Amarillo Public Library, Friday, Saturday and Sunday in the basement of Central Library, 4th and Buchanan.

Preview night for members only will begin at 4 p.m. Friday.

Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 12 noon to 6 p.m. the book sale will be open to the public.

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Association is sponsoring a tour of home from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

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Included on the tour are the Barfield House, 1620 S. Tyler St.; Parsons-Elliott House, 1200 S. Van Buren St.; Childers House, 2508 S. Harrison St.; Ware House, 2610 S. Harrison St.; Bedford-Ansley House, 2010 S. Taylor St.; and Eakle House, 2220 S. Tyler St.

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Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Thursday, June 5, the 156th day of 1997. There are 209 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On June 5, 1947, Secretary of State George C. Marshall gave a speech at Harvard University in which he outlined an aid program for Europe that came to be known as the Marshall Plan.

On this date:
In 1723, economist Adam Smith was born in Kirkcaldy, Scotland.

In 1783, Joseph and Jacques Montgolfier publicly demonstrated their hot-air balloon in a 10-minute flight over Annonay, France.

In 1883, economist John Maynard Keynes was born in Cambridge, England.

In 1884, Civil War hero General William T. Sherman refused the Republican presidential nomination, saying, "I will not accept if nominated and will not serve if elected."

In 1917, about 10 million American men began registering for the draft in World War I.

In 1933, the United States went off the gold standard.

In 1940, the Battle of France began during World War II.

In 1967, war erupted in the Middle East as Israel, convinced an Arab attack was imminent, raided Egyptian military targets. Syria, Jordan and Iraq entered the conflict.

In 1968, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was shot and mortally wounded just after claiming victory in California's Democratic presidential primary. Gunman Sirhan Bishara Sirhan was immediately arrested.

In 1975, Egypt reopened the Suez Canal to international shipping, eight years after it was closed because of the 1967 war with Israel.

In 1986, a federal jury in Baltimore convicted Ronald W. Pelton of selling secrets to the Soviet Union. (Pelton was sentenced to three life prison terms plus 10 years.)

Ten years ago: President Reagan, in Venice for an upcoming economic summit, called for an end to government agriculture subsidies by the year 2000 in a televised address carried in Europe by the United States

Information Agency.

Five years ago: The government announced the nation's unemployment rate had jumped to 7.5 percent the month before, the highest level in nearly eight years.

One year ago: Joseph Waldholtz, the ex-husband of U.S. Rep. Enid Greene, R-Utah, pleaded guilty to providing his wife false information for her taxes and to falsifying spending reports from her congressional campaign.

Today's Birthdays: Broadcast journalist Bill Moyers is 63. Actor

Spalding Gray is 56. Country singer

Don Reid (The Statler Brothers) is 52.

Rock singer Laurie Anderson is 50.

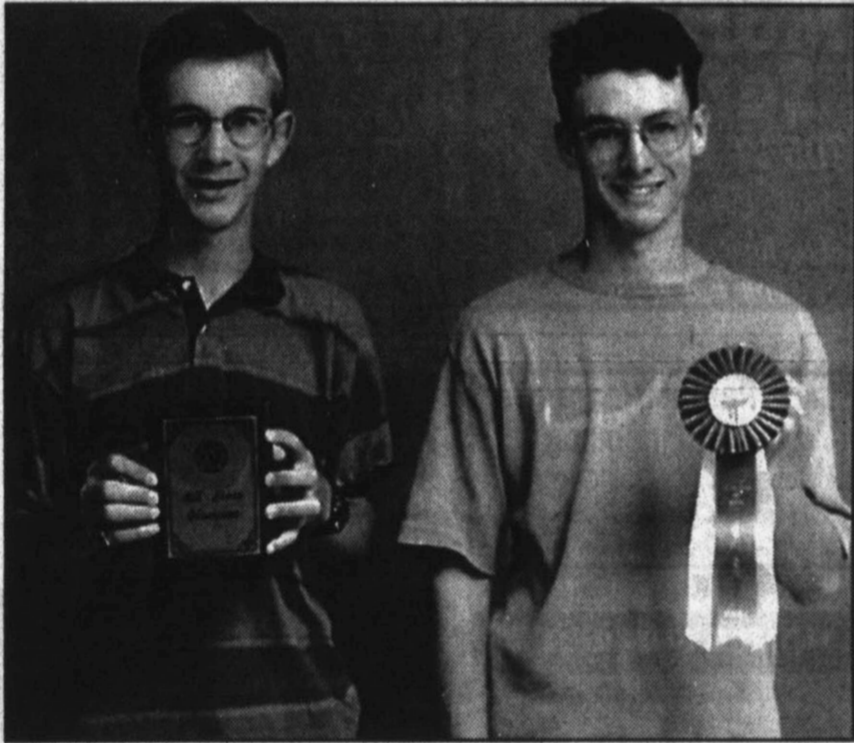
Rock musician Nicko McBrain (Iron Maiden) is 43. Jazz musician Kenny

G is 41. Rock singer Richard Butler (Psychedelic Furs) is 41. Singer Brian

McKnight is 28. Actor-rapper Mark Wahlberg is 26. Actor Chad Allen

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Thought for Today: "The free way of life proposes ends, but it does not prescribe means." - Robert F. Kennedy (1925-1968).



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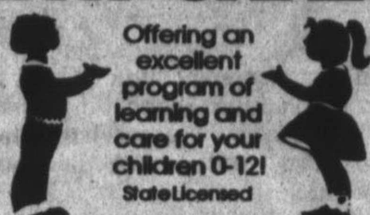
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Oct	78.00	+0.25	78.25	Oct	284.50	+0.50	285.00
Nov	78.25	+0.25	78.50	Nov	286.75	+0.25	287.00
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Violent weather damages wheat crops

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) - The tornado that ripped through Jarrell last week had a tremendous impact on agribusiness in Williamson County, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service reports.

Numerous funnels in the area touched down sporadically and destroyed one or two acres of cropland at a time, according to Leon Schrank, executive director of the Williamson County Farm Service Agency.

"Cotton fields in surrounding areas lost nearly an inch of topsoil," Schrank said, "and there are pockets of hail and wind damage to other crops."

He said that at least three farmers lost entire herds of either sheep or cattle in the tornado, and some farm equipment completely disappeared.

"Sturdy, new fences were torn out of the ground and full-size Dumpsters were picked up by the tornado," Schrank said. "It seems like they just vanished into thin air."

Schrank said Central Texas as a whole suffered from the same system. Because of this damage, wheat producers in Central Texas are concerned about yields for the rest of the year.

James Davis, Bell County Extension agent, said the fate of the crop looks grim and will depend on immediate improvements in the weather.

"We are about to be in a world of hurt with the wheat business," Davis said. "We could lose the entire wheat crop if things do not turn around pretty quick."

Despite the damage from hail and

high winds, Davis said Bell County, which is just across the county line from Jarrell, was very fortunate.

"We have wind damage spotted around a few places and some hail damage," Davis said, "but it's easy to look right down the road and see what could have happened."

Although hail damage was reported in many regions of the state, weather conditions seem to be improving. Recent reports from around the state indicate favorable crop conditions due to warmer weather and increased moisture.

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by district extension directors:

PANHANDLE: soil moisture adequate to surplus. Ranges in good to excellent condition. Livestock

good. Wheat good to fair; hail damage affecting yields. Cotton, peanut stands good. Corn stands good to excellent. Sorghum, soybean planting under way.

SOUTH PLAINS: soil moisture adequate. Pastures, ranges in good condition. Cotton planting under way. Sorghum and soybeans partially planted. Peanut planting completed. Hail damage to some crops reported in several counties.

ROLLING PLAINS: soil moisture adequate to surplus. Pastures, ranges in excellent condition. Cattle in good condition; cows, calves making headway. Wheat harvesting under way. Cotton crop good due to moist soil conditions. Grain sorghum planting under way.

NORTH TEXAS: soil moisture adequate to surplus. Pastures, ranges

poor to excellent; bermudagrass, ryegrass experiencing increased growth. Cattle fair to good. Oats, wheat being harvested. Brown rot persists on peaches. Phylloxera outbreaks in pecan crop.

EAST TEXAS: soil moisture adequate. Pastures, ranges improving with warmer temperatures. Cattle in good condition. Hay cutting under way. Early variety peaches being harvested. Pecan crop in good condition.

FAR WEST TEXAS: soil moisture short to adequate. Pastures, ranges fair; torrential downpours washed some fields out. Cattle good; supplemental feeding under way. Cotton planting nearing completion. Wheat good. Pecans poor; casebearer spraying under way.

WEST CENTRAL TEXAS: soil moisture adequate. Pastures good; weeds, winter grass green due to cool weather. Wheat harvesting under way. Oat, sorghum in excellent condition. Peaches, pecans good, but spraying for casebearers under way.

CENTRAL TEXAS: soil moisture adequate. Pastures, ranges in good condition. Cotton in fair to excellent condition. Wheat, oat harvesting under way. Corn, sorghum in excellent condition. Peanut planting under way.

SOUTHEAST TEXAS: soil moisture adequate. Pastures providing adequate to heavy grazing. Cattle in excellent condition but flies persist. Insects causing heavy damage to gardens, corn, sorghum, soybeans good. Oat harvesting, baling near completion.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS: soil moisture adequate. Pastures, ranges fair. Sorghum, wheat, oats in excellent condition. Corn silking under way. Onion, carrot, green beans harvesting under way. Peaches, pecan crop in good condition.

COASTAL BEND: soil moisture adequate to surplus. Pastures improving with sunshine. Field operations delayed due to wet severe weather. Corn in tasseling stage. Sorghum in heading stage. pecan crop good. Peach harvesting under way; excellent yields being reported.

SOUTH TEXAS: soil moisture adequate. Pastures good due to spring rainfall. Sorghum, cotton, sugarcane, corn in good condition. Melon crop suffered heavy losses due to wet weather. Onion harvesting complete. Citrus fruit harvesting under way.

Tobacco negotiators running out of time to settle slew of lawsuits

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Senate's top Republican says tobacco negotiators are running out of time to settle a slew of lawsuits filed by state attorneys because Congress, which must ratify any deal, soon won't be able to find a spot on its busy calendar.

"A magic moment comes, and if you don't get it, it's gone," Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said. "I think they're on the edge of losing it just because they've let it drag on too long."

Lott's comments Wednesday came as the lead tobacco negotiator, Mississippi Attorney General Michael Moore, met with top White House aides and also lobbied for support for a deal on Capitol Hill.

Moore joined tobacco company attorneys and Matthew Myers of the National Center for Tobacco-Free Kids at the White House, as the negotiators prepared to float possible final options for a deal with key

lawmakers this week.

The talks had been stalled after anti-tobacco attorneys told cigarette makers that they would not agree to limit sick smokers' ability to recover damages as part of any deal. The tobacco companies were furious but did not close the door on a settlement.

Responding to a request from the industry, anti-tobacco forces and the state attorneys general were preparing a written settlement proposal that is to be finished next week.

In a story posted on its Internet site late Wednesday, The Dallas Morning News quoted sources familiar with the new proposal as saying it would include a provision earmarking billions of dollars to provide health care coverage for some 5 million uninsured children.

It would ask the government to waive its claim to Medicaid money sought by the various states in their suits against the tobacco industry. In

return, the states would use the money to provide health care costs to uninsured children. About 60 percent of the money the attorneys general are seeking in their Medicaid suits actually belongs to the federal government.

While not restricting individuals' rights to sue the companies, the settlement would give cigarette makers the ability to predict future expenses through open-ended, specified annual payments in billions of dollars, the Morning News said.

"But this is a very hard-line proposal against the industry, and there's no guarantee they will accept it," Moore told the newspaper.

New Hampshire on Wednesday became the 33rd state to sue tobacco makers to recover the Medicaid costs of treating sick smokers. Moore is leading talks to settle those lawsuits by creating a megadeal that would set national tobacco policy for the next 25 years.

Cigarette makers could pay \$375 billion and agree to strict advertising curbs and to cut youth smoking. They also wanted protection against future lawsuits by smokers, but attorneys now are trying to get around that controversy by instead merely capping - at \$4 billion a year - the damages cigarette makers would have to pay in any one year.

Also Wednesday, tobacco companies won a surprise victory in Pennsylvania that might strengthen their hand at the negotiating table. A federal judge refused to allow some 1 million Pennsylvanians to join in a class-action lawsuit alleging they were addicted to cigarettes. The judge said such a large case would be too unwieldy.

But key to the talks now is Washington - where lobbyists are scurrying to see if any deal has a chance at passing Congress and winning President Clinton's approval. The Clinton administration earlier this week signaled that it was highly skeptical.

Lott is considered crucial to any deal not just because he leads the Senate, but because he is brother-in-law to a major negotiator, private anti-tobacco attorney Richard Scruggs.

Defense secretary backs general despite adulterous affair in past

WASHINGTON (AP) - Defense Secretary William Cohen is supporting an Air Force general to become President Clinton's top military adviser despite the officer's adulterous affair years ago while separated from his wife.

Gen. Joseph Ralston, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, has acknowledged having the affair with a civilian woman while separated from his wife in the 1980s, Pentagon officials said.

"I do not feel, after weighing his distinguished 32 years of service and given that it did not occur with someone in the military and does not affect good order and discipline, that it would disqualify him" from being considered, Cohen said in an interview Wednesday.

Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. John Shalikashvili also said he supports Ralston to succeed him as the nation's top military officer when Shalikashvili retires at the end of September.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said today he has confidence in Cohen's judgment.

"These are very difficult and emotional issues. If we're going to disqualify people with outstanding records of service with one mistake, then we're going to have difficulty keeping good people in the military," McCain told CNN.

Ralston, a much-decorated

Vietnam combat pilot and highly regarded officer who oversaw the Pentagon's most recent strategy and weapons review, has been Cohen's prime candidate to succeed Shalikashvili.

Ralston's fate will hinge on reaction from key members of Congress and Clinton to news of the affair he had 14 years ago.

The White House had no comment on the disclosure. Spokeswoman Anne Luzzatto said "it is a question that is more appropriately addressed by the Defense Department."

Revelation of Ralston's affair comes amid a flurry of sexual misconduct incidents in the military and just one day after Army Maj. Gen. John E. Longhouser acknowledged he had an affair years ago while separated from his wife and would retire.

Longhouser decided to retire after an anonymous tip of his affair to an Army sex-abuse hot line. He was in charge of the Army's Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland that has been the site of recent sexual

misconduct courts-martial involving drill sergeants and their female trainees.

In Longhouser's case, Cohen had said he thought retirement was appropriate because of the situation at Aberdeen.

The New York Times reported today that the Army's top enlisted soldier, Sgt. Maj. Gene C. McKinney, has requested retirement over charges of sexual misconduct and indecent assault involving four servicewomen. The Army is uncertain over how to deal with the request, the newspaper said.

Cohen said he has determined that the incident involving Ralston, in and of itself, should not bar him from being considered as Shalikashvili's replacement.

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