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Double fun

These four Hereford boys had double the fun Monday, jumping on a trampoline while keeping cool with a water sprinkler. Roy Rincon, Rodney Gaitan, Angel Mungia and Reyes Garcia said

their actions during the heat of the day provided the perfect way to spend a hot summer day.

Purchase price, taxes covered in property sale

By GEORGIA TYLER
Staff Writer

A 1996 real estate venture by the Deaf Smith County Commissioners' Court has paid off -- the county recovered the purchase price as well as most of the taxes and penalties outstanding on the property when bought.

Commissioners Monday morning accepted a bid of \$12,125 from Truman H. Thurston of Hereford for sale of the McMorries building and acreage, located on County Rd. 8, east of U.S. 385.

In other business, commissioners: -- Heard a report on the county's options on recent federal legislation on employee health insurance.

-- Accepted a bid for sealcoating on county roads.

-- Adopted job descriptions for precinct road and bridge foremen and employees.

-- Designated a single polling place for the Aug. 9 state constitutional amendment election.

-- Voted a \$1 per hour raise for election workers and agreed to conduct the election on paper ballots.

-- Appointed County Clerk David Ruland to sign county checks in the absence of County Auditor Alex Schroeter.

The McMorries building was purchased by the county in April 1996 for the amount of outstanding taxes on the property, \$9,650, owing to taxing entities, excluding Deaf Smith County.

At the time, the owner also owed Deaf Smith County \$2,304 in taxes and \$1,788 in penalties.

By accepting the Thurston bid, the county recovered most of the cost of the property and taxes due at the time. Return of the property to tax rolls

also is a plus in the transaction. Deaf Smith County Chief Appraiser Fred Fox said the appraisal on the building and land was \$22,420.

Commissioners envisioned converting the building into a juvenile detention center with juvenile probation offices located in the facility.

In recent weeks, however, Commissioners' Court accepted recommendations to add on and improve the present juvenile home.

A bid of \$8,250 for the McMorries building was rejected at the court's June 9 meeting and commissioners called for new bids. The \$12,125 bid by Thurston was the only bid received Monday.

Cost of the juvenile center project is estimated at \$54,000. Commissioners have agreed to pursue a matching grant from the Amarillo Area Foundation for funding.

Health insurance concerns before the court Monday were related to the recently enacted federal legislation on "portability and accountability" in health care insurance.

Rick Holder of Lubbock, administrator for the county's self-insurance program, told commissioners that the law allows counties to "opt out" of the pre-existing condition and mental health parity items in the law.

The law provides that persons who change jobs must be covered by their new employer without regard to a pre-existing condition, Holder said. However, there is a provision that allows non-federal governmental entities to opt out of the program.

The law also removes a "cap" on treatment for mental health, which the

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First Lady's grand jury secret testimony explained delay in turning over records

By PETE YOST
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - In secret grand jury testimony, Hillary Rodham Clinton explained a two-year delay in turning over her law firm billing records to prosecutors by saying she relied on a low-level aide to handle her personal papers, according to individuals familiar with her testimony.

Lawyers and others familiar with Mrs. Clinton's historic grand jury appearance on Jan. 26, 1996, also said prosecutors' questions that day focused on the first lady's conduct since her husband won the White House.

There were no questions about her work during the 1980s on a failed Arkansas land development called Castle Grande that has been the focus of much of the Whitewater probe, according to the individuals, who are outside the prosecutor's office. They spoke only on condition of anonymity.

The outlines of the first lady's four-hour grand jury appearance emerged Monday as the Supreme Court handed the Clintons a setback in Whitewater amid continuing signs

of prosecutors' interest in the first lady.

The Supreme Court refused to hear a White House appeal of a lower court ruling that required presidential lawyers to turn over to prosecutors notes they took of conversations with Mrs. Clinton.

The White House, which tried to keep the papers secret by claiming they were covered by attorney-client privilege, surrendered the notes Monday night, ending a yearlong battle.

One set of notes covered Mrs. Clinton's debriefing by her private attorneys and White House lawyers following her grand jury testimony.

According to the lawyers familiar with that testimony, the topics Mrs. Clinton was questioned about included:

- Telephone calls the first lady had with her chief of staff, Margaret Williams, and her longtime confidant, Susan Thomas, in the days following the death of Deputy White House Counsel Vincent Foster in July 1993. Prosecutors are investigating whether the first lady had a role in keeping career Justice Department prosecutors away from the Clintons'

personal papers that were in Foster's office.

"The first lady's conversation with Thomases in the White House family residence seven days after Foster's death - the same day that the Clintons' personal lawyer picked up a box of the Clintons' papers that had been moved from Foster's White House office into the family residence. Thomases says she doesn't recall being in the White House that day, but White House logs show she was there for several hours. The first lady told the grand jury she could recall little of telephone calls or of talking to Thomases.

- Mrs. Clinton's role in producing documents to Whitewater prosecutors starting in 1994. Carolyn Huber, a longtime assistant to Mrs. Clinton, says she found the billing records on a table in the family residence in 1995, but didn't realize what they were until the first week of January 1996. That was more than two years after they were subpoenaed by the Justice Department at the inception of the Whitewater probe.

"Basically, you're looking at a situation where the first lady was" telling the grand jury that "she was

relying on the keeper of the records, Carolyn, as the person to check with in order to respond to requests for documents," said one source.

"That's not to say the first lady didn't talk to her private lawyers and White House lawyers about where documents might be located," the source said.

The first lady's grand jury appearance left Mrs. Clinton's own advisers with the clear impression that prosecutors were delving into whether she had a role in the removal of records from Foster's office and the mysterious disappearance and then reappearance of her own billing records, the lawyers said.

Bearing Foster's handwriting, Mrs. Clinton's billing records reveal her work as a private lawyer on Castle Grande, which was owned by her

Whitewater partner Jim McDougal and Seth Ward, the father-in-law of Webster Hubbell. The failure of Castle Grande, which ended up costing taxpayers \$4 million, was the focus of last year's successful bank fraud prosecution of the Clintons' former Whitewater partners and then-Gov. Jim Guy Tucker.

Prison terms assessed in District Court session

Probated sentences of two offenders were revoked and terms in prison were assessed Monday by Judge David Wesley Gulley of 222nd District Court.

O.J. Rodriguez, convicted in 1994 of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, was ordered to serve six years in Texas Department of Criminal Justice on revocation of probation. Judge Gulley observed that Rodriguez had been given three opportunities to serve the probation.

"I can't place him on probation, again," said the judge in ordering Rodriguez to prison.

Another offender, Marcos Castillo, will serve concurrent six-year and two-year sentences on revocation of probation on two charges. He was ordered to TDCJ-institutional division for six years after probation assessed for burglary was revoked.

A two-year state jail sentence was given Castillo on revocation of his probation for delivery of a controlled substance, cocaine. The sentences will be served concurrently.

Julian Benito Benavidez was ordered to serve a two-year state jail sentence on a conviction for burglary of a building. Judge Gulley probated the sentence for five years.

Guilty pleas were heard from two offenders during the court session.

Jesus Apodaca, 28, was given a two-year state jail sentence, probated five years, on his plea of guilty to criminal non-support. He also was ordered to make restitution of \$7,743.

A state jail sentence of two years, probated five years, was handed down to Fidencio G. Torres, 45, who entered a guilty plea to criminal non-support. Restitution of \$23,790 was ordered.

Fire marshal hopes for repeat of fireworks record

By JACK STEIN
Brand Editor

A record established last summer is worth repeating, according to Hereford Fire Marshal Jay Spain.

"We didn't have any fires started by fireworks last year during the Fourth of July celebrations," the fire marshal said, "the first time ever, and I would like to see this trend continue."

With the annual Fourth of July celebration less than two weeks away, fireworks will be on sale in rural areas and Spain wants to remind local residents that the use of fire works inside the city limits is illegal.

Last year the area was under a burning ban and citizens were extremely cautious. Spain explained while asking that they have the same attitude this year as the nation approaches the Fourth of July celebration.

The ban last year forced

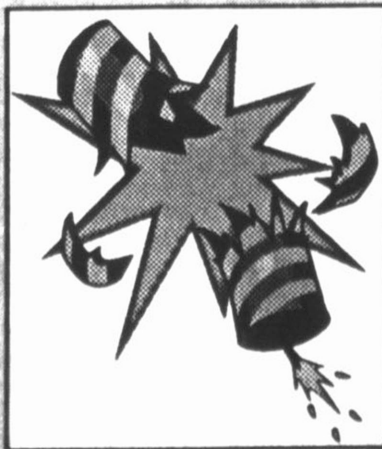
cancellation of the annual Chamber of Commerce fireworks show but that tradition will resume this year, the fire marshal said because conditions are more acceptable for the show.

Acknowledging that many people like to celebrate the birthday of the nation with the use of fireworks, Spain offers a reminder that even the possession of fireworks is illegal in Hereford.

Persons caught possessing or using fireworks will have their fireworks confiscated and a ticket issued by his department or police, Spain said. Fines for violating the fireworks laws could result in a fine of up to \$200.

State law allows the sale to the general public of only Class C fireworks at authorized retail locations, but these are prohibited within the Hereford city limits.

Sale of the fireworks is prohibited to persons under the



age of 12 and those persons who are intoxicated or considered incompetent.

In all areas, the use of fireworks is prohibited within 600 feet of any church or hospital, licensed child care facility and public or private primary or secondary schools and institutions of higher learning.

Sale and use near areas where

flammable liquids or compressed gases are stored or dispensed is also illegal.

The use of fireworks within 100 feet of a place where the fireworks are sold is also prohibited.

Discharge of fireworks within or from a motor vehicle is also illegal in Texas.

Spain also provided guidelines from the Texas Commission on Fire Protection for use of fireworks.

- Buy only from a licensed vendor who is licensed by the State Fire Marshal's office.

- Know the law in your community. It is illegal to use fireworks in Hereford.

- Read and follow directions exactly to prevent injury and/or possible death.

- Use fireworks in an outdoor setting only, keeping them away from flammable materials.

- Keep a bucket of water nearby while setting off fireworks. This can be poured on any malfunction-

ing fireworks or fires accidentally started.

- Never let children use fireworks.

- Keep everyone a safe distance from the area where fireworks are ignited. Watch children under 15 very closely.

- Be sure the fireworks will not contact or land on any potentially dangerous objects.

- Never touch a firework after it has been ignited.

- Never experiment with fireworks by taking them apart or mixing with other ingredients.

- After you have finished lighting fireworks, cool the remains with water and collect all used fireworks materials and place them in a metal container, cover with water to again reduce the chance of an accidental fire.

Spain also reminds residents of the area that persons using fireworks can be held liable for any damages caused by use of these items.

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Local Roundup

Garage sales needed

Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce Executive Vice President Don Cumpton is looking for a "bunch more" garage sale sponsors for the Citywide Garage Sale July 19. Sponsored by the chamber's retail committee, the Garage Sale/Sidewalk Sale/Arts and Crafts Show will begin at 8 a.m. and continue until 5 p.m. Cumpton is asking local residents to "Please call the chamber and sign up to have a garage sale. We need at least 100 garage sales to make this a big success." The Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce can be reached at 364-3333.

Partly clouder, cooler

Hereford recorded a high of 96 Monday and a low of 64 this morning, according to records at KPAN. Tonight, partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Low in the lower 60s. Breezy with south wind 15-25 mph. Wednesday, partly cloudy and cooler with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. High around 80. Wind becoming east to northeast 10-15 mph. Wednesday night, partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Low around 60. Slight chance of late afternoon and evening thunderstorms continues through Saturday.

Annual Red Cross meeting set

The annual Members Meeting of the Tri County Chapter of the American Red Cross will be held at 6:30 p.m. tonight, Tuesday, in the banquet room of Hereford Community Center. Included on the agenda is the election of new board members. A hamburger supper will be served.

News Digest

World/Nation

WASHINGTON - Lawmakers fed up with China's persistent human rights, weapons and trade abuses are trying again to reverse the administration's policy and strip China of its trade status with the United States.

UNITED NATIONS - The big names flew in from London, Paris, Washington. But it took a quiet man from the faraway Pacific to bring home the meaning of the U.N. Earth Summit - and the growing dread of global warming. The sea is already rising out in the mid-Pacific, the president of tiny Micronesia told delegates on Monday, opening day of the week-long conference. Scientists haven't confirmed any general rise in ocean levels but Pacific islanders believe something is already happening. Reports in recent months from the Marshalls, Kiribati and the Carteret atoll off Papua New Guinea tell of unusual tidal activity and rising waters washing away homes.

WASHINGTON - Those ratings that pop up at the beginning of each TV show are likely to soon change. Just 5 months old, the TV ratings are expected to be augmented to give parents more information to shield children from excessive violence, sex and crude language.

NEW YORK - Three overweight people - including two children so fat they have trouble walking - have provided a scientific prize: the first genetic defects known to make people obese. One child is an 8-year-old girl who weighs 190 pounds. Her 2-year-old cousin weighs 64 pounds, more than twice as much as most boys that age. Their problem is something scientists had been hunting intensively around the world, a defect in the gene that tells the body how to make a hormone called leptin.

WASHINGTON - Some day, federal taxes may be reformed and simplified - but first, they're going to get a bit more complicated. The cuts Congress is considering this week and the alternatives President Clinton prefers will add new lines, forms and instructions to a tax system that is regularly denounced as too complex.

State

AUSTIN - The heavy and seemingly nonstop rains drenching Central Texas have city and county health departments abuzz over mosquitos.

FORT WORTH - Joe Earl Allcock wants to clean up Fort Worth. He also wants the public to see a kinder, gentler side of the Ku Klux Klan. The state says he can save it: the Klan isn't fit even to pick up trash.

DEVINE - Union Pacific investigators are questioning dispatchers in Nebraska and the survivors of a fiery train collision to determine how the deadly head-on crash occurred.

WASHINGTON - As Congress heads for crucial votes this week on a balanced-budget package, Texas lawmakers are expressing deep concern about a proposal that would slash the state's Medicaid funding by nearly \$1 billion over five years.

AUSTIN - The Hertz and Avis car rental companies have reached a deal with the Texas Department of Insurance to refund about \$6 million to Texans who purchased liability coverage from the companies. State Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer made the announcement Monday.

Obituaries

CHAD WILLIAMS

June 21, 1997
Chad Williams, 27, of Irving, a former Amarillo resident, died Saturday.
Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Paramount Terrace Christian Church, 4000 Mays Drive, with the Rev. Roy S. Wheeler, pastor, officiating. Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery. Arrangements are by Schooler Funeral Home, 4100 Georgia St.
Mr. Williams was born in Hereford. He had moved with his family to Amarillo, shortly thereafter. He was a graduate of Amarillo High School. He was also a graduate of West Texas A&M University.
He grew up working with his family's auction company until they discontinued the business, at which time he became an advertising representative for the Amarillo Globe-News, and subsequently the Wall Street Journal in Dallas.
He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity and Paramount Terrace Christian Church.
He married Holly Johnson in 1993 at Amarillo.
Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Taylor; his parents, Jancen

and Arvell Williams of Amarillo; a sister, Cody of Dallas; his grandmothers, Bettye Burnett and June Johnson, both of Amarillo and Zoe Williams of Hereford; and his grandparents, Dorothy and William Hamer of Hereford.
The family requests memorials be to the American Lung Association of Texas.
SHERRI MCJIMSEY BOWMAN
June 20, 1997
Sherri McJimsey Bowman, 39, of Amarillo, died Friday.
Services were at 2 p.m. Monday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Edwin Norris officiating. Burial was at Silverton Cemetery. Arrangements were by Myers-Long Funeral Directors of Silverton.
She was born in Hereford and attended Silverton schools. She received her bachelor's degree in nursing from Midwestern State University.
She married Gary Bowman in 1993 at Silverton.
Survivors include her husband; and her mother, Ann McJimsey of Silverton.
The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.



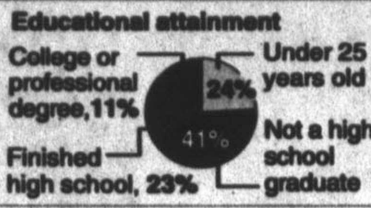
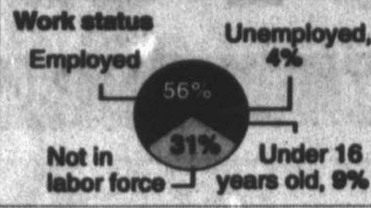
Texas' foreign born population

Foreign born residents made up almost 11 percent, or 2 million, of Texas' population in 1996.



Country of birth	Population
Mexico	1,345,000
Other Asia	114,000
India	88,000
Vietnam	78,000
El Salvador	64,000
Other Central America	60,000
Other Europe	50,000
Elsewhere	45,000
South America	44,000
Philippines	37,000
Germany	31,000
Dominican Republic	25,000
Canada	24,000
Great Britain	18,000
China	17,000
Other Caribbean	15,000
Korea	10,000
Cuba	9,000
Jamaica	6,000

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, and U.S. Bureau of the Census.



Lake Travis feeling brunt of storms

By CHIP BROWN
Associated Press Writer
LAKEWAY, Texas (AP) - A tearful Tammy Keller helped move a television set, her daughter's pink bicycle and racks of clothes out of her two-story home near Lake Travis and into a rented trailer.

Nearly everything was out of her house except a collection of porcelain figurines high on a shelf on the second floor.

That part of the house was expected to be spared today as water continued rising from driving weekend rains. The downpour turned peaceful creeks into white-water rapids, killed three people in Bandera County and one man in Brown County in Central Texas.

"Thank God for family and friends," Ms. Keller said through tears. "Everyone in the world has called to help us."

The Kellers, who were told water likely would fill the first floor of their home and six inches of the second floor, were among hundreds of families who evacuated homes Monday along swollen river and lake beds from Hondo, west of San Antonio, to Lakeway, just west of Austin.

Austin's Lake Travis was expected to be the hardest hit because it is the primary downstream repository for the Colorado River basin.

Scattered showers were in the forecast for the next several days.

The Lower Colorado River Authority, which provides water and electric service to about 1 million residents in 58 counties, projected that water levels in Lake Travis would rise from a normal of 685 feet above sea level to 710 feet by early morning today as upstream rainwater pours in.

That would match a record level following Christmas Day flooding in 1991 that damaged approximately 300 homes on the Lake Travis shoreline.

LCRA officials estimate that roughly 400 homes on Lake Travis will be damaged by the most recent flooding, as well as 80 homes near Marble Falls and 80 more near Llano. Both towns are along the swollen Colorado River. Water levels on the Llano River were the highest since 1952.

The floods left little question that last year's drought, which cost the state \$5 billion, had been broken. Robert Cullick, an LCRA

Senate, House move to ban military honors

By JOHN DIAMOND
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Both houses of Congress are moving swiftly on legislation spawned by the Oklahoma City bombing and a Ku Klux Klan killing in Alabama to prevent murderers from receiving military honors at their funerals.

In a 416-0 vote, the House approved Monday an amendment by Rep. Spencer Bachus, R-Ala., to deny military funeral benefits to anyone convicted of a state or federal crime in which death is a possible punishment or who has been sentenced to prison without parole.

The Senate last week passed a similar measure 98-0 amid concern that Timothy McVeigh, convicted in the Oklahoma City bombing, could be buried in a national military ceremony with full honors.

Bachus said another high-profile crime prompted his proposal: the 1981 slaying of a black Mobile, Ala., teen-ager by Ku Klux Klan members. Henry Francis Hays, executed earlier this month in connection with the murder, was buried in a Mobile cemetery with a military honor guard, a 12-gun salute and a flag-draped coffin. The honor stemmed from Hays' brief stint in the Army in the early 1970s.

The victim, Michael Donald, was chosen by the Klansmen at random following the killing of a white Birmingham policeman. He was beaten, his throat was slit and he was hanged.

Newspaper photographs of Hays' burial ceremony sparked sharp criticism in Mobile of the practice of providing military honors with no apparent regard to later actions of the veteran.

"In a military ceremony, we said to our children and our grandchildren, 'We're overlooking this (crime), this is a good soldier,'" Bachus said. The incident, he said, caused people to ask, "Who is entitled to a hero's funeral? Who are our heroes?"

A Denver jury June 13 sentenced McVeigh to die for the 1995 bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City that killed 168 people. He has made no public statements about where he wants to be buried if executed.

Members of Congress have been angered by speculation that McVeigh might use his status as a decorated veteran of the Persian Gulf War to obtain a burial with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery or some other military burial ground.

spokesman, said, "If you look back in history, droughts are always broken by floods. Texas just doesn't know how to be moderate."

"We got enough water in Lake Travis in the last 24-hour period for about 60,000 families for a year," Cullick said. "I would say the drought is definitely broken."

In Brown County Monday afternoon, searchers found the body of Sherman Edward Henrex, 61, of May. Divers found his body about 300 yards downstream from the low-water crossing his car was swept from shortly after midnight.

Eva Zweiner of Bandera was killed after she and her husband were washed off State Highway 16 early Sunday. Her husband was rescued after being found clinging to a tree branch in flood waters, Sheriff James MacMillan said.

Kevin Blankenship of Bandera also was killed after his vehicle was swept away at a low-water crossing, MacMillan said. Neither Zweiner's nor Blankenship's ages were available.

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county would not be required to adopt, Holder said.

Commissioners took no action on the health care issue, deciding to ask for some guidance from the Texas Association of Counties. County Judge Tom Simons said the issue will be resolved before renewal of health insurance in October.

Job descriptions for precinct foremen and employees were approved. Commissioner Troy Don Moore of Precinct 3 presented the documents, noting that the job descriptions are necessary for hiring personnel.

Since the constitutional amendment election on Aug. 9 is the same day as the Hereford Town and County Jubilee celebration, Ruland suggested that the county's election boxes be combined into one site, at the county courthouse. He said he expects a light turnout for the election.

Texas voters will decide whether property owners in school districts will receive a homestead exemption of \$15,000. The current exemption is \$5,000. Legislation to reduce property taxes required an amendment to the constitution by voters.

Ruland recommended that workers in the election be paid at an hourly rate of \$6, an increase of \$1 per hour. Commissioners adopted his recommendation.

Ruland reported that paper ballots will be used in an economy measure. "We can do it much cheaper," he said, noting that he estimates the election will attract only about 500 voters.

Commissioners approved appointment of Ruland as a co-signer on county checks when the auditor, Schroeter is unavailable.

A seal coating project on five to 10 miles of county roads was scaled back after the only bid submitted for the job was higher than commissioners expected.

A bid of \$46,150 for five miles of seal coating was turned in by Lipham Construction. Cost per square yard was pegged at 71 cents. A 10-mile job was bid at \$87,100, or 67 cents per yard.

Commissioner Wayne Betzen of Precinct 1 said he could get by with two to three miles and look at needs again next year. His motion, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to contract for less than five miles was adopted.

Also attending the meeting was Commissioner Johnny Latham of Precinct 4. Commissioner Lupe Chavez of Precinct 2 was out of the city.

Jeff Whitley, 12, was killed in a traffic accident blamed on wet streets in Bandera County, MacMillan said.

Emergency shelters were set up in six counties. Gov. George W. Bush said eight Blackhawk helicopters operated by members of the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Texas National Guard were used to save some 100 citizens stranded by rising waters.

"It's amazing how extreme the weather patterns have been," Bush said. "A year ago, we were worried about (supplying) drinking water for a lot of citizens. Now we're worried about flooding."

The Kellers, who operate a marina on their property, were praying for rain last year when they had to move their boat landings 400 yards into the lake bed.

"We wished for rain last year and got it all this year," said Keller Bradford, 29, a relative helping the family evacuate. "There's nothing you can do. It's part of living on a lake."

Several homes were completely submerged in a flood plain along Lake Travis known as Graveyard Point. Linda Wheeler used a small raft to reach her home, which stands on stilts about 15 feet above the ground, in that area.



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

5-1-8
(five, one, eight)

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

9-11-20-22-28
(nine, eleven, twenty, twenty-two, twenty-eight)

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

4-6-8
(Four, six, eight)

No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

A grand prize would have been \$15 million if a ticket matched all six numbers drawn from a field of 50: 28, 31, 34, 41, 43 and 47.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$21 million.

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Lifestyles

Ann Landers

Child molestation leaves scars, molesters don't deserve break

Dear Ann Landers: I am writing about the letter from "Also a Victim in Pittsburgh," who is in prison for killing a man. Apparently, "Pittsburgh" had been sexually abused by an uncle when he was a child, and he believed the man he killed was that uncle. You said you didn't know enough about the writer's case to offer an opinion. Well, I'm a male, and I would like to comment. This is what happened to me.

When I was 10 years old, my 18-year-old adoptive sister began to sexually molest me. This repeated abuse took place for about two years, and then, it stopped abruptly. I didn't know that women could molest boys, and it confused me. The confusion turned to anger, and then, the anger turned to hatred. The hatred turned to out-of-control rage, and an innocent man lost his life. I will spend the rest of my days in prison because of it.

I have been incarcerated for nine years now, and thanks to a lot of therapy, I was able to confront my adoptive parents and tell them what their daughter did to me. Their only comment was "That's water under the bridge."

Ann, please inform your readers that child molestation is a horrible thing and that girls can molest young boys and "water under the bridge" doesn't cut it. It can damage a child

forever. Nobody knows this better than I do. -- Paying the Price in Salem, Ore.

Dear Salem: Your story is a sad one, and I thank you for having the courage to tell it. You have educated a great many people today, and I am grateful to you.

The next letter is from a reader who agrees that child molestation can leave lifelong scars and that molesters don't deserve a break:

Dear Ann Landers: You missed the boat in your response to the Texas mother whose 7-year-old daughter was molested by a 16-year-old cousin. While you were wise to recommend therapy, in most states, any adult who suspects the sexual abuse of a child is required by law to report it to Child Protection Services.

As a psychologist, I believe that people can change and should be given the opportunity to do so, but molesters are an exception. They rarely stop, even with therapy. Sexual abusers of children should be offered counseling, but it should take place during long prison sentences. And those sentences should never be reduced for "good behavior." These abusers should not be given the opportunity to find new victims.

Although many sexual abusers were abused themselves, there are plenty of abused children who do not grow up to become predators. To

suggest, as some people do, that having been abused as a child is an excuse for such behavior, is a cop-out.

In Minnesota, we have a new community notification law that requires community members to be notified when sex offenders are released back into the neighborhood. While I applaud this effort to protect women and children, it isn't enough. Our legal system, designed and still mostly run by men, needs to be changed. Until it is, millions of women and children will continue to be sexually abused. -- A Weary Witness in Minnesota

Dear Witness: I appreciate your presenting another point of view. Almost all authorities on molestation agree with you. Thanks for writing.

Gem of the Day: It is true that ultra-conservatives miss a lot, but don't be so open-minded that your brains fall out.

Is that Ann Landers column you clipped years ago yellow with age? For a copy of her most frequently requested poems and essays, send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$5.25 (this includes postage and handling) to: Gems, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$6.25.) ANN LANDERS (R) COPYRIGHT 1997 CREATORS SYNDICATE, INC.



Bidding for bedding

Keel Ruland displays a quilt which will be up for bids during the auction to be held in conjunction with the annual King's Manor Barbecue on July 12. The quilt was made and donated by members of Wesley United Methodist Church.

Auxiliary presents pins

The Ladies Auxiliary to Roy Wederbrook Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4818 met recently with Betty Boggs, senior vice president, presiding.

Special guests at the supper preceding the meeting were Tom Draper and Tom Goheen.

Pins presented were: 40 years-Argen Draper; 20 years-Doris Wilson; 15 years-Sadie Shaw; and 10 years-Terryc Rhyne.

Pins will be presented later to Erma Loving-30 years; Linda Dutton-10 years and Valerie Artho-five years.

Members present were Mildred Clements, Erma Murphey, Peggy Oakes, Imogene Sweeney, Inez Houston, Boggs, Draper, Goheen and Rhyne.

The next meeting will be at 8 p.m. on July 7, preceded by supper at 7 p.m.

Hospital Notes

Report from Hereford Regional Medical Center on June 23:

Admitted: Doris Kerr. Discharged: Carlos Trevino, Ronni Jo Owens, Pertie Cocanougher, Manuel Hernandez, Jose Balderaz, Sara Johnson, Kelly Goodin.

Report on June 24: Admitted: None. Discharged: None.

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Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Tuesday, June 24, the 175th day of 1997. There are 190 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
Five-hundred years ago, on June 24, 1497, the first recorded sighting of North America by a European took place as explorer John Cabot, on a voyage for England, spotted land, probably in present-day Canada.

On this date:
In 1968, "Resurrection City," a shantytown constructed as part of the Poor People's March on Washington, D.C., was closed by authorities.

In 1975, 113 people were killed

when an Eastern Airlines Boeing 727 crashed while attempting to land during a thunderstorm at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport.

Ten years ago: Comedian-actor Jackie Gleason died at his home in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., at age 71.

Five years ago: The Supreme Court, in a 5-4 decision, strengthened its 30-year ban on officially sponsored worship in public schools, prohibiting prayer as a part of graduation ceremonies.

One year ago: A jury ordered the city of Philadelphia to pay \$1.5 million in damages for the bombing

of MOVE headquarters in 1985 that killed 11 people.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Al Molinaro is 78. Comedian Jack Carter is 74. Movie director Claude Chabrol is 67. Actress Michele Lee is 55. Musician Mick Fleetwood is 55. Actor-director Georg Stanford Brown is 54. Rock musician Jeff Beck is 53. Singer Arthur Brown is 53. New York Gov. George Pataki is 52. Rock singer Colin Blunstone (The Zombies) is 52. Actor Peter Weller is 50. Rock musician John Illsley (Dire Straits) is 48. Actress Nancy Allen is 47. Reggae singer Derrick Simpson (Black Uhuru) is 47. Reggae singer Astro (UB40) is 40. Singer-musician Andy McCluskey (Orchestral Manoeuvres in the Dark) is 38. Rock singer-musician Curt Smith (formerly Tears for Fears) is 36. Actress Sherry Stringfield is 30. Singer Glenn Medeiros is 27.

Thought for Today: "There is a way to look at the past. Don't hide from it. It will not catch you if you don't repeat it." - Pearl Bailey, American singer and actress (1918-1990).

Students named on honors lists

Jason Eades and Ted Peabody of Hereford were listed on Hardin-Simmons University's President's list for the spring semester.

Scott Shaw was listed on the Dean's List.

The President's List requires taking at 12 semester hours and completing all courses with a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

The Dean's List requires at least a 3.75 GPA on all courses taken with a minimum of 12 semester hours.

HIV testing is offered free in Panhandle area

Planned Parenthood of Hereford and the Texas Panhandle is participating in National HIV Testing Day Friday by offering free HIV testing from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

National HIV Testing Day is sponsored by the Association of People with Aids, and was established to encourage people to get tested so they may benefit from early detection if they test positive or to begin or continue behavior modification to prevent infection if they test negative.

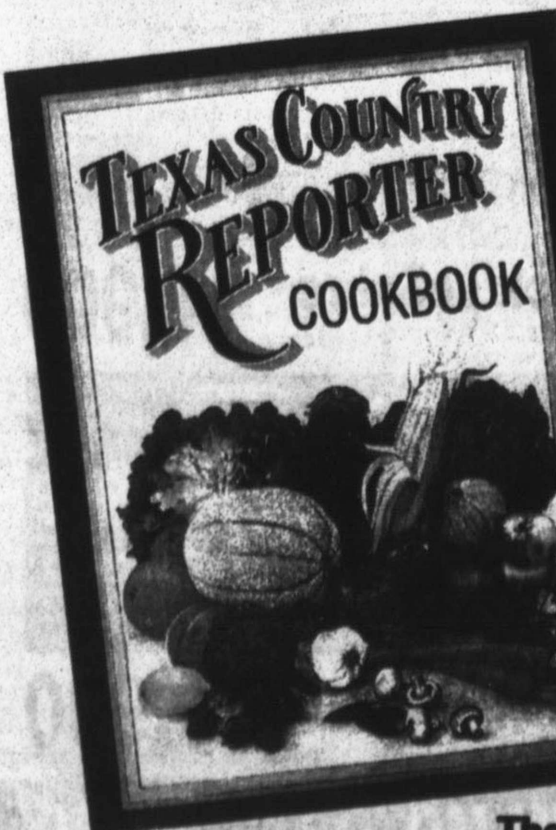
It is estimated that only 30 percent of the general population and 40 percent of those engaged in high risk behaviors have tested for HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. Last year Panhandle Planned Parenthood provided 2,398 HIV tests in addition to its other health and family planning services.

Free testing will be available at most Planned Parenthood Clinics

throughout the Panhandle. In addition to the clinic in Hereford located at 110 N. 25 Mile Avenue, Suite G, you may walk in and be tested at the Downtown Clinic, 1501 S. Taylor; the West Amarillo Clinic, 2300 Bell St. Suite 15; and the Canyon Clinic, 1410 4th Avenue.

Planned Parenthood is a not for profit health service organization serving the uninsured, under insured and low income population in 17 offices covering 26 counties in the Texas Panhandle. It provides family planning methods, education, physical examinations, screenings for hypertension, diabetes, anemia, HIV and sexually transmitted diseases regardless of ability to pay.

For more information about Planned Parenthood or the National HIV Testing Day, call Sherald Webb at 364-5641.



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Local players among top tennis finishers

Two Hereford residents were among the top finishers in the youth tennis tournament last week at Hereford High School.

Nelson Beville finished second in the Boys 16 singles event and Diana Detton made it to the quarter finals of the girls 16 to 18 singles.

Beville lost 6-2, 6-0 to Bo Ames of Dimmit in the finals match.

The Hereford High School sophomore moved into the finals by winning two consecutive matches after a first round bye when his opponent did not compete.

His first on-court competition resulted in a 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 win over Brad Jones of Canyon followed by a 6-0, 6-4 win over Matthew Parker of Plainview.

Detton lost a tough match to Jessica Williams of Plainview, 6-4, 6-4, in her final competition of the tournament.

Moore Rodeo this weekend

Sanctioned rodeo will return to Moore County June 27-28 when the West Texas Cowboy Classic Rodeo is hosted by the local chamber of commerce.

Rodeo events will take place at the Moore County Rodeo Arena in Dumas and will be sanctioned by the Texas Cowboy Rodeo Association (TCRA).

Each night the rodeo will begin with the pivots set by the Cal Farley's Boys Ranch Honor Patrol and there will also be a dance each night of the rodeo.

A queen contest is also scheduled along with a calf scramble for children at each night's intermission.

Competition will include all of the standard rodeo events, saddle bronc riding, bull riding, barrel races, team roping, calf roping, bulldogging, bareback riding and girls break away roping.

The queen's contest will be Saturday at 1:30 p.m. and is open to girls ages 16-19 who live within a 50-mile radius of Dumas. Judging will be based on interviews, congeniality and horsemanship.

Dances will begin at 9 p.m. each night in the Moore County Community Building. Spanish music of Univerzo will be featured at the Friday dance and the Country and Western band, Kraeker Jack, will perform Saturday.

Additional information may be obtained from the Moore County Chamber of Commerce (806) 935-2123.

Earlier she defeated Tiffany Blackburn of Friona, 6-1, 6-1 and then beat Katie Booth of Amarillo 7-5, 6-2.

Also in that bracket, Hereford's Kyle Auckerman advanced to the second round before losing to Katy Dorrity of Plainview, 6-1, 6-0.

Bryanne Bryant also advanced to the second round with a 7-6, 7-6 win over Melanie Symons before losing to Mandy Trudo 6-4, 6-2.

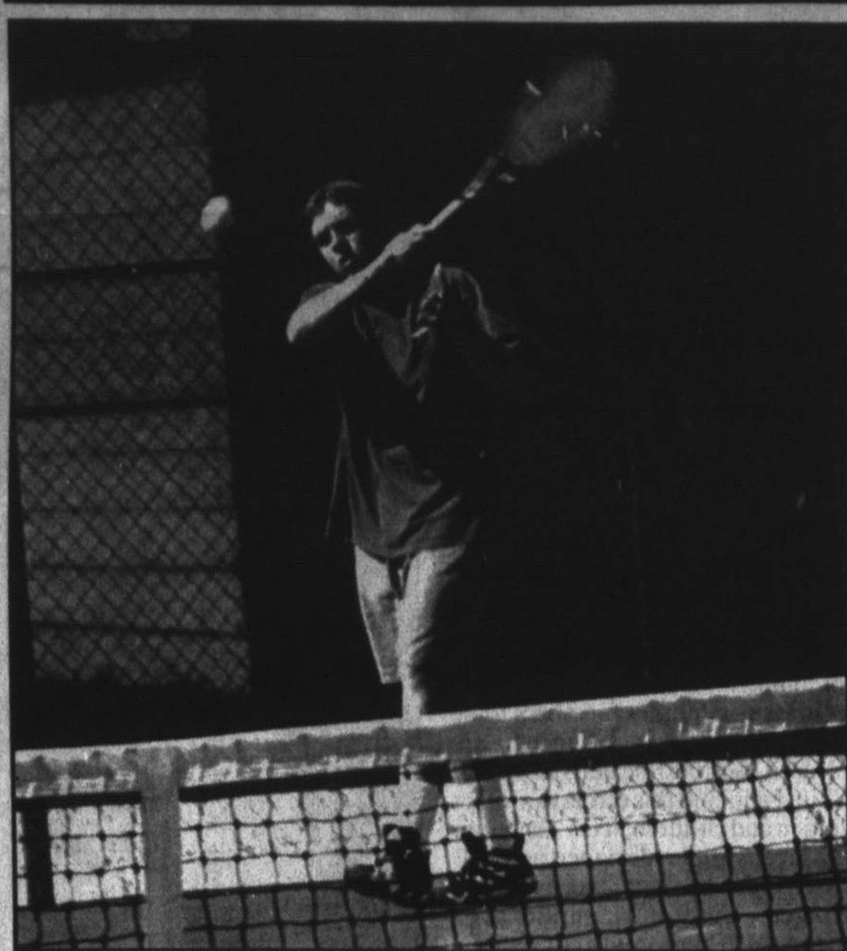
Lisa Riley and Noell Merrick were lost tough first round matches in the girls singles event. Riley lost to Jessica Williams of Plainview, 6-4, 6-2 and Merrick was defeated by Stephanie Lechner, 6-0, 6-2.

In the Boys 14 Singles Nathan Howell lost his second round match with Michael Cornelison, 7-5, 4-6, 6-2.

Harry Hoffman competed in the Boys 16 Singles but lost to Brand Jones of Canyon, 6-2, 6-3. Jones lost the next match to Beville.

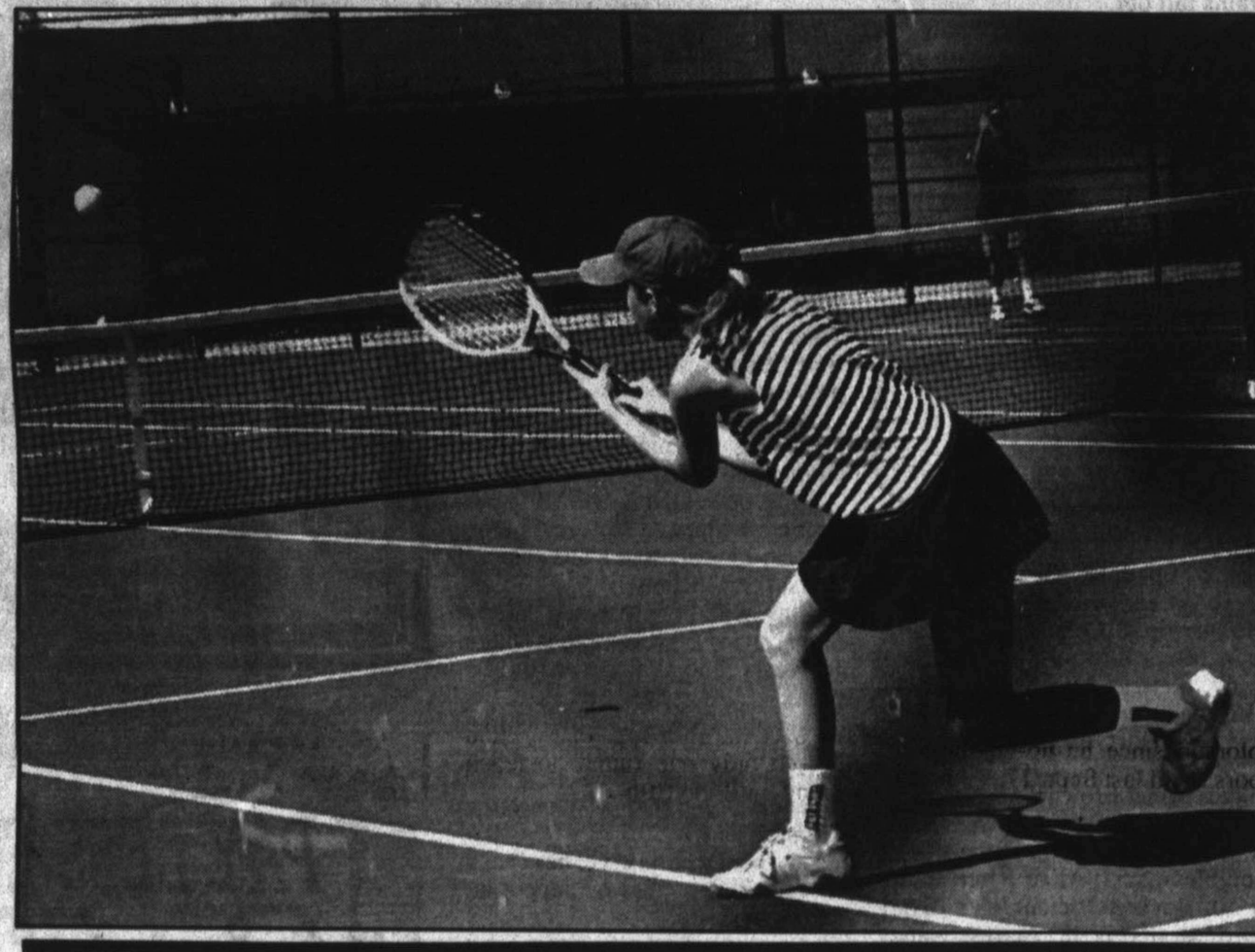
In the Girls 12-14 Doubles the team of Pegina and Kickaby lost to an Amarillo team, Yirak and Collier.

The Girls 16-18 Doubles saw Bryant and Riley take a first round win over Blackburn and Campbell of Friona, 3-6, 7-6, 6-0 before losing to Williams and Dorrity of Plainview, 6-0, 6-1 in the finals.



Top finishers

Nelson Beville (top) returns a serve from an opposing player in a tennis tournament Saturday at Hereford High School while Diana Detton (bottom) anticipates a serve from her opponent. Both made it to the higher rounds of the tournament before elimination.



Rugby enthusiasts hope to attract U.S. interest in game

By NEAL FARMER

Houston Chronicle
HOUSTON - Southwest Park in Alief looks like a normal, run-of-the-mill sports complex where children are summering and playing games.

Tennis instruction is under way at the tennis courts, and soccer practices are in progress on the open fields.

Sandwiched between tennis and soccer, kids are throwing around what appears at first glance to be a football. They are not. These kids are learning to play rugby as part of an experiment that U.S. Rugby officials hope will follow in soccer's successful footsteps.

"We're 30 years behind soccer in the United States," said John Connolly, co-director of Houston Youth Rugby and a co-coach of the successful Rice University Rugby team. "Soccer officials saw the future and knew that their sport could be the next great one (for American youths). We're stealing a page from their book, trying to get rugby before kids and let them see it now."

Connolly said he doubts rugby will be as popular as football, basketball and baseball with American youths. But to succeed in rugby, he said, you don't have to be strong like in football, tall like in basketball or able to hit a round ball with a round bat as in baseball.

In fact, Connolly says Houston has one of the most successful youth rugby programs in the country.

"There are probably only 60 teams in the United States playing rugby on the high-school level," Connolly said. "Houston is by far the biggest on the junior-high level with 14 teams. We're trying to add 12 more teams from current instruction. We'd like to add one level of play a year until we get teams in the high-school level."

The classes are part of the Houston Parks and Recreation Fun Fest and are free to boys and girls.

Age groups are split into 10-, 12- and 14-and-under divisions, according to Connolly.

Participants said they rarely had seen the sport, much less played it,

before the Houston Parks and Recreation Department scheduled the classes.

"I think it's fun because it is like two sports combined together - football and basketball," said Robert Rodney, 11, of Alief Middle School.

"I like it because it is like football and I like to catch footballs - only this is more dangerous," said Marcus Jackson, 12, of Owens Intermediate School, who was wearing a Houston Oilers jersey.

Added Justin Williams, 11, of Olle Middle School: "I had seen rugby a little bit on cable, but I didn't know that I could play it because I did not know it was played here in the U.S."

All instructors are U.S. Rugby-trained and certified. The equipment was paid for by U.S. Rugby, and the balls were shipped to Houston from teams in English and

Scottish pro leagues. U.S. Rugby spokesman George Hook, a TV rugby commentator in Ireland, is in the United States to talk up rugby as a youth sport.

"Rugby is a huge participant sport in the rest of the world but is a small participant sport in the United States," Hook said. "The vast bulk of players who participate worldwide are exposed to rugby when they are ages 5 to 7. Here, it is when kids are in college. That's why we chose to try to keep rugby before youths here in Houston."

By learning rugby through the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, inner-city youths are exposed to a sport they might not otherwise see.

"There is no class structure in rugby," Hook said.

D.A.R.E. tourney set for weekend

The deadline for entering the D.A.R.E. co-ed volleyball tournament is today (June 24) at 6 p.m.

The volleyball tournament will be conducted Friday and Saturday, June 27-28 at the Hereford Church of the Nazarene Gym, 1410 LaPlata Drive.

Sponsored by Colortyme, entry fees for the tournament is \$30 per team with five people needed to make up a team.

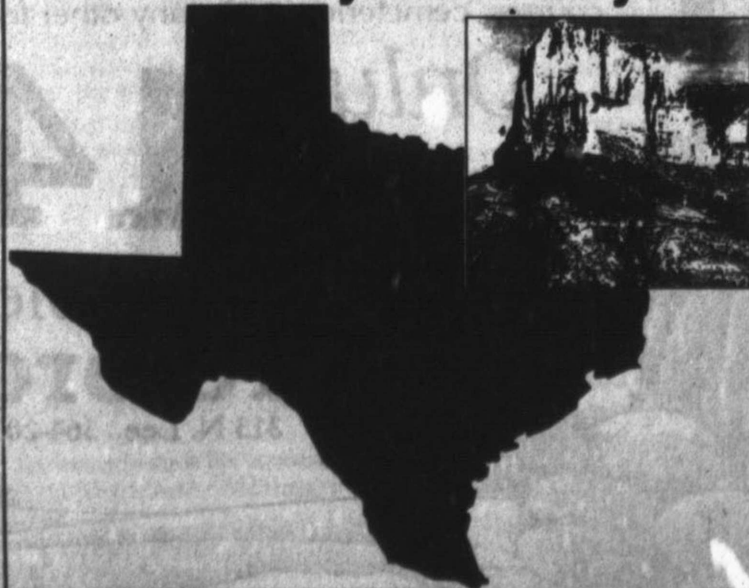
The first place team will receive a trophy and individual trophies for the team members.

Second place will win a team trophy and T-shirts while third place will win a team trophy and caps.

Registration forms are available at Colortyme, 310N. 25 Mile Ave. or call 364-8816 or 363-7120.

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North Texas Junior PGA local results announced

Results of the North Texas Junior PGA tournament held in Hereford Monday have been announced by Bobby Weaver.

Top three winners in each event include:

10-11 boys (9 holes)
1st - Nathan Sheen, Amarillo, 38

Stevens, Nieman in consolation

Matt Irwin and Clay Leverett of Amarillo won the championship of the Stevens Chevrolet 4-Ball Match Play Tournament at Canyon Sunday, defeating Mike Self and Jeff Langen, 1-up.

Judd Burkett and Kyle Kelting took third place with a 2 and 1 win over Shane Shanklin and Matt Leverett.

Hereford's Jerry Stevens and Craig Nieman lost, 3 and 1, to Don and Darrell Cofer in the championship consolation finals. They lost to Irwin and Leverett, the eventual champs, in the first round, got a bye in the second round, and downed Jeremy Dockery and Skip Douglas, 3 and 1, in the third round.

Steve Stevens and Connie Martin of Hereford lost in the third flight semifinal consolation bracket Sunday to Eddie Lick and Gary Gerber, 5 and 4.

2nd - J.T. Trew, Amarillo, 39

3rd - Brock Field, Friona, 40

10-11 girls (9 holes)

1st - Whitney Osborne, Amarillo, 42

2nd - Audrey Stanley, Lubbock, 51

12-13 boys

1st - Steven Smith, Canyon, 83

2nd - Brandon Chase, 94

3rd - Jeffery Smith, Amarillo, 97

12-14 girls

1st - Randi Wilkerson, Amarillo, 107

2nd - Kacie Blackard, 126

14-15 boys

1st - Tyson Mooring, Amarillo, 76

2nd - Ryan Hodge, Muleshoe, 80

3rd - Grant Snell, Amarillo, 82

15-18 girls

1st - Heather Bassford, Vega, 80 (won playoff)

2nd - Jennifer Beversdorf, Littlefield, 80

3rd - Allison Johnson, 84 (won playoff)

16-18 boys

1st - Zack Craddock, Canyon, 75

2nd - Cody Anderson, Amarillo, 77 (won playoff)

3rd - Daniel Edwards, Amarillo, 77



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Cone holds Tigers clueless in 5-2 victory

Anaheim wins fifth straight downing Texas Rangers 1-0

By Associated Press
One after another, the Detroit Tigers walked back to the dugout following empty at-bats against David Cone. Some rolled their eyes, others shrugged their shoulders.

"I saw those guys shaking their heads," Yankees catcher Joe Girardi said.

The Tigers were clueless against Cone, who struck out 16 in eight innings Monday night to lead the New York Yankees to a 5-2 win in Detroit.

"I don't know how you can pitch much better," Girardi said.

Cone, who has lost just once in 13 starts since April 16, had his most strikeouts in six years and the most for the Yankees since Ron Guidry set the team record with 18 against the Angels on June 17, 1978.

Cone (8-3) allowed just four hits, including homers by Bob Hamelin and Damion Easley, and walked two. For the third straight game, baseball's strikeout leader was virtually unhittable.

"Over the last three games, this is the best I've ever felt in my career as far as real good command and knowing what I'm doing out there," Cone said. "I might've had better starts, but not with this knowledge

and command."
Elsewhere in the American League, it was Chicago 7, Kansas City 6; Minnesota 7, Cleveland 2; Boston 7, Toronto 6; Milwaukee 5, Baltimore 0; Anaheim 1, Texas 0; and Seattle 6, Oakland 5.

Cecil Fielder, making his second trip to Tiger Stadium since Detroit traded him to the Yankees last July 31, hit a three-run homer to back Cone.

Fielder drew more boos than cheers from the crowd of 14,556. He went 2-for-3 with a walk, hitting his eighth homer.

"I can't control the fans," Fielder said. "Heck, I even get booed in New York. I just try to do what I can to help the team win. I've had some good years in this park and I had a good night today."

Felipe Lira (4-4) lost his second straight decision following four straight wins. He gave up five runs and six hits in seven innings with a career-high six walks.

White Sox 7, Royals 6

At Chicago, Albert Belle homered and robbed Chili Davis of a possible go-ahead, three-run homer in the ninth.

Harold Baines and Mike Cameron

also homered, helping Chicago to its fifth win in seven games.

Jeff King and Jay Bell each hit two-run homers for Kansas City. They each singled in the ninth, and Davis hit a drive to deep left. Belle leaped to the top of the left-field wall and caught it to preserve the victory.

Matt Karchner (1-0) pitched 1 1/3 innings, and Roberto Hernandez pitched the ninth for his 17th save. Hipolito Pichardo (2-3) was the loser. Twins 7, Indians 2

At Cleveland, Matt Lawton had four hits and Brad Radke (8-5) won his fourth straight start for Minnesota.

No. 9 hitter Pat Meares had a two-run homer and three RBIs for the last-place Twins. Lawton had his fourth career four-hit game with four singles, and Terry Steinbach had three hits and two RBIs.

Sandy Alomar extended his hitting streak to 22 games with a single and Jim Thome had two solo homers, his 19th and 20th, for Cleveland's only runs.

Cleveland starter Chad Ogea (5-8) was in trouble early in his fifth straight shaky start.

Red Sox 7, Blue Jays 6

Mike Stanley and Tim Lincecum hit consecutive homers in a five-run seventh inning for Boston at Toronto.

Wilfredo Cordero hit a two-run homer and drove in three runs for Boston, which overcame a 3-0 deficit and won for the ninth time in 12 games.

Aaron Sele (9-5) gave up four runs and seven hits in six-plus innings. Heathcliff Slocumb got the final three outs for his eighth save.

Brewers 5, Orioles 0

Jeff D'Amico pitched a four-hitter for his first career complete game as Milwaukee sent Jimmy Key (11-3) to his second straight loss.

D'Amico (5-3) struck out six and walked none, needing only 106 pitches.

Key gave up four runs and nine hits in six innings with seven strikeouts and one walk for visiting Baltimore.

Jack Voigt went 3-for-3 off Key, including a two-run double in the first.

Angels 1, Rangers 0

At Arlington, Allen Watson pitched six shutout innings and Jim Leyritz homered in the fifth as Anaheim won its fifth straight.

Watson (6-4) allowed six Texas hits for the visiting Angels to win for the fifth time in six decisions.

Rich DeLucia got one out in the

eighth and struck out the side in the ninth for his second save.

Leyritz hit his ninth homer leading off the fifth, hitting an 0-2 pitch from Darren Oliver (3-9) into the Angels' bullpen.

Mariners 6, Athletics 5

Jay Buhner and Edgar Martinez drove in two runs apiece as Seattle won its eighth straight home game.

The AL West-leading Mariners have

won five consecutive games and 16 of 20 games in June.

The last-place A's lost their fifth in a row despite hitting four home runs. Oakland's Jason Giambi extended his hitting streak to a club-record 25 games.

Rookie Derek Lowe (2-2) went five innings to get the win despite giving up home runs to Giambi, Jose Canseco and rookie Mark Bellhorn.

Dave Telgheder (2-4) took the loss.

Mets look to sweep Braves

Astros fall to Pirates' Cordova, 6-0

By The Associated Press
The New York Mets know it's too early in the season for a really big series. Then again, a sweep of the defending NL champions wouldn't hurt.

Rick Reed beat 1996 Cy Young Award winner John Smoltz, and Carl Everett hit a two-run homer as the Mets defeated Atlanta 3-2 Monday night for their fifth consecutive victory.

"I'm sure they believe they can play with us," Smoltz said. "They probably think they're a few steps away, but that doesn't deter them. They believe they can win."

The Mets played well against the New York Yankees last week despite losing two of three, then swept a four-game series from Pittsburgh. To

make the playoffs, they know they have to leapfrog past Florida and Montreal - and close on the Braves.

"This team has always played Atlanta well," Everett said. "We showed Atlanta we can play well against them, and I think they know it."

In other NL games, San Diego outscored San Francisco 11-6, Los Angeles beat Colorado 5-3, Pittsburgh blanked Houston 6-0, Montreal shut out Cincinnati 5-0, Philadelphia beat Florida 9-3 and Chicago defeated St. Louis 3-0.

Padres 11, Giants 6

Steve Finley homered three times - matching his feat of May 19 at Cincinnati - and Wally Joyner added two homers for San Diego at San Francisco.

Jim Bruske (1-0) got his first major league win a few hours after being promoted from the minors, allowing three hits in five scoreless innings of relief. Trevor Hoffman got the final out for his 13th save and became the Padres' career leader with 109, surpassing Rollie Fingers.

Mark Gardner (8-3) allowed seven runs and 12 hits in five innings.

Dodgers 5, Rockies 3

Eric Karros and Raul Mondesi homered on consecutive pitches at Dodger Stadium, and Hideo Nomo (7-6) allowed five hits in eight innings in his first game against Colorado since he no-hit them at Coors Field last Sept. 17.

Karros and Mondesi connected in the first inning, when the Dodgers

scored all their runs off Kevin Ritz (5-7). Two of the runs were unearned because of an error by first baseman Andres Galarraga.

Darren Hall finished with one-hit relief for his first NL save and his first in the majors since 1995, when he was with Toronto.

Pirates 6, Astros 0

Francisco Cordova (6-5) pitched a two-hitter at the Astrodome for his second career shutout, and Jermaine Allensworth hit a bases-loaded triple in the eighth as Pittsburgh ended a six-game losing streak.

Ramon Garcia (3-5) allowed three hits over the first four innings and allowed only one runner to reach second until the fifth.

Expos 5, Reds 0

Jim Bullinger (5-6) pitched a four-hitter at Olympic Stadium for his fourth career shutout - his second this season - and F.P. Santangelo homered as Montreal won for the 13th time in 16 games.

John Smiley (5-9) allowed four runs - three earned - and six hits in 6 2/3 innings.

Phillies 9, Marlins 3

Rookie Scott Rolen homered and drove in five runs, and Curt Schilling (9-6) struck out a career-high 13 as Philadelphia stopped an eight-game losing streak.

Rick Helling (2-5) was tagged for seven runs and six hits in four innings at Veterans Stadium.

Cubs 3, Cardinals 0

Rookie Jeremi Gonzalez (3-2) pitched a four-hitter for his first complete game in the major leagues as visiting Chicago stopped a five-game losing streak.

Mark Grace drove in two runs with a single in the first and a homer off Fernando Valenzuela (2-10) leading off the sixth.

Sports Briefs

MEDIA
NEW YORK (AP) - Rupert Murdoch and cable's Tele-Communications Inc. are launching a national sports network to go after ESPN.

The two media slugs have teamed with Cablevision Systems Corp., owner of the New York Knicks and Rangers, to assemble a coast-to-coast sports cable network that will reach 55 million households with a mix of games and sports news.

BASKETBALL
BOSTON (AP) - The deal that sent Dino Radja from Boston to Philadelphia could be nullified if he refuses to report to the 76ers for a physical, Celtics coach Rick Pitino said.

Radja was traded to the 76ers on Friday for Clarence Weatherspoon and Michael Cage, who were in Boston for a medical examination that is routine for any trade. League rules give players 48 business hours to report.

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Funding for a new \$175 million arena for the Indiana Pacers cleared its final bureaucratic hurdle.

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) - Tim Hardaway of the Miami Heat apologized after getting stopped by police for racing his \$200,000 blue Ferrari in excess of 110 mph in a 40-mph zone. Hardaway, however, denies a police report that claims he threatened the officers during the incident.

SHORT HILLS, N.J. (AP) - The New Jersey Nets replaced their old red, white and blue logo that featured the team name on top of a basketball. In its place will be a 3-D shield logo with a hoop encircling a metallic silver basketball. The team name is on the backboard. The new colors will be red, blue, silver and dark silver.

GOLF

HARRISON, N.Y. (AP) - After winning the Buick Classic, Ernie Els is the new king as the world's No. 1 golfer.

at the top of the world golf rankings.

NEW YORK (AP) - Less than six months after Arnold Palmer revealed he had prostate cancer, two-time Senior PGA Tour player of the year Jim Colbert had successful surgery on his cancerous prostate.

BASEBALL

CLEVELAND (AP) - It was determined that Mark McGwire's homer off the scoreboard at Jacobs Field in April traveled 434 feet - not the original estimate of 485.

The Cleveland Indians were measuring various home-run distances at the ballpark in preparation for a promotion during All-Star festivities. A fan will win \$1 million if anyone hits a bull's eye in the stands during the home run derby July 7 or All-Star game July 8.

HOCKEY

DETROIT (AP) - An investigation continued into a limousine crash that left a Detroit Red Wings defenseman and team masseur comatose.

Possible charges against the limo's driver - whose license was suspended

at the time of the June 13 crash - must wait until police wrap up their investigation.

Red Wings defenseman Vladimir Konstantinov and team masseur Sergei Mnatsakanov remained in critical but stable condition with head injuries at William Beaumont Hospital.

AUTO RACING

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) - Auto racing champion Bobby Unser will appeal a \$75 fine and his conviction for riding a snowmobile in a wilderness area.

On June 12, U.S. District Judge Lewis Babcock of Denver convicted Unser of violating the federal Wilderness Act of 1964. Unser had faced a maximum penalty of a \$5,000 fine and up to six months in jail.

UP TO PAR

(This week's Local Highlights and Golf activities)

SCRAMBLE HAS CARRY-OVER PRIZES

Since two teams tied in the Wednesday Scramble last week, prizes are carried over to this week. The scramble is open to all interested golfers. Players must register at the Pitman Municipal Golf Course to be included on a team. Call 364-7139 to register.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAYS..... Weekly Scramble
JULY 4-6..... Hereford Open, sponsored by Coors, Make-A-Wish Benefit
JULY 26-27..... VFW/Crown of Texas Hospice Tourney
SEPT. 6-7..... Couples Tourney, Make-A-Wish Benefit

CLOSED TOURNAMENTS

June 26--Hereford Veterinary Clinic. Course closed after noon.
June 28--Meredith Ireland Birthday Scramble. Tee times available.
July 17--Coaches' Booster Club Scramble. Course closed after 5 pm.
July 18--WT Rural Telephone. Tee times available.


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TUESDAY		JUNE 24	
6 PM	7 PM	8 PM	9 PM
Movie: Harry and the Hendersons <i>John Lithgow</i> PG	LaAnn Rimes in Concert	(8:55) Movie: The Great Outdoors PG	LaAnn Rimes in Concert
News Ent. Tonight	Mad-You	Something	Frazier
News	Ent. Tonight	Mad-You	Something
NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	News	Ent. Tonight	Mad-You
Fam. Mat. (35) Major League Baseball Atlanta Braves at New York Mets	News	Ent. Tonight	Mad-You
News	Wh. Fortune	Roseanne	Lia's Work
Fam. Mat. Bzz!	Major League Baseball Chicago Cubs at St. Louis Cardinals	News	Home Imp.
News	Home Imp.	Promised Land	Movie: Oldest Living Confederate Widow Yella Ali ***
Roseanne	Mad-You	Movie: So I Married an Axe Murderer (1993) **½	Xena: Warrior Princess
Sportstr.	Stronnyman	X-Game	Baseball
Waltons	Rescue 911	Hawaii Five-0	700 Club
Movie: Mr. & Mrs. Loving	Movie: Father of the Bride Part II Steve Martin	PG	Movie: The Marrying Man Alec Baldwin ***
Wimbledon Tennis	Movie: The Phantom Billy Zane	PG	Drop Dead Gorgeous
Movie: Down Periscope	Movie: Primal Fear (1996) Richard Gere, Laura Linney	(15) Movie: The Demolitionist **½	(15) Movie: Money Train
Movie: Vengeance Valley	Movie: Our Dancing Daughters (1929)	Movie: Our Modern Maidens (1929) **½	Movie: Our Shushing Brides (1930) **
Duke of Hazard	Yesterday & Today	Prime Time Country	Soulmates IV
Wings	Wild Discovery	New Detectives	Fighting Machines
Law & Order	Biography	Movie: Daisie & Pascoe: An Autumn Shroud (1996)	Law & Order
Intimate Portrait	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: A Town Torn Apart (1992) Michael Tucker	Homicide: Life
Sports	FOX Sports	Major League Baseball Pittsburgh Pirates at Houston Astros	FOX Sports News
Kung Fu: Legend Cont.	NBA Draft Preview	Movie: Heaven is a Playground (1991) ***	Movie: Bingo Long Travelling All-Stars
Doug	Rugrats	Alex Mack	Happy Days
Highlander: The Series	Murder, She Wrote	Boxing Shannon Briggs vs. Jorge Valdez	La Femme Nikita
Luz Clarita	To Sigo Amanda	Tu y Yo	Primer Impacto Noc.
Vietnam	China Rising	Great Ships	History Undercover
RPM 2Night	Auto Racing	NASCAR Winston Cup - California 500	RPM 2Night

WEDNESDAY		JUNE 25	
12:30	1 PM	2 PM	3 PM
Donald	Movie: Homebound Bound	C. Brown	Tale Spin
Days-Live	Another World	Jenny Jones	Meury
Body Elec.	Painting	Capitol	Hotels
(35) Major League Baseball Atlanta Braves at New York Mets	General Hospital	Port Charles	Extra
Jeopardy!	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Port Charles
News	Major League Baseball Kansas City Royals at Chicago White Sox	Fam. Mat.	Dreams
Bold & B.	As the World Turns	Guiding Light	Dating
Gunsmoke	Little House on the Prairie	In the Heat of the Night	Batman
Auto Racing	NASCAR Winston West 200	Horse	Racehorse
(12:00) Home & Family	Shop/Drop	Shopping	Animal
Movie:	Movie: State Fair (1962) Pat Boone, Bobby Darin: **	Movie: Magic in the Water Mark Harmon.	(15) Movie: Summer Camp Joe Fishery.
Wimbledon Tennis	Early Rounds	Movie: The Net (1995) Sandra Bullock, Jeremy Northam.	Movie: Tommy Boy Chris Farley
Movie: Bom to Run Richard Grieco: **½	Movie: Simon Alan Arkin: *** PG	(15) Movie: Eye of the Wolf Jeff Fahey: ** PG-13	Movie: From Here
Movie: Watani (1959) George Montgomery: **½	Movie: Honeymoon (1947) Shirley Temple: **	Movie: From Here	
Wildhorse	VideoPM	America's Country Hits	Dallas
Home	Housesmart!	Interior Mot.	Start
Law & Order	McCloud	Cosby Mysteries	New Mike Hammer
Debt	Movie: Too Young the Hero (1968) Rick Schroder: **	Commlash	Golden Girls
(11:30) Golf	Major League Baseball Anaheim Angels at Texas Rangers	LPBT Bowling Summer Tour	
Twilight Z.	Movie: Chernobyl: The Final Warning (1991) **½	Movie: The Good Old Boys (1995) Tommy Lee Jones: **½	Kung Fu
Papa Beaver	Looney	Beetlejuice	Tiny Toon
Movie: Vertigo (1958) James Stewart, Kim Novak: ****	Movie: Simon Alan Arkin: *** PG	(15) Movie: Eye of the Wolf Jeff Fahey: ** PG-13	Movie: From Here
Sombra	Sol De Tancosion	Tu y Yo	Primer Impacto
Movie:	War Years	Real West	Movie: Pancho Barnes (1988) Valerie Bertinelli, Ted Wass: **
(11:30) X-Game	X-Game	ESPN News	ESPN News

WEDNESDAY		JUNE 25	
7 AM	8 AM	9 AM	10 AM
Chip 'n' Dale	Marmalade	Peach	Kalle-Orbie
Today	Leza	Gerald Rivers	Sunset Beach
Government	Puzzle Place	Sesame Street	Station
Gilligan	Bewitched	Little House on the Prairie	3's Co.
Good Morning America	Alex Mack	Happy Days	I Love Lucy
BugsDaffy	Animaniacs	Bewitched	Bewitched
This Morning	Quack Pack	Bobby	Bobby
Sportstr.	Sportstr.	Sportstr.	Sportstr.
Father Dowling Mysteries	Waltons	Rescue 911	Home
(8:45) Movie: * * * Tain Sitters Peter Paul	(20) Movie: Summer Camp Joe Fishery.	Movie: Ace Eli and Rodger of the Skins	Movie: The Raven (1963)
Long Shots: The ABA	Wimbledon Tennis Early Rounds	Movie: I Never Sang for My Father GP	(15) Movie: First Men in the Moon Edward Judd: **½
Movie: The Ironoques Trail	Movie: The Lone Gun (1954) **	Movie: Huk (1956) Mona Freeman ***	Movie: Toughest Gun in Tombstone **½
(Off Air)	VideosMorning	Dallas	Alena's Crafts
Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Cuisine	Graham K.
McCloud	McCloud	Interior Mot.	Home
Baby Knows	Kids These	Sisters	Handmade
FOX Sports News	FOX Sports News	FOX Sports News	FOX Sports News
Scoby Doo	Flintstones	Gilligan	Gilligan
Looney	Rugrats	Little Bear	Blue's Clues
Mighty Max	Sailor Moon	Facts of Life	Major Dad
(8:00) Despierta America	Chesapito	Malta	Dos Mujeres Un Camino
Classroom	History Showcase	Real West	Movie: Pancho Barnes (1988) Valerie Bertinelli, Ted Wass: **
Flex Appeal	Bodyshape	Crunch	Training

WEDNESDAY		JUNE 25	
6 PM	7 PM	8 PM	9 PM
Movie: Dumbo (1941) G	(35) Movie: Poe-wee's Big Adventure	Movie: No Desert Dad	Movie: Where Angela Gp
News	Ent. Tonight	Foxworthy	Boston
NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Isamu Noguchi	Great Performances	Encore!
Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	(35) Movie: Stripes (1981) Bill Murray, Harold Ramis: **½	(20) Movie: National Lampoon's Animal House (1978)
News	Wh. Fortune	Grace Under Coach	Drew Carey
Fam. Mat.	Bzz!	Stellar, Sil.	Parent
News	Home Imp.	Nanny	Pearl
Roseanne	Mad-You	Gallup: Extreme Marg	Pacific Palisades
Sportstr.	Major League Baseball Teams to Be Announced	Major League Baseball Teams to Be Announced	Major League Baseball Teams to Be Announced
Waltons	Movie: The Call of the Wild (1997) Rutger Hauer.	700 Club	Three Stripes
Movie:	Movie: Holy-Tyson	Movie: Family Thing Robert Downey: **½ PG-13	Movie: Blood In... Blood Out: Stood by Honor Damian Chapa: **½
Wimbledon Tennis	Long Shots: The ABA	Movie: Broken Arrow John Travolta: **½	Perverisons
(8:30) Movie: ** Big Bully	Movie: Allen Terminator Maria Ford: NR	Movie: Strange Days (1995) Ralph Fiennes, Angela Bassett: **** R	Movie: Path
Movie: From Here	Movie: Red Headed Woman (1932) **	Movie: Common Law (1931) *	Movie: Blonde Crazy (1931) **½
Duke of Hazard	Tennessee Ernie Ford	Prime Time Country	The Road
Wings	Wild Discovery	Discover Magazine	Fighting Machines
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Kung Fu	NBA Draft		Movie: Above the Rim **
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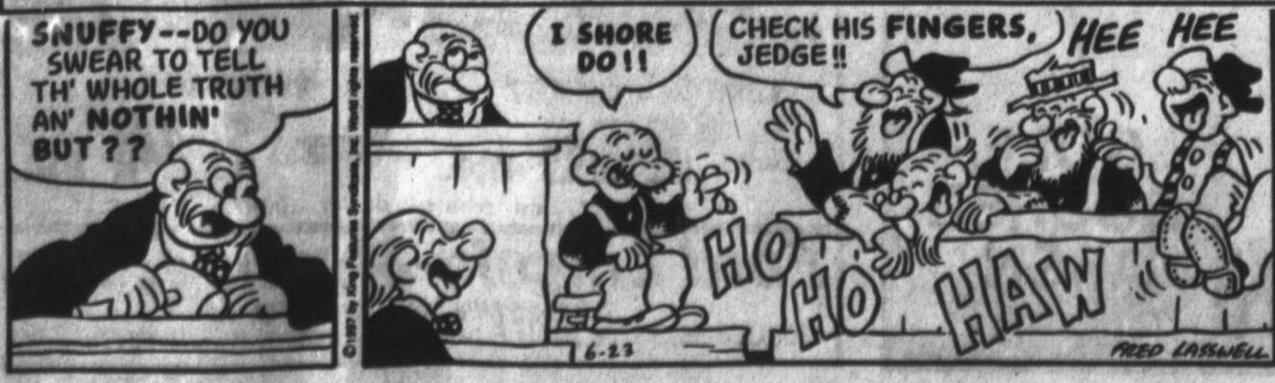
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Patience, war, luck help make a garden

By **GEORGE BRIA**
POUND RIDGE, N.Y. (AP) - An old man contemplating his garden finds many changes over the years. He's changed the garden, but the garden has also changed him.

The vegetable patch I'm cultivating this summer seems a distant relative to the one I started back in 1951.

Sure, I'm still growing tomatoes. But my tomatoes of yesteryear were bigger, reflecting a youthful belief that big is better. Now, medium and small please me more. And I find the smallest of all, the currant, no bigger than a gumdrop, the tastiest.

Also, I used to aim for the earliest, feeling I'd achieved something by picking the first tomato late in July instead of early August. Now, I bide my time, the better taste of the later-maturing fruit having made me a more patient, and perhaps wiser, man.

And I've learned not to insist on trying to create from the garden what can be done quicker and better from the supermarket. Thus I've stopped using my own tomatoes to make pasta sauce. I get a much richer and thicker sauce by mixing store-bought cans of peeled and pureed tomatoes. But I do use my own fruit to make great-tasting dried tomato slices in the hydrator.

I used to grow a lot of pole string beans. Now my only poles are for limas, which grow as large as quarters in their pods and are richer tasting than the bush varieties. Reflecting an increased appreciation of foreign produce, my only string beans now are the sweet and tender baby frenchies, as thin as shoelaces.

In recent years, I've also discovered fresh shell beans, captivated by the taste and texture. This is a gardener's perk, for you're not likely to find shell beans in the market other than the dried ones. The French flageolet excels in taste, but in my garden it's stingy in production. One called Midnight Black Turtle, on the other hand, yields bountifully. Another good yielder is the Italian strawberry bean, Borlotto.

A latter-day showpiece of my garden is my hot-bed, a boxlike, transparent plastic frame covering a

patch of ground that is heated by the sun and an electric cable inserted three inches under the soil. This gives me lettuce and other salad greens deep into January and starting again in March, when the rest of the garden is frozen solid or covered with snow.

I've dropped some early enthusiasms, like trying to grow artichokes in an unfavorable climate. I did succeed once in getting one artichoke head out of a dozen plants, a thrill best left as a once-in-a-lifetime experience. I keep planting eggplant year after year, hoping for mild weather to give me the good harvest I get only now and then. Here again the taste seems worth the effort.

Some plants, like broccoli, require hardly any effort, producing good heads and florets from June into December, and I swear by them. Gardeners can be fickle, too. I used to love Swiss chard, but, mysteriously, I've stopped growing it. Peppers, on the other hand, have gotten to occupy more and more space as I experiment with nuances of heat. A mild chili called Anaheim has pleased me the most, so far.

My asparagus patch, now decades old, keeps producing hundreds of luscious spears year after year and seems sure to outlive me. Funny about the asparagus. I started growing it at one end of the garden, but it did poorly. So I shifted to the other end; it was lucky I did so, for it thrived. No doubt a horticulturist could find solid reasons for the improvement. I like to think that luck also rules in the garden.

EDITOR'S NOTE: George Bria retired from the AP in 1981 after 40 years that included coverage of World War II from Italy.



Fun at patriotic picnic

Come the Fourth of July, the backyard or neighborhood park beckons for outdoor eating and family fun. Celebrate the holiday with these whimsical picnic ideas kids will love.

*** Munch on Firecracker Roll-ups:** Before the picnic, set out large flour tortillas and your favorite sandwich fillings on the kitchen counter, assembly-line fashion. Spread mayonnaise or mustard on one side of each tortilla. Top with cold cuts, cheese, chopped or grated veggies, shredded lettuce, etc. Carefully roll up and wrap with red or blue plastic wrap. Twist ends of wrap, then tie ends with red, white and blue pipe cleaners or ribbons. Refrigerate.

*** Wear a Funny Party Hat:** Stick shiny stars and stickers on a jumbo-size red or blue paper cup. Turn the cup upside down. Poke ends of two or three pipe cleaners 1/2 inch into the base of the cup, bending short ends inside to secure in place. On the

outside, twist and turn pipe cleaners in all directions and attach fun and bright charms, fresh flowers, leaves and mini flags to the ends. Poke two holes opposite each other near the edge of the mouth of the cup. Slip the end of an 18-inch ribbon through each hole and knot. Place the party hat on your head and tie under your chin.

*** Make a Fireworks Centerpiece:** Collect three paper tubes in varying lengths from bathroom tissue, paper towels and gift wrap. Paint with bright poster paint, decorate with glitter and shiny sequins and glue upright on a large paper plate. Tuck party favors and treats inside, then fill with shredded foil spilling out of the top to resemble fireworks. When the picnic is over, let kids find surprises inside.

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

Hints from Heloise

Dear Readers: Summertime fun, travel and vacationing are in full swing. Here are some valuable safety hints from the American Hotel and Motel Association.

- Don't answer the door in a hotel or motel room without verifying who it is. If a person claims to be an employee, call the front desk and ask if someone from their staff is supposed to have access to your room and for what purpose.

- When returning to your hotel or motel late in the evening, use the main entrance of the hotel. Be observant and look around before entering parking lots.

- Close the door securely whenever you are in your room and use all of the locking devices provided.

- Don't needlessly display guest room keys in public or carelessly leave them on restaurant tables, at the swimming pool or other places where they can be easily stolen.

- Do not draw attention to yourself by displaying large amounts of cash or expensive jewelry.

- Don't invite strangers into your room.

- Place all valuables in the hotel or motel's safe deposit box.

- Do not leave valuables in your vehicle.

- Check to see that any sliding glass doors or windows and any connecting room doors are locked.

- If you see any suspicious activity, please report your observations to the management.

Again, thanks to our friends at the American Hotel and Motel Association for sharing these great tips. Please heed them. A few minutes for a safety check is worthwhile. — Heloise

EASY VIEW

Dear Readers: Here's a great hint for any phone or calculator that has a liquid crystal display (LCD) and is hard to see because the phone/calculator lies flat. Susan Juarez of San Antonio bought a foam wedge, cut it to size and put it under my phone and calculator. It holds it in the right position for easy viewing.



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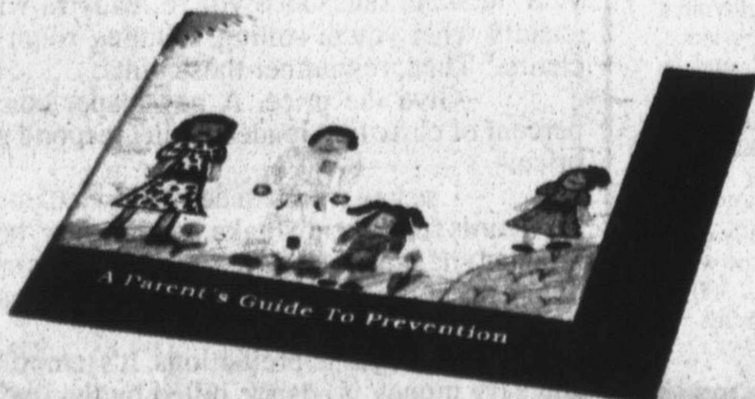
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To Your Good Health

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I recently had a dermoid ovarian cyst removed. I am concerned about how they develop. Can you get them more than once? — Anon.

ANSWER: Dermoid cysts are relatively common. They arise from primitive body cells that can evolve into just about any body tissue. That's why within a dermoid you can find partially formed teeth, tangled masses of hair, nests of sweat glands or pieces of cartilage.

In women, they usually are discovered in an ovary. They vary in size from 2 to 4 inches in diameter, fairly large for cystic growths.

Dermoids are almost never cancerous.

Once removed, you're over and done with them. Once is more than enough, wouldn't you say?

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I need information on "organic brain syndrome." What is its cause? Does it develop suddenly? — A.A.

ANSWER: "Organic brain syndrome" embraces a wide spectrum of disorders that impair brain function. It can come on suddenly from head trauma, for example.

Or it can come on slowly, as Alzheimer's disease does.

Most often, "organic brain syndrome" connotes a condition with permanent damage to the brain's function.

However, you would not be wrong in using it to indicate an infection of the brain that impairs thinking. Once the infection is over, brain function returns. Examples of transient organic brain syndrome are rare.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Sometime back you printed a letter from a woman who experienced a Dr. Jeckyl-Mr. Hyde syndrome during her time of the month. You suggest medication for her to take to relieve the symptoms.

I, too, suffer from this syndrome, making my life unbearable. I have

eliminated caffeine and salt. I exercise and take vitamins. I have met with no success.

I would appreciate it if you'd repeat the suggested medications so I can discuss them with my doctor. — S.P.

ANSWER: Prozac and Zoloft are two medicines often used to control the wide mood fluctuations that some women with premenstrual syndrome endure.

Such drugs help restore normal amounts of serotonin, a brain chemical. The brain's serotonin level can be thrown out of kilter by the hormonal changes that occur with each monthly cycle.

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DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Can you please tell me about sick sinus syndrome? What are the symptoms? Can anything be done for it? — A.M.

ANSWER: "Sick sinus syndrome" is a misleading name because it makes people think they have problems with the sinuses in their head.

Actually, the illness involves the sinus node, the island of special cells in the upper heart that acts as the heart's pacemaker.

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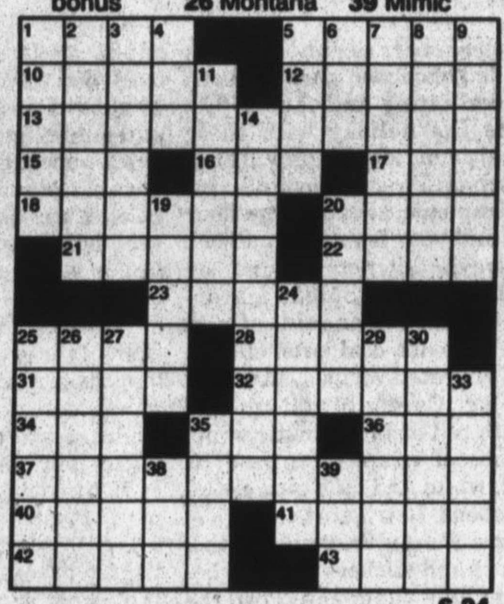
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By JOHN KEKIS
Associated Press Writer
ROME, N.Y. (AP) - Eighty-one-year-old Frank Pour is that rarest of musicians: When he plays his keyboard, he's satisfied when he looks up and sees heads hanging, people snoring.
 "I like to see the people happy, it does my heart good to be able to do something for them," Pour said during a recent break in the activities room at Bethany House. "Even if they fall asleep, they're enjoying the music. At least it puts them to sleep. I get sleepy myself sometimes."
 This is one of those times. The sandman is present on this dreary spring afternoon as the wind howls across the wide-open fields that surround the six-story nursing home. But most of the more than 30 residents on hand are singing along, or at least trying, as Pour and Roz Cuffee bang away at their electric keyboards.
 Half are in wheelchairs. Carolyn Hoffman sits hunched over in hers, staring down at the floor. She seems lost until you glance down and see that she's keeping the beat with her feet.
 Doris Houle, a nasty black eye slowly healing after a hard fall, sings and dances slowly by herself. Marian Pelkey holds onto her walker, shuffles a tiny bit and taps the floor to the words of "Hello Dolly," her loneliness forgotten for the moment.
 "It's very hard for a lot of people to have to give up everything," activities director Rita Torio said. "It's a hard adjustment. When parents are gone, it's like a figment of your imagination. And pictures

don't cut it. I wish I could have my mother here to touch, to talk to."
 Mary Zorn used to sing but she's gone downhill in the past year. Alzheimer's. Cane in hand, she nods off as Pour punctuates the moment with a Harry Nilsson classic: "Everybody's talking at me, can't hear a word they're saying, only the echoes of my mind."
 A few seats away, lifelong bachelor Joe Montalbano sits in his wheelchair, his mind still keen at 80. Dapper in a red sweater and blue pants and grinning his heartwarming toothless grin, he strums his air guitar like a young Eric Clapton.
 "I always liked music," said Montalbano, a Bethany House resident for 15 years. "I ain't gonna dance. I'm better off single. That's just the way I feel about it."
 Alice Bidwell, 87, tries to sing along. She doesn't know all the words anymore but faking it isn't so bad.
 "Music is the best thing," Torio said. "By getting people down in a setting like this, any kind of expression you can get them to respond to is good."
 Gertrude Gibbons can relate to that, even at 82. Clad in a bright green suit and white sneakers, she's ready to boogie and probably thinking about Billy Conklin.
 "I love music," she said. "I used to go to band concerts and everything. I had a boyfriend. He ran away and never came back. I was very young, but I said to heck with the boys. Never could catch another one like Billy. He was a lovely boy."
 Suddenly, heads turn as Alice Mossler and Charles Head begin an elegant waltz together. They call him Fred Astaire. The couple hold hands when they sit down afterward and even kiss. Senior prom all over.
 There always are happy moments at music time.
 "They think of songs while we're playing," Pour said.
 There are sad moments, too. Tears begin to pour down the cheeks of Esther Yelton as Joe Montalbano leads a chorus of one of his favorites - "It's A Sin to Tell a Lie."
 If Josephine Husser and Anna Kalin are sad, it doesn't show. Widows and dance partners at 89, they don't shuffle quite as much as usual on this day - that nasty old hour lost to daylight-saving time has knocked them for a loop.
 They love to waltz and probably will for some time. Roz Cuffee and Frank Pour have no plans to stop the music any time soon. There is too much magic to make.



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Democrats hope to derail GOP Medicare age change

By ALAN FRAM
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - Democrats think they can derail a Senate plan to raise the eligibility age for Medicare from 65 to 67, but their efforts to force other changes in a massive budget-cutting bill seem less likely to succeed.

The Senate planned votes today on a series of Democratic amendments to the measure, which would cull \$136 billion in savings from Medicare, Medicaid, veterans and other programs on the road to balancing the budget by 2002. Final passage by a solid bipartisan margin was likely Wednesday, the same day the House will probably approve a similar measure, though with less Democratic support.

In an effort to iron out partisan differences, Republicans were planning to add \$1.5 billion to the bill to help low-income elderly pay Medicare premiums, now \$43.80 and rising. Senate Republicans were also exploring restoring welfare benefits to legal immigrants who become

disabled. The Clinton administration, arguing they were spelled out in the bipartisan budget deal, wants both included in the bill. House GOP leaders agreed late Friday to address both problems before the legislation goes to President Clinton's desk.

Such changes "would advance the bipartisan process which began last month with the budget agreement," White House budget Director Franklin Raines wrote in a letter Monday to Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss.

Republicans also hope to drop the bill's proposed increase in the \$100 annual Medicare deductible for higher-income elderly, and instead charge them higher monthly premiums. The White House wants to postpone such changes until Medicare can be reviewed as a whole.

But the GOP was resisting changes sought by liberal Democrats. These included a Democratic attempt to kill a proposal raising the Medicare eligibility age to 67 by 2027, the same

as current law requires for Social Security. Democrats complained that the idea, which the White House also wants removed, would jeopardize health insurance coverage for people aged 65 and 66.

The House bill does not increase the Medicare eligibility age or increase costs for higher-income beneficiaries.

Republicans were also defending a proposal to charge Medicare recipients \$5 for each visit they receive from home health-care workers. That provision was designed to cut costs in a program whose costs are spiraling upward.

"It was designed in such a way to make beneficiaries be more careful in its utilization," said Senate Finance Committee Chairman William Roth, R-Del.

"Collect \$5 on the frail elderly. For what?" said Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., who was leading the effort.

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — The state paid lottery consultants Ben Barnes and Ricky Knox more than \$23 million to stop working for Texas Lottery operator GTECH.

Barnes and Knox had argued that the agreement was private business and not subject to disclosure. On June 18, the day after Attorney General Dan Morales said the agreement should be made public, the information was released.

Barnes, a former lieutenant governor, is getting \$168,328 a month for the next three years. Knox, a former member of the Texas Racing Commission and long-time lobbyist, is getting \$58,752 a month for three years. Also, GTECH said Barnes and Knox would be paid \$15 million.

The state decided to buy out Barnes' and Knox' lobbying and consulting contract in February, a month after federal prosecutors implicated the two men in a kickback scheme.

Lottery Commissioner John Hill of Houston said he was "stunned" at the amount of the settlement and that it was a factor in the commission's decision in March to call for new bids on the lottery operator contract.

Though neither man has been charged with wrongdoing, the agreement says the payments will stop if Barnes or Knox are

convicted of any crimes related to their work for GTECH in Texas.

Sex Offender Bills Signed

Gov. George W. Bush has signed bills which give Texas some of the toughest sex offender laws in the nation.

Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, joined the governor at the bill signing. She authored "Ashley's laws" after the 1993 killing of Ashley Estell, a 7-year-old girl abducted from a Plano park by a paroled sex offender.

The Legislature passed Ashley's laws in the 1995 legislative session. The measures required stronger penalties and set up a system for police and residents to track offenders after they are released from prison.

The new bills will fine-tune those statutes, Sen. Shapiro told the *Dallas Morning News*.

The bills provide:

- A "two strikes" rule that a sex offender convicted of a second offense against a child receives an automatic 35-year prison term without parole.

- Inmates charged with any crime lose any "good conduct" credit in jail if they try to contact victims under age 17 or members of the victims' family.

- Deferred adjudication, a form of probation that allows a conviction to the dismissed after a period of time set by a judge, will be available only once to sex offenders.

- A judge must consider a victims' wishes about placing the offender on deferred adjudication and the public must be notified when a sex offender is placed on it.

- Sex offenders who commit certain offenses, including promotion of child pornography, must report their addresses for the rest of their lives so the public may be notified where they live.

- Juvenile sex offenders on probation must receive psychological counseling and submit to polygraph tests to monitor their progress.

The new sex offender laws take effect Sept. 1.

Travel Rules to Be Discussed

House officials last week said they will set guidelines for thrifter travel for state lawmakers and hold a June 25 public hearing on the issue.

On June 2, the last day of the legislative session, Senate members tentatively agreed to set restrictions on air fares, rental cars and hotels — after the *Austin American-Statesman* questioned lawmakers about taxpayer-paid expenses on trips and reported that some had spent excessive amounts on out-of-state trips the past two years.

"We're going to look at the issue from top to bottom," said Rep. Tony Goolsby, chairman of the House Administration Committee which oversees House members' spending.

"We got the green light from Speaker (Pete) Laney to do what needs to be done. ... It will be better for all of us," Goolsby, R-Dallas, was quoted in the *American-Statesman*.

Goolsby, however, said he was uncertain whether new rules could be enacted soon enough to affect House members' summer travel.

Under current House rules, legislators must first obtain Goolsby's approval by submitting a budget for out-of-state trips.

Perry Declares Candidacy

Promising to focus on education, crime and economic opportunity, Texas Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry kicked off his campaign last week for lieutenant governor.

Perry, 47, a Haskell rancher, former House member and two-term agriculture commissioner, is the first Republican to declare for the post. He joins Democratic state Comptroller John Sharp in the race to succeed retiring Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock.

"I offer the people of Texas a solid record of delivering efficient and effective government," Perry told supporters in making his announcement in Austin.

Navy naming destroyer in honor of hero in action at Pearl Harbor

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) - U.S. Navy Warrant Officer Donald Kirby Ross received the Medal of Honor for successfully guiding the USS Nevada out of danger during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

Some 56 years later, Ross is scheduled to get another honor, albeit posthumously.

A \$900 million guided-missile destroyer - the USS Ross - will be commissioned Saturday in the waters off Galveston, Texas.

The idea of naming a ship after Ross came up when a Navy chaplain was speaking at Ross' memorial service shortly after his death in 1992.

The chaplain said that if anyone deserved a ship named in his honor, "it was my father for what he did," said Ross' daughter, Donna Branch-Gilby, who lives in Tucson.

What Ross did on Dec. 7, 1941, won't soon be forgotten.

"My father was awake early on that Sunday morning. He was shaving

with the light from a porthole. He looked out and saw the (Japanese) Zeros flashing by," Branch-Gilby said.

The USS Nevada was in the main channel to the open sea, and Ross knew if it were sunk there, it would trap ships in the harbor.

"That would have been disastrous. All the ships would have been sitting ducks," said Ross' widow, Helen. "They had been ordered to sortie and get out of the harbor."

Ross, then a 30-year-old machinist, rushed to the engine room and began the arduous task of firing up the boilers to get the ship moving.

"He was there with his crew, but it got so hot from the explosions that he ordered his crew out," she said. "He worked there until he passed out. He was rescued, but when he came to, he went back down and worked there until he was ordered out."

The ship, hit by torpedo, took on a great deal of water and was listing. "She ran aground, but they backed

her off with her own engines. Then eight (Japanese) planes came in," recalled Helen Ross, who witnessed the attack from a distance.

The first four planes missed the Nevada, but the second four found their target.

Taking on more water, the ship began to sink, but tugs pushed it ashore enough to keep it from going under.

Although all the other seven battleships in the harbor were disabled or sunk in the surprise attack, other Navy vessels were able to flee the harbor because of Ross' actions.

Ross, temporarily blinded by smoke damage to his eyes, was awarded a Medal of Honor "for extraordinary courage and disregard of his own life."

The award was presented by Admiral Chester Nimitz on April 18, 1942.



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