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Cable accidentally disconnected; Mir loses power

MOSCOW (AP) - The already damaged Mir lost power today on most key systems when the crew accidentally disconnected a cable. But the three-man team remained safe and quickly began repairing the space station, space officials said.

The error cut power to electricity, orientation, communications, and the oxygen generation systems, said Russian Mission Control chief Vladimir Solovyov.

"Today we had a very bad situation, serious trouble," Solovyov said. "We have lost all energy."

He stressed that crew members are not in danger and able to move freely throughout the darkened space station. However, they must go into the Soyuz escape capsule if they need electricity or want to communicate with Mission Control, he said. The Soyuz has systems independent from the rest of Mir.

Several hours after the accident, the spacecraft was stabilizing, its

batteries were recharging and the crew planned to begin switching various systems back on, Russian space officials said.

The two Russians and one American on board were making routine preparations today to repair the Mir's already damaged power system when they accidentally disconnected a cable supplying power to the orientation system, which directs the station's solar panels to the sun.

"It was a human error, but everyone can make a mistake and we should not judge the crew too harshly," Solovyov said.

With the orientation system down, the Mir twisted chaotically for several hours before it could be stabilized by firing thrusters on the Soyuz capsule.

The oxygen generating system shut off, though there is enough air to last for several days, in addition to backup oxygen canisters. The lights went off, though the spacecraft was receiving

some sunlight through its windows.

Solovyov said the crew quickly reconnected the cable after the accident.

Asked which crew member disconnected the cable, Viktor Blagov, deputy chief of mission control, said, "We have not asked them yet and it does not matter for us."

Geoff Perry, an independent British space expert and head of the Kettering Space Observers Group, said he was monitoring communications with the Mir several hours after the accident, and heard the crew laughing heartily.

"If you're in deadly danger, you don't laugh," Perry said, noting that the Mir had regained enough power to resume communications after 7 1/2 hours.

President Clinton also downplayed the problems.

"As far as we know right now, they have gotten control of things and

there seems to be no immediate crisis," Clinton said in Washington. However, he said it was too early to say whether the United States would continue its involvement with Mir.

"We just don't know enough," he said. Solovyov said NASA is helping ensure communication continues with the station. That includes switching on its ground stations so the Mir can communicate with Russian or American space officials at all times.

Normally, the crew can only communicate for a few minutes out of every hour as the space station passes over Russian territory, 250 miles above the Earth.

Solovyov predicted that by this evening, "we will be able to charge the batteries and start switching on the orientation system."

In Houston, NASA spokesman Don Siskorez said the Americans and the Russians viewed the problem similarly.

"We agree with (Solovyov) that it's an unpleasant situation, that it's irritating, but it's recoverable," he said.

"We're pleased that the crew has initiated the recovery procedure," he said, adding that the solar batteries are expected to be recharged in one to two days.

The orientation system malfunctions periodically but space officials say it's a familiar problem they know how to fix.

The latest problem adds to the Mir's long list of woes and comes at a time when the crew was already preparing for a difficult repair mission designed to restore the troubled spacecraft to close to full power.

The Mir has been working at slightly more than half-power since a June 25 collision with a cargo ship.

The repair mission, which already has been delayed twice, is scheduled

for next Thursday and Friday.

Solovyov said that if power can be restored to the station, the repair will proceed as planned. But Blagov said the current problems might delay the repair mission for two to five days.

Mir commander Vasily Tsibilyev has been suffering from an irregular heartbeat and Russian flight controllers don't want him to take part in the mission, which is a two-man job.

U.S. astronaut Michael Foale has begun preliminary training to replace him, but NASA has not yet given approval for Foale to take part.

The repair job involves opening the hatch to the damaged Spektr module and reconnecting cables that carry electricity from Spektr's solar panels to the rest of Mir.

The cables had to be disconnected after the accident that punctured Spektr because they ran through the hatch, which was frantically shut and sealed.

Columbia returns to earth; crew satisfied that job finally finished

By MARCIA DUNN
AP Aerospace Writer
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) - Space shuttle Columbia and its crew of seven returned to Earth in quiet triumph today with a bounty of laboratory research on fire, metals and plants.

NASA's oldest shuttle glided through a clear, flushed sky and touched down just after sunrise at Kennedy Space Center following a 16-day, 6.2 million-mile journey.

Commander James Halsell Jr. said it was satisfying to finally finish the job. The crew's first stab at the science mission, three months ago, ended prematurely because of equipment trouble.

"We got all the science, plus more, that we were anticipating," Halsell said after exiting Columbia. "It was great to be up there and it's great to be home."

A crowd of a few hundred

welcomed the crew back. But the conversation, at the press site anyway, focused more on what was happening aboard Russia's power-stricken Mir space station.

Indeed, Columbia's entire flight was overshadowed by the far more dramatic events on Mir and Mars.

Unfazed by the meager publicity, Halsell and his crew toiled round-the-clock on their second go-around.

This first-ever reflight, which began July 1 and cost NASA between \$60 million to \$70 million, experienced hardly any equipment trouble. The April mission was cut short after only four days because of a faulty power generator.

Shuttle program manager Tommy Holloway said the revamped Columbia performed "in an absolutely exemplary manner, and I could not be happier." The flexibility demonstrated in sending Columbia back up after a mere 84-day

turnaround will benefit NASA once assembly begins on a planned international space station, he said.

Scientists reaped bonus results on more than half of the 33 laboratory experiments this time around. Working in shifts, Columbia's crew produced a record amount of flame and soot and grew spinach, clover and protein crystals - more than 700 crystals, in fact.

The astronauts set 206 small fires in sealed chambers, 62 more than planned, in a variety of combustion tests. And they ignited the weakest flame ever - one that flickered at 1/50th of the power of a birthday candle.

More than 35,000 computer commands were sent to Columbia from scientists at Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala. The previous record of nearly 26,000 commands was set during a 1994 shuttle mission.



Woman injured

Emergency personnel work to give on-the-scene medical treatment to a Canyon woman after her car was involved in collision with another vehicle northeast of Hereford on Hwy. 60. She was treated at Hereford Regional Medical Center and later transferred to Canyon.

Dow posts new high, 8,038; Nasdaq gain is biggest ever

By BRUCE MEYERSON
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) - The Dow Jones industrial average blew past 8,000 Wednesday and the Nasdaq market posted its biggest point-gain ever as another flood of good news on company profits, inflation and interest rates whipped investors into another buying frenzy.

The Dow, which has now doubled in less than 2 1/2 years, rose 63.17 to 8,038.88 despite a steep selloff in the shares of Eastman Kodak, which issued a disappointing earnings report.

The Dow has already gained almost 1,600 points, or 25 percent this year, nearly matching last year's

robust 26 percent gain and more than twice what most experts had predicted for all of 1997.

Aside from Kodak, the second-quarter profit picture grew even brighter Wednesday with strong results from the likes of General Motors, Ford Motor, Time Warner, American Airlines parent AMR, Lucent Technologies and Travelers Group.

But the biggest earnings news of the session came late Tuesday from Intel, whose better-than-expected results set off another scramble for big-name technology shares and catapulted the Nasdaq market to its 10th straight record close.

The Nasdaq composite index

soared a record 38.52, or 2.5 percent, to 1,580.63, giving it a 10-session gain of 142.38 points, or nearly 10 percent. Intel soared 7 15/32 to 88, and Microsoft, which reports its earnings after Thursday's close, jumped 9 21/32 to 148 7/16 to lead the Nasdaq advance.

Several other market measures also pushed further into record territory as interest rates sank to their lowest level since late last year in the bond market.

"People don't want to be left out of this market. No bull market ever ends with interest rates going down," said Larry Rice, chief investment officer at Josephthal, Lyon & Ross, cautioning that "this market is extremely overbought."

Bonds rallied after the Labor Department reported that consumer prices inched only 0.1 percent higher last month, holding the inflation rate for the first half of the year to just 1.4 percent.

The market's stunning rebound from a steep selloff in early spring has been fueled by a unique combination of steady economic growth and surprisingly tame inflation.

"I have never been through a period where the economic numbers have looked so impressive," Rice said.

With unemployment near a 24-year low, Federal Reserve officials have been concerned that companies would need to raise wages - and prices - as they compete for workers to meet consumer demand.

But with no sign of rapid inflation emerging, Fed officials have withstood the temptation to take preventive measures by slowing the economy with a sharp increase in the

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Season's 4th tropical disturbance brings storm watch to Louisiana

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - The season's fourth tropical depression strengthened into Tropical Storm Danny today and began edging northeast, toward New Orleans.

The National Hurricane Center in Miami posted a tropical storm warning and hurricane watch from Cameron, La., near the state's southwest border, 350 miles east to Orange Beach in eastern Alabama.

After stalling all night, the storm drifted 40 miles northeast today, to about latitude 28.3 north, longitude 91.9 west, or about 165 miles southwest of New Orleans.

The 5-mph drift was expected to continue, bringing Danny's center to the coast within the warning area early Friday, according to the National Hurricane Center in Miami. New Iberia and New Orleans had the highest probabilities for landfall, at 30 and 23 percent respectively.

"This slow motion means that

rainfall could be a significant problem," hurricane specialist Max Mayfield said.

Rain from the storm already was hitting Louisiana's coast, and parts of southeastern Louisiana and southern Mississippi could get 5 to 10 inches during the next few days, the Hurricane Center said today.

It said storm surges 4 to 5 feet above normal tides are possible along the Gulf Coast east of the center.

By 10 a.m. CDT, the storm's maximum sustained winds were near 50 mph, with higher gusts mainly east of the center. Winds at least 39 mph - the minimum for a tropical storm - extended 70 miles east, and some strengthening was possible before landfall, the Hurricane Center said.

"We're encouraging people on the coast, particularly on the rigs, to watch this thing. It could go fast," Jerry Jarrell, hurricane center deputy director, said Wednesday.

Texas counties on the Louisiana border are closely watching the storm, said Mary Ann Burbidge, assistant coordinator for emergency management in Jefferson County, which includes Beaumont and Port Arthur.

Burbidge said some of the counties are expecting high tides because of the storm.

"But we're watching it because you never know with these things," she said.

In Louisiana's Jefferson Parish, emergency management officials had scheduled a routine hurricane preparedness meeting today. "We actually have one out there to talk about," said Carolyn Wilcox, the parish's assistant director of emergency preparedness.

In the barrier island town of Grand Isle, some light rain fell early today,

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'Rip roaring' success is expected in first-ever citywide garage sale

Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce officials are anticipating a "rip roaring" success Saturday of their first annual Citywide Garage Sale/Sidewalk Sale/Arts and Crafts Show.

Don Cumpston, executive vice president of the chamber, said 120 local residents have signed up to participate in the garage sale portion of the events.

Another 25 merchants have plans to conduct sidewalk sales and there will also be eight arts and crafts booths.

The garage sales and sidewalk sales will be scattered throughout the community and business districts Cumpston said.

Most of the arts and crafts booths will be set up near FirstBank on north main and the

others will be in the immediate area.

This is the first function of its type in Hereford, an event the chamber hopes to make an annual celebration, Cumpston said. Citizens from throughout Deaf Smith County and neighboring communities are expected to be in Hereford for the day's activities.

The day's events officially kick off at 8 a.m. when all sales are scheduled to open and chamber officials will begin handing out official maps showing locations of each sale.

Those maps will be handed out at the Santa Fe Park near the Santa Fe Station on Hwy. 60 near the intersection with Main Street.

"We will have rosters showing all the sales," Cumpston said, "and

maps of the city for people from outside the city or others who need them to find their way around the city."

Visitors to the chamber headquarters for the day at the Santa Fe Park will also be eligible to register for \$100 in Hereford Bucks to be given in a drawing at the end of the day, Cumpston said.

Drawing for that prize will be at 5 p.m. at the Santa Fe Park.

Cumpston also said parents who need a place for their children to stay while they shop the sales will be able to let them enjoy movies at Moovies 6 on north 25 Mile Ave., skate at the skating rink on Hwy. 60 west or swim at the Hereford Aquatic Center.

The movies and skating rink will be open at 8:30 a.m. and the aquatic center will open at 1 p.m. for an open swim time.

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Local Roundup

Slight chance of weekend showers

The high on Wednesday was 97 and the low was 69. Tonight, expect mostly clear skies with a low in the upper 60s and a south wind 10-15 mph. Friday look for mostly sunny skies with a high in the mid 90s and a south wind 10-20 mph. The extended forecast calls for a slight chance of storms Saturday and Sunday, otherwise partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s, highs in the mid 90s. On Monday expect partly cloudy skies with a chance of thunderstorms. Low in the mid 60s, high 85 to 90.

Tax office closes

Deaf Smith County Tax Assessor-Collector Margaret Del Toro is asking that persons who have business with the office in the courthouse next week to complete this business in the early part of the week. The offices will be closed all day Thursday, July 24, so that information may be downloaded into the office computers and regular business will not be conducted on that day.

News Digest

AUSTIN - Thousands more students are eligible to transfer out of low-performing public schools under a change in state law, but they may still have nowhere to go.

AUSTIN - More than 2 million Texans are getting a break on their summer electricity bills. The Texas Public Utility Commission on Wednesday ordered Texas Utilities Electric Co. to refund nearly \$150 million to its 2.4 million customers, including 2.1 million residential customers.

WASHINGTON - Tougher air quality standards pushed by the Clinton administration could force three new Texas metropolitan areas into non-compliance, state officials estimate.

NEW ORLEANS - The season's fourth tropical depression stood motionless about 150 miles off the Louisiana coast, but was expected to become Tropical Storm Danny early today and start moving slowly toward New Orleans.

SPACE CENTER, Houston - With a bounty of laboratory research on fire, metals and plants, the crew of the space shuttle Columbia was packed up for a return to Earth today.

DENVER - Seven members of a multistate militia group that authorities claim planned attacks on military installations were being held in jails in four states, including Texas, officials said.

ASA, Texas - A highway mowing crew and angry farmers engaged in a standoff in a corn field south of Waco over attempts to mow crops that a contractor claims extend onto state property along the highway.

ABILENE - A 13-year-old boy is recanting testimony he gave seven years ago that resulted in a 75-year prison term for his father on a molestation charge. The boy's testimony in 1990 that his father molested him helped convict Billy Lynn Stevens, 40, of aggravated sexual assault of a child. But the boy now insists it was his stepfather who molested him and forced him to lie on the witness stand.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - A surprise search of 35 Columbia/HCA hospitals and business offices in six states, including Texas, is just the price of doing business in the health care industry these days, said the chairman and CEO of the nation's largest for-profit hospital company.

NEW YORK - It took 88 years to reach 1,000 points, 15 years to 2,000, four years to 3,000 and another four years to 4,000. From there it took less than three years to reach 8,000.

The message on Wall Street that resounded Wednesday as the Dow Jones industrial average shattered another millennium marker is that the stock market's momentum could easily propel the famed barometer to 10,000 by the end of the century, maybe sooner.

Emergency Services

Activities reported by law enforcement agencies:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

--A 21 year old female was arrested for assaulting her husband.

--A 42 year old male was arrested for assaulting his wife.

--Theft was reported at a residence in the 300 block of North Lawton Street.

--Theft of \$25 worth of gasoline was reported in the 100 block of South 25 Mile Avenue.

--Theft of \$19 worth of gasoline was reported in the 600 block of South 25 Mile Avenue.

--A diamond wire spoke wheel was stolen in the 300 block of Avenue I.

--A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 700 block of Bradley Street.

--A woman was reported to be walking in the middle of the road in the 2000 block of East 1st Street.

--Two suspicious vehicles were reported in the area of County Club Drive.

--An unattended child was reported in the 400 block of Avenue B.

--A domestic disturbance was reported in the 800 block of South Lee Street.

--A dispute over the rent was reported at a residence located in the 300 block of Avenue I.

--A fight was reported in the 300 block of Avenue J.

--A domestic disturbance was reported in the 400 block of Barrett Street.

--At the Hereford Aquatic Lake, kids were reported as being mean to a pregnant duck.

--Six traffic citations were issued.

--Four traffic accidents without injuries.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

--A 21 year old male was arrested for bail jumping, failure to appear, and possession of marijuana under 2 ounces.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

--The department responded to a wreck rescue 3 miles east on Highway 60 at 2:14 p.m. One person was injured.

--The department responded to a wreck rescue at 5:11 on Highway 60 and Progressive Road.

Obituaries



GREGORITA OLGUIN
July 15, 1997

Gregorita Olguin, 85, mother of Marcella Soliz of Hereford, died Tuesday in Ruidoso, N.M.

Rosary services will be recited 7 p.m. Thursday at Parkside Chapel in

Hereford with Msgr. Orville Blum officiating.

Burial services will follow at St. Anthony's Cemetery.

Mrs. Olguin was born Nov. 14, 1911, in Garita, N.M. She married Fernando Eloy Olguin on her birthday in 1929 at Garita, N.M. They were married for over 50 years. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her son, Eloy Olguin of Conchas, N.M.; daughters, Nieves Garcia of Ruidoso, N.M., Lillie Rameriz of Guyman, Okla., Marcella Soliz of Hereford, Esmeralda Torres of Alamogordo, N.M., and Trudy Lopez of Ruidoso Downs, N.M.; brothers Herman Sena of Las Vegas, N.M. and Timoteo Sena also of Las Vegas, N.M.; 28 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Educational grant program slowed

Parents complain that enough schools are not available

By PEGGY FIKAC
Associated Press Writer
AUSTIN (AP) - Thousands more students are eligible to transfer out of low-performing public schools under a change in state law, but they may still have nowhere to go.

The Texas Education Agency has heard from parents who want to use the revamped public education grant program but haven't been able to find a school district that will take the transfers, TEA spokeswoman Debbie Graves Ratcliffe said.

While public school districts may still be deciding what to do, Mrs. Ratcliffe said, "I think it's just creating a lot of frustration out there." A number of school districts say they don't have room or resources for transfer students.

Senate Education Committee Chairman Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, said Wednesday he hopes school districts will begin accepting transfers as they learn more about the program and the monetary incentives it offers for taking the students.

"The goal is to increase choice for parents and students in public education," said Bivins, who pushed

expansion of the PEG program in this year's legislative session with Rep. Henry Cuellar, D-Laredo.

Both lawmakers said they want to monitor how the program works between now and the 1999 legislative session. If public schools don't accept PEG transfers, Cuellar said, one option would be to start allowing private schools to take them. That idea didn't muster enough support for passage this year.

The PEG program was enacted in 1995 to give students a way out of public schools that fall below certain standards on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills, a statewide test.

In the 1995-96 school year, 491,005 students from 652 campuses were eligible under the program. But only 31 students received the transfers, mostly because many school districts won't take the students.

Mrs. Ratcliffe said the agency doesn't keep records of how many requests were made.

Private schools aren't included in the program.

The law still allows schools to reject transfers.

There are 1,153 school campuses - out of 6,643 in Texas - that are considered poor enough performers under the new law to qualify for the PEG program. Nearly 800,000 students are at those campuses, out of 3.7 million Texas school children.

Under the expanded law, students are eligible to transfer if they are assigned to a campus at which 50 percent or more of the students didn't pass the TAAS in any two of the preceding three years.

They also are eligible if their campuses have been rated low-performing in any of the preceding three years under the state accountability system.

Under the accountability system, a school was rated low-performing last year if less than 30 percent of its students - or any category of students, such as blacks or whites - passed the TAAS.

Mrs. Ratcliffe said the agency has received dozens of calls, mostly from parents.

"Some have called to get more information about the program and how to participate in it. Some have called back when they found that after

calling school districts in their areas, they couldn't find anyone who was accepting PEG transfers," she said.

Central Texas' Eanes Independent School District - which has been rated exemplary because of its high passing rates and attendance and low dropout rates - is among those that doesn't accept transfers, said Jerry Molinoski, the district's assistant superintendent for human resources.

The school district already has had to make cutbacks because it has high property wealth and, under a school finance law, must share some tax proceeds with the rest of the state. It is also fast-growing, he said.

Allan Parker of the Texas Justice Foundation, which supports the PEG program and proposals for state-paid

private school tuition, said parents who are turned down should keep trying.

"School districts have not had an opportunity to study the new law and decide if they want to change their policy now that they get more money," he said. "I would strongly urge parents again to contact these schools at the end of the summer."



Checking out the new signs

Romeo Ramirez, second from right, supervisor of the Deaf Smith County Youth Home, and members of the board for Crime Stoppers, from left, Chester Harrison, Art Gonzales, Mike Harris and Bryan Hedrick, view one of the Crime Stoppers signs recently put up by residents of the Youth Home.

Farmers halt right-of-way mowing in dispute over crops on easement

WACO, Texas (AP) - A highway mowing crew and angry farmers engaged in a standoff in a corn field over attempts to mow crops that a contractor claims extend onto state property along the highway.

"What we have is a man with a state agency forcing something on land owners," said Wendell Crunk, farmer whose corn field faces Farm ad 3400 a few miles southeast of co. "You can't just come out here and mow a man's crops down."

J.L. Davis, a private contractor hired by the Texas Department of Transportation to mow along area highways, said his tractors were left idling about 9 a.m. Wednesday after angry farmers confronted his team of mowers.

McLennan County deputies kept watch as the mowers and farmers remained in a standoff for more than five hours as DOT officials considered the situation.

About 2:30 p.m. the tractors were ordered parked, at least temporarily.

STORM

but a decision on possible evacuations was delayed until after the Jefferson Parish meeting, a police dispatcher said.

In the barrier island town of Grand Isle, some light rain fell early today, but a decision on possible evacuations would be made after the Jefferson Parish meeting, a police dispatcher said.

Boats and helicopters began

DOW

central bank's lending rates. Reassured that the Fed won't impede revenue growth, investors have been bidding stocks further and further into record territory.

As bond prices rose Wednesday, the yield on the 30-year Treasury - another key influence on lending rates - fell to 6.47 percent, its lowest level since early December.

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by more than a 2-to-1 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume was extremely heavy at 646.03 million shares as of 4 p.m., the fifth largest tally ever. The Nasdaq market,

Davis says the edges of several cotton and corn fields along the highway extended into the state-owned easement along both sides of the road.

Transportation officials "set a precedent 75 years ago by letting them encroach on the right-of-way," Davis said.

Mowers have traditionally avoided crops that were planted too close to the road, Davis told the Waco Tribune-Herald.

But DOT officials last week ordered their mowing contractors to cut a 30-foot easement on either side of the road regardless of any crops that might be in the way.

Officials have adopted a uniform mowing policy in the interest of driver safety, said Joe Nelson, DOT deputy district engineer in Waco.

"We have some flexibility, but the minimum width is to be 30 feet for the edge of the roadway. It's a safety standard recognized across the nation," Nelson said. "We don't

Crunk said he has asked DOT officials to postpone the mowing for two weeks until crops can be harvested, the land cleared and the property lines clarified.

"If I've planted over in their right-of-way, I will never do it again if they will just tell me where it is," Crunk said, noting that DOT officials were unable to produce a map showing the exact location of the state's land claim.

Many property markers along the road have been plowed under by farmers, Nelson said.

Surveyors were to begin staking out the state's right-of-way today, Nelson said.

"Our intention after that is to go ahead and tell the contractors to mow," Nelson said.

Crunk's request for a two-week moratorium on mowing is a stall tactic, Nelson said. Mowing would interrupt the growing season for one crop or another, regardless of its timing, he said.

"Pierre Degruy, spokesman for Texaco in New Orleans, said Wednesday.

Texaco took 15 workers from one platform and had another 50, scattered over a half-dozen platforms, on standby, he said.

The Coast Guard's 8th District headquarters, which monitors Gulf shipping from Texas to Florida, was in a state of "heightened awareness" Wednesday night, said Petty Officer Heraldo Chavez.

If the winds should strengthen, some ships may be asked to leave docks and anchor further out toward the sea, said Dmitri Spanolios, a steamship agent at Nafuolis Shipping Agencies Ltd.

Ships at sea are better off than those at docks, he said: "All they do is change course and steer away and keep an eye on it. They're safer than we are - they can run away from it."

Degruy said the depression was right at the border of the western and central Gulf of Mexico. "There's not that much in the western Gulf. ... But it looks like it's going to really impact more the central Gulf. And there's a lot in the central Gulf."

House starts rise in June

WASHINGTON (AP) - Housing starts rose 4.8 percent in June, the second advance in three months and the fourth this year. All regions except for the Northeast posted gains.

The Commerce Department said today construction of new homes and apartments totaled 1.45 million at a seasonally adjusted annual rate, up from a revised 1.39 million in May.

The 6.6 percent decline in May was even sharper than the initial 4.8 percent drop. The April figure was revised to a 0.3 percent advance from a 0.7 percent dip reported earlier.

Many analysts were expecting a 1.43 million rate in June, citing favorable mortgage rates, strong consumer confidence and fair weather for the rebound.

Most expect new construction to level off this year after reaching an eight-year high of 1.48 million in 1996. For the year so far, starts totaled 3.2 percent less than they did during the first six months of 1996.

In another report, the Labor Department said new claims for jobless benefits fell by 28,000 last week to a seasonally adjusted 349,000. Analysts had attributed the 40,000 increase a week earlier to the closing of automobile plants for annual new-model retooling.

The four-week average rose from 348,500 to 348,750, highest since 349,500 during the period ended last Jan. 18. Analysts prefer to track the less-volatile four-week average because it smooths out the spikes in the weekly reports.

Applications for building permits slipped 2.6 percent to a 1.40 million annual rate, the third straight decline.



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

The ticket is worth an estimated \$4 million.

The ticket was sold in Houston.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were 8, 11, 16, 30, 43 and 46.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$4 million.

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

8-0-2
(eight, zero, two)

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Lifestyles

Ann Landers

Peaceful life ruined by neighbor who starts active day at 6 a.m.

Dear Ann Landers: I need your help. My husband and I came to America from China in 1990. Two years later, we bought a condominium. After we moved in, our nightmare began.

There is a middle-aged woman who lives in the apartment above us. Every day before 6 a.m. she walks around with heavy, noisy footsteps from bedroom to kitchen to bathroom to living room. It sounds like she is wearing army boots. She turns on her washing machine, radio or TV, drags her furniture around and is always hanging pictures or fixing appliances. The pounding never stops. She exercises on her treadmill or bike, and I not only hear the machine squeak, but the ceiling shakes.

I have spoken to this woman and written her a letter, hoping she would start her day a little later, but she ignored me. We rang her bell when she decided to start exercising at 11 p.m., but she yelled at the top of her lungs, saying it is her house and she will do whatever she wants.

We have written letters of complaint to the condominium board of our building. We were told to call the police or get a lawyer. We did phone the police once when she started her noise at 6:30, but by the time they arrived, it was after 7:00,

and they said there was nothing they could do.

How can we stop this woman from ruining our peaceful life? We must wake up whenever she wakes up, and we can't go to bed until she does. We have already put the condo up for sale, but nobody seems interested in buying it. Any ideas? -- Beside Ourselves in Brooklyn

Dear Brooklyn: Ask the condo board for permission to make structural changes in your unit. You may need to put in a false ceiling and offer to buy your neighbor some carpeting, but I urge you to do whatever is suggested by a professional. It will be cheaper than a nervous breakdown.

If this doesn't work, ask the condo board to conduct a hearing on the level of noise. If they find it to be unreasonable, the woman can be fined.

Dear Ann Landers: I have some suggestions for all your readers who may want to get a puppy and don't know anything about animals.

1. Do not let your dog have the run of the house until the animal has proven it can be left alone. Until it is about 18 months old, put your dog in a penned area or outside if you are not watching it. I am tired of hearing

about people who beat the dog because it tore up the house. A dog is like a small child. Would you leave a 2-year-old child alone in a room with fine antiques and china?

2. Beating a dog does not train it. It only trains the dog to fear you. If a dog does something bad and you hit it two hours later, the animal has absolutely no recollection of what it did and no idea why it's being beaten. Even if you put the chewed-up chair leg in front of the dog, it will not make the connection.

3. Dogs learn with praise and positive reinforcement. If there are ongoing behavior problems, take your dog to obedience classes, or call your vet or local humane society for advice.

4. It takes time and patience to have a well-behaved dog. I have had many dogs, and it takes about a year for an animal to start trusting you and wanting to behave for you. If you keep acquiring dogs and giving them back when they misbehave, you will never have the kind of dog you want. -- An Animal Lover in St. Clair Shores, Mich.

Dear St. Clair: Thanks for a splendid letter. Any dog that lands in your household is a lucky dog indeed. ANN LANDERS (R) COPYRIGHT 1997 CREATORS SYNDICATE, INC.



Museum exhibit

A special exhibit at the Deaf Smith County Museum honors the 80th anniversary of the American Red Cross. The exhibit features uniforms and memorabilia from World War I and World War II. The community is invited to join the Tri County Chapter in an 80th anniversary celebration from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 3 at the Hereford Community Center.

Tumor-shrinking chemotherapy can save some breast loss, researchers say

By GEOFF BECKER
Associated Press Writer
PITTSBURGH (AP) - A woman faced with the loss of a breast can safely preserve more of it by getting tumor-shrinking chemotherapy before she ever has surgery for her cancer, researchers say.

Tumors shrank in 80 percent of women who received chemotherapy before surgery, according to a study in this month's Journal of Clinical Oncology. Doctors then were able to remove only the lump and a bit of the

surrounding tissue, in an operation known as a lumpectomy.

The women who had chemotherapy followed by lumpectomy had nearly the same low rate of recurring cancer as those who underwent the more traditional approach - mastectomy, which is the removal of the entire breast, followed by chemotherapy.

The study examined 1,506 women over 6 1/2 years as part of the National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Project, a large and sometimes controversial research

effort led by Dr. Bernard Fisher of the University of Pittsburgh.

"The ultimate aim would be to eliminate the need for surgery. This shows you can reduce the size of surgery," Fisher said Wednesday.

Some doctors have been using the newer chemotherapy-plus-lumpectomy approach for a few years now. The new study gives scientific credence to what had been a largely anecdotal record of success.

"It's sort of the official confirmation of what we've already known, but it gives women the confidence to accept that treatment practice," said Michelle Melin, director of patient services for the Y-Me National Breast Cancer Organization in Chicago.

"If there is anything that could make having breast cancer easier, it would be giving more women the option of having lumpectomies," she said.

Fisher led an influential 1985 study that concluded that lumpectomy, followed by radiation, is as effective in preventing recurring cancer as complete removal of the breast.

Many doctors recommend (See CHEMOTHERAPY, Page 5)

Hospital Notes

Report from Hereford Regional Medical Center on July 17:
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Area Events

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The program begins at 7 p.m. and ends on Saturday at 8 a.m. and will include an entire evening of fun, games and activities. This overnight program is centered around the Discovery Center's summer exhibit In The Dark and will educate participants about how different plants, animals and ecosystems adapt to a dark environment.

The evening schedule includes a welcome and orientation followed by several craft activities including bat magnets and a flashlight scavenger hunt. Snacks will be provided and the children will have free time to play with the exhibit and watch a planetarium show. Lights out at midnight.

Prices are \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. Sleepin' In The Dark is open to the public and reservations may be made by calling Stacy, programs assistant, at 806-355-9548, ext. 20

The Resource Utilization Network (R.U.N.) Center for Independent Living is sponsoring an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Celebration and first birthday party for RUN on the anniversary of President George Bush signing this landmark legislation.

The festivities will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 26 in Elwood Park at 11th and Washington in Amarillo.

Activities planned include a crafts fair (booths are no charge), free food and entertainment.

Speakers will be Tajuana M. Dunning with the Southwest Disabilities Business Technical Assistance Center and Wendy Wilkinson of Baylor College of Medicine and Rehabilitation.

The people of the Panhandle are cordially invited to attend, buy and sell their crafts and join in the celebration.

R.U.N. Center for Independent Living is a non-profit organization funded by a grant through the Texas Rehabilitation commission that provides services to people with disabilities.

LEVELLAND

The 10th annual Camp Bluegrass will be held July 20-25 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily in the Creative Arts



Bluegrass performers

The 17th annual Old Mobeetie Bluegrass Festival, sponsored by the Panhandle Bluegrass and Old Tyme Music Association, will be held July 25-27 on the grounds of the Old Mobeetie courthouse and museum.

Building on the campus of South Plains College in Levelland.

More than 100 bluegrass music enthusiasts from 16 states and as far away as Israel are expected to converge on SPC for the six-day immersion into bluegrass music.

There will be special events nightly at 7 p.m.

Highlights will include a faculty concert featuring some of the top names in bluegrass at 7 p.m. July 24 in the Tom T. Hall Production Studio. Admission is free.

Other highlights will include a songwriters workshop July 22, the tongue-in-cheek Byron Berline Talent and Good Citizenship Contest July 23; student showcase concert July 25; and informal jam sessions each night near the Marvin L. Baker Center.

Activities are open to the public without charge.

For more information, contact the SPC Office of Continuing Education at 806-894-9611, ext. 2341.

MOBEETIE

The 17th annual Old Mobeetie Bluegrass festival will take place July 25-27 on the grounds of the Old Mobeetie courthouse and museum at Old Mobeetie.

Mobeetie is 30 miles east of Pampa in the northeastern part of the Texas Panhandle.

The music starts at 6 p.m. Friday

and continues all day Saturday, concluding with a session of gospel music on Sunday morning.

The Old Mobeetie Association and the Volunteer Fire Department will again provide their famous 47 flavors of homemade ice cream for everyone. Also available will be hamburgers and other concessions. The Mobeetie Courthouse and Jail Museum will be open for tours.

Camping is free and a limited number of RV hookups may still be available. Arts and crafts booths are welcome; be sure to bring your own lawn chairs.

A weekend ticket is \$14 at the gate. Individual day tickets will also be available. Children under 13 are free.

For additional information call Scott Vincent at 806-359-0708 evenings or Melba Mills at 806-622-2759.

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The 4-H Breads Project, which is an introduction project for the Tri State Fair 4-H Better Bake Show, will be held July 23 in the Community Center ballroom from 9:30 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.

Youth should dress comfortably for the hands-on yeast bread workshop. Participants will learn the importance of bread in the diet, the role that wheat plays in the economy

of their community, and will receive the rules for the Tri State Fair 4-H Better Bake Show.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Youth must pre-register for the workshop by calling the Deaf Smith County Extension Office no later than 4:30 p.m. Friday.

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Reunion will be held Sunday

The 37th Progressive Reunion will be held Sunday at the Hereford Community Center.

Doors will open at 11:30 a.m. Those attending are asked to bring a dish for the pot luck dinner. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

Wedding information must be submitted by 5 p.m. Wednesday to be included in the next Sunday Brand. Wedding information forms, as well as those for engagements and showers, are available at the news office, 313 N. Lee.

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Joyce and Steve Stevens, left, of Stevens Chevrolet, recently contributed more than \$500 to the Hereford Make-A-Wish Foundation. The donation, which was presented to foundation volunteer, Paul Hamilton, right, represented proceeds from a recent promotion the local car dealership hosted.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: It seems to me that I have read that taking calcium tablets is largely a waste, as the tablets are not assimilated. Is that really the case, and if so, what is the alternative? — D.S.

ANSWER: Have no fear. The calcium in calcium tablets is absorbed. However, calcium carbonate, the most popular calcium supplement, relies on stomach acid for its absorption. With age, stomach-acid production wanes.

If you take the carbonate form with meals, absorption is markedly increased. Food stimulates stomach-acid production.

Read the label on the brand you take. If the label has the letters "USP" — which stand for "U.S. Pharmacopoeia" — you can be sure that its calcium dissolves and is easily assimilated.

There are many natural sources of calcium. Dairy products are loaded with calcium. Other foods with a substantial supply include calcium-fortified orange juice; kidney beans; sardines with bones; broccoli; kale; turnip greens; and tofu. Fulfilling your calcium needs through foods is a good idea, since the foods deliver other essential nutrients.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Recently I heard on television that anyone who drinks skim milk does not benefit from any calcium. Is this true? I want to avoid whole milk because of its fat and cholesterol. What is the better thing to do? — Concerned

ANSWER: Skim milk actually has a little more calcium than whole milk — 302 milligrams in an 8-ounce glass, vs. 291. Milk with 1 percent fat has 300 milligrams.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am a 60-year-old woman of normal weight with a full-time desk job. One day I woke up with a sore tailbone. I had suffered no fall or injury. My doctor says there is no treatment and I can expect the pain to be permanent.

At my insistence, he took an X-ray, which showed nothing.

I live with the discomfort by sitting on foam-rubber cushions. Is there no treatment? — V.V.

ANSWER: The tailbone — the coccyx — is a fusion of small, delicate bones at the base of the spine.

Coccyx pain is often a result of a fall. Too-tight jeans also can provoke pain. Often, the pain comes on for no apparent reason.

You can cushion your coccyx in an unorthodox manner. Get a 3-inch-

wide belt. Encircle it directly on your skin at the level of the lower third of your buttocks. Use it for three months. I'm fairly sure that by then your pain will have disappeared.

Another approach is injecting cortisone into the coccyx area. It soothes the pain.

Only in the most resistant cases is surgical removal of the coccyx used.

If you're only treading water with homemade remedies, request a repeat X-ray, which might disclose changes not seen on the first X-ray picture.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Is it OK for someone on a low-cholesterol diet to indulge in shrimp from time to time? I have heard that shrimp is loaded with cholesterol. Others say that's bosh. Who's right? I happen to savor the delicious crustaceans. — M.S.

ANSWER: Three and a half ounces of shrimp has a hefty amount of cholesterol — 200 milligrams, to be exact. That's almost the same amount contained in an egg yolk.

Shrimp's saving grace is its low content of saturated fat. Saturated fats raise blood cholesterol levels more than high-cholesterol foods do. The fats prime the liver to pump out

cholesterol. You can indulge in your favorite food from time to time without a guilty conscience. Moderation is the key. You can't eat pounds of shrimp daily and not expect changes in your cholesterol levels.

IN RESPONSE to reader requests, Dr. Donohue has a complete listing of his pamphlets on various medical problems. Readers who want one should send their request to Dr. Donohue—List, Box 5539, Riverton, NJ 08077-5539. Enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him at P.O. Box 5539, Riverton, NJ 08077-5539.

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, July 17, the 198th day of 1997. There are 167 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

One year ago, on July 17, 1996, TWA Flight 800, a Paris-bound Boeing 747, exploded and crashed off Long Island, N.Y., shortly after leaving John F. Kennedy International Airport. All 230 people aboard were killed.

On this date:
In 1821, Spain ceded Florida to the United States.

In 1841, the British humor magazine Punch was first published.

In 1898, during the Spanish-American War, Spain surrendered to the United States at Santiago, Cuba.

In 1917, the British royal family

adopted the Windsor name.

In 1935, the entertainment trade publication Variety ran its famous headline, "Sticks Nix Hick Pix," which might be translated as "rural America dislikes rural-themed movies."

In 1938, aviator Douglas Corrigan took off from New York, saying he was headed for California. He ended up in Ireland, earning the nickname "Wrong Way Corrigan."

Ten years ago: 10 teen-agers were killed when raging floodwaters from the Guadalupe River near Comfort, Texas, swept away a church bus and van holding 43 people.

Five years ago: A historic accord for deep cuts in tanks and other non-nuclear arms in Europe went into effect, nearly two years after it was

signed by NATO and the now-defunct Warsaw Pact.

Today's Birthdays: TV personality Art Linkletter is 85. Comedian Phyllis Diller is 80. The president of the International Olympic Committee, Juan Antonio Samaranch, is 77. Actor Donald Sutherland is 63. Actress-singer Dianna Carroll is 62. Rock singer Spencer Davis is 55. Rock musician Terry "Geez" Butler (Black Sabbath) is 48. Actress Lucie Arnaz is 46. Actor David Hasselhoff is 45. Singer Phoebe Snow is 45. Singer Nicolette Larson is 45. Singer Regina Belle is 34. Rhythm-and-blues singer Stokely (Mint Condition) is 30. Singer JC (PM Dawn) is 26.

Thought for Today: "All styles are good except the tiresome sort." — Voltaire, French writer (1694-1778).

In 1944, 322 people were killed when a pair of ammunition ships exploded in Port Chicago, Calif.

In 1945, President Truman, Soviet leader Josef Stalin and British Prime Minister Winston S. Churchill began meeting at Potsdam in the final Allied summit of World War II.

In 1948, southern Democrats opposed to the nomination of President Truman met in Birmingham, Ala., to endorse South Carolina Gov. Strom Thurmond.

In 1955, Disneyland debuted in Anaheim, Calif.

In 1975, an Apollo spaceship docked with a Soyuz spacecraft in orbit in the first superpower linkup of its kind.

In 1979, Nicaraguan President Anastasio Somoza resigned and fled to Miami in exile.

In 1981, 114 people were killed when a pair of walkways above the lobby of the Kansas City Hyatt Regency Hotel collapsed during a tea dance.

Hints from Heloise

Dear Heloise: I am having a problem with my garbage disposal. It stinks!

My sister-in-law said to cut out the rubber portion so food wouldn't collect there. I live in a rental, so this isn't an option.

Do you know of anything I could use to keep the disposal from stinking?

Thank you, and your column is awesome. I find many helpful ideas! — Stacy Furness, Lancaster, Calif.

Sure do and it's as easy as can be. A thorough cleaning using dishwashing detergent or baking soda and an extra combed brush should do the trick. (Be sure to label it so it's only used to clean the disposal.)

Run some water into the sink and squirt a few drops of dishwashing liquid or sprinkle baking soda into the disposal. Using the "sink" brush, scrub under the rubber gasket and around the inside of the disposal.

CHEMOTHERAPY

mastectomies because they fear the disease will come back.

Dr. Harmon Eyre, chief medical officer of the American Cancer Institute, said the new study was solidly done and may help persuade doctors and their patients to choose the less disfiguring lumpectomy.

Fisher's findings are his first since he was cleared of charges that he ignored research misdeeds at the cancer project.

A Montreal scientist on Fisher's team confessed to enrolling 99

Run lots of water and turn on the disposal to flush everything.

You can repeat the cleaning steps if any odor remains.

After cleaning, sprinkle some baking soda in the disposal and let set to help freshen it until the next time the sink is used.

Or — one of my favorite ways to freshen — put a lemon or lime rind in and flip the switch for a few seconds. The citrus aroma will float up and smell fantastic! Be sure to then run some water to push it through the pipes.

Yes, the gasket could be part of the odor problem. However, you should never cut it out unless you can replace it. The gasket has the important function of keeping food particles

and other objects from splattering out of the garbage disposal when it is being used.

By the way, for more handy uses for baking soda, you can order my baking soda pamphlet for \$2 from Heloise/Baking Soda, PO Box

795001, San Antonio TX 78279-5001; include a stamped (55 cents), self-addressed long envelope. — Heloise

FRAME MAT
Dear Heloise: When framing pictures that need a mat, I use gift wrap or tissue paper to match the room the picture will hang in. Just cover the backing, place the picture in the center and hang. — D. Rogers, Gilbert, Ariz.

EXPERI-HINTS

Dear Heloise: I have a great suggestion for anyone with any limitations who wears lace-up shoes.

My husband had a stroke and did not like athletic-type shoes. A shoe salesman suggested we take the lace-up shoes to a shoe repair shop and have them sew on a 2-inch-wide strap on one side and sew self-gripping fabric tape under the end of the strap and a piece of the self-gripping fabric tape on the shoe to fasten it, and he covers up the lace-up holes.

Now my husband has a nice pair of shoes and he is self-sufficient and did not have to go buy other shoes. The problem was solved very inexpensively. — Mrs. Virgie Bryant, Lubbock, Texas

Send a money- or time-saving hint to Heloise, PO Box 795000, San Antonio TX 78279-5000 or fax it to 210-HELOISE. I can't answer your letter personally but will use the best hints received in my column.

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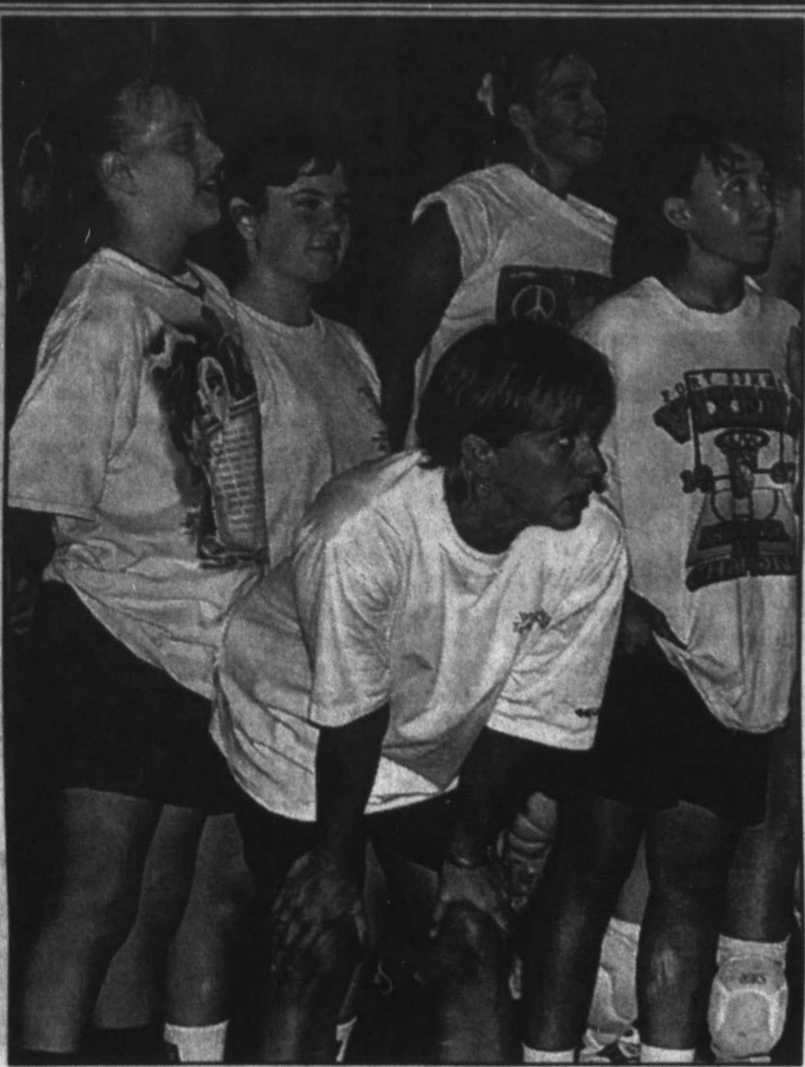
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Coach of year

Hereford Volleyball Coach Brenda Kitten watches a practice session with intensity during the annual Lady Whitefaces Volleyball clinic being conducted this week.

Kitten surprised, honored as 1997 Coach of Year

Being named Texas High School Volleyball Coach of the Year was a "real honor" and "surprise for Hereford High School's Brenda Reeh Kitten.

Kitten, who coached the Lady Whitefaces to the Texas 4A Volleyball championship last year, received the honor at an awards dinner during last week's Texas Girls Coaching Association coaching school at Austin.

"I was totally surprised," Kitten said. "There were a lot of other coaches there who had won their second championship in a row and I thought one of them might get the honor."

She said coach of the year honors are usually bestowed on one of the coaches who carries a team to the state championship. This makes five coaches, one in each University Interscholastic League (U.I.L.) division, eligible for the title.

The Texas Girls Coaching Association has 4,000 members and approximately 2,500 attended the coaching school in Austin.

All-Star games featuring some of the top players from each sport also held in conjunction with the school. Those players graduated from high school in the months preceding the coaching school.

This year Kitten was an assistant coach on the West volleyball team working with Joni McCoy of Arlington who was head coach.

Hereford's Danielle Cornelius was a member of that team, starting at the middle front against Jo Jamison, the Texas Gatorade Player of the year.

"She really had her work cut out for her," Kitten said of Cornelius, "and she did a good job."

The West captured the event but had to come from behind to take the victory.

They lost the first match 8-15 and the second 2-15 before bouncing back to take the third match 15-13, and then putting the teams in tie by winning the fourth, 16-14.

The fifth match saw the West take a hard-earned 15-13 victory to capture the competition.

Cowboys banned from sports bar

IRVING, Texas (AP) - Dallas Cowboys players who ignore owner Jerry Jones' ban on a sports bar near Valley Ranch could face a \$10,000 fine, The Dallas Morning News reported today.

The newspaper cited a source it did not name as saying the fine would be imposed for conduct detrimental to the team.

No other establishments are off-limits to players, the source said.

Jones says he has ordered players to stay away from the Cowboy's Sports Cafe, a bar just a few blocks from the team's practice complex. Until now, the bar was a popular hangout for players. It is owned by former players Tony Dorsett, Eugene Lockhart, Alfredo Roberts and Everson Walls.

Jones refused to discuss his reasons for the ban.

"I don't want to get into in-depth reasons why we made the decision," the owner said. "But it was overwhelmingly a decision we needed to make."

A source close to the team said one reason reserve tight end Kendall Watkins was cut this week is because he defied the ban.

On Monday, coach Barry Switzer said Watkins was released because the team was displeased with his conditioning and his behavior.

Watkins' agent, Brian Levy, said the tight end weighed 278 pounds when he visited the Miami Dolphins on Tuesday. That's four pounds less than the Cowboys had him listed in their media guide last year.

Prior to his release, Watkins was scheduled to make \$180,300 bonus for reporting to training camp on Friday.

"I don't know what they've got to gain by saying bad things about him," Levy said. "They just didn't want to pay him."

"Kendall's not an angel, but that's not a tabernacle choir they've got in Dallas."

A source told the newspaper that Jones made the ban known about a month ago and discussed it with the sports bar owners.

"It seems a little hasty because the ownership has always had good reputations," Walls said. "It's kind of hard to tell grown men what to do once they leave the premises, especially when they're going to places that are legal."

Walls said former Cowboys coach Tom Landry advised players every year of places they should stay away from.

The Cowboys have had seven drug-related NFL suspensions in the past three years.

Brown beats Dodgers with one-hitter

By The Associated Press

The way Kevin Brown is throwing, a no-hitter is possible anytime he pitches.

Brown, who no-hit San Francisco on June 10, pitched his first career one-hitter on Wednesday night, leading the Florida Marlins over the Los Angeles Dodgers 5-1.

"He was like a buzzsaw," Dodgers left fielder Brett Butler said.

Brown (9-6) faced just two batters over the minimum, allowing a leadoff

single to left by Raul Mondesi in the fifth. Brown then retired his final 15 batters.

"This was not a night when I felt dominant out there," Brown said. "I was happy with the results, but I felt this was a night when I had to make my pitches because I didn't have the feeling that I even had last outing."

At Miami, Brown struck out eight and walked one in his fourth complete game of the season. He has allowed

one earned run or none in 10 of 20 starts this season.

"We played well, but we ran into a great pitcher tonight," Dodgers manager Bill Russell said.

Bobby Bonilla and Edgar Renteria drove in two runs each. Hideo Nomo (9-8) was tagged for five runs and eight hits in 5 2-3 innings with five walks.

Cubs 6, Mets 5

Right fielder Sammy Sosa made a running catch with the bases loaded

to end the seventh and catcher Scott Servais had a key pickoff in the eighth.

Visiting Chicago stopped its four-game losing streak and sent the Mets to their third straight loss. Before the game, New York fired general manager Joe McLivaine despite starting the day with a 51-41 record, fourth-best in the NL.

Rookie Jeremi Gonzalez (7-2) gave up five runs and three hits in five innings, and Mel Rojas pitched the ninth for his 10th save in 15 chances.

John Olerud hit a three-run homer and Todd Hundley had a two-run double for the Mets. Armando Reynoso (6-3) left after 4 1-3 innings because of tendinitis in his right shoulder.

Phillies 6, Expos 0

Curt Schilling (11-8) pitched a four-hitter at Veterans Stadium for his first shutout this season. He struck out seven, raising his league-leading total to 176, and walked none in his fourth complete game.

Scott Rolen and Rico Brogna homered for Philadelphia, which won consecutive games for the first time

since May 17-18 against Houston. The Phillies won for just the fifth time in 28 games.

Jim Bullinger (6-9) gave up three runs and six hits in five innings.

Braves 2, Rockies 1

Chipper Jones singled home the go-ahead run in the eighth off Jerry Dipoto (3-2) and Tom Glavine (10-5) won for the fourth time in five decisions, allowing one run and five hits in eight innings.

Visiting Colorado has lost five straight and 12 of 13, dropping to 44-51. Atlanta won for just the third time in seven games since the All-Star break. Larry Walker went 1-for-4, dropping his major league-leading average to .404.

Reds 7, Pirates 3

Jon Nunnally, acquired Tuesday from Kansas City, homered and drove in three runs in his first NL start.

Dave Burba (6-9) improved to 5-0 in Three Rivers Stadium, giving up three runs and eight hits in his second complete game this season - both against Pittsburgh.

Esteban Loaiza (6-7) gave up nine runs - seven earned - and nine hits in 4 2-3 innings as Pittsburgh's

four-game winning streak was stopped.

Astros 8, Giants 1

Mike Hampton (6-7) pitched a four-hitter to win his third straight decision as Houston won for the fifth time in seven games since the All-Star break. The Giants have lost three of four and five of seven since the break.

Tim Lincecum homered and Hampton added an RBI single at the Astro-dome. Keith Foulke (1-4) gave up six runs and seven hits in 3 1-3 innings.

Padres 4, Cardinals 3

Ken Caminiti singled home the go-ahead run against T.J. Mathews (4-4) with two outs in the ninth as San Diego rallied from a 3-1 deficit at Busch Stadium.

Jim Bruske (2-0) pitched 1 2-3 hitless innings, and Trevor Hoffman got three outs for his 20th save.

Sports Briefs

BASEBALL

CHICAGO (AP) - New York Yankees designated hitter Cecil Fielder will miss six to eight weeks after fracturing his right thumb during a head-first slide in Tuesday's win over Cleveland.

Fielder, placed on the disabled list for the first time in his career, will undergo surgery Thursday in New York.

BASKETBALL

DENVER (AP) - The Denver Nuggets signed first-round draft picks, Danny Fortson and Bobby Jackson, to three-year contracts.

Fortson, the 10th overall pick from Cincinnati, will be paid \$1.95 million in the first year of a three-year deal worth \$6.7 million. Jackson, the 23rd pick from Minnesota, will make \$695,000 in the first year of his \$2.4 million deal.

BOSTON (AP) - Forward-center Dino Radja was placed on waivers by the Boston Celtics and published reports said he was expected to sign

a contract with Panathinaikos AC in Greece.

Radja, 30, has been with Boston for four seasons. He was traded to the Philadelphia 76ers last month for Michael Cage and Clarence Weatherspoon, but that was nullified when Radja failed his physical.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) - J.R. Reid signed a two-year deal with the Charlotte Hornets, the team which made him a first-round draft pick four years ago.

Reid, a former University of North Carolina star who played more than three seasons with the Hornets, is returning to the NBA after playing for one year in France.

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Bryon Russell re-signed with the Utah Jazz for five-years and a reported \$20 million.

The 6-foot-7 forward led the Jazz in 3-point production, hitting 40.9 percent. He was 13th among the league's 3-point shooters.

TENNIS

WASHINGTON (AP) - Andre Agassi, attempting to comeback from a wrist injury, lost to Doug Flach, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4 in the first round of the Legg Mason Classic.

Playing for the first time since May 1, Agassi's faltering serve resulted in 15 double faults.

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Deckard has hole-in-one; scramble ends in tie

Three teams shot a 29 Wednesday in the Weekly Scramble at Pitman Municipal Golf Course. Prizes will carry over to next week's play.

Tying for first place were the following teams: Steve Sanders, Ed Durrett, Keith Clearman and Joel Sturgeon; Connie Martin, Rosie Gonzales, Mike McEachern and Sam Metcalf; Roy Riley, Jerry

Ripley, Aaron Roberts and Raymond Gamboa.

A hole-in-one was recorded by Jerry Deckard of Hereford Wednesday morning, reported Cal Garrett, golf course manager.

Deckard aced the par 3, No. 10 hole, to record his first-ever hole-in-one. He used a 3-wood from the 205-yard marker. The shot was witnessed by Bob Mitchell.

No-hitter takes Hereford to state

A no-hit pitching effort propelled the Hereford Babe Ruth baseball team to a 2-0 win over Plainview last weekend and earned them a spot in the state tournament at Andrews.

The first game for Hereford is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. Saturday against the host team, Andrews.

George Castillo hurled the no-hit effort in leading his team to victory in the third contest of the tournament.

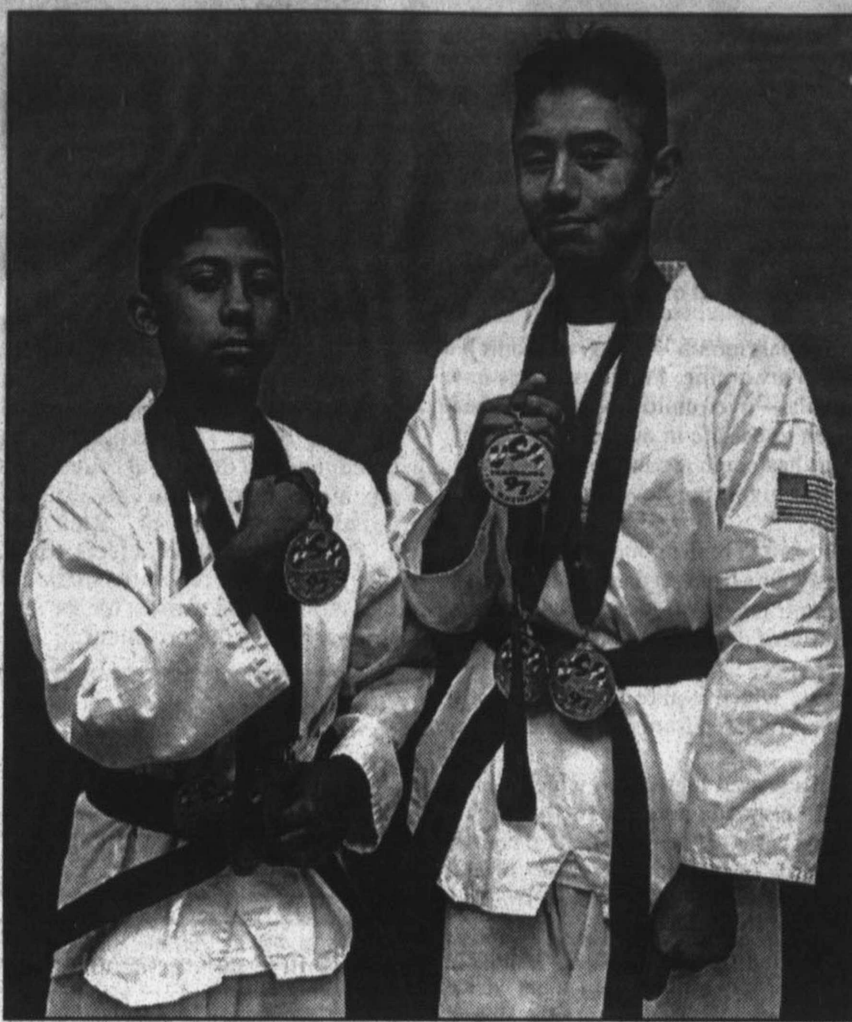
The victory was more than a pitching effort as Coach Johnny Dan Alaniz also praised the defensive effort saying, "In this game our defense really cam around, turning three double plays to end a few innings."

pitcher giving up just two hits and a batter had two hits of his own in three trips to the plate, including a triple.

The second game of the tournament was a 6-0 loss.

Vallejo was 6 for 7 at the plate for Hereford, had four walks and three stolen bases to lead the offensive effort.

A tournament sweep in Andrews will place the Hereford team into the national finals at Del Rio later this summer.



Champions

Joshua Sturgeon and cousin Joe Casarez Jr., proudly show the medals they won at the national championships last week in Guthrie, Ok.

Cousins capture top Taekwondo honors

Hereford cousins Joshua Sturgeon and Joe Casarez Jr., captured top honors in the USA Taekwondo Junior National Championships in Guthrie Oklahoma July 10-12.

They were part of a 24 member delegation from the Crox Taekwondo School entered in the tournament which featured more than 500 participants in the three-day event.

Sturgeon, 13, earned a gold medal for first place finishes in form and for his age division and a silver second place medal for sparring.

Casarez, 14, captured first place gold medals for sparring and in his age division and a silver second place medal in forms.

The cousins are not preparing for the state championship meet which will be conducted in Lubbock July 26. From there they will head to the International Championships to be conducted in Dallas this fall.

Sturgeon is the son of Joe and Elda Sturgeon and Casarez is the son of Joe Casarez Sr. of Hereford and Elva E. Casarez of Amarillo. Both are grandchildren of Ignacio and Olivia Esqueda of Hereford.

He also praised Andrew Villareal who came off the bench to make several outstanding defensive plays.

Offensively L.J. Vallejo led off the fifth inning with a double and scored when Castillo helped his own cause by hitting a triple to score Vallejo.

The second run came minutes later when Vallejo raced home on a perfect bunt by Hector Zambrano.

In the first game of the meet the Hereford team won 6-1 over Plainview.

McGwire regains lead

By TOM WITHERS
AP Sports Writer

With two swings, Mark McGwire passed two Yankees and couldn't have cared less.

McGwire hit his 33rd and 34th homers to regain the major-league lead from New York's Tino Martinez and move past Joe DiMaggio on the career list as the Oakland Athletics beat the Kansas City Royals 11-3.

McGwire connected for a three-run homer off Mike Perez in the fourth inning to tie Martinez, who hit his 32nd and 33rd homers in New York's 11-5 win in Chicago.

Don Wengert (4-8) pitched 4 2-3 innings of one-hit relief for the win.

Jose Rosado (7-6) lost his third straight decision.

Yankees 11, White Sox 5

At Chicago, Martinez hit his fourth career grand slam off Wilson Alvarez (8-7) on an 0-2 pitch in the seventh following Derek Jeter's single and walks to Luis Sojo and Paul O'Neill.

Martinez, who had 31 homers with Seattle in 1995, connected in the third to set a career high.

Warren Newson added a three-run homer in the sixth off Pat Hentgen (9-7) as the punchless Blue Jays dropped their third straight.

Red Sox 4, Orioles 1

At Baltimore, Steve Avery won his first decision since April 22 and Mike Stanley hit a three-run homer off Jimmy Key (12-6).

Avery (3-2), making his third start since coming off a two-month stint on the disabled list, allowed one run and eight hits in seven-plus innings.

Sparks stop Comets with new coach

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) - The Los Angeles Sparks re-established themselves as one of the WNBA's top teams - at least in the minds of the Houston Comets.

Oakland's slugger then broke that tie by homering again off Jeff Montgomery to lead off the eighth.

The home-run race is on, right Mark?

"Who really cares? Why would that be such a big deal at this point? Why would that matter? I don't play this game for individual accomplishments," McGwire said of surpassing Martinez.

Andy Pettitte (11-5) had his scoreless inning streak snapped at 23 in the second. He gave up five runs and nine hits in 6 1-3 innings.

Mariners 8, Twins 7

At Seattle, the Mariners rallied to win for the 25th time this season when Russ Davis hit a two-run single with one out in the ninth off Rick Aguilera (1-1).

Heathcliff Slocumb worked the ninth for his 12th save.

Shane Mack had three hits and Nomar Garciaparra had a double and a triple for the Red Sox.

Key gave up four runs, eight hits and three walks in 6 2-3 innings.

Indians 4, Brewers 3

"If L.A. continues to play like that, it will be the team to beat," Comets coach Van Chancellor said after the Sparks' 77-52 victory in front of an announced crowd of 7,240 at the Forum on Wednesday night.

The victory in Julie Rousseau's debut as interim coach was the team's most lopsided win of the season. Rousseau was promoted from assistant coach Wednesday afternoon following the firing of Linda Sharp, the first in the WNBA's brief history.

"I do not think any team can beat the L.A. Sparks if they continue to play this way," Houston guard Cynthia Cooper said. "They shot the ball very well, ran the fast break and had a great inside-outside attack."

Los Angeles (5-7) took a lead it would never relinquish as Zheng Haixia and Lisa Leslie each scored four points during a 13-0 run which put the Sparks ahead 19-12 with just over 10 minutes remaining before halftime.

Tina Thompson made a layup to end that spurt, but the Sparks then went on a 12-0 run as Houston (7-5) went scoreless for 7:36.

"Why make that an issue? It's absolutely meaningless," McGwire added. "If this was the last week of the season, it might be a big deal."

Gee whiz.

It was the 39th multi-homer game for McGwire, tying him with Andre Dawson for 17th place on the career list.

He now has 363 career homers. Dimaggio had 361.

The victory kept the Mariners 1 1/2 games in front of second-place Anaheim in the AL West.

The Mariners, who scored five runs in the eighth to take a 6-3 lead, needed to come from behind again after the Twins scored four times in the top of the ninth.

Davis went 3-for-4 with a double and three RBIs.

At Milwaukee, rookie Jaret Wright pitched six effective innings and Brian Giles homered as Cleveland won for the fifth time in six games.

Wright (2-0), making his first start since cutting his right index finger attempting to bunt on July 1, allowed two runs and three hits.

Jose Mesa started the seventh following a 68-minute rain delay and pitched 1 2-3 innings. Mike Jackson gave up a two-out RBI single to Jesse Lewis in the ninth before getting his 12th save.

He's one of the most dangerous bats today, if not this era," Royals manager Tony Muser said of McGwire. "He's a home run machine."

Scott Sanders (3-6) got credit for the victory despite allowing Minnesota's go-ahead run in the ninth.

Rangers 6, Blue Jays 0

At Arlington, Texas, Darren Oliver pitched his second career shutout and Will Clark doubled twice and drove in three runs for Texas.

Oliver (6-9) scattered eight hits in his first complete game and shutout this season. The right-hander, whose other shutout came against Toronto on June 8, 1996, is 5-0 with a 0.95 ERA in his career against the Blue Jays.

Kevin Gross pitched a scoreless eighth inning and Troy Percival struck out the side in the ninth for his 13th save.

Ben McDonald (8-7) took the loss.

Angels 5, Tigers 3

At Anaheim, Calif., Todd Greene hit his first two home runs of the season in consecutive at-bats and Chuck Finley won his fourth straight start as Anaheim won its ninth straight.

Finley (7-6) shrugged off homers by Melvin Nieves and Travis Fryman to scatter seven hits in seven innings.

Finley's 7-6 record is tied with seven other pitchers in the league.

UP TO PAR

(This week's Local Highlights and Golf activities)

SCRAMBLE ENDS IN THREE-WAY TIE

The Wednesday Scramble at Pitman Municipal Golf Course ended in a three-way tie yesterday evening. Prizes will carry over to next week's scramble. Teams involved in the first-place tie with a 29 score were: Steve Sanders, Ed Durrett, Keith Clearman and Joel Sturgeon; Connie Martin, Rosie Gonzales, Mike McEachern and Sam Metcalf; Roy Riley, Jerry Ripley, Aaron Roberts and Raymond Gamboa.

HOLE-IN-ONE REPORTED

Jerry Deckard of Hereford recorded his first-ever hole-in-one at Pitman Golf Course Wednesday morning. Deckard aced the 205-yard, par 3, No. 10 hole. The shot was witnessed by Bob Mitchell.

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PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN FROM THOSE WHO WOULD PREY ON THEM

In June the U.S. Supreme Court made what is in this day and age a stunning decision: Society has the right to protect its children. The court ruled that states may continue to keep habitual child molesters locked up, even after they've completed their prison sentences.

Leroy Hendricks, the kind of criminal who gives parents nightmares, is at the center of this story. Over a 40-year period, Hendricks accumulated five convictions for molesting children in particularly horrible ways, and was accused of countless other crimes with which he never was charged.

ardy" — forbidding the government to punish a person twice for the same crime — was violated by the Kansas statute.

The Hendricks case goes to the core of the debate over what the Constitution allows our society to do to protect its most vulnerable. In 1949, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Robert Jackson wrote that Constitutional logic must be tempered with practical wisdom in such cases to avoid converting "the constitutional Bill of Rights into a suicide pact."

Unfortunately, until last month's ruling, the court has ignored Justice Jackson's warning. Previous courts have put the rights of criminals — even child molesters — ahead of the rights of children to be safe in our society.

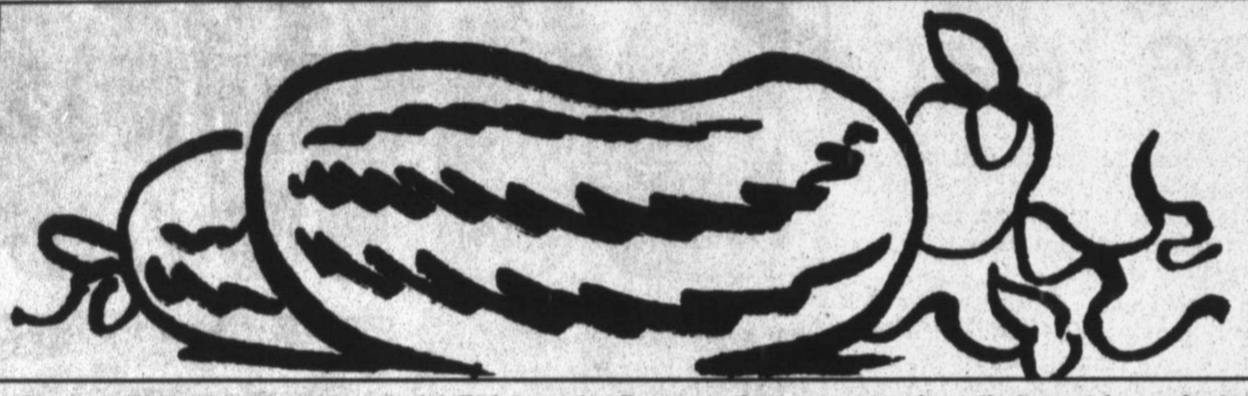
Happily, the court has come around to the common-sense idea that preventing highly predictable crimes against children is a good idea.

Our society has begun to realize that it has a premier obligation to protect its young from predators, more than 40 percent of whom commit repeat offenses. The Supreme Court ruling is indicative of this realization. Additionally, Texas and many other states have statutes similar to New Jersey's "Megan's Law," which requires community notification when a molester is released from prison and takes up residence.

Last year Congress passed legislation which I introduced that requires life imprisonment for two-time child sex offenders when their cases are heard in federal court. It also provides a nationwide system of tracking sex offenders so society can keep tabs on them if they move from one state to another.

These measures will not put an end to child molestation. But it is our responsibility to take what steps we can take to prevent it. To do less is, indeed, to turn the Constitution into a mutual suicide pact and force our children to join it.

Child molestation is a horrendous crime. Justice must serve the youngest and most vulnerable among us, as well as those who prey on them. 7.18.97



Do you think of melons as a fruit? Think again. Because they grow on vines that must be replanted annually, horticulturalists regard melons as vegetables.

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Names in the News

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. (AP) - Feminist poet Adrienne Rich has rejected a National Medal for the Arts in a protest against government policies she said are widening the gap between the haves and the have-nots.

"When growing numbers of people are being marginalized, impoverished, scapegoated and beleaguered, I don't feel I can accept an award from the government pursuing these policies," Rich said.

President Clinton selects the 12 recipients on the recommendation of the National Endowment for the Arts. Winners meet the president.

The 68-year-old Rich, who has written 22 books, turned down the award last week.

"The radical disparities of wealth and power in America are widening at a devastating rate," she wrote. "A certain token artist while the people at large are so dishonored."

In 1992, author Wallace Stegner and composer Stephen Sondheim declined the honor.

JERUSALEM (AP) - Kareem Abdul-Jabbar came to pray and wound up getting worshipped.

The solemnity of noon prayers at

Al Aqsa Mosque was broken Friday by the unbridled delight of worshippers over the basketball legend's presence.

Children and adults surrounded the 7-foot-2 devout Muslim, lavishing him with kisses, handshakes, personal notes and copes, the Koralan said, as he made his way to prayers at the mosque.

During prayer, worshippers struck up conversations with basketball's all-time leading scorer. He agreed to sign autographs after the service.

Abdul-Jabbar is on a visit to Israel.

Television

THURSDAY

JULY 17

Television schedule for Thursday, July 17, listing programs and times from 6 PM to 11 PM.

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JULY 18

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Television schedule for Friday, July 18, listing programs and times from 12:30 to 5:30.

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Oilfield land giving way to commercial development

Reserves depleting in area where more than 22 million barrels have been pumped

By DAVID BAUERLEIN
Beaumont Enterprise
BEAUMONT, Texas - Given a choice between a walk at the mall or in an oilfield, Andrew Wenner will take the oilfield any day - even if the day is 95 degrees and there's not a scrap of cloud in the sky.

In the West Beaumont oilfield, cars and buildings disappear from view, hidden behind thick stands of trees. It's how this side of the city looked before the city's expansion brought in houses, apartment complexes, and shopping centers.

"I'm a nature freak," said Wenner, 61, during a shirtless walk down the shell road that winds through the field. "Most people who go to the mall can't stand the heat. But out here, you see deer sometimes. I just like the scenery better."

Wenner and the deer roam prime real estate.

The West Beaumont oilfield is near Parkdale Mall. It has four-lane roads on all sides - Gladys Avenue,

Major Drive, Dowlen Road, and Texas 105. It's smack in the middle of where Beaumont's growth pattern is headed.

That has helped helped Amoco, the oil company that owns the field, profit twice: first by pumping oil from under the ground, and second by selling tracts to those anxious to build on top of the ground.

Developers and city officials say that the oilfield and its pumping wells haven't hindered the city's growth.

"If some of it was not encumbered by oil wells, possibly it could have been developed a little sooner than it was," said Bill Christian, president of American Real Estate. "But I really think it's developed time-wise in a good way."

"It's being sold off at a fast enough rate that you can handle the demand that's here right now," said Richard Guseman, owner of Guseman Homes. "If it all became available tomorrow, it's still not going to be used up. We've got growth, but we

don't have enough growth to suck it all up."

Guseman, 53, wandered the oilfield as a boy, taking his pellet gun to hunt for squirrels.

"Basically, all of the west end of Beaumont was owned at one time by Amoco," he said.

Now, Guseman is developing the newest subdivision on what was previously oilfield land - Barrington Heights off Dowlen Road near Delaware Street. It will have more than 200 houses.

Not far from Barrington Heights, the U.S. Postal Service is building a new post office at the corner of Dowlen Road and Folsom Drive. That, too, was previously owned by Amoco until the Postal Service bought a 5.4 acre tract last year for almost \$1.5 million.

Also off Dowlen, Drainage District 6 is building a flood retention pond that will double as a golf course, meaning people will tee off where oilfield workers once set up rigs.

Golf courses often increase nearby land values.

Other recent Amoco sales include property for the Super Wal-Mart near Parkdale Mall and land for the Heritage Christian Academy off Major Drive.

In the 61 years since the West Beaumont oilfield was discovered, it's pumped out more than 22 million barrels of oil, an average of 360,000 barrels a year. But the field's biggest days seem to be behind it. In 1995, it produced about 83,000 barrels from 12 wells.

"All oil and gas reserves deplete," Amoco spokesman John Curry said. "That field is no different. It's headed toward depletion. When that point is, I don't know. There's still a few good years left out there."

In the meantime, he said Amoco will continue to make parcels of land available for sale.

"We're probably not going to sell any property that's in the heart of our field, though," he said.

The city plans to someday extend

Folsom Drive and Delaware Street through the oilfield. Folsom and Delaware now end at Dowlen Road, but the city would connect them to Major Drive.

That will make development "wide open," City Planning Director Steve Richardson said.

That's a long-range plan, though. So far, the oilfield hasn't hindered the city's growth because Amoco has been selling land as it draws down the oil and gas reserves, Richardson said.

Even with what Amoco has sold, the company owns about 8,000 acres of land in Beaumont, making it the city's biggest single property-holder.

More significantly, Amoco's land holdings, which extend across Major Drive to the west, are in the path of Beaumont's growth to the northwest.

It wasn't by design. Nowadays, when oil companies drill for oil, they typically lease the land and get royalties from any oil or gas under it. But in the era of the West Beaumont oilfield, companies bought huge chunks of land and then sunk their wells. The oilfield wasn't even in the Beaumont city limits when its first gusher hit in 1936, but the city has grown out to it.

"In time, it can't help but become more and more prized," Richardson said.

Suspect in murder of fashion designer said to be serial killer, now basking in limelight

By EDDIE DOMINGUEZ
Associated Press Writer
MIAMI (AP) - His ego is inflated as he eludes investigators again. He is basking in the limelight of his most recent slaying. And if suspected serial killer Andrew Cunanan is not caught soon, he will kill again, experts say.

Little can be said for sure about what is going on in Cunanan's mind, but forensic psychologists say they have no doubt the man suspected of killing fashion designer Gianni Versace is getting bolder.

"That is one of the few things he has in common with other serial killers. Most of them get careless the more they kill, the more they figure they are invincible," said Jack Levin, who heads Northeastern University's Program for the Study of Violence and author of three books on serial killers.

"I would say he's euphoric at this point. If we don't stop him, he will kill again," Levin said Wednesday. "Obviously, he has an agenda."

Cunanan's victims have little in common. Two were his former lovers. One may have been the father of a friend. The fourth was the groundskeeper of a New Jersey cemetery; investigators say Cunanan wanted his pickup.

And finally, Versace, a top designer whom Cunanan may not even have known.

Richard K. Ressler profiled serial

killers for the FBI for 15 years and has watched the Cunanan case closely.

"He had relationships with several young men and one left him. He was having financial problems. All of these dynamics were pulling on this guy. Being self-centered and narcissistic, these had a special stress. And I suspect this guy probably contracted AIDS."

Levin said he has studied hundreds of mass killers and serial killers, most of whom had suffered some loss or trauma. He suspects that might have triggered a murderous rage in Cunanan, whose mother says he worked as a high-priced prostitute.

"It doesn't have to be a terminal sickness, it could be a love affair gone bad that is the catalyst," Levin said. "It's possible that he has contracted HIV, and he blames older successful gay men like his clients for his illness."

Cunanan has eluded authorities since the May 3 slaying of Minneapolis architect David Madson, an ex-lover. He is the prime suspect in the murders of former friend Jeffrey Trail in Minnesota, Chicago businessman Lee Miglin and New Jersey cemetery caretaker William Reese.

Cunanan has been charged in the deaths of Madson and Reese.

"The motivation for this is a death wish," Ressler said. "He is suicidal,

especially if he's found out he has AIDS. ... What he is really doing is lashing out against the gay community. Now he's taken out an icon at that community."

"Versace was a symbolic victim," Levin said. "He represented something that the serial killer detested, something maybe that he was unable to achieve."

The image of the serial killer doesn't match friends' memories of the 27-year-old suspect. Many remember him as softspoken and unassuming, an intellect who spoke several languages and easily discussed world affairs.

Others describe him as a flamboyant party boy and sometime model who sought the company and money of older, wealthy gay men.

"He made sure his benefactors kept their interest in him," said Nicole Ramirez Murray, social editor of the Gay and Lesbian Times in San Diego. "He always dressed in the latest fashions. ... He was not going to lose the interest of these men who supported him."

The owner of a San Diego restaurant where Cunanan often dined said he was always boasting.

"He had it down pat enough that he didn't really push it to the level of unbelievability," said Anthony White, of California Cuisine, where Cunanan threw himself a going away

party before heading for Minneapolis. "It wasn't pushed to the point where you'd think, 'What a ... phony.'"

Friends said Cunanan always craved attention.

"He's always wanted attention and now the world is focusing on him," Murray said. "He's out there laying back enjoying this, picking his next victim."

Saddam urges Security Council to abandon economic sanctions

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - Saddam Hussein today urged U.N. Security Council members to reject American pressure and vote to lift the punishing economic sanctions against his country.

The Iraqi leader also called for an Arab summit - to include Iraq for the first time since the 1991 Gulf War - to support the cause of the Palestinians against Israel.

He made the remarks in a 2 1/2 hour, nationally televised speech marking the anniversary of the July 17, 1968, coup that brought his Arab Baath Socialist Party to power.

Abandoning the military uniform he generally wears for public appearances and dressed in a dark navy suit, Saddam accused the Security Council of acting at the "whims of the American administration's representatives."

"American conduct wants to prolong the embargo in order to continue killing the Iraqis by denying them food and medicine and by preventing whoever needs to travel from doing so," Saddam charged.

He said that "Iraq has fulfilled its obligations under the Security Council resolutions."

Iraq has been banned from selling

oil or flying its planes abroad since the August 1990 invasion of Kuwait, which led to the Gulf War. The U.N. sanctions are not to be lifted until a U.N. commission certifies that Iraq has eliminated its weapons of mass destruction.

U.N. weapons inspectors have repeatedly accused Iraq of trying to hide weapons.

Since last December, Iraq has been allowed to sell limited quantities of oil to buy much-needed food and medicine for its people.

Iraq has long complained that the United States is blocking the full lifting of the sanctions, but Saddam's statement was his most critical yet.

In his call for an Arab summit, Saddam said it "should convene to

discuss one subject only - the question of Palestine."

The meeting, he said, must back Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to use the territory he has gained to undermine Israel. He cautioned Arafat to be careful about founding a state on territory that does not include all of historic Palestine.

Saddam's call for an Arab summit was likely to be ignored. Iraq has been kept out of all major Arab gatherings since shortly after the 1990 invasion.

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88-year-old Pennsylvania man tends oil wells producing only barrel a day

TITUSVILLE, Pa. (AP) - Berle Rigby was born next to his grandfather's oil wells and pumped them for most of his life. Now, three of the wells are a century old, and Rigby is still pumping, the same way his grandfather did.

He has stayed for 73 years with his wells, coaxing out thousands of barrels of greenish, free-flowing oil.

"I guess I like getting my hands dirty," said Rigby, 88.

A remnant of northwestern Pennsylvania's oil industry, he lives on a dirt road off another dirt road. He's like hundreds of men in white hair and faded plaid flannel shirts who embody Pennsylvania's independent oil producers.

They bought wells when they were young and oil was gushing. Today, their wells trickle. Rigby's 11 wells each produce about one-tenth of a barrel per day. With Penn Grade oil fetching \$17 a barrel this year, a company wouldn't bother with these wells, but they're appreciated by rural folk looking for a cash sideline.

The oil industry goes back a long way in Titusville. The first commercially productive oil well was drilled near here on Aug. 27, 1859.

Rigby soils more than his hands when he tends the wells. On some days, his wife, Dolores, just throws his clothes away.

"You try to wash them and the grease gets in the washer and makes

a mess," she said.

Rigby was a sprout of 14 or 15 when he first pumped. He kept at it through four other careers - logging, farming, carpentry and owning a sawmill.

Twice a week, he steps through the weedy field littered with machine parts and a rusting Buick LeSabre to the powerhouse, the shed where he keeps the electric motor that drives the pumps.

Inside, he grips the rusty metal wheel that's nearly as tall as he is and shoves it a few times.

Then he flips the switch, and the electric motor pushes and pulls the rods that stick out from three sides of the shed.

Outside the shed, he steps over the cables and tubes that web the land. He lifts a cable from the ground and hooks its end loop over one of the moving rods. This is the dangerous part; the machines could crush a finger.

The rod pushes and pulls the cable, which moves the pump handle up and down.

Slow to appear, the oil eventually flows from the pipe into the open, five-barrel tank. The stream of petroleum churns a golden foam.

"Liquid gold. That's why they call it that," Mrs. Rigby said.

Salt water, a byproduct, drizzles from the side of the tank.

The liquid gold, 50-acre property and its wells entered the family in 1900, when Rigby's grandfather, Thomas, bought them from a drilling partnership. Rigby's father, Alva, bought it later.

In 1949, when Penn Grade crude oil was fetching \$4 a barrel, he sold it to his son for \$14,000.

"The rest of the boys didn't want it," said Berle Rigby, one of seven children.

In 1982, Rigby was starting to feel his age - 73 - and Penn Grade was fetching \$37 a barrel.

"I knew it wouldn't stay up there very long," Rigby said.

None of his five children was interested in owning the wells. So, he sold them and most of the land to an outsider for a hefty profit and agreed to accept a fee for about 20 hours a week of pumping and repairing.

Those aren't the tough jobs. The truly hard work is pulling, which means hauling the works of the well up out of a 600-foot shaft for inspection and repair. Rigby gave that up two years ago, and the new owner hired someone else.

The wells together probably produce a barrel a day. The Rigby wells should bring in about \$6,000 this year.

Most of the state's little old wells produce at about that rate: not enough to create any Texas-type tycoons and

certainly not enough to attract many buyers.

Joyce Cline, executive director of the Pennsylvania Independent Petroleum Producers, said that's why so many of the producers are in their 70s and 80s: They haven't found buyers.

Because of the low profit, environmental headaches and the state requirement that well operators put up \$2,500 bond for each well in case it needs to be capped, many wells have fallen into disuse.

Everett Sopher remembered the days when the sound of oil pumps filled the Venango County countryside.


"When this was booming out here, you couldn't get lost. You'd hear the sound of an engine and every one had a different sound," Sopher said.

A few things have changed about Rigby's way of life. The house he was born in was torn down; the Rigbys' trailer home and TV satellite dish sit there now. His powerhouse motor runs on electricity instead of gasoline, as his grandfather's did. And bit by bit, over the years, he has replaced the wells.

The replacement parts operate the same way as the old ones, and even the 101-year-old wells look the way they always did.

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Nov	2.00	-0.02
Dec	1.95	-0.03
Jan	1.90	-0.04
Feb	1.85	-0.05
Mar	1.80	-0.06
Apr	1.75	-0.07
May	1.70	-0.08
Jun	1.65	-0.09

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Sep	1.10	+0.00
Oct	1.05	-0.01
Nov	1.00	-0.02
Dec	0.95	-0.03
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Lions donate to Make-A-Wish

The Hereford Lions Club presented a \$200 check Wednesday to the local branch of Make-A-Wish Foundation. Mike Harris, right, local Make-A-Wish representative, accepted the check from Pete Holcombe, Lions Club president.

Professor says listening is quickly vanishing art

By JOHN CUNNIFF
AP Business Analyst
NEW YORK (AP) - Listen to this. Please. Give it your full attention: The trouble with people today is they don't listen effectively.

This is not your mother or your spouse talking. This is the judgment of a professor who believes it profoundly damages careers (marriages too) and hurts America's competitive trade position.

Did you hear that? Think about it: Because we are poor listeners we have diploma-accredited students unprepared for jobs, and businesses burdened with executives who can't compete.

Their hearing might be good but their listening is inept. They do not absorb information, and therefore cannot make fully intelligent decisions. If only they'd really listen.

"Every time we listen we learn, grow and prosper," says Professor Florence Wolff. And when we don't? We hurt both ourselves and others.

"We are born with hearing, but only rarely are we taught how to listen," says Wolff, professor emeritus, University of Dayton, as she prepares for a July 31 workshop on the discipline.

She has given many of them, for corporations, educators, the military, police officials. In all, more than 2,000 workshops, seminars and lectures. All on the one subject: listening.

Her message, she says, is especially important to corporate management seeking to compete in the world marketplace.

"These people are not accustomed to listening," she says, and yet, "they should be listening 60 percent of the time." They must be taught; they cannot continue in the old traditional ways.

Listening is basic to learning. Why, she says, we spend almost half our waking hours listening. It is, she points out, our primary sensory means of input to the brain - of obtaining information.

Her estimate is from the listeners' Bible, the Rankin Study, a doctoral thesis that found people spend about 9 percent of waking hours writing, 16 reading, 30 speaking and 45 percent listening.

Listening is active, not passive. In

fact, it is interactive. "The listener must give feedback to the speaker." Be attentive and show it. "There are 235 different facial expressions."

Look into the speaker's eyes and face. "Eighty percent of the speaker's message comes from nonverbal cues. If the listener isn't looking, they're going to miss 80 percent of the meaning."

We have one-process brains, says Wolff, which means we can't daydream, knit, make plans or judgments and still give 100 percent attention to the speaker. Impossible. A contradiction.

At best, she estimates, the retention rate is only 50 percent immediately after delivery of the message. And 10 to 12 hours later it is down to 25 percent.

Clear as her message is, and basic as it is to education, it has not found many listeners among grade schools or high school educators. The system tends to play it down, she says.

It seems, however, to have caught the attention of colleges. Wolff's study showed only 14 percent of colleges and universities offered any listening instruction in 1979, but 48 percent did in 1990.

Based on the professor's determination, it will grow from there. And she continues to have her sights on those who daydreamed through the educational system and are now in corporate life.

Besides teaching at U of D, Wolff writes (co-author of a college text, "Perceptive Listening," Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, \$24.95) and lectures for Wolff Innovative Training Systems (WITS).

For critics still not convinced that listening must be taught, she cites a precept of the listening craft: Do not prejudge. "To do so," she says, "is to limit yourself."

Investigation of fundraiser's activities shifts to Huang's contacts with former employer

WASHINGTON (AP) - After hearing testimony that John Huang was unqualified to handle U.S. trade policy while at the Commerce Department, senators investigating campaign fund raising shifted to Huang's contacts with his former employer after he took the government job.

Jeffrey Garten, former commerce undersecretary for international trade, told a Senate hearing Wednesday that Huang was not professionally qualified to handle policy matters after receiving a political appointment to the Commerce Department in 1994.

Huang's activities as a deputy assistant commerce secretary before he became a Democratic Party fund-raiser are a major focus of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee investigation into campaign finance abuses.

Investigators prepared today to present detailed evidence about the 400 contacts Huang had with his former employer, Indonesian conglomerate Lippo Group, while he was at the Commerce Department.

The panel was pursuing allegations that Huang passed sensitive economic data to Lippo, which has extensive business dealings with the Chinese government.

The evidence of phone calls to and from Lippo was gathered from

officials from intelligence agencies that would have handled such intercepts were not at the session. At the public hearing, a CIA briefer, John H. Dickerson, said Huang received 37 intelligence briefings during his tenure at the Commerce Department, dealing mostly with economic and political intelligence about Taiwan and China. He was shown 370 to 550 secret documents during the briefings, Dickerson said.

Although Huang "was a relatively passive customer" he did request information about his homeland of China, Dickerson testified.

Garten said he was surprised to learn that Huang was briefed by the CIA about China because he had ordered that Huang's activities be confined to administrative duties. "He certainly didn't need that information for any of his administrative responsibilities," Garten said.

"In my view he should not have been involved with China in any way at all. I felt that Mr. Huang did not have the requisite experience for policy

matters," said Garten, now the dean of Yale University's school of management.

The Senate committee, chaired by Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., also was poised today to press the issue of granting limited immunity to four Buddhist nuns who gave money to the Democratic Party following a 1996 fund-raiser at a California temple. The event was attended by Vice President Al Gore.

They are prepared to testify that they made the donations at the behest of Huang and associate Maria Hsia, and were later reimbursed by the temple, a committee source said.

The Justice Department still opposes granting immunity, which would bar the use of the nuns' Senate testimony as a basis for criminal prosecution, said Republican counsel Michael J. Madigan.

To get the required two-thirds vote to confer immunity, the panel's nine Republicans would need to pick up the votes of two of the panel's seven Democrats - who have balked at previous requests.

USCofC criticizes agency, Gore on air quality issue

WASHINGTON--The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Wednesday blasted the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Vice President Al Gore for proceeding with new air quality regulations that ignore science, economics and the opposition of hundreds of mayors, governors and congressmen from both parties across the country.

"These new air quality standards are a travesty," said Dr. Harvey Adler, chamber manager of resources policy. "They will hurt, not help, the American public. These standards are about selling a political agenda in an empty green bag that will waste billions of dollars, and cost jobs and economic growth across America."

Alter questioned Gore's statement that the new clean air regulations will "strengthen the economy," saying "the vice president ought to take a deep breath if he thinks wasting billions of dollars on flawed regulations will strengthen the economy."

"The standards are supposed to reflect the best science - and they do not. EPA has said they bear a high benefit-to-cost ratio - and they do not. These standards are not about clean air and children's health. This country does no debate such subjects," Adler said.

"Ironically, the administration touts the standards as well founded

in science but requested \$25 million this year for further research," noted Adler. Many scientists, including the vast majority of EPA's own expert panel, have stated the data do not support the standards.

"At a time when industry, joined by state and local governments, is cleaning the air and protecting the environment, the new standards will stop progress and throw hundreds of metro and rural areas into violation," concluded Adler.

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