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NEWS in brief

Republican leadership facing rebellion from many rank-and-file lawmakers

WASHINGTON (AP) - Still smarting from their 1997 battle with President Clinton over disaster funds, top congressional Republicans want to quickly approve his latest emergency request for money for U.S. troops abroad and for storm damage at home.

But many rank-and-file GOP lawmakers are bucking their leaders and demanding that domestic programs be cut to pay for the emergency spending - a course that probably would guarantee a loud, election-year clash with Clinton and Democrats.

"This is the time where we really prove whether we have the mettle to keep the budget balanced, or go back to the old ways," said Rep. David Hobson, R-Ohio, one of several moderates insisting that offsetting spending cuts be found.

The battle ground is Clinton's request for \$2.5 billion to pay for American troops in Bosnia and the Persian Gulf and to rebuild facilities in storm-battered Florida, New England, California and Guam. He wants to use this year's expected \$8 billion surplus to pay for it.

Nearly all lawmakers support the requested expenditures, and GOP leaders would like to ship the legislation to him before their Easter break next month.

But many GOP lawmakers - especially conservatives - want to pay for the legislation with cuts in domestic programs. Reining in federal spending is exactly what Republicans stand for, they argue, and will motivate conservatives to vote in the congressional elections in November, when the lack of a presidential race should keep turnout low.

Serbia calls for talks with ethnic Albanians

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) - Serbia, apparently bowing to international pressure, is calling for talks with ethnic Albanians in its troubled Kosovo province.

Late Wednesday, Serbia issued what it called an invitation to "open and public" talks with three senior Serbian officials today. No agenda was mentioned and ethnic Albanians have not been calling for negotiations.

With hatreds running high after police assaults on suspected separatist guerrillas left up to 80 people dead, it was unclear which, if any, ethnic Albanians would heed the call.

The militant Kosovo Liberation Army, which the police say they "liquidated" last week, issued a statement vowing to fight on for Kosovo's independence and calling on all Albanians to join the battle.

More moderate leaders said that independence for the province, where Albanians make up 90 percent of the 2 million residents, would be better than restoration of the autonomy stripped away by then-Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic in 1989.

Serbia, one of two republics left in the Yugoslav federation, has ruled with a heavy police and army presence ever since. In a sign that its moves against those suspected of separatist leanings was continuing, police said Wednesday that they had detained two Albanians in northern Kosovo after discovering a weapons cache in their home, including 29 automatic rifles, two rocket-launchers, eight mortars and 80 grenades.

Serbia insists that it cannot renounce Kosovo, the cradle of the Serbs' medieval empire and home of most Serbian cultural monuments.

Earthlings need to keep an eye on mile-wide asteroid

WASHINGTON (AP) - It's not time to panic, but Earthlings need to keep an eye on a mile-wide asteroid that will zip very close to the Earth in 30 years and could even smash into the planet, causing widespread destruction, astronomers say.

Tentative calculations are that the asteroid, called 1997 XF11, will pass within about 26,000 miles of the Earth's center in October 2028, and experts warn that there is a chance it could actually impact. Such a hit would release energy equal to thousands of atomic bombs.

"It will come extremely close," said Brian Marsden of the International Astronomical Union, which issued an asteroid alert Wednesday. "The chances of impact are very small, but not impossible. We've not had a case like this before."

The IAU has identified 108 asteroids that orbit close enough to Earth to be called "potentially hazardous objects," said Marsden, but astronomers have never seen an object this big moving on a path that would carry it so close to the Earth.

"It is not the kind of situation where people should be worried as yet," said Marsden. "If it was only a few months away, we should be decidedly worried. But with 30 years, astronomers will solve the problem."

That might mean a rocket carrying an atomic explosive could be sent to the asteroid and detonated on its rocky surface. This would nudge the asteroid into an orbit that misses Earth.

The asteroid was discovered in December, and repeated observations since have steadily refined the projected orbital path of the speeding space rock. Marsden said his latest calculation was based on photos taken by the University of Texas observatory last week.

Disciplinary action advised for Marine fliers

WASHINGTON (AP) - Disciplinary action is being recommended for the crew of a Marine Corps jet for a cable car accident last month that killed 20 people at an Italian ski resort, Pentagon officials said.

The finding, scheduled to be announced at a news conference today in Aviano, Italy, stems from a Marine Corps investigation that found the pilot of the EA-6B Prowler was flying too low and held the crew responsible for the incident, said two officials familiar with the inquiry.

The jet severed a cable on a ski lift in northern Italy on Feb. 3, plunging a cable car carrying 20 people into the valley below.

Maj. Gen. Michael DeLong, president of the accident investigation board and deputy commander of the U.S. Marine Corps Forces Atlantic, will announce the findings at the U.S. air base in northern Italy.

One official said that at one point the aircraft was found to have been only 300 feet above the ground, when it should have been flying at 1,000 feet.

"We expect they will refer the matter for disciplinary action," the official said, adding that the final decision will be up to the commander of Marine forces in the Atlantic region based in Norfolk, Va., Lt. Gen. Peter Pace.

A second official said it was possible that more than one individual could be disciplined in the matter, but Pace will have to decide exactly what disciplinary process might be followed.

Egypt completes repairs to ancient monument

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) - In the time of the pharaohs, a weary prince fell asleep in the sands by the Sphinx's head and dreamed that the beast offered him the crown of Egypt if he would restore the monument to its former splendor.

The prince cleared sand that had reached to the animal's neck and used limestone blocks to repair its body. He was later crowned Pharaoh Tutmosis IV.

Almost 3,400 years after Tutmosis' restoration and \$2.5 million later, Egypt has again repaired the Sphinx, using the same type of limestone and mortar employed in those times.

Egypt plans to formally unveil the pharaoh with a lion's body later this month, though no date has been set.

"The Sphinx is a symbol of the whole nation," said Zahi Hawass, the chief government archaeologist for the Sphinx and the pyramids.

They found nuggets at Shirley

By DIANNA F. DANDRIDGE
Staff Writer

Community and school involvement is important for everyone and the members of Shirley Student Council, Students Involved in Leadership (SILS), have worked hard proving the importance of giving back to one's school or community.

Each May, SILS elects new officers with representatives being elected early in the school year.

Participating members complete a community service project each month. Some of the service projects include a puppet show for Tierra Blanca students; a clean-up day around Shirley; and holiday food drives.

The completed project they are most proud of include the collection of more than 75 books, crayons and other educational materials which they sent to children in African schools.

In the coming weeks, SILS have planned a clean-up day at the Aquatic Center and an Easter egg hunt for children at Hereford Day Care Center.

As important as the local community and global community is, the students also recognize how vital is support for the campus community.

In support of their school, SILS members have sponsored campus-wide talent show, involving both students and teachers; two Super Fridays, and this Friday, the last day before spring break, they will help the student body celebrate St. Patrick's Day with green punch and cookies.

Students recognize the importance of maintaining strong educational atmosphere and to support these efforts, they have designed and opened the SILS Trading Post.

Students earn "gold nuggets" for behavior, quality work, helpful attitudes, or any other acceptable and appropriate action. Nuggets can be given by any adult in the building and then be redeemed at the Trading Post.

Items at the Trading Post include pens, magnets, keychains, T-shirts, videos, stickers and Aquatic Center passes which the members of SILS have gotten local business to donate.



Students at Shirley Intermediate School get a chance to window shop and look at all the neat things their gold nuggets can purchase. Smaller items cost only a few items, but the big things, like T-shirts and videos, take a little extra work to acquire.

As a final contribution to the school, SILS will be selling an EDUCARD to area residents. The EDUCARD provides discounts at nine area businesses: Silver Screen, Godfather's Pizza, McDonald's, Francisco's, the bowling alley, Mr. Burger, Subway, Inkahoots, and Scott Oil Change for a full year.

EDUCARDS cost only \$5 and the money raised will go back to the school to purchase books for the library, sporting equipment and gifts for the teachers during teacher appreciation week.

Chandra Davis, SILS sponsor, said that anyone wishing to purchase EDUCARDS or make a suggestion regarding a community service project can call her at 363-7670.

ECONOMY: Weather helps boost retail sales

WASHINGTON (AP) - Retail sales rose 0.5 percent in February, as unseasonably warm weather brought shoppers out early to buy spring clothes and garden supplies.

The increase, to a seasonally adjusted \$218.1 billion, followed an even bigger increase of 1.0 percent in January, the Commerce Department said today. The January figure, the biggest gain in six months, had originally been estimated as a tiny 0.1 percent increase.

Taken together, both months show that consumer spending began the year at a healthy pace after a disappointing holiday shopping season. "It's a very strong report that says consumers are feeling pretty good," said Cynthia Latta, an economist with DRI-McGraw Hill of Lexington, Mass.

Most economists believe economic growth will be significantly slower this year than last because of adverse effects from the Asian economic crisis. So far the weakness is yet to be felt as unemployment dipped in February to 4.6 percent, returning to a 24-year low.

Highlighting the trade problems, the Commerce Department said in a second report today that America's deficit in the broadest measure of trade jumped to \$166.4 billion last year, the second worst showing on record, surpassed only by a \$168.1 billion deficit in 1987. Most economists believe the 1998 figure will far surpass the old 1987 record.

In a third report today, the Labor Department said that new claims for unemployment benefits fell by 7,000 last week to 298,000, a sign of continued

strength in the labor market.

The February sales report showed that consumer demand outside of the auto sector rose 0.6 percent. That followed a revised 1.3 percent surge in January, the biggest gain in almost two years.

The warm weather in most parts of the country, caused by El Nino, spurred strong demand for spring clothing, garden supplies and other hardware products.

Sales at department stores and specialty stores rose a strong 1.3 percent, after even bigger gains of 2.1 percent in January.

Sales at hardware and garden supply stores were up 2.0 percent in February after a 3.6 percent jump in January. Demand in this area has been helped not only by the weather but by a sharp drop in mortgage rates that has sparked a boom in home sales.

While furniture sales dipped 0.4 percent in February, that marked only a slight setback from a huge 3.3 percent gain in January.

Auto sales were up a slight 0.1 percent in February after a small drop of 0.2 percent in January.

Sales at gasoline service stations were down 1.1 percent, the biggest decline for any major category last month, reflecting a drop in prices due to abundant world supply.

Sales at grocery stores, drug stores, restaurants and bars were all up in February.

Ex-judge, ex-regulator vying in AG race

AUSTIN (AP) - The final battle for the Republican attorney general nomination presents a choice between a former judge touting his legal experience and a state regulator promising to crack down on gangs and drugs.

Pounding the themes that made them the top vote-getters in the three-way GOP primary, Railroad Commissioner Barry Williamson vows to use the largely civil law office to fight crime, while former state Supreme Court justice John Cornyn says his background better suits him to be Texas' top lawyer.

The winner of their April 14 runoff faces Democratic nominee Jim Mattox, who's pleased his general election opponent must first survive a second GOP vote.

"They are spending their resources. They're cutting and slashing. And they clearly are showing the defects in each of their capabilities. I think it is very helpful to me in the long run," Mattox said.

A former congressman and former attorney general who left the state office to run for governor in 1990, Mattox had 68 percent of the Democratic vote Tuesday. He beat Court of Criminal Appeals Judge Morris Overstreet and Universal City lawyer Gene Kelly.

Williamson, the best-funded candidate, got 38 percent of the GOP vote. He was followed by Cornyn, who got 32 percent. Eliminated, at 30 percent, was former Texas GOP chairman Tom Pauken.

The runoff is required because no candidate received a majority.

"The voters of Texas sent a clear message. They want an attorney general who will reorganize the office and work closely with local law enforcement officials to send the juvenile gangs and drug lords a clear signal. If you choose to remain in Texas, you will do so behind bars," Williamson said.

Cornyn cited two decades of legal experience as a lawyer and judge. "The attorney general is the top lawyer in the state and the attorney general's office is the largest law firm in the state. I think it takes someone with solid legal experience to lead that office," he said.

"We need to reorient the office to that of a professional office, as opposed to a political office. I think I'm the best-qualified candidate to do just that,"

Prof: Low turnout expected

DALLAS (AP) - One year ago, English teacher Kim Coffman's students at Woodrow Wilson High School persuaded her to register to vote.

At 26, the Dallas school teacher figured it was about time she registered. She planned to cast her first ballot in Tuesday's primary election.

She didn't. Neither did most of Texas' 11 million registered voters. In fact, Tuesday may have been the state's lowest primary turnout since the state's first primary in 1906.

The secretary of state's office said 1.26 million of the state's 11 million registered voters cast ballots in the primary, making for an 11.5-percent turnout. The low turnout continues a downward trend for voter participation and marks the state's lowest turnout in 30 years.

This new low joins poor showings in 1996 (20 percent) and 1994 (17.6). Combined, they're the three lowest turnouts since 1970, the earliest year that such records were readily accessed by state officials. Earlier figures from the state archives would take weeks to compile, an archivist in Austin said.

Cornyn said.

The attorney general's office does have criminal justice responsibilities. But the bulk of its duties involve civil matters, including child support collection, issuing legal opinions, representing state agencies and handling civil lawsuits on such issues as Texans' health and consumer matters.

In their campaigns, the two Republicans also took aim at one another's campaign funding.

Williamson criticized Cornyn for taking donations while a justice from lawyers with cases before the Supreme Court. Cornyn blasted Williamson's transfer of campaign funds from his Railroad Commission account, including money raised from oil and gas interests regulated by that agency.

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Local Roundup

Cancer meeting set

The Deaf Smith Chapter of the American Cancer Society will hold its regular monthly meeting this evening, Thursday, at 6 on the second floor of the courthouse. The purpose of the meeting will be to work on this year's "Relay for Life". Anyone interested in helping with the event is welcome to attend. For more information, call Adam Treff at 364-2536.

Kidfish registration available

Registration remains open for Kidfish, the children's fishing event sponsored by the City of Hereford to be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 21 at Aquatic Park Pond. Kidfish participants will have the first opportunity to catch some of the more than 800 fish which the Parks and Wildlife Foundation of Texas is supplying to stock the pond. Registration forms are available at *The Brand* office. Volunteers are needed to help with the event. For more information or to volunteer, call City Hall or Jeff Scott at 817-429-8793.

Mostly clear

Tonight, mostly clear, low near 30, south wind 5-15 mph. Friday, mostly sunny, high in mid-60s, southwest wind around 15 mph. Friday night, increasing clouds with a low in the upper 30s.

3-DAY FORECAST

Saturday, cloudy with a chance of showers, high in the mid-40s. Sunday, cloudy and cold with snow likely, low in the upper 20s, high in the lower 30s.

Monday, mostly cloudy with a chance of snow, low in the upper 20s, high near 40.

WEDNESDAY RECAP

High, 31, low, 14; trace of precipitation

Young Farmers meeting

The Hereford Young Farmers will have a meeting 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Hereford Community Center. The focus on the meeting will be the county stock show. Everyone is invited to show up new ideas.

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Obituaries

ETHEL DAVIS HONNOL

Memorial services for Ethel Davis Honnol, 92, of Hereford will be 2 p.m. Friday, March 13, 1998, in the Lamar Room at Knips Manor. Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Saturday in Greenleaf Cemetery in Brownwood with the Rev. Marty Hamrick, associate pastor of Polk Street United Methodist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Rex Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Honnol died Wednesday, March 11, 1998, at Westgate Nursing Home.

She moved to Hereford in 1990 from Brownwood. She graduated from high school in 1925. She took business classes and worked in Brownwood's first auto dealership until she married Clint Honnol on April 19, 1928. She was the secretary at the Central United Methodist Church and was active in the woman's ministry and secretary for the Susanna Sunday School Class. Mrs. Honnol was a member of the Brownwood Historical Society.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clint, and one great-grandson.

Survivors include one son, Clint B. Honnol of Amarillo, three

grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

CHARLES R. WALSER

Graveside services for Charles Richard Walser, 109, of Hereford, will be 10 a.m. Friday, March 13, 1998, at West Park Cemetery with a memorial service at 11 a.m. in Parkside Chapel with the Revs. Terry Cosby and Don Larkin officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Parkside Chapel.

Mr. Walser was born March 26, 1888, in Montague County to Samuel and Martha Walser. He moved to Chillicothe in 1903 and married Sarah Lance on Dec. 20, 1908. He moved to Donley County in 1912 and near McLean in 1915. He came to Deaf Smith County in 1917 in search of cheap land.

Mr. Walser was a long-time farmer, buying and selling cattle and growing wheat, cotton, and sugar beets.

He was preceded in death by his wife, two sons and one grandson.

Survivors include one son, Guy Walser of Hereford, one daughter, Leatrus Clark of Hereford, 17 grandchildren, 45 great-grandchildren, 54 great-great-grandchildren, two great-great-great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

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Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for March 11, 1998 include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

A gold ring was stolen from a parked car in the 900 block of Irving.

A 23-year-old woman was assaulted by another woman in the 900 block of Schley.

A Jr. High student was arrested for on charges of criminal mischief.

Forgery was reported at a business on South Main.

Accidents

A two-car accident was reported in the 900 block of Witherspoon. No injuries were reported.

DEAF SMITH COUNTY SHERIFF

Arrests

A 32-year-old man was arrested on charges of outstanding Potter County traffic warrants.

A 42-year-old man was arrested on charges of aggravated sexual assault of a child.

A 33-year-old man was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license.

A 24-year-old man was arrested and charged with theft by check over \$20 and under \$500.

A 21-year-old man began serving time on a DWI commitment.



AUSTIN (AP) - One ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Loto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated \$12 million.

The ticket was sold in Houston.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were 8-12-28-32-38-43.

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 1-4-8.

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Court reverses statute limitation ruling

Timing must be questioned before or during trial

AUSTIN (AP) - The Court of Criminal Appeals on Wednesday reversed previous rulings regarding the statute of limitations, requiring now that criminal defendants challenge the timing of the charges against them before or during trial.

Until now, prosecutors had to prove that the criminal cases they filed were not prohibited by the statute of limitations, which requires cases to be filed in a timely manner.

But the court, in a Harris County case, called that requirement unnecessary. It said criminal defendants can use the statute of limitations as a defense and thus must raise such questions before prosecu-

tors must address them. "We see no logic in requiring the state, in every case, to disprove a defense that the defendant may not bother to raise," Judge Steve Mansfield wrote on behalf of the five-member majority.

Judges Morris Overstreet, Lawrence Meyers and Tom Price dissented. Judge Charles Baird did not participate.

"It seems to us that a defendant, having been given the statute of limitations as a defense, ought to have the burden of asserting that defense or losing it, just as he would any other defense," Mansfield wrote.

Gerry Morris, president of the Texas Defense Lawyers Association, said the case is another example of the court changing rules that prosecutors failed to follow.

"Once again, the court says 'That's all right prosecutor, you don't have to follow the rule, we'll change the rule for you,'" Morris said. "There was no compelling reason to change it."

Morris said requiring defendants to raise the question of timing is not an overwhelming burden, but is part of a trend of additional requirements for the defense.

The case involved the aggravated robbery convictions of Aaron D.

Proctor and Jonathan Lemell. The two men were convicted of the 1982 robbery-shooting death of grocer Wing K. Lew.

In 1985, Proctor's and Lemell's convictions were reversed on a technicality. Nearly six years later, the men again were convicted.

But during the punishment phase of the 1988 trial, Proctor and Lemell argued that the second indictment was filed after the five-year statute of limitations expired.

The trial court denied the argument. Proctor was sentenced to life in prison and Lemell was sent to prison for 65 years.

The 11th Court of Appeals in Eastland reversed the convictions and sentences, saying the indictment was not properly filed.

The Court of Criminal Appeals reversed that decision, sending the case back to the 11th Court, which again reversed the convictions, saying that prosecutors did not prove their case was filed on time.

On Wednesday, the Court of Criminal Appeals said despite its previous rulings on the matter, Proctor and Lemell should have raised the statute of limitations question earlier. The court also said because the men did not properly raise the question, their convictions were valid.

"The court finds the state in a muck for having failed to file the instant indictments in a timely manner," Meyers wrote in his dissent. "And it would be a bitter pill if the court were to be held responsible for the state's sloppy prosecution, resulting in the release of two co-defendants who most certainly committed the heinous crime for which they were convicted."

"So never mind that the state had five years to file the instant indictments but filed in the sixth year," Meyers concluded. "And never mind precedent."



Smoking mattress

A cigarette left lying on a mattress is believed to be the cause of structure fire at a residence one mile south on U.S. 385, that started just after 9 a.m. Firefighters arrived to find the mattress and boxsprings damaged by the fire. The damaged bedding was removed, and the fire extinguished. The house sustained only minor smoke damage, primarily in the bedroom where the fire began.

Lottery winners must be identified

AUSTIN (AP) - The identity of an \$11.4 million lottery jackpot winner cannot be kept secret, a state judge has ruled.

Judge Paul Davis ruled against the winner Wednesday without a trial, as requested by the Texas Lottery Commission. His order doesn't take effect for 30 days, giving the lottery winner who filed the lawsuit time to appeal.

The lead partner in Houston-based AMR Partnership Ltd. filed the lawsuit against the Lottery Commission and Attorney General Dan Morales last year, when Morales said the lottery must release the winner's name, age and hometown.

Morales' legal opinion came after The Associated Press requested the information from the Lottery

Commission. Assistant Attorney General Brenda Loudermilk argued Wednesday that lottery winnings come from public funds, so "the public has a right to know how those moneys are spent."

Davis' judgment affirms the attorney general's opinion.

The commission has released such information about lotto winners since the game began in 1992. Some winners have asked for minimal publicity, but AMR was the first to fight the release of a name in court.

AMR, which claimed the jackpot drawn on Christmas Day 1996, said the partner's name is not subject to the state's Public Information Act. An attorney for AMR has said the partner does not want his name released because he fears for his family's

safety. Lottery officials had delayed release of the winner's name to allow time for the lawsuit to be filed so the legal question could be resolved. The agency later argued that the lawsuit is irrelevant because the winner's name is in public records maintained by the secretary of state.

According to documents filed with the secretary of state's office, the registered agent for AMR Partnership is Hamlet Hovsepian of Houston. A general partner also is listed, with the last name spelled slightly differently: Robert Hovespian. The successor to the general partner is listed as Manik Hovsepian.

Hamlet Hovsepian didn't immediately return a telephone call from The Associated Press. There

was no telephone listing for the second two names.

Neither attorneys for the lottery nor for the winner indicated who the winner was.

Jeff Frasier, the lawyer representing AMR, said the Lottery Commission would invade his client's privacy by releasing the information to news media.

"You're telling everyone he lives in a certain city and he possesses a certain amount of money. ... I don't think most people would want to have printed in the paper their financial worth," Frasier said.

Frasier acknowledged his client's name could be obtained from the secretary of state but suggested that didn't raise the same concern because doing so takes more effort.

Annual rattlesnake roundup begins

SWEETWATER, Texas (AP) - One of nature's most feared fanged predators is again the prey in West Texas at what's been billed as the world's biggest rattlesnake roundup.

As has happened this time each year since 1958, the rattlesnake population is about to plunge. Starting Friday, Sweetwater's Rattlesnake Roundup is expected to draw more than 30,000 visitors to this city of 12,000.

For \$60, participants can join teams who set out to capture the poisonous Western diamondback rattlers.

"It's an adrenaline rush, even as many times as you've been hunting," said Ken Becker, executive vice president of the Sweetwater Chamber of Commerce. "Take, if you walk by a den and pull a couple out, then you realize there are a couple more behind you."

Each team of 25 snake-hunters will be assisted by a guide and a member of the Sweetwater Jaycees, who carries the snakebite kit. Becker says an amateur hunter has never been bitten. "Knock on wood."

Concern for the snakes - not their captors - is what drives many animal welfare groups and snake enthusiasts, who decry roundups as cruel.

"Although what may constitute sadistic cruelty is largely subjective, certain aspects of many roundups are arguably such," wrote David and Alison Reber in a paper written for the Kansas Herpetological Society in 1994.

The Rebers complained that roundups, advertised as family events, teach children that wildlife is meant to be used for entertainment and amusement.

The Jaycees will pay \$5 per pound for the first 2,000 pounds brought in, \$4 for the next 2,000 and \$3 per

pound for anything trapped after that. The charity then sells the varmints to companies who make snake-based products.

Roundup guide Gary Schubert of Odessa advises amateurs to keep their eyes on the ground and don't be afraid to scream.

"Snakes don't have ears, so you can scream all you want and you won't upset them," said Schubert.

A recent cold snap worried organizers because frosty weather drives snakes deep into their dens and visitors tend to stay at home. But the forecast calls for temperatures in the

70s and lots of sun.

"If we have sunshine for a couple of days, the snakes will be out sunning themselves on the rocks and so forth," said veteran hunter Bill Ransberger, a 73-year-old retired railroad worker who has hunted rattlers since the roundup began.

Scientists locate fat gene

Gene may have greater effect on minorities

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - A gene that appears to have a major effect on obesity in both Hispanics and blacks by regulating the hormone leptin has been pinpointed, San Antonio researchers say.

Anthony Comuzzie, a geneticist at Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research, said Wednesday that variations in the gene appear to be responsible for about half of the high leptin levels in both ethnic groups.

"This is a remarkable finding," he said.

Comuzzie said discovery of a regulatory gene for leptin could lead to a better understanding of the hormone's complex mechanism and provide clues toward better treatments for obesity.

About a third of Americans are considered obese and the percentage is even higher among minorities. Obesity has been linked to diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, osteoarthritis and some cancers.

The still-unpublished findings were presented by Comuzzie at the Southwest Foundation Forum meeting Wednesday.

A similar presentation was presented at the same time at a scientific meeting in San Diego.

The gene, called POMC, which stands for proopiomelanocortin, is located on Chromosome 2.

The group published a report last year in the journal *Nature Medicine* that they had narrowed the search for the gene to a region on Chromosome 2.

"This is the strongest indication of a gene being involved in this type of trait," Comuzzie said.

The findings are the latest from the San Antonio Family Heart Study, a seven-year study of some 1,400 Mexican-Americans in San Antonio.

Comuzzie said that after proving the genetic association in Mexican-Americans, the group collaborated with researchers in Chicago to confirm the findings in a group of 600 blacks, he said.

Researchers at Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland published a study in *Science* last November linking high leptin levels and obesity in mice to a defect in a part of the brain affected by the protein produced by the POMC gene.

"POMC was studied quite extensively in the late '70s through the '80s, mainly for neurological implications," Comuzzie said. "It was implicated early on in schizophrenia and other things, which never

panned out."

The POMC gene has a complicated role in the regulation of several important body systems, particularly in the brain, Comuzzie said.

Leptin is secreted by fat cells. It is produced by another gene, the OB gene, which is located on Chromosome 7.

The hormone has been the subject of intense research since scientists at Rockefeller University in New York demonstrated three years ago it caused fat mice to shed weight.

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Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I went through a difficult divorce, and it was many years before I could trust enough to let someone new into my life. When I met "Dave," I thought he was the man of my dreams. We fell in love and married. Everyone we knew thought it was a perfect match.

We had been married 10 months when I discovered that Dave was gay. We have not discussed it, although he knows I am aware of his sexual orientation. I cannot stay in this marriage, but I don't know what to tell our family and friends. They will think I have lost my mind to leave such a wonderful man. I just can't bring myself to tell anyone that he married me under false pretenses and has a relationship with a man.

Please help me. I don't know where to turn. -- Heartsick in the U.S.A.

Dear Heartsick: You do not owe the details of your breakup to anyone. This is an intensely private matter and should remain so. Simply say, "We agreed to go our separate ways because there were too many areas of disagreement." If anyone presses for details, say, "I really don't want to talk about it," and change the subject.

Dear Ann Landers: My husband, "Dexter," and I have been married a little over a year. We were cleaning the closets recently and came across the wedding album from Dexter's previous marriage, which ended in divorce. I asked him to get rid of the pictures, but he refused and said, "Those pictures are a part of my past, and I may want to reflect on them in the future." He said he hoped I would understand. Well, I must confess that I don't "understand."

Ann, we are planning to start a family soon, and I don't want our son or daughter to see those pictures and ask me about Daddy and the "other bride." Dexter said he will do whatever you say. I hope you will tell him to throw them out. -- New Bride in Sunny California

Dear New Bride: Since Dexter has expressed his wish to keep those pictures, you should be gracious about it. They are no threat to you. I

hope you will apologize and tell him it's perfectly OK.

If you and Dexter have children, they should be told about his previous marriage. The best way to broach the subject would be to show them those pictures you wanted to throw away. Trust me.

Dear Ann Landers: "Charlotte in Georgia" wrote about how much joy having triplets brought her, even though she had three other children. She described how the children enriched her life. It was truly heartwarming and brought to mind a story I heard not long ago about a woman in our town who gave birth to triplets.

This woman became an instant celebrity to everyone except her next-door neighbor, who took the event in a rather matter-of-fact manner. While hanging out her wash in the backyard the next morning, she said to the new mother, "Hey -- I heard you had triplets. That's nice."

The new mother felt deflated and replied, "Did you know that triplets happen only once in every 10,000 births?" Her neighbor dropped the bed sheet and said, "Goodness gracious! How did you ever have time to do any housework?"

I wish "Charlotte in Georgia" and all mothers of triplets continued fulfillment with their children and grandchildren. -- Arthur in Largo, Fla.

Dear Arthur: Your letter reminded me of the McCaugheys in Iowa, who had seven at once. I wonder, now that all the publicity has died down, how much help they are getting from friends and the community. Please let me know, dear readers in and around Carlisle.

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Pilot Club recognizes Kimmel for service



Coordinator of Anchor Club is award recipient

Thomas, left, presents Kimmel with Pilot of Quarter award.

Dianna Kimmel was honored as Pilot of the Quarter for outstanding service as coordinator of the Anchor Club by the Hereford Pilot Club at its regular business meeting Tuesday morning in the Hereford Community Center.

Breakfast was served by caterer Darlene Sparkman. Marilyn Culpepper, club chaplain, gave the invocation and Betty Taylor led the pledge to the flag.

Elvira Enriquez reported that final plans for the Mexican Stack Supper were being formulated with a work session set for Tuesday night.

The supper will be from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Community Center. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12, with carry-out available

at no extra charge. Marilyn Bell is in charge of the last "42" Game Night which will be April 2 at the Community Center. Grand prizes will be given away that night.

Candidates for club officers for the coming year will be selected by a nominating committee consisting of Claudia Smith, Bell and Taylor with Shirley Easterwood and Yvonne Simpson as alternates.

Pilot Club members will register guests for the Mid-Plains Reunion Association's annual meeting May 23 in the Bull Barn.

Brenda Thomas and Margaret Bell were appointed to work on an article regarding the history of the Pilot Club of Hereford for inclusion in the centennial edition of The Hereford Brand.

Hereford Study Club lists officers for coming year

Sixteen members of Hereford Study Club gathered recently at "Picture Perfect" where Earl Brookhart presented a talk on art. He spoke of the different art forms, such as sculpture, clay and painting, and the different painting techniques - acrylic, oil, watercolor, etchings and lithographics.

The business meeting was conducted by president Elizabeth Hellman.

Hazel Ford, chairman of the nominating committee submitted the following slate of officers for the new club year: Mary Stoy, president; Betty Martin, vice president; Doris Bryant, recording secretary and reporter; Nedra Robinson, treasurer;

Spring fashion tips encourage Toujour members to mix, match

Members of Toujour Amis Study Club met for a spring style show with fashion tips at J.D. Morgan in Amarillo.

Hostesses Cindy Black, Judy Barrett and Tami Charest provided sack lunches and cokes to members on the trip to Amarillo. Boston creme pie and coffee were served at the store.

Members were given "mix and match" fashion tips and were encouraged to use what was in their closet. The number one hint was "always consider denim."

Those in attendance Kim Bigham,

Evelyn Wilson, corresponding secretary; Virginia Winget, historian and Elizabeth Hellman, parliamentarian.

Members brought recipes to be submitted to the Deaf Smith County Historical Society for the cookbook that is begin compiled.

An array of cookies was served by hostesses Robinson and Hellman to Jean Ballard, Willie Braddy, Morgan Cain, Elizabeth Cesar, Mildred Garrison, Gladys Setliff, Helen Spinks, Joan Yarbro, Bryant, Ford, Martin, Stoy, Wilson and Winget. The next meeting will be April 13 in the home of Wilson with Martin as co-hostess.

Malouf relates life events at Bay View Club meeting

Bay View Study Club met recently in the home of Yiota Malouf with the hostess presenting the program.

She showed a video of the numerous islands of Greece and told of coming to America from Greece with her uncle when she was 17.

Malouf related some of her fears, the first of which was waiting seven hours at Ellis Island to get in. She never related to her family how hard it was to start college at Texas Tech when she could not speak English; however she became fluent in the language within a year.

She told of returning to her native village to be married where about 1,600 marched in the wedding procession.

Malouf served an assortment of Greek food to visitors Betty Taylor, Claudia McBrayer and Helmi Batterman and members Jeanie Caison, Helen Rose, Nancy Hayes, Roberta Caviness, Elizabeth Holt, Ruth Allison, Helen Eades, Margaret Bell, Pat Graham, Judy Mitts, Beth Burran, Sue Sims, Helen Langley, Virginia Garner, Lois Scott and Betty Rudder.

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Blood donation program explained for HRSEA

Bobby Thomas, director of mobile development for Coffee Memorial Blood Center, addressed the Monday meeting of Hereford Retired School Employees Association at the Senior Center.

Thomas explained a new system for scheduling blood donations on an appointment basis. The system was implemented to allow donors to make appointments so no waiting time is involved in the donation process.

CMBC is requesting that Hereford citizens who are willing to donate blood complete a pledge card, according to Thomas.

He complimented area residents on their many years of continuous successful blood drives.

President Betty Mercer presided at the business meeting during which new officers were elected. They are Betty Jo Carlson, president; Louise Witkowski, first vice president; John

and Teddie Poindexter, second vice president; Julia McNaney, secretary; and Sue Innon, treasurer. Installation will be held in May.

Jean Beene provided health and fitness information for the members stating that 33 percent of the deaths in Deaf Smith County are the result of cardiovascular problems.

Marie Stringer gave up to date information concerning the Building Fund Trust.

Texas Retired Teachers Association priorities for the 76th Legislature were discussed. These included approving the fourth phase of the Consumer Price Index catch-up annuity increase plan and improving health care and pharmaceutical benefits.

Oveta White won the "Share the Pot" activity and Dempsey Alexander won the door prize.

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Area Events

WTAMU

West Texas A&M University's Student Foundation, along with the Office of Admissions, will give school juniors and seniors a chance to see the university up close and personal at the 15th annual WTAMU Junior/Senior Preview.

High school students who are interested in attending WTAMU or finding out more about the university are encouraged to attend this year's "Buffalo Bash" Saturday, March 28.

Student Foundation members will head the campus tours and introduce high school juniors and seniors to faculty and staff. Dinner and entertainment will be provided.

An afternoon of events is scheduled beginning at 2 p.m. and concluding with a dance from 8 p.m. until midnight.

There is no charge for Junior/Senior Preview, but reservations must be made before March 20. For more information or to make reservations, contact the Office of Admissions, WTAMU Box 60907, Canyon, Texas 79016 or call 806-651-2020 or 1-800-99-WTAMU.

SHAMROCK

Shamrock's 52nd annual St. Patrick's Celebration will feature "Round Up Under Irish Skies" Friday

through Sunday.

The kick-off banquet will be held at 6:45 p.m. Friday and will feature Barbara Collins, an award winning vocalist.

Saturday includes a full day of activities beginning with a parade at 10:30 a.m. Other events taking place will include a scholarship pageant, carnival, old settlers reunion, beauty contest, team roping, chuck wagon cook-off, kiddie parade, arts and crafts show, gospel singing, and dances for both teens and adults.

PANHANDLE

"Selected Works of Kimberly Davis-Hefner" can be viewed in the Hazlewood Arts and Education Building of Carson County Square House Museum in Panhandle through April 7.

Davis-Hefner has provided 16 of her paintings for her first show in the Texas Panhandle. Angels and animals, flowers and figures are portrayed in a bold style which emphasizes large size and bright colors.

Davis-Hefner earned an Associate of Arts degree from Angelina College, followed by a Bachelor of Fine Arts at Stephen F. Austin State University. Her works have shown

previously in The Bookery Etc. in Lufkin and the Earth Work Fine Art Gallery in Lake Charles, La.

There will be a public reception in the gallery from 2:30-4 p.m. March 22. Regular museum hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Sunday.

LUBBOCK

MacKenzie Park's new equestrian trail is being officially dedicated at 11 a.m. Saturday with a press conference and ribbon cutting.

The trail has been created through the cooperative efforts of the 4th Cavalry Regiment (Memorial), Eagle Scouts, the Mormon Church, City of Lubbock Parks and Recreation Department and the Lubbock Convention and Tourism Bureau.

The equestrian trail is located adjacent to the South Plains Fairgrounds between Parkway Drive and Broadway.

Horse related activities will encourage people to come out and enjoy Lubbock's largest park complex. The trail will be open to all who are interested in riding while participants in equestrian events will be able to utilize the trails in order to get ready for their performances at the South Plains Fairgrounds.

The Windflower Nursing and Alzheimer's Center and the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center are hosting a free Dementia Screening Clinic on Friday, April 3 and Saturday, April 4.

Anyone over age 55 whose is experiencing significant memory problems can participate in the clinic.

Call Sean Lauderdale or Stacy Carter toll free at 1-888-561-5117 for more information concerning the clinic. All appointments must be scheduled by Wednesday, April 1.

PLAINVIEW

The Texas Plains Two Cylinder Club will hold its sixth annual tractor show March 21 and 22 at the Ollie Linder Center in Plainview.

Show time Saturday will be 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There is no entry fee and no admission charge. Donations will be accepted.

All makes of tractors and equipment will be on display. There will be a parade of tractors each day at 2 p.m. The Hale County Farm Museum will have concessions.



Memorial plaque

A plaque recognizing the establishment of the Kathlee Palmer Memorial Fund at the Deaf Smith County Library is presented to librarian Rebecca Walls, left, by Jane Gulley, a member of the Calliopian Club. The club, of which Mrs. Palmer was a long-time member, was instrumental in establishing the fund which will enhance the music and music education sections of the county library.

March: National Nutrition Month

Lean 'n easy ways to enjoy meat

By CHARLOTTE CLARK RD/D

Enjoy a variety of foods!

Eating healthy is about enjoying the wonderful variety of foods available today.

Choosing a variety of foods from among the food groups, as well as from within each group, makes meals and snacks interesting and helps provide all the nutrients you need.

Also, eating a variety of tasty foods enhances the pleasure of eating!

According to the Food Guide Pyramid, you can enjoy two to three servings each day (a total of five to seven ounces) of foods from the meat group, such as lean meats, poultry, fish, dry beans, eggs and nuts.

Many people think they must restrict their intake of all meats to lower their fat intake. It's easy to lower your fat intake by choosing lean cuts of beef or other meat, trimming it before cooking, and using low-fat cooking methods.

Choose lean cuts of meat

Choose lean cuts and appropriate serving sizes of meat. One serving of meat is about the size of a deck of cards. The amounts of calories, cholesterol and fat vary greatly among different cuts of meat and poultry.

For example, a three-ounce skinless chicken breast contains about three grams of fat, whereas a three-ounce skinless chicken thigh contains nine grams of fat.

You can balance higher and low-fat choices over a few days, so any cut of meat can be a part of a healthy eating plan.

The skinless breast is the leanest part of the chicken. But did you know that some leaner cuts of beef such as eye of round, top round and round tip actually are close to skinless chicken breast in terms of fat, calories and cholesterol?

For example, a three-ounce serving of eye of round contains about four

grams of fat. When choosing lean beef, look for cuts with the words "round" or "loin" in the name, like a top round or sirloin.

Trim the fat from meat

Decreasing the fat content of meat and poultry is easy because you can see the fat. Trimming visible fat from a sirloin steak lowers total fat per serving by 50 percent. Also, remember to remove the skin from poultry before eating.

Prepare lean meat dishes

Several cooking methods can lower the fat content of meats and retain the flavor and nutrients. Round cuts cook well when they're braised or stewed.

Try these quick methods of cooking loin cuts -- roasting, broiling, grilling, pan-broiling, stir-frying.

Carefully chosen and prepared, any food in today's diverse marketplace will fit into a healthy eating plan.

Try spicing up your menu.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, March 12, the 71st day of 1998. There are 294 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 12, 1938, the "Anschluss" took place as German troops entered Austria, completing what Adolf Hitler described as his mission to restore his homeland to the Third Reich.

On this date:

In 1664, New Jersey became a British colony as King Charles II granted land in the New World to his brother James, the Duke of York.

In 1912, in Savannah, Ga., Juliette Gordon Low founded the Girl Guides, which later became the Girl Scouts of America.

In 1925, Chinese revolutionary leader Sun Yat-sen died.

In 1930, Indian political and spiritual leader Mohandas K. Gandhi

began a 200-mile march to protest a British tax on salt.

In 1933, President Roosevelt delivered the first of his radio "fireside chats," telling Americans what was being done to deal with the nation's economic crisis.

In 1939, Pope Pius XII was formally crowned in ceremonies at the Vatican.

In 1940, Finland and the Soviet Union concluded an armistice during World War II. Fighting between the two countries flared again the following year.

In 1947, President Truman established what became known as the Truman Doctrine to help Greece and Turkey resist Communism.

In 1969, Paul McCartney married Linda Eastman in London.

In 1987, "Les Miserables" opened on Broadway.

In 1994, the Church of England

ordained its first women priests.

Ten years ago: Rev. Jesse Jackson won the Democratic precinct caucuses in his native South Carolina.

Five years ago: Janet Reno was sworn in as the nation's first female attorney general. Thirteen bombs exploded in Bombay, India, killing more than 300 people.

One year ago: Authorities in Los Angeles arrested Mikail Markhasev as a suspect in the shooting death of Bill Cosby's son, Ennis, almost two months earlier. Markhasev, who pleaded innocent, has yet to stand trial.

Today's Birthdays: Former AFL-CIO president Lane Kirkland is 76. Former astronaut Wally Schirra is 75. Playwright Edward Albee is 70. Former Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young is 66. Broadcast journalist Lloyd Dobyns is 62. Singer Al Jarreau is 58.

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NHL

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 Ottawa 5, Florida 3
 Vancouver 2, Montreal 2, tie
 N.Y. Rangers 5, San Jose 3
 Edmonton 2, Tampa Bay 0
 Colorado 3, St. Louis 2
 Toronto 3, Anaheim 1

Thursday's Games
 San Jose at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
 Calgary at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
 New Jersey at Carolina, 6:30 p.m.
 Washington at N.Y. Islanders, 6:30 p.m.
 N.Y. Rangers at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
 Vancouver at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
 Chicago at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
 Dallas at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
 Toronto at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

NBA

Wednesday's Games
 Atlanta 110, Boston 105
 Philadelphia 88, Washington 86
 Charlotte 85, New York 78
 Cleveland 85, Milwaukee 83
 Detroit 122, Indiana 91
 Utah 110, Sacramento 95
 L.A. Lakers 121, Portland 107
 Minnesota 113, Golden State 84

Thursday's Games
 Cleveland at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
 Chicago at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
 New Jersey at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
 Sacramento at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
 Vancouver at Denver, 8 p.m.
 Minnesota at Portland, 9 p.m.
 L.A. Lakers vs. L.A. Clippers at Anaheim, Calif., 9:30 p.m.

MLB

Wednesday's Games
 Boston 3, Baltimore 0
 Texas 10, Minnesota 1
 Tampa Bay 6, Toronto 0
 Detroit 2, New York Yankees 1
 Kansas City 6, Philadelphia 1
 Atlanta 13, Cleveland 9
 Pittsburgh 6, Cincinnati 3
 Houston 4, Florida 2
 St. Louis 3, New York Mets 2
 Los Angeles 13, Montreal 2
 Anaheim 9, Colorado 5
 San Francisco 4, Milwaukee 3
 Arizona (ss) 7, Seattle 1
 Arizona (ss) 11, Chicago White Sox (ss)

Chicago Cubs 10, Oakland 3
San Diego 3, Chicago White Sox (ss) 1

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Wednesday
 Georgia Tech 88, Seton Hall 78
 North Carolina State 59, Kansas State 39

Perin State 82, Rider 68
Auburn 77, Southern Miss 62
Dayton 95, Long Island U. 92
Georgetown 71, Florida 69
Marquette 80, Creighton 68
Memphis 90, Ball State 67
Minnesota 77, Colorado State 65
Alabama-Birmingham 93, Missouri 88
Vanderbilt 73, St. Bonaventure 61
Columbia 69, Wyoming 55
Georgia 100, Iowa 52
Fresno State 73, Pacific 70
Hawaii 90, Arizona State 73

Thursday
 North Carolina-Wilmington (20-10) at Wake Forest (15-13), 7 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Rangers rout Twins

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) -- Ivan Rodriguez and Mike Simms each drove in three runs to push the Texas Rangers to a 10-1 win over the Minnesota Twins on Wednesday.

Ranger starter John Burkett (2-0) pitched four scoreless innings, allowing two hits with five strikeouts.

But there was a scary moment in Wednesday's win. A pitch from Frank Rodriguez (1-1) struck Rangers third baseman Fernando Tatis in the back in the second inning.

Tatis lay prone on the field for several minutes before paramedics took him to St. Joseph's Hospital for precautionary X-rays. Results were negative. He has a deep bruise in the middle of his back and is listed as day-to-day, team officials said.

Astros double Fish

MELBOURNE, Fla. (AP) -- Shane Reynolds struck out six in four shutout innings Wednesday, and the Houston Astros sent the Florida Marlins to their eighth consecutive loss, 4-2.

The World Series champions fell to 4-8. Last year, they went 26-5 in spring training.

Among those traded by the Marlins was Moises Alou, who faced his former teammate for the first time and went 1-for-3. His spring is .429.

Reynolds allowed two hits. World Series MVP Livan Hernandez gave up three runs, five hits and four walks in four innings.

Rodeo Leaders

By The Associated Press
 Through March 9
STEER ROPING

1. Mark Freeman, Freedom, Okla., \$6,306.2
 2. Bucky Helmer, Chelsea, Okla., \$6,255.3
 3. Buster Record Jr., Buffalo, Okla., \$5,230.4
 4. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas, \$4,578.5
 5. De Lynn Jones, Hobbs, N.M., \$4,463.6
 6. Jim Davis, Abilene, Texas, \$3,915.7
 7. Grady Potter, Arkansas City, Kan., \$3,669.8
 8. Dan Fisher, Andrews, Texas, \$2,039.9
 9. Guy Allen, Lovington, N.M., \$1,874.10 (tie)
 Rocky Garnett, Garden City, Kan., and Leo Campbell, Canyon, Texas, \$1,725.

12. Tee Workman, Llano, Texas, \$1,487.13
 13. Sherry Carter, Pawhuska, Okla., \$1,428
 Bill Goodner, Boyd, Texas, \$1,428.15
 Mack Altizer, Del Rio, Texas, \$1,423.16
 Vance Vest, Monahans, Texas, \$1,138.17
 Rocky Patterson, Pratt, Kan., \$1,130.18
 Colby Goodwin, Canyon, Texas, \$833.19 (tie)
 C.A. Lauer, Buffalo, Okla., and J.B. Whalley, Gardendale, Texas, \$782.

Davis picked for 4-1A team

From staff reports
ADRIAN -- Schrena Davis of Hereford was named to the All-District 4-1A girls basketball team, according to a vote of the district coaches released Tuesday.

Davis is a 5-8 freshman post/forward for Adrian High School. Davis was one of only two freshmen named to the squad. Kassie Gentles of Hartley was the other freshman selected.

Also named to the team from Adrian was senior Jennifer Torres. The Lady Matadors were 0-17 overall and 0-6 in District 4-1A.

Channing led the district honor team with four selections, and



Davis

Textine and Hartley each had three players named to the team. Sophomore Tabitha Grant of Channing was named district most valuable player.

Boys tourney begins Friday

By CHIP BROWN
 AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN -- West Texas is usually the hotbed for girls state basketball champions, while the big cities -- Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio -- produce most of the boys' title winners.

But this year, the favorite among the four Class 5A boys teams may well be Midland, which presses and runs for four quarters and carries a 34-2 record into Friday's semifinals.

One of its two losses, however, came against San Antonio Taft (34-4), the only 5A state tournament team returning to Austin for a second straight year.

The 5A teams that figured to be in

Austin this week -- two-time defending champion Dallas Kimball and Alief Elsik, which features 6-9 senior standout and possibly NBA-bound Rashard Lewis -- were bounced from the regional tournament by Round Rock Westwood (31-6) and Pearland (29-8), respectively.

In Friday's semifinals, Midland will face Pearland, while Taft takes on Westwood.

Westwood coach Dennis Burton says his team is still on a high after knocking off Dallas Kimball. His team also will have the home-court advantage with Round Rock just 20 miles from the Frank Erwin Center.

"Our kids are confident they can

beat anybody," Burton said. "(Playing Kimball and making it to the state tournament) is what our kids talked about all year."

In Class 4A, the two best teams may be playing in the semifinals on Thursday as Waco University (34-3) takes on Dallas Highland Park (32-3).

In the other semifinal, Lamesa (32-3), a three-time state champion, will be making its 11th appearance in the state tournament against tourney newcomer Houston Waltrip (31-3).

Class 3A has the only undefeated team in the 20-team state tournament field.

See TOURNEY, page 6A

Boosters president explains donations

By BOB VARMETTE
 Sports Writer

Perception doesn't always match up with reality.

During the past several years, the perception in Hereford was that the Whiteface Booster Club allocated most of its funds to the Hereford High School football team.

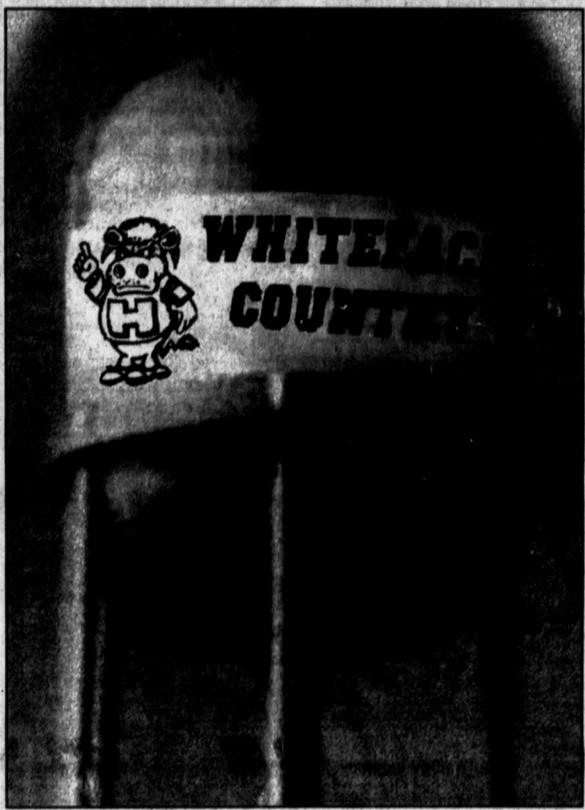
That perception was generally based upon the fact that the booster club's biggest annual fund-raiser is selling sponsorships for the football programs.

It's a perception that current booster club president Tom Bailey is working diligently to change.

"We do support football," Bailey said, "and want to continue to support football. But it's just one of the sports, and we support all the sports."

The selling of sponsorships for the football programs generates about \$8,000 for the 150-member booster club, according to Bailey.

"The football program is the



This is a computer-generated rendering of the proposed banner to be placed upon the water tower in northwest Hereford.

See DONATIONS, page 6A

Booster club plans banner

By BOB VARMETTE
 Sports Writer

The water tower located in northwest Hereford may take on a more colorful appearance in the near future.

The Whiteface Booster Club hopes to raise \$3,500 to hang a banner on the water tower. Booster club president Tom Bailey said the club hopes to have enough money pledged by April 15 that they can go ahead with the project and have the banner on display by late May -- in time for Hereford High School graduation.

"What we're trying to do is to see if there's any interest in the community to do this," Bailey said. "If there is, and we can get the donations to do it, we'll do it."

Bailey said this fund-raising project will be independent of other fund-raising efforts of the booster club, which has about 150 members.

"We're not wanting to take any of the funds that we have tagged for the kids," he said. "At the same time we're not going to go around asking everybody in town to do it. If there's interest, they need to let us know and give us a donation. . . . We're not going to go into the kids' funds -- money that's been used for the kids

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-- Tom Bailey

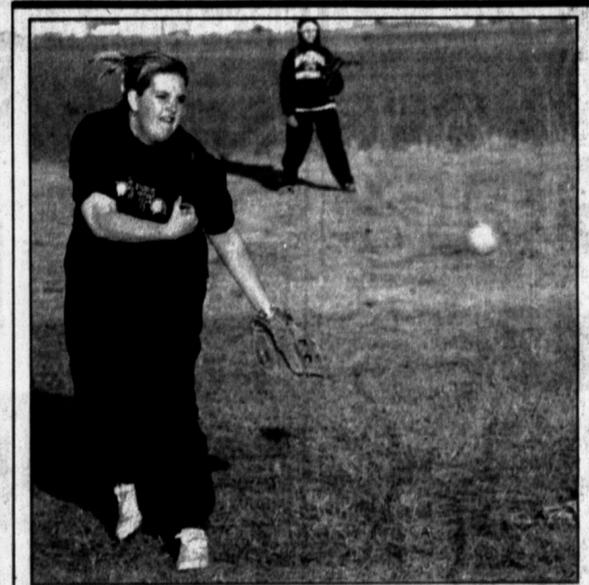
-- to do this."

The proposed banner would feature the Whiteface logo and the words "Whiteface Country" in four-foot high lettering. The lettering and logo would be maroon on a white background.

Bailey added the lettering could be made larger if enough funds are raised. He said the main cost of the vinyl banner would be the initial production of the design and the installation.

"This is not being painted on (the tower)," Bailey said. "The reason for that is a year or so ago, (Hereford head football coach Craig) Yenser and some others checked into having something painted up there, and it was unbelievable -- like \$10,000.

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On its way
 Hereford assistant softball coach Angela Stanzel pitches during practice Tuesday at the Kids Incorporated Complex. Hereford will face Canyon Randall in Amarillo at 5 p.m. this afternoon.

Plot lines sure to emerge as NCAA men's tourney starts

By The Associated Press

Bob Knight will pay his \$10,000 fine, Princeton is finally a favorite and North Carolina is doing quite nicely without Dean Smith. And more plot lines are certain to emerge when the NCAA's 64-team showcase begins Thursday.

A top seed has never lost to a 16th seed, but plenty have struggled in shaking the butterflies.

"We were riding high last year, and we were playing a team named Fairfield, and all of the sudden they were giving us a run for our money," Antawn Jamison of top-ranked North Carolina says of last year's opener, an 82-74 win. "This time we sort of have a lot to prove."

The Tar Heels (30-3) are now coached by Bill Guthridge, the retired Smith's longtime assistant.

They get to prove their point against Navy (19-10), which shocked Syracuse a decade ago when David Robinson was the team's centerpiece. There's no Robinson this time, only a hard-working team that won the

Colonial Conference tournament.

The Middles and Tar heels tip off the tournament at Hartford Conn., at 11:20 a.m. CST on Thursday, five minutes before Xavier (22-7) takes on the University of Washington (18-9) in Washington, D.C.

Knight and Indiana (19-11) will be in Washington to play Oklahoma (22-10) in an early evening game. Knight agreed Wednesday to pay a \$10,000 fine levied by the Big Ten for his barbs at referee Ted Valentine.

For Princeton, it's a new feeling. The Tigers (26-1) used to be the low seed nobody wanted to play, losing by a point to Georgetown and knocking off UCLA in first-round games.

Now the Tigers are the fifth seed in the East, taking on Nevada-Las Vegas (20-12) in Hartford. This is a true reversal of form -- UNLV, accustomed to being a top seed, made it to the tournament only by winning the Western Athletic Conference tournament at home and are a 12th seed.

Still, there are questions about Princeton, which beat North Carolina State, Wake Forest, Texas and Rutgers and lost just 50-42 to North Carolina. That's because they play in the Ivy League.

"The questions we've been getting are always like 'What do you think about your seed?'" says guard Mitch Henderson. "Do you think you have a chance? Will it be a disappointment if you lose? Nobody's asking us how we're going to match up with this guy or that guy on UNLV."

Thursday's games are in the East and West. The South and Midwest regionals start Friday.

In addition to the North Carolina and Princeton games at Hartford, North Carolina Charlotte (19-10) faces Illinois-Chicago (22-5) and Michigan State (20-7) meets Eastern Michigan (20-9) in a neighborhood battle moved 1,000 miles east.

In Washington, it's Xavier-Washington; South Carolina (23-7) vs.

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TCU awaits opening dance

By TERRANCE HARRIS
 Fort Worth Star-Telegram

FORT WORTH -- The last time TCU faced a non-Western Athletic Conference opponent, senior guard Malcolm Johnson might as well have been a million miles away.

Johnson, who witnessed the birth of his son early on the afternoon of Dec. 30, was suited up for the Horned Frogs' game against Oklahoma State.

"I felt like I was focused for the game, but I really don't think I was," Johnson said. "After experiencing the birth of my son and all that going through my head, it was just hard to remain focused on just basketball."

This week, in Friday's return to the NCAA Tournament, Johnson's attention needs to be focused on Florida State in a Midwest Regional first-round game at Oklahoma City's Myriad Convention Center. Tipoff is scheduled for 30 minutes after the

conclusion of the Mississippi-Valparaiso game that starts at 11:30 a.m.

Johnson's lack of focus in that December game was evident when Oklahoma State point guard Joe Adkins scored the Cowboys' first seven points, blowing past Johnson and generally showing him up.

If that wasn't enough, the sharpshooting Johnson missed a critical jumper in the waning moments that might have been the difference in the 82-81 Oklahoma State victory, the only loss for the Frogs in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum this season.

"Man, I had a terrible game that night," recalled a smiling Johnson. "I didn't have a good game at all. I just kept remembering the events of the day."

As one of the Frogs' three leaders, along with Lee Nailon and Mike Jones, Johnson has had a major

impact on their rise to the No. 15 ranking in the latest Associated Press poll and fifth seed in the regional.

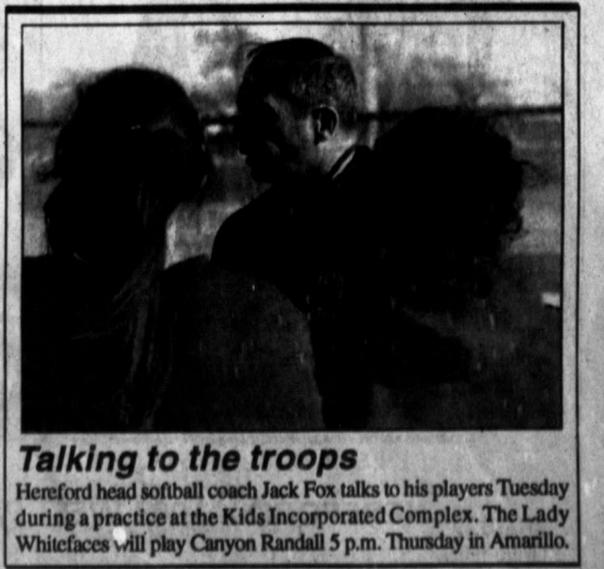
"I'm excited. There's no doubt about that," Johnson said. "This is something you dream about and then pretend about as a kid playing on the playground courts."

Johnson has established himself as one of the most effective players in the country during his two seasons at TCU, able to quickly string together points as a gifted long-range shooter.

This season, he scorched Texas Tech for 33 points, then scored 38 against Fresno State and burned San Diego State for 31. In total, the Frogs third-leading scorer has scored at least 20 points in 14 games this season.

The 6-foot-4 Johnson leads TCU

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Talking to the troops
 Hereford head softball coach Jack Fox talks to his players Tuesday during a practice at the Kids Incorporated Complex. The Lady Whitefaces will play Canyon Randall 5 p.m. Thursday in Amarillo.

Donations

primary fund-raiser, so that may be the perception. . . . It speaks well of the football program, that they have that kind of pull."

Bailey has the figures on his side. Since October 1996, the booster club has doled out \$6,989 in the Hereford Independent School District to be allocated to various sports projects at Hereford High School. None of that amount has been for the football team, although the football team was a definite beneficiary of \$350 donated for upgrading weight room equipment.

"Definitely, we do help football," Bailey emphasized, "and we want to continue to help football. . . ."

University Intercollegiate League rules prohibit booster clubs from donating funds directly to individual sports projects. The money must first be donated to the school district, which then approves the use of the money for a specific project.

Bailey added much of the money raised by selling sponsorships for the football program is often used to help other sports programs at Hereford High School.

Since October 1996, the booster club has donated \$1,000 for new carpet in the tennis locker rooms, \$1,501 for tennis warm-up suits, and \$1,200 for new golf bags, among other projects.

Bailey said often the booster club will not fund the entire price tag of the project, but will instead reimburse the school district for a partial amount.

"The coach may have asked for a \$1,000, but through the athletic

director's advice they say, 'We can fund this part of it. If you could help us here.' But whatever basically they have asked for, we try to take care of," Bailey said.

Bailey, whose term as president will end in September, said he's not aware of a request for monetary aid that has been rejected while he's been on the board.

"For instance, just in the past, the last ones we did were girls softball and girls track," Bailey said. "They go to their athletic director and make a proposal. The athletic director presents it to us. . . . I call a meeting of the board, and then the athletic director talks about it, and if there's any money we do it."

In February, the booster club donated \$1,000 to HISD to be evenly split between the new girls softball program and girls track. The girls track team used \$500 for track warm-up suits and the softball team used \$500 toward the purchase of a softball pitching machine.

Bailey said the support of the Hereford community has made such projects possible.

"We get a lot of support from community sponsors," he said. "We have a lot of businesses here that have helped us. It wouldn't be possible without the support from the community."

The latest booster club project is to raise \$3,500 toward placing a banner on the water tower in northwest Hereford. Bailey said the booster club hopes to have enough money pledged for the project by April 15 to have the banner on the water tower by graduation.

Banner

This was the cheapest thing."

Fast Signs of Amarillo has estimated the cost of the banner at \$3,500. The banner would come with a five-year guarantee, and is estimated to last two to three times as long, according to Bailey.

Bailey also said there have been talks with Southwestern Public Service and the City of Hereford to light the banner.

"This will face the junior high, so you can see it from the football field, all those athletic (areas)," Bailey said.

At this time, that water tower is the only one under consideration for the banner, Bailey said.

The deadline of April 15 was set so the banner, if the funds are raised, could be on the water tower in time for graduation. Bailey said the

boosters have gotten a late start on the project.

"He said the primary push for the banner began late in the basketball season."

"We're hoping to have it up by graduation," Bailey said. "That's our plan, but you know how plans are. We've got to give (Fast Signs) time to get it made, and then time to put it up."

According to Bailey, John Kriegshauser has been one of the primary figures behind the project. Bailey said Kriegshauser believes the initial reception to the proposal has been positive.

"It's just something that (the water tower) is blank there, and it would be neat to have something there," Bailey said.

Colorado snows under Blues, 3-2

DENVER (AP) -- Valeri Kamenyky scored two goals, Peter Forsberg had three assists and Patrick Roy became the NHL's leader in victories among active goalies as the Colorado Avalanche edged St. Louis 3-2 on

Wednesday night.

Roy and Jamie McLennan, who is subbing for the injured Fuhr, both finished with 22 saves.

Kamenyky and Adam Deadmarsh each scored their 20th goal.

NCAA

Richmond (22-7); Indiana-Oklahoma; and Connecticut (29-4) vs. Fairleigh Dickinson (23-6).

Defending champion Arizona (27-4), the top seed in the West, opens with Nicholls State in the final game Thursday at Sacramento, Calif. Other games there are Maryland (19-10) vs. Utah State (25-7); Illinois (22-9) vs. South Alabama (21-6), and Tennessee (20-8) vs. Illinois State (24-5).

At Boise, Idaho, it's Temple (21-8) vs. West Virginia (22-8) in an eastern rivalry transplanted 2,500 miles; Cincinnati (26-5) vs. Northern Arizona (21-7); Utah (25-3) vs. San Francisco (19-10); and Arkansas (23-8) vs. Nebraska (20-11).

In the Eastern Michigan-Michigan State game, many of the players know each other from their playground days.

"The experience factor is going to help us a great deal," says Earl Boykins, the 5-foot-5 star of Eastern, the 13th seed in the regional.

"There isn't a player on our team who doesn't respect them," says coach Tom Izzo of the fourth-seeded Spartans.

The Temple-West Virginia game is a revival of an Atlantic 10 rivalry that ended when the Mountaineers moved to the Big East. But that was five years ago.

"Their players haven't seen us," coach John Chaney of seventh-seeded Temple says of the 10th-seeded Mountaineers. "Maybe the coaches know, but the kids don't know nothing. They're just happy to have a ride on the merry-go-round."

Tourney

Tulia (35-0), the runner-up in 1997 to Dallas Madison, is back this year and will take on tournament newcomer Crockett (25-7) in Thursday's semifinals.

In the other semifinal, Clarksville (31-5), the 1995 3A state champion, will face Stafford (27-7), the 1992 3A state champion. In Class 2A, top-ranked Krum (35-1), which has won four state titles and is returning to the tournament for the first time since winning it all in 2A in 1996, faces tourney newcomer Beckville (32-4) on Friday.

In the other 2A semifinal, Little River Academy (35-1), making its second state tournament appearance, will face Lockney (19-6), which is making its first trip to the final four in Austin.

In Class A, Lipan (31-6) is making its first trip to state since winning the Class A title in 1994 and will face top-seeded Moulton (36-2), which claimed the 1991 Class A crown, in Thursday's semifinals.

In the other semifinal, tournament newcomer Goodrich (32-4) takes on Gruver.

Dance

in 3-pointers with 86 in 229 attempts. Johnson, who led the team last season in scoring with 18.7 points per game, is third this season with 18.8 points.

"Malcolm is an explosive guy who can get a lot of points in a short period of time," TCU coach Billy Tubbs said. "He's capable of getting off and making seven or eight threes in a game."

"And I'm really surprised that he hasn't gone out and hit nine or 10 in a game yet this season. But since he hasn't, now would be a good time to go out and do it."

As has been the case so often, Johnson is in sync with his coach. Somewhat disappointed and frustrated with his inconsistency this season, Johnson views the NCAA Tournament as an opportunity for himself and Jones to come through for the Frogs.

And shortly thereafter, Johnson will attempt to play in the NBA to secure a life for himself and his family. Once very comfortable with being "slightly out there on the edge," Johnson now champions himself as a family man.

He and his girlfriend Kimberly Eatman, also a TCU student, live together at an off-campus apartment with their 2-month-old son, Jordan.

"My life has changed completely," Johnson said. "I have to be more responsible now, because it's no longer just me. Everything I do and every decision I make affects two people who are very important to me."

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Baseball: Rose violated ban

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) -- Pete Rose always liked nothing better than talking about hitting. His one-hour talk Wednesday to some attentive Cincinnati minor leaguers, however, may have hurt his bid to reverse his lifetime ban.

Rose, standing on a practice field about 50 yards from a batting cage recently named for him, gave an impromptu motivational speech to nearly 100 minor leaguers, including son Pete Jr., an infielder with the Reds' Indianapolis farm club.

Baseball said the talk violated the lifetime ban Rose agreed to nearly nine years ago.

"Pete Rose was in clear violation of the agreement," said Rich Levin, the spokesman for acting commissioner Bud Selig. "We are waiting for a complete written report from the Reds, at which time we will take appropriate action."

The Reds may be fined as a result of Rose's speech, a baseball official said, speaking on condition he not be identified.

Baseball's career hits leader said it was the first time he had stood before a professional team since he resigned as the Reds manager at the conclusion of his gambling probe in 1989.

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Names
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GEORGE BUSH

NEW YORK (AP) - George Bush insists his passions don't run to politics anymore, except where two of his sons are concerned.

"All I want to do is help 'em if I can and stay out of the way if that'll help," a tuxedo-clad Bush said Wednesday. "I don't have a passionate interest anymore in anything other than those two boys ... who are not boys anymore."

George W. Bush is the governor of Texas and running for re-election. Jeb Bush is seeking the GOP nomination in Florida's gubernatorial race.

The 73-year-old former president made the remarks at a bookstore where his friend Daniel Silva was signing his latest novel, "The Mark of the Assassin."

Geraldine Ferraro, who faced off against Bush in the 1984 vice-presidential debates, was scheduled to attend but didn't show up.

Bush said their encounters over the years have been friendly and he would enjoy seeing her again. But would he support the Democrat's bid for the U.S. Senate seat held by GOP incumbent Alfonse D'Amato?

"No. I don't think so. I'm staying outside of that," Bush said.

DAN RATHER

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) - Dan Rather's decades in TV news have earned him a career journalism award presented by the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Rather, who is anchor and managing editor of the "CBS Evening News," is this year's recipient of the Goldsmith Center Award for journalism that has enriched American politics and society.

"Dan was my colleague at CBS for more than 20 years," said Marvin Kalb, the center's director. "He was an outstanding journalist then; he remains one today, setting consistently high standards of journalistic accomplishment over many decades."

Rather was to receive the award at a ceremony today. Past winners include Barbara Walters, Peter Jennings, Mike Wallace, Ted Koppel and Bob Woodward.

JOHNNY CASH

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Illness hasn't turned Johnny Cash into a shrinking violet, judging from an advertisement in the March 14 issue of the trade magazine *Billboard*.

In a full-page ad celebrating the singer's recent Grammy Award for "Unchained" as best country album, a photograph shows an enraged-looking Cash making an obscene gesture.

The ad reads: "American Recordings and Johnny Cash would like to acknowledge the Nashville music establishment and country radio for your support."

Cash, 66, like many country stars of his generation, receives scant radio play of his new music. His last hit came in 1990, and he no longer records for a Nashville record label.

JOHN CUNNIFF

Business Mirror

Deadly evidence

NEW YORK (AP) - There is an income split in the American work force that no amount of Congressional legislation is likely to close. Attempts to do so, such as through minimum wage legislation, conceivably could even worsen it.

The problem is illustrated by a deadly set of statistics compiled at the University of Michigan showing the relationship between education and income, but it is not the only way in which the widening split is demonstrated.

The Michigan study shows inflation-adjusted incomes for high school dropouts actually fell from 1984 to 1994, while workers with college degrees or better rose. In fact, the biggest rise of all, 13 percent, was among workers with more than a college degree.

This is the age of technology, which places a premium on expertise. On, for example, an engineering degree with a master's in business administration. As a rule, but with notable exceptions, the greater the education, the higher the income.

It is the age of information too, and those with the greatest or most specific information generally can look forward to good jobs. It is an entrepreneurial age too, both within established corporations and among the very smallest companies.

It is a world of swift change as well. Companies never could sit back and enjoy their success because eventually they would be overtaken. But today, as opposed to a few decades ago, they can be overtaken in a matter of weeks or months rather than years.

Change demands adaptation, and without question those with the best educational bases are those who can make the changes. For them, education is a lifelong pursuit, whether they work for a large company or a tiny business run out

of a home office.

In such a society, the high school dropout must first fight for a job, and then fight to keep it, and the fight is a lifelong fight - and usually a losing one. Lacking a good base, the uneducated worker receives meager raises and slips farther and farther behind.

And it could get worse in spite of legislated increases in the minimum wage. Think-tank studies suggest that minimum-wage increases are followed in the next year by a decline in beginner-job creations. Potential employers simply remove the bottom rung on the ladder.

True, a worker without a high school diploma can succeed, and some do. In fact, there is a type of dropout so inherently bright and anxious to get on with the "real" world that he or she cannot abide school. They live by their wits, sometimes make great entrepreneurs.

The Michigan study shows that the head of household with less than a high school diploma earned \$20,291 in 1984 but only \$17,918 in 1994. These are comparable figures - each of the years is stated in 1996 dollars so that they can be measured against each other.

Even those with a high school diploma earned less in 1994 than in 1984. The figures, based on 7,000 interviews in 1984 and more than 10,000 in 1994. In the earlier year they earned \$34,569; in the latter year, \$31,648.

The study suggests that even those with some college education are losing their income momentum. In 1984, this category of household head earned \$41,794, and only \$366 more a decade later.

The deadliest evidence of all is revealed by figures for those household heads with more than a college degree. They earned \$56,798 in 1984, but \$64,294 in 1994.

No cold damage reported yet to Texas peaches, wheat

COLLEGE STATION (AP) - Texas peach growers said only time will tell the effects of the freezing temperatures which hit Texas early this week, reports the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Dr. Larry Stein, Extension horticulturist in Uvalde, said the southwest area of the state received cold temperatures, but not cold enough weather to damage their peach crop.

"As long as we don't go below 28 degrees for any length of time we'll be all right," Stein said.

Extension horticulturist Dr. Nancy Roe of Stephenville said temperatures were as low as 26 degrees Sunday night. She speculated it is likely that open peach buds sustained some damage from the cold weather.

However, "We haven't lost the crop yet," Roe said.

Extension horticulturist Jim Kamas of Fredericksburg said it is too early to know if the recent freeze damaged their peach crop. He said any lost peaches would actually help thin out the crop.

Kamas said only 15 percent to 20 percent of the peaches have opened in most varieties.

"Growers could stand a 90 percent to 95 percent mortality rate and still be fine," he said.

Kamas said the remaining tight buds can withstand temperatures as low as the teens. He said once trees are in full bloom they are susceptible to injury at a much higher tempera-

ture. Dr. Steven George, Extension horticulturist in Dallas, said weather forecasters predict lows in the mid 20s this week. He said peaches are only about 50 percent in bloom in several counties.

"That's good news because the crop will be more resistant to the freezing weather," George said.

However, he said if peaches are in full bloom, three to four days will be needed to assess the freeze damage to the peach crop.

Dr. Brent Bean of Amarillo, Extension agronomist, reported the freezes did not damage the six million acres of winter wheat planted in that area. "The wheat crop is up and going good. I'm not aware of any major damage," he said.

In the South Plains, Extension director Jett Major of Lubbock said land preparation, herbicide and fertilizer applications continue to be the main field activity.

"Soil moisture has been adequate with a few areas reporting short," he said.

In West Central Texas, Extension director Scott Durham of San Angelo said preparations for vegetable planting are under way.

"But, planting won't begin for several weeks," he said.

District director Tony Douglas of Overton said garden preparations are also active in East Texas.

"However, there is little planting," he said.

Extension economist Jose Pena of Uvalde said some parts of the Southwest area of the state have experienced below average year-to-date rainfall while other parts have received above average rainfall.

"However, the excellent rainfall in the south central region of the state and the mild open weather is causing above average problems with weeds," Pena said.

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

PANHANDLE: soil moisture short to surplus. Ranges, pastures in fair to good condition. Cattle in good condition; supplemental feeding continues. Wheat is rated fair to good; excellent growth with adequate moisture and mild temperatures.

SOUTH PLAINS: soil moisture short to adequate. Pastures, ranges fair to good. Wheat in fair to good condition. Livestock in good condition; some supplemental feeding. Land preparation, herbicide and fertilizer application continues.

ROLLING PLAINS: soil moisture adequate to surplus. Ranges, pastures poor to good. Stocker cattle gains are off due to boggy conditions. Saturated wheat fields; need dry, warm growing conditions. Wet conditions have delayed ground type fertilizer applications.



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99¢

SAVE
\$1.00

10 LB. BAG
RED DELICIOUS
APPLES

SAVE
\$1.00

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WHOLE CUT
CHICKEN
FRYER



SAVE
40¢ lb

59¢

25 LB.
PANHANDLE
FLOUR

SAVE
\$2.00

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SAVE
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10 LB. CHICKEN
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QUARTERS



SAVE
50¢ lb

39¢
lb.

BEST CHOICE
CAN DRINKS

SAVE
\$1.00

\$3.99

24 PK.
ASST. FLAVORS

BAKING
POTATOES

4
lbs.

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SAVE
60¢

BONELESS FAMILY PACK
CHUCK STEAK



SAVE
60¢ lb

\$1.49
lb.

SAVE
\$2.50

TWIN PACK
CHEERIOS

\$3.49

FRESH
NOPALITOS

SAVE
40¢

59¢
LB.

PORK SPARE
RIBS



SAVE
60¢ lb

\$1.39
lb.

BEST CHOICE 30 CT.
EGGS

SAVE
\$1.00

2/\$5.00

FAMILY PACK
PORK STEAKS



SAVE
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lb.

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364-2030

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Thrift Store
Ladies Blouses,
Slacks & Sweaters
2 for 50¢ Sale Feb. 26th-27th
1309 E. Park Ave. * Open Thursday Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm * * Fresh-baked Weekly

1A. GARAGE SALES

Garage Sale: 333 Douglas, Friday & Saturday, 8 to 12. 35988

Garage Sale: 106 16th St., Friday, 4 to 7 and Saturday, 8 to 12. Riding Lawn Mower, Carpet, Clothes & Miscellaneous. 35989

Garage Sale: 520 Westhaven, Friday 5 to 7 and Saturday, 8. Swing Set, recliner, oak coffee and end table, office chair, tools, fixtures, pet porters, misc. 35990

2. FARM EQUIPMENT

Growers wanted for Seed Peas. Call Gayland Ward at 258-7394. 35987

3. VEHICLES FOR SALE

For Sale: 91 Buick Rivera, Loaded - including a disk player and all works. White with blue leather interior. Clean, Good Tires, \$6700.00. Call Bob Sims at 364-4030 (daytime) or 3646903 (nights). 35634

For Sale: 1979 Lincoln Town Coupe in very good condition. Call 364-1042. 35933

1977 Cajun Bass Boat, 115 Mercury, new trolling motor, 24V, 3 new batteries, clean. Call or come by J-S Hydraulics. 364-9415. (\$4,000-OBO). 35960

For Sale: 92 Chevy Corsica LT 4 dr., V6, 92,000 miles. Great school car. Asking \$4200.00. Owner will consider financing. Call 364-0739. 35967

For Sale: 1987 Chevy Suburban. Excellent condition. Call evenings before 10 pm, 289-5398 or weekdays, 364-0562. 35973

CROSSWORD

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
1 Gator's kin
5 Cager's game
10 Actor Rob
11 Look-see
12 Mimicked
13 Stair parts
14 Engage in introspection
16 Float, in a way
20 Scotch base
23 Powell's frequent costar
24 Assumed name
25 Connery's successor
27 Pinnacle
28 On the FBI's list
29 Pause
32 Be mentally inactive
36 "Scarface"
39 Tennis star Land
40 Warnings
41 Gelatin shaper
42 Noted diarist
43 Flock females

DOWN
1 Silent one
2 "Clue" weapon
3 Was in debt
4 "Garçon" feature
5 Port-au-Prince's nation
6 Beginning
7 Keats creation
8 Apiece
9 They're in their last yr.
11 Boat fill
15 Golf needs
17 Scads
18 Rent
19 Looked over material
20 Soaking spot
21 Lotion ingredient
22 Tatters
25 Chess win
27 Former limit
28 Salary
30 Tusk
31 Circus sites
33 Swear
34 Yam
35 Termini
36 Upper limit
37 Stout
38 Vitality

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STUMPED? For answers to today's crossword, call 1-800-454-7377 199¢ per minute, touch-tone / rotary phones. (18+ only.) A King Features service, NYC.

6. WANTED

Experienced CRP sowing--Rodney Hunter, 647-5539 or Richard Hunter, 276-5357. 35657

Mike Jackson--CRP grass planting - 2 drills. 267-2604 or 538-6682. 35939

8. HELP WANTED

Hereford Care Center needs R.N.'s, L.V.N.'s, Medication Aides, & C.N.A.'s. Come by 231 Kingwood or call 364-7113. 33472

Kings Manor Methodist Nursing Home has opening for Med-Aides, CNA's, LVN's. Opening for weekend RN. Contact Kings Manor, 400 Ranger, Hereford. 34525

No Experience, \$500 to \$900 weekly/potential processing mortgage refunds. Own Hours. Call 1-800-449-1036 Ext. 1241. 35751

Farmers Elevator of Dawn has job openings in the following departments: Accounting-Bookkeeping Dept., Trucking Dept., Grain and Fertilizer Dept. Applications may be picked up at our office 5 miles North of Dawn. 35925

King's Manor Methodist Home has a position available for Certified Activity Director. Apply at King's Manor Methodist Home, 400 Ranger, Hereford, Texas. 35930

Welders and Crew Chief needed at Allied Millwrights on Holly Sugar Rd. Apply in person. 35947

Weekend RN position available. Come by King's Manor Methodist Home, 400 Ranger Drive for application. 35977

Office position available: Feedyard experience a must. Send request, salary requirement and references to P. O. Box 673SJ. 35982

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For Sale: 1990 GMC Suburban, Maroon with gray interior, 105,000 miles. Contact Pat at 364-4001 between 8 & 5. 35978

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Clean Used Cars & Trucks
413 N. 25 Mile Ave. - 364-3565

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Office Building for lease or sale: Approximately 3200 sq. ft. Located at 325 N. Lee. Call 364-6598 or 364-5090. 35745

FSBO: 815 Knight-2 BR, 1 Bath, newly remodeled. \$1790.00 down, \$240.00 month. Call Rob, 364-3955. 35872

\$15,000, move at your own expense. Oversized 2 BR/1 Bath house. Between Hereford & Dimmitt. 647-5539. 35936

Two homes to be moved at your expense. Bids taken, come by Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union. 35980

FSBO: 3 BR Brick, 2 Bath, 2 car garage, fireplace. Completely updated. Large backyard. Very nice. Must see. 216 16th St. For appointment call 364-7316. 35991

5. HOMES FOR RENT

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Nice, large, unfurnished apartments. Refrigerated air, two bedrooms. You pay only electric-we pay the rest. \$335.00 month. 364-8421. 1320

Eldorado Arms Apts, 1 & 2 bedroom unfurnished, apts. refrigerated air, laundry, free cable, water, & gas. 364-2302 or 364-4332. 18873

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For Rent: Alonzo's Apartments, formerly Hereford Apartments, 1-2-3 and 4 bedroom. No deposit. HUD accepted. Call 364-8805 or 364-2729. 35780

For Rent: 2 BR house, furnished or unfurnished, clean, Couple only. No Pets. Call 364-2733. 35877

For Rent: 3 BR in Frio Area, \$500 month, (Bills paid) \$200 deposit. Call 276-5596. 35979

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Hereford's most affordable & distinguished Town Homes or Garden Apartments!

★ Leave the expenses of the taxes, insurance, repairs, maintenance and yard work to us!

1, 2, 3 & 4 Bedrooms w/ Carports or Garages

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The earliest known zoo was created by Queen Hatahepsut of Egypt about 1500 B.C. About 500 years later, the Chinese emperor Wen Wang founded the Garden of Intelligence, an enormous zoo covering 1,500 acres.

Housing specialist position located in Hereford, degree or equivalent experience required, computer experience, bilingual helpful, excellent written and oral communications skills, some travel necessary. Prefer one year experience with subsidized housing contracts. Equal Opportunity Employer. Send resume, references and salary requirements to Box 630, Hereford, Texas, 79045.

CERTIFIED ACTIVITY DIRECTOR

position available at Kings Manor Methodist Home.

For application come by 400 Ranger, Hereford, Texas

Caprock Industries (Division of Cargill) a Cattle feeding yard at Bovina, Texas has an opening in the feed mill for a maintenance/production position. Some of the skills needed are: perform cutting and welding operations, replace bearings, augers, elevator legs and buckets, electrical knowledge, perform daily and monthly preventive maintenance on milling equipment, good understanding of boilers operation, operate milling equipment, operate front end loader, drive truck, keep daily and monthly maintenance records and keep parts inventory.

Salary and benefits will be discussed at the time of job offer.

Contact Johnny Bivins at Caprock Industries 4 1/2 miles west of Bovina Hwy. 60.

Hereford Regional Medical Center is currently accepting applications for a full time collector. Prefer medical collection experience and good communication skills, computer experience, and bilingual helpful. Contact: HRCM Personnel Department, 801 E. 3rd St., Hereford, Txx, 79045.

OFFICE MANAGER POSITION, local company, est. 1970. College degree required or 8 years experience, computer experience helpful, accounting skills necessary. Must be able to work with customers and employees. Hours 8 to 5, more when necessary, 401K, health insurance (Blue Cross), vacations. Must be a take charge type person that can tend to details. Please submit resume to P. O. Box 673 IIG.

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- Give the price. A newspaper consultant says 70 percent of classified readers won't respond to an ad with no price.
- Use key words to describe what you're selling. The key words for a car are make, model, year, body style, color, mileage and price. If it's a house, key words are location, type of construction, number of bedrooms and baths, and condition.
- Don't use abbreviations. It's tempting to abbreviate and save money if ads are billed by the line. Brand ads are billed by the words, so spell them out so readers won't be confused trying to figure out abbreviations.
- Don't be misleading. Think accurate and factual when you write. Be sure to include a phone number and the best times to reach you.

THERAPIST TECH IV

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Requires high school graduation or equivalent plus eighteen months of full-time experience assisting in therapeutic activities.

Contact the Amarillo State Center, 901 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, Texas 79106.

(806) 358-1681

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9. CHILD CARE

Experience Child Care openings for infants & toddlers under 5 years. Call Bonnie Cole at 364-6664. 35298

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Offering an excellent program of learning and care for your children 0-12! State Licensed

Also - SPECIAL AFTER-HOURS pick-up for Kindergarten Children!

364-5062

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

C. Handyman For Hire: Light maintenance, yard work, errand running. Rates depend on work. Call for reasonable quote, 364-1433 ext. 17 or leave message for Kyle. 35985

11. BUSINESS SERVICES

Defensive Driving Course is now being offered nights and Saturdays. Will include ticket dismissal and insurance discount. For more information, call 289-5851. #C0023-C0733, McKibben ADS. 700

We buy scrap iron, metal, aluminum cans, all batteries, tin, copper & brass. 364-3350. 970

Classifieds

Garage Door and Opener Repair & Replacement. Call Robert Betzen, 289-5500. If No answer Call Mobile, 344-2960. 14237

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ROOFING, small hot ROOFS and General Roofing Repairs. Weldon Toews - 276-5763. 35079

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24-Hour Hot-Line 364-2027
"PRECIOUS FEET"
unborn baby's feet at 10 weeks.

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For more information contact Alice Hund at 364-3218, Krista Detten at 364-7563 or Kim Leonard at 364-8760.

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CATTLE-Feeder (CME) 50,000 lbs., cents per lb.
Apr 75.40 75.75 75.40 75.42 +17 84.50 73.55 3,022
May 75.90 75.85 75.20 75.25 +17 84.45 73.65 3,072
Jun 75.90 75.10 75.25 75.25 +17 84.45 73.65 3,072
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METAL FUTURES
GOLD (Cm. Div NYM) 100 Troy oz., \$ per Troy oz.
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CATTLE-Feeder (CME) 50,000 lbs., cents per lb.
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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Editorials

By The Associated Press
A sampling of editorial opinion from Texas newspapers:
The Brazosport Facts on tackling the tax code:
A new, easy to understand and equitable federal tax code awails us in the next millennium, say Republicans leading the charge to abolish the current code.
The president, however, dismisses the partisan proposal as a "reckless scheme," likely to make the next century miserable for families, businesses and the economy. The administration instead has proposed a series of simplification measures.
color us solidly in favor of a major overhaul of the federal tax code for one simple reason: people are overtaxed.
Today, the total tax burden on Americans is higher than ever, a colossal 31.7 percent. Not only are our taxes too high, the size and complexity of the tax code also serves to compound the burden. Families and businesses spend more than \$225 billion per year just to comply with our complicated federal tax code.
The current tax system cannot be fixed by a revision here and a tweak there. It must be rebuilt from the ground up.
The Republican proposal is appealing, though it's more dream than plan. Known as the Tax Code Termination Act, the plan would wipe out the current tax code by Dec. 31, 2001, and replace it with new code created by Congress about seven months later.

The work required to create a new tax code will be monumental. It may not even be possible given today's political realities in Washington. Republicans are divided over flat taxes or national sales taxes and other replacement plans, while Democrats are divided over political prejudices and working with Republicans.
In the end, however, establishing a target date to terminate the tax code may coerce Congress and the White House to start the bloody, uphill battle toward reform, or expose them as enemies of the U.S. taxpayer.
An overhaul of the tax code must be done, and there's no reason to not start pursuing it.
Viva la tax revolt.

KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON Capital Report

THE LOOMING MILITARY READINESS CRISIS
Despite optimism that we may have avoided — for now — a military conflict with Iraq, it is possible that we now face in alternative just as troubling as the thought of war. Given the likelihood that the troops now deployed to the region may still be needed, what impact does leaving them on station have on our global military readiness?

Can we open what has become a third major theater (in addition to those in Europe and Asia) and maintain a warfighting presence there indefinitely? And if so, can we continue to afford the relative luxury of nearly 10,000 forces in Bosnia which is not one of the major theaters previously mentioned?
I am concerned we cannot. Note Secretary of Defense Bill Cohen's recent comments regarding our military readiness when he noted that, "...some edges...are getting frayed," and that, "We have some problems as far as readiness goes."
Defense cuts of almost 50 percent over the last decade have put our security at risk. This has been made worse by the diversion of U.S. resources in Bosnia and elsewhere for operations other than war.
This is harming America's status as a superpower. Neither our allies nor our adversaries know what to expect from us. We act with certainty in areas where our interests are not clear, but we are tentative in other parts of the world where we must lead or no one else will. What further proof is needed than the fact that neither Turkey nor Saudi Arabia — two critical allies in the region — is particularly interested in helping us out of the troubles we face with Iraq?
The Bosnia operation has already diverted nearly \$8 billion from our national defense. A growing lament at the Pentagon among senior officers is that we are in danger of returning to the hollow military of the late 1970s. Some of the indicators that have them worried:

- * Last year the military had its worst recruiting year since 1979. The Army failed to meet its objective to recruit infantry soldiers, the single most important specialty in the Army.
- * At the National Training Center, where our troops go for advanced training, units rotating in typically come with a 60 percent shortage in mechanics and often a 50 percent shortage in infantry. These shortages are often due to the fact that critical personnel are deployed abroad for missions such as Bosnia.
- * More than 350 Air Force pilots turned down the \$60,000 bonuses they would have received to remain in the cockpit another 5 years. A 29 percent acceptance rate for the bonus compares with 59 percent last year and 81 percent in 1995.
- * The Army Times recently reported that the Army has a requirement for nearly 900 pilots to fly the advanced Apache helicopter, but has lost nearly a third of its experienced Apache-qualified aviators. These pilots are not leaving to accept airline contracts but reportedly are leaving as a result of the operational tempo and their frequent overseas deployments.
- * Many Senators opposed the decision to send our troops to Bosnia. One of the principal concerns was that, once there, the U.S. mission would be indefinite and its scope could expand. In fact, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs Shalikashvili warned that not having a specific deadline for withdrawal would be a recipe for mission creep. This warning is coming true, as the duration of the U.S. stay has been extended indefinitely and the role of U.S. peacekeepers has grown to include the occupation of television and radio stations.

We must lay the groundwork for an honorable exit from Bosnia if we are going to begin to turn around the readiness crisis our military faces. There is much we can do. For example, we should reconvene the parties to the Dayton Accord to reassess the progress of the agreement and make adjustments. We can also help the Bosnian people rebuild infrastructure to encourage economic growth and establish an international civilian police force to help maintain the cease-fire.
But the funds for these missions should not come from the defense budget. From the Bosnia, Haiti and Somalia experiences, the U.S. should develop policies that distinguish between providing economic assistance and providing ground troops, which should be the last resort, not the first.
As a superpower, America has unique capabilities because she is trusted with power and has no hostile intent toward other countries. We could lose that special status if we do not remain strong and we will not remain strong if we continue to dissipate our resources in places where our security is not threatened.

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW
One letter stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

3-12 CRYPTOQUOTE
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Z K D H C T J Q D Y W J Y C B I R D Y
N B N Y A D N K - I W J R D B R D Y Y
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR A MAN TO BE CHEATED BY ANYONE BUT HIMSELF.—EMERSON

Keeping an eye on Texas

Consumers more confident than ever
Consumer confidence in Texas reached its highest point ever in December 1997. In a survey of households in the West South Central region, consumers were pleased about low unemployment, minimum inflation, and growth in wages. The positive response in regard to the present and future economic outlook in the region climbed throughout 1997 to reach its peak in December at 140.7 points, surpassing the previous high in July 1981.
Consumer Confidence Index, West South Central region* Index: 1985=100
July '81 134 points
Aug. '86 51 points
Dec. '97 141 points
* The West South Central region includes Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana.
SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, and The Conference Board.

Echándole el ojo a Texas

Los consumidores tienen un histórico nivel de confianza en la situación económica
En diciembre 1997, la confianza de los consumidores Tejanos alcanzó un nivel histórico. Según un estudio de familias viviendo en los estados de Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas y Louisiana, los consumidores reportaron estar satisfechos con los niveles de desempleo, inflación y el aumento en salarios. Las respuestas positivas tocante la situación económica alcanzaron el nivel histórico en diciembre con 140.7 puntos, sobrepasando su antecedente marcado en julio 1981.
Confianza de Consumidores la región suroeste central* Index: 1985=100
julio '81 134 puntos
agosto '86 51 puntos
dic. '97 141 puntos
* La región Suroeste Central incluye a Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas y Louisiana.
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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Names in the News

RENEE ZELLWEGER
NEW YORK (AP) - Renee Zellweger's new movie "A Price Above Rubies" has angered Orthodox Jews, who protested the way their community is portrayed in the film due out March 25.
"This movie presents horrible stereotypes of the Orthodox community," said state Assemblyman Dov Hikind, who led about 20 protesters in chants outside the offices of Miramax Films on Wednesday. "It is a message of hate. It is a very, very dangerous movie."
"A Price Above Rubies" tells the story of a Hasidic woman who questions her faith and struggles with sexual longing.
Hikind said he had read a script of the film and particularly objected to a scene in which Zellweger's character balks at the idea of having her son circumcised.
"This is the kind of message that will cause hatred and a total misconception of the Orthodox community," he said. "This presents the Orthodox community as barbaric."
Boaz Yakin, the film's writer and director, said Hikind had misinterpreted what is "actually a humorous scene" and that the movie doesn't malign ultra-Orthodox Jews.
"This is just a film about human beings, acting like human beings," he said.

PAULA ABDUL
LOS ANGELES (AP) - Paula Abdul wants a divorce from Brad Beckerman, the sportswear manufacturer she married 17 months ago.
The singer filed for divorce Tuesday, citing irreconcilable differences.
The 35-year-old Ms. Abdul met Beckerman, 31, on a blind date. They married in 1996.
Ms. Abdul divorced Emilio Estevez in 1994.

RINGO STARR
LONDON (AP) - Ringo Starr is hoping he can boost donations to a cancer charity with a little help from his friends.
The 57-year-old former Beatle appealed to Britons on Wednesday to give generously to the Marie Curie Cancer Care's \$53 million Golden Daffodil appeal.
His appeal came a year to the day he lost his mother-in-law to the disease.
Starr hopes to persuade people to buy one of the charity's golden daffodils rather than spend the money on a lottery ticket.
Starr's daughter, Lee, now 27, suffered a brain tumor two years ago but has recovered. His first wife, Maureen, died of leukemia in 1995.
"It's terrifying. You don't want it to happen and you don't believe it," he said of his daughter's bout with cancer. "But you just have to stand up and get on with it."

KENNEN IVORY WAYANS
LOS ANGELES (AP) - Keenen Ivory Wayans has a new appreciation for talk show hosts who have been on the job for years.
Dismal ratings have knocked "The Keenen Ivory Wayans Show" off the air, Disney's Buena Vista Television said Wednesday. The late-night syndicated talk show made its debut in August.
Wayans said he was surprised but had few regrets.
"I've gained much greater respect for the guys that have been doing it for 10, 15 years," he said Wednesday in the trade paper *Daily Variety*.
A new show will get a chance in June, when "The Magic Hour" makes its debut with basketball star Earvin "Magic" Johnson as the host.

Ray's condition worsens
NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - James Earl Ray, the convicted assassin of Martin Luther King Jr., was in critical condition today with complications from his liver disease.
Ray was admitted to Columbia Nashville Memorial Hospital in serious condition on Sunday, said Pam Hobbs, a spokeswoman for the Correction Department. His condition was downgraded Wednesday and remained critical this morning, hospital spokeswoman Freda Herndon said.
Ray, 70, suffers from liver cirrhosis and has been in and out of the hospital several times during the past year. He underwent surgery last month to repair a hernia.
He is serving a 99-year prison sentence for King's 1968 slaying in Memphis. Ray quickly recanted a confession and has been fighting since then to get a trial.
Last week, the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals removed a judge from the Ray case. The court said Criminal Court Judge Joe Brown had appeared biased toward Ray in overseeing Ray's claims that he was framed for King's murder. That decision may be appealed.

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News in brief

Report: Justice Department won't block Windows 98

NEW YORK (AP) - The Justice Department likely will not stop Microsoft from releasing its Windows 98 software with an Internet browser, *The Wall Street Journal* reported today.

Instead, the department's antitrust enforcers are expected to ask U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson to require Microsoft to also offer a Windows 98 version without Internet software, the *Journal* reported, citing sources close to the case.

Microsoft already faces a Justice Department lawsuit alleging it violated a 1995 court order designed to prevent anti-competitive conduct. Department investigators are gathering evidence for a wider antitrust case against the Redmond, Wash.-based software giant, the newspaper said.

Report: Single-sex schools no better than co-education

By *The Associated Press*
Removing boys from the classroom fails to improve girls' performance in school even though it leaves them more confident, according to a new study.

The report to be released today by the American Association of University Women comes six years after the group asserted that girls were receiving an inferior education in the nation's public schools.

That sparked interest in all-girls' schools and girls-only math and science classes. Since then, a handful of public schools in New York, Virginia, Maine, New Hampshire, Illinois and California have created single-sex classes or girls-only schools.

The AAUW surveyed dozens of studies on single-sex education and found that while girls prefer single-sex education and report increased confidence and improved attitudes about math and science, they do not show a measurable improvement in academic skill.

Clinton to make earlier trip to China

NEW YORK (AP) - Seeking to shore up relations with China, President Clinton will visit Beijing in late June - five months earlier than planned, *The New York Times* reported today.

The 10-day trip likely will take place after the Paula Jones sexual misconduct trial, scheduled to begin May 27 in Little Rock, Ark. Clinton could be called to testify in his defense.

The trial has nothing to do with rescheduling the China trip, the *Times* reported, citing unidentified administration officials. One said Clinton is eager to build on progress made during Chinese President Jiang Zemin's visit to the United States last

October. But another official said the White House is concerned that relations with China have deteriorated in recent months, particularly over disagreements about United Nations policy toward Iraq.

Nasdaq, Amex exchanges discussing merger

NEW YORK (AP) - Two of America's biggest stock exchanges are reportedly considering a merger that would boost their efforts to compete with the mighty New York Stock Exchange.

A merger between the Nasdaq Stock Market and the American Stock Exchange would benefit both, both of which have struggled to compete with their more prestigious and influential rival.

The merger discussions were reported today in *The New York Times* and *The Wall Street Journal*. Nasdaq spokesman Michael Jones told the *Journal* that the exchange "is exploring a number of initiatives," including some sort of combination with the Amex.

The Amex, like the NYSE, remains a market where dealers make trades in person with shouted bids. The Nasdaq, by contrast, has no trading floor and instead uses a computer network to trade stocks.

Saturn workers vote to keep unique contract

SPRING HILL, Tenn. (AP) - Being different is apparently just fine with the folks at Saturn.

The 7,200 members of the United Auto Workers voted nearly 2-to-1 Wednesday to keep the contract that rewards productivity and gives employees a say in how the plant operates at the "new kind of car company."

They could have scrapped it in favor of the pact governing the rest of the nation's 400,000 unionized auto workers. The vote was 4,052 to 2,120 in what was the second rejection of a contract change in the past six years.

Saturn worker Tony Stiel voted to scrap the current deal because he's afraid what will happen if demand for Saturns continues to fall.

"The bottom line is car sales," he said. "What's going to happen if car sales continue to decline? If I were GM I'd say we're going to have to eliminate jobs."

Under Saturn's "risk-and-reward" pay program, employees average about 12 percent less in salary than other workers at General Motors Corp., Saturn's parent company, but can add to their base pay by hitting efficiency, training and other targets.

U.S. hospital infection rate on the rise

ATLANTA (AP) - Fewer prescriptions and cleaner hands could help cut down on in-hospital

infections that have risen 36 percent over the past 20 years, the federal government says.

Hospital infections, which kill about 90,000 people a year in the United States, are fueled by bacteria that are growing more and more resistant to the drugs commonly used against them. The top six bacteria found in hospitals are all resistant to at least one drug.

In 1995, 9.8 infections occurred per 1,000 patient days in a sampling of U.S. hospitals, up from 7.2 per 1,000 in 1975, according to figures from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention presented Wednesday at the International Conference on Emerging Infectious Diseases.

Infection experts said health workers need to be more conscientious about washing their hands and have to control antibiotic prescriptions.

Fliers reject proposed work contract with FedEx

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) - Federal Express pilots worried that work-rule changes could mean more work for little or no additional pay have rejected a proposed labor contract with the cargo airline.

The Federal Express Pilots Association rejected the contract Wednesday by a vote of 1,322 to 1,023. The union's board of directors and negotiating committee had recommended approval.

Union President Mike Akin and FedEx officials wouldn't say if new talks were planned.

The pilots have been haggling with FedEx over a contract for several years. The contract would have been the first for the company's 3,400 pilots.

Federal Express has long opposed unionization of its work force, and the fliers are the company's only domestic employees represented by a union. FedEx fliers staff a variety of aircraft, from jumbo jets to much smaller planes. Annual salaries range from \$45,000 to \$200,000.

Ousted Miami mayor vows drive to regain office

MIAMI (AP) - His erratic and aggressive style earned him the nickname of "Mayor Loco" from one columnist. And even though Xavier Suarez is no longer the mayor, he's not going anywhere.

An appeals court Wednesday restored incumbent Joe Carollo as mayor of Miami, throwing out 5,000 absentee ballots because fraud denied him a victory in the Nov. 4 election. He lost a runoff to Suarez nine days later.

Suarez, 48, said he would appeal the ruling and lead a petition drive to set a new mayoral election this fall.

"We will only have to wait six or seven months before the power is back to the people of Miami," he said.

LOWERING THE LIMIT

Will lower blood-alcohol limits matter?

By MICHELLE BOORSTEIN
Associated Press Writer

It sounds like a no-brainer: Lower the legal blood-alcohol limit, keep more drunken drivers off American highways, save lives.

That's the theory in the 15 states that lowered their thresholds from 0.10 percent to 0.08 percent; in Washington state, where the governor is expected to sign the Legislature's newly passed 0.08 limit; and in 14 other states where lawmakers are pushing for the lower limit.

And last week, the Senate voted overwhelmingly to withhold federal highway money from states that don't follow suit. The House will take up the matter when the Senate finishes work on the \$173 billion highway bill.

Does the lower limit actually lessen highway carnage?

In some of the states with 0.08 laws, the raw number of deaths in drunken driving accidents, unadjusted for population change, fell with the new standard. In some, the number rose. In some, it's gone up and down since the law changed.

Obvious benefits of the lower alcohol limit might seem, it's a tricky business to measure the effect on traffic fatalities.

For starters, reducing the amount of alcohol a driver may legally drink is just one preventive measure in operation. More cars are now equipped with airbags, more drivers buckle their seat belts, more roads are designed more safely and more states are stripping bad drivers of their licenses.

Additionally, many states record their data differently, even from year to year, making comparisons almost impossible. A drop in fatalities attributed to drunken driving could be affected by the number of troopers patrolling highways or the refusal of some crash survivors to take breath

or blood-alcohol tests. A jump in the number of deaths could reflect the greater numbers of drivers and cars in a state, or trends such as longer commutes or work shifts that end later.

The senators leading the drive to make 0.08 percent the federal blood-alcohol limit cited complex research that does indicate clear drops in drunken driving fatalities. The studies differ from state data by figuring in the likelihood of underreporting and by comparing alcohol-related crashes to all accidents.

Police and state highway officials are far from troubled over the lack of any direct correlation between the lower alcohol limit and highway deaths. Indeed, they say they support the 0.08 limit for two reasons: It makes sense, and it changes attitudes.

"The big benefit from it has been that... a lot of people who stopped by a bar after work and had four, five, six drinks, now they stop and think about it," said Capt. Roy Smith of the Alabama Department of Public Safety.

The less alcohol consumed by drivers the better, said Virginia state police Lt. Glenn Millner.

"From my perspective, why do we tolerate it at all?" he said of drinking and driving. "In our society, when we know alcohol affects our driving ability, why does society accept it at all?"

Among the most prominent studies on 0.08 laws are three done by Boston University's School of Public Health.

One study sought to determine the effectiveness of the 0.08 level independent of other regional influences. It looked at five pairs of neighboring states, one with 0.08 percent, the other with 0.10, and found the more restrictive states had 16 percent to 18 percent fewer drunken driving fatalities after the

law took effect.

The researchers additionally predicted that if all states adopted 0.08, there would be at least 500 fewer fatal crashes a year.

A second study adjusted state statistics the way federal highway surveys do, looking at each crash to see if alcohol was a likely factor, even if the drivers were not tested. If, for example, a nighttime crash involved only one car, the survey assumes the driver was impaired and the crash is classified as alcohol-related.

To assess attitudes, a third BU study surveyed Massachusetts drivers before and after the 0.08 law took effect in 1994. Heavy drinkers held to their belief that they could drive safely after four or more drinks. The percentage of drivers who felt they could take the wheel legally after drinking that much fell from 34 percent to 20 percent, and the people who acknowledged driving after drinking that much went from 39 percent to 29 percent.

Not being able to prove that the 0.08 standard saves lives is no reason not to support it, say safety officials.

"I'd like nothing better than to say, here's the cause and here's the effect," said state police spokesman Rick Ohmsman in Idaho, where drunken driving arrests have gone up more than 10 percent since last spring, when 0.08 went into effect.

But stats fluctuate based on so many things, including how much we pound the pavement. That's about as scientific as it gets," he said.

The 15 states with the 0.08 limit are Alabama, California, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Maine, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oregon, Utah, Vermont and Virginia. Thirty-three states use the 0.10 limit. South Carolina and Massachusetts consider 0.10 and 0.08, respectively, a "presumption" of impairment but still require prosecutors to prove drivers were drunk.

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