

# The Hereford Brand



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## NEWS in brief

### Clinton orders new effort to improve health care

WASHINGTON (AP) - Saying hundreds of thousands of Americans die needlessly each year due to medical errors, President Clinton is ordering a new effort to improve health care quality, including giving consumers better information about health plans.

Clinton's commission on quality in the health care industry finished its work Thursday and was presenting its report to the president today. Clinton was endorsing its recommendations and moving immediately to implement some.

The president already has endorsed the commission's consumer bill of rights and has been pushing Congress to write it into legislation. He was calling for action again today as he accepted the report from the commissioners, despite their inability to agree that legislation was needed.

### U.S. cancer rate finally moves down

WASHINGTON (AP) - Reversing an almost 20-year trend, the rate of new cancer cases among Americans finally is inching down - prompting doctors to proclaim new hope.

More than 70,000 fewer people than expected were diagnosed with cancer between 1992 and 1995, as cancer rates dropped 2.7 percent each year, according to government data released Thursday.

But everybody did not benefit. Some cancers, such as deadly melanoma, still are rising, and black men and Asian women in particular missed out on the progress.

### Jones' lawyers bidding to keep lawsuit alive

WASHINGTON (AP) - As Paula Jones' attorneys try to keep alive her lawsuit against President Clinton, the group paying her lawyers' expenses is threatening to complain to authorities that her personal legal defense fund is deceiving contributors.

Mrs. Jones' lawyers were to file arguments today in federal court in Little Rock, Ark., as to why her sexual harassment case should go to trial as scheduled May 27. Clinton's attorneys told the court last month the suit should be dismissed.

Jones' lawyers are trying to show a pattern of women benefiting or suffering harm on the job, depending on how they responded to Clinton's alleged sexual advances.



Photo by Mauri Montgomery

### Fire extinguished

Hereford firefighters prepare to remove their oxygen masks Thursday night after extinguishing a fire at 903 Lafayette. The cause of the fire has not been determined.

## Board selects interim chief

By DONALD M. COOPER  
Brand Editor

George Parsley has been named interim administrator of the Hereford Regional Medical Center.

Parsley, who is in the land acquisition department at St. Mary of the Plains Hospital of Lubbock, will be on the job Monday morning.

The Deaf Smith County Hospital District board met in executive session for about three hours Thursday night to interview the representatives of St. Mary, Baptist St. Anthony's of Amarillo, and the Texas Organizations for Rural & Community Hospitals (TORCH) of Austin. Another prospective group to handle the interim administrative search, SearchOne of Dallas, notified board president Mal Manchee it would not participate.

The board held an informal dinner meeting at K-Bob's with the representatives of the three firms before the regular meeting.

Although the meeting was described by Manchee as an "informal, social gathering" to allow the board members and the groups' representatives become acquainted, no agenda was provided, and the regular meeting in the hospital board room started about 30 minutes behind schedule.

The board was forced to begin its search for a new hospital administrator Monday after accepting the resignation of Jim Robinson, who had

directed the hospital's operations since September 1994.

Robinson resigned after failing to resolve differences with the medical staff over several issues affecting the hospital and Hereford clinics. Neither Robinson nor the medical staff have elaborated on the conflict.

Representatives of the hospital medical staff sat in on the closed-door interviews because Manchee said the board believes the doctors' opinions are necessary in the process.

Manchee said the board and the doctors have had some differences; however, he believes "we're on the same page now."

Manchee has said the search for a permanent administrator will accelerate as soon as Parsley is in place, handling the day-to-day operations of the hospital. Parsley also will assist in developing a strategy for the search, as well as offering advice on setting up the search committee, Manchee said.

Manchee also expressed optimism about finding a qualified administrator, noting the board already has received inquiries about the position.

He said the hospital's association with BSA will not be affected by the board's decision to select the St. Mary candidate.

"We need each other, and we weren't intending to create an impression of competition (between the Amarillo and Lubbock facilities)," Manchee said.

## WEEKEND

### Profile

Six months after the electrical explosion that burned him over nearly 30 percent of his body, Joe Don Daniels is antsy. See Weekend Profile in Sunday's *Hereford Brand*.

## Senate bill would give Texas \$1.1B in highway funds

WASHINGTON (AP) - Texas would receive a nearly \$1.1 billion infusion of cash from Washington to build and restore the state's highways, roads and bridges under a six-year transportation bill approved by the Senate.

On a 96-4 vote Thursday, senators wrapped up a lengthy and sometimes acrimonious debate that had many scrambling to ensure their states

would receive a fair share of the \$21.4 billion pie.

Yet the topic is far from closed because the House is shaping its own highway bill, ensuring that the final legislation will be a compromise between both chambers' competing visions.

House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Irving, warned Thursday that "there are a couple of things in

the Senate bill I'm not particularly excited by."

The Senate bill marked a substantial victory for Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, and others who fought to increase the size of the original outline, which was far smaller than what House leaders are pushing for.

Gramm and his allies, including Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va.,

successfully added \$26 billion to the Senate bill by ensuring that all taxes paid by motorists at the gas pump would go for transportation. Currently, some of the money is diverted away from the federal highway trust fund for other purposes, including deficit reduction.

"This marks the culmination of nearly two years of hard work in trying to get the federal government

to live up to its commitment," Gramm said. "This bill is a clear victory for the driving public. It will keep the promise that government made to use the gasoline tax money paid by drivers to build and repair our roads."

Texas would receive \$1.7 billion more under the Senate-passed bill than under the initial version adopted by the public works committee.

## TRIPLE WHAMMY

It's a full moon, lunar eclipse, Friday the 13th

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) - WARNING: The superstitious may want to stay inside this evening. In a spooky confluence, this Friday the 13th coincides with a full moon AND a lunar eclipse.

"You put those together and you will have a triple whammy," said Donald Dossey, founder-director of The Phobia Center in Asheville, N.C. "It can be just mild anxiety or just a nagging sense of doom and the symptoms go up to full bloom obsessive behavior. Some people won't even get out of bed."

Nonsense, according to Matt Nisbet, who is part of a group of professional skeptics who boldly planned to spend today passing out chain letters and throwing them away, walking under ladders and smashing a large mirror.

"Our message, in a nutshell, is you have nothing to fear," said Matt Nisbet, whose group publishes the *Skeptical Inquirer*, a magazine dedicated to debunking claims of the paranormal, UFOs and psychic predictions. "We advocate rational thought based on reason and evidence and logic."

One Friday the 13th, Nisbet's

phone went dead after he was asked to go on the radio to discuss the illogic of fearing the date.

Still he holds firm. "Some say that's bad luck, I say it's me having a faulty phone," he said.

This morning's eclipse - known as a "penumbral eclipse" - was hardly noticeable because direct sunlight still reached all daytime portions of the moon, unlike in partial or total eclipses. But it still could be seen through much of the world, from western Asia to North America.

Full moons last appeared on Friday the 13th in February 1987, July 1984 and May 1970, said Jack Horkheimer, executive director of the Miami Space Transit Planetarium.

The unease associated with full moons and Fridays the 13th has a long history.

Early Christians believed worshippers of the Moon-goddess Luna were crazy, hence the term "lunatic," said Phillip Stevens Jr., an associate professor at the University of Buffalo who studies religion and cults.

"The Lunar Effect," a 1978 book

by psychiatrist Arnold Lieber, claimed the moon influences human "biological tides" and contended homicides increased in Miami and Cleveland near both the new and full moon.

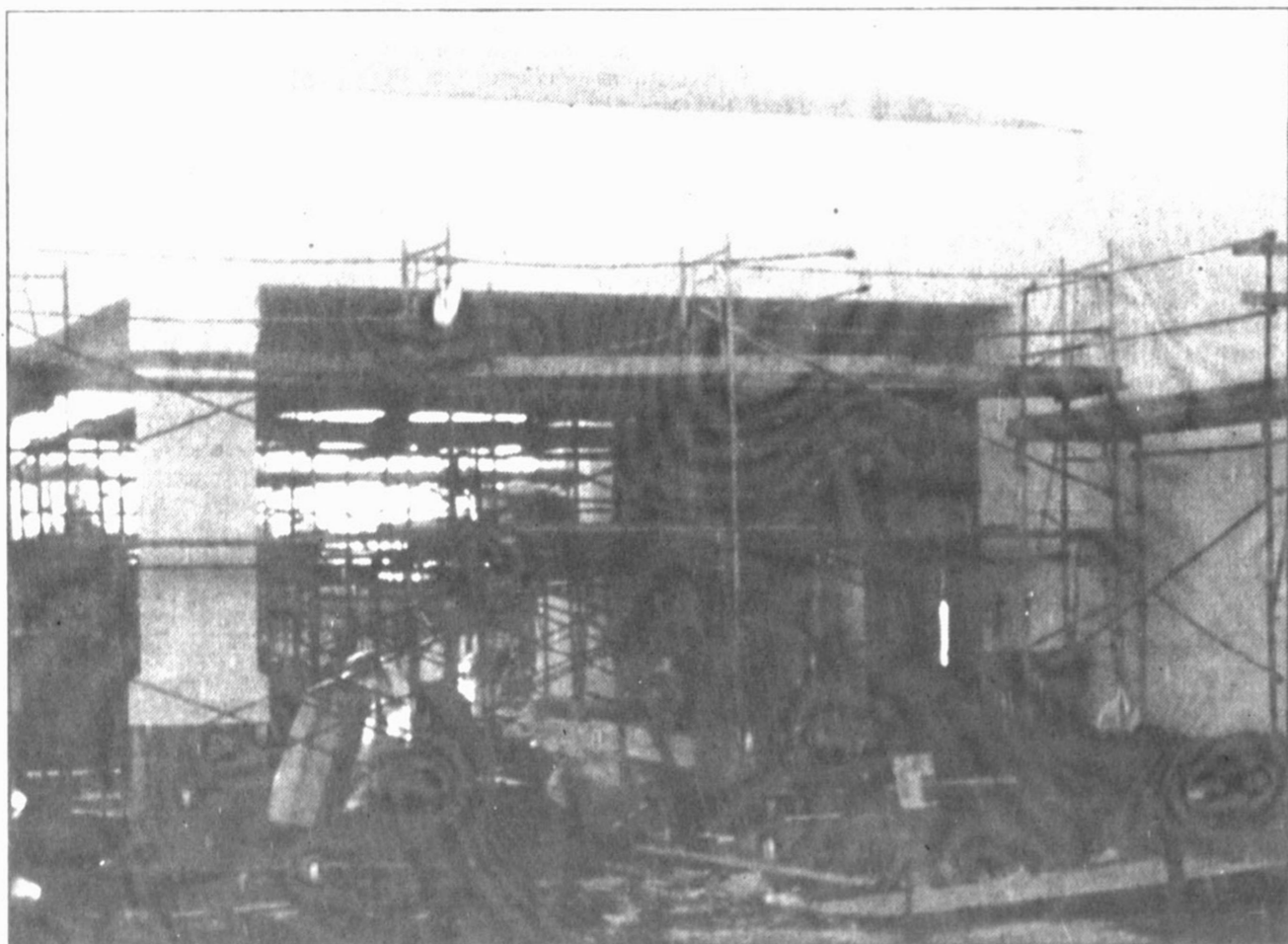
"There will be a lot of negative energies," said Patricia Marks, who has told fortunes from her roadside home in Miami for 23 years. "There should be more boating accidents. I would stay away from the water because the moon is a dominate ruler of water."

The taboo of Friday the 13th arises out of the Christian story of the Last Supper, where Jesus Christ was the 13th guest among his 12 apostles, the night before the Friday when he was crucified, Stevens said.

The ancient Norsemen used 13 knots in their hangman's noose.

In the 19th century, Lloyds of London refused to insure any ship sailing on Friday the 13th. The U.S. Navy still will not launch a ship on that date.

The ill-fated Apollo 13 space mission was launched at 1:13 p.m. (13:13 military time) from pad 39 (the third multiple of 13) and had to be aborted on April 13, 1970.



### Scaffolding in place

The covered drive-through on the south side of the new medical office complex adjacent to Hereford Regional Medical Center is surrounded by scaffolding as workers press to complete the building by April 1, when the tenants are scheduled to move in.

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# THE HEREFORD BRAND

## Local Roundup

### Correction

The Whiteface Booster Club is raising money to purchase vinyl letters to be attached to the water tower in northwest Hereford, not a banner as was reported in the Thursday edition of *The Hereford Brand*.

The 4-foot-high letters will spell out the slogan "Whiteface Country."

The newspaper regrets the error.

### Increasing clouds

Tonight, increasing clouds with a low around 35, south wind 10-15 mph.

Saturday, cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and possibly a thunderstorm, high 45 to 50, wind becoming northeast 20-25 mph. Saturday night, cloudy with rain likely, rain changing to snow, low near 30, chance of precipitation, 60 percent.

#### 3-DAY FORECAST

Sunday, cloudy and cold with snow likely, high in the lower 30s.

Monday, cloudy with snow likely, low near 30, high near 40.

Tuesday, mostly cloudy with a chance of rain or snow, low 25 to 30, high in the lower 40s.

#### THURSDAY RECAP

High, 54; low, 29; no precipitation.

## NEWS

### in brief

#### Sisters indicted on slave labor charges

**FABENS** - Luz Martinez said she tried to mind her own business when it came to the neighbors living in the dirty, white trailer, but she couldn't help noticing things were going wrong.

There was the time the man, Francisco Alvarez, came home battered and bruised and would later complain his boss had beaten him.

Ms. Martinez also recalls when the parents were away and Alvarez's daughter returned to the trailer alone because she said the people watching her had locked her out.

"There's something bad there," Ms. Martinez recalls saying.

Authorities used the word "abomination" on Thursday as they told the rest of the story of the suffering endured by Alvarez and his family before and during the time they lived in the spartan, unheated trailer.

#### New group forms to fight tobacco attorney fees

**AUSTIN** - It's unreasonable to pay \$2.3 billion to private attorneys representing the state in its lawsuit against the tobacco industry, according to organizers of a new group formed to oppose the fees.

John Butler, president of Texans for Reasonable Legal Fees, said he doesn't know what a reasonable payday would be for the five private attorneys. But he said \$2.3 billion is not.

"No one in their right mind could say \$2.3 billion is reasonable," Butler said Thursday.

U.S. District Judge David E. Folsom, in approving the state's \$15.3 billion lawsuit settlement earlier this year, ruled the \$2.3 billion for the attorneys reasonable. He's set to consider whether to allow state leaders opposed to the fees - including Gov. George W. Bush - to intervene in the case.

#### Experts pinpoint gene linked to obesity in Hispanics, blacks

**SAN ANTONIO** - 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.

#### 16-year-old legal immigrant nearly deported

**DALLAS** - A 16-year-old girl who joined her mother working at a silk screening business to make extra money during spring break was nearly deported, even though she legally lives in the United States.

Lorena Arias, whose father is a legal U.S. resident, was arrested Tuesday morning. Immigration and Naturalization Service Agents shackled her hands and feet, chained her to other deportees and prepared to send her back to the country she left 10 years ago.

The girl was flown to Laredo on a federal government plane and was to have been escorted across the border that night. Instead, the matter was straightened out after intervention by an immigration lawyer and the INS district director.

"If they had checked on their computers, this all could have been avoided," said Margaret Donnelly, a Dallas lawyer who represents the Arias family in immigration matters.

INS spokesman Lynn Ligon said Lorena was found working illegally, carried no proof of her immigration status and failed to fully explain the family's residency situation to officials.

#### Tobacco attorneys spend \$1,995 for plane, \$952 for lunch

**DALLAS** - The private attorneys who helped Texas fight Big Tobacco spent \$952 on one lunch and \$1,995 to charter an airplane - and that's while they were required to submit expense reports.

After Attorney General Dan Morales stopped requiring oversight, the expenses from the five lawyers and their staffs ballooned to almost \$40 million.

Already peeved that the state's \$15.3 billion deal with the industry calls for the lawyers' cut to be an additional \$2.3 billion, Gov. George W. Bush now has turned his attention to the expense accounts, which are separate from the legal fees.

Bush, who had no input in the record-setting deal, is demanding a full accounting from Morales and has filed a motion to intervene in the settlement because of the excessive amounts.

He's not the only one. Several state lawmakers, counties and hospitals also are asking the federal judge who approved the deal to make some serious revisions.

#### 3-year-old gets strep A; doctors study outbreak

**AUSTIN** - Travis County has stepped up its investigation into an invasive group A streptococcus outbreak after a 3-year-old girl became the county's 20th case.

The child was seriously ill and in the intensive care unit of an Austin hospital, health officials said.

Suffering flu-like symptoms, upper respiratory problems and abdominal pain, the girl was hospitalized for possible appendicitis, said Dr. Steven Harris, a communicable diseases expert with the Austin-Travis County Health Department.

But as doctors began surgery, they instead found the girl's abdominal cavity infected with invasive strep A.

# Clinton won't apologize for slavery

**WASHINGTON (AP)** - No apology for slavery is coming from President Clinton during his six-nation tour of Africa, even though he will visit two nations that were prominent in the slave trade and stand in a house where captive Africans were once processed as chattel.

The White House said Thursday that Clinton will not use the occasion to issue an apology because "that is not an issue that is central on the minds of many Americans." Aides are trying to keep Clinton's 12-day trip - the longest visit to the continent by any U.S. president - from getting bogged down in too many side issues.

"Getting into an issue that, for most Americans, is extraneous and off point is not something that he intends to do," White House spokesman Mike McCurry said when

asked how the president could justify not making an apology during the trip. "He certainly is going to talk about the legacy of slavery and the scar that it represents on America. But this other question ... is very far off the mark when it comes to what real work we need to do."

The apology issue was raised last June in a resolution introduced by Rep. Tony Hall, D-Ohio. Clinton was cool to Hall's proposal, fearing an apology would prompt the descendants of slaves to demand government compensation. He also has declined to address the matter through his national dialogue on race relations, but did pass the issue to his race advisory board, which has never taken it up.

A few black leaders, including Jesse Jackson and singer Stevie

Wonder, have urged an apology but mainstream civil rights organizations have questioned the value of such a move.

Melvin Foote, executive director of the private advocacy group Constituency for Africa, said Clinton is wise to steer clear of a slavery apology on the trip, which begins March 22.

"He's not going on the trip just to appease African-Americans. He's trying to get Americans to deal with Africa in a more useful way," Foote said. "This is not the time or the place. That apology stuff is symbolic

to me. I want some meat and potatoes."

Clinton is expected to speak about historic ties between Africa and America during a speech in Senegal

at Goree Island, once a major hub of the slave trade. He opens his trip with a stop in Ghana, which also served as a slave trading base.

As a symbolic gesture in 1994, a group of Ghanaian chiefs performed a ceremony of atonement for slavery for a group of black Americans, a move that many Ghanaians considered offensive.

Besides Ghana and Senegal, Clinton will visit Uganda, Botswana, South Africa and Rwanda. He is looking to reshape American perceptions of Africa, and will stress a plan to bolster U.S. trade and investment there.

"There is too much to gain to be idle, and too much to lose from indifference," said Susan Rice, assistant secretary of state for Africa. "We must not allow the failures and the seeming intractable problems of Africa to obscure its great promise."

The president also wants improved relations with Africa out of security concerns, hoping to enlist African leaders in containing the threat from such nations such as Iraq, Libya and Sudan.

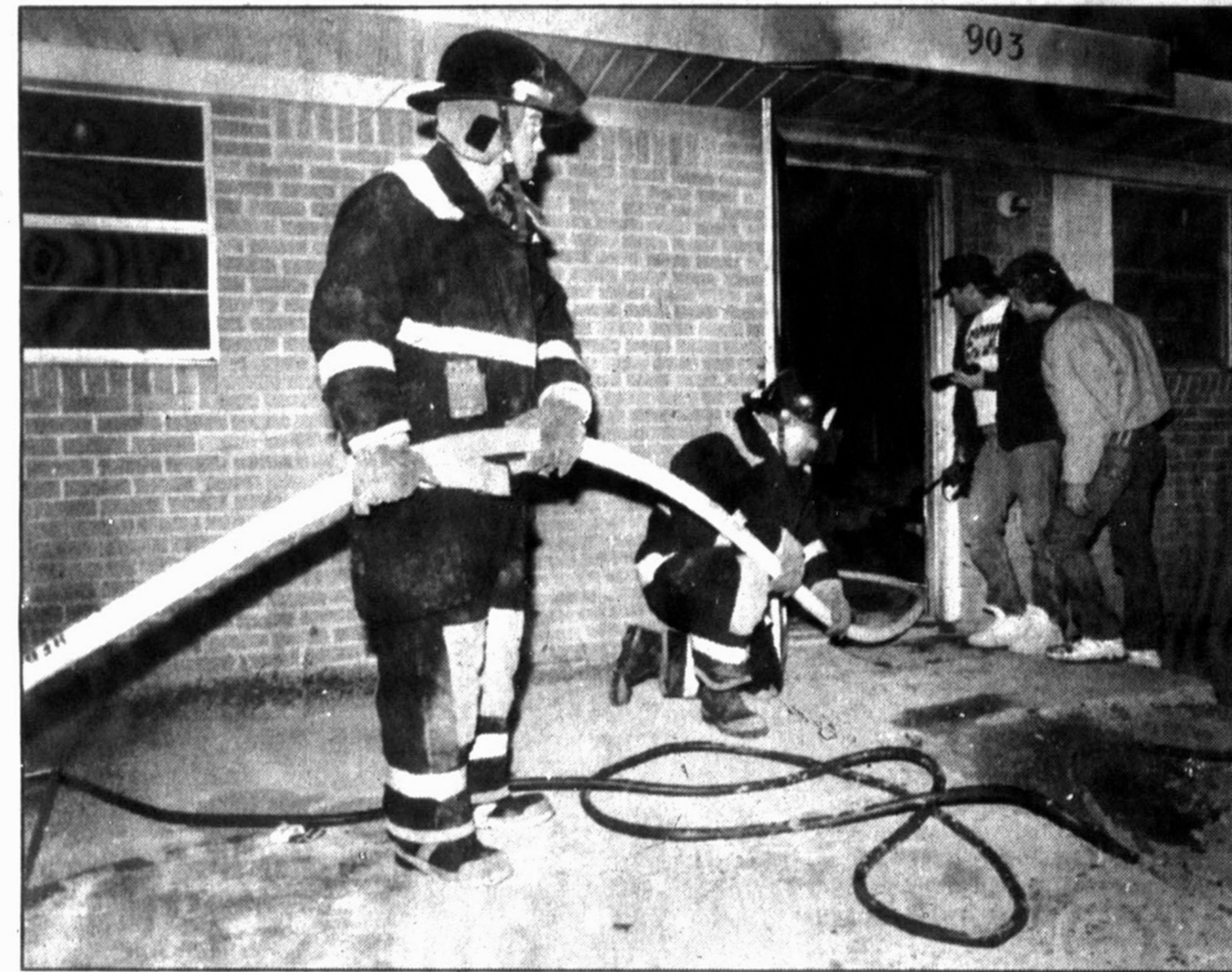
That concerns Sen. John Ashcroft, R-Mo., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee on African affairs. He asked Clinton Thursday to clarify U.S. policy toward Congo, Rwanda, Uganda, Ethiopia and Eritrea, where new leaders have replaced "some of the most corrupt and brutal governments in Africa."

"No African country is perfect," Rice said. "But that doesn't mean that we should not recognize progress where it has occurred and try to be supportive of it."

That approach would pose a sticky problem for the Clinton administration with Nigeria, which is a leading supplier of oil to the United States but has a heinous human rights record under the regime of Gen. Sani Abacha.

Rice said the administration would hold Abacha to his promise to step aside and allow free elections and democratic rule.

"An electoral victory by any military candidate in the forthcoming presidential elections in Nigeria would be unacceptable," she said. "Nigeria needs and deserves a real transition to democracy and civilian rule, not another military regime dressed up in civilian clothes."



### Putting out the fire

Hereford volunteer fire department responded to a call of a structure fire at 903 Lafayette Thursday evening just before 7 p.m. The cause of the blaze is still under investigation. No one was injured, but the residence sustained heavy damage.

# Legality of free veteran tuition tested

**AUSTIN (AP)** - A 1959 law granting certain Texas veterans free access to public universities is probably unconstitutional, Attorney General Dan Morales said today.

The law requires all public universities and colleges to waive tuition and fees for honorably discharged Texas veterans if they lived in Texas for at least 12 months before entering the military service.

Morales, in a question raised by the University of Texas System, said the law probably violates the federal Equal Protection Clause in the Constitution by withholding the benefit from honorably discharged

Texans who did not live in the state at the time they enlisted.

"This country has a long tradition of rewarding those who have served in the armed forces by providing statutory preferences that favor veterans over nonveterans," Morales said in a legal opinion released today.

"We are not considering the constitutionality of a statutory preference favoring veterans, however; rather, we are considering

here the constitutionality of a statutory preference favoring one class of honorably discharged, resident veterans ... over another.

"A court examining (the law) ... probably would find that the statute unconstitutionally discriminates against honorably discharged, resident veterans who did not reside in Texas when they entered the service," Morales said.

The attorney general said a court

would likely fix the problem by applying the benefit to all honorably discharged veterans in Texas. But Morales said he's unsure whether a court would grant the benefit retroactively.

A UT official had asked Morales whether the law was unconstitutional and, if it was, whether the university would have to refund tuition and fees to honorably discharged Texas veterans who paid the costs in protest.

# Surplus returned to citizens

**WASHINGTON (AP)** - Americans should get back any future government surpluses to save for their retirements, Capitol Hill's top budgeters say.

"Along with providing Americans a stake in controlling Washington spending, this plan's investment opportunities give them a stake in a

growing economy," said Rep. John Kasich, R-Ohio, chairman of the House Budget Committee.

Kasich and Senate Finance Committee chairman William Roth, R-Del., said Thursday they want to use projected budget surpluses to start personal retirement accounts for working Americans.

Kasich introduced legislation that would use 80 percent of any surpluses to make contributions into tax-free personal investment accounts for workers earning at least \$2,800 a year. Everyone would get the same amount and could choose how to invest it from among several standard options, including corporate stocks, bonds or government securities.

Roth said he is still working out the details of his own proposal, but if current predictions of a \$679 billion surplus over the next 11 years come true, he said every worker could get the equivalent of 1.4 percent of their earnings.

For now, the accounts would be just an add-on to Social Security, the payroll-tax-funded program that is now the foundation of most peoples' retirement income. However, many Republicans eventually would like to see at least some Social Security taxes diverted into a mandatory private savings system.

"These accounts may point the way to a permanent solution to Social Security's problems," said Roth.

Kasich and Roth said they will push Congress to set up the accounts this year, even though President Clinton has asked lawmakers to hold off spending any federal budget surplus.

Clinton, in his State of the Union Address, said he wants the money set aside during a period of public discussion about how to keep the nation's retirement system from being overwhelmed by baby boomers. The

## Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for March 12, 1998, include the following:

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT Arrests

--A 56-year-old man was arrested in the 500 block of Brevard and charged with domestic assault.

--A criminal mischief was reported in the 200 block of Avenue F.

--An assault was reported in the 700 block of La Plata Dr.

--Violation of a protective order was reported in the 800 block of East Park Avenue.

--A forgery was reported in the 900 block of South Main.

--An assault was reported in the 100 block of Norton.

#### DEAF SMITH COUNTY SHERIFF Arrests

--A 27-year-old man was arrested on numerous warrants.

--A criminal mischief was reported.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT March 12, 1998

--9:04 a.m. A structure fire was reported at one mile south on U.S. 385. One person was injured with a burned arm and hand (Less than one percent of his body), another person was treated for smoke inhalation. The fire damaged a mattress. The house sustained smoke damage. The cause is still under investigation.

--6:55 p.m. A structure fire was reported at 903 Lafayette. There were no injuries and the cause is still under investigation.

## THE BRAND Obituaries

#### LUELLA MAE DODD March 12, 1998

**AMARILLO** - Funeral services for Luella Mae Dool, of Amarillo will be 2 p.m. Saturday, March 14, 1998, at Coulter Road Baptist Church with Dr. Larry Payne and Rev. Travis La Duke officiating. Burial will be private. Arrangements are under the direction of Blackburn Shaw Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Dool was born in Russell County, Va., and came to Amarillo in the early 1900s. Her father, Bud Mutter, was long-time sheriff in Amarillo during the 1920s. She married F.W. Dool in Amarillo in 1928. They moved to New Mexico in 1933 and to Hereford in 1949, where they owned Parkway Grocery and Beacon Liquor until 1970. She was employed by McDowell Drug for 18 years. She moved to Amarillo in 1986.

Survivors include one daughter, Faye Dell Monroe of Amarillo; one sister, Bonnie Edmiston of Granbury; a grandson of Amarillo and two great-grandsons.

The body will not be available for viewing, but the family will receive friends at 7709 Farrell.

Memorials should be sent to Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice and Coulter Road Baptist Church.

**LOTTO TEXAS**

**TEXAS LOTTERY**

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-1-2

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery: 4-5-22-36-37

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# Lifestyles

## Ann Landers

**Dear Ann Landers:** Please continue to recommend the armed forces for young people with no direction in their lives. It works for daughters as well as sons.

We did not have the money to send our daughter to college, but I'm not sure she would have been interested anyway. "Suzanne" seemed to have no goals or aspirations. As she worked her way through middle and high school, she grew more distant and hostile. We didn't know most of the kids she hung out with, and we worried about her constantly.

In high school, several of the local boys joined the Army, and Suzanne did, too. Our relationship was so poor by then that we didn't even know when she left town for basic training. She never said goodbye.

The change in her attitude was obvious in the first telephone call home, and it has continued to this day. Suzanne has just started her third tour of duty. During her first tour, she met and married a wonderful fellow soldier. During her second tour, she and her husband were sent to Germany, and both were promoted. Now, they are both back in the States and own their own home.

When Suzanne gets out of the service after this tour of duty, she is determined to finish college. She is a joy to be around. Everyone who knows her thinks highly of her, and so do we. -- Suzanne's Mom

**Dear Mom:** I love stories with happy endings, and yours certainly is one. Thank you for a great plug for the armed services. Bravo.

**Dear Ann Landers:** Although some of your readers consider the "how we met" letters corny and boring, here is my story for those who enjoy them.

On Jan. 28, 1955, two Catholic clubs jointly rented a local nightclub for a dance. Although I am a Protestant, I went to the dance with a pal of mine and his fiancée, who thought it would be a good way for me to meet some nice girls.

As I stood at one end of the dance floor talking with my friends, I glanced across the packed club, dark

except for a series of floodlights shining down on the dance floor. Suddenly, just like a scene from a movie, the crowds parted as though on cue, and I was staring at the most attractive girl in the room.

When the music started, I walked across the floor and asked her to dance. I learned that she, too, had come with a friend and she thought she was the only Protestant present. I asked if I could drive her home. She accepted.

After four months of dating, we were married. Forty-three years and four children later, we still hold hands when we walk, and to me, she is the most attractive woman in any room. -- R.G. in Dallas

**Dear Dallas:** What a beautiful tribute to your sweetheart. I hope you two will be holding hands for many years to come.

**Dear Ann Landers:** Why do women on talk shows sit with their legs crossed so you can see Catalina on a clear day? Have they no shame, or are they simply not aware of what they are displaying?

Please, Ann, tell all women who go on TV (or sit on an elevated stage) to cross their legs at the ankles or keep both feet flat on the floor. Also, someone should suggest that they quit wearing such short skirts. They look ridiculous on any woman over 20, no matter how great her legs may be. -- Corpus Christi, Texas

**Dear Corpus:** I've dealt with this before, and I agree wholeheartedly. A better idea is for these women to wear slacks or pants suits.

Drugs are everywhere. They're easy to get, easy to use and even easier to get hooked on. If you have questions about drugs, you need Ann Landers' booklet, "The Lowdown on Dope." Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$3.75 (this includes postage and handling) to: Lowdown, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$4.55.)

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### Dressed for TAAS

Hereford Junior High counselor, Julia Scott, left, and history teacher, Carolyn Waters, right, admire (?) assistant principal Richard Saucedo's Baby Spice costume during the TAAS Celebration at HJH Thursday. Saucedo and other junior high administrators dressed as celebrities to encourage students to do well on TAAS writing.

## Hints from Heloise

**Dear Heloise:** I'm looking for a recipe for a homemade deck wash. Commercial products like this are so expensive for a big deck and generally need to be used twice. -- A Reader, Akron, Ohio

Here is a cheap and easy home-style solution that should work for any painted deck, as long as the paint is in good shape and is not flaking.

Add 1 cup regular liquid laundry detergent to 1 gallon warm to hot water, mixing it well.

Apply the solution using a soft natural-bristle brush. Leave it on the deck for a while. Then, if any stains are apparent, scrub them and rinse thoroughly, using the water hose.

If the deck is really dirty, you may want to repeat the procedure, or if it has any mildew stains, you can add 1 cup household chlorine bleach to this money-saving homemade deck-cleaning solution. -- Heloise

### RAIN GAUGE

**Dear Heloise:** My rain gauge is attached to a post about 15 feet from my kitchen window. Although our rainy season is very short, I glance at the gauge quite often when it does rain. However, it's rather difficult to see the measure of colorless water, so I decided to color it.

I added a few drops of red food

coloring and now I can read the measure without having to stop to figure out where the rain line is. Maybe I'm the only one in the neighborhood with red rain, but it sure cures the problem. -- Rose Reynolds, Bakersfield, Calif.

### LAUNDRY BOX

**Dear Heloise:** I buy the boxes of clothes detergent that wash anywhere from 18 to 42 loads. The lid opens when you tear a cardboard strip from one side to the other.

I do not throw them away when empty. I sit one on the floor of my utility room next to my cat's litter box.

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## Today in History

**By The Associated Press**  
Today is Friday, March 13, the 72nd day of 1998. There are 293 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**  
On March 13, 1852, Uncle Sam made his debut as a cartoon character in the New York Lantern.

**On this date:**  
In 1639, Harvard University was named for clergyman John Harvard.

In 1781, the planet Uranus was discovered by Sir William Herschel.

In 1868, the impeachment trial of President Andrew Johnson began in the U.S. Senate.

In 1884, Standard Time was adopted throughout the United States.

In 1901, the 23rd president of the United States, Benjamin Harrison, died in Indianapolis.

In 1925, a law went into effect in Tennessee prohibiting the teaching of evolution.

In 1933, banks began to re-open after a "holiday" declared by President Roosevelt.

In 1938, famed attorney Clarence S. Darrow died in Chicago.

In 1947, the Lerner and Loewe musical "Brigadoon" opened on Broadway.

In 1964, in a notorious case, 38 residents of a New York City neighborhood failed to respond to the cries of Kitty Genovese, 28, as she was stabbed to death.

In 1969, the Apollo 9 astronauts splashed down, ending a mission that included the successful testing of the Lunar Module.

In 1996, a gunman burst into an elementary school in Dunblane, Scotland, opening fire on a class of kindergartners, killing 16 children

and one teacher before killing himself.

Ten years ago: Yielding to student protests, the board of trustees of Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., a liberal arts college for the hearing-impaired, chose I. King Jordan to become the school's first deaf president, replacing Elisabeth Ann Zinser, a hearing woman.

Five years ago: A deadly blizzard paralyzed much of the East Coast, leaving more than 100 dead in its wake. The Russian Congress adjourned after a session that seriously weakened President Boris Yeltsin's power.

One year ago: A Jordanian soldier fired on Israeli junior high school girls on a field trip, killing seven of them. The soldier, Cpl. Ahmed Daqamseh, was later sentenced by a military court to life in prison. In a southern Egyptian village, four masked militants shot and killed 14 people before escaping.

**Today's Birthdays:** Country singer Liz Anderson is 68. Country singer Jan Howard is 68. Opera singer Rosalind Elias is 67. Songwriter Mike Stoller is 65. Singer-songwriter Neil Sedaka is 59. Actor William H. Macy is 48. Actress Deborah Raffin is 45. Comedian Robin Duke is 44. Actress Dana Delany is 42. Rock musician Adam Clayton (U2) is 38. Jazz musician Terence Blanchard is 36. Actress Annabeth Gish is 27. Actress Tracy Wells is 27. Rapper Khujo (Goodie Mob) is 26.

**Thought for Today:** "Love is more just than justice." - Henry Ward Beecher, American clergyman (1813-1887).

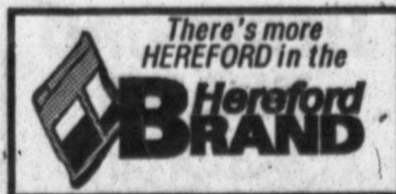
## Kingdom Seekers Class meets

Correspondence from missionaries Rodney and Sharon Coleman was read to members of Kingdom Seekers Sunday School Class during the class meeting held recently at Avenue Baptist Church.

The missionaries are stationed in Columbia and are class mission project for members of Avenue Baptist.

Class president Jessie Sumner brought the devotional.

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## Frogs

people score 70 points, 80 points, we feel insulted."

The Seminoles averaged 70 points per game and held their opponents to 68 per game. But they also finished the year with 83 more turnovers than assists, and TCU is forcing nearly 21 turnovers per game.

"We're certainly not a team that necessarily walks the ball up the floor," coach Steve Robinson said. "We're going to look to run. They key is taking care of the ball."

A key in Friday's first game, between No. 13 seed Valparaiso and fourth-seeded Mississippi, will be the health of Valparaiso guard Bryce Drew. He strained his right hamstring in the Mid-Continent Conference tournament and hasn't gone full speed in practice since.

Drew is vital to the Crusaders. He is the school's career scoring leader and averaged 19.7 per game this season. He hurt his leg in the conference semifinals and scored just 12 in the finals against Youngstown State.

"He really hasn't had a full, hard practice all week," said his father, coach Homer Drew. "We're really waiting until tomorrow to see how he can run straight ahead and really extend the hamstring."

Drew gives Valparaiso (21-9) more than a scorer. He is the league's assist leader, and the Crusaders run just about everything they do through him.

Mississippi (22-6) has a star of its own in forward Ansu Sesay. The second team All-America averages 18.9 points and 7.7 rebounds per game and can hurt opponents from inside or outside.

"He hurts you a variety of ways and he's going to definitely cause us a problem in the front line," Homer Drew said.

Last year, Ole Miss surprised by winning the western division of the Southeastern Conference. The Rebels wound up getting blown out by Temple in the first round of the NCAA tournament, 62-40.

"Last year we were just happy to be in the situation we were in," Sesay said. "I think that kind of took away

a lot from us when it came game time. This time, it's totally different. We're trying to win the whole thing. Like the North Carolinas and the Dukies, we're capable of doing it, too."

The other first-round games have top seed Kansas (34-3) playing Prairie View A&M (13-16), and No. 8 seed Rhode Island (22-8) going against ninth-seeded Murray State (29-3).

Prairie View, the only team in the tournament with a losing record, is making its first NCAA appearance. Kansas is making its 27th.

Kansas All-America Raef LaFrentz played it safe when he was asked if there was any possible way Prairie View could win.

"I think we need to focus on coming out and playing the kind of basketball we're capable of playing," he said. "If we do that, we'll be fine."

Coach Roy Williams insisted his team will take the Panthers seriously. He was impressed by their performance in the Southwestern Athletic Conference title game, when the Panthers overcame a 20-point deficit to win.

"I do think our kids will be enthused. I do think they'll be ready to play," he said. "I think they're excited to play. I think they're loose. I don't think we'll look past Prairie View. I know as a staff we have not mentioned one word about any other team other than Prairie View."

This figures to be an emotional week for Rhode Island coach Jim Harrick, who has to face his former UCLA assistant, Mark Gottfried. The two spent seven years on the same staff.

Both teams have outstanding backcourts -- Tyson Wheeler and Cuttino Mobley of Rhode Island, and Chad Townsend and De'Teri Mayes of Murray State. Each team may feel it's playing in front of a mirror, since the programs use identical systems.

Mayes said there was no sense of winning one for the pupil, Gottfried. "It's going to be decided by the players," he said. "That's how it's always been and that's how it's going to be tomorrow night."

## Arkansas beats Huskers

BOISE, Idaho (AP) -- The football school still can't win an NCAA basketball tournament game.

Nebraska fumbled away a 10-point second-half lead Thursday night and lost to Arkansas 74-65 in a first-round stop-fest that featured 43 turnovers.

Pat Bradley scored 19 points for the sixth-seeded Razorbacks, including 4-of-4 free throws in the final 2 minutes and seven seconds. Arkansas (24-8) broke away from a 61-61 tie with a 13-4 run over the final three minutes to advance to a second-round game against Utah on Saturday.

All of Arkansas' points in the final

four minutes came on 15-of-16 free-throw shooting.

Arkansas' 22 turnovers resulted in 31 Nebraska points, but that wasn't enough to prevent the 11th-seeded Cornhuskers (20-12) from falling to 0-6 in NCAA tournament play. Nebraska had 21 turnovers resulting in 23 Razorback points.

Kareem Reid added 17 points and Tarik Wallace 13 for Arkansas, back in the tournament after its nine-year NCAA run came to an end last season. Tyrone Lue, Nebraska's smooth point guard, scored 18. Venson Hamilton added 14 points and 10 rebounds for the Cornhuskers.

## Crockett ends year for Tulia

AUSTIN (AP) -- Thaddeus Haynes scored 18 points, including a putback with 55 seconds left, as Crockett gave up an 11-point third-quarter lead before rallying to defeat Tulia 59-58 in the Class 3A state semifinals Thursday.

Crockett overcame a 30-point effort by Tulia's Charles Sims and stripped Sims of the ball as he attempted to put up what could have been the winning shot with five seconds left.

Tulia's Philip Marshall recovered the loose ball and flipped it to teammate Jayton Washington, whose shot from near 3-point range with three seconds left kicked off the rim. Both teams struggled for possession as time ran out.

## Dallas

Janney followed at 14:49 of the period when he one-timed John Carney's pass through heavy traffic past Ed Belfour.

Dallas roared back with four goals over the next 14:30. Carbonneau capped a two-on-one break with a goal at 15:41 of the first period, and Harvey tied the game 59 seconds into the second when he beat Nikolai Khabibulin with a knuckling shot from between the circles.

Adams gave the Stars their first lead at 3:09 of the period. Khabibulin slid left to stop Jason Marshall's shot, but the long rebound bounced to the front of the crease where Adams gathered it in and shot into the vacated net.

Roenick tied the game 1:25 into the third period when he backhanded a short shot past Belfour.

## Richmond

Fairleigh Dickinson 93-85.

In the West Regional, West Virginia routed Temple 82-52, Maryland beat Utah State 82-68, Illinois defeated South Alabama 64-51, Utah beat San Francisco 85-68, Illinois State edged Tennessee 82-81 in overtime, Arizona routed Nicholls State 99-60, and Arkansas eliminated Nebraska 74-65.

Richmond won with defense, holding South Carolina scoreless for the final 79 seconds and getting the upset when a driving shot and subsequent tap-in attempt by South Carolina's BJ McKie missed.

McKie scored 24 points for South Carolina (23-8), which hasn't won an NCAA first-round game in four tries since 1973.

South Carolina coach Eddie Fogler said he expected the press to write that the Gamecocks choked.

"I don't know. Maybe we did."

# Robinson leads Spurs past Kings

SAN ANTONIO (AP) -- After being bloodied early in the game, San Antonio's David Robinson returned with a vengeance.

Robinson had 29 points and 11 rebounds Thursday night as the San Antonio Spurs defeated the Sacramento Kings 97-86 to complete a sweep of the four-game season series.

"Yeah, a little pain wakes me up in the evening. That really got me going," said Robinson, who briefly went to the bench in the first quarter after being elbowed by Otis Thorpe.

With the win, San Antonio clinched a spot in the playoffs after missing out last season.

Robinson was joined in double figures by Tim Duncan with 24 points and Jaren Jackson with 18 as San Antonio won its third straight game.

Sacramento was led by Mitch Richmond's 22 points, while Corliss Williamson added 19.

## Drexler's 33 helps ignite Houston past Nets

HOUSTON (AP) -- Clyde Drexler made certain the New Jersey Nets didn't end their losing streak against the Houston Rockets.

Drexler scored 33 points, including five in a row in the tight final minute, as the Rockets extended the Nets' losing streak to seven games with a 115-104 victory Thursday night.

"We just need to get into a rhythm during this homestand," Drexler said. "If we play well like we did tonight, we will get it done. We're making strides, too, in getting to where we want to be and this homestand is giving us an opportunity to work on some things that will help us out down the road."

The Nets never led after the opening minutes but stayed with the Rockets to the end, pulling within three points, 99-96, with 2:51 left.

Mario Elie followed with a 3-point basket, and after Sam Cassell scored for New Jersey with 2:17 to go, Hakeem Olajuwon put the Rockets up 104-98 and Drexler followed with a 3-pointer and a 2-pointer in the final minute for a 109-101 advantage.

Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich wasn't as pleased with his team's performance.

"First thing, we were sloppy, it was tough," Tomjanovich said. "We couldn't get anything going. We started the game with four or five turnovers in the first nine possessions. We've got to do something about that."

Cassell, playing against his former team, led the Nets with 32 points and 14 assists. Kerry Kittles added 27 points.

Cassell had 19 first half points, keeping the Nets close at intermission.

After leading 55-46 at halftime, San Antonio began the third quarter with a 7-2 run to lead 62-48 with 10 minutes remaining on a jump shot by Reggie Geary.

Sacramento then used a 20-4 run to grab a 68-66 lead on a driving layup by Billy Owens with 3:06 to play in the quarter.

Vinny Del Negro and Robinson scored the final two baskets of the third as San Antonio regained the lead, 70-68.

Leading 78-75, San Antonio went on an 11-0 run as Del Negro and Jackson had back-to-back 3-point field goals, Robinson connected on a jump shot and Chuck Person added a 3-pointer with 4:09 to play.

"I came in trying to make things happen on the block," Robinson said. "Down the stretch I knew we were going to come to me and I was just trying to make things happen for my teammates and myself."

## Indiana needs OT to beat OU

WASHINGTON (AP) -- Bob Knight paid \$10,000 to coach this game. Then he had to work overtime to win it.

After blowing a 19-point, second-half lead, Indiana scored the first six points in the extra period as the seventh-seeded Hoosiers won their first NCAA tournament game in four years, 94-87 over No. 9 seed Oklahoma on Thursday night.

For a while, it seemed as if he could've stayed home, because Andrae Patterson and A.J. Guyton were playing like a million bucks. Knight simply watched as his Hoosiers shot better than 60 percent most of the game and led 65-46 with 13 minutes to play.

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## Mavericks

second option on the play. "You never know."

The Bulls had one last chance to win in regulation, but Kukoc missed a layup at the buzzer.

Ceballos opened overtime with a dunk that gave the Mavericks their first lead of the game -- and one they would not relinquish.

Dallas went up 96-91 on a 3-pointer by Michael Finley, but Kukoc answered with a 3. Jordan then had a wide-open 3 that would've put the Bulls ahead, but he missed badly.

With a Reunion Arena-record crowd of 18,255 going bonkers, Dallas rookie Chris Anstey called for

the ball in the corner and hit the shot to stretch the Mavericks' lead to 98-94.

Jordan, who shot just 5-of-11 on free throws, made one of two to pull Chicago within three with 1:08 left.

Jordan then tried to steal the ball from Finley, missed and fell to the ground, allowing Finley to take off and feed Anstey for a dunk and a 102-97 lead with 52.7 seconds left.

The Bulls couldn't recover. Phippen missed two 3-pointers and Kukoc missed before fouling A.C. Green with 6.9 seconds left. He hit both and Chicago didn't even attempt another shot.

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Religion in brief

Church rendezvous off target

ATLANTA (AP) - A United Parcel Service driver was just doing his job when he arrived at a southwest Atlanta church with a truck full of high-powered semiautomatic rifles.

So was his colleague in a second truck full of ammunition, high-powered binoculars and magazine clips, which were part of the same order.

When the first truck arrived at the address, two men, one armed and masked, approached the driver, who fled and called police.

As the pair searched the truck, the second truck pulled up. Police said the suspects apparently expected only one truck and fled in panic when the second arrived.

"Obviously, the church didn't order this," said robbery Detective Capus Long.

Lt. Mike Smith of Atlanta's Guns Unit added the obvious: "Someone was trying to hide the trail of these weapons."

ACLU fishing for change

REPUBLIC, Mo. (AP) - The American Civil Liberties Union says the fish in the official logo of this southwest Missouri town is "a secret sign of Christianity" and wants it removed.

The ACLU claims the symbol violates the First Amendment prohibition against the establishment of religion by government.

The logo, in use since 1990, includes a Missouri map with Republic's location, an extended hand, a family in silhouette and a fish. Mayor Doug Boatright said the icons represent hospitality, community caring and religious faith and moral values. The fish, he said, is "not

promoting any specific religion."

Doug Bonney of Kansas City, writing to Boatright as an ACLU volunteer lawyer, said the city's definition of the fish as a universal symbol of religion is incomplete.

The fish is a symbol of Christ and was used by early Christians as "a secret sign of Christianity," Bonney wrote. It is often used today in advertisements to denote a Christian-owned business, he said.

Gay Revi, of Springfield, a representative on the ACLU's Ozarks and regional boards, said the group received "several phone calls" from people complaining.

Bonney urged Boatright to replace the fish with a secular symbol.

Boatright said the Board of Aldermen would discuss the issue at its next meeting.

Boston Catholics skip Mass

BOSTON (AP) - Cardinal Bernard Law is suggesting that up to 60 of the 387 Boston-area parishes be closed in the next 10 years.

While overall membership in the Catholic Church is healthy at about 2 million, he said, people are just too busy to attend services regularly.

"However precious to us our parishes may be, it is imperative that we not absolutize them in planning for the future," he said at his annual convocation.

Law cited several factors in the decision to close parishes. Among them: The number of diocesan priests will have dropped from 573 from 738 by the year 2005, he said, and there has been a 2 percent annual decline in regular Sunday Mass attendance in each of the last five years.

Christian Coalition chief: Group not dying

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP)

In government service, Donald Hodel has gone from checking under his car for explosives while head of the Bonneville Power Administration in Oregon, to balancing business and environmental concerns, first as Energy secretary and then as Interior secretary under President Reagan.

When he left Washington for the mountains of Colorado in 1989, he planned to spend some time as a private consultant. "I had an idyllic life in the eyes of most people, including me," said Hodel, smiling at the thought, at the Fort Lauderdale Convention Center. "I was living in ski country, and I had time to ski."

So why give it all up? As the new president of the unsettled Christian Coalition, he travels almost nonstop to rouse the souls and wallets of religious conservatives. Last month, he was doing just that in Fort Lauderdale, at the Reclaiming America for Christ Conference sponsored by broadcaster D. James Kennedy.

For the 62-year-old Hodel, it's a chance, as a private citizen, to make a difference in a nation in moral decline. "Grassroots is in my blood,"

he said, and the Christian Coalition "is one of the premier grassroots organizations in the country."

These are not the glory days for the coalition, established by religious broadcaster Pat Robertson in 1989. Under the direction of charismatic leader Ralph Reed, the group quickly rose in size and influence, helping to get out the vote for the 1994 Republican sweep of Congress.

Reed's departure last year to become a political consultant left the organization without a visible spokesman. The organization's revenues rose to \$26.5 million, between the presidential election year and 1996, and sunk to \$17 million last year. About a fifth of 200 national staff workers was laid off, and the organization's magazine ceased publication. Outreach programs for blacks and Catholics were spun off or shut down.

The Internal Revenue Service is investigating whether the coalition violated its tax-exempt status with voting guides and efforts that benefit conservative candidates. The Federal Election Commission has sued the coalition, accusing it of making illegal corporate donations.

Hodel claimed that the coalition's problems are shared by many politically active religious conservatives. All, he said, are caught in a backlash of resentment against Congress over such issues as abortion and the elimination of the tax code's "marriage penalty."

"I think it's disillusionment," he said in an interview. "We were all paying the price for the Republican Congress' apostasy."

There also has been a subtle shift among religious conservatives away from the practical approach of Reed, who willingly compromised for a seat at the GOP table, to a more confrontational approach.

Earlier this year, James Dobson,

head of the Focus on the Family ministry based in Colorado Springs, Colo., warned Republican leaders to stop taking religious conservatives for granted. They will abandon the party, he insisted.

In his speech at the Florida conference, Hodel drew the loudest applause when he talked of the "slaughter of innocents," declaring: "We oppose partial-birth abortion. We oppose abortion."

In an interview, Hodel said the organization plans to concentrate on strengths, distributing election guides, registering voters, and getting them to the polls. The organization claims 1.9 million members in 2,000 chapters.

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# 'Man in the Iron Mask' offers rollicking version of classic

By DOLORES BARCLAY  
AP Arts Editor

Legend has it that King Louis XIV of France kept a prisoner hidden in the Bastille, his face swathed in velvet. No one really knew who the poor soul was, but he was believed to have been Louis' twin, or a political rival. Alexandre Dumas found the tale so fascinating that he turned it into the classic adventure yarn "The Man in the Iron Mask."

Dumas' swashbuckling saga first hit the screen in 1929 with Douglas Fairbanks. A 1939 version starred Louis Hayward in the dual role of the foppish, arrogant Louis and the dashing and just Philippe. A third film starring Richard Chamberlain appeared in 1977.

Now comes a much darker, star-studded entry in the iron mask sweepstakes, this one featuring teen idol Leonardo DiCaprio as both Louis and Philippe.

It's a rollicking good adventure that's unfortunately marred by DiCaprio's weak performance. He's outclassed by a legion of seasoned talent: John Malkovich, Jeremy Irons, Gabriel Byrne and Gerard Depardieu, who play the King's Musketeers.

And it is this quartet that holds the adventure together and gives it some juice.

The movie opens in 1660. Louis XIII has died and his merciless son sits on the throne in frivolous splendor while his people starve. The Musketeers who once joyfully served his father have retired, with the exception of d'Artagnan (Byrne), now captain of the King's Musketeers. He stays at Louis' side, protecting him from assassins and from his own capriciousness.

Louis is a callous lover and womanizer, a man who discards women once he's bedded them. On the palace grounds during an afternoon of frivolity, he catches a glimpse of a young woman Christine, and decides he must have her. She turns out to be the fiancée of Athos' son, Raoul (Peter Sarsgaard), a young soldier. The king promptly dispatches Raoul to the front to fight the Dutch and meet certain death.

Christine (Judith Godreche) becomes Louis' lover, to d'Artagnan's dismay. And Athos (Malkovich) seeks to destroy the man who destroyed his son.

Aramis (Irons), who has become a priest, is ordered by Louis to find and kill the leader of the underground forces who oppose him. The leader is, of course, Aramis.

Clearly, the king's tyranny must be stopped and France saved. The solution is hidden in the Bastille, in an iron mask. Athos, Aramis and Porthos (Depardieu) hatch a plan to replace the evil king with his brother. Standing in their way is d'Artagnan, who has a more personal agenda.

Randall Wallace, who wrote the screenplay for "Braveheart," makes his directorial debut with "The Man in the Iron Mask," which he also scripted. He has managed a classic, romantic swashbuckling romp. And he has captured the virtues of valor and loyalty in his daring Musketeers.

Malkovich, Irons, Byrne and Depardieu are delightful as the aging and valiant royal guards. Depardieu also plays the buffoon, a randy one at that. His is a mildly depressed Porthos who laments the passing of the glory days and threatens suicide when he isn't making love to a woman.

Godreche is a fragile but spirited Christine who wears her doom like a translucent shawl. Anne Parillaud is a pious and long-suffering Queen Anne, who has her own secrets.

The United Artists release was produced by Wallace and Russell Smith and is rated PG-13.

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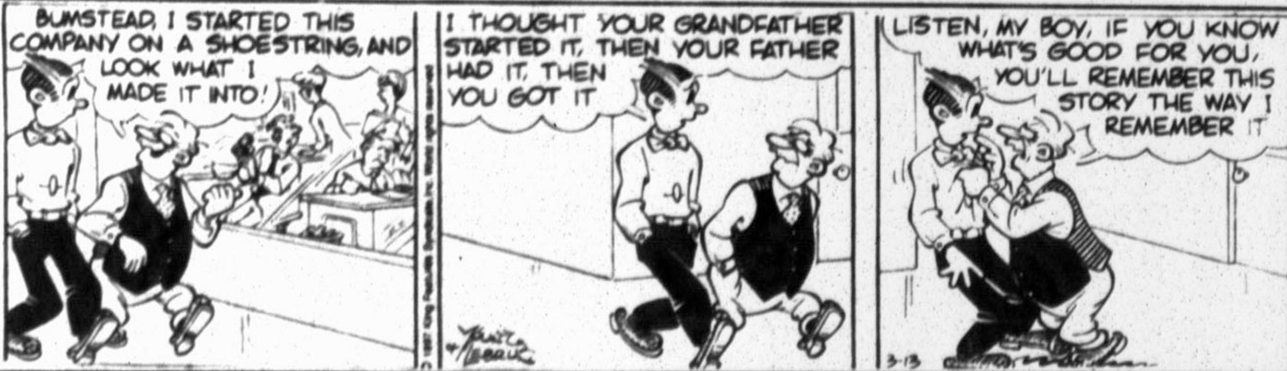
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6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM			
Movie: D2: The Mighty Ducks	Emilio Estevez. PG	(7:50) Movie: Just Like Dad	Growing	Walt Disney Presents	Zorro	News	Ent. Tonight	Playoffs	Deadline	Homicide: Life	News	(35) Tonight Show	Riverdance
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## SATURDAY MARCH 14

7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM							
Bear	Mermaid	Amazing	Amazing	Movie: Land Before Time II: Great Valley	Movie: Land Before Time 3	Dragon	Baby-Sitters	Imagine	Sing a Story	Science Guy	Saved-Bell	City Guys	Saved-Bell	Hang Time	Hang Time	Inside Stuff	Dumb Criminal
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Flash	Torkelsons	Torkelsons	Borrow-Car	(25) Movie: Honey, I Blew Up the Kid	Bug Juice	Growing	Growing	Growing	Growing	Growing
Paid Prog.	Gymnastics: International 3-On-3 Champ.	PGA Golf Honda Classic - Third Round	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.

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## SUNDAY MARCH 15

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Bear	Mermaid	Amazing	Amazing	Movie: The Sword in the Stone *** G	(25) Movie: Robin Hood *** G	Baby-Sitters	Imagine	Sing a Story	Science Guy	Saved-Bell	City Guys	Saved-Bell	Hang Time
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## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice to all persons interested in the property located at 300 Witherspoon, legally described as all of Blocks 10 & 11 Whitehead Addition to the Town of Hereford, Deaf Smith County, Texas. The Board of Adjustment will hold a meeting open to the public at 9:00 A.M. at the City hall on March 17, 1998, for the purpose of considering an appeal from certain zoning regulations applicable to the above property.

Terri Johnson  
City Secretary

All City Board meetings are available to all persons regardless of disability. If you require special assistance, please contact City Hall, 224 N. Lee Street, Hereford, or call 363-7103 at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

## DEAF SMITH COUNTY, TEXAS

The Deaf Smith County Commissioners will open bids at 9:00 AM on March 23rd, 1998, for 60 gallons of Arsenal and 1 - 30 gallon drum of Roundup. These amounts will be the minimum needed, but the bids to be submitted to insure the same price if quantities are increased during the year ending September 30, 1998.

The Commissioners reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

Send bids to Dan Warrick, 116 S. 25 Mile Ave., Hereford, Texas, 79045.

# Clinton tests do-nothing Congress issue

WASHINGTON (AP) - There's an election-year put-down in the countdown President Clinton is using to chide the Republican Congress. Fewer than 70 working days left to act on urgent business or be seen as dominated by partisan politics, he warns, and repeats.

At this point, it's actually closer to 60 work days to go in a session that began late, recesses often and aims to adjourn by Oct. 9.

Clinton's refrain is a preview of a Democratic theme for the campaign ahead, an odds-against attempt to at least dent GOP control of the House and Senate in off-year elections.

The Republicans aren't doing much, intentionally. Clinton and Congress have already settled on a balanced budget, and it could happen this year, in the middle of the campaign. Congressional approval ratings are up along with Clinton's.

That weighs against major GOP initiatives to do or undo things, and for consensus measures such as the Internal Revenue Service reforms the Senate will complete this spring. That, the must-pass budget and appropriations measures, and perhaps a tax cut will suffice for them.

In a standstill election, they win

## WALTER R. MEARS

Washington Today

again. So a relatively standstill year in Congress doesn't bother GOP leaders.

They've got their own put-downs for Clinton, of course. Sen. Trent Lott, the majority leader, said Congress shouldn't open a cookie jar for "all of his lovely lollipop spending programs."

Lott also contends that one reason Congress isn't doing much is because the Monica Lewinsky investigation into accusations of a Clinton affair and cover-up is diverting the president and "beginning to affect what we're going to be able to do together."

The White House scoffed at that, spokesman Mike McCurry saying Clinton has not been distracted and for Lott to say that the Senate is "would be a pretty surprising admission." That doesn't make any sense, McCurry said.

And Clinton's counter is another litany, adopted when he stopped talking about the Lewinsky matter. He says he is sticking to business. It's like an echo. "I've got to do the work that the people of this country hired me to do," he said Wednesday.

That fits with his complaint that Congress is on such a limited work schedule this year that it isn't sticking to business, and may not act on legislation he seeks. He used the 70-day argument this week in urging approval of bills on the rights of patients in managed health care, the \$21.7 billion in child care tax credits and incentives he proposes over the next five years, and the giant tobacco industry settlement he urges.

The industry is supposed to pay \$368 billion over the next 25 years, accepting controls but gaining liability protection. Advertising curbs and cigarette tax increases would be imposed to limit teen-age smoking.

Clinton already has budgeted the first installment to pay for programs he wants approved this year. But the legislation to yield it is in doubt, and the use of the money is in dispute.

"And yes, I know there are only 70 days left," Clinton said this week. "But ... how can we walk away

from this legislative session without a solution to the tobacco issue?"

New audience, different issue, next day, he said that even with only 70 days on the job, there's time for Congress to act on child care benefits.

"The next 70 days will tell the tale," he said. "Will this Congress go down in history as one that passed landmark legislation to save lives and strengthen America ... or one that was dominated by partisan election-year politics?"

"This is turning out to be a do-nothing Congress," Rep. Dick Gephardt, the Democratic leader, complained earlier.

Sen. Byron Dorgan of North Dakota said the Democrats could fix that. "We have an agenda but unfortunately we didn't win the Senate," he said.

McCurry said Clinton's message is that Congress should get serious and get going. "They haven't done much yet," McCurry said. "I think they've renamed a lake and they've renamed an airport."

Walter R. Mears, vice president and columnist for The Associated Press, has reported on Washington and national politics for more than 30 years.

# THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Names in the News

### TERRY ANDERSON

ATHENS, Ohio (AP) - Terry Anderson, a former chief Middle East correspondent for The Associated Press, is going home to Ohio to join the faculty of the E.W. Scripps School of Journalism at Ohio University.

Anderson, an associate professor at Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism since 1996, accepted a one-year contract to teach at Ohio as a Scripps Howard visiting professional with an option to renew for a second year. He will begin July 1.

He will teach a standard course in reporting or foreign correspondence and a special course tailored to his background, Tom Peters, associate director of the Scripps school, said Thursday.

Anderson gained worldwide renown after being held hostage by Lebanese radicals from 1985 to 1991. He and his wife, Madeleine Bassil, wrote a book about his experiences and he later wrote, narrated and co-produced a Cable News Network documentary on Lebanon.

### JANET JACKSON

NEW YORK (AP) - What have you done for us lately, Janet?

Pop diva Janet Jackson answered that question by announcing plans to donate a share of the proceeds from her upcoming North American tour to help needy kids.

America's Promise - The Alliance for Youth, which is chaired by retired Gen. Colin Powell, is expected to receive as much as \$1 million from the tour that kicks off July 9 in Washington, D.C.

"This program is positively impacting young people desperate for hope and love, self-esteem and security," Jackson said Thursday with Powell by her side.

"It's not just a matter of money," Powell said. "At every concert she will make a presentation ... and ask all of them to reach back and down and try to touch a child, to become a mentor or support mentoring."

The tour, in support of Jackson's album "The Velvet Rope," will conclude Oct. 11 at New York's Madison Square Garden. That show will be carried live by HBO.

### TED KOPPEL

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) - Ted Koppel will return to his stomping grounds when he addresses Stanford University's graduating class in June.

Koppel, who earned a master's in communications from Stanford in 1962, also addressed the university's graduating seniors in 1986.

The ABC "Nightline" anchor is Stanford's first commencement

speaker in recent years without government or political ties.

Previous speakers have included Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer, former Secretary of Defense William Perry and former U.S. Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders.

Four senior class presidents conducted an e-mail survey and recommended the newsmen to university President Gerhard Casper.

Casper said Koppel "unites the desire of students to have a nationally known individual, my desire to have a speaker with Stanford ties, and the desire of us all to have a speaker of substance and style."

### MATT DILLON

NEW YORK (AP) - Matt Dillon thinks that when it comes to marriage, three is definitely a crowd.

"People are getting more monogamous - that's my perception," the actor said in the April issue of *Details* magazine. "But there's a reluctance to get married, maybe because it seems like you're not getting married to her, you're getting married to her lawyer."

Dillon, 34, who is currently dating the actress Cameron Diaz, said that America's love affair with legality may be a downer when it comes to romance.

"It's over the top," he insists. "Now marriage is a contract, a legal contract."

After a turn as the spoiled actor in "In & Out" Dillon returns to screens this month alongside Kevin Bacon and Neve Campbell in "Wild Things."

### KORN

ZEELAND, Mich. (AP) - The heavy metal band Korn is popping mad over news that a Zeeland High School student was suspended after wearing one of the band's T-shirts.

The band - known for its squealing guitars, throbbing bass and laryngitis-inducing screams - said Assistant Principal Gretchen Plewes needs a refresher course in civics.

Ms. Plewes called the band's music "insulting" and "indecent, vulgar, obscene" and said school policy bans student clothing and other belongings that imply obscenity, violence, drugs or sexual innuendo.

Those comments, plus her decision to suspend a T-shirt-wearing Korn fan last week, represent an attempt to smear the band's reputation and interfere with its First Amendment rights, said attorney David Baram in a letter to school officials dated Thursday.

Any further defamatory statements against Korn will result in a lawsuit, the letter said.

# Key Democrat gives his backing to Bush

AUSTIN (AP) - Another powerful Democrat is backing Republican Gov. George W. Bush's re-election.

Rep. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, who chairs the budget-writing House Appropriations Committee, announced his endorsement of Bush on Thursday.

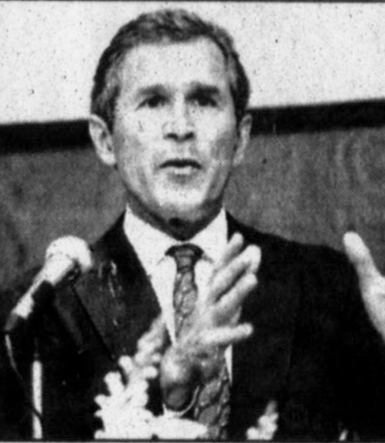
"He's a person who's been bipartisan, a person who's worked with all elements of our state, all elements of the Legislature," Junell said in an interview. "As a result of that, the Legislature and Gov. Bush have been very successful."

He added: "If you've got a guy who's been there and done the job and been successful, I think, 'You've got to dance with the one that brought ya.'" He lawmakers said, quoting former Texas football coach Darrell Royal.

Bush said he was honored to win the backing of a top Democrat.

"Rob ... is known as a tough watchdog for taxpayers' money. He is respected on both sides of the aisle, is a major influence in the Texas Legislature and is a leader of his party," Bush said.

Officials of Democrat Garry Mauro's campaign said Junell's announcement comes after the lawmaker earlier sought Mauro's help in securing appointment from President Clinton as a federal judge. A longtime Clinton friend, Mauro twice headed the president's Texas campaign.



Gov. Bush

"Rob Junell asked for Gary's help with the White House in getting a federal judgeship. Of course, Junell's not a federal judge," said Billy Rogers, Mauro's campaign manager.

"Does it appear Rob Junell may be going to a Republican who wants to be president? Rob Junell's actions speak for themselves. Has he had similar conversations with Governor Bush?" asked Mauro spokesman Joe Cutbirth.

Junell dismissed the contention, saying the issue a judicial post had nothing to do with his endorsement of Bush.

"First of all, when I talked with him (Mauro) about this a long time ago, he told me he would help me. But there's no vacancies where I live for a federal judge," Junell said.

# Tobacco researchers cite long health study

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) - A formerly secret document brought a whiff of industrial espionage into Minnesota's tobacco trial.

The report from the files of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. indicates that Philip Morris Inc. was researching the effects of cigarette smoke on animals in the 1960s.

And it indicated that Philip Morris was doing so even as it criticized Reynolds for violating a "gentlemen's agreement" not to do in-house biological research into smoking and health issues.

In the report, which was introduced into evidence Thursday, Reynolds researchers Alan Rodgman and F.G. Colby analyzed Philip Morris research dating to the mid-1960s for a company presentation in 1983. That was the year Philip Morris overtook Reynolds to become the nation's No. 1 cigarette maker.

"The available evidence indicates that PM has substantial effort ongoing

in the smoking-health area. However, we suspect that the information publicly available or gained by 'intelligence' techniques represents at best only the 'tip of the iceberg,'" the researchers said.

"PM has had in-house animal facilities or access to animal facilities certainly since 1968 and perhaps since 1966; RJR had in-house animal facilities for about three years, disbanding them in 1970," they said.

Research by cigarette makers into the health effects of smoking is a central issue in the trial. The state and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota claim the tobacco industry knew the health dangers of smoking for decades and hid their knowledge as they manipulated the nicotine content of their products to keep smokers hooked.

The plaintiffs are suing the tobacco companies to recoup the \$1.77 billion they say they've spent treating smoking-related health problems.

## 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.

## 3-13 CRYPTOQUOTE

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P R I C E M A Y J Y M A Y J Y M A Y  
K N L L P P U E T T F P S O  
S N U I L R B S G P B U E S G O  
W S B O I F P B S G O I O I E L S H  
X N R T P J O B C . - P R F P I P X P B S E I

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THERE ARE TIMES AND COUNTRIES WHEN THE ONLY PLACE FOR AN HONEST MAN IS IN JAIL. — THOMAS MANN

# Producer prices drop

WASHINGTON (AP) - Led by continued steep declines in energy costs, prices paid to producers such as factories and food-processing plants fell for the fourth straight month in February.

The 0.1 percent decline in the Producer Price Index came on top of a 0.7 percent plunge in January, the biggest one-month drop in more than four years, the Labor Department said today.

February marked the 12th month in 14 that the index has declined or remained unchanged. Over the past 12 months, it's fallen 1.6 percent.

The price drop for finished goods purchased by wholesalers, combined with moderate price increases for services has translated into near

price stability for American consumers.

And that, along with moderate wage hikes, have created the biggest gains in purchasing power in two decades and allowed the Federal Reserve to keep interest rates low.

The Fed is also counting on slower economic growth to keep prices from getting out of hand this year. In a sign of that, the Commerce Department said inventories at the nation's businesses remained unchanged in January while sales fell 0.1 percent.

Energy prices, down 1.8 percent last month after a 3.7 percent drop in January, fell for most of last year. Their continued descent has been credited to El Niño, which brought unseasonably warm weather to much of the United States.

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Mar 75.45	75.45	Mar 274.74	274.74
Apr 75.35	75.35	May 281.75	281.75
May 75.25	75.25	Jun 288.76	288.76
Jun 75.15	75.15	Jul 295.77	295.77
Jul 75.05	75.05	Aug 302.78	302.78
Aug 74.95	74.95	Sep 309.79	309.79
Sep 74.85	74.85	Oct 316.80	316.80
Oct 74.75	74.75	Nov 323.81	323.81
Nov 74.65	74.65	Dec 330.82	330.82
Dec 74.55	74.55	Jan 337.83	337.83
Jan 74.45	74.45	Feb 344.84	344.84
Feb 74.35	74.35	Mar 351.85	351.85
Mar 74.25	74.25	Apr 358.86	358.86
Apr 74.15	74.15	May 365.87	365.87
May 74.05	74.05	Jun 372.88	372.88
Jun 73.95	73.95	Jul 379.89	379.89
Jul 73.85	73.85	Aug 386.90	386.90
Aug 73.75	73.75	Sep 393.91	393.91
Sep 73.65	73.65	Oct 400.92	400.92
Oct 73.55	73.55	Nov 407.93	407.93
Nov 73.45	73.45	Dec 414.94	414.94
Dec 73.35	73.35	Jan 421.95	421.95
Jan 73.25	73.25	Feb 428.96	428.96
Feb 73.15	73.15	Mar 435.97	435.97
Mar 73.05	73.05	Apr 442.98	442.98
Apr 72.95	72.95	May 449.99	449.99
May 72.85	72.85	Jun 456.00	456.00
Jun 72.75	72.75	Jul 463.01	463.01
Jul 72.65	72.65	Aug 470.02	470.02
Aug 72.55	72.55	Sep 477.03	477.03
Sep 72.45	72.45	Oct 484.04	484.04
Oct 72.35	72.35	Nov 491.05	491.05
Nov 72.25	72.25	Dec 498.06	498.06
Dec 72.15	72.15	Jan 505.07	505.07
Jan 72.05	72.05	Feb 512.08	512.08
Feb 71.95	71.95	Mar 519.09	519.09
Mar 71.85	71.85	Apr 526.10	526.10
Apr 71.75	71.75	May 533.11	533.11
May 71.65	71.65	Jun 540.12	540.12
Jun 71.55	71.55	Jul 547.13	547.13
Jul 71.45	71.45	Aug 554.14	554.14
Aug 71.35	71.35	Sep 561.15	561.15
Sep 71.25	71.25	Oct 568.16	568.16
Oct 71.15	71.15	Nov 575.17	575.17
Nov 71.05	71.05	Dec 582.18	582.18
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Jan 70.85	70.85	Feb 596.20	596.20
Feb 70.75	70.75	Mar 603.21	603.21
Mar 70.65	70.65	Apr 610.22	610.22
Apr 70.55	70.55	May 617.23	617.23
May 70.45	70.45	Jun 624.24	624.24
Jun 70.35	70.35	Jul 631.25	631.25
Jul 70.25	70.25	Aug 638.26	638.26
Aug 70.15	70.15	Sep 645.27	645.27
Sep 70.05	70.05	Oct 652.28	652.28
Oct 69.95	69.95	Nov 659.29	659.29
Nov 69.85	69.85	Dec 666.30	666.30
Dec 69.75	69.75	Jan 673.31	673.31
Jan 69.65	69.65	Feb 680.32	680.32
Feb 69.55	69.55	Mar 687.33	687.33
Mar 69.45	69.45	Apr 694.34	694.34
Apr 69.35	69.35	May 701.35	701.35
May 69.25	69.25	Jun 708.36	708.36
Jun 69.15	69.15	Jul 715.37	715.37
Jul 69.05	69.05	Aug 722.38	722.38
Aug 68.95	68.95	Sep 729.39	729.39
Sep 68.85	68.85	Oct 736.40	736.40
Oct 68.75	68.75	Nov 743.41	743.41
Nov 68.65	68.65	Dec 750.42	750.42
Dec 68.55	68.55	Jan 757.43	757.43
Jan 68.45	68.45	Feb 764.44	764.44
Feb 68.35	68.35	Mar 771.45	771.45
Mar 68.25	68.25	Apr 778.46	778.46
Apr 68.15	68.15	May 785.47	785.47
May 68.05	68.05	Jun 792.48	792.48
Jun 67.95	67.95	Jul 799.49	799.49
Jul 67.85	67.85	Aug 806.50	806.50
Aug 67.75	67.75	Sep 813.51	813.51
Sep 67.65	67.65	Oct 820.52	820.52
Oct 67.55	67.55	Nov 827.53	827.53
Nov 67.45	67.45	Dec 834.54	834.54
Dec 67.35	67.35	Jan 841.55	841.55
Jan 67.25	67.25	Feb 848.56	848.56
Feb 67.15	67.15	Mar 855.57	855.57
Mar 67.05	67.05	Apr 862.58	862.58
Apr 66.95	66.95	May 869.59	869.59
May 66.85	66.85	Jun 876.60	876.60
Jun 66.75	66.75	Jul 883.61	883.61
Jul 66.65	66.65	Aug 890.62	890.62
Aug 66.55	66.55	Sep 897.63	897.63
Sep 66.45	66.45	Oct 904.64	904.64
Oct 66.35	66.35	Nov 911.65	911.65
Nov 66.25	66.25	Dec 918.66	918.66
Dec 66.15	66.15	Jan 925.67	925.67
Jan 66.05	66.05	Feb 932.68	932.68
Feb 65.95	65.95	Mar 939.69	939.69

# NEWS in brief

## Medical investigators probe death of meat worker

MIAMI (AP) - Medical investigators who are looking into the death of a supermarket meat stocker from an illness similar to mad cow disease say there is no need for grocery store workers or the public to worry.

"We don't feel there's a lot of reason for alarm that this occupation could be at higher risk," Dr. Steven Wiersma, deputy state epidemiologist, said Thursday.

Dr. Lawrence Schonberger of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, said, "I don't think it's a public health concern." But, he said, the CDC would help if needed.

No higher rate of either the classic form of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease or a deadly variant blamed in Britain on contaminated beef has been noted among meat handlers.

But authorities are looking closely at the March 5 death of Ozzie Hyman. Hyman, 65, worked for the Jacksonville-based Winn-Dixie supermarket chain from August 1976 until he left on sick leave last Oct. 29, company spokesman Mickey Clerc said.

Based on his age and symptoms, Hyman's death initially appears to have been caused by Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, Wiersma said.

## Report: Swiss officials have evidence of Salinas drug ties

NEW YORK (AP) - Swiss authorities believe they have evidence showing the jailed brother of former Mexican President Carlos Salinas made tens of millions of dollars working for Colombian drug traffickers, *The Wall Street Journal* reported today.

Raul Salinas de Gortari is imprisoned in Mexico on charges of murder conspiracy and "inexplicable enrichment." The Swiss began investigating Salinas in 1995 after freezing \$120 million in bank accounts he controlled.

The *Journal* said the potential evidence against Salinas includes depositions given by U.S. drug agents, and by Colombian and Mexican traffickers and financiers, some of whom are jailed in the United States or participating in the federal witness protection programs.

## States reach deal with sweepstakes publisher

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) - American Family Publishers has agreed to pay \$50,000 each to most of the more than 30 states reported to have reached a deal with the sweepstakes publisher to settle alleged deceptive advertising practices.

Several state attorneys general told *USA Today* that an announcement of the settlement was expected next week.

At least three states - Florida, Connecticut and Indiana - pulled out of talks earlier this year and have filed deceptive sales practice charges against American Family Publishers and star spokesmen Dick Clark and Ed McMahon.

Those states were upset that during negotiations, American Family Publishers sent a mailing in December informing recipients they were one of two winners in their states and that whoever returned the mailing first would get \$11 million.

## Professor refunds cost of class as protest

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) - If any undergraduate in Philip Greenspun's class skipped his most recent lecture, they're really regretting it.

The researcher at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology gave \$100 to each of the four undergraduates at a computer science seminar he taught Thursday night. He did it to refund what he estimated was the cost of the class for the students, who he says are charged too much tuition.

## Cigarette group settles with 14 more states

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) - The smallest of the major tobacco companies settled claims with another 14 states, agreements that included promises to stop promoting its products through outdoor advertising or on the Internet.

Brooke Group Ltd. and its Durham-based subsidiary, Liggett Group, said Thursday they now have reached deals with attorneys general of 40 states that sued to recoup the costs of treating sick smokers.

Those settlements account for more than 80 percent of the Medicaid claims against Liggett, which makes Eve, Lark, L&M and Chesterfield brands of cigarettes.

The latest settlements were with Arkansas, Colorado, Idaho, Maine, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Wyoming.



## Hustlers stay busy

The Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce Hustlers were busy this week as they were hosts for several ribbon-cutting ceremonies for new Hereford businesses and existing businesses with new ownership. Above, Denny Gibson (center) was assisted by employee Gloria Murray as the ribbon was cut on Cig Mart No. 6, 1009 E. Park Ave. The business offers discount cigarettes, tobacco products, soft drinks and plans to include the sale of beer and wine later. Below, Hustlers welcomed Chris Kahlich (center) as the new owner of Charlie's Tire, 501 W. 1st. Kahlich was joined by his wife, Laurie, employees and friends during the ceremony. The long-time Hereford business is a full-service tire center.



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## HMO losses may mean increases

DALLAS (AP) - Thirteen of the 16 health maintenance organizations serving North Texas posted losses in 1997, raising the likelihood of increased premiums for employers and less coverage for consumers.

The losses that were revealed Thursday range from \$772,375 to \$53.8 million, according to annual reports filed with the Texas Department of Insurance.

In 1996, the same HMO's reported a combined \$45 million loss.

The state won't compile a report on the figures until late April, but *The Dallas Morning News* reviewed the filings in Austin.

Managed health-care officials expressed shock at the numbers.

"I don't think anybody would have anticipated losses to be that high, especially in a single-market area," Geoff Wurzel, executive director of the Texas Association of Health Plans, told the newspaper.

"It's definitely a reflection of an extremely competitive market," Wurzel said.

A premium increase of almost 10 percent can be expected this year, with additional rate increases next year, insurance executives said.

Industry officials said the losses are attributable in large part to premiums being underpriced.

"The good news for consumers is that they've gotten a real bargain. The bad news is that prices are going up," said Jim Cassity, president of Prudential HealthCare's six-state Central Division.

Kaiser Permanente had the biggest loss, \$53.8 million, compared to a \$42.9 million deficit in 1996. Kaiser officials said last month that they would sell their 130,000-member Texas HMO by year's end.

Health-care analysts and some HMO officials said HMO premiums have been underpriced to attract employers to plans.

If so, the prices achieved their purpose - HMO membership grew by 19 percent last year to 1.1 million.

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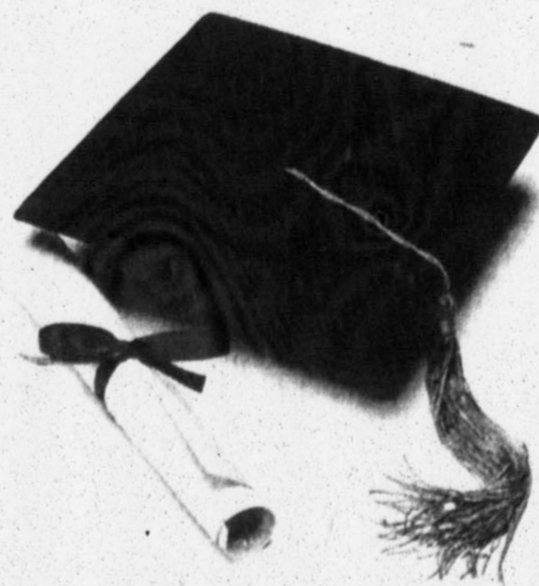
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