

Wednesday, March

Roth IRAs seem to generate little interest in area

By DONALD M. COOPER **Brand Editor**

That seems to be the attitude toward the new Roth IRAs taken by area residents.

apparently has been a rush to the new Roth Individual Retirement Accounts because the Roth IRAs created by Congress last year have new attractive features, such as nopenalties for using the IRA as college education funds, first-time home purchases or medical expenses.

Congress' action made the Roth IRAs. traditional IRAs more flexible, while the new Roth IRA makes it possible to invest on a tax-free basis and, in some circumstances, money can be withdrawn from the IRA before Roth IRA seems more in line for Around the country, there retirement without penalty.

> Also, because IRAs set up before April 15 qualify for a deduction on the 1997 income taxes, the sales rush usually is intensified during this time of the year

Rita Bell, vice president of FirstBank Southwest, said she hasn't seen any movement toward the new

them or requests for them," she said. "I think here a lot of our IRAs (have been set up) by older people, and the younger people.

"It can be used for college education for your children, for firsttime homebuyers -- things that seem more in line for younger people ... So we don't see that rush in Hereford," Bell said.

of new accounts at Hereford Federal "We've not seen much interest in Credit Union, also said there has been no rush to set up Roth IRAs, although she said it still could occur.

> This is still the middle of March, and a lot of people wait until their taxes are figure before deciding what contribution to make," Hughes said. "But most of ours (IRAs) are the traditional IRAs. We'll just have to wait and see."

At First American Bank, Bernadette Wright said the institution Charlene Hughes, who is charge hasn't received many inquiries about

"We haven't had a whole lot of inquiries. Generally, we start hearing from our IRA people around the first of April," Wright said. "It's been quiet here.

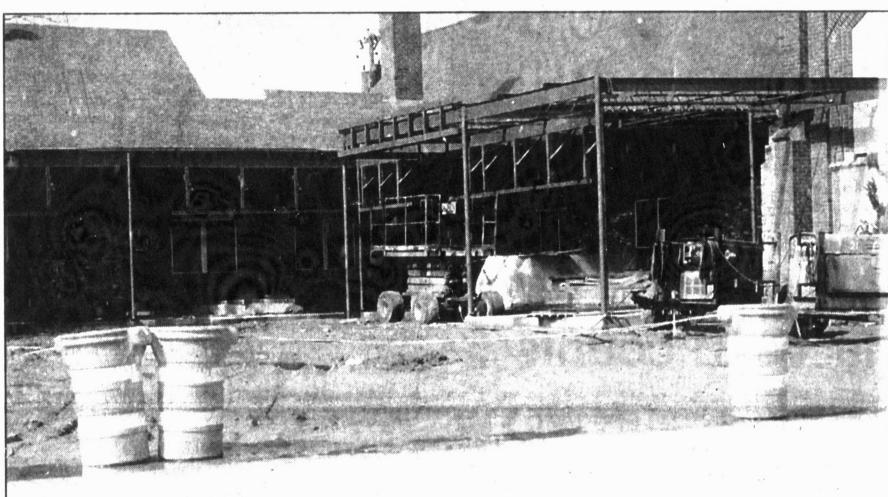
Debbie Holmes, assistant cashier who is in charge of new accounts at Hereford State Bank, also said there has been little interest shown so far in the Roth IRAs.

"It really hasn't gotten started," she said, adding that most people who have been setting up IRAs at

Hereford State Bank have opted for the traditional package. We haven't seen a lot of interest (in the Roth IRAs), but we're hoping."

Analysts say the Roth IRA works best for upper-middle-income workers, earning between \$50,000 and \$150,000 per year.

A single individual can earn up to \$95,000 per year and still be eligible to put \$2,000 annually into the new account. Joint filers can earn up to \$150,000 and contribute as much as



Where is everyone?

Work on the addition to First United Methodist Church in Hereford was put off until later Tuesday because the melting snow turned the work site into a quagmire. Workers were back on the job Wednesday

morning, but apparently just in time to prepare for another bout of snowfall. Weather forecasters are predicting a winter storm will hit the area tonight and early Thursday.

Freezing temperatures hurt some crops

were severely damaged by recent not bloomed at all. freezing temperatures, while crops in reports.

throughout much of Texas.

Roe said the earliest varieties of

"When the peach buds aren't the Hill Country should be virtually open, they are hardy way down to a big role in a peach crop's success. unaffected, according to Texas about nine to ten degrees. But the Agricultural Extension Service farther open they are, the less hardy nervous when temperatures dipped number of chilling hours in her area into the twenties in mid-March this year, blooms were opening very slowly.

"Peaches can be a difficult crop. peaches will be hit hardest because They need a certain number of chill their blooms were the most devel- hours in the winter, but once the in much of those regions because of oped. She said although some peach flower is set, they can't tolerate much

COLLEGE STATION (AP) - trees were in full bloom, others were cold," she said. "I think most of our losses Peach crops in North and East Texas only in partial bloom and some had area has been mainly thinned out, which we need to do anyway."

Roe said orchard location can play

'We usually tell people to put them on the side of a hill. Because of they are," Roe said. "In full bloom, the air drainage, the cold goes down Nancy Roe, Extension it only takes about twenty-eight to the bottom. And in these marginal horticulturalist in Stephenville, said degrees to kill ninety percent of situations that's where it helps to growers with a good crop should get peach growers had a right to be them." Roe said because of the have good orchard placement," Roe better prices for their peaches this

Extension horticulturalist Marty Baker in Overton said most damage occurred in North and East Texas. He said peach trees were in full bloom the mild winter, and he expects huge

Baker said because peaches are so sensitive to changes in weather, growers in North and East Texas should consider a switch to crops over which they have more control.

Blackberries and strawberries would be good crops for this area, he said. Baker and Roe agree that

In Southeast Texas, district director Dale Fritz of Bryan said farmers are working the ground and getting ready to plant rice, peanuts,

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Panhandle braces for winter storm

By The Associated Press

The Texas Panhandle is under a winter storm watch tonight - it is still winter, you know.

Spring arrives at 1:55 p.m. Friday, but first some more snow.

The National Weather Service said there's a chance of rain changing to snow over the Panhandle and South Plains tonight, with heavy snow possible tonight and Thursday.

The snow should end Thursday. A cold front that moved across North Texas on Tuesday was in the process of moving offshore and into the Gulf early today.

40s south. Thursday's highs should about 60.

range from the 30s to the mid-70s.

An area of dense fog formed across the central South Plains this morning. Otherwise, skies were fair to partly cloudy with variable winds at 5 to 15 mph.

Fog reduced visibility to one-fourth mile or less over the upper Texas coast this morning.

Otherwise, skies were partly to mostly cloudy over South Texas.

The last blast of winter isn't expected to hang around long. Warmer weather is expected Friday through Sunday.

Friday's high in this area is Highs today should be in the 50s expected to be about 50, with an north to mid-80s along the Rio overnight low around 30. Saturday is Grande. Tonight's lows should range expected to be in the upper 50s and from about 30 degrees north to the Sunday still warmer, with a high

Deaf Smith, Oldham OK'd for crop disaster loans

Deaf Smith and Oldham counties are among seven Texas counties which are eligible for loans to cover part of actual physical and production losses resulting from the severe winter storm.

Applications for emergency farm loans are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency offices in Hereford and Vega.

Farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate

As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA Loan. Farmers participating in the federal crop insurance programs will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until Sept. 29, 1998, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living.

Hereford economy continues growth

By DONALD M. COOPER **Brand Editor**

Comptroller's Office figures are on the money

The city received a sales tax rebate in March 1997 payment of \$76,874.84 for March, a 5.9 percent improvement over the \$72,608.28 for March 1997.

The increase in the sales tax payment for March continued the trend that has seen gains in both January and February. For the year, Hereford has

received for the same period last year. Deaf Smith County experienced a slight decline in March. The county received \$26,607.46, down 0.8 percent from the \$26,419.10 received in March 1997. For the year, Deaf Smith County has received a total of \$91,211.44, up 6.4 percent from the \$85,736.96 for the same period last

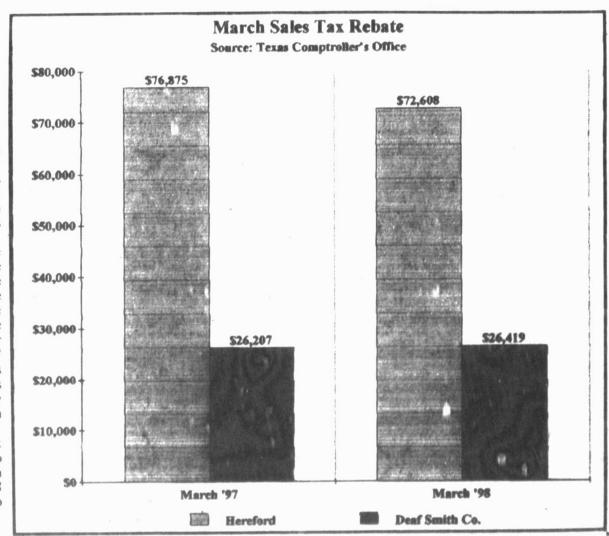
The comptroller's office delivered a total of \$163.3 million in monthly Hereford's economy continued to sales tax payments to 1,090 Texas expand this month, if the Texas cities and 118 counties, an 8 percent increase over the \$151.2 million allocated to Texas cities and counties

Comptroller John Sharp said the state is continuing "to experience strong economic growth, while consumer confidence remains the highest in the nation. Sales statewide for the past several months have surpassed earlier expectations and far exceeded sales in the previous year." received a total of \$269,255.15, a 7.8

The March payments to Texas percent gain over the \$249,881.23° cities and counties include sales taxes collected by monthly filers in January and reported to the comptroller in

Sharp delivered monthly sales tax rebates totaling \$147.8 million to Texas cities, 7.1 percent higher than last March's payments of \$137.8 million. Rebates of \$15.5 million to

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Willey's lawyer, publisher talked about a book

WASHINGTON (AP) - A publisher who discussed a book deal with Kathleen Willey's attorney said today he lost interest in the project partly because the account provided by the former White House volunteer on television was "a different story" than the one he heard from her lawyer.

Willey emerged from the shadows to describe a 1993 encounter with President Clinton following her testimony to a federal

'The Kathleen Willey presented on (CBS') '60 Minutes' was a different person with a different story than the portrait that had been painted for me in the last couple of months," said Michael Viner, head of New Millennium Entertainment in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Viner told ABC's "Good Morning America" that Mrs. Willey's lawyer had approached him earlier, seeking \$300,000 for a book that presented her as "a fan, a friend who cared about President Clinton." Viner said he had his doubts about the book idea even before her "60 Minutes" appearance.

Viner did not say that the lawyer, Daniel Gecker, had offered a different version of

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THE HEREFORD BRAND Local Roundup

American Legion dinner canceled

The American Legion 79th birthday dinner and zone meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday has been canceled due to the possibility of inclement weather conditions.

ENMU tuition break

PORTALES - Eastern New Mexico University will offer New Mexico in-state tuition in the fall to Texans living within 135 miles of Portales. Cities on the outer edge of the 135-mile arc include Masterson, Conway, Silverton, Claude, Crosybton, Lamesa and Seminole.

The 1997-98 in-state tuition per semester for students taken between 12 and 18 credit hours was \$585, plus \$273 in student fees, for a total of \$858. Officials expect a slight increase, to be determined in May, for the 1998-99 school year.

Easterm New Mexico was one of only three national recipients of the 1997-98 Pew Leadership Award for the Renewal of Undergraduate Education. Frank Doyle, Pew jury chairman, described ENMU as "deserving special emulation by the rest of higher education."

For more information, prospective students may call (800) 367-3668. ENMU is on the Internet at http://www.enmu.edu.

Winter storm watch

A winter storm watch is in effect tonight and Thursday. Tonight, evening showers and thunderstorms, turning breezy with rain changing to snow. Snow accumulations of 1 to 3 inches possible, low in the lower 30s.

Thursday, windy and cold with a 30 percent chance of mainly morning snow, an additional 1 to 3 inches of snow possible, high around 40. Thursday night, mostly cloudy and cold, low 25 to 30.

3-DAY FORECAST

Friday through Sunday, dry with a warming trend. Friday,

Saturday, low around 30, high in the upper 50s. Sunday, low around 30, high around 60.

TUESDAY RECAP

High, 57; low, 37; no precipitation.

HEREFORD BRAND Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency Mile Avenue. 1998 include the following

POLICE DEPARTMENT Arrests

-- A dog attacked and bit a 62-yearold woman in the 200 block of Douglas

-A burglary of a residence was reported in the 100 block of DEAF SMITH COUNTY SHERIFFGrand Prairie, Texas man has Northwest Dr. There are no suspects,

no missing items. Theft of a Minolta camera from an unlocked vehicle was reported in

the 100 block of Nueces -A 16-year-old girl was reported as a runaway. She was later located

and returned to her parents. -A fight was reported in the 500 block of North Avenue K. Suspects fled the scene, but were located. No charges were filed, no serious injuries

were reported - Theft of beer was reported from a store in the 300 block of North 25

Theft of gasoline was reported banking baron of defrauding a bank depositing more than \$435,000 of from a store on South Main. of more than \$190,000 and evading

-- Kids reported as throwing mud \$1.7 million in payments to the balls at passing motorists. Juveniles, Internal Revenue Service. ranging in ages from 8-12 years of age, were found and the spoken to evasion and false statements against about the incident.

Arrests

-- A 22-year-old man was arrested

on a bench warrant. -- A 57-year-old man was arrested Brueggemeyer's indictment is the for driving with a suspended license. subject of an IRS claim for about -- Deputies took a report of \$300,000 in its bankruptcy case.

harassing phone calls. FIRE DEPARTMENT

filing led to Brueggemeyer's -- 2:35 p.m. firefighters responded indictment. to 612 Irving, Apt. 119 for a smoke scare. Department reports that a been a lot of crime involved in the malfunctioning toaster filled the filing of bankruptcy papers," said house with smoke. No injuries, no Doug Gastorf, chief of criminal

NEWS in brief

Zamora assigned to Gatesville prison to serve life term FORT WORTH (AP) - Diane Zamora, convicted recently of capital murder in a highly publicized case, will serve her life sentence at a prison

unit at Gatesville, prison officials say. Miss Zamora, 20, was scheduled for transfer today from a prison reception unit near Gatesville to the Lane Murray Unit outside town. While serving her term, she will have the option of working in the prison's cafeteria, in the prison yard or in the fields chopping weeds with a hoe detail.

International migration helping fuel Texas' growth

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Lone Star State is proving an attractive destination for people from different countries and other parts of the United States, helping drive the state's population growth this decade.

A quarter of the state's population growth between 1990 and 1997 resulted from international migration, according to figures issued Tuesday by the U.S. Census Bureau. Texas gained 2.4 million residents between 1990 and 1997, nearly 600,000 of them coming from outside the United States,

Nearly 11 percent of the 5,626,775 people who migrated to the United States during the seven-year period chose to settle in Texas.

The foreign migration outpaced the state's gains from other states, with 461,428 people choosing to relocate to Texas from elsewhere within the United States over the same seven-year period

Firm to help launch museum dedicated to women

AN ANTONIO (AP) - Telephone giant SBC Communications Inc. is donating \$10 million to help launch what sponsors are calling the first national museum dedicated to the achievements of women

An announcement of the donation was set for today in Washington, with first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton expected to attend, the San Antonio Express-News reported.

The \$25 million project, named Women's Museum: An Institute for the Future, is to open in October 2000 in a restored and renovated 88-year-old building in Dallas' Fair Park

The \$10 million donation presented through the SBC Foundation, SBC's philanthropic arm, is the single largest donation ever made by the San

Antonio-based company, the newspaper said "It is a literal dream come true," said Cathy Bonner, president of the Austin-hased Foundation for Women's Resources, which is leading the

Mini boom may lead to lay-offs, bust

cheap gasoline Texas motorists are enjoying has the Texas oil industry nervous, but no one is ready to panic, oil industry officials say.

Although the 1986 oil bust is still fresh in their minds, West Texas oil industry people are hopeful it's just a speed-bump on the road to better prices and not something that will again derail the economy.

"Three months ago, things were as good as they could get," Kirk Edwards, president of Odessa Exploration, said Tuesday. "Nobody knows which way this thing will go or how long it will last.'

The price of the benchmark West Texas Intermediate crude oil stood at

Not at all camera shy

The 31 counts of bank fraud, tax

Robert Brueggemeyer follow

bankruptcies of several companies the

operated over the past two decades.

One company, Kitchen Contractors

But IRS and FBI agents would not

"We have found that there has

investigations for the Dallas IRS

bankruptcy filings have been done in

an effort to avoid prosecution," he

said, adding that his agents are

increasing their attention to bankrupt-

telephone call today from The

Associated Press. Brueggemeyer, 57,

has an unlisted telephone number and

Brueggemeyer, who once served

could not be reached.

Michael Gibson, Brueggemeyer's Dallas attorney, did not return a

cy cases.

"Sometimes, it appears that

These two cute little guys took some time out from their busy

play in the sun time to pose for the camera. They already seemed

to realize that once a camera comes out, they'll get some additional

attention if they pose and look cute. And cute they really are.

Indicted beef baron

DALLAS (AP) - A federal as chairman of Alvarado State Bank

State in 1989.

worthless checks into Kitchen

Contractors' account at Alvarado

Jacks, the prosecutor assigned to the

case, said the actual loss to the bank

was approximately \$192,000 after

other checks written on valid

the IRS when he filed his individual

income tax return for 1991. And he

is charged with evading payment of

\$1.2 million in taxes withheld from

for Kitchen Contractors, which before

its bankruptcy was a Grand Prairie--

Brueggemeyer also has operated dozens of meat distribution, cabinet

A libel lawsuit filed by Bruegge-

manufacturing and other companies

meyer against the ABC television

network over a 1983 report titled

'Bum Steer' was dismissed in 1988

by U.S. District Judge Sidney

tions that his bulk meat stores

employed deceptive sales techniques

to reap millions of dollars from

Brueggemeyer had argued that ABC had unfairly reported accusa-

based cabinet manufacturer.

in the last 20 years.

Many of those employees worked

Brueggemeyer is also accused of

accounts reduced the shortfall.

Assistant U.S. Attorney James T.

indictment accuses a former beef and in Johnson County, is accused of

Inc., mentioned in several counts of hiding approximately \$500,000 from

say Tuesday whether the bankruptcy employees' paychecks.

faces 31 counts

ODESSA, Texas (AP) - That drop from Monday, and the lowest

The low prices are being blamed on overproduction in countries like Venezuela and Saudi Arabia, which is selling off its oil to service its national debt. Overproduction, combined with an unstable Asian market and a mild winter, triggered the decline back in September.

Some crews in the service sector will likely be trimmed if the prices continue to drop, Edwards said. But \$13.23 a barrel Tuesday, a five-cent so far there are no reports of massive

price in almost a decade. On Monday the price tumbled 78 cents, about 5.5

Overall, oil prices have plummeted more than 40 percent since early last fall, when they were in the \$23 range.

layoffs, he noted.

The natural gas industry is still thriving with prices 30 percent higher than at this time a year ago.

This means that companies with expanded portfolios can weather a "mini bust," Edwards said.

"It's a blip right now," Edwards said of the decline in oil prices. "But

a blip that goes on for six months gets to be more of an event."

It's too early to predict the storm term effects, said Mark Tompkins, regional manager for Phillips Petroleum

'It's going to cause everyone to really stand back and look at their plans," said Tompkins. "There will probably be a slowdown." The prognosis is better now, says

economist Ray Perryman, who predicted the bust in the 1980s. "I think (prices will) be this way for a year or so," Perryman said. "I

see nothing approaching the situation (in the early 1980s)." Summer tourism, stable world

politics and a solid economy will nudge oil prices back up late this year, Perryman predicted. The Organization of Petroleum

Exporting Countries is expected to

meet in the next month, but Perryman is doubtful it will take action to boost prices, and he disputes the notion that import tariffs on oil from the Middle East would help stabilize domestic oil

"Personally, I'm not in favor of doing anything that would artificially tamper with the market," Perryman told the Odessa American.

Local oilmen feel powerless because the factors driving the drop in price is beyond their control.

There's not a thing we can do out here that will have an effect on oil prices," said Steve McCoy, manager of contracts and marketing at Patterson Drilling. "We're the whipping boy."

The full effect of the low prices will be felt in about two months, McCoy said.

But his company has already begun decreasing production, he said, noting that the company now has about 45 rigs operating at full capacity, compared with 69 rigs last

"It's frustrating when a bottle of Evian water or a quart of milk costs more than a gallon of gasoline,"-McCoy said.

Dow Chemical sues UP for \$2 5 million

Pacific Railroad's crippled freight network has landed the company in trouble with one of its biggest Dow Chemical Co., one of several

companies complaining of a rapid decline in on-time rail deliveries since last year, has sued the railroad, alleging \$25 million in damages.

The lawsuit was filed Tuesday in Angleton state court.

Midland, Mich.-based Dow also claims the railroad breached its contract by failing to provide reasonable service.

The service disruptions have affected numerous of our product lines with our key industry segments," said Anne Ainsworth, Dow continuing to mount." takes to stop this."

She said some of the company's Penning's division of the union

have been forced to close down for days at a time because of service delays. The lawsuit alleges that "UP

refused to acknowledge the nature and extent of its service problems." "UP repeatedly represented that

the rail crisis would soon be over," the lawsuit says, adding that, "Only after months of deception has UP finally conceded that it does not know when the rail crisis will end." John Bromley of Omaha, Neb., a

spokesman for the railroad unit of Dallas-based Union Pacific Corp., said late Tuesday he had not seen the lawsuit and could not comment. It's the second lawsuit alleging

Union Pacific service delays. Entergy Corp. filed a similar lawsuit several months ago.

The railroad was also criticized

ANGLETON, Texas (AP) - Union Tuesday by the general chairman of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, who accused the company of unsafe practices and threatened to call a strike.

Dennis Penning, who represents 1.100 Union Pacific engineers, accused the railroad of rushing its implementation of directional running scheduling trains in only one direction on specific tracks - last month by forcing engineers to operate over unfamiliar lines.

"We're an accident looking for a place to happen. They're violating

our safety rights out in the field like you wouldn't believe to relieve their congestion," Penning told the Houston Chronicle from his St. Louis spokeswoman. "Our losses are office. "I'm going to do whatever it takes to stop this.'

115 manufacturing plants worldwide group unanimously has agreed to strike, but international leaders last week voted against calling such an

Bromley told the newspaper the company is implementing its program of directional running and is operating in a safe manner. He said engineers must complete a program to familiarize themselves with the tracks before they are allowed to operate the train alone.

The lawsuit and other accusations came the day before the National Transportation Safety Board begins a three-day meeting to discuss Union Pacific's safety record.

Last month, shippers from around the nation met in Houston to discuss rail service delays. Attorneys instructed them on how they could recoup their transportation losses, estimated to be \$2 billion nationally.

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ompanies pocket excess funds "These consumer gorups are Johns said. "If the so-called

than they are sharing with drivers because insurers have made profits, ability to file lawsuits, according to a coalition of consumer organiza-Lawmakers in 1995 ordered

insurance companies to share with drivers any savings resulting from so-called tort reform measures, which have reduced the number of lawsuits filed in Texas. Since 1996, Insurance Commis-

sioner Elton Bomer has ordered insurance companies to reduce rates Economic Justice. "The rates being by \$1.5 billion to account for such charged by insurance companies in

Consumers Union, the Center for should immediately lower their rates Economic Justice and Texas Citizen and return two years of excess Action - say on top of the \$1.5 billion premiums to Texans." cut, insurance companies have pocketed another \$2 billion because of fewer lawsuits.

In 1997, the coalition said Tuesday, insurance companies kept have lowered rates. \$1.2 billion from the lawsuit limits.

Bomer said rates are falling and to make a profit.

insurers continue to save more money saying tort reform has failed just after 1995 laws curbing people's Bomer said. "That is wrong and illogical. Tort reform has worked." Insurance industry officials

disputed the report.

'Although the Texas Legislature intended that insurers pass along savings from the so-called tort reform laws of 1995, insurers have kept the money," said D.J. Powers, a former Insurance Department official who now works for the Center for

Texas are excessive, unjustified and But three consumer groups - abusive. Insurers operating in Texas

> Jerry Johns, president of Southwestern Insurance Information Service, said insurance companies

This is just another attempt to create an atmosphere of misinformathat insurance companies are entitled tion and to excite consumers when there is no reason for excitement,"

consumer groups know so much about operating an insurance company, we would suggest they form an insurance company and write policies at the rates that they suggest."

Dean Brand, a spokesman for State Farm, said his company has cut rates and is giving back money to its policyholders because of fewer claims and lawsuits.

Brand could not immediately say how much of each dollar in premiums goes to pay claims. The coalition of consumer groups said the 1997 rate was nearly 56 cents per dollar, 17 cents lower than the 73 cents per dollar Bomer has deemed reasonable. Brand said the consumers groups

might have used the wrong factors to determine the claims paid, premiums o.g. Nieman paid ratio.

"We have no idea where these figures are coming from," he said. "Did they take into account all of the dividends we've given? Did they take into account that we have reduced our rates three times in the last year?"

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-1-4

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery: 7-15-17-28-38

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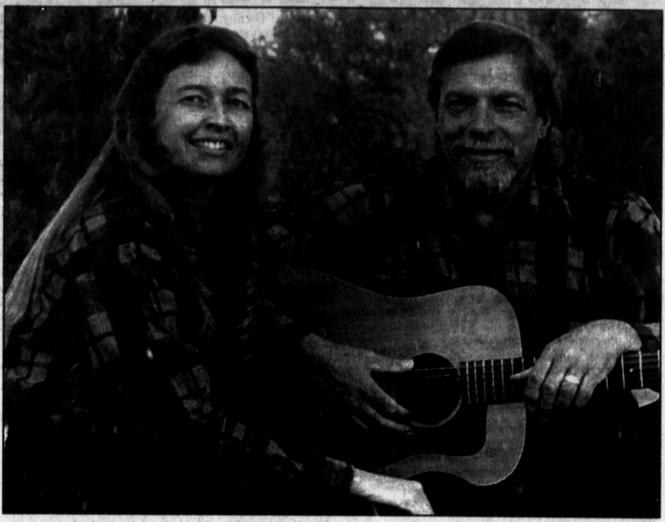
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Lifestyles

Stock company cast members



For Bob Burns, above right, member of the cast of The NEW Musical Grays' Stock Company, the performance of "Salute to 80 Years of Vaudeville" will be a homecoming. Burns, a son and grandson of the "Original" Musical Grays, is also the and son of George E. Burns Sr., proprietor of G.E. Burns Fancy Groceries and Confectioneries, pictured below, which operated in Hereford at the turn of the century. Burns, who plays guitar, 5-string banjo, kazoo, trumpet and sings lead and harmony vocals, will be joined in the comedy/variety show by his wife Melody. Showtime will be 7:30 p.m. March 28 at Hereford High School auditorium. Tickets are \$7.50 and \$5 and are available from any member of the Chamber of Commerce board of directors, Hereford Hustler, or by calling the chamber office at 364-3333.



Senior Citizens

MENUS

THURSDAY-Beef stew with potatoes, carrots, onions, celery and tomatoes, cheese sticks, fried okra, coleslaw, cornbread, apricots, oatmeal cookies; or chicken stew, diabetic cookie.

FRIDAY-Fried pollock with lemon wedges, au gratin potatoes, buttered zucchini squash, cabbage/fruit slaw, combread, bread pudding with lemon sauce; or salisbury steak, pears.

MONDAY-Pepper steak, seasoned noodles, Harvard beets, fruit salad, French bread, vanilla pudding; or chicken and noodles, D'zerta

pudding

TUESDAY-Chicken fillet, creamed potatoes with peas, French green beans, cranberry/orange relish, roll, cherry cobbler; or sliced ham,

cottage cheese, peaches. S. WEDNESDAY-Italian spaghetti p.m. with meat sauce, buttered normandy vegetables, frosted line-walnut salad, garlic bread, vanilla pudding; or chicken a la king, D'zerta salad, D'zerta pudding.

ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., oil painting 9-11 a.m., HHH wellness

with weigh-in 10 a,m,-12 noon, Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

FRIDAY-Pool classes, line dance 10-11 a.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5

SATURDAY-Games 12 noon-4 MONDAY-Pool classes, line

dance 10-11 a.m., doll class 1-4 p.m. TUESDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., decorative tole painting 1-3 p.m., Beltone 10 a.m.-12 noon, Choir practice 1 p.m., Golden K Kiwanis 12 noon.

WEDNESDAY-Pool classes, ceramics 12 noon-4 p.m.

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Stone to give presentation for support group meeting

In affiliation with the Alzheimer's facilitator, Nathan L. Stone, Ph.D., Association, Panhandle Chapter, the regarding depression in persons with Hereford support group for family caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, will meet from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Thursday at Fellowship of Believers Church, 245 North Kingwood at Moreman.

A support group is a gathering of people with common problems, needs and interests to share their feelings, thoughts, questions and experience in a combined effort to better cope presented by persons with Alzheimer; s disease and related dementias.

The focus of this month's meeting

*a brief presentation by group Hospice of Temple.

dementia as well as depression in caregivers. One report indicated that clinical depression is prevalent in 20 percent of persons with Alzheimer's disease, but also in up to 50 percent of Alzheimer caregivers and 15 percent of adults over age 65. And, according to the National Institute of Mental Health, most people affected never get help.

*an opportunity to dialogue with one another regarding any current with and survive the challenge situations being faced by the

> Stone is a pastoral counselor and former senior chaplain with Family

A total of 190 volunteer hours was

Bradley reported on the Council

meeting then reminded members of

upcoming dates to remember: March

21, refreshments for the square dance;

March 26, District meeting in

Dalhart; and April 23, Tasting Bee.

in Thweatt's home with Higgins as

Mattie Lewis was welcomed as a

The next meeting will be April 8

'Living will' is subject of program for Bippus Club

visitor.

hostess.

The Bippus Family Community Education Club held its March meeting in the home of Sue Thweatt with Mariellen Homfeld as hostess. Members participated in a potluck luncheon.

Kate Bradley presented the program on "I Have the Right to Decide," stressing that each one

should have a "Living Will."
President Alta Mae Higgins presided over the business meeting. Members answered roll call with "What would be your most difficult medical decision?"

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to register in order for the mobile mammography clinic to come to area

This clinic is available only to women who need financial assistance. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance.

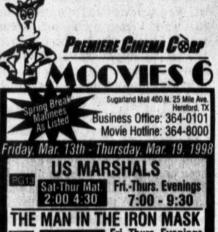
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Hospital **Notes**

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Dear Ann Landers: My husband 24-year-old son, a fine young man to PFLAG (Parents, Families and who always did well in school and is Friends of Lesbians and Gays). The now successful in the business world, has dropped a bombshell on us. Last week, "Calvin" told us that he is a (www.pflag.org). homosexual.

Calvin has dated a few lovely young women from time to time but never had any long-term relationships. He seemed to prefer the company of his male "pals." They all appeared to be decent and respectable, and we never thought a thing about it. Calvin took a roommate two years ago, and they recently decided to buy a condo. They both act perfectly normal, not effeminate or anything like that.

Can you tell us what made our son take this unexpected turn in the road? There are no homosexuals in my family or my husband's that we know of. We are devastated at the thought that he will never marry and have a family like his two brothers. Please tell us what you can about this shattering blow. We need your help in getting through this. -- Accepting But Sad in a Southern State

Dear Accepting: It's good to know that you're accepting, but your son did not take a sudden "turn in the road." His sexual orientation has been present from the beginning. In other words, he didn't GET that way. He was BORN that way.

You need to learn more about your

son's sexual orientation in order to and I are beside ourselves. Our deal with it intelligently. Please write address is: 1101 14th St. N.W., Suite 1030, Washington, D.C. 20005

> Dear Ann Landers: I would like to comment on the letter from "A Desperate Woman," whose husband's ex-wife was demanding that their daughter, "Mandy," age 11, report everything that goes on in the house. Your response -- "It is obvious that his daughter is trying to divide and conquer" -- was off the

It is clear that this poor child is being used by her biological mother to spy on her father's household, and the girl probably can't say no without feeling that she is betraying her mother. "Desperate" should insist that her husband tell his ex-wife to stop using Mandy as a spy because she is suffering irreparable harm by being made to choose sides. She has probably been told that her father and stepmother are "no good."

The natural mother is the problem, Ann, not Mandy. As the child of divorced parents, I know what I'm talking about. If my stepmother had turned on me the way you suggested Desperate should, I think my already fragile world would have collapsed. Please reconsider your advice. --A.W. in Durham, N.C.

Dear A.W.: A zillion readers have CREATORS SYNDICATE, INC.

asked me to "reconsider" my advice. Consider it reconsidered. I'm taking 40 lashes with a wet noodle. Mandy's father should tell his ex-wife to knock

Dear Ann Landers: A close friend of mine introduced my widowed sister to a man she thought would be a perfect fit. I have learned through another source that this gentleman, who is a widower, had an affair while his wife was ill with breast cancer four years ago. The person who told me this insists that the affair does not reflect on his character.

Was my friend obligated to inform me of this, or does one affair not a villain make? -- Puzzled in Kooka-

Dear Kook: In my opinion, it was an act of friendship to put the two unmarrieds together. That person who carried the tale makes me wonder what motivated him or her to pass on that information.

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March: National Nutrition Month

Proper management strategies are key to weight loss success

By CHARLOTTE CLARK MS RD/LD

One in every three Americans is ighting the weight loss battle. lipping the energy balance scale in favor of using more calories than you consume is the bottom line for losing weight.

Sounds easy! Then why are so many people losing the weight loss battle instead of the weight?

Whether you have tried to lose weight on your own or with the help of an organized program, the focus is too often on severely restrictive diets and unrealistic goals. Not being able to reach these goals can set you up for an endless cycle of failure and discouragement. Also, extremely limited food choices may trigger binge eating, which can undermine your efforts.

Increase your chances for success by focusing on managing your weight. Weight management involves adopting a lifestyle that includes a healthful eating plan and regular physical activity.

The key to managing weight throughout life is a positive attitude and the right kind of motivation. Internal motivators such as health, increased energy, self-esteem, and personal control increase your

chances for lifelong weight management success

Your physician can determine the appropriate type of weight management plan for you. A registered dietitian can tailor a plan to meet your individual needs and show you how to follow these strategies for longterm success.

Strategy 1: Make health, not appearance, your weight management priority. A realistic goal is to achieve a healthy weight, not necessarily the lowest weight you can reach or an ideal" weight from a chart.

Strategy 2: Focus on healthy active, build up the time gradually.

eating style, not on "dieting." Dieting usually lasts for only the short term and rarely produces long-term

Strategy 3: Eating for good health and eating to control weight are virtually the same. Choosing a healthful eating plan that includes a variety of food choices from the Food Guide Pyramid can accomplish both

objectives. All foods can fit into a nutritious, reduced-calorie eating plan, rich in foods with complex carbohydrates and fiber, like whole grains, fruits, and vegetables, and low in fat.

You can feel full and satisfied with the suggested number of servings from each food group: six to 11 servings of bread, cereal, rice or pasta; two to three servings of fruits; three to five servings of vegetables; two to three servings of milk, yogurt, or cheese; and five to seven ounces of lean meat, poultry, fish or meat alternatives such as dried beans, eggs, peanut butter, or nuts.

The number of servings you need depends on your age, gender, activity level, and weight loss goals. Usually for weight management you should choose serving amounts from the lower end of the range for each food

Strategy 4: People who keep physically active are more successful at losing and keeping off extra

A physically active lifestyle offers many rewards in addition to weight management, such as heart health, strong bones and stress relief.

For weight management, experts recommend a combined total of 30 minutes of moderate activity on most days. Smaller amounts are okay, but try to accumulate at least 30 minutes

If you haven't been physically

Focus on increasing daily physical activity, rather than setting unrealistic "exercise" goals.

Pick an activity that you enjoy and are likely to continue, such as a brisk walk in the morning or a swim after work. Before beginning any exercise program, however, be sure to consult your physician.

Strategy 5: Prescription medication may be part of a weight management program for obese patients that also includes nutrition counseling and a regular physical

Prescription medications for weight loss generally reduce appetite, making it easier to control food intake. Talk with your physician to learn about possible side effects and determine if prescription medications are safe and should be part of your weight management program.

PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER To make sure your weight management plan is safe and effective, ask yourself a few questions before you begin.

DOES YOUR PLAN

*include a variety of foods from all five major groups in the Food Guide Pyramid?

*include appealing foods you will enjoy eating for the rest of your life, not just a few weeks or months?

*include foods available at the supermarket where you usually shop? *allow you to eat your favorite foods in moderation?

*recommend changes in your lifestyle and budget?

*include at least the minimum number of servings from the Food Guide Pyramid?

*include regular physical activity? If you can answer yes to all these questions, chances are your weight-loss program will allow you to achieve longterm success.

Today in History

By The Associated Press Today is Wednesday, March 18, the 77th day of 1998. There are 288

Today's Highlight in History: On March 18, 1837, the 22nd and 24th president of the United States, Grover Cleveland, was born in Caldwell, N.J.

days left in the year.

On this date: In 1766, Britain repealed the

In 1909, Einar Dessau of Denmark used a shortwave transmitter to converse with a government radio post about six miles away in what's. believed to have been the first

broadcast by a "ham" operator. released after serving two years.

In 1931, Schick Inc. marketed the first electric razor.

mostly children, were killed in a gas explosion at a school in New London, Texas

In 1940, Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini held a meeting at the Brenner Pass during which the Italian

dictator agreed to join in Germany's war against France and Britain.

In 1959, President Eisenhower signed the Hawaii statehood bill. In 1962, France and Algerian

rebels agreed to a truce. In 1965, the first spacewalk took place as Soviet cosmonaut Aleksei Leonov left his Voskhod II capsule and remained outside the spacecraft

for 20 minutes, secured by a tether. In 1974, most of the Arab oil-producing nations ended their

embargo against the United States. Ten years ago: The government of Panama, controlled by Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, declared a "state gold medal speed skater Bonnie Blair of urgency" in a move apparently In 1922, Mohandas K. Gandhi was aimed at forcing the reopening of sentenced in India to six years in banks and other businesses that prison for civil disobedience. He was closed during Panama's economic and political crisis.

Five years ago: On Capitol Hill, In 1937, more than 400 people, Clinton's deficit-reduction blueprint musician Stuart Zender (Jamiroquai)

on a virtual party-line 243-183 vote. One year ago: Bulldozers began clearing away rocks and earth for a Jewish housing project in disputed east Jerusalem, triggering Palestinian protests. Labor Secretary-designate (1907-1989).

Alexis Herman got a generally favorable reception from Democrats and Republicans alike at her Senate confirmation hearing.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Peter Graves is 72. Author George Plimpton is 71. Composer John Kander is 71. Author John Updike is 66. Former South African president F.W. de Klerk is 62. Country singer Charley Pride is 60. Singer Wilson Pickett is 57. Actor Kevin Dobson is 55. Actor Brad Dourif is 48. Singer Irene Cara is 39. Singer James McMurtry is 36. Singer-actress Vanessa Williams is 35. Olympic is 34. Country musician Scott Saunders (Sons of the Desert) is 34. Rock musician Jerry Cantrell (Alice in Chains) is 32. Rock singer-musician Miki Berenyi (Lush) is 31. Rapper-actress Queen Latifah the House approved President ("Living Single") is 28. Rock

> Thought for Today: "I take a simple view of living. It is keep your eyes open and get on with it." -Laurence Olivier, British actor

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Hints from Heloise

ice cream cones filled with cake mix ties! batter. I would appreciate any help.

- Frances Alexander, Clayton, Ind. This is really easy to do! No need to worry about a cake recipe, you can use your favorite boxed cake mix.

Fill each ice cream cone (flat-bottomed) about 2/3 full of cake batter and bake following the directions on the package for cupcakes. Use a muffin tin to hold the ice cream cones and an ice cream scoop or soup ladle to put the cake mix in each one.

Frost as you usually do and decorate. A nice touch is to add gumdrops or sprinkles. These cupcake cones are a great alternative to a regular

Dear Heloise: I lost my recipe for cake, especially for children's par-

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KEEPING IT CLEAN Dear Heloise: I love to cook. Because some of the things that I make wet towel next to where I cook. Whenever my hands get sticky I can just wipe them off.

Also, to speed up the cleaning protain item I put it right back. This Highland Park, N.J.

HE ROAD

saves a lot of time. - Kristin Shapiro, Dallas, Texas

BREAKING PASTA

Dear Heloise: I enjoy your column immensely! My hint involves not making a mess when attempting to add long pasta such as linguini or

fettuccine to a pot of boiling water. It seems that after I broke the pasta in half, lots of it would fall all are very sticky and messy, I put a over the floor. To prevent this, I now break the pasta in half in the same large bowl that I use to serve it in. Then, I just hold the bowl over the boiling water and slide the pasta in. cess, after I'm finished with a cer- It works great! - Teresa Orbach,

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Chicago 90, Indiana 84
Dallas 99, Boston 93
Houston 96, Milwaukee 91
Phoenix 107, Sacramento 80
Wednesday's Games
Vancouver at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Utah at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

NHL

Tuesday's Games Chicago 5, Buffalo 3 Vancouver 4, Florida 2 Detroit 4, Edmonton 3 Wednesday's Games Edmonton at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m. Carolina at Washington, 6 p.m. N.Y. Islanders at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m. Montreal at N.Y. Rangers, 6:30 p.m. Anaheim at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m. Vancouver at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m. Detroit at Toronto, 6:30 p.m. Dallas at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

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Houston 5, St. Louis 2
New York Mets 1, Montreal 0
New York Yankees 3, Toronto 0
Philadelphia 8, Atlanta (ss) 3
Chicago White Sox 13, San Diego (ss)

Milwaukee 10, Anaheim 7 Oakland (ss) 7, Chicago Cubs 3 San Diego (ss) 15, Oakland (ss) 11 Colorado 5, San Francisco 2 Cincinnati 6, Detroit 5

IN BRIEF

Nicklaus exemption

NEW YORK (AP) -- Jack Nicklaus decided to push one of the most remarkable streaks in sports a little farther by accepting on Tuesday a special exemption to play in the U.S. Open.

On Monday, the USGA extended invitations to Nicklaus to play in the next three Opens. Nicklaus has played in all four major professional championships each year since 1962 -- a total of

"I am very flattered that the USGA thinks I can make a contribution to the Open through the year 2000," Nicklaus said Tuesday. "So I called Trey Holland (vice president) of the USGA and accepted their invitation to participate. I'm very much looking forward to playing the Open this year at the Olympic

Nicklaus did not say if he would also play in the 1999 U.S. Open at Pinehurst or in 2000 at Pebble Beach. Also left hanging was whether he would play in the British Open and the PGA Championship this year.

Axtell suspended AUSTIN (AP) -- All-Big 12

freshman team selection Luke Axtell, who led Texas in 3-point shooting and was second in scoring this season, has been suspended from the team for academic reasons.

A school press release late Tuesday said the suspension was indefinite.

"Luke has refused to go to study hall or meet with tutors, and his performance has been indicative of that," coach Tom Penders said in the statement.

"Our players know they have to take care of the academic side of things before they take care of basketball.

Axtell, a 6-foot-9 guard, averaged 13.3 points and was 68-of-173 (39 percent) on 3-point attempts as a freshamn.

He played in 28 of the Longhorns' 31 games, averaging 28.7 minutes, and had 25 starts.

Astrodome costs

HOUSTON (AP) -- A proposed \$360 million renovation program at the Astrodomain complex is being considered by Harris County officials.

Officials said Monday the proposal includes razing the Astrohall and AstroArena and replacing them with new exhibition halls.

The preliminary master plan devised by local architect Hermes Reed puts those two facilities immediately east of the Astro-

The county owned complex must be updated to make it competitive with other U.S. convention and trade show facilities, County Judge Robert Eckels said Monday.

While there has been discussion about demolishing the Astrodome, Eckels said the world's first domed stadium still has

Brown continues to recover from injury

By KELLY L. ANDERSON **Associated Press Writer**

DETROIT -- Once Reggie Brown found out how serious his neck injury was, he was no longer worried about his NFL career ending in just his second year.

happy he could walk and lead a normal life.

The former Lions' linebacker was back in Detroit for a medical checkup, and spent some time talking about the spinal cord injury that ended his career and almost killed

"I'm just trying to enjoy life," he said.

At 23, he has a full life ahead of him, although it almost certainly doesn't include football. His first step: getting his college degree.

Brown's playing career was cut He was, he said Tuesday, just short when he was injured during Dec. 21 in the regular-season finale against the New York Jets. Tests showed he suffered a bruise to two bones in his cervical spinal cord.

> Doctors removed a small hipbone and used it, along with two titanium screws, to fuse and hold the bones at the top of Brown's cervical spine.

It worked.

Hours before his news conference Tuesday, doctors removed the metal mobilization halo brace Brown has worn for almost three months. It was replaced by a neck brace that would allow more movement.

Dr. Ross Nockels, director of the Neurosurgery Spine and Trauma Program at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, said only two of 100 patients recuperate so quickly from such trauma.

"It's really quite amazing," Nockels said of Brown's speedy progress. "The treatment we gave

Reggie, we didn't even know worked six months ago. The truth is, Reggie benefited from resources that took a

decade and a half to produce." Nockels said Brown would

'continue to improve over time." Brown said he has been able to cope with the loss of his playing career because of close friends, prayer and the realization of how serious his injury was. He said once he realized the seriousness of his injury, he was grateful to have his

"I just wanted to be able to walk again," he said.

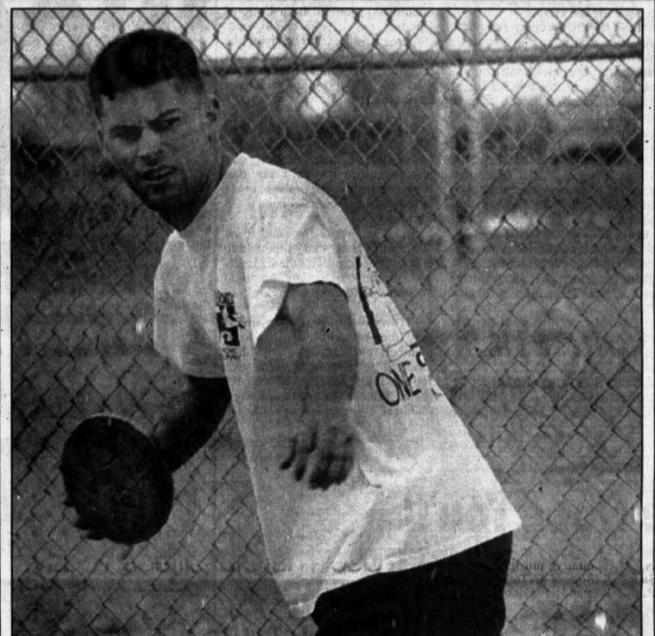
Brown has been able to walk, and do most things he could before the

His plans include pursuing a degree in economics at Texas A&M. where he will begin classes in the

While in Detroit, Brown will visit with his teammates.

"Its as good a feeling as it could possibly be. I don't know that there could be anything better right now," said Lions coach Bobby Ross, who was at Tuesday's news conference.

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Going thataway

Hereford's Matt Cosby practices throwing the discus Tuesday afternoon. The Hereford boys and girls track team will travel to Odessa Friday and Saturday to take part in the OC Relays. Both teams placed fourth in their most recent meet -- the Bulldog Relays in Plainview March 13-14.

Mavs pinch Celts, 99-93

DALLAS (AP) -- The Dallas Mavericks are thinking wins, not lottery picks.

While fans in North Texas think the Mavericks should keep losing in order to improve their position in the draft lottery, the players aren't listening.

Michael Finley scored four of his 16 points over the final 50 seconds and rookie Chris Anstey had a career-high 26 points as the Mavericks extended the Boston Celtics' losing streak to five games with a 99-93 St. Patrick's Day defeat.

"Nobody wants to hear somebody say that you should lose," said Anstey. "Every player wants to win every game they can. Losing's been difficult for us this season, but hopefully we can begin winning now and then carry it over to next season.'

With the Mavericks far out of playoff contention, coach Don Nelson has recently given extensive minutes to his young players. The franchise loward the draft, but the players still want to close the season on a positive

"If it (a prime lottery pick) is meant to be, then it's meant to be," Finley said. "If the (lottery) card with the Mavericks logo on it pops up, then it's meant to be."

Finley's 18-foot jumper with 46.5 seconds left gave Dallas the lead for good, 95-93. Finley added single free. throws with 32.1 seconds remaining

BOSTON (93): McCarty 5-15 0-0 10, A.Walker 10-25 3-5 23, DeClercq 3-6 0-2 6, Mercer 7-15 4-5 18, Anderson 6-15 3-3 16, Bowen 0-1 1-2 1, Knight 6-7 0-0 12, Barros 3-8 0-0 7, Minor 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 40-95 11-17 93, DALLAS (99): Finley 6-15 3-5 16, Green 1-8 0-02, Anstey 11-154-6 26, Reeves 5-6 10-11 21, Strickland 3-10 0-0 7, Bradley 4-6 2-3 10, Davis 2-7 2-2 7, Wells 0-1 2-2 2, Muursepp 3-4 0-0 8. Totals 35-72 23-29 99.

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3-Point goals--Boston 2-10 (Anderson 1-3, Barros 1-3, Walker 0-1, McCarty 0-3), Dallas 6-13 (Muursepp 2-2, Reeves 1-1, Davis 1-2, Strickland 1-3, Finley 1-5). Fouled out-Bradley. Rebounds-Boston 52 (DeClercq 10), Dallas 52 (Green 9). Assists--Boston 17 (Anderson 6), Dallas 25 (Finley 11). Total louis--Boston 23, Dallas 19. Technicals--Anderson DeClerco, Bradley A. Technicals--Anderson, DeCler 12,102 (18,042).

and 14.1 seconds left before Khalid Reeves capped the win by hitting two foul shots with less than a second to play.

"It was time for me to take it up a notch, to stand up and be counted, said Finley, who added 11 assists against Boston and has 23 in his last two games.

The Mavericks, who got 21 points is devoting much of its energy to from Reeves and 10 from Shawn scouting college talent with an eye Bradley, had lost two straight and of its last 10 games.

"We're playing the way we've been practicing lately," Nelson said. 'It's starting to pay dividends."

The Celtics were led by Antoine

Walker's 23 points, Ron Mercer's 18 and Kenny Anderson's 16.

The Celtics led by as many as 17 points in the second quarter and took a 54-46 halftime lead behind Mercer's 14 points.

Rangers' Stevens having fun now

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ **AP Sports Writer**

Stevens isn't sure if he's having fun because he's hitting well or he's hitting well because he's having fun. The Texas Rangers don't really

put up another outstanding season in Stevens used to be miserable with

his job until he took a tour of baseball duty in Japan and learned to relax and longer." enjoy his chosen occupation and it paid off last season with a career

"I didn't have any fun with the game early in my career," Stevens said, "I took it as life and death. It was my job and it's still my job but I took it way too serious. I used to be happy only when everything was going just right. My slumps lasted longer."

Then, Stevens got a taste of Japanese culture while playing for the Kinitetsu Buffaloes in the Japanese Pacific league in 1994 and 1995.

'They have a different perspective, it's a whole different world," he said. "I wanted to honor and respect their culture because they have a lot of different ways of doing things. That's helped tone me down a lot."

A milder Stevens returned to the United States and played the 1996 season with the Rangers' Triple-A Oklahoma City team.

"When I came back from Japan, I tried to respect them and I carried it back here and I've been more professional and had more respect for people. I respect a lot more of what I have here after going to Japan."

Stevens hit .300 in a career high 137 games for the Rangers last season. He drove in 74 runs and hit 21 homers. He was a valuable replacement for 'designed hitter lineup against the Marlins.

"I didn't have any fun PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. -- Lee with the game early in my career, I took it as life and death. It was my job and it's still my job but I took care to solve the riddle if Stevens can it way too serious. I used to be happy only when everything was going just right. My slumps lasted

-- Lee Stevens Mickey Tettleton, first baseman Will Clark and right fielder Juan Gonzalez.

"I'm trying to pick up where I left off last year," Stevens said. "I've learned from my mistakes. I'm still an intense person but I've learned to harness it and use it to my advantage, instead of a disadvantage by being angry or whatever."

Stevens was selected by the California Angels in the first round of the 1986 June draft but he played only parts of three seasons with the Angels and hadn't been in the big leagues since 1992 until the Rangers called him up at the end of the 1996

He took advantage of his opportunities last season.

'As the season went along last year, I think I got some respect around the league," Stevens said.

Stevens also should be relaxed,

knowing he's earned a job this "There's a difference for him this year," manager Johnny Oates said. "Last year, he was fighting for a roster spot. Now he's passed that baton to someone else. Barring injury,

he's in the opening day starting

Drexler next Coog coach?

HOUSTON (AP) -- Clyde Drexler, who starred on Houston's Final Four teams of the 1980s, will retire from the NBA after this season to coach his alma mater, sources told The Associated Press Tucsday night.

The Houston Rockets' guard, a likely future Hall of Famer, will receive a four-year contract worth \$1.2 million. Also, Reid Gettys, David Rose and George Walker will become assistant coaches. All are former Houston players.

Drexler's mother, Eunice Drexler, watched her son play the first half of the Rockets game against Milwaukee.

Drexler helps Houston to win over Bucks, 96-91/ Page 6A

She declined to confirm the move but said: "I'm going to miss him out here but I'm going to support his decision."

not be identified, confirmed Drexler is the school's next coach, replacing the fired Alvin Brooks.

Sources close to the Cougars, who spoke on the condition they

Asked if she'd support her son at Hofheinz Pavilion (the Cougars' home court) she said:

'You bet I will."

Cougars spokeswoman Donna Turner said as of Tuesday evening a news conference had not been scheduled, but "When we are ready to announce something we will shout it out. We are not ready

Former Houston coach Guy V. Lewis, who led the Cougars during their glory years, declined to confirm he will act as a consultant to his former players.

"I don't know what a consultant does, but I'll do anything I can to help the program," Lewis

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Somebody's got to do it

Cal Garrett takes advantage of the warm weather Tuesday to hose down golf carts at John Pitman Municipal Golf Course. The course was open Tuesday, but carts were kept off due to the wet conditions. Garrett undertook the job of cleaning off the carts that had accumulated mud because of the melting snow.

Fresno State's basketball woes continue

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) -- Fresno State center Avondre Jones was kicked off the team Tuesday after he and a top recruit were arrested and accused of pointing handguns at a man and poking him with samurai swords.

The arrest of Jones and Kenny Brunner came hours after the Bulldogs beat Memphis in the NIT and a day after Fresno State officials slammed CBS' "60 Minutes" for focusing on the legal and drug troubles of the school's athletes. "I was devastated to hear this,"

coach Jerry Tarkanian said in a statement. "I couldn't even enjoy one night after a big victory." Besides kicking Jones off the

team, Tarkanian suspended Brunner indefinitely. Jones and Brunner were booked for investigation of assault with a

deadly weapon and grand theft. See WOES/Page 6A

furner plans rare appearance at baseball meeting

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) --Ted Turner, who has fought Rupert Murdoch and likened the practices of his rival to those of Adolf Hitler, intends to attend his first baseball meeting in years to thwart the sale of the Los Angeles Dodgers.

After a meeting of baseball's ruling executive council ended Tuesday night, a council member said Turner's decision to arrive Wednesday was the biggest news of the 4 1/2-hour council session, which began the three-day quarterly meeting.

The council member, speaking on the condition he not be identified, said the group assumed Turner, a vice chairman of Time Warner Inc., would urge owners to oppose the sale of the Dodgers from Peter O'Malley to the Fox Group, a division of Murdoch's News Corp.

Turner bought the Atlanta Braves in 1976 and is now vice chairman of Time Warner Inc., the corporation that bought Turner's company. In 1996 and 1997, Time Warner blocked Fox from putting Fox News Channel on Time Warner's cable system in

New York, which carried Time Warner's CNN. During that controversy, Turner

compared Murdoch to Hitler. "I said that, like the late Fuhrer, he controls the media for his own personal benefit," Turner recounted later, adding Murdoch is "crazed for money and power. ... I fear him and

I don't trust him.' Turner has not attended a baseball owners' meeting since March 1989, one baseball official said, letting Braves' officials cast his vote for the past nine years.

A vote on the Dodgers sale is scheduled for Thursday, and acting commissioner Bud Selig usually doesn't call for a vote unless he thinks approval is certain. The sale needs approval from three-quarters of the NL and a majority of the AL, meaning five NL teams can block the deal.

Meanwhile, Minnesota Twins owner Carl Pohlad was told he could continue to negotiate to sell his team to Don Beaver, who would move the season. Pohlad wants a new ballpark

Minnesota Legislature failed to approve financing.
"The club," Selig said, "cannot

survive there without a new stadium. ve said that 100 times."

Pohlad and Beaver gave themselves until March 31 to reach a sale agreement, but Selig said he didn't view that deadline as firm.

'Negotiations are ongoing," Pohlad said.

Also, Boston's John Harrington, franchise to North Carolina after next the primary owner involved in scheduling, said teams intend to ask

to replace the Metrodome, and the the players' association for an agreement to extend interleague play beyond 1998.

"Same number of games, same number of series," Harrington said when asked what owners intended to propose.

Under the collective bargaining agreement signed before the 1997 season, players and owners agreed to interleague play as a two-year experiment. The union isn't obligated to extend it beyond this season, and some players have talked about killing interleague play.

Lady Bears beat OSU, 54-47

WACO (AP) -- Lara Webb scored 23 points and Baylor squandered a big second-half lead Tuesday before hanging on for a 54-47 victory over Oklahoma State in a second-round Women's National Invitational Tournament game.

The Lady Bears (19-10), which nearly fell apart as Oklahoma State (20-11) scored 20 unanswered points. advances to a semifinal game Friday at home against Louisiana State.

The Cowgirls were led by Cheri Edwards' 14 points.

After stumbling early, the Bears appeared on their way to a blowout in their third meeting with their two Big 12 Conference foe

The Cowgirls held a 14-10 advantage with 11 minutes left in the first half when Webb took control for the Lady Bears, scoring 11 points during a 20-3 run that ended with Baylor holding a 30-17 halftime lead.

Baylor increased the lead to 35-19 with 17:36 left in the game.

Kacy Moffitt added 10 points for

Woes

Police said the players and Colin DeForrest were drinking at Jones' apartment when an argument broke out over a TV program.

"Jones allegedly produced two handguns and pointed them at the victim," Chief Ed Winchester said. "Jones and Brunner then picked up two large swords and began beating and poking the victim.

DeForrest, 23, initially thought the players were joking, but he quickly became concerned when they pulled out "what were described as samurai swords," Lt. Jerry Davis said.

When DeForrest tried to leave the apartment, Jones grabbed his backpack and stole \$230 in cash and a \$500 camera, Winchester said.

DeForrest left and later called police, Davis said. DeForrest, described as an acquaintance, suffered minor abrasions and scratches but didn't need medical attention.

On Monday night, Jones played in the Bulldogs' last-second 83-80 victory over Memphis. Fresno State's next game is Thursday night against Hawaii.

Brunner recently was recruited after leaving Georgetown and was that the behavior of the team eligible to play in the middle of next members and the coach gives subtle

who missed games because they were suspended, ineligible, in rehab or quit the team -- incidents that "60 Minutes" focused on Sunday night..

Only two scholarship players --Larry Abney and Demetrius Porter_ have been eligible for every game.

"Avondre was playing under strict conditions, required by a Code of Conduct panel," Tarkanian said. There is no excuse for behavior like this, and I will not tolerate a few individuals continuing to give black eyes to our program and our university."

Tarkanian felt the "60 Minutes" report Sunday night was unfair, and University President John Welty was angry because it didn't say that Fresno State has one of the nation's strictest student conduct codes.

But The Fresno Bee said in an editorial Tuesday that "it is time to stop making excuses for these players and demand that they be held accountable for their behavior."

"The worst of it all, perhaps, is sanction to poor character, poor Jones was suspended earlier this self-discipline and criminal behavior season for violating school rules. He in the minds of our community's was among eight scholarship players children," the newspaper said.

Houston burns Bucks, 96-91

HOUSTON (AP) -- Clyde Drexler wasn't distracted by his impending retirement, getting 15 points and nine assists as the Houston Rockets beat the Milwaukee Bucks 96-91 Tuesday

During the game, sources told The Associated Press that Drexler will retire after this season to coach his alma mater, the University of Houston. Drexler is a 10-time All-Star who was named one of the NBA's 50 greatest players of all-time last year.

The Rockets almost blew a 15-point fourth-quarter lead, but held on to hand the injury-plagued Bucks their seventh straight loss.

said. "I'll tell you one thing, I'm

Before the Rockets game against the Bucks, Drexler walked past reporters, smiled, and said:

The Milwaukee Bucks. It's

Last week, Drexler spoke about

"I've heard the rumors," Drexler told the Houston Chronicle. "My first job is with the Houston Rockets, and until that's over, it's really hard to comment

on anything else. Right now, I'm a player for the Houston Rockets. The only thing I can really think

Drexler, who has indicated he will retire when his contract is up at the end of the season, said he'd be interested in helping the

Prior to the Rockets' game,

'If that's what he wants to do, I wish him the best," Barkley said. "He has a chance to go back and help out his alma mater. Obviously, they haven't been winning too

Forward Matt Bullard wondered

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"If you saw him from where it

started and where he is now. I would

agree with Reggie, it's a miracle of

God. And on top of that, I think he

had some pretty darn good physicians

days after undergoing surgery in

Brown was able to walk just two

If he had been injured even a year

earlier, it's likely he would not have

been given as much of the powerful

steroid medicine -- proven to insure

a better recovery -- that he received

Central Cord Syndrome. People with

that problem typically have some

upper-body weakness or tingling in

Brown faces more therapy, which

"I was fortunate to play in the

will be conducted in Texas. On a

daily basis, he realizes he has a lot to

NFL and fortunate to play in

Brown's disability is called

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the grind of college coaching.

Charles Barkley said he backed whatever Drexler decided.

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Bullard said.

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The Rockets opened the third quarter with a 10-0 spurt to take an 81-66 lead and they still led 90-77 with 5:45 left before the Bucks rallied behind Elliot Perry, who scored six of his 20 points during the comeback.

Matt Maloney scored 19 points for Houston, including 5-for-8 from 3-point range. Armon Gilliam scored 20 points for the Bucks.

The Rockets jumped to a 22-8 lead in the first quarter, but the Bucks fought back to cut Houston's lead to 49-45 at halftime.

The Bucks played without Terrell Brandon (sprained left ankle) and Glenn Robinson (left knee).

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KIDFISH generously stocks the pond prior to fishing to increase their odds of a memorable fishing experience. Everything your child will need to catch fish (re: rod, reel, bait and tackle) will be provided to those who need it. Volunteers will be on hand to assist you and your child in catching the fish stocked for the KIDFISH event.

The event is free, although donations are accepted to support the community fishing outreach efforts of the Parks and Wildlife Foundation of Texas.

Every KIDFISH Participant is a winner! Each child will receive a KIDFISH goodie bag. Children who raise \$15 will receive a bass trophy. Children who raise \$25 or more will receive the trophy and an official KIDFISH T-shirt. Children who raise \$50 will receive the trophy, t-shirt and a Zebco 33 Rod & Reel.

Additional prizes will be awarded to the top five fund-raisers and to the child who catches the longest fish in their age group (6-under) (7-11) (12-16.

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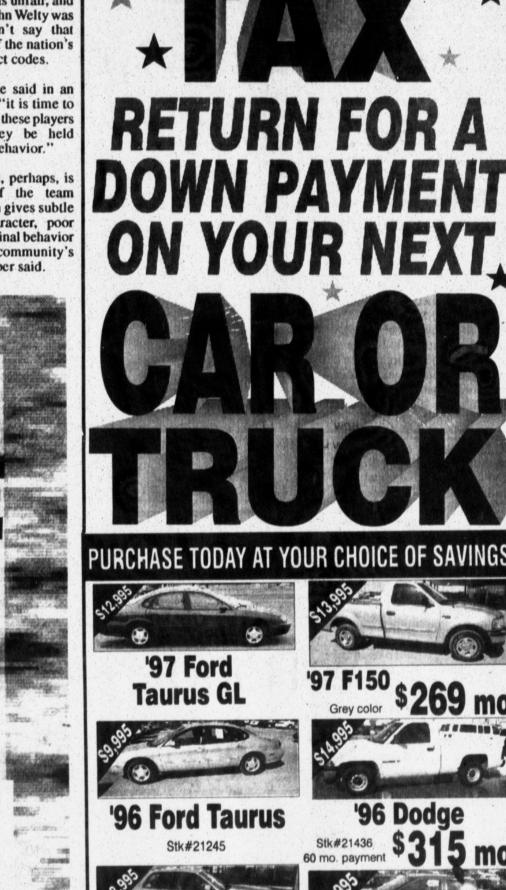
City Hall & other locations, completed and turned in at the event site. 2. All sponsorship money must be collected

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Oscar-winner Hackman seen as Stealth fighter of U.S.cinema

By MARK KENNEDY

Associated Press Writer There are actors. There are actor's actors. Then there's Gene Hackman.

Hailed as a genius by film critics and actors alike, Hackman's raw, bearish talent prompts even veteran directors to speak in hushed tones.

"I'm not saying he's the only great American actor," says director and screenwriter Robert Benton, a longtime Hackman admirer. "But there's no better American actor alive today.

Hackman remains the Stealth fighter of American cinema - a muscular powerhouse on celluloid whose skill too often goes undetected by the untrained eye.

"I try to do everything as real as I can," the 68-year-old star says through a thin smile. "I always feel like I never want to get caught acting."
Mission accomplished. Popcorn-munching audiences

are probably apt to overlook him because he makes the final product look so darn easy.

Take, for example, the story of the Tums. In a dramatic scene in his new film "Twilight," Hackman and Paul Newman portray old friends discussing life over a game of cards. After a bout of bantering, Hackman's character breaks the news that he's been diagnosed with cancer.

Few movie-goers will notice, but Hackman did the entire scene with an antacid in his mouth.

"Gene found out that if you are taking medication for cancer, you're stomach is always upset and you're always chewing on Tums," Benton, who wrote and directed "Twilight," recalls.

'So in the middle of this scene with Paul, he takes out a Tums and starts chewing on it! It's irrelevant, but that's typical Gene."

Hackman smiles at the story, his steel blue eyes hooded and wary.

"I pride myself on being able to do the small things, those behavioral things, that feel good to me and tend to work in drama," he says in his customary throaty, Midwestern growl. "It's not enough to just to show up and do the lines."

Looking relaxed in a black turtleneck and gray slacks, Hackman's silver hair is pulled back over a face built around wrinkles and jowls.

With more than 70 movies and two Academy Awards to his credit, the slightly paunchy Hackman has never been a matinee idol. He looks more like the kind of guy you'd find on the check-out line at the local hardware

The son of a journeyman pressman, Hackman is a former truck driver and soda jerk who didn't pursue acting until he was well into his 30s. At the Pasadena Playhouse in California, he and another young actor named Dustin Hoffman were voted least likely to succeed, probably because the two misfits spent most of their time imitating Marlon Brando.

Hackman's big break came in 1964, when he nailed his first Oscar nomination and the respect of Warren Beatty as the thuggish Buck in "Bonnie and Clyde." Benton co-wrote the script with Beatty.

But Hackman's most acclaimed role is the surly, rough-and-tumble narcotics cop Popeye Doyle in 1971's "The French Connection." Edgy, gritty and profane, the film was out only a few months before Clint Eastwood unveiled his Dirty Harry.

The role won Hackman his first Oscar and helped launch a new generation of leading men who didn't always do the right thing and who might not even make it through to the credits.

Willey interview boosts '60 Minutes'

NEW YORK (AP) - The venerable "60 Minutes" returned to the top of the television ratings for the first time in four years with a high-profile interview with

former White House volunteer Kathleen Willey.
The CBS show finished on top of last week's television ratings for the first time since January 1994 on the strength of Sunday's interview of Willey, who accused President Clinton of making unwanted sexual

NBC won the prime-time crown in a week where TV viewership was down with a 9.2 rating and 15 share, Nielsen Media Research said Tuesday. CBS was second with an 8.8 rating and 15 share, followed by ABC's 8.4 rating and 14 share and Fox's 7.1 rating and 12

The average audience for "60 Minutes" of 28.7 million people on Sunday easily outdrew its nearest competitor last week, a "Seinfeld" rerun. It was the

newsmagazine's second high-profile interview in as many weeks. The other was a talk with Latrell Sprewell, the NBA star suspended for choking his coach.

The premier of "Two Guys, a Girl and a Pizza Place" gave ABC some much-needed good news and Fox, which rejected the show, some heartburn. It finished 11th for the week, the highest-rated series premier this year except for "Veronica's Closet" and "Union Square" on NBC's powerhouse Thursday schedule.

By contrast, Fox's new "Significant Others" tied for 85th in its premier. Fox's freshman "Ally McBeal" was the network's highest-rated show for the week at 19th, scoring its best ratings ever.

USA Network reported that the Sunday premier of its miniseries, "Moby Dick," delivered the biggest audience ever - 10.9 million - for an original entertainment show on cable television.

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Shania Twain ready to start first world tour

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Before hitting it big, country star Shania Twain toured for years as a lounge performer in Canada. And that's where she will start her first world tour this spring, she announced Tuesday.

After seven Canadian shows starting May 29 in Sudbury, Ontario, she will make her first U.S. stop of her tour to promote the album "Come on Over" on June 10 in Spokane, Wash.

The 31-year-old native of Windsor, Ontario, defied conventional Nashville wisdom in 1995 when she didn't tour to promote her second CD, "The Woman in Me."

She relied instead on radio play, sexy videos of hits like "Any Man of Mine" and TV performances.

The gamble paid off. The album sold 10 million

Now she plans to stay on the road through 1999. She said that will lay to rest any suspicion that she is afraid to perform live.

"It's quite laughable that people would think I can't sing without help in the studio or I'm not confident as a performer," Twain said. "Anyone who thinks that doesn't know my history."

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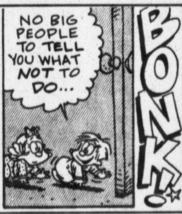


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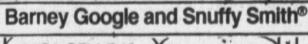


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Study: Vitamin E found to reduce risk of prostate cancer, death

of prostate cancer was reduced by a third and the death rate from the disease was 41 per cent lower among men who took vitamin E pills, according to a study of thousands of smokers in Finland.

A study published today in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute showed that vitamin E strongly blocks development of prostate cancer, a disease that kills almost 40,000 American men annually.

"There may be a pattern developing of some kind of broad cancer preventive effect from vitamin E,' said Dr. Demetrius Albanes, a National Cancer Institute researcher and co-author of the study.

The study, involving thousands of smokers in Finland, measured the anti-cancer effects of both vitamin E and beta carotene, a form of vitamin

Albanes said that although both vitamins appear to neutralize a destructive form of oxygen in cells, only vitamin E appears to give a statistically significant protection against cancer.

In fact, said Albanes, the data

WASHINGTON (AP) - The risk suggest that beta carotene users in the study were about 16 percent more likely to develop lung cancer. This result, first reported three years ago. startled many researchers, who had expected beta carotene to be proved, as a cancer preventive.

Albanes said detailed analysis of the study shows that vitamin E, in the form of alpha tocopherol, also provides some protection against colorectal cancer, and there may be a very slight protective effect against lung cancer among men who used the vitamin for long periods. The data related to these diseases, however, is not as clear as the dramatic difference vitamin E makes against prostate cancer.

"This is a striking one-third reduction in the incidence of prostate cancer and an even more impressive reduction in the rate of prostate cancer deaths," said Albanes, who participated with researchers from the University of Helsinki, Finland, in the study.

Dr. Ishwarlal Jialal, a researcher at the University of Texas, Southwestern Medical Center, in Dallas, said the study "is a very significant

observation" on the anti-cancer effects of vitamin E.

However, he said, "It needs to be confirmed by another group study." Jialal said his earlier research has

shown that vitamin E helps reduce

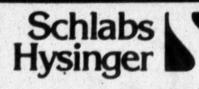
heart disease and has other benefits.
The Finnish study involved 29,133 male smokers, ages 50 to 69, who had been selected to take part in a lung cancer study evaluating the effect of beta carotene and vitamin E on smokers. The men were divided into four groups. One group took beta carotene supplements; another took vitamin E; a third took a combination of the two, while the last group took

only a placebo. The vitamin E dosage was 50 mg a day, which is the equivalent of 50 international units. This is about five times the recommended minimum daily intake for men, said Albanes, and about 2 times what most people get from food.

After five to eight years on the supplements, Albanes said, the 14,564 men taking vitamin E alone or with beta carotene had 32 percent fewer cases of prostate cancer than the 14,569 who did not take vitamin

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BOB DOLE

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) - Bob Dole can still play a room.
The 1996 Republican presidential

candidate offered tips on success to 13,500 people at the Peter Lowe Success convention. The reception was so warm that the former Kansas senator asked, "Where were you when I needed you?"

Dole drew laughter when he told the audience that it was hard to be so close to Iowa, home to an early driver were killed in an Aug. 31 car caucus, and not be running for crash. anything.

I'm not even certain she'll run," Dole said, alluding to his wife Elizabeth, presidential candidate.

Dole said it takes a lifetime of hard won them fame a service work and commitment to be vino Apiano honors composer George win, setbacks mean as much as victories.

'The most common question I'm asked is 'How does it feel to lose?' Dole said. "In national elections, I brothers worked together on 20 haven't done so good. I've been musicals and wrote 425 songs, called the wise man of no-win situations. It's a role I'll accept.

"Losing means at least you're in the race. The only failure is when you

MIKE NICHOLS

LOS ANGELES (AP) - "Primary Colors" is just a story, its director insists. Really.

The movie tells of a married presidential candidate (John Travolta) who manages to win the nomination despite accusations of an adulterous liaison. The movie is adapted from the best-selling book by Joe Klein based on the 1992 Clinton campaign.

Comparisons to Clinton's current legal problems are obvious, but Nichols says there's a line between fantasy and reality.

"Maybe there are similarities. But it is a fiction," director Mike Nichols said. "We didn't copy, we created."
The movie opens Friday.

ELTON JOHN

LONDON (AP) - Elton John says it's time to ease off on the tributes to Princess Diana. And he says he will remember her privately, rather than by "bouncing on stage" to do concerts in her memory.

"I think it's time to give it a rest," he said in an interview to be broadcast today by GMTV television. "I'm not sure of all the ideas about perpetuating the thing."
His recording of "Candle in the

Wind 1997," which he sang at Diana's funeral, has raised millions of dollars for the Diana, Princess of

Wales Memorial Fund.

Concerts and other fund-raising events have been planned in Diana's memory, in Britain and in other countries

"I'd like to remember her in my own private way and I'm not going to be bouncing on stage and doing any concerts in memory of Princess Diana," said John, who was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II last month.

The princess, her boyfriend and a

"I only have one chance left and GERSHWIN BROTHERS

WASHINGTON (AP) - Take note, Gershwin fans - brothers George and who is mentioned as a potential Ira are being honored at the Library of Congress by the instruments that

successful. While it is more fun to and a typewriter pays tribute to his lyricist brother in the first room in the library dedicated to musical personalities.

Between 1918 and 1937, the including the folk opera "Porgy and Bess" and the Pulitzer Prize-winning "Of Thee I Sing." George Gershwin also wrote "Rhapsody in Blue," "An American in Paris" and other works for orchestra and piano.

The room, which opened Tuesday in the library's main building on Capitol Hill, is dominated by George's grand piano, with Ira's portable typewriter nearby. Self-portraits by both brothers hang on the walls, and a video kiosk allows visitors to hear music and view documents.

SHAWN THOMAS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) -Rapper and convicted felon Shawn Thomas was sentenced to an additional three months in prison because he failed a drug test.

Thomas, who performs under the name C-Bo, was at the center of a controversy earlier this month when authorities considered jailing him because the lyrics of his latest album violated his parole terms.

The Board of Prison Terms decided not to pursue charges on those grounds

The three-month term, levied Tuesday after Thomas tested positive for marijuana use, will be served after the earlier sentence.

Thomas' original parole conditions included a ban on activities promoting a gang lifestyle or anti-law enforcement sentiments. But on his latest album, in the song "Deadly Game," he sings: 'So when they try to pull you over, shoot 'em in the face, y'all.

WYVSG. -

From Page 1 Mrs. Willey's Nov. 29, 1993, encounter with Clinton when the two men discussed the book project weeks before Mrs. Willey's televised account.

Gecker has acknowledged approaching Viner to determine if he would be interested in such a book but told The New York Times that Viner said the "60 Minutes" appearance could reignite interest in the book.

Gecker said he suspected Mrs. Villey's nationally televised allegation that Clinton made an unwanted sexual advance in the Oval Office would kill any chance for the book, the Times reported.

In another development, reports today said Mrs. Willey gave a sworn statement three years ago that didn't mention her encounter in which she now says the president fondled her.

The sworn statement in January 1995 was in response to lawsuits brought by creditors following the suicide of Mrs. Willey's husband and that time, the Richmond her alleged sexual relationship with Times-Dispatch said.

In the 1995 document obtained by the newspaper, Mrs. Willey said she "did not talk with anyone at the White House" about aspects of her financial plight. In the "60 Minutes" interview, she said she approached Clinton to ask for full-time work because of her financial difficulties.

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Whitewater prosecutors, meanwhile, are turning back to Monica Lewinsky in their investigation of possible obstruction of justice and perjury involving Clinton.

A friend of Ms. Lewinsky,

Catherine Allday Davis, testified nearly the entire day Tuesday before a grand jury in Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's criminal investigation of Clinton.

Ms. Davis, 24, the same age as Ms. Lewinsky and a classmate at Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Ore., is the latest acquaintance of the former White House intern to be questioned by Starr's prosecutors.

In the past two months, Starr has summoned other people who knew Ms. Lewinsky and in whom Ms. included details of her activities at Lewinsky reportedly confided about the president.

From Page 1 and soybeans.

"Early cotton will be planted soon if it stays dry," Fritz said. Farmers are also beginning to plant potatoes, tomatoes and other warm season vegetables.

In Far West Texas, district director Charles Neeb of Fort Stockton said pre-irrigation and land preparation for cotton continue.

He said ranchers continue supplemental feeding of cattle and pastures are in desperate need of rain. Farmers are also getting ready to begin planting vegetables.

The land is being prepared, but most vegetables will again be put under plastic with a drip irrigation system," Neeb said.

Farmers are busy installing these systems into land that does not already have them. Pecans in Far West Texas have been damaged by freezing temperatures, with helicopters and heaters working each night at orchards to help avoid damage, Neeb said.

Helicopters and heaters were working each night at the vineyard to try and avoid too much damage. Noch said.

He said it is too early to estimate the damage to pecan, peach, pear, and apricot crops by recent freezing temperatures.

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: cold and windy weather caused some leaf burn but no freeze injury.

SOUTH PLAINS: soil moisture adequate. Cold temperatures with some snow. Pustures, ranges thir to ood. Wheat in good condition. Livestock in good condition; supplemental feeding Land preparation, herbicide and femilizer application

ROLLING PLAINS: soil measure surplus. Ranges, pustures are greening up. Stocker cattle operat ors are looking forward to drier conditions. As temperatures warm and fields dry out. top dressing fertilizer will be a high priority for wheat farmers.

SALES TAX

From Page 1

million in March 1997. Another \$4.3 received in March 1997. million went to 30 special purpose districts around the state.

By law, the state collects sales taxes for Texas cities and counties that have local sales taxes. The comptroller's office then returns the local portion of the taxes on a monthly basis.

The state charges a 6.25 percent sales tax and local sales taxes can be up to 2 percent above that.

Around the area, Dimmit, which in February had rebounded from the previous year, fell back, receiving a payment of \$19,111.01, down 20.5 percent from the \$24,031.84 received in March 1997.

Dalhart, which had also seen its February rebate rebound from the previous year, also fell back in March, receiving \$67,780.88, a 5.1 percent decline from the \$71,438.97 payment in March 1997.

Pumpa also saw a dropoll from last year, receiving \$203,479.66, 2.3

Plainview saw its payment increase, rising 5.7 percent to \$172,116.91 in March. The city received \$162,832.88 last year.

Borger experienced a significant improvement over March 1997. The city received \$183,278.51, up 18.9 percent from \$154,152.08 for March

On the other side of the coin, Dumas saw its rebate fall 30.6 percent to \$43,249.02. In March 1997, Dumas received \$62,575.99.

Among the area counties, Castro County received \$8,209.90, down 19 percent from the \$10,132.26 it received last March: Hale County received \$61,360.93, down 19.6 percent from the \$76,330.28 for last

The comptroller's next sales tax allocation is scheduled for April 10.

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in brief

Senate honors McCain

25 years after release . WASHINGTON (AP) - The Senate marked the 25th anniversary of Sen. John McCain's release from a prisoner of war camp in North Vietnam by honoring him for the "courage and sacrifice" he and other POWs displayed.

An emotional McCain thanked his colleagues on behalf of his comrades. especially "the heroes whose names appear on the wall" of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington. That memorial lists 58,196 Americans who were killed during the conflict or who remain missing.

Jones lawyers: Clinton's testimony is worthless

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) Accusing President Clinton of trying to hush up evidence of predatory behavior toward women, lawyers for Paula Jones say his words should be ignored by a judge deciding whether the sexual harassment lawsuit against him can go to trial.

In papers filed Tuesday, lawyers for Mrs. Jones said the president "feverishly" tried to suppress the testimony of both Kathleen Willey by offering paid jobs and appointments, as well as Monica Lewinsky.

Those efforts should make Clinton's testimony worthless in deciding whether Mrs. Jones' lawsuit goes to trial as scheduled May 27, the lawyers said.

Clinton, who has asked that the case be dismissed, has until Friday to respond to Mrs. Jones' filings to U.S. District Judge Susan Webber Wright. The latest filing apparently is an addition to more than 700 pages of documents filed last week.

CBS defends its interview with Clinton accuser

NEW YORK (AP) - The top executive of CBS News scoffed at charges that the interview by "60 Minutes" correspondent Ed Bradley with presidential accuser Kathleen

Willey was too soft. CBS News President Andrew Heyward said in an interview that Willey was in no way rewarded for bringing her accusations that President Clinton made unwanted sexual advances toward her to "60

T've never known '60 Minutes' to pull a punch, and certainly not for that reason," Heyward said Tuesday. Sunday's "60 Minutes" interview with Willey helped the show top the week's prime-time ratings for the first time since 1994.

Lawyer says appeals over for ailing Ray ARLINGTON, Va. AP) Convicted assassin James Earl Ray's lawyer says his pursuit for a trial in the slaying of the Rev. Martin Luther King is effectively over because Ray is too sick to proceed, USA Today reported.

William Pepper told the paper in today's editions that he will not appeal a Tennessee court order disqualifying a judge who had made rulings favorable to Ray. He said an appeal would tax Ray's physical resources, with little chance of

Ray, 70, is in critical condition in the prison ward of a Nashville hospital, suffering from liver disease.

Disputed JFK items go on auction block

NEW YORK (AP) - Lawyers for the children of John F. Kennedy made last-minute pleas to stop the sale of memorabilia that included the late majority of innocent spouses that president's journals and letters to his

Caroline Kennedy and John F Kennedy Jr. want the return of "intensely personal" items including two handwritten journals, the correspondence and a St. Christopher medal money clip.

negotiating with Maryland collector Robert White, who is putting up most of the more than 500 items being sold by Guernsey's auction house.

Other items that were to be auctioned today included campaign trinkets, photos, party invitations, clothes, furniture and a sailboat.

Brothers found guilty

of attack on teens FLINT, Mich. (AP) - Two brothers who led three train-hopping teen-agers to a littered park and shot them in the head - one fatally - can

expect to spend the rest of their lives

A jury on Tuesday convicted Tyrone Reyes, 17, and Terrance Reyes, 19, of first-degree murder in the June 19, 1997, attacks that cost 14-year-old Michael Carter his life. His girlfriend was raped and shot and another friend was shot and wounded.

The murder convictions carry mandatory life prison sentences. The Reyes brothers also were convicted of kidnapping, rape, assault with intent to murder, armed robbery and weapons charges.

Ousted Miami mayor bids

to get office back MIAMI (AP) - Ousted Mayor voters was subverted in favor of "complicated judicial processes" and asked a state appeals court to reconsider the ruling that removed him from office.

Suarez, tossed out of office earlier this month by a three-judge appellate panel that found absentee vote fraud, asked a state appeals court Tuesday to reconsider the ruling.

The three-judge panel last week overturned a lower court's decision calling for a new election. Instead, the panel tossed out the 5,000 absentee votes in the Nov. 4 election because of absentee ballot fraud.

The decision restored Joe Carollo, the incumbent and Suarez's opponent in the election, as mayor of the city of 375,000. Carollo's attorney Kendall Coffey did not return calls

New anti-spam features get warm welcome

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) Computer users are likely to get an eyeful when they log on and check their e-mail these days.

"DON'T DELETE!!!," screams one message, while another insists, "This Really Works!!!" pitches get more personal: "Why haven't you called me, baby?"

But Web surfers may not have to spend as much time deleting and trying to block unwanted junk computer mail with the advent of new features designed to filter the

Spam - named after a Monty Python skit involving a diner menu of "Spam, Spam, Spam" - is mass e-mail touting everything from pornography to pyramid schemes. Computer users may even get bombarded with offers to buy their own spamming software.

Chase Manhattan to lav off 4,500 workers

NEW YORK (AP) - Cost-cutting plans will climinate 4,500 jobs at Chase Manhattan Corp., 50 percent more than the country's largest bank had previously announced.

The cuts would save about \$460 million a year, Chase announced

Some of the savings will be plowed back into growth areas of the business and used to "create a substantial number of new jobs" and bringing actual job loss down to 2.200, Thomas Labrecque, president and chief operating officer, said in a conference call.

House moving to boost innocent spouse protections

WASHINGTON (AP) - Divorce agreements could offer so-called "innocent spouses" new protections in IRS collection actions under a plan being developed in the House.

This is going to protect a vast current law does not protect," said Rep. Nancy Johnson, R-Conn., the proposal's main sponsor. "... We make an enormous amount of changes in this bill that will enable divorced couples to (receive) fairness.

'Innocent spouses' are people targeted by the IRS to repay tax debts Their representatives were and penalties incurred by their former mates, even though they had no role in their former spouses' businesses.

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Parties jockey for tobacco advantage

WASHINGTON (AP) - Senate Republicans think they have concocted a trap for Democrats eager to use billions of dollars from any tobacco settlement for anti-smoking programs. To get at that money, Democrats first will have to vote to take it from the popular Medicare

A \$1.73 trillion budget for fiscal 1999 that Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici presented to his panel Tuesday would use the billions any tobacco bill produces perhaps from cigarette tax increases to buttress Medicare, the health-care program for elderly and disabled Americans that will need more money when Baby Boomers begin retiring in a decade.

But committee Democrats contend Domenici's budget - which envisions Xavier Suarez said the will of the \$147 billion in surpluses over the sive tobacco legislation," said Sen.

next five years - threatens to scuttle the prospects for tobacco legislation. They were preparing to offer amendments that would use the tobacco money for anti-smoking programs, medical research, and other programs aimed at curtailing cigarette

The duel illustrates how both parties think they can use the tobacco ssue to their advantage.

Domenici, R-N.M., believes Medicare is so popular that Democrats would be hurt if they vote to keep tobacco money from it; Democrats think the GOP would suffer if there is no tobacco deal, or if Republicans vote to deny funds to anti-smoking programs.
"The Senate Budget Committee

Republicans are offering a budget that would kill any chance of comprehen-

Frank Lautenberg of New Jersey, the panel's top Democrat. "How? Their budget would prohibit the use of tobacco revenues for tobacco-related

Domenici's budget also defies President Clinton, who wants to use obacco funds for anti-smoking efforts plus hiring public school teachers and boosting child care

Domenici said his budget would finance anti-smoking activities with money from other sources, such as spending cuts. And he cited a Columbia University study that concluded that smoking-related illnesses accounted for about 14 percent of Medicare spending in 1995, or about \$25 billion.

"That's the program that is most ustified in having that money," Domenici said.

Meanwhile, Republican leaders skeptical of the prospects for passing a comprehensive tobacco bill are considering a narrower version that would imposedough restrictions on the industry. The goal is to blunt election-year attacks from Democrats.

Assistant Senate Majority Leader Don Nickles, the chamber's lead lawmaker on the tobacco issue, told reporters that little support exists among GOP leaders for a bill that protects tobacco companies from lawsuits. That protection is widely believed to be the only way to secure the industry's participation in a national tobacco settlement.

Skeptical about its chances for passage, Nickles, R-Okla., said he is considering "a more narrow approach" that could be implemented without the industry's consent.

FILL 'ER UP!

Gas prices continue on dramatic decline

NEW YORK (AP) - They are the words that rev up American drivers: cheap gas.

The average price of gas across the country has tumbled 23 cents per gallon since September to a nearly 10-year low, thanks in part to plunging crude oil prices.

Although oil prices wound up ending slightly higher Tuesday, energy researcher Trilby Lundberg of Los Angeles said the doubts about whether oil producing countries can keep a lid on output makes her think gas prices could keep falling.

We are going to be very careful before we say it's over," she said. "It still sounds like shades of 1986 to me," when crude prices crashed in spectacular fashion.

Lundberg publishes the Lundberg Survey, which checks prices at 10,000 gasoline stations nationwide. While gas prices have risen over the

past several weeks, she said Sunday that the average all-grade pump price was down 3 cents since Feb. 20.

That's the lowest price ever, once adjusted for inflation. By today's standards, gasoline pumped in the 1920s cost \$2.50 a gallon, Lundberg

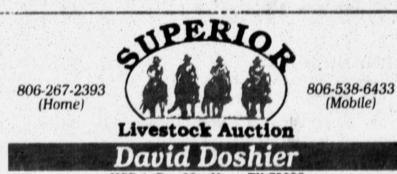
Regular self service gas, as of March 6, was selling at less than \$1 at nearly half the nation's stations, while self- and full-service combined prices were just over \$1.09.

Tom Osborne, a spokesman for the Virginia-based Society of Independent Gasoline Marketers of America, which represents 30,000 independent retailers nationally, said crude oil prices play only "a small part of the total cost of gasoline."

"Certainly there are fluctuations, (but) prices don't go up or down in a steady line," he said. "That's affected more by local competition than by anything else."



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