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Wreck claims life

Emergency workers examine the wreckage of a Suburban that collided with a tractor-trailer rig on U.S. Highway 60 about 1.5 miles east of Hereford. The accident, which occurred

Wednesday afternoon, claimed the life of Susan Urbanczyk, 43, of Hereford. See story, Page 10.

Outpatient care up; inpatient services drops

By DONALD M. COOPER
Brand Editor

Hereford Regional Medical Center generated more money from its outpatient services in 1997 than from its inpatient services.

The total inpatient services, which includes those patients who stay in the hospital, accounted for \$4,233,369 million last year, a decline from \$4,913,974 in 1996, according to an audit of the hospital's operations.

The outpatient services, which include the home health operations and the Women & Children's Health Clinic, was \$8.64 million, an increase of nearly \$832,000 from the previous year.

The hospital's total patient revenue for the year ending Sept. 30, 1997, was \$14,266,188, down just \$20,040 from the \$14,286,228 in 1996.

Brandon Durbin of Durbin & Company, the Lubbock accounting firm that conducted the audit for the Deaf Smith County Hospital District, said the outpatient services, while showing a significant increase over the previous year, are less cost-effective than inpatient services.

In the report to the hospital district board, the auditors noted there were 1,136 fewer patient days of "acute utilization," a 25 percent decline from 1996.

At the same time, the auditors noted HIRMC had a 14 percent decrease in discharges, and the average length of stay dropped from 3.3 days to about 2.9 days.

The shift from inpatient to outpatient services follows national trends, although the auditors pointed out "outpatient revenue is usually not as profitable as inpatient revenue."

Under the Medicare/Medicaid payment system, hospitals' reimbursements are based on discharges, not patient days, so the "discharges are a better measure of the changes in utilization for Medicare and Medicaid," the report stated.

The auditors also found 81 percent of the hospital's volume is Medicare and Medicaid patients, with the number of Medicaid discharges rising by 179 percent over the year. Medicare discharges, however, dropped by 1 percent, while self-pay and other payers, which are standard

insurance, PPOs or HMOs, dropped by 60 percent.

The home health agency volume also showed a significant increase, with 123 percent more visits in 1997 than in the previous year. Ninety-eight percent of the visits were to Medicare patients.

The auditors warned the hospital administration about any fluctuations in home health volume because reimbursements for the visits are based on cost.

"If the Hospital anticipates additional increases in visits in the current year, without additional expense allocations, there will be a substantial repayment to Medicare," the auditors stated.

The routine cost of a stay in the hospital rose to \$459 per-patient day in 1997, up \$80 per-patient day from the previous year, while the Medicare discharge rose to \$3,899 from \$3,564.

The federal Balanced Budget Act of 1997 also will affect the HRMC home health agency, both of which could have a significant impact on the hospital's revenue.

Under the provisions of the legislation, per-visit reimbursement is being reduced to the 1994 level, which represents a cut of about 15 percent.

Also, there is an overall annual cost limit per patient that will be based on the home health agency's 1994 per-patient cost and a regional average cost. However, it hasn't been determined if the regional average will be for the Panhandle, the state of Texas, or the multi-state region that includes Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana and Oklahoma.

Also, some new providers will have their per-patient cost based on a national average.

Durbin said the hospital could probably make up any loss in revenue resulting from the reimbursement reduction by picking up patients who had been served by other providers. Because the changes in the federal law will work against those agencies with a high per-patient cost, some of the hospital's competitors may drop out of the market.

The federal regulations will not be released until April, although they have been effective since Oct. 1, when the fiscal year started.

ECONOMY: Corporate profits fall at end of '97

WASHINGTON (AP) - Profits at the nation's corporations suffered their sharpest decline in nearly four years during the final three months of 1997 despite a healthy rate of growth in the economy as a whole.

After-tax corporate profits slipped 2.3 percent in the fourth quarter, to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$483.7 billion, the Commerce Department said today.

The report, a revision of previous estimates of the gross domestic product, contained the department's first look at profits in the fourth quarter. The drop was the worst since the first three months of 1994 and the first since the July-October period of 1996.

It occurred even though the economy overall grew at a brisk 3.7 percent annual pace. Though not quite as strong as the 3.9 percent estimated a month ago, that still is considered

robust.

For the year as a whole, the increase in after-tax corporate profits - up 7.3 percent to \$480.3 billion - outpaced the 3.8 percent increase in the economy's total output of goods and services.

The fourth quarter decline may prove a harbinger of profit trends this year. Economists fear the exceptionally strong corporate profits, which have fueled the stock boom on Wall Street, may be coming to an end.

Faced with shortages of qualified workers - a result of the lowest unemployment rate in 24 years - many employers have been forced to raise wages. In many industries, they haven't been able to raise the prices of their products. If they did, they'd lose sales to Asian goods, which are less expensive thanks to sharp currency devaluations in the region.

The result is a classic squeeze on

profits that can be overcome only by rapid increases in productivity. Analysts believe businesses will be hard-pressed to match the healthy productivity gains of the past two years, largely because the workers left to hire have fewer skills and less education and would thus probably not be as efficient as workers already on the payroll.

Despite that thinking, the stock market has charged ahead this year, with the Dow Jones industrial average advancing 12 percent to record highs.

The Commerce Department said its slight revision of GDP reflected a decrease in the previous estimate of consumer spending on hospital services and natural gas. That more than offset an upward revision in business spending on aircraft.

According to today's report, fourth-quarter consumer spending

advanced at a moderate 2.5 percent rate.

A big 9.1 percent rate advance in housing construction helped make up for a rare 0.8 percent rate decline in investment by business in new equipment and buildings. Government spending advanced slightly. Export sales and a buildup of business inventories also contributed to growth.

Even with the fourth-quarter adjustment, last year's overall growth of 3.8 percent still was the strongest in nine years. Economists are predicting moderate growth of around 2.7 percent this year.

They expect the decline because they're looking for the Asian financial crisis to slash U.S. export sales to the region and bring a flood of cheap Asian goods into the United States.

Many abandon their pets

By DIANNA F. DANDRIDGE
Staff Writer

Millions of puppies, dogs, cats and kittens across the country find their way to animal shelters and pounds each year.

Some have been discarded as old or vicious; some were simply abandoned; some have just reached an age where they are no longer considered cute or maybe their family just got tired of them.

All too often, this last case is the case of thousands of puppies and kittens which are given as holiday gifts.

According to national research data, as the puppies and kittens grow from the adorable baby stage to the young animal stage, owners begin to realize how much work and attention an animal needs. Worse, the owners realize the animal is of breeding age and they choose to get rid of the animal rather than having it spayed or neutered.

If Christmas is the busiest time for retailers, then April through June is the busiest for animal shelters.

The local animal shelter, though it doesn't see as huge numbers as do some of the larger shelters, still has far too many animals entering the gates and far fewer leaving with a loving owner.

Hereford Animal control officer Javier Frausto said that an average of 88 dogs and puppies are put to sleep each month; and nearly that many kittens and cats.

Last September, Frausto said 115 dogs were euthanized and 81 in July.

"We are required to keep animals for three days," said Frausto. "We try to keep the ones that have a chance of adoption longer, but we can't find homes for all the animals."

The Hereford Animal Shelter charges only a nominal amount for the adoption of an animal. Puppies under the age of three months can be adopted for only \$4. A full-grown dog or puppy over the age of three months

only costs \$20.

He advises pet owners to make every effort to keep collars and especially tags on their pets.

"Collar and tags can mean life or death to an animal once it gets picked up," he said.

Frausto uses the rabies tag number to track down the address of an owner.

"Sometimes we can have a pet home in just few hours, but we can't do that if the animals don't have tags," he said.

Pet owners, who are looking for a lost pet or who would like to adopt an animal from the shelter, should contact him through the Hereford Police Department and he will meet them at the shelter.

The animals, which ultimately have to be put to sleep, are euthanized as humanely as possible, with cooled carbon monoxide.

"I just wish everyone who gets a pet would understand the responsibility of being a pet owner," Frausto said. "They need to be cared for and they need their vaccinations for rabies, parvo and distemper."

Ronda Clark, a veterinarian with the Hereford Veterinary Clinic, said animal populations expand exponentially and at astounding rates if uncontrolled.

One female dog, depending on its size, can add anywhere between four and 18 babies to the homeless or unwanted pet situation each year. Many of these offspring will further burden the population before they reach one year old.

There are means of preventing these tremendous numbers of homeless pets from finding their way to animal shelters and pounds.

"Spaying or neutering pets is the most effective solution to the problem," Clark said.

She added chemical treatments do exist, but surgical

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These are four of the many animals at the Hereford Animal Shelter waiting for someone to take them home. A fuzzy mixed-breed, a young border collie, a Dalmatian pup and crossbreed boxer all wound up on the city streets. Many are still young, trainable and loveable. All need a permanent home.

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Lifestyles

Ann Landers

Judicial soul mates make 'stranger than fiction' decisions

Dear Ann Landers: Add this one to your "strange decisions by judges" file. I found it hard to believe when I read about it in the Lima, Ohio, News.

It seems a state court judge ordered a 26-year-old Kentucky man to marry his 28-year-old girlfriend, the mother of his child. The man was in court because he had threatened to kill this same girlfriend.

The judge reduced felony battery and terrorist threat charges to misdemeanor disorderly conduct, sentenced the man to probation and ordered him to pay \$1,200 in fines, get counseling and MARRY his girlfriend.

I am sending the clipping with the news item to prove I didn't make it up. Will we be reading about the girlfriend's murder next? How do these judges get their jobs? I am signing my name, Ann, but please don't print it. -- Outraged in Ohio

Dear Ohio: Thanks for another "truth is stranger than fiction" item. You ask how these judges get their jobs. Some are elected, others appointed. Keep reading for another incredible judge story. This one is from Albany, N.Y. Apparently, that judge in Kentucky has a judicial soul mate there. Here's the news story:

According to the Citrus County Chronicle, Crystal River, Fla., the judge granted custody of a 12-year-old boy and his 8-year-old brother to their father, even though the man is in jail and could face the death penalty for killing their mother. The 39-year-old woman was found dead in her car, submerged in a lake in the Adirondack Mountains. Following an application for custody by the father, the children were removed from the custody of their maternal grandmother and aunt, where they were doing quite well.

I hope my readers of the Albany Times-Union will keep an eye on this case and let me know what happens. I agree with the loyal reader who sent the clipping that something must be

done to protect our children against legal decisions of this kind.

Dear Ann Landers: A while back, I developed a fear of germs and concluded that shaking hands was the principal reason people became ill. I began to wear short cotton gloves everywhere until my fixation became noticeable and folks began to ask a lot of questions.

I discarded the gloves so people would leave me alone, but then, I began to wash my hands 12 or 15 times a day. Not only was this time-consuming, but my hands were getting sore. It became apparent that I had a serious problem and should seek help. A very fine psychiatrist informed me that I have an obsessive-compulsive disorder as well as a few other phobias.

Is there anything new in the way of help for people like me? -- Anonymous, Please

Dear Anon.: Yes, there is help and hope for people who have your problem. Experts on obsessive-compulsive disorder recommend cognitive/behavioral therapy for most cases of OCD, along with medication when warranted. This type of therapy helps individuals with OCD confront their anxieties gradually and learn to work through them without using compulsive behaviors.

For the latest on this disorder, write to the Obsessive-Compulsive Foundation, P.O. Box 70, Milford, Conn. 06460-0070 (<http://pages.prodigy.com/alwillen/ocf.html>). The foundation will update you and offer suggestions, and you will feel less alone. Good luck.

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FCE leader training

Maudette Smith, right, Deaf Smith County FCE Education Chairman, taught leader delegates, including Loretta Urbanczyk, "The Wheel of Misfortune" at a recent leaders training. The leader delegates will be presenting the program to local FCE clubs throughout the county during April. The program focuses on protection from telemarketing scams. Other civic clubs desiring a program on this topic should contact the County Extension Office at 364-3573.

Veleda members, husbands hear program by Brown

Husbands of Veleda Study Club members were guests at the recent meeting held in the Hereford Community Center with Juanita Brown and Della Hutto as hostesses.

Brown introduced her husband, Gid, who talked about the Solomon Islands. The first time he was there was during World War II when he was with the 13th Air Force. He was on five of the thousands of the tiny

islands.

He and his son, Carl, went back recently and took some slides which he shared with those at the study club meeting.

Those present were Marcella Brady, Bettie Dickson, Mary Dziuk, Norma and Bill Walden, Margaret and Frank Zinser, Juanita and Gid Brown, Della and Aaron Hutto and guests Henry and Jo Solomon.

Hints from Heloise

Dear Heloise: I was in the shower this morning and realized how similar the conditioner and shampoo bottles look. I almost washed my hair with conditioner. If I had the problem, what about people who wear glasses, the elderly or visually impaired people?

LAUNDRY-DETERGENT SCOOPS

Dear Heloise: More than a year ago I clipped one of your hints about laundry-detergent scoopers. I especially liked the hint for party favors. I thought it would be good for our church functions, so I asked everyone to save their scoopers.

Our first function was a spring rally. I made small crosses, added mints, covered with plastic wrap and tied with a bow. It was a success. So, we continued to save the scoopers, and for Christmas we did the same (small crosses and mints)

and took them to a convalescent home.

I thank you for that hint and for many others that I've used. -- Beverly Gilcrease, Sacramento, Calif.

DON'T FORGET

Dear Heloise: A co-worker gave me a great hint to remember to take things when leaving home or work. Put your car keys on, in or under the item(s)! -- Tom Drawert

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

FCE Council makes plans for Tasting Bee

Business at the recent Family Community Education Council meeting included preparations for the FCE Tasting Bee which will be held April 23 in Hereford Community Center.

Beverly Harder, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences, advised that tickets for the Tasting Bee are \$5 for the meal and \$5 for the cookbook section. Tickets are available in advance from any FCE club member and will be available at the door.

Proceeds from the annual fundraiser will benefit the 4-H scholarship fund.

The drawing for the FCE quilt will be held the day of the Tasting Bee.

Jo Lee, Council chairman, presided at the meeting. Westway FCE Club had opening exercises and Grace Covington read "Gut Feeling."

Audrey Rusher was welcomed as a visitor.

Seven clubs were represented with five having 100 percent attendance.

The next Council meeting will be a covered dish luncheon on April 27 when delegates will give reports from the District I meeting which was to be March 26 in Dalhart.

La Plata Club entertained by special music program

La Plata Study Club met recently for their annual guest night in the parlor of First Baptist Church. Ludie Greeson, president, presided at the meeting.

Mildred Fuhrmann introduced a musical program which included Flynt Dollar at the piano and vocal numbers rendered by Betty Wolle who was accompanied by Nancy Denison.

Members attending were Peggie Fox, Dorothea Prowell, Mary Helen Miller, Clara Brown Smith, Dorothy Mercer, Mary Beth Powell, Audine Dettman, Avis White, Annell Holland, Yvonne Simpson, Betty Taylor, Bonnie Duke, Lois Matchett, Nelda Fortenberry and Betty Mercer. Hostesses were Prowell, Duke and Dettman.

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To Your Good Health

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have a 3-year-old son with vomiting spells. Most of the time he is fine. Then he suddenly begins to throw up and complain of stomach pain and headaches. We had him examined from stem to stern without a cause ever being found.

In desperation I took him to a university medical center. After repeated tests, I was told he has "cyclic vomiting syndrome." Can you explain this to me and my family? -- A.F.

ANSWER: Cyclic vomiting syndrome generally occurs in children between the ages of 2 and 16. A child can be doing well and then suddenly begin to vomit and complain of stomach pain and a headache. Bright light often bothers the youngster.

The vomiting stops and all is well until another episode pops up at an unpredictable interval.

Because symptoms match those of migraine headaches -- vomiting, abdominal discomfort and sensitivity to light -- the idea was hatched that the two could be related.

For that reason, cyclic vomiting syndrome often is treated with amitriptyline or cyproheptadine. Both have been used to prevent migraines. They seem to work for cyclic vomiting syndrome.

Is your son taking either medicine? If so, will you let me know how he's doing?

The strange syndrome is a new one

for me. I had not heard anyone talk about it until a year ago.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Enclosed is an article on the new AIDS test, using a toothbrush-type swab to collect fluid from the mouth. The article says the results are as accurate as a blood test.

Does this mean there is new evidence that AIDS can be spread through casual contact with saliva? I'm confused. -- M.V.

ANSWER: Yours is a common misconception. The new test does not use saliva for AIDS detection.

A cotton pad, attached to a nylon stick, is placed between the gum and cheek and left there for two to five minutes. The pad draws fluid from blood vessels in the mouth lining. In essence, it is a "bloodless" way of checking the blood.

Saliva contains only small numbers of the AIDS virus. Of the more than 500,000 AIDS cases in the United States, only one has involved deep kissing. In that case, one partner had bleeding gums.

Even though the chances of saliva transmission are close to nil, deep kissing an AIDS-infected person is discouraged.

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

IN MEMORY OF HOMER GUERRA

We want to thank all the family and friends that our son and brother, Homer Guerra, had in Hereford. Homer was a wonderful husband, father, son, grandfather, brother, teacher-in-law, uncle, father-in-law and friend. He was very much loved and will be sorely missed by all of us. "Family" was of the utmost importance to our Homer... always doing what he had to do to bring family together.

We will forever miss the 2 1/2 weeks he would spend with us when he came to Donna each and every summer. You, his family and friends in Hereford, were more fortunate to have him the rest of the year. We will forever miss his raspy voice, his singing, his jokes... just him being there. We spent those summers laughing, singing and having our daily barbecues while he and his family were down. Our summer now will be so lonely. Each year we'd all schedule our vacations for their visits. Now, the first two weeks in August will be just that - the first two weeks in August.

He had his family, the Griegos, and friends in Hereford, and he had his family and friends in Donna. He led a full and happy life and he touched many lives. Again, we wanted to thank his family and friends in Hereford because at his service it was apparent that he was loved by all the people he touched. We love you all for loving him and for giving him an extended family in Hereford.

God bless you all, with love and heartfelt gratitude.

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Tea preparations

Members of the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum Auxiliary, from left, Jo Carol Gassaway, Billie Erwin and Betty Morrison, prepare for the High Tea to be held at 3 p.m. April 7 in the Hazelwood Lecture Hall.

Area Events

CANYON

Members of the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum Auxiliary are planning a High Tea at 3 p.m. April 7 in the Hazelwood Lecture Hall for their annual spring meeting. The speaker for the event will be Dr. Bill Green, curator of history at PPHM. The meeting is open to auxiliary members and the general public. Tickets are available at the Museum Store or by mail. Deadline for ticket purchase in April 3.

WTAMU

A special, just for girls, all-day clinic hosted by West Texas A&M University athletes and Texas Plains Girl Scout Council will take place April 4 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the WTAMU Virgil Henson Activity Center.

All girls ages 5-17 throughout the Panhandle are invited to attend and sample the sports of basketball, soccer, golf and volleyball. Participants will discuss health and fitness needed by athletes, learn sports warm ups and cool downs, and sample weight training and aerobic activities. Deadline for registration is April 1. Call Natalie Stephenson at 1-800-687-4475 for information and sign-up.

AMARILLO

Students in the West Texas A&M University Department of Music and Dance will showcase their talent in voice, classical, jazz and instrumental music at WTAMU's 18th annual Showcase of Music at 8 p.m. April 3 in the Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium.

A traditional pre-concert show will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium lobby.

The annual program's earnings provide scholarships for students. Tickets are available at the WTAMU music office, Toizie Music Company and C&D Music in Amarillo. All seats are general admission.

For more information contact the Department of Music and Dance at 806-651-2840.

The Texas Gun and Knife Show is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday in the Amarillo Civic Center.

Show hours will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The show will feature two-for-one admission during the first hour of admission on both days.

LUBBOCK

The annual Patient and Family Symposium on Parkinson's disease, sponsored by the Neurology Research and Education Center of St. Mary Hospital in Lubbock, will be held April 4 at the Holiday Inn Civic Center in Lubbock. Registration is a 7:30 a.m. with the program at 8:30 a.m.

William C. Koller, M.D., Ph.D., an internationally recognized expert in Parkinson's disease, will be the keynote speaker.

The third annual Shake Rattle and Roll Night will precede the conference from 7 to 9 p.m. on April 3 at the Holiday Inn Civic Center.

Registration deadline for the symposium is April 1. Interested persons may contact the Neurology Research and Education Center at 806-796-2647.

CLARENDON

Clarendon College's class of 1972-73 is planning a 25th class reunion beginning at 1 p.m. April 4 in Clarendon College's Bairfield Activity Center.

The 25th reunion will coincide with the college's annual Ex-Students Reunion Weekend on April 4-5.

Special reunions are also slated for the class of 1943-50th anniversary and class of 1988-10th anniversary.

Other activities will include a Saturday performance of "Smoke On The Mountain" by Amarillo Little Theatre, an honors banquet, alumni rodeo and roping and a Sunday farewell luncheon. Reservations are required for the Saturday banquet and theatre performance.

For more information about the class of '72-'73 reunion, contact Thelma Jo (Terry) Riddle at 505-461-1273.

For banquet or theatre reservations, call the college at 806-874-3571.

DIMMITT

The Ogallala Quilters Society is holding a Quilt Festival on April 2-4 in Dimmitt.

The show opens on Friday, April 2 with a meal and entertainment by the Canyon quilt guild.

The show on April 3-4 will have vendors, seminars, lectures as well as over 200 quilts displayed. Two Civil War quilts and the Texas Agricultural quilt will be shown.

For more information on the show, contact the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce at 806-647-2524.

Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Thursday, March 26, the 85th day of 1998. There are 280 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On March 26, 1979, the Camp David peace treaty was signed by Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat at the White House.

On this date:
In 1804, the Louisiana Purchase was divided into the Territory of Orleans and the District of Louisiana.

In 1827, composer Ludwig van Beethoven died in Vienna, Austria.

In 1875, poet Robert Frost was born in San Francisco.

In 1885, the Eastman Dry Plate and Film Co. of Rochester, N.Y., manufactured the first commercial motion picture film.

In 1892, poet Walt Whitman died in Camden, N.J.

In 1911, playwright Tennessee Williams was born in Columbus, Miss.

In 1958, the U.S. Army launched America's third successful satellite, Explorer 3.

In 1964, the musical "Funny Girl" opened on Broadway.

In 1971, East Pakistan proclaimed its independence, taking the name

Bangladesh.
In 1982, groundbreaking ceremonies took place in Washington, D.C., for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

In 1992, a judge in Indianapolis sentenced former heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson to six years in prison for raping a Miss Black America contestant. Tyson ended up serving three years.

Ten years ago: Jesse Jackson stunned fellow Democrats by soundly defeating Michael S. Dukakis in Michigan's Democratic presidential caucuses.

Five years ago: President Clinton promised a "full-court press" against Bosnian Serbs to secure their agreement to a United Nations peace plan endorsed by Bosnian Muslims and Croats.

One year ago: The bodies of 39 members of the Heaven's Gate techno-religious cult who'd committed suicide were found inside a mansion in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif. Former drug counselor John G. Bennett Jr. pleaded no contest in Philadelphia to charges stemming from a \$100 million charity fraud.

Today's Birthdays: Retired Army Gen. William C. Westmoreland is 84. Singer Rufus Thomas is 81. Conductor-composer Pierre Boulez is 73. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor is 68. Actor-director Leonard Nimoy is 67. Actor Alan Arkin is 64. Actor James Caan is 58. Author Erica Jong is 56. Journalist Bob Woodward is 55. Singer Diana Ross is 54. Actor Johnny Crawford ("The Rifleman") is 52. Rock singer Steven Tyler (Aerosmith) is 50. TV personality Vicki Lawrence is 49. Singer Teddy Pendergrass is 48. Comedian Martin Short is 48. Country singer Ronnie McDowell is 48. Country singer Dean Dillon is 43. Country singer Charly McClain is 42. TV personality Leeza Gibbons is 41. Actress Jennifer Grey is 38. Basketball player John Stockton is 36. Rock musician James Thia (Smashing Pumpkins) is 30. Country singer Kenny Chesney is 30.

Thought for Today: "Our whole life is an attempt to discover when our spontaneity is whimsical, sentimental irresponsibility and when it is a valid expression of our deepest desires and values." - Helen Merrell Lynd, American sociologist and author (1896-1982).

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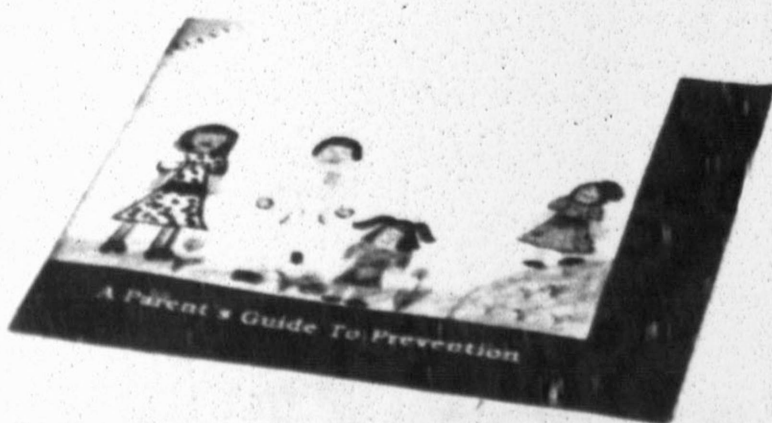
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Sports

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5 Hereford girls split time in two sports

By BOB VARMETTE
Sports Writer

It's 5 p.m. Hereford head softball coach Jack Fox is still missing five players. He doesn't drop everything and run off looking for them, though. He knows exactly where they are.

They're at practice. Just not softball practice.

The introduction of a girls fast-pitch softball program with club status has provided the five girls with the opportunity few athletes have -- participation in two sports simultaneously.

"The fact that this year, considering the status of our team . . . I don't really have a problem with it," Fox said. "It's a problem for me as a coach because we don't have the girls as much as need to work with them."

Crystal Luna, Janae Schlabs, Crystal Reece, Erica Dominguez and Shyla Martin all play softball. Luna also is on the girls golf team. The rest are on the track team.

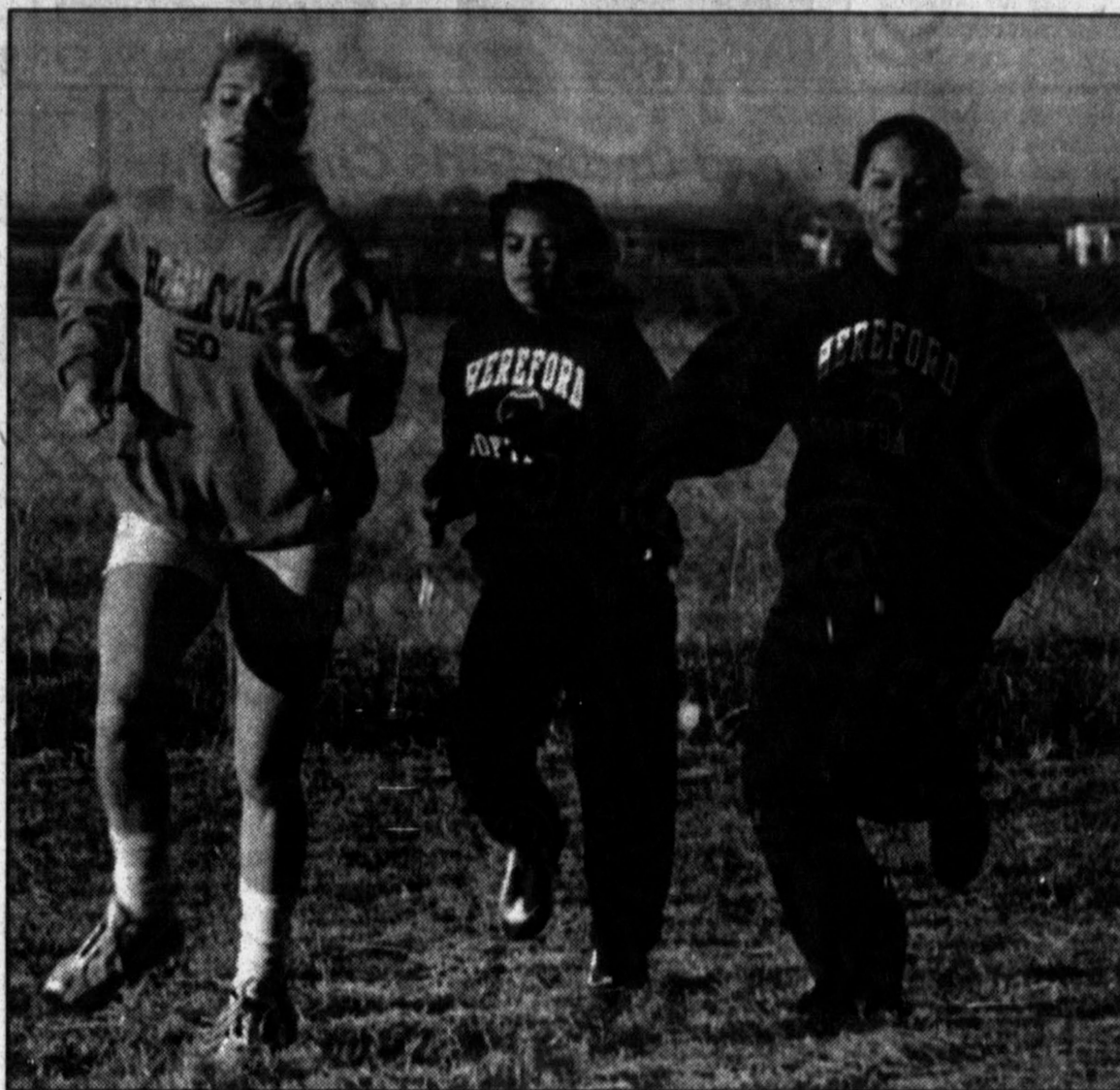
They all go to track or golf practice first, then head for the Kids Incorporated Complex for softball practice.

Playing both sports at the same time does cut a large swath through the available hours in the day, according to Martin. Martin, who hits for a .400-average, plays left and center field, and runs relays and hurdles for girls track coach Ray Baca.

"I get about two or three hours of sleep every day," Martin said with a hint of exasperation. "I get up at about six, and sometimes I lift in the mornings, or I'll feed my pigs."

Future Farmers of America, and raising and showing pigs, are just two of Martin's extracurricular activities. The sophomore also is in Honors Band (she plays the trombone), Jazz Band and Key Club, which meets twice a month. Martin also plays volleyball and basketball when those sports are in season.

"It's hard time-wise," she said. "It gets to



Shyla Martin (left), April Gallardo and Crystal Luna (right) run after a recent soft-fall practice. Martin and Luna are two of the five members of the Hereford softball team who also participate in another sport. Martin runs track and Luna competes on the girls golf team.

where it wears you out. But I like them all. I like all sports."

An affection for more than one sport is something all five have in common. All five also started playing softball at young ages with Kids Incorporated.

"I've played since I was in the first grade," Reece said. "I've played a lot of different positions."

Reece plays catcher and is currently hitting .222. But the freshman has also made an impact on the track team.

Already on the varsity, Reece has turned a 100-meter time of 13.50 seconds and is on the 400- and 800-meter relays. Both relays placed second at the Bulldog Relays in Plainview March 13-14.

Times and distances and batting averages aren't the only thing these five have to worry about. There are also their grades.

Results of the two-sport experiment vary. Schlabs said her grades have slipped.

"My grades have gone down a lot," Schlabs admitted. "I think I get tired enough to where I don't want to do my homework. Plus, I miss almost two whole days of school every week because of games and meets."

Martin, though, is in the top 10 percent of her class and carries a 99 average. She doesn't see any conflict between competing in two sports at the same time and schoolwork.

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Mavs mine victory from Nuggets

DENVER (AP) -- Michael Finley scored 22 points as the Dallas Mavericks won for the fourth time in five games and handed the Denver Nuggets their franchise-record 63rd loss with a 105-94 victory Wednesday night.

Martin Muursepp added 16 points and A. C. Green had 10 points and 11 rebounds for Dallas. The Mavericks were 25-for-30 from the free throw line in winning for the sixth time in 34 road games.

Johnny Newman came off the bench to score 20 points for Denver, which tied a franchise record with 29 home losses. Danny Fortson added 18, as did LaPhonso Ellis, who reached 5,000 career points.

With 11 games left, Denver still needs two wins to avoid tying the worst record in NBA history -- 9-73 by the 1972-73 Philadelphia 76ers. The Nuggets have lost four straight.

Finley, who didn't play at all in the fourth quarter, had seven points in the third quarter to give the Mavericks a 76-63 lead. His final points of the game coming on a shot from the corner with 2:25 left, making it 72-58 and giving the Mavericks their biggest lead of the night.

Shawn Bradley sat out the entire second half with a sore hip, leaving the Mavericks with only nine players at their disposal.

Newman scored six points in the first three minutes of the fourth quarter to pull the Nuggets to 80-71.



Getting some sun

Hereford's Amit Patel and the rest of the tennis team took advantage of the warm weather Tuesday. Both teams will host the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce Tennis Invitational Friday and Saturday at Whiteface Courts. Eight teams, including Hereford, are entered in the tournament.

Source: Penders out as UT coach

By CHIP BROWN
AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN -- Tom Penders, who led Texas to the NCAA tournament in eight of his 10 seasons, is out as Longhorns coach, The Associated Press learned Wednesday night.

Penders, under fire since an assistant last week released a player's grades to a local radio station, is considering a job outside of coaching or being reassigned at Texas, a university source said.

The source spoke on condition of anonymity.

An Austin TV station, KEYE, also reported Wednesday that Penders would be fired or reassigned as early as Friday.

Penders, the winningest coach in Texas history with a 208-110 record, said that if he's out, he hasn't heard about it.

"I have not had one phone call from Mr. Dodds, who is my boss," Penders said, referring to Texas athletic director DeLoss Dodds. "I haven't heard anything about my job status changing."

Penders has four years remaining on a five-year contract extens-

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NASCAR

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) -- Darrell Waltrip has sold the NASCAR race team he has owned for eight years. He did not identify the new owner.

Waltrip said he will drive his No. 17 Chevrolet at least through Sunday's race in Bristol, Tenn.

The three-time Winston Cup champion said earlier this month he

was selling the team because of continuing disputes with sponsors and other financial reasons. He has said he would like to continue driving for the team, but that would be up to the new owner.

Waltrip also said he would like to retire after driving for a final year next season.



Waltrip

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Tri-State High School Rodeo Association at Sayre, Okla.
Saturday
Hereford Results
Calf Roping: 1. Monty Lewis 10 points.
2. Rodey Wilson 9, 4. T.J. Good 7
Ribbon Roping: 2. Jordan Satterfield
9, 4. T.J. Good 7, 10. Curt Smith 1
Team Roping: 1. Kip Kendrick, Pecos
Allford 10; 3. Shandon Stalls, Rodey Wilson
8; 8. Kip Kendrick, Ty Boggeman 3.
All-Around Cowboy: Rodey Wilson 17

Tom Penders at a Glance

A look at the career of Tom Penders, who reportedly is on his way out after 10 years as Texas Longhorns basketball coach:
-- Penders was hired as the Longhorns' 22nd head coach on April 6, 1988.
-- In 10 seasons, Penders averaged nearly 21 wins per year.
-- The Longhorns, 16-13 in 1987-88, went 25-9 in Penders' first season and advanced to the second round of the NCAA tournament. It was their first tournament appearance since 1979.
-- Texas went 24-9 and advanced to the Elite Eight of the NCAA Tournament in 1990.
-- Penders was the first Texas coach to lead the Longhorns to a Southwest Conference Tournament title (1994 and 1995).

Doubleheader

"It keeps me busy, but everything's fun," Martin said. "If I did just one sport, I would get bored. I'd get tired of it. I guess I have a short attention span."

Luna, who is the team's leading hitter with a .409 average, knows that the day will come when she will have to make a choice between softball and golf. As much as she enjoys golf, which she just started playing last summer, she said softball would be an easy choice.

"Everyone thinks of me more as a softball player," Luna said. "Everybody knows I play in the co-ed leagues. My family has always been into softball. My dad was a really good (base)ball player, and so is my little brother (Gilbert Jr.)."

Crystal Luna said her parents, Gilbert Sr. and Carolina Luna, are supportive of her efforts to play both sports.

"They really encourage me," she said.

Janae Schlabs said it's ditto with her parents -- Ray and Charla Schlabs.

"They're real good about it," Janae said. "They support me. (But) they know that sooner or later, I'm going to have to choose. They'd rather I pick softball."

That doesn't necessarily mean it's a done deal, though. Schlabs has a few compelling reasons to continue with track.

The sophomore who plays center field also throws the shot, and the discus. In the discus, she placed seventh at last weekend's West Texas Relays in Odessa with a throw of 99 feet 8 inches.

"I made varsity track," Schlabs proclaimed with a smile. "That didn't make me want to quit track."

Luna may have it a little bit easier. Even if she were to give up golf, she can still play on her own. That's something the other four can't say about track.

"It's a real relaxing sport," Luna said. "It's just you. It's all you. It's more of an individual sport."

Luna said she hasn't felt any pressure this year to choose softball or golf from Fox or head golf coach Stacey Bixler.

"Coach Bixler has been real supportive," she said. "He does his best to help fit the schedules between golf and softball."

While the three coaches involved all have been understand-

ing, all five agree there is a cost, whether it be lost sleep, lost study time or lost grade points, although they disagree on the extent.

"It doesn't really bother me," Dominguez said. "Sometimes I'm really tired because we had a hard workout in track. When I'm really tired, I can't pitch as well."

Dominguez earned the first-ever win of the Hereford softball program in a 28-13 home win over Canyon March 5. She currently has a 1-1 record and is hitting at a .375 clip.

Still Fox has some concerns about players missing or arriving late for practices, and sometimes missing games.

"Obviously, it causes us some problems," he said. "We're not developing as quickly as I would like to because we just don't have the players here at the time we need them. That's nobody's fault. It's a fact of life that we're dealing with."

Martin hasn't missed any track meets, but she has missed one softball game. She said she's not sure what she would do if she had to make a choice.

"I really don't know," she said. "I think I would still try to do both. It depends on what comes up. I'll just take it as it comes."

For his part, Fox hasn't this year, and won't next year, force the five to make a choice between softball and their other sport. But there will be some changes beginning with the 1999 season when the Hereford program joins the University Interscholastic League.

Next year, the Lady Whitefaces will be split into varsity and junior varsity squads rather than Gray and White as they are this year. Fox said the decision to go with two separate teams this season was made to aid in player development.

Next year, he said, it's going to be more like any other high school team. And Fox is going to ask all team members who want to be on the varsity to commit solely to softball.

But he's not turning his back on the players who might still wish to compete in two sports simultaneously. The JV squad members will be allowed simultaneous participation.

"I think it's great that we have athletes in Hereford, Texas, that want to play two sports, and, at this level, have the ability to play two sports," Fox said. "But they're not being fair to themselves."

Penders

ion he received last year at roughly \$550,000 per year.

The source said Penders was considering an opportunity outside of coaching, but wouldn't elaborate.

"When you're charismatic and a respected coach like Tom is, you will always have attractive opportunities," the source said.

The source said that if Penders decided not to take that opportunity, he would likely be reassigned, possibly as early as Friday.

Dodds said he won't comment until the completion of a school investigation into the release of Texas basketball player Luke Axtell's academic progress report to an Austin radio station, an apparent violation of federal law protecting student privacy.

Texas assistant coach Eddie Oran on Sunday took responsibility for releasing Axtell's grade report.

Patricia Ohlendorf, vice provost and counsel to the president, said Wednesday that administration officials had not reached a conclusion to their probe, which she said would likely be completed Friday.

"When we look at policy violations and law violations, we have to look at all the surrounding information, and we haven't reached any conclusions," Ohlendorf said.

UT school officials have been investigating if Penders, who was

vacationing in the Caribbean at the time Axtell's academic report was released, had anything to do with the incident.

Penders has said repeatedly that he didn't know anything about it. "If Eddie had called me, I would have said, 'No way,'" Penders said.

Axtell, granted a transfer release after being suspended by Penders on March 17 for academic reasons, has an attorney who says she is waiting to see how the investigation unfolds before taking legal action.

Penders on Wednesday echoed his willingness to be reassigned.

"As I've said many times, I have a contract that has four years remaining," Penders said. "There is a reassignment clause in there, and they could reassign me for any reason. If they want to do that, that's their prerogative."

"I love the University of Texas, and if they decided to reassign me because they wanted to make a change, I would probably work for them and raise money or whatever they want me to do," he said.

Penders said he was busy recruiting Wednesday and practicing his golf swing for a tournament he is helping sponsor this week called, "Coaches Versus Cancer."

Penders is 208-110 in 10 years at Texas, including eight trips to the NCAA tournament and two losing seasons. The Longhorns were 14-17 this year.



Courtesy Photo

10 and Under Girls Champs

The Stars defeated the Lady Magic 22-12 Saturday for the girls basketball 10 and Under title. The Stars are (left to right) back row, coach Alma Salinas, Kari Davison, Kayla Parham, Andrea Oliver, Georgette Villegas and coach Amy Tijerina; front row, Sabra Paetzold, Madison Urbanczyk, Raquel Castro and Amanda Moss. Not pictured is Malary Mani.

Final 4 coaches enjoy experience

By KELLEY SHANNON
AP Sports Writer

SAN ANTONIO -- They've watched from the sidelines as assistant coaches and from faraway seats in the crowd.

This weekend, North Carolina's Bill Guthridge, Utah's Rick Majerus, Kentucky's Tubby Smith and Stanford's Mike Montgomery get to experience the Final Four for the first time as head coaches.

"It's a thrill," said Montgomery, whose team meets Kentucky on Saturday. "Now it's going to be my turn."

Utah plays North Carolina in the other semifinal game in the Alamodome. The two winners play Monday night for the national championship.

After nearly 30 years as an assistant to longtime North Carolina coach Dean Smith, Guthridge is learning that reaching the Final Four as a head coach can be a daunting ordeal -- from preparing his team to dealing with ticket requests.

But he isn't complaining. "It's something that I like, and I wish I could do it every year," said Guthridge, whose Tar Heels (34-3) are favored to win the tournament.

North Carolina beat Connecticut 75-64 to win the East Regional and reach the Final Four for the 14th time. It's the second consecutive Final Four appearance for North Carolina and the team's third in four years.

Guthridge praised the performance of Utah (29-3) in its 76-51 defeat of defending champion Arizona in the West Regional finals.

"They've had great success against very good competition," he said.

Facing the Tar Heels will be difficult in a number of areas, said Majerus, citing North Carolina's discipline, athleticism and defense.

The Tar Heels have limited opponents this season to 38 percent shooting, the lowest since the 1959-60 season. That mark was only 35 percent in four NCAA tournament games.

With the hoopla at home and more to come in San Antonio, Majerus said a big challenge for the Utes will be avoiding distractions.

"For me it's probably a once in a lifetime opportunity," he said. "My concern is that I don't deviate from normal preparation and get my players too tentative or too tight."

Tubby Smith, who took over as Wildcats coach this season after Rick Pitino left to coach the Boston Celtics, joked that this will be an improvement from the times he has watched the Final Four from a seat high in the arena.

"Now I'm going to get to be down there," Tubby Smith said. "It's a surreal-type atmosphere for me because you're living pretty much a dream."

Jr. High Track

Hereford Invitational 7th Grade Boys Track Meet Friday
Team Results: 1. Hereford 162 points, 2. Canyon Westover 92, 3. Clovis (N.M.) Marshall 88, 4. Clovis Galitis 78, 5. Canyon 72, 6. Pampa 56, 7. Clovis Yucca 49.
1:51.81 400m: 1. Jose Reece 59.25, 3. Jeremy Cortez 1:04.50, 5. Russell Carr 1:05.91
200m: 4. Jesse Rangel 27.47
1,600m: 3. Chris Ruckman 6:02.32, 6. Jeremy Blakely 6:09.09
1,800m Relay: 1. Hereford (Luis Perez, Wade McNutt, Bryan Gallan, Jose Reece) 4:07.88
Hereford Results
2,400m: 4. Casey Valdez 9:42.25
400m Relay: 2. Hereford (Luis Perez, Tyson Yosten, Bryan Gallan, Jose Reece) 51.23
800m: 2. Chris Ruckman 2:36.37, 4. Jeremy Blakely 2:37.32
110m Hurdles: 5. Tyler Yenser 20.90
100m: 3. Luis Perez 12.77, 6. Robert Gil 13.24
800m Relay: 1. Hereford (Stewart Carr, Robert Gil, Sammy Ellis, Bryan Gallan)
Shot Put: 6. Marcus Smith 31-1
Discus: 2. Paul Gilmore 90-9
Pole Vault: 1. Luis Perez 9-0, 2. Stewart Carr 8-0
Long Jump: 1. Jose Reece 16-9 1/2, 3. Wade McNutt 15-2, 6. Robert Gil 14-5
High Jump: 1. Wade McNutt 5-0
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Shame on you, Jerry Springer, for 'The Jerry Springer Show'

By **FRAZIER MOORE**
AP Television Writer

Well, isn't this nice. The Rev. Billy Graham absolves President Clinton of impolitic hominess. Saddam Hussein is sitting pretty with his bombs and germs. Basketball star Latrell Sprewell gets away with just a slap on one of the hands he used to choke his coach. And Jerry Springer rules daytime talk TV. You know the story. "The Jerry Springer Show" has almost doubled its ratings in the past year, and recently has tied with and even beat "The Oprah Winfrey Show."

Why this seventh-season surge for "Springer"? Simple. More brawls, boobs and bad words.

Should a stripper go on maternity leave? "I'm not hurting nobody," argues Angel who, great with child,

proceeds to peel for the whooping studio audience. Another day, Tony gets to learn, along with millions of viewers, that his girlfriend Tatiana is really a man. "So whatchu sayin'?" he presses Tatiana in stricken disbelief, just before he tears the place apart.

And don't forget the chap who has deserted his child's mother, a woman who happens to have no arms or legs. For some reason he calls her an assortment of bleeped vulgarities, then, after mixing it up with her current husband, repeatedly threatens to kill him right after the show.

Fine and dandy. We can concede the God-given right of every American to watch "Jerry Springer," and even to appear on it. And as Springer rightly points out, those of us who aren't fans can just go watch something else.

None of that spares Springer from his own disgrace

as the host of such effluent. Maybe somebody's got to do it. If that person is going to be Jerry - well, shame on him, no matter how agile his claims of immunity.

Hear him profess pride for offering a platform to people he says the media otherwise neglect. Note the respect he voices for his guests, hailing them in one interview as "blatantly honest."

And yet, with the snap of a finger, he is happy to belittle the whole "Springer" enterprise. "I just don't take it that seriously," he says of the show he likes to call "silly." When viewers tell him his guests are crazy, says Jerry, "I go, 'Duh.'"

As host of "Mad TV" one recent week, Springer played himself with gusto in a sketch that nailed his show as the sick joke it is. Yet seldom, if ever, are his guests in on the joke. Or aware that they're the butt of it. "Duh" is right. But that doesn't excuse Jerry.

"It's a crazy world. Have fun with it." That's Springer's cavalier welcome to viewers on his big-selling "Jerry Springer - Too Hot for TV." But buyer, beware: Apart from unbleeped words and unmasked nudity, this "front-row, uncensored" adult video doesn't differ substantially from what we can see, free of charge, on "Springer" every day.

What we see are people who flaunt and rancorously defend the mess they've made of their lives.

"I'll be the first to admit that we've got a pretty crazy show on our hands," says Springer, who, crazy like a fox, should know. And though we could find stronger words than "crazy" and "silly" to describe it, he's right. "The Jerry Springer Show" is indeed on his hands. And even if he wanted to, he couldn't wipe it off.

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JFK Jr. salutes Apollo space program

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) - In a rare visit to the space center bearing his father's name, John Kennedy Jr. saluted the Apollo program and an upcoming HBO miniseries chronicling America's race to the moon.

"I believe this nation should commit itself to achieving the goal before the decade is out of landing a man on the moon and returning him safely to Earth," he said, repeating his father's 1961 pledge.

"Thank you for fulfilling that pledge that was made 37 years ago," he told several hundred people gathered Wednesday night for the local premiere of HBO's "From the Earth to the Moon."

The crowd included Apollo program retirees as well as two men who flew to the moon: Apollo 11's Buzz Aldrin and Apollo 15's Al Worden. Also in attendance: Kennedy's wife, Carolyn Bessette.

The \$65 million HBO miniseries was filmed in part at Kennedy Space Center. The first of 12 episodes airs on April 5.

"Some people thought that \$65 million to do 'From the Earth to the Moon' was a bit steep," Kennedy

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said, "but I remind all of you that this film has landed 12 valiant men on the moon for one-fourth the price James Cameron spent sinking one old boat."

Kennedy, editor in chief of *George* magazine, put actor Tom Hanks, executive producer of the miniseries, on the cover of the April issue.

PAUL NEWMAN

BEAVER, Utah (AP) - Paul Newman wants to renovate the tumbled-down birthplace of Butch Cassidy, with help from the state of Utah.

Newman gave one of his most memorable movie roles as the outlaw in "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid." Cassidy, the alias of Robert LeRoy Parker, was born more than 130 years ago in this southern Utah town of 5,000.

Author Aaron Hotchner, a partner in the charitable Newman's Own Foundation, said he saw a picture of the rickety cabin on the Internet and got the idea to run it as a museum with artifacts from the outlaw's life and times. He said the cabin's owner likes the idea.

Hotchner said he and Newman want to give a grant to the state for fixing up the place.

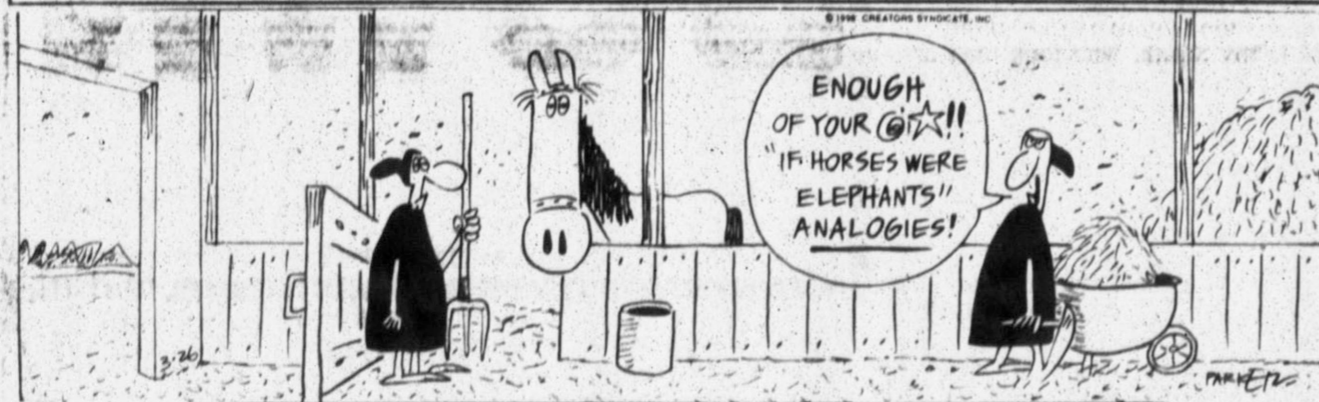
"We stand ready to try to make it a historic place, if it is feasible," Hotchner said. "But there hasn't seemed to be any response, and in the meantime it's deteriorated more," said the writer known for works including "King of the Hill."

Wilson Martin, the associate director of the state historical society, was out of his office Wednesday and unavailable for comment.

Comics

The Wizard of Id

By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart



Marvin

By Tom Armstrong



Blondie

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



Barney Google and Snuffy Smith

By Fred Lasswell



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THURSDAY MARCH 26

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FRIDAY MARCH 27

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--Don't use abbreviations. It's tempting to abbreviate and save money if ads are billed by the line. Brand ads are billed by the words, so spell them out so readers won't be confused trying to figure out abbreviations.
-- Don't be misleading. Think accurate and factual when you write. Be sure to include a phone number and the best times to reach you.

NEWS in brief

FDA finds some canned foods as good as fresh

WASHINGTON (AP) - When it comes to food, fresh doesn't always mean better.

The Food and Drug Administration announced Wednesday that certain canned or frozen fruits and vegetables are just as good as fresh produce, letting a list from canned beets to frozen green beans be advertised as "healthy."

In fact, the FDA said some frozen or canned vegetables may even be more nutritious than fresh ones because vitamins can leach out of fresh produce. One study said fresh green beans left for three days in the store and three days in a home refrigerator retained only 36 percent of their Vitamin C, while frozen green beans had twice as much.

Russian duo skis across the Bering Strait

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) - A Russian father and son team braved close encounters with polar bears and a plunge through the sea ice to complete the first known crossing of the Bering Strait on skis.

Dmitry Shparo, 56, and Matvey Shparo, 24, left Uelen on the eastern coast of Siberia on March 1 and arrived Saturday, nearly three weeks later, at Cape Thompson, 150 miles to the east.

This attempt to cross the frozen Chukchi Sea went smoother than efforts in the previous two years, which ended with helicopter rescues.

The two said from Anchorage Tuesday that they saw polar bears each day, including one that stuck its huge nose in their tent the night of March 5.

Boy accused of firing at school principal

DAILY CITY, Calif. (AP) - Angry at being sent home from school, a 14-year-old boy fired a pistol at his principal, tossed the gun in a bush and slipped back to math class. He led police to the gun.

The boy missed and the principal, Matteo Rizzo, wasn't hurt in Wednesday's shooting.

The youngster, who was not identified because of his age, faces juvenile charges of attempted murder and weapons-related charges.

Police said the boy admitted he shot at Rizzo with a .25-caliber semiautomatic pistol from 20 feet away in a courtyard of students heading to class.

4-year-old caught again with gun at day care

CLEVELAND (AP) - A 4-year-old boy with a fascination for firearms has been caught for a second time bringing a loaded gun to a day-care center.

A staff member discovered the weapon - a 9 mm handgun with one round in the chamber and 13 in the magazine - stuffed in the boy's coat pocket. He mentioned the gun to children who told the teacher. *The Plain Dealer* reported today.

Police were investigating whether the gun's owner or the boy's guardian committed any crime. The youngster's name was not released.

He is a bright, attentive,

well-cared-for child, but he is absolutely fascinated with guns," said Catherine Perry, administrator of the Shaker Boulevard Child Care Center, which serves 117 children.

Toyota settles lawsuit over lack of harness

EDWARDSVILLE, Ill. (AP) - Toyota Motor Corp. has agreed to pay millions of dollars to a brain-damaged woman whose lawyers blamed her collision injuries on the lack of a back-seat shoulder harness in her 1981 Celica.

Toyota settled Tuesday for a reported \$6 million, even though federal law did not require rear shoulder harnesses until 1990.

The settlement came in the middle of 22-year-old Jennifer Anderson's lawsuit.

The former prom queen and gymnast spent weeks in a coma after her '81 Celica collided with a tractor-trailer in 1994. Her boyfriend and another man were in the front seat and secured by belts with shoulder harnesses. They suffered lesser injuries.

Brother of Megan's killer charged with assaulting girls

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. (AP) - The brother of a man whose molestation and murder of 7-year-old Megan Kanka led to the enactment of several sex offender registries was arrested on charges he sexually assaulted two girls.

Paul Timmenedequas, 34, was scheduled to be arraigned today on charges of aggravated sexual assault, aggravated sexual contact and two counts of endangering the welfare of a minor.

He is the younger brother of Jesse Timmenedequas, who was sentenced to death in May for luring little Megan into his home and raping and killing her.

Grandmother dies using assisted suicide law

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) - With a sip of brandy to wash down her lethal dose of prescription drugs, a cancer-stricken grandmother closed her eyes for the final time and settled into a long, deep sleep.

When death came a half-hour later, the woman became one of the first persons to die under the nation's only doctor-assisted suicide law.

The woman in her mid 80s, whose name was withheld by her family, first was diagnosed with breast cancer 20 years ago and had been given less than two months to live.

Judge tempts Nichols to tell all about Oklahoma City

DENVER (AP) - A U.S. district judge has given Terry Nichols a difficult choice: Keep silent about the Oklahoma City bombing and face an almost-certain federal sentence of life in prison, or tell all and help a possible death-penalty case if tried on state murder charges.

Judge Richard Matsch said Wednesday he intends to sentence Nichols to life in prison without parole if he doesn't answer a number of lingering questions. Matsch did not specify his questions, but defense lawyers had raised the possibility that other suspects remained at large.

Hero teacher 'saw that bullet coming'

JONESBORO, Ark. (AP) - Unfazed by the bloodbath around her as screaming schoolchildren fell to the ground in a spray of gunfire, English teacher Shannon Wright stepped in front of little Emma Pittman and took a bullet for the sixth-grader.

Emma was unharmed, but the shooting rampage cost four little girls and the Westside Middle School teacher their lives. Emma lived.

Police say the killers were one of Mrs. Wright's former pupils - a 13-year-old boy - and an 11-year-old boy who also went to the school.

The 32-year-old English teacher was shot in the chest and abdomen. She died later at a hospital.

"I think Mrs. Wright saw that bullet coming," Emma told *The Jonesboro Sun*. "She grabbed me by

the shoulders and pushed me out of the way. She got hit and she just fell."

Police said Mitchell Johnson and Andrew Golden lured classmates out of school with a fake fire alarm, then cut them down in a barrage of bullets. Ten other youngsters and another teacher were wounded.

Friends said Mitchell - who was Mrs. Wright's pupil last year - was angry about being jilted by a girl and had warned classmates a day earlier that "he had a lot of killing to do."

Mitchell Wright said his wife never was critical of the 13-year-old boy.

"She never came home and talked bad about any of her kids," Wright said Wednesday, barely 12 hours after his wife died following surgery.

She had just finished lunch with

her pupils and returned to the classroom when the fire alarm rang. The students and teachers filed out into the schoolyard and the boys, decked out in camouflage gear and up on a ridge, opened fire.

"I saw Mrs. Wright take Emma Pittman and she took her arm and pulled Emma behind her and that's when she got shot," said Amber Vanoven, 11. "Everybody started screaming and I saw her fall on the ground."

Wright wasn't surprised at reports that his wife was a hero.

"I'm sure that if she thought someone was trying to hurt one of her kids, she would try to protect them," he said.

Shannon Wright always wanted to be a teacher, her husband said. As a child, she would write out lesson

plans for her little brother and make him do homework.

She had graduated from Westside schools, attended Arkansas State University in Jonesboro and, after graduating in 1991, started teaching in the same district where she was schooled, her husband said.

"It was kind of a childhood dream," he said. "That's the only place she ever wanted to teach."

Emma's mother, Susan Pittman, said the teacher's selflessness saved her daughter's life.

"My heart just goes out" to Mrs. Wright's family, Mrs. Pittman said. "I feel she needs a hero award for saving our child. I want her family to know how grateful and thankful we are because she didn't think of herself; she thought of these children."

Keeping an eye on Texas

Texans qualify for income tax refunds

More than 1.5 million Texans applied for income tax refunds under the Earned Income Tax Credit program in 1997. Texas ranked second among the states behind California's 2.5 million participating taxpayers—more than 15 million taxpayers in the U.S. received EITC refunds. EITC refunds may be sent to:

- 3 Families with two or more children, and a gross income of no more than \$29,290. The maximum refund could be \$3,656 in this category.
 - 3 Families with one child, and a gross income of no more than \$25,760. Maximum refund: \$2,210.
 - 3 Families consisting of adults between the age of 25 and 64 with no children, and a gross income of less than \$9,770. Maximum refund: \$332.
- To inquire about the Earned Income Tax Credit:
- 3 Visit your local Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) center
 - 3 Call the IRS toll-free: 1-800-829-1040
 - 3 Call the Texas Comptroller's special EITC hotline: 1-800-277-8383.

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, and the Internal Revenue Service.

Echándole el ojo a Texas

Los Tejanos califican para reembolsos federales

Más de 1.5 millones de Texanos solicitaron reembolsos de sus impuestos federales con el Crédito por Ingreso de Trabajo en 1997. Texas tomó segundo lugar entre los estados, sobrepasado por los 2.5 millones de Californianos que participaron en el programa. Mas de 15 millones de personas en el país recibieron el reembolso. El Crédito por Ingreso de Trabajo se puede mandar a:

- 3 Familias con dos ó más niños y un salario anual de menos de \$29,290. El crédito más grande podría ser \$3,656 en esta categoría.
 - 3 Familias con un niño y un salario anual de menos de \$25,760. Crédito máximo: \$2,210.
 - 3 Familias de adultos entre las edades de 25 y 64 sin niños y con un salario anual de menos de \$9,770. Crédito máximo: \$332.
- Para más información sobre el Crédito por Ingreso de Trabajo:
- 3 Visite su Centro de Asistencia Voluntaria Para los Impuestos (VITA) más cercano
 - 3 Llame al Servicio de Recaudación (IRS) en su número gratis: 1-800-829-1040
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