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Local woman dies in wreck

A 27-year-old Hereford woman was killed Tuesday in a two-vehicle collision about 8 miles east of Hereford on U.S. Hwy. 60. Consuelo Herrera Gonzales was killed in the accident, which occurred about 12:30 p.m. Tuesday when her vehicle collided with a tractor-trailer rig driven by Clay Dunham, 26, also of Hereford.

Gonzales was westbound on U.S. 60 when her 1981 Pontiac went into a sideways skid and crossed the center median into the eastbound traffic, where it was struck on the driver's side by the 1994 Kenworth rig driven by Dunham.

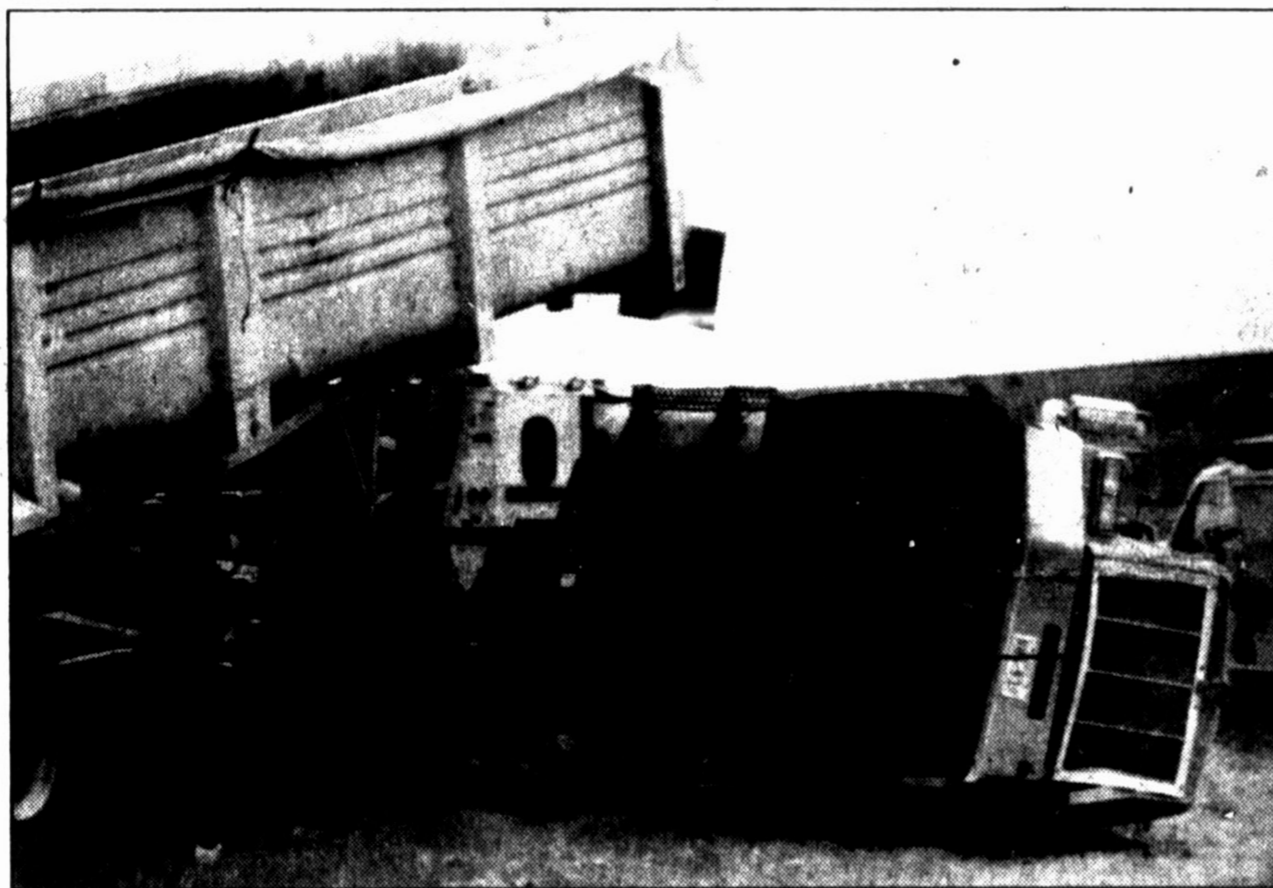
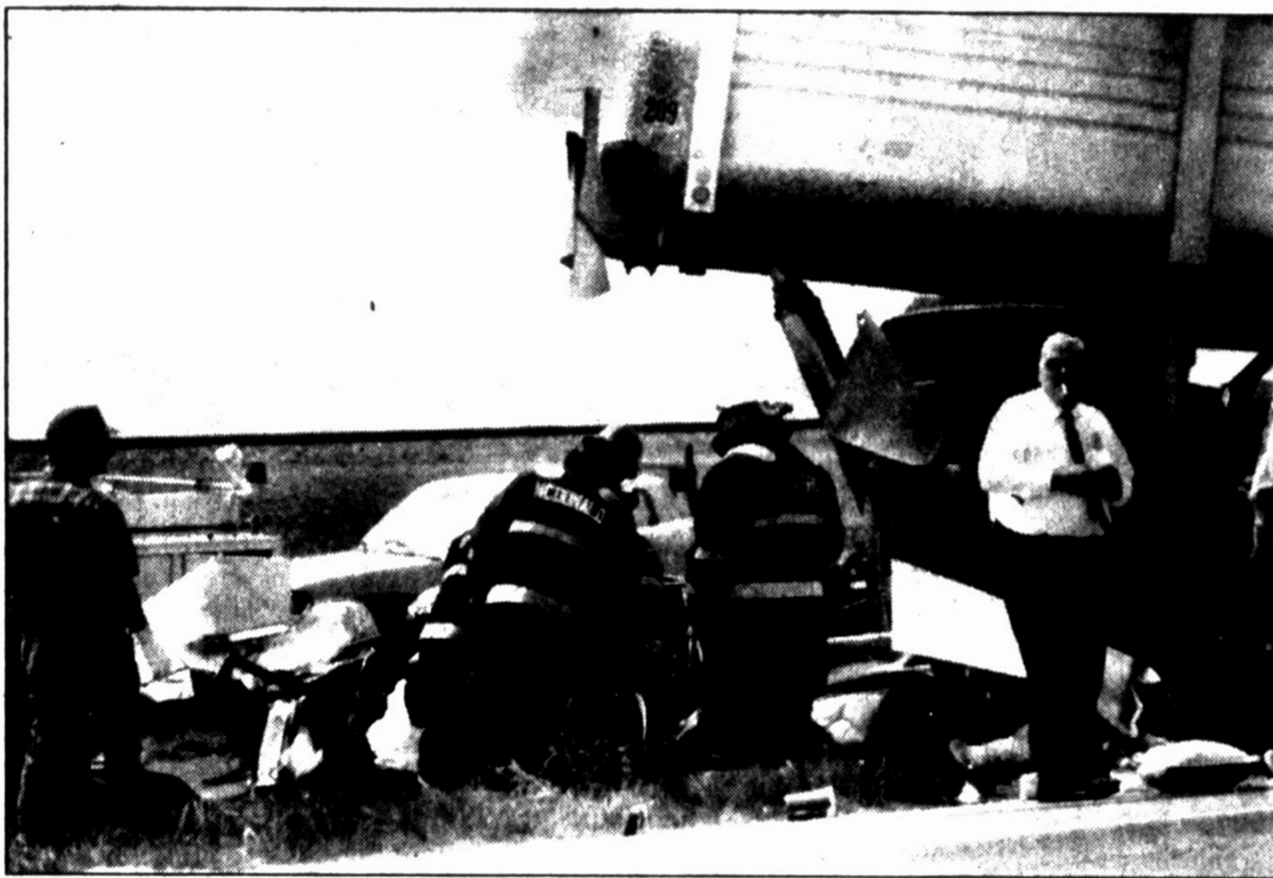
Gonzales was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident. An autopsy has been ordered by acting Justice of the Peace Eileen Behunin.

Dunham was taken by Hereford Emergency Medical Services ambulance to Hereford Regional Medical Center, where he was listed in good condition Tuesday evening.

The accident Tuesday was the fourth fatal wreck, resulting in five deaths, to occur along the same stretch of U.S. 60, according to Sgt. Ben Urbanczyk, Texas Department of Public Safety. However, Urbanczyk said this accident is the first to have occurred in the construction zone.

"None of the accidents are related," Urbanczyk said. "Driver error has certainly played a part in all of them, but the construction is not to blame."

DPS officers will make a scale diagram later today to determine the speed of the vehicles and perhaps the cause of the initial skid.



Photos by Don Cooper

Hereford Fire Marshal Jay Spain (at right, top) watches the traffic at the scene of Tuesday's fatal accident about 8 miles east of Hereford on U.S. Hwy. 60. An automobile crossed the median from the westbound lane and collided with a tractor-trailer rig (above) in the eastbound lane.

Deadline passes for casting votes on local calling

By DONALD M. COOPER
Brand Editor

Toll-free telephone calls from Hereford to Amarillo and Canyon will be possible if enough Hereford phone customers vote for expanded local calling.

The deadline for returning ballots to the Texas Public Utilities Commission was Tuesday. If 70 percent of the returned ballots support the ELC between Hereford and the Amarillo/Canyon exchanges, then the PUC will order Southwestern Bell to stop charging long-distance toll between Hereford and its two neighbors.

If the ELC proposal passes, Southwestern Bell's customers in Hereford would see a new line-item charge on their monthly telephone bills. The company would charge up to \$3.50 for resident customers and up to \$7 for commercial customers for the expanded calling.

In a recent interview, Southwestern Bell representative Gary Stevens said the ELC was designed to enable communities with less than 10,000 telephone lines (Hereford has about 6,300) to petition the PUC for toll-free service with larger communities.

Stevens said the ELC originally was limited to 22 miles; however, the PUC has expanded that to about 60 miles if the petitioning community can show ties with the larger city, as well as the need for the service.

In a previous ELC election, some Hereford residents apparently were confused about the telephone exchanges involved. Although there are several prefixes in Amarillo, the city is considered one exchange for purposes of the ELC.

The petition drive in Hereford was organized by Dennis Hicks, owner/operator of Hicks Well Service.

Hicks has contended the ELC will help Hereford residents and businesses.

He said Hereford Regional Medical Center is a major reason why the ELC should be approved, citing links between HRMC and Baptist St. Anthony's Health System in Amarillo. Many patients who cannot receive treatment at HRMC are transferred to the Amarillo facility, and the consultations between the local physicians and Amarillo facilities can run up the long-distance bills.

A HRMC administrator acknowledged the hospital would benefit from toll-free calling between Hereford and Amarillo.

According to Hicks, the Hereford Independent School District probably spends thousands of dollars on telephone calls to the educational service center in Amarillo, as well as with the various Amarillo schools in the same UIL district, and the Deaf Smith County Public Library, which is a member of the Amarillo-based consortium, would realize reductions in its telephone bills if the ELC is approved.

Factory orders rise modestly last month

WASHINGTON (AP) - Factory orders rose modestly in March, but the first quarter of 1998 was a soft one overall as Asian financial turmoil dealt a setback to U.S. export sales.

Orders - a barometer of future production - increased 0.3 percent to a seasonally adjusted \$336.2 billion following a 0.7 percent drop in February, the Commerce Department said today. Orders for the quarter as a whole are down 0.8 percent from the last three months of 1997.

U.S. manufacturers - particularly the export-reliant aircraft industry - have been hurt by slack demand in Asian countries. However, the weakness hasn't yet pushed up unemployment or dampened American consumers' confidence.

Even within manufacturing, the impact has been blunted. Companies have been able to keep production levels up because of a big backlog of unfilled orders.

In fact, shipments of factory goods - a measure of current production - jumped 0.8 percent to a seasonally adjusted \$340.5 billion in March, the third increase in four months. Shipments for the quarter were up 0.8 percent over the October-December period.

The faster pace of shipments, compared with new orders, allowed manufacturers to reduce the backlog of unfilled orders for the third time in four months. It fell 0.8 percent in March to a seasonally adjusted \$538.7 billion.

In March, orders were led by a 4.1 percent increase for computers and other office equipment. Overall, durable goods - expensive items expected to last at least three years - rose 0.5 percent.

That included a 3 percent rise for stone, clay and glass products, a 1.1 percent rise for communications equipment, a 4.4 percent gain for medical instruments and a 7.9 percent increase for electronic components.

However, orders for aircraft slumped 16.6 percent, on top of a 34.8 percent plunge in February. Orders fell 4.2 percent for primary metals such as steel, 0.1 percent for fabricated metal products. They also declined for electric lighting and wiring and engines and turbines.

Non-durable goods orders were unchanged from the month before. Orders declined for chemicals, but increased for printed materials.

Dry weather has hurt wheat crop potential

COLLEGE STATION (AP) - Dry, hot, and windy conditions continue to stress the wheat crop across the state, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service reports.

In the Panhandle, extension agronomist Dr. Brent Bean of Amarillo, said the wheat crop was off to an excellent start; however, the dry April weather has caused the crop stress.

"The weather has really hurt the dryland wheat south of Amarillo," he said.

Because the wheat crop started strong, Bean said producers could still come out with average yields. He said the weather is still able to improve the quality of the wheat, yet it's too early to determine how good that quality will be.

"The weather has hurt the potential of what we had about six weeks ago with dryland wheat," he said.

In the Rolling Plains, extension director Galen Chandler of Vernon, said the wheat is in the full head stage and is showing signs of moisture stress.

"Some heads are not completely filled, due to dry conditions at the critical head filling stage," he said. "We've seen some signs of blasted heads which is possibly due to freeze or moisture related damage."

Chandler said the leaf rust appears to be light across the entire area.

Extension agronomist Dr. Billy Warrick of San Angelo said the lack of moisture in West Central Texas has cut wheat yield percentages by 25

percent. "We have progressed very rapidly from being green to brown because moisture has not been received," he said.

Warrick said the wheat quality has been negatively impacted. He said he expects producers will experience a price reduction because the wheat will not meet quality standards.

He said the dry weather has left big question marks as to what producers will ultimately do with the fields.

"Hot, dry blowing winds will definitely dry this crop out in a hurry," Warrick said. "and it has done so."

In the South Plains, district Extension director Jett Major of Lubbock said the pastures and ranges

are in fair condition.

"Yet the market is beginning to drop due possibly to lack of moisture," he said.

In Far West Texas, district Extension director Charles Neeb of Fort Stockton said dry conditions persist with hot and windy days.

"Range condition is in as poor condition as it has ever been in Pecos County," he said. "Most livestock are in poor condition due to the range conditions."

Joe Pena, Extension economist in Uvalde, said the Southwest region remains very dry.

"April ended as the driest month on record, behind 1983 and 1921," he said. "It is now more than 65 days

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SWEET SADNESS

Dwindling chocolate supply is at odds with growing demand

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) - It's a candy lover's worst nightmare - a decade from now, the world may start running out of chocolate.

It's not time yet to hoard the Hershey bars or stockpile M&Ms. But people are gobbling up candy bars twice as fast as chocolate is being produced and this year's cocoa crop is falling behind expectations.

"It's not going to disappear overnight," said Carol Knight, vice president of scientific affairs at the American Cocoa Research Institute in McLean, Va. "But if we don't work to assure its future, there could be a shortage."

Last month, the major candy companies gathered at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute in Panama with conservation groups and small cocoa farmers - who produce 90 percent of the world's chocolate - to develop strategies to farm more cocoa beans.

M&M-Mars, based in Hackettstown, paid for the meeting between groups such as Hershey Foods and The Nature Conservancy and the Rainforest Alliance, which are concerned with protecting rain forests that help cocoa grow better.

At stake is a \$50 billion worldwide industry that is growing every day.

Consumption of chocolate is growing by 3 percent a year, while production is increasing by 1.5 percent. Chocolate manufacturers may soon be interested in expanding sales in China and Eastern European nations, Knight said Tuesday.

And in the United States, "chocolate, by far, is the American favorite food," said John Lunde, director of international environmental programs for M&M-Mars.

The average American eats about 11.7 pounds of chocolate a year. Lunde said the consumption rate may cause a chocolate shortage in 10 years if no more cocoa crops are planted.

Cocoa beans, which are dried, then ground, roasted and mixed with sugar and milk to make chocolate, are primarily grown on West Africa's Ivory Coast, but also in countries like Indonesia and Brazil.

So far, the 1997-98 cocoa crop is falling behind the previous harvest of slightly more than 1 million metric tons because of a lack of rain on the Ivory Coast. Cacao trees, which only grow from 12 to 20 feet high and take about six years to yield cocoa beans, grow best in the shade of taller

rain forest trees.

The bean also is especially vulnerable to pests and plant diseases. The monilia fungus or black pod disease could wipe out a crop for the season, said Jeffrey Parrish, a conservation ornithologist at The Nature Conservancy.

"Each one of those trees requires an extreme amount of care," he said. "These small farmers can't afford to buy lots of chemicals and pay lots of workers."

Since the meeting, the institute has solicited about a dozen research proposals, Knight said. The institute wants to develop a worldwide study, though they have no specific partners or funding sources yet.

Besides helping the industry, the growth of cocoa should be a boon for the rain forest and endangered species, said Parrish, who oversaw a recent study in Costa Rica of the link between tropical bird populations and cacao plantations.

"Who would have thought that we would have actually picked up a chocolate bar as a tool to do conservation?" Parrish said. "It appears that that might one be of our best tools."

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SPEEDY NIEMAN

Hereford Bull

That feller on Tierra Blanca Creek says sometimes it is better to put off for tomorrow what you're likely to botch today

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"Good manners will open doors that education cannot...Even though you have strong feelings about something, that does not give you license to have bad manners." --Clarence Thomas, Supreme Court Justice, 1996

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With the Mother's Day observance coming Sunday, May 10, the U.S. Census Bureau has released statistics on childbirth. Among the 35 million mothers in the U.S. ages 15 to 44 in 1995, 13.9 million had two; 10.8 million had one; 6.9 million had three and 3.4 million had four or more. For Hispanic women, the number of children averaged 2.6, followed by African-American women with 2.1 and White women with 1.9.

Worldwide, as of 1998, Mali, Niger, Somalia, Uganda and Yemen had among the highest total fertility rates with more than seven births per woman during their lifetime. Among the lowest, with 1.2 or less, were Andorra, Italy, Spain, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Romania and Latvia. The rate in the United States was 2.1.

In 1995, about 1 in 5 never-married women aged 15 to 44 were mothers.

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A reader brought us a feature from The Farmers' Almanac, 1998, which highlighted boo-boos made by students in describing events of American history. Here are some of the genuine fluffs made by the students:

History according to Student Bloopers

--Christopher Columbus discovered America while cursing about the Atlantic. His ships were named the Nina, the Pinta Colada, and the Santa Fe. Columbus knelt, thanked God, and put the American flag in the ground.

--Later, the Pilgrims crossed the ocean, and this was called the Pill's Grim Progress. The winter of 1620 was a hard one for the settlers. Many people died, and many babies were born. Captain John Smith was responsible for all this.

--One of the causes of the Revolutionary War was the English put tacks in their tea. Also, the colonists would send their parcels through the post without stamps. During the War, the Red Coats and Paul Revere were throwing balls over stone walls. The dogs were barking, and the peacocks crowing. Finally, the colonists won the War and no longer had to pay for taxis.

--Tarzan is a short name for the American flag. Its full name is Tarzans and Stripes.

--America was founded by four fathers. Delegates from the original 13 states formed the Contented Congress. Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin were two singers of the Declaration of Independence, which says that all men are cremated equal.

--Abraham Lincoln became America's greatest Precedent. Lincoln's mother died in infancy, and he was born in a log cabin which he built with his very own hands.

--When Lincoln was president, he wore only a tall silk hat. He said, "In onion there is strength." Abraham Lincoln wrote the Gettysburg Address while traveling from Washington to Gettysburg on the back of an envelope. He also freed the slaves by signing the Emancipation Proclamation. Lincoln debated John Kennedy in 1960. Kennedy won the election because he looked better than Lincoln, who had pallor due to his assassination.

--On the night of April 14, 1865, Lincoln went to theater and got shot in his seat by one of the actors in a moving picture show. The believed assassinator was John Wilkes Booth, a supposedly insane actor. This ruined Booth's career.

--World War I made the people so sad that it brought on the Great Depression. Then the New Deal tried to make sure that the stock market will never happen again.

--The invention of the steamboat by Robert Fulton caused a network of rivers to spring up.

--World War II happened when Hitler and the Knotties had dreams of conquest all Europe, but Franklin Roosevelt went over there and put a stop to him. Hitler committed suicide in his bunk, and World War II ended on VD Day.

--Martin Luther had a dream. He went to Washington and recited his Sermon on the Monument. Later, he nailed 96 Protestants in the Watergate Scandal, which ushered in a new error of history.

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Local Roundup

Recycling day set

A recycling day will be held from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday in the parking lot of St. Anthony's School. Acceptable items include bundled newspaper, aluminum and other metals, and car batteries. Glass and plastic cannot be accepted. Sponsors of the recycling day are Community Christian School Service Club and Hereford Beautification Alliance.

Concert scheduled

A concert featuring both the HHS Singers and the Varsity Choir will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday in Hereford High School auditorium. The concert is free and open to the public.

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News In Brief

Study: Texas has one of nation's highest literacy needs

WASHINGTON (AP) - Because of limited literacy skills, millions of Texans have trouble performing basic reading tasks such as locating a street intersection on a map or understanding an article in the newspaper, according to a recent national study.

Texas has one of the nation's greatest literacy needs, says the National Institute for Literacy in a report which examines literacy rates at state and local levels.

Twenty-four percent of Texas' adult population - more than 3 million people - perform at the most basic reading level, the study said. Only Mississippi and Louisiana reported a higher ratio, with 30 percent and 28 percent respectively, while California and New York tied with Texas.

The institute's figures are based on extrapolations from the National Adult Literacy Survey and the U.S. Census Bureau, using statistical modeling to develop statistics at the county and local levels.

Counties in the Rio Grande Valley and West Texas scored the highest percentages of people with limited literacy skills.

DPS to begin monitoring polluting commuters

HOUSTON (AP) - Forget speedtraps. Commuters shuttling into Dallas, Fort Worth and Houston next year had better watch out for "smogtraps." Starting this fall, the Department of Public Safety will begin testing a laser monitoring system designed to identify air-fouling vehicles from suburban counties, whose residents aren't bound by clean-air laws to get their exhaust systems checked.

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission estimates that not testing vehicles entering the state's two major metro areas from the suburbs would leave 215,000 cars untested. Specially equipped vans set up on roadsides of commuter arteries will sample those cars and trucks with the lasers.

Texas crime rate falls for three years

AUSTIN (AP) - The number of crimes in Texas dropped 2.5 percent in 1997, the Department of Public Safety reported Tuesday.

Crime was down in all major categories tracked by the DPS. The decreases ranged from 1.6 percent for burglary to 10 percent for murder.

"We are pleased that in 1997, for the third straight year, Texas experienced a double-digit percentage decrease in murders," said Col. Dudley Thomas, DPS director.

"In 1991, 2,651 people were murdered in Texas, compared to 1,328 last year," he said.

The state's population grew by more than 300,000 residents last year, which helped the state's overall crime rate drop by 4 percent to 5,478.2. The crime rate is calculated as the number of crimes per 100,000 people.

The DPS tracks crimes in seven major categories - murder, rape,

robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, theft and motor vehicle theft.

Thomas also said police arrested fewer juveniles in 1997. The 2.4 percent decline was the first drop recorded in Texas since 1988.

"We don't really know why that happened, but demographic shifts, earlier intervention and harsher juvenile penalties may have contributed to the decline," he said.

The news was hailed by the office of Gov. George W. Bush, although an aide said the Republican governor won't stop the push for tougher laws.

"Gov. Bush is very pleased that Texans are safer, thanks to tougher laws, longer sentences and stricter parole policies," said spokeswoman Karen Hughes.

"However, we must not let down our guard. As long as there is any crime, as long as any Texan or member of a Texan's family is a victim, there's too much crime," she said.

According to the DPS, violent crimes - murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault - continued to decline more significantly than property crime last year.

The number of violent crimes fell 5 percent, and the crime rate for those offenses fell 6.5 percent to 602.3 per 100,000 people.

The number of property crimes - burglary, theft and motor vehicle theft

- dropped 2.2 percent. The rate decreased to 4,875.9 per 100,000.

While overall crime decreased, arrests remained almost unchanged, falling only one-tenth of a percent.

Drug offense arrests rose 9.4 percent over 1996, the only category in which arrests were up, the DPS said.

The DPS said 181,773 family violence incidents were reported involving 195,670 victims and 192,419 offenders. Texas law enforcement agencies also reported 331 incidents of hate crimes involving 420 offenders and 361 victims.

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Emergency Services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for May 5, 1998 include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Arrests**
 - A 40-year-old man was arrested and charged with assault.
 - A 22-year-old woman was arrested in the 600 block of Irving and charged with trespassing.
 - A 15-year-old girl was arrested at the high school and charged with assault.

- Incidents**
 - A hit and run accident was reported in the 100 block of Pine.
 - A second story window was broken in a building in the 500 block of Main.

- More than \$1,125 worth of items were stolen from a rent house in the 400 block of McKinley.
- A harassment was reported in the 400 block of Avenue G.
- Neighbors were reported teasing a dog in the 200 block of Douglas.
- Kids fighting were reported in the 900 block of 13th.

- Accidents**
 - An accident, without injuries, was reported in the area of Dairy Road and U.S. 60.
 - A two car accident, without injuries, was reported in the 200 block of Avenue A.

- SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**
 - Incidents**
 - A missing person was reported.



San Juan Mariachies

The San Juan Mariachi players presented part of the traditional Cinco De Mayo program to a number of the area schools. As part of the traditional Mexican holiday students were treated to music, dancing, and school plays. All the students participated in the festivities with some classes making decorations, some organizing entertainment, and some organizing special traditional Mexican treats.



Ribbon cutting

The Deaf Smith Chamber of Commerce Hustlers hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony recently for Perfect 10 nail salon located inside Val's at 411 N. Main St. Lorie Valdez, owner, and her husband Freddie (center) were joined by friends, family, and chamber representatives during the ceremony. The business specializes in fashion nail painting, and complete nail care including manicures.

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Obituaries

LAVINA HOWTON GILLILLAND May 3, 1998

Memorial services for Lavina Howton Gilliland, 101, formerly of Hereford will be announced later. Arrangements are under the direction of Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Gilliland died Sunday in Oxnard, Calif.

She was born Feb. 22, 1897, in Wise County, Texas, to Benjamin Howton. She married Pinkney Hart Gilliland on June 7, 1920 in Hereford. She came to Deaf Smith County in 1915, from Bellevue, Texas. She moved to California in 1975.

She was a lifetime member of the Eastern Star and had operated Gilliland Dairy in Hereford until 1955. She operated the Texas Lou Motel in Amarillo until 1975. She was a Baptist and a homemaker.

Survivors include one son, Bob Gilliland of Ventura, Calif.; one grandchild; two great-grandchildren.

MONTY JOE BALLARD

Funeral services for Monty Joe Ballard were held May 1, at the Cope Community Church in Cope, Colo. with Pastor Terry Colvert officiating. Burial was in the Cope Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Hendrick-Love Mortuary of Burlington Colo.

Mr. Ballard was born July 4, 1930 in Hollister, Okla., to C.G. and Iris Ballard. He moved to the Flagg community in 1946. He was a graduate of Dimmitt High and went

to college at West Texas State University and Sul Ross University in Alpine.

He married Maxine George in 1958. He was a farmer and rancher with a great love of the outdoors.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters Kathy McDonald of Happy, and Kay Ballard of Lubbock; one son, Kelly Ballard of Vona; and one grandson; two sisters Eileen Berryman, of Hereford and Blanche Whately of Dimmitt.

ROBERT N. JENNINGS May 4, 1998

Graveside services for Robert N. Jennings, 71, of Port Orange, Fla., formerly of Hereford, will be 2 p.m. Thursday in the Bellevue Memorial Garden.

Mr. Jennings was born in Hereford, graduated from West Texas State University. He moved to Port Orange in 1952. He was a retired teacher and an avid golfer. He was a member of the Daytona Beach Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife Juanita of Port Orange; three step sons, Frank McCarter of South Daytona, Douglas Roberson of Arlington, Texas, and Mark Roberson of Miami; two step daughters, Kitty Dillman of Mount Airy, Md., Judy Roberson of Port Orange; one sister, Bessie Francis Shaw of Kanakey, Ill.; 16 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be made to the Alzheimers Association.

CONSUELO HERRERA GONZALES May 5, 1998

Funeral services for Consuelo Herrera Gonzales, 27, of Hereford are pending with Parkside Chapel.

DEA HINKLE WISEMAN May 6, 1998

Funeral services for Dea Hinkle Wiseman, 76, of Hereford, will be at the Christian Assembly Church with Rev. Milford Grisham officiating and Rev. Ron Anderson assisting. Time and date will be announced later. Burial will be in Rest Lawn Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Wiseman died Wednesday at St. Anthony's Hospice in Amarillo.

She was born Dec. 29, 1921, in Clarendon to Jim Hinkle and Beatrice Payne Hinkle. She married Truett Wiseman on Sept. 23, 1938, in Abilene. She was a bookkeeper at Womble Oil and a member of the Christian Assembly Church in Hereford.

Survivors include her husband, Truett Wiseman of Hereford; two daughters, Shirin Finley of Hereford, and Stella Jo Dudley, of Tulsa; one brother, James Hinkle of Idalou; one sister, Josephine Robinson of Fallon, Nevada; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

LOTTO TEXAS

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery: 1-15-16-21-23

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-4-8

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Lifestyles

Ann Landers

Are obituaries invasion of privacy?

Dear Ann Landers: I have reached the age where I read obituaries every day. I wonder sometimes about the personal nature of what is printed. It seems to me like an invasion of privacy.

Does the public need to know that someone died of AIDS? Is it anyone's business that he or she was married briefly 40 years ago to someone else or that there was a sibling no one knew about because of a family estrangement? What about the murdered woman whose obituary lists several sons with different last names? It makes the reader think she was a person of low morals who could expect to wind up murdered.

The final printed story on our lives is always written by someone else. Your column would be a good place for us to discuss our right to privacy and the public's right to know the details of our lives. —Midwest Senior Dear Senior: Usually, the

information that appears in obituaries is supplied by a family member. I agree that informing the public that an individual died of AIDS is not necessary, and I would prefer to see "an extended illness." As for the multiple marriages, it's part of the person's history, and I have no problem with it.

Dear Ann Landers: I hope you have room for another response to the woman who was glad to be single. I am past 70 and have been single for nearly 30 years. I grew up in a home where love was scarce. My mother was a battered wife. I suffered verbal abuse and grew up an insecure, frightened child. I also was indoctrinated with the idea that women did not become professionals. They got married.

I married twice. Both of my husbands were losers, but I had two children who were a blessing in my life. I moved my children to a small

town, operated my own business for 17 years, founded a youth center, was elected president of the Chamber of Commerce and was a city council member and the mayor.

If I could tell young women only one thing, it would be this: Learn about yourself. Get some sort of training so you can be self-supporting. Learn to enjoy your own company. You will make wiser choices in men, lose your sense of dependency and be a much better wife and mother. Should you choose not to marry and have children, there is nothing wrong with that. You can be happy and fulfilled either way.

Along with this, I would say, don't give yourself to the first good-looking man who whispers sweet nothings in your ear. If you do, you're sure to regret it. — No Name, No City

Dear N.N.N.C.: Thanks for sitting

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Julie Ann White, right, bride-elect of John George Malouf, was the honoree at a bridal shower in the home of Ruth Black, left. Also pictured are Yiota Malouf, second from left, mother of the prospective bridegroom and Jeanie White, second from right, mother of the bride-elect.

Bridal shower given for Bordayo

Samantha Bordayo, bride-elect of Gabriel Guerrero, was feted with a bridal shower Saturday morning in the E.B. Black House.

The couple plans a June 20 wedding.

Greeting guests with the honoree were Virginia Bordayo, mother of the bride-elect; Maggie Guerrero, mother of the prospective bridegroom; and Anita Guerrero, grandmother of the future groom.

Bobby Jo Bordayo, sister of the

bride-elect, presided at the guest register.

Refreshments consisted of sausage and egg quiche; breakfast casseroles, homemade cinnamon rolls, fruit tray, fruit punch and coffee.

The serving table was covered with a lace cloth and centered with a spring floral arrangement. Appointments were in silver and china.

A Classic Traditions comforter and matching bedskirt were gifts from

hostesses Delme Arellano, Janie Banner, Cheryl Davison, Anita Gamez, Lori Hochstein, Priscilla Lacey, Patti Nash, Christina Ramirez, Cindy Rogers, Louan San Miguel, Tina Valdez, Nena Veazey, Angie Wilhelm, Bobby Bordayo, Annabelle Cepeda, Fannie de Leon, Rachel Gonzales, Tonya Kleuskens, Mandy Vigil, Annie Mercer, Ann Rainey, Cathy Revell, Martha Ruiz, Dorothy Szydloski, Andrea Vanegas and Eva Villegas.



A bridal shower Samantha Bordayo, bride-elect of Gabriel Guerrero, was held Saturday morning at the E.B. Black House. Guests were greeted by, from left, Anita Guerrero, grandmother of the prospective bridegroom; Maggie Guerrero, his mother; the honoree; Virginia Bordayo, her mother; and Bobby Bordayo, her sister.

Flame meeting is Thursday

Hereford Flame Fellowship will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Hereford Community Center. Guest speaker will be Jane Thacker of Lubbock.

Thacker is an inspirational speaker and recording artist who shares her love of the Lord through her unique ability to deliver a song. She ministers at Christian Women's Club of America and in churches and women's groups nation wide.

Everyone is invited to attend and be ministered to by this dynamic woman's testimony.



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Bride-elect of Malouf honored with shower

A bridal shower honoring Julie Ann White, bride-elect of John George Malouf, was held Saturday in the home of Ruth Black.

The couple will be wed June 13. Greeting guests with the honoree were Jeanie White, mother of the bride-elect and Yiota Malouf, mother of the prospective bridegroom.

Refreshments of chocolate covered strawberries, macaroons, baklava, Scottish shortbread, sausage balls, punch and coffee were served from a table covered with a lace cloth and centered with a floral arrangement of white larkspur and lilies.

A set of Premiere cookware was the gift from hostesses Nancy Jossierand, Sylvia Khuri, Kim Porter,

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Garden Beautiful Club officers installed with garden tool theme

A luncheon meeting and installation of officers in the home of Shirley Wilson concluded the club year for Garden Beautiful Club.

Officers for the coming year were installed by Patricia Robinson with the theme "Garden Tools for Gardeners."

Marguerite Cole, president, was presented with a gardener's cap for protection from the sun; June Hubbard, first vice president, received a flower pot and good

potting soil which all gardeners need; Doris Bryant, second vice president; was given a trowel to dig up pictures for the scrapbook as historian and rules as parliamentarian; Jerry Wheeler, recording and corresponding secretary; Helen Spinks, treasurer, received good fertilizer to help make the club's money grow; and Louise Streun, reporter, was given a container of wild seeds to spread the news.

After the installation, newly

installed president Cole appointed committee for the coming year.

During the business session, members voted to donate \$75 each to Hereford Beautification Alliance, Golden Spread Foster Parent Association and Hereford Satellite Center.

Members present were Leona Andrews, Ruby Carmichael, Audine Dettman, Dorothy Noland, Darlene Walker, Robinson, Cole, Hubbard, Bryant, Spinks and Streun.

ANN

(From Page 3)

in my chair today. You've given some excellent advice, especially the last two sentences. I'm sure a great many women who read what you have written will recognize themselves.

Dear Ann Landers: The letter from "Your Loving Husband," who complained about his wife calling him at work, made me laugh. The behavior your rattled correspondent finds so appalling is business-as-usual when Dad is the one who is at home with the kids. There is a constant stream of phone calls to my office as moms are interrupted by calls from their husbands to locate lost articles of clothing, give cooking instructions or settle arguments.

If "Loving Husband" comes up with a solution to this problem, I'd appreciate his passing it on. -- R. in Baldwin, N.Y.

Dear R.: So would I, along with millions of working moms. How about it, readers?

Senior Citizens

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MONDAY-Italian spaghetti with meat sauce, buttered lima beans, garden salad, garlic Texas toast, ice cream with fruit topping; or chicken a la king with Chinese noodles, buttered yellow squash, fresh fruit cup.

TUESDAY-Oven baked chicken, Oriental rice, seasoned spinach, cranberry/applesauce salad, French bread, chocolate cake; or fried fish strips with lemon wedge, pears, plain cake.

WEDNESDAY-Barbecue Polish sausage, cheesy hashed potatoes,

pinto beans, breaded tomatoes, shredded lettuce, onion slices, pickle spears, cornbread, banana pudding; or beef patties with mushroom gravy, D'zerta pudding.

ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., oil painting 9-11 a.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

FRIDAY-Pool classes, line dance 10-11 a.m., HSCA board meeting 9 a.m., TRIAD meeting 11:30 a.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

SATURDAY-Games 12 noon-4 p.m.

MONDAY-Pool classes, retired Hereford Retired School Employees Association 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Nutrition Council meeting 1 p.m.

TUESDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., decorative tile painting 1-3 p.m., Beltone 10 a.m. 12 noon, NARFE 1 p.m.

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



Which goodie?

Staff at Hereford Regional Medical Center sponsored a bake sale recently and raised more than \$550 to benefit the American Cancer Society "Relay for Life." Looking over the assortment of homemade desserts are, from left, Yvonne Guerrero, Melinda Watson, Ruben Flores and Khrystynah Perez. The second annual "Relay for Life" will be held June 5-6 at Whiteface Stadium.

Master Gardeners will present program at DS County Library

Master Gardeners of Deaf Smith County will present a class on "Water Gardening" and "Flower Gardens" from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Monday, May 11 in the Heritage Room of the Deaf Smith County Library.

Carl Holtman, president of the

Water Gardening Society in Amarillo will present the section of the program on "Water Gardening."

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History festival

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Sports

Stars eye redemption in rematch with Oilers

By C. BRYSON HULL
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS -- With the first round of the Stanley Cup playoffs over, the Dallas Stars have lopped one head off the playoff monster that has dogged them since a grisly Game 7 overtime loss in last year's opening round.

Now comes the other head -- a rolling Edmonton Oilers squad that became only the 14th team ever to return from a 3-1 series deficit with Monday's Game 7 upset victory over the listless Colorado Avalanche.

The Stars know that upset feeling, having been harpooned by the Oilers in one of last year's huge playoff surprises. Now they're hoping for vengeance. The semifinals series begins Thursday in Dallas.

"It really gives us a chance to redeem ourselves, to beat them," Stars right wing Pat Verbeek said. "The monkey is off our back, but we still feel we've got a lot to prove."

Namely, that they're the same team who took the best record in the regular season and the top seed in the Western Conference -- along with the obligatory burden to beat the lower-seeded teams in the playoffs.

"I think the 'favorite' status went out the window with injuries to (Joe) Nieuwendyk and some other people," Stars coach Ken Hitchcock said of his battered team.

Nieuwendyk, the Stars' top regular-season scorer, is finished for the season after a knee injury suffered in the first round.

But the Oilers, who were 1-3 against the Stars this season, see themselves as a big underdog, and they don't mind.

"They're definitely the favorite," Oilers center Scott Fraser said. "But we like the role of the underdog."

Whatever the teams say, clearly it's Dallas with the bigger burden to perform.

While Dallas might be looking to avenge, it's the Oilers who are playing with a vengeance. And with 14 new players, they're hardly the same club that showed the Stars the door last year.

"I think they're faster, and I don't think they're as physical as they were," Stars captain Derian Hatcher said. "They've lost some of their big defenseman."

The Oilers added Janne Niinimaa and Roman Hamrlik, young and fast defenders with an offensive upside. The defense still plays in front of streaky Edmonton goaltender Curtis Joseph, who like last year happens to be riding a blazing streak.

"He's been hot the last 2 1/2 games, and we know he's going to be hard to beat," Stars center Guy Carbonneau said. "When we have our chances, we can't miss."

Those chances came rarely for the Colorado Avalanche, who did not score on Joseph in the last 163 minutes, 23 seconds of the first round. Joseph stopped 82 consecutive shots in Games 5-7.

"I prefer not to even talk about the opposing goaltender," Hitchcock said.

And though he'll probably watch the rest of the playoffs from the comfort of his home, the presence of San Jose Sharks thug Bryan Marchment -- a former Oiler -- will still be felt in the second round.

Oilers' coach Ron Low and Hitchcock began a war of words after Marchment's knee-wrecking hits on Greg Adams and Mike Modano during two Edmonton-Dallas contests in December.

Marchment, later traded to San Jose, also was the one who ended Nieuwendyk's season.

Earlier, Hitchcock had accused Edmonton, and particularly Marchment, of employing "bush-league" tactics, an affront that Low has not forgotten.

"He called every person in our organization bush league," Low said. "Hey, we've got that (quote) on our wall."

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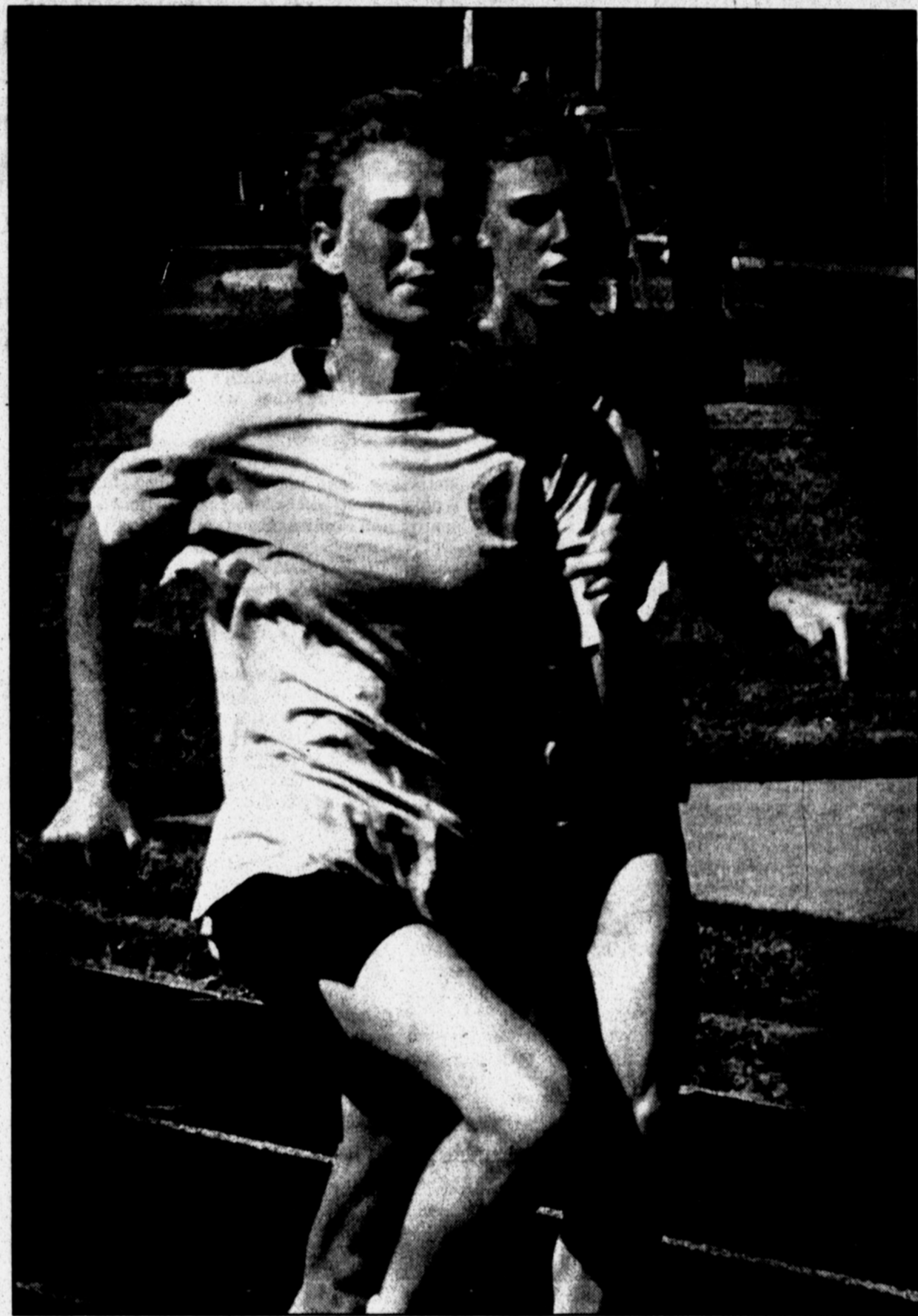


Photo by Julius Bodner

Hereford Toni Eicke (left) and Kristin Fangman run during practice Monday at Whiteface Stadium. Fangman will participate in a state qualifiers meet Friday at Abilene Christian University. Fangman qualified for the Class 4A state meet in Austin May 15-16 in the 100-meter Hurdles. Eicke is a member of the Lady Whitefaces' 1,600-meter Relay team, which also qualified for the state meet by winning the Region I-4A title Saturday in San Angelo.

Yanks dump Texas

ARLINGTON (AP) -- David Cone usually beats the Rangers. Even control problems failed to derail him Tuesday.

Cone dominated baseball's top-hitting team, taking a no-hitter into the fifth inning and leading the New York Yankees over Texas 7-2 Tuesday night -- their 20th win in 22 games.

"The thing is nobody is satisfied. We can always do better and we want to do more," Cone said. "I really wanted to throw quality pitches against the hottest lineup in the league."

Paul O'Neill, who failed to homer in his first 25 games of the season, connected for the second straight game, a three-run shot in the first off John Burkett (2-4). At 21-6, the Yankees are off to their best start since the 1958 team opened 21-5 and have a six-game winning streak.

"We're pumped up and we're on a hell of a run, no question," Yankees manager Joe Torre said.

Cone (4-1) improved to 7-3 against Texas, winning his fourth consecutive start. He didn't allow a hit until Kevin Elster's infield single with one out in the fifth, and wound up giving up just two runs and three hits in five innings.

"I had great stuff but I just threw too many pitches," Cone said. "I was just missing. With the big early lead (6-1) I was able to relax. That gives the whole team a great feeling. You're happy anytime you have a lead when you're pitching."

After Elster's hit, Luis Alicea beat out a bunt single and Cone strained his left knee trying to get to the ball. He then struck out Tom Goodwin, but Mark McLemore dumped a looping RBI single to left.

"I tried to get the bunt and I heard a little bit of a popping sound," Cone said. "I had reconstructive surgery on the same knee 16 years ago. Any time you tweak a knee like that you are concerned. But it's not too sore and I think I'll be OK."

Cone, who threw 101 pitches, was diagnosed with a slight knee strain. Darren Holmes and Jeff Nelson completed the four-hitter.

O'Neill, who had 4 RBI, sent a drive just inside the right-field foul pole in the first following Chuck Knoblauch's double and Derek Jeter's bunt single.

New York made it 6-1 in the fifth on Joe Girardi's RBI single, which chased Burkett. Jeter's single off Scott Bailes and a passed ball by Ivan Rodriguez with the bases loaded. O'Neill added an RBI single in the ninth.

"I only made one bad pitch and O'Neill made me pay," said Burkett, who allowed six runs -- five earned -- and seven hits in 4 1-3 innings.

"When you are down 3-0 just eight pitches into the game and facing Cone," Burkett said, "it's not a good situation."

Texas, who major league-leading average dropped from .312 to .307, scored in the first on two walks, a groundout and a wild pitch.

Houston doubles up Cubs, 10-5

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CHICAGO (AP) -- Jose Lima tied teammate Mike Hampton for the National League lead with his fifth victory and the Houston Astros scored five runs in the seventh inning to beat the Chicago Cubs 10-5 Tuesday night.

Trailing 4-3, the Astros rallied in the seventh to take an 8-4 lead. The runs scored on Derek Bell's RBI single, Bill Spiers' RBI double, Carl Everett's two-run single, and an error by shortstop Jeff Blauser.

Houston added two runs in the eighth on homers by Brad Ausmus and Craig Biggio. Everett had three

hits and 3 RBI for the Astros, who have won 13 of their last 16 games.

Lima (5-1) gave up four runs and four hits over six innings. He walked two and struck out seven, including four of the last five batters he faced.

C.J. Nitkowski pitched the last three innings for his second save. Mark Clark (2-4) lost his fourth straight game, giving up six runs and seven hits over 6 2-3 innings.

The Cubs got home runs by two fill-in players, Brant Brown and Jose Hernandez, and Scott Servais. Brown

started in place of injured Lance Johnson, and Hernandez was subbing for struggling Kevin Orle.

Ricky Gutierrez hit an RBI single for Houston in the second, but Chicago took a 3-1 lead in the second on Brown's three-run homer.

The Astros tied it in the fourth on RBI doubles by Everett and Gutierrez, but the Cubs moved ahead 4-3 on Hernandez's homer in the bottom of the inning.

Servais hit his second homer of the season in the ninth.

Baylor pitcher has own personal rooting section

By JOHN WERNER
Waco Tribune-Herald

WACO -- Wherever Baylor's Kip Wells pitches, his father follows. It can be Lawrence, Lincoln or Columbia. It can be a weekend or weekday. Robert Wells is always there.

His voice can be heard over the roar of a crowd or airplanes flying overhead. Even with a microphone, the public address announcer has no chance to match the decibel level of Robert Wells.

"C'mon Kipper, deliver it smooth! Don't rush it. You've got to focus, dude!"

Kip doesn't feel like his father is crowding his space. Quite the opposite. The first thing Kip listens for when he takes the mound is his father's whistle. When he finds where his father is sitting, he's ready to pitch.

"Sometimes he signals to me what pitch to throw," Kip said.

"Half the time I listen. When I pitch at the next level, I guess I'll have to fly him in for games. Either that or bring a cellular phone to the games and call him to ask what I should throw on a 2-2 count."

There's a reason why Kip and his father are unusually close. Kip's mother, Janell, died in 1992 following a four-year battle with leukemia. During the painful ordeal, Kip and Robert learned to depend on each other.

Since her death, their bond has grown even stronger.

"We've had to rely on each other so much since my mother's not here," Kip said. "He's done a great job of playing both the Mom and Dad roles. I hope I can be as good to other people as he's been to me."

"Sometimes, it's tough to be fresh for work after a long weekend on the road," said Robert, a

"Sometimes he signals to me what pitch to throw. Half the time I listen. When I pitch at the next level, I guess I'll have to fly him in for games. Either that or bring a cellular phone to the games and call him to ask what I should throw on a 2-2 count."

-- Kip Wells

Houston area car dealer. "But it's worth it to be able to see my son pitch. I probably wouldn't even be going to baseball games if it wasn't for Kip."

Kip is going places. Armed with a fastball that has been clocked as high as 97 mph, Wells could be one of the first 10 picks in this

June's major league draft. He'll unquestionably be Baylor's highest draft pick since Pat Combs was selected ninth overall by the Philadelphia Phillies in 1988.

Major league scouts like his arm speed and smooth delivery. They like the right-hander's 6-foot-3 frame, and they believe

he'll throw even harder when he fills out. He's had a tremendous junior year for Baylor.

On Sunday, Wells tied the school record for wins in a 5-2 defeat of Texas A&M on Sunday in what likely was his final home appearance for the Bears. Wells (12-4) scattered six hits and one walk while striking out 10 Aggies. The junior right-hander, who is projected to be a first-round draft choice in June, tied the school record of 12 wins set by Jon Perlman in 1979.

"Kip has good arm strength and an easy arm action," said Sonny Bowers, the midwest regional scouting supervisor for the Phillies. "He can spot his fastball and throw his curve for strikes, and (Baylor coach) Steve Smith has done a good job of developing him. He's already found out that it's easier throwing against wooden bats."

Wells emerged as a top prospect after a superb summer in the Cape Cod League. Pitching mostly in relief for the Brewster Whitecaps, Wells went 5-6 with a 1.92 ERA and 49 strikeouts in 51 2/3 innings. Scouts flocked to the league, which uses wooden bats instead of the aluminum models used by college baseball teams.

"I learned how to command my pitches better and I took a step in maturity," Wells said. "They used me in a closer's role and I had to be ready to pitch every day. It was a lot more fun pitching against wooden bats than aluminum. I came back to Baylor a better pitcher."

Scouts are still flocking to Wells' games. When he pitched against Oklahoma State at Ferrell Field two weeks ago, nearly 30

Pitcher

scouts armed with radar guns sat in the stands.

Robert Wells has seen these scouts so often that he knows nearly all of them by name. He keeps a list in his wallet of the order of the teams in June's draft.

"The scouts have already told me that Kip's going to be drafted between the fifth and tenth picks," Robert said. "His stock has gone up this spring. He's been besieged by high visibility agents."

Robert, who pitched for the University of Texas from 1962 to '66, knew Kip's arm was special when Kip was 4.

"He found a tennis ball and threw it over the house," Robert said. "I knew then he had a cannon. Not a pea shooter."

But Robert didn't push Kip to play baseball until he was ready. When Kip was 11, Robert began working with him on pitching mechanics. Kip could already throw fast enough to blow it by most Little Leaguers.

"The biggest thing I tried to teach Kip was to keep in control of his emotions," Robert said. "I always told him not to worry if the outfielder drops the ball or something goes wrong. I told him that perseverance is one of the best things a pitcher can have. You'll have good days and bad days."

Kip learned a lot about perseverance in the next few years. And it wasn't on the baseball field.

Janell learned she had leukemia in 1988. Robert didn't try to hide the seriousness of her disease to his two children, Kip and his older sister, Warrrie.

"I sat them on a couch and told them their mother had the worst kind of leukemia that you could have," Robert said. "I told them we were going to pray for her daily and we would see what would happen."

Janell underwent a bone marrow transplant and was in and out of the hospital the next four years. Whenever it appeared that leukemia would beat her, she'd make a comeback.

"My mother was such a fighter," Kip said. "She was determined that leukemia wouldn't beat her."

One of Janell's greatest joys was watching Kip play baseball. Kip always wanted to play his best when his mother was well enough to make it to his games.

"I remember pitching in a Pony League game and I was struggling and she was behind the backstop yelling at me to bear down," Kip said. "I was about to cry. My eyes watered up so much I could barely see the plate."

With Janell in and out of the hospital, Robert, Kip and Warrrie learned to rely on each other whether it was making meals or

being there for comfort. Janell died two days before Christmas 1992.

"My mother finally got too sick to fight it," said Kip, then a high school sophomore. "It was a very sad time for us. But I also had a peace in my heart that she had gone to a better place."

By then, Wells was developing into an outstanding pitcher. He made all-district as a junior at Elkins High School and all-state as a senior after going 7-1 with a 2.35 ERA. The 1995 Elkins team was one of the best in Texas high school history as it went 32-2, won the Class 5A state title and earned a No. 2 ranking nationally from USA Today.

Wells was heavily recruited, but he didn't rush into a decision. Kip and Robert visited at least 11 schools on their own, including Texas, Texas A&M, Oklahoma State and Rice. Robert could have easily steered Kip to his alma mater, Texas, but he didn't think that was the best place for him.

"I wasn't convinced that he (former Texas coach Cliff Gustafson) wouldn't overuse Kip's arm," Robert said.

Baylor coach Steve Smith had just about given up any hope of signing Kip before he decided to sign with Baylor on July 1, 1995.

"We took forever to select a school," Kip said. "I decided Baylor was the right place for me because I knew I could step in and pitch right away."

Wells quickly became Baylor's No. 2 pitcher behind Kris Lambert as a freshman in 1996 and finished with a 5-6 record and a 6.27 ERA. Last year, he went 3-4 with a 6.35 ERA.

After his great summer in the Cape Cod League, Wells has come into his own this spring. He didn't allow an earned run in seven innings in a March 18 win over then-No. 9 Rice. He threw a two-hitter in a 2-0 loss to Oklahoma State and threw a five-hitter and matched his career high with 12 strikeouts against Kansas.

Wells has walked only 36 batters in 102 2/3 innings.

"Kip has pitched well enough to win every game he's started except Oklahoma," Smith said. "He's one of the best competitors I've ever been around. He's got dominating stuff and he gets in the strike zone with it."

Wells has no idea where he'll be pitching this summer if he signs a pro contract. He could be in New York, Florida or California.

But he wouldn't be too surprised if he looks in the stands one day and hears his father yelling, "Hey dude, throw strikes now!"

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Spurs want public support for arena

SAN ANTONIO (AP) -- San Antonio Spurs executives like the idea of a basketball arena built in an abandoned quarry, and they're asking for a firm plan and city support for an arena by year's end.

Spurs chairman Peter Holt and several other team executives met with representatives of Bitterblue Inc. on Monday to discuss the development proposed on the city's northeast side.

Bitterblue's plan for the so-called Longhorn project includes a major retail, entertainment and golf course

development with an arena as the centerpiece.

"We definitely decided this was something serious and were willing to work with them to develop this," Leo Gomez, Spurs vice president for community and government affairs, told the San Antonio Express-News.

"We preferably would like to get something going or a decision made this calendar year" on an arena proposal, Gomez said. "It's time for us to get serious about this."

Gomez said the team still is evaluating other arena plans.

The Spurs currently play in the giant Alamodome. The team repeatedly has said in order to remain profitable it needs a smaller arena more suited for basketball and equipped with lucrative luxury suites.

The Spurs have not outright threatened to leave town if the franchise doesn't get a new arena, but Holt has said he knows the team is attractive to other cities that have such a facility.

The Bitterblue plan calls for the basketball arena to be a city-owned facility. The money to build it would

come from property taxes on surrounding developments in a special reinvestment zone. Tax revenue would pay off the bonds that finance the arena and other improvements.

Ellerbe Becket, the Spurs' architecture firm, reviewed the Longhorn site and found several locations in the development suitable for an arena, according to Gomez.

"They (Ellerbe Becket) are quite excited about designing a project working with the structures on that site," Gomez said.

Tech sets Raider, Lady Raider camps

LUBBOCK -- Texas Tech coaches and student-athletes will conduct a series of summer camps, according to a university release Monday.

The Red Raider volleyball camps will be conducted throughout July. All sessions will be directed by Texas Tech volleyball coach Jeff Nelson.

Several camps are scheduled for various ages and areas of emphasis.

Texas Tech Director of Tennis Tim Siegel and Lubbock Country Club Head Professional Doug Davis will conduct four tennis sessions between May and July. The first camp will be an overnight camp, and will run May 31-June 4.

The camps will be open to boys and girls ages 9-17 of all ability levels.

The Lady Raider Basketball Camp 1998 will have five player-specific sessions in June. The first camp will be May 31-June 4 for sub-varsity players.

James Dickey's Red Raider Basketball Camp will have three sessions during June and July. Overnight camps will be June 28-July 2 and July 26-30. A day camp has been scheduled for June 22-25.

All basketball camps will feature Texas Tech coaches and players, as well as other top college, high school and junior high coaches.

The Texas Tech Red Raider Soccer Camp will have two sessions -- one in June and another in July.

The June 8-12 camp will be a half-day camp for boys and girls ages 7-12. There will be a residential camp June 28-July 2 for girls ages 13-18.

The Texas Tech women's soccer coaching staff will conduct the sessions.

There will be two football camps, divided to offer instruction to specific groups of players. The Football Skills Camp will be May 31-June 3 and the All-Positions Camp will run June 3-6.

Both camps will be led by the Tech football staff.

The Red Raider Baseball Camp will be in five sessions during June and July.

The first of two day camps will be June 8-10 in Lubbock and will be open to ages 6-12. Another day camp will be offered June 15-16 in Ruidoso, N.M., for ages 7-18.

Overnight baseball camps are scheduled for June 11-13, July 12-14 and July 16-18. All camps will feature instruction by the Texas Tech coaching staff and players.

The 1998 Texas Tech Junior Golf Camp will have both overnight and day sessions in June. The overnight camp will be June 7-11; the day camp will run June 15-18.

For more information on specific camps, including dates, times, cost and eligibility restrictions, please contact the respective Texas Tech sports offices at (806) 742-3355.

Rockies top Phillies, 6-1

PHILADELPHIA (AP) -- Darryl Kile left the game with a bruised kneecap after pitching five shutout innings as the Colorado Rockies beat the Philadelphia Phillies 6-1 Tuesday night.

Mark Lewis' hard-hit grounder up the middle ricocheted off Kile's right knee to start the fifth. Kile (4-3), who has won three straight starts, finished the inning before limping off the field.

Dante Bichette had 3 RBI for

Colorado, Todd Helton and Larry Walker hit solo homers and eight different Rockies hit doubles.

The Phillies lone run came on Bobby Abreu's solo homer in the seventh. It was the first homer allowed by Rockies pitchers since April 27.

The Rockies had no problem with Phillies starter Mike Grace (1-4), who gave up nine hits and four runs in five innings. Six of the hits Grace surrendered went for extra bases.

Texas Tech golf coach resigns

LUBBOCK (AP) -- Texas Tech men's golf coach Tommy Wilson has resigned effective immediately, athletic director Gerald Myers announced Tuesday.

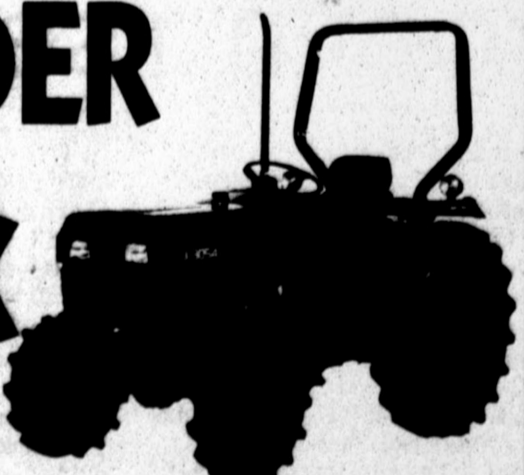
Wilson led the Red Raiders to three NCAA regional appearances in his 13 seasons at Tech. His 1996 squad won the final Southwest Conference team championship and

Wilson earned league coach of the year honors.

That season Bryan Novoa became the Red Raiders' first individual conference medalist since 1967.

"I felt that the men's program here at Texas Tech needed new guidance and direction to stay competitive in Division I golf," Wilson said in a prepared statement.

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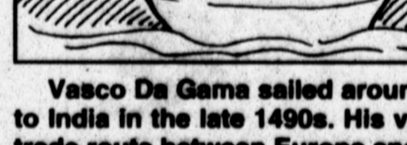
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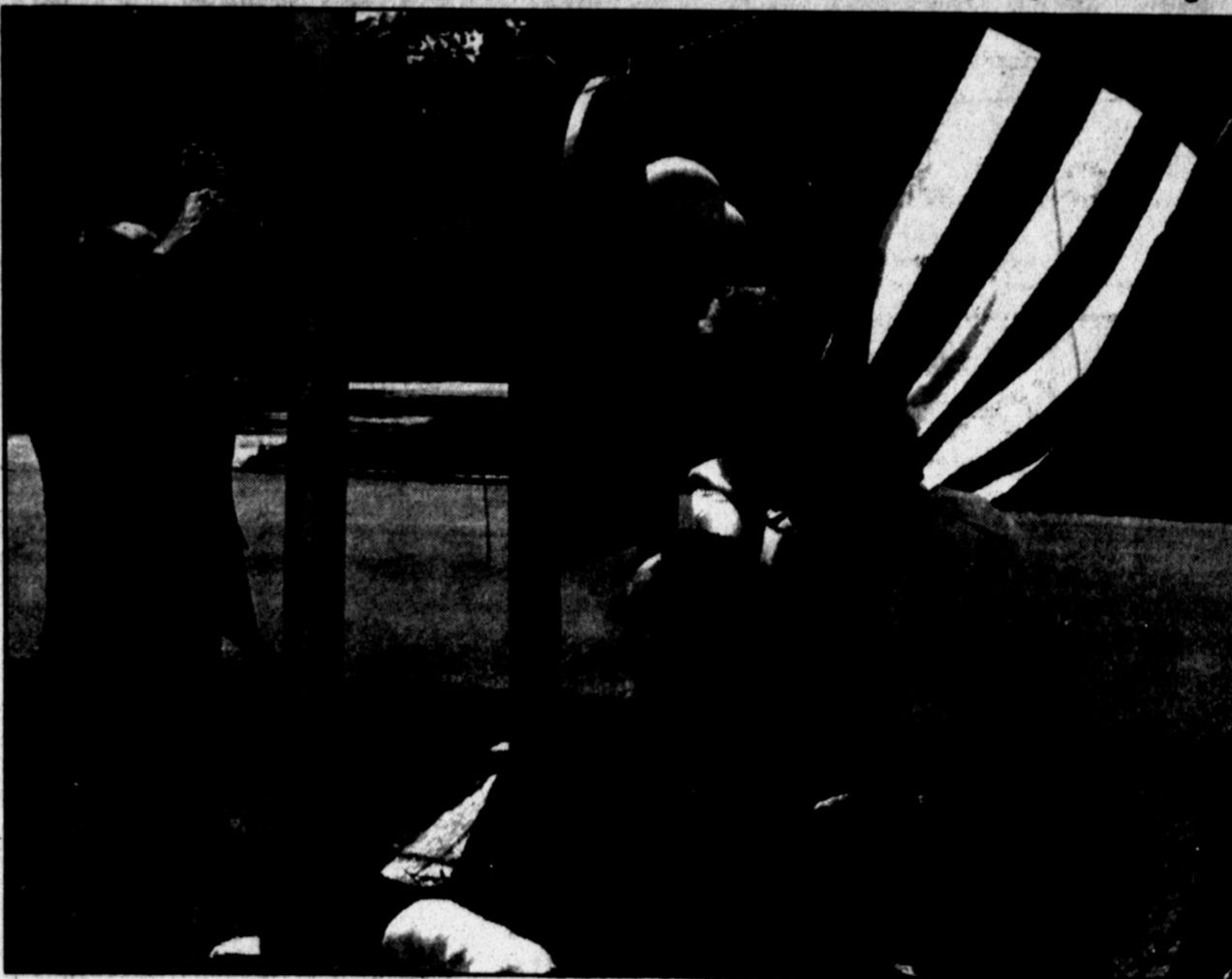
SOUTH PLAINS
Pastures, ranges in fair to good shape. Wheat in fair condition; some damage to flag leaf due to hail storm. Corn emerging; looking good. Planting of cotton and peanuts continues.

ROLLING PLAINS
Ranges, pastures fair. Cattle conditions good; stress will appear with continued dry, hot conditions. Wheat in full head stage; signs of moisture stress. Cotton land preparation continues. Pecans good.

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Raising Old Glory

Kenny Ruland, with Hereford Elks Lodge, raises the flag during Sunday's open house at Golden Plains Care Center. Assisting with the ceremony are Lori Hammett (holding flag), administrator of Golden Plains; Johnny Jundt, resident; and Ida Davis, guest.

Study: Wage hike didn't reduce jobs

WASHINGTON (AP) - Supporters of another boost in the minimum wage are citing a report out today that a 1996-97 increase helped low-income workers without causing job losses.

The labor-based Economic Policy Institute report concluded that 10 million workers saw their wages go up as a result of the last minimum wage increase. It said that 71 percent of those benefiting were adults, that 58 percent were women and that two-thirds either worked full time or 20 to 34 hours a week.

The average minimum wage worker, it said, was not a teen-ager but someone who provides more than half of his or her household's weekly earnings.

The institute said it found no significant job loss associated with the 1996-97 increase.

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., Rep. David Bonior, D-Mich., and Labor Secretary Alexis Herman were presenting the findings at a Capitol Hill news conference today.

The study, Kennedy said, showed that "there was no measurable effect on jobs, and no measurable effect on inflation. The only measurable effect on low-income workers was positive—they received the pay increase they deserved."

He noted that the minimum wage worker still earns just \$10,700 a year, \$2,900 below the poverty level for a family of three.

Kennedy and Bonior were among the leaders in pushing through legislation in 1996 that raised the minimum wage from \$4.25 an hour to \$4.75 in October that year and then to \$5.15 last September.

They argue that even with that raise, the minimum wage is still only 82 percent of its 1979 level adjusted for inflation, and are promoting legislation that would increase the wage to \$6.15 in 2000.

Their legislative effort faces stiff resistance from the Republican leadership in both the House and Senate, and is generally opposed by major business groups, who say that a raise both results in job losses and discourages small businesses from hiring new entry-level workers.

The National Restaurant Association, a strong opponent of the raise, said in a report last month that a survey of its members revealed that 146,000 entry-level workers lost their jobs because of the last minimum wage increase, and that restaurants postponed adding 106,000 other jobs. It said that 42 percent of restaurant operators increased menu prices.

NEWS in brief

Reform rabbis opt out of vote on same-sex unions

NEW YORK (AP) - Reform rabbis have decided not to vote on a resolution that would have allowed them to perform same-sex unions, *The New York Times* reported today.

Avoiding the vote was part of an effort to head off potentially divisive debate at an annual convention next month of the Central Conference of American Rabbis in Anaheim, Calif.

In a letter to colleagues in Judaism's Reform movement, conference President Richard Levy said the committee that drew up the resolution had agreed not to seek a vote and that an opposing group had been persuaded to withdraw its own resolution on the issue.

New York jury decides ownership of Lotto ticket

NEW YORK (AP) - A store clerk cried as she learned a jury had given her back the \$8.3 million Lotto ticket she claimed had been stolen from her six years ago.

Sau Thi "Judy" Ma, 32, covered her face with her hand and shook with sobs Tuesday as the forewoman said the jury had decided in her favor.

"My mom gave me the numbers on my birthday," said Ma, a Vietnamese immigrant.

Ma said she always played her mother's Medicaid card numbers, and it was that card that one juror said was the trial's most persuasive exhibit. Her mother died in 1988.

Ma sued her husband's uncle, Xuan Lien, 59, accusing him of stealing a winning Lotto ticket that was among several tickets she bought for the drawing of Feb. 29, 1992. The prize was \$25 million and was split among three winners.

Scouts' anti-gay policy means no free docks

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) - City officials voted to stop giving free dock space to the local Sea Scouts sailing program because of the Boy Scouts of America's policy banning gays and atheists.

"If we continue to give them the berths rent-free, it means the government is sanctioning discrimination," Berkeley Councilman Kriss Worthington said Tuesday night. "We're not kicking the Scouts out of Berkeley or off the marina. They should just pay for their berths like everyone else."

The council voted 8-1 to take the Sea Scouts foot the \$12,000 annual bill themselves if they want to continue docking their boats at the Berkeley Marina.

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CAROLINE PAUL

NEW YORK (AP) - Caroline Paul is a firefighter who doesn't even own a bright red bathing suit, though she's often mistaken for her identical twin sister, Alexandra, late of "Baywatch."

"I could be coming off a fire truck and someone will say, 'Hey, you're that girl from that 'Baywatch' show. The one with the real breasts,'" Caroline Paul, 34, told *Entertainment Weekly* for the magazine's May 8 issue.

Her sister played Lt. Stephanie Holden, David Hasselhoff's former boss on "Baywatch." But it's fire that fascinates Caroline.

She is an eight-year veteran of the San Francisco Fire Department and the author of "Fighting Fire," a behind-the-scenes account of her job.

When Paul was hired, she was one of 16 women in the 1,400-person fire

department. Now there are 134. Paul, a Stanford University graduate, said her family supported her job decision.

"If there's a fire, I want to be there," said Paul. "Maybe because in being so close to death, I think I understand what it means to be truly alive."

PAMELA ANDERSON TOMMY LEE

LOS ANGELES (AP) - *The National Enquirer* has settled a libel lawsuit brought by Pamela Anderson and Tommy Lee after the tabloid reported they had a secret deal to reap more than \$8 million in profits from their honeymoon sex tape.

Details of Friday's deal were not released, but Anderson's lawyer, Ed Masry, said Tuesday: "Pam's happy, the *Enquirer's* happy, everybody's happy."

Gates, Justice meet

WASHINGTON (AP) - Bill Gates did some late night lobbying.

The chairman of Microsoft Corp. met Tuesday night with the Justice Department's chief antitrust lawyer to try to dissuade him from a broad antitrust lawsuit against the Microsoft, the company and the government said.

The two-hour meeting in Washington came at Gates' request.

"It was basically a presentation of his views about the investigation, an opportunity for him to express his views," said Gina Talamona, a spokeswoman for the antitrust division of the Justice Department.

Gates met with Joel Klein, arguing that the government's concerns about Microsoft's

business practices are misplaced.

"We feel it was a constructive meeting," Microsoft spokesman Mark Murray said. "It was more of an opportunity for Bill to talk directly with Mr. Klein about why Microsoft views the freedom to innovate and to continually improve our product is so fundamentally important. It was not a negotiating session or anything of that nature."

The meeting, first reported in today's editions of *The Seattle Post-Intelligencer* and *The Wall Street Journal*, apparently was a last-minute decision initiated by Gates. The software maker's chairman participated in an event earlier Tuesday in New York designed to sway antitrust officials from taking action that would delay the release of Windows 98.



Street work

A crew from the city street department worked Tuesday to make part of Texas Street a little less bumpy. This truck sprayed water on the freshly graded surface in the 600 block of South Texas. At the same time, another unpaved street, Fuller, was being smoothed by the crew.

Burton boots his top aide

WASHINGTON (AP) - Rep. Dan Burton has jettisoned a top aide in an effort to staunch criticism of his own handling of a probe into President Clinton's 1996 re-election campaign.

Burton, R-Ind., told reporters that David Bossie had "chosen to resign." Speaker Newt Gingrich offered a different version, saying that Burton had "fired the one person he should have fired."

Bossie's ouster came in the wake of bipartisan criticism that Burton's panel had botched the release of excerpts of Whitewater figure Webster Hubbell's jailhouse phone conversations.

Democrats have pummeled Burton in recent days, alleging the tapes were edited to put Hubbell in the worst possible light, and that exculpatory material had been edited out. Republicans, too, have expressed unhappiness over the way Burton's committee handled the issue.

There was no immediate response from Democrats, who have been calling for Burton's removal as point man on the probe of alleged campaign violations during Clinton's 1996 re-election campaign.

Democrats on Burton's panel blocked an effort last week to grant immunity for four witnesses, saying that Burton was running a partisan

probe.

Burton is expected to call another vote on the immunity issue next week. Gingrich has said that if Democrats again withhold their support, he'll transfer the issue to a

second panel where Republicans hold the two-thirds majority needed to prevail.

After Bossie's dismissal, Gingrich said of Burton's probe, "the rest of it is fine."

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Starr leaves Whitewater; argues for muffler giant

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) - As if running the Whitewater investigation doesn't keep him busy enough, independent counsel Kenneth Starr took time to represent a national muffler chain - and take more heat from the White House.

Starr argued a case before a federal appeals court Tuesday on behalf of Meineke Discount Muffler Shops. He didn't mention the investigation of President and Mrs. Clinton's finances during or after the hearing.

He urged the three-judge panel to overturn a \$390 million award against the company, which is accused of skimming advertising money contributed by its franchisees.

White House spokesman Jim Kennedy accused Starr of exerting "the Meineke privilege" - a play on Clinton's effort to use executive privilege to block certain testimony by senior aides in the Monica Lewinsky investigation.

Commander: Jet flying too fast, too low in accident

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. (AP) - A Marine Corps jet was flying too low and too fast when it cut the cables holding an Italian ski gondola in which 20 people died, the squadron commander of the plane's crew said.

"It's not the way I would fly it. ... That's pushing it pretty hard," Lt. Col. Richard Muegge said Tuesday at an investigatory hearing into the Feb. 3 incident over an Italian ski area.

The hearing was to resume today. Muegge was among six witnesses who testified Tuesday in the first day of the proceeding against Capt. Chandler Seagraves, 28, of Nineveh, Ind., and Capt. William Raney II, 26, of Englewood, Colo.

Collection of 20th century artworks given to museum

NEW YORK (AP) - An important collection of 20th century European art worth at least \$300 million was bequeathed to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, The New York Times reported today.

The 85 works by Picasso, Matisse, Balthus, Braque, Modigliani and other masters was donated by Natasha Gelman, an honorary trustee of the museum who died in Cuernavaca, Mexico, on Saturday. She was 86.

The collection gives the New York City museum its first Matisse paper cutout and its first paintings by Alberto Giacometti and Francis Bacon. It also includes Matisse's famous "Young Sailor II" and a Picasso self-portrait from 1906 that once belonged to Gertrude Stein.

Report: Tiny gun fooling x-rays at world's airports

NEW YORK (AP) - Would-be terrorists have a sneaky new gun on their side, one that looks as harmless as a key chain and goes undetected by airport X-ray machines, The New York Times reported today.

The gun is 3 inches long and an inch wide, but the \$20 pistol can fire two .32-caliber bullets and would be deadly from 20 yards away, the Times said. The weapon is cocked by pulling on the ring and fired with the push of a button.

"It doesn't look like a weapon. If you showed it to airport security, they would probably think it's a key ring," said Brian Hurrell, director of customs in Perth, Australia.

Navy punishment won't affect pinup's discharge

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) - The Navy has taken action against an officer who posed nude for *Playboy* magazine but will let her out of the service this week as scheduled.

The Navy said in a statement it took what it considers "appropriate administrative action, non-punitive in nature" against Lt. Frederica Spilman, a navigator with a jet squadron at Jacksonville Naval Air Station.

Typically, that's something like a letter warning of inappropriate behavior that does not become part of an officer's permanent file. Spilman, who is to be discharged on Thursday, appears in *Playboy's* June issue wearing opened flight jackets, camouflage lingerie and dog tags. The six-page pictorial, under the heading "Fly Girl," also includes pictures of Spilman in her Navy uniform and flight suit.

Denny's apologizes after latest discrimination charge

BALTIMORE (AP) - The president of Denny's restaurant apologized to a group of black sixth-grade students and their chaperones who said they were denied service at a Florida franchise last week.

"It is clear that these customers do not believe they were treated with the courtesy and respect that we pledge to every Denny's guest," Denny's President John A. Romandetti said Tuesday in a statement. "For that, we are sorry."

The approximately 40 students and chaperones, who were on a field trip to Disney World from Baltimore, said they entered the Ocoee, Fla., restaurant last Thursday night and were not greeted or seated.

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