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NEWS in brief

British, Irish leaders join in effort to get Protestant backing

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) - Facing the most critical hours of Northern Ireland's tortuous negotiations, the prime ministers of Britain and Ireland are banding together to entice Protestant support for a compromise deal.

British leader Tony Blair arrived Tuesday night after Northern Ireland's main Protestant party, the Ulster Unionists, rejected a confidential draft agreement by the talks' chairman, former U.S. Sen. George Mitchell.

At Hillsborough Castle southwest of Belfast, Blair spent two hours with Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble. Trimble's pro-British party speedily rejected Mitchell's 65-page plan, contending it would give the overwhelmingly Catholic Irish Republic too much influence over Northern Ireland.

Catholic parties in the process, however, are pushing for just that sort of cross-border linkage - an expression of their desire for a united Ireland. To achieve this end, they propose a strong Ireland-Northern Ireland council with decision-making powers.

Study: Women handle pain better than men

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) - Women are more likely to feel aches and pains than are men, but women are better at coping, recovering and not letting such physical afflictions upset their lives, researchers say.

Studies presented Tuesday at a conference of the National Institutes of Health found that the ability to deal with pain gives women a strength denied to suffer-in-silence males.

A study of men and women who had arthritis, a common disorder of aging that affects both genders, found that women tended to have a keener sense of pain than men, but that men were more apt to let the discomfort sour their mood.

"Women reported 40 percent more pain than men, but women coped better with it," said Dr. Francis Keele of Ohio University.

Women, said Keele, tended to regard pain as a call to action, and they took measures to overcome the discomfort or to relieve it through what he called "emotional coping." This coping included distracting activities, venting emotions, seeking support of others and even finding comfort in prayer.

One, two, three, breathe!

Relief available at school

By DIANNA F. DANDRIDGE
Staff Writer

School officials, nurses, parents and even students have long known that absenteeism makes learning more difficult.

Each time a student misses class, he or she misses more than just the lecture, the notes, or the quizzes, and there are just some things that can't be made up.

Unfortunately, though, some absences just can't be avoided, especially for children with asthma.

Many asthmatics depend on pocket inhalers, medicine or both, but for many young asthmatics a bad asthma attack can mean hours or even days away from school.

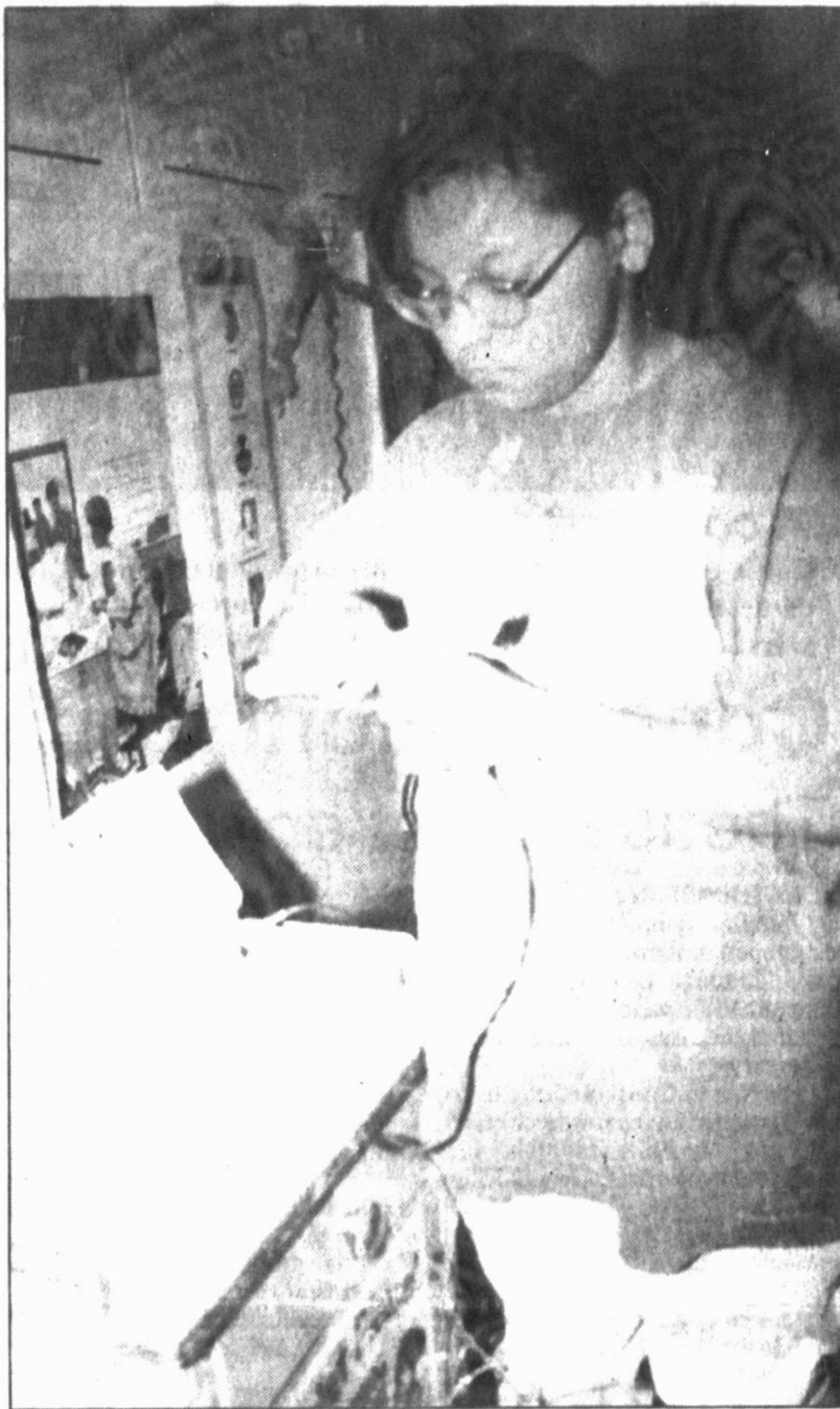
In an effort to decrease absences caused by asthma attacks, National Home Health Care has provided each Hereford Independent School District campus with a nebulizer and peak flow meter, which is available to anyone on campus.

Nebulizers provide breathing treatments for people with respiratory difficulties and flow meters monitor breathing capacity.

"The students bring a prescription from their doctor, a signed parental consent form, and their own tubing," Karen Fangman, Shirley School nurse, said.

Many asthmatic students still use pocket inhalers, but with the availability of the nebulizer, many students have experienced less anxiety and fear about not having their medication if they need it.

"The nebulizers and peak flow



Joann Quiroz, a sixth-grade student at Shirley School, attaches the tubing to the nebulizer (at left) before her breathing treatment. At right, Joann, who already has used the peak flow meter,



uses the nebulizer to soothe her asthma attack and open her lungs. Similar equipment is available at all Hereford Independent School District campuses.

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Proposal to OK death penalty for pre-teens draws fire

FORT WORTH (AP) - Even law-and-order stalwarts say they can't go along with a legislator's proposal to allow the death penalty for Texans as young as 11.

Governor George W. Bush says he supports the death penalty, but not for children.

Dudley Sharp, a death penalty proponent and a member of a crime

victims rights group, told the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, "That sounds a little young for me."

Sharp added: "I don't think anything like that will get serious consideration in the Legislature. I see no grassroots support for lowering the age for the death penalty."

Currently, no one under age 17 can be sentenced to death in Texas.

Under a proposal outlined Monday by Rep. Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, anyone 11 or older would be subject to the death penalty, although the execution itself would be delayed until their 17th birthday.

Pitts' proposal came in response to the schoolyard shooting deaths last month in Jonesboro, Ark. Two boys, ages 11 and 13, face five counts of

capital murder and 10 counts of attempted murder in a crime that left four girls and a teacher dead.

Nine students and one teacher were wounded in the ambush attack.

"I am concerned about violent juvenile crime, and that is why we rewrote the juvenile justice laws to enforce tough consequences for bad behavior," Bush said. "I also

support the current state law which says no one under age 17 can be executed."

Land commissioner Garry Mauro, who is challenging Bush in the Nov. 3 election, agreed with Bush.

"Garry Mauro is as appalled as anyone about what happened in Jonesboro," said Joe Cutbirth, a spokesman for Mauro.

Center avoids closure

By DONALD M. COOPER
Brand Editor

The death of Golden Plains Care Center appears to have been exaggerated.

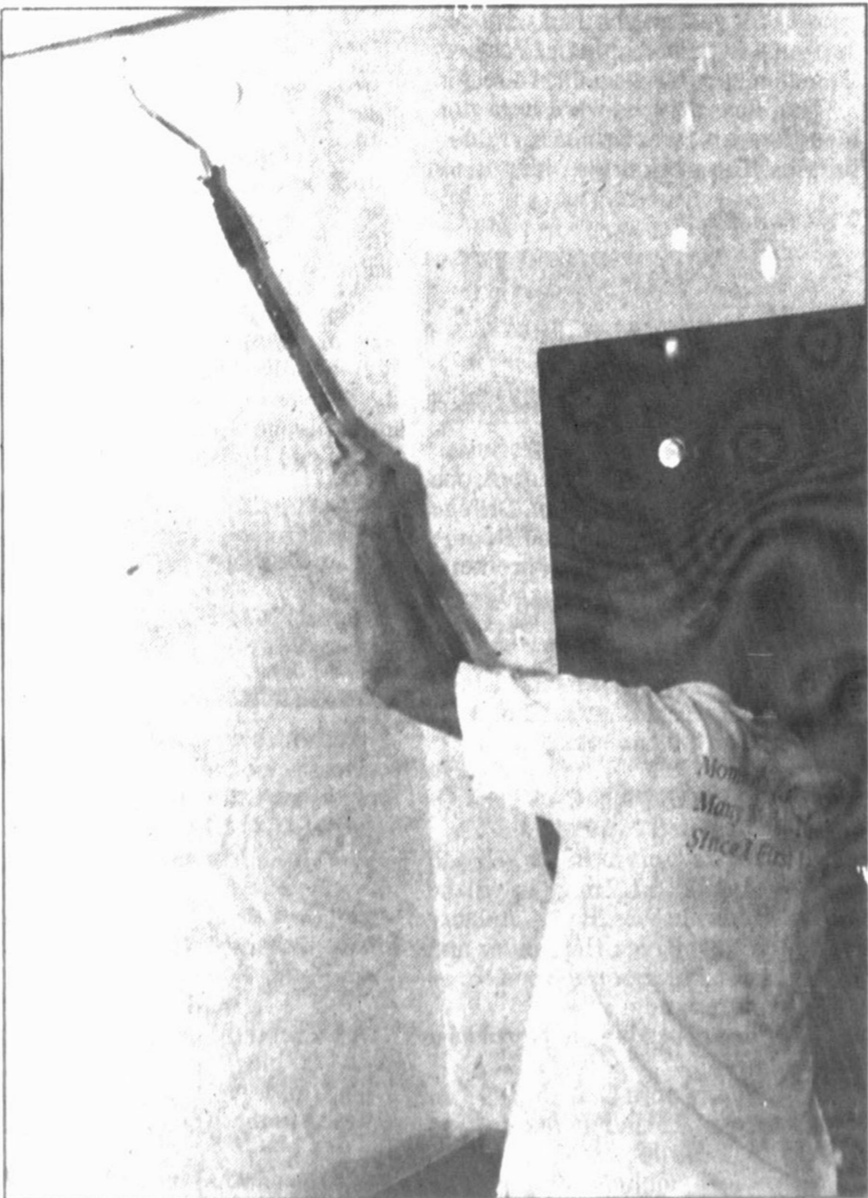
The Hereford nursing home, which even employees had expected to be shut down last December, not only is still open, renovations are under way to improve the facility, administrator Lori Hammett said.

Golden Plains lost its Medicare certificate in June 1997, and its parent company, H-E-A Management Co. of the Dallas area, announced plans to shut down the center. However, surveys conducted in June and December by the Texas Department of Health have resulted in the care center's recertification.

Hammett, who was named administrator in September, said H-E-A transferred her from Mansfield, Texas, to help straighten out problems at the Hereford center.

After the December inspection by the TDH turned up no deficiencies, Hammett said the company decided in February it would keep the facility open, and even authorized the renovations. The center is being painted now and Hammett said she expects new furniture will arrive later.

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Patrick Barton uses an extender on his roller to reach the ceiling as he paints in a hallway of Golden Plains Care Center. The nursing home is getting a facelift.

Hereford man dies in accident

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Troy Sublett, 52, longtime Hereford farmer and salesman, was killed Tuesday morning after his pickup was hit by a train at a crossing 3/10 of a mile east of Umberger in Randall County.

Authorities believe the glare of the morning sun may have caused him to drive into the path of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe train about 8:30 a.m. Tuesday. The engine hit the driver's side of the vehicle and pushed it more than a half-mile down the tracks.

Sublett stopped at the crossing, which is marked

only by a sign, and then started across the tracks, according to a Texas Department of Public Safety spokesman.

Sublett was reported to be driving south on Atkisson Road from U.S. Hwy. 60, while the train was westbound. The engine was pulling 62 cars but did not derail, the DPS spokesman said.

Four positions on May 2 ballot

Voters will have contested races for spots on the Hereford City Commission on the May 2 ballot.

Early voting for the municipal election will be April 15-28 in the county clerk's office at the Deaf Smith County Courthouse, 235 E. 3rd.

Four positions, two single-member district and two at-large, are on the city's ballot, with only one incumbent drawing no opposition.

Commissioner Wayne Winget drew no challenge

in his bid to keep his Place 4 seat. However, incumbents Eugene Condarco, Place 2, and Roger Eades and Carey Black, both at-large, drew opponents.

In the Place 2 race, Condarco is being challenged by Angie Alonzo. The challengers for the at-large positions are Martha Cavazos Rincon and Alma Delia Gamez.

The polls will be open 7 a.m.-7 p.m. May 2, with voters casting ballots at the Hereford Community Center.

Clinton forum corrals nearly all generations

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) - Almost anywhere 14-year-old Ben Carpenter looked during President Clinton's Social Security forum here, there was likely to be someone 50 or 60 years his senior.

No matter. His stake in the outcome of the debate was just as big.

"It's important to be here because I think the system won't be around unless we get together to talk about it," said Carpenter, one of about 700 teens, baby boomers and graying retirees who attended Tuesday's town meeting on Social Security.

Carpenter, who has been studying the issue recently with classmates at his suburban Overland Park, Kan., school, said he liked the idea of using the nation's first budget surplus in 30 years to help keep the troubled Social Security system solvent. He had just heard Clinton tell the audience that \$100 billion of the surplus could add at least a year to Social Security's financial stability "with no other changes being made."

Fresh-faced teens, college students and those in their 60s and 70s gathered for the forum that could eventually affect them all.

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Local Roundup

Movie showing

Hereford Ministerial Alliance is presenting the movie, "Jesus," at 7 p.m., April 10, Good Friday, in the Hereford High School auditorium. There is no admission charge.

Scholarship reminder

Applicants for the West Texas Rural Telephone scholarship need to have their completed applications and letters of recommendation into the WTRT office by Friday. Applications can not be accepted past that date or incomplete.

Half off at the Y

The YMCA will be offering an aerobics bonus this month only. Members enrolled in either the 5:30 a.m. or the 6:05 p.m. aerobics classes who bring a friend who signs up will receive half off the price of the next aerobics card.

Boll weevil zone meeting

MULESHOE - Area cotton producers are encouraged to attend an informational meeting April 9 at the Bailey County Coliseum. The meeting begins at 10 a.m. and a free steak dinner will be included.

Dr. Jim Lease will present information regarding the number of boll weevils expected to be found in cotton this year and what can be done to combat and eradicate them. Three continuing education units will be offered for individuals participating in this event.

Zones included in this meeting are Deaf Smith, Parmer, Castro, Bailey and Lamb counties.

Clear

Tonight, clear with a low around 35, northwest wind 5-15 mph.

Thursday, sunny with a high 70 to 75, southwest wind 10-20 mph.

EXTENDED FORECAST

Friday, mostly clear, low around 40, high in the mid-70s.

Saturday, becoming mostly cloudy breezy and warm, a chance of afternoon or nighttime thunderstorms, low in the lower 40s, high in the lower 80s.

Sunday, partly cloudy and cooler with a high 70 to 75, low around 40.

TUESDAY RECAP

High, 69; low, 35; no precipitation.

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News In Brief

Maintenance man catches wild duck at federal building

FORT WORTH (AP) - He's more comfortable working with ducts than ducks, courthouse maintenance mechanic Joe Pence discovered.

When a wild duck showed up in the basement of the federal courthouse in Fort Worth on Tuesday, the duty of removing it fell on Pence.

The Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services office is in the courthouse, but was of no help.

"They don't do ducks," said Pence, 36, of Alvarado. "They don't even have a net. They just have traps for coons and stuff, and stuff for coyotes."

Pence summoned utility man George Mitchell from the federal office building a block away.

Investigators look for body of baby reportedly buried alive

ODESSA (AP) - Investigators are digging in the backyard of a home where a Fort Worth woman claims that a baby was buried alive 18 years ago.

The search began Tuesday, and some material believed to be bone fragments were found, said Fort Worth County Sheriff's deputy Sgt. Carl Rogers. He's with the metro homicide unit.

"It is hard to say whether those bone fragments are human or not at this time," Rogers said. "They will be sent to a forensic anthropologist in North Texas to determine the origin."

Sheriff Reggie Yearwood said his office became involved in the case late last week when the Fort Worth police department relayed a report from a Fort Worth woman who said a baby was buried alive in the backyard in 1980.

"There are no missing person reports on a baby from that time," Yearwood said, "but it is our moral obligation to check the area to determine if the tip is true or not."

U.S. reviewing whether states soft on nursing homes

DETROIT (AP) - Responding to congressional concerns about bad care in nursing homes, the federal government is investigating how well Michigan and three other states, including Texas, enforce federal standards.

The U.S. General Accounting Office's inquiry is the first of its kind since the 1980s, when it found widespread shortcomings that prompted an overhaul of the federal nursing-home regulatory system.

The new system - including large fines and other penalties for questionable care - took full effect in July 1995. But advocates for nursing-home residents say care hasn't improved because states are not enforcing the rules.

The study, which began last month, will examine enforcement of nursing-home standards in Michigan, California, Pennsylvania and Texas. The GAO's report is expected to be completed in January.

The new system is supposed to provide incentives to sustain and maintain compliance. Frank Pasquier, the GAO's assistant director for health issues, told the Detroit Free Press for a story Wednesday.

Girls suspended for "pornographic" tattoos

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Two senior girls have been suspended and ordered to attend alternative classes for the rest of the semester because they showed for school with tattoos deemed pornographic by school officials.

The girls, who were identified only as ages 17 and 18, had a tattoo on each ankle depicting a nude woman engaged in a sexual act. The six-inch tattoos each featured a different sexual activity.

"Clearly in our (student) handbook it says: 'No tattoo, fake or real,'" Boerne High School Principal Sam Champion said Tuesday. "Because of the pornographic nature, I made the decision to place them in the alternative center."

The girls couldn't be reached for comment Tuesday, the San Antonio Express-News reported today.

State targets specialty credit insurance for regulation

AUSTIN (AP) - When Texans use credit to purchase big-ticket items, state insurance regulators want them to know exactly what they are getting.

Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer on Thursday will consider whether to begin regulating credit property insurance.

The specialty insurance protects property from theft, loss or damage while it's being paid off.

College faculty salaries below norm

Pay increase fails to keep pace with inflation

WASHINGTON (AP) - College faculty salaries rose 3.4 percent this year, with full professors at research universities now making just under \$80,000, a study released Tuesday showed.

With inflation running at just half that rate, it was the largest increase in faculty pay in a decade, said the American Association of University Professors.

But professors still lag far behind other professionals when it comes to salary, and their pay, when adjusted for inflation, is actually 4.4 percent lower today than it was in 1971-72, the AAUP said.

The findings are based on an association survey of 1,839 colleges and universities in 1997-98. College and university faculty earned 42 percent less than other professionals with similar levels of education, the study said. That comparison was based on federal earnings data for workers with at least 18 years of education.

For example, the lowest-paid engineers and lawyers earned roughly \$8,000 more than the lowest-paid professors in 1996, the study said. By contrast, the highest-paid engineers and lawyers earned about \$62,000 more than the highest-paid professors.

Jacqueline King of the American Council on Education, a group representing university presidents, acknowledged that professors haven't made any real salary gains since the 1970s, but said schools are also under tremendous pressure to keep tuition down.

"On one hand - the faculty, they work hard, they're prepared with a lot of education for their jobs - this is not a lot of money," she said.

"At the same time ... institutions have to do all they can to keep their costs down, and one of their biggest costs is salaries," she said. "Institutions are under a lot of competing pressures."

The average salary for full professors at research universities - those with doctoral programs - was \$79,346.

The study also found increasing disparities among faculty at different types of colleges, although it said the gap was not as great as in many professions.

Overall, faculty at doctoral-level schools earned 28 percent more than those at schools with some postgraduate programs, 50 percent more than those at primarily undergraduate schools and 52 percent more than teachers at two-year colleges, the study said.



A common sight

Cattle grazing or resting in the tall, lush wheat pastures is a common sight in the area. These cattle, pastured just outside the city limits on north Avenue K, seem to just be enjoying the warm day, with only slight breezes to make the wheat move.

Conservationists call for plant protection

Thousands of endangered species go unprotected

WASHINGTON (AP) - Drumming up public sympathy for saving threatened dipterocarps and cycads may be tougher than it was for huggables like pandas and seal pups, but conservationists say the effort is necessary.

The World Conservation Union, concluding a 20-year research effort, said in a report today that 12.5 percent of the world's seed-producing plants and ferns - nearly 34,000 species in all - are threatened with extinction.

The problem is greater in some regions than others, the researchers said. In the United States, which they

say is the most thoroughly studied country, some 29 percent of plants, or 16,000 species, are at risk of extinction.

"Here in Washington we are in the middle of our annual Cherry Blossom Festival. Yet few of us realize that 14 percent of the species in the cherry family are threatened with extinction," said W. John Kress, chairman of the Botany Department at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History.

There are two main reasons for the threat, according to Nature Conservancy President John C. Sawhill, loss of habitat and competition from the

introduction of non-native species. The report covers vascular plants - conifers, ferns and flowering plants - but not mosses, lichens, algae and fungi. It was being released at news conferences in Washington, London, Cape Town, South Africa and Canberra, Australia.

Overall, the report said, of 270,000 species of vascular plants, 33,798 species in 200 countries are threatened. Some 91 percent of the endangered plants are found only in a single country, a limited distribution that makes them more vulnerable.

On a lonely hilltop on the island of Mauritius, for example, the last stand of *Elaeocarpus bojeri* holds out, its fruit eaten by a colony of monkeys, its territory overrun by the strawberry guava introduced from Brazil. *E. bojeri* is a plant so rare it doesn't even have a common name.

In central Chile deforestation threatens *Berberidopsis corallina*, a coral plant long used by local Mapuche Indians to make baskets,

their primary means of making a living.

For dipterocarps, a type of tree that includes some valuable timber species in Southeast Asia, more than 32 percent of species are threatened.

Wreck puts teens in hospital

HOUSTON (AP) - Two teen-age girls remained hospitalized today after a flatbed truck hauling old cars rear-ended a school bus on a rural highway, sending 20 other children to the hospital with minor injuries.

The girls most seriously injured, ages 17 and 16, were airlifted to Hermann Hospital in Houston. The oldest was in critical condition with head and abdominal injuries, a hospital spokeswoman said early today.

The 16-year-old was in stable condition with a severe laceration on the back of her head, the spokeswoman said.

The accident, involving a Brenham Independent School District bus, occurred about 4:30 p.m. Tuesday on U.S. Highway 290 near Chappell Hill, 60 miles northwest of Houston.

Its red lights flashing, the bus had pulled over in the eastbound lane to unload children when the truck

slammed into its rear left corner, tearing a hole into its backside and exposing the interior, authorities said.

"It was pretty torn up," said Tom Flanagan, one of several rescue workers dispatched to the scene. "The bus was in a culvert, nose in."

The two seriously injured girls had been sitting in the back of the bus and had to be cut out of the vehicle, Flanagan said.

In all, 28 children ages 6 to 18 were on the bus, said Tela Mange, a spokeswoman for the Texas Department of Public Safety. A school official said 45 children are assigned to the bus route, but many already had been dropped off.

Twenty children were treated at Trinity Medical Center in Brenham, mostly for cuts and bruises with one broken wrist, said Dr. James Paskow, the emergency room medical director.

The bus driver, who was not identified, also was treated for minor injuries. The truck driver, identified

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meters allow students to come to the nurse's office, take 7-15 minutes for a treatment, then go back to class," Frank San Miguel, National Home Health Care branch manager, said.

"That's compared with missing half a day or more if they have to leave."

School nurses monitor the students' use of the device and plot breathing capacity when the student comes in.

"We use a three-color chart," Fangman said. "If they are in the green zone, then they are OK. If they are in the yellow zone, they may be heading for trouble. When they fall into the red zone, they need to see a doctor."

Students blow into a peak flow meter on a good day to get their best breathing capacity and use this as a standard when it comes to charting.

"This in no way replaces the home treatments," San Miguel said. "It is simply an enhancement in their treatment and our way of providing some sort of partnership in education."

Parents and students who use the machines need not worry about cross contamination because the machines use several filters, blow air in only one way and students are required to keep their tubing apparatus clean.

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Obituaries

TROY SUBLETT

April 7, 1998

Troy Sublett, 52, longtime Hereford resident, died Tuesday in an accident near Umbarger.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Thursday at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Terry Cosby, First Baptist Church Hereford, and Dr. Ron Cook, First Baptist Church of Brownwood, officiating. Private graveside services will be in West Park Cemetery under the direction of Gililand-Watson Funeral Home.

He was born Jan. 31, 1946, in Wellington to Buster Sublett and Bonnie Bass Sublett. He married Susan Hite on Dec. 28, 1972, in Borger.

Mr. Sublett graduated from Lefors High School, attended Clarendon College and graduated from Texas Tech University in 1969. He was a deacon, Sunday school teacher and choir member at the First Baptist Church, and a member of the Hereford Noon Lions Club.

He farmed in Deaf Smith County after moving here in 1973 from Canyon. He had also worked for American Dusting and was currently a salesman for Texas Equipment.

Survivors include his wife, Susan; one son, Ben Sublett of Hereford; one daughter, Taylor Sublett of College Station; parents, Buster and Bonnie Sublett of Hereford; two brothers, John Sublett of Hereford and Jerry Sublett of Canyon; five nieces and four nephews.

The family suggests memorials be made to the First Baptist Church of Hereford or the Gideons.

ELYJAH JORDAN CASTILLO

April 7, 1953

Graveside services for Elyjah Jordan Castillo, 5 1/2 months, will be 2 p.m. Friday in West Park Cemetery with the Rev. Bruce Hernandez and David Hernandez of the Good News Church officiating.

He died Tuesday in Northwest Hospital.

Elyjah was born Oct. 25, 1997, in Amarillo to Roland Perez Jr. and Jessica J. Castillo.

Survivors include his mother, Jessica Castillo; father, Roland Perez; one brother, Anthony Rico; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Perez Sr. and great-grandmothers, Maria V. Castillo and Mary Tijerina, all of Hereford.

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Emergency Services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for April 7, 19998 include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Arrests
-- A 32-year-old woman was arrested in the 1300 block of East First and charged with theft by check and a Potter County traffic warrant.

Incidents
-- Disrupting classes was reported in the 700 block of La Plata Dr.

-- Child welfare concern was reported in the 200 block of Avenue F.

-- forgery was reported in the 600 block of 25 Mile Avenue.

COUNTY SHERIFF

Arrests
-- A 25-year-old man was arrested for violation of probation on a driving while intoxicated charge.

LOTTO TEXAS

TEXAS LOTTERY

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery: 14-28-33-34-38

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-3-0

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THURSDAY-Mexican stack, Spanish rice, pinto beans, salad fixings, tostados, pineapple tidbits, chocolate chip cookies; or pinto beans with chopped ham, vanilla wafers.

FRIDAY-Fried pollock with lemon wedge, au gratin potatoes, buttered zucchini squash, fruit/cabbage slaw, cornbread, bunny cookies, mixed fruit; or roast beef, brussel sprouts, mixed fruit.

MONDAY-Salisbury steak, baked potatoes with grated cheese, buttered lima beans, garden salad, French bread, fruited tapioca pudding; or ham loaf, buttered yellow squash, mixed fruit.

TUESDAY-Oven baked chicken, Oriental rice, seasoned spinach, congealed cranberry/applesauce salad, roll, chocolate cake; or fried fish strips with lemon wedge, D'zerta salad, plain cake.

WEDNESDAY-Turkey and dressing with gravy, sweet potato patties, green beans, cranberry relish, pound cake; or pork roast with dressing and gravy.

ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., oil painting 9-11 a.m., HHH wellness with weigh-in 10 a.m.-12 noon, Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

FRIDAY-Pool classes, line dance 10-11 a.m., HSCA board meeting 9 a.m., Nutrition Council meeting 1 p.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

SATURDAY-Games 12 noon-4 p.m.

MONDAY-Pool classes, line dance 10-11 a.m., doll class 1-4 p.m., Hereford Retired School Employees Association 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Home delivered meals volunteers meeting 9:30 a.m.

TUESDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., decorative tile painting 1-3 p.m., choir practice 1 p.m., Beltone 10 a.m.-12 noon, Golden K Kiwanis Club 12 noon, NARFE 1 p.m.

WEDNESDAY-Pool classes, ceramics 12 noon-4 p.m., birthday social 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Hints from Heloise

Dear Heloise: I enjoy cappuccino but don't desire to invest either the money or the counter space to buy a cappuccino maker. On weekends, I make myself a roughly equivalent treat by brewing my coffee extra strong and adding a big teaspoon of ice cream. You get the same creamy taste. One caveat: Use premium ice cream or you'll find the additives floating on top. — Cyndy Karon, Rochester, N.Y.

Yummy! You can stir with a cinnamon stick or sprinkle a little nutmeg, cocoa powder or cinnamon on top for an added treat. — Heloise

SEND A GREAT HINT TO:

Heloise
PO Box 795000
San Antonio TX 78279-5000
Dear Heloise: Here is my hint. I use a clean squirt-top mustard bottle filled with frosting to decorate my cakes. Works fine. — Madeline O. Meamber, Ashland, Ore.

ADDING INGREDIENTS

Dear Heloise: When measuring baking powder, etc., drop each spoonful in different spots on the other ingredients. This way it is easy to see just what has been added. — A Reader, Midland, Texas

ODOR REMOVER

Dear Heloise: I like your column and I have learned a lot of things from you. I'm sure you know about this one, but maybe others would appreciate it: To remove the smell of garlic from your hands, first wash with soapy water and rinse, then rub salt or lemon juice on hands. It really helps me. — Juanita Rocha, San Angelo, Texas

ORANGE AND LEMON RINDS

Dear Heloise: After using the insides of lemons and/or oranges, don't discard the peels. Put them in freezer bags and use them when you want to freshen the air. Take a handful and put them in simmering water for potpourri. — A Reader, Westfield, N.J.



And they're off!

At least some of the youngsters at First Presbyterian's Little Blessings Day Care got into the spirit of the hunt Tuesday as they participated in a pre-Easter egg hunt at the church. While some of the hunters seemed a little unsure at the start, they quickly remembered the rules of the game.

Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I am not writing to be reprimanded for my behavior. I am in my early 30s and have been married to a wonderful man for 10 years, but I've never been in love with him. I've stayed because I've felt it was the right thing to do.

My husband is almost twice my age, overweight and not much fun. I'm good-looking and have no trouble attracting men. In the last five years, I've had several affairs. My husband found out about a couple of them and forgave me. I should tell you that when I'm not having an affair, I have serious bouts of depression.

I am now involved with a great guy, and I think I'm in love with him. I want to leave my husband but am afraid to risk being on my own. I've been in counseling but can't seem to change. My therapist says I'm emotionally immature. It seems I am happy only when I'm involved in a romance. What's wrong with me? — Three's Company

Dear Company: I agree with your therapist's assessment. However, being aware of your problem doesn't solve it.

You need to stop fooling around and do something that generates self-esteem. Investigate some worthy causes, and become involved. You need to do something that will make you feel good about yourself -- and service to others is the first step. Get

moving, and good luck.

Dear Ann Landers: I disagree with the woman in Charlotte, N.C., who said first wives get all of the benefits after a divorce.

My husband and I divorced after 25 years of marriage. He has since remarried. His second wife will reap the benefits of the college education I helped him get, the business I helped him start and the \$250,000 life-insurance policy I insisted he get so the kids and I would be OK if he died young.

"Ken" and his present wife make over \$125,000 a year, while my income is about \$20,000. Our divorce agreement did not include any maintenance. There is no child support because the kids are over 18. There wasn't any retirement benefit because we were going to save for that together when the kids were grown.

Some first wives squeeze their former husbands for all they can get, but the divorced women I know are single and struggling to raise their children while their former husbands now have two good incomes. — First Wife in Wisconsin

Dear First: Twenty-five years? Did you have a lawyer? Was he sober? Was he conscious? Assuming your husband didn't catch you in bed with someone, you got a very raw deal.

Dear Ann Landers: I had to write in response to "Charlotte in Georgia" who had three children and then gave birth to triplets.

In 1953, my mother gave birth to a set of triplets. At the time, she also had five other children, ages 6, 5, 4, 2 and 15 months. She had eight children in six years. Not only that, but she had five more children after the triplets, for a total of 13 kids.

I'm sure she would agree with "Charlotte" that since God gave her all those children, he would give her the strength to raise them. Her family was 3,000 miles away and could not help. However, the neighbors in our small town rallied around, much like the people of Carlisle, Iowa, are doing for the McCaughey septuplets.

My parents now have 35 grandchildren to love and enjoy. — The Oldest Daughter in Isaquah, Wash.

Dear Daughter: The thought of it boggles my mind. If all 35 are healthy and well-behaved, your parents are incredibly fortunate.

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"Creative Moments" was the program presented at the recent meeting of Xi Epsilon Alpha Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. Members met at First Baptist Church as guest speaker Tamara Mimms conducted the program.

Mimms, who is a consultant with Creative Memories, explained how that company provides photo storage products and hands-on assistance, teaching people how to organize and responsibly store photos and memorabilia. She demonstrated various products, then provided each chapter member with a scrapbook page. Members then created their own page, detailing their life.

The business meeting began as president Diane Kreig led Opening Ritual. Secret Sisters were thanked for St. Patrick's Day cards and gifts by Kim Hollingsworth, Linda Arellano, Melinda Henson, Sharon Bodner and Shelley Lewis.

It was noted that Rituals will be

held Thursday, April 16 at 7 p.m. Founders Day will be held Thursday, April 30 at 7 p.m. at K-Bobs.

Upon adjournment, Closing Ritual and Mizpah were repeated. Refreshments of Tollhouse Brownies decorated in a St. Patrick's Day motif, tea and coffee were served by hostesses Arellano and Hollingsworth to Gaye Reilly, Susan Shaw, Connie Matthews, Holly Bixler, Peggy Hyer, Pattie Urbanczyk, Kay Williams, Kreig, Bodner, Henson, Lewis and guests.

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Grace Covington read the Auxiliary Prayer.

Members voted to support the distribution of the book, "Sick but Not Scared," to the community. This book, written and illustrated for

children, explains in simple and understandable language, all the body's physical functions.

Those attending the meeting were Janis Bell, Mary Jane Burrus, Lupe Cerda, Margaret Daniels, Billee Kelley, Jo Lee, Donna Parker, Irene Reinart, Mary Schlabs, Leona Schilling, Anna Stindt, Quintna Waits, Mary Williamson and Covington.

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WOODRIDGE, ILL. -- Ever wonder why we hunt for chocolate eggs (laid by a rabbit!) on Easter?

More importantly, ever wonder how to incorporate those Easter eggs into your holiday meal without a chocolate overdose?

So has Zella Junkin, the director of consumer affairs for Wilton Enterprises, supplier of cake and confectionery supplies.

"It's kind of my job to know the traditions of dessert," Junkin explains. "And the Easter egg is a tricky one."

Egg gathering itself is an ancient custom. Even before the domestication of fowl, the ancient Egyptians went out looking for eggs in the springtime to celebrate the return of new life.

In fact, the egg is such a universal symbol of rebirth that its association with spring is found in nearly every culture. So it's no surprise that early Christians adopted eggs as one of the ceremonial foods of the Easter celebration.

The chocolate egg is of much more recent invention.

"The American tradition of hunting for candy eggs is apparently derived from the German custom of children hunting for colored hard-boiled eggs hidden throughout the home," Junkin said. "When they are done finding the eggs, they receive a reward of chocolate candy from their parents."

Americans cut out the reward and provided the chocolate directly in egg form.

But while Easter eggs may be both traditional and tasty, a little bit can go a long way. With that in mind, Junkin has developed a "Lemon Poppyseed Easter Egg Cake" as a springtime dessert for the Easter

meal. The easy-to-make cake is decorated with a nest of Easter eggs "hidden" in the dewy morning grass.

Lemon Poppyseed Easter Egg Cake

- 1-1/2 cups (3 sticks) unsalted butter, softened
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 4 eggs
- 2 cups light sour cream
- 1/4 cup milk
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 4 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup poppyseeds
- 2 tablespoons lemon zest

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray two-10 inch pans with vegetable pan spray.

In mixing bowl cream butter with sugar. Beat in eggs one at a time. Add sour cream, lemon juice and vanilla extract; mix. Mix in flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, poppyseeds and lemon zest. Mix just until flour is combined.

Pour into prepared pans. Bake 30-35 minutes or until toothpick inserted in middle comes out clean. Cool 5 minutes on rack. Turn cakes out on cooking racks; cool completely before icing and decorating. Frost with Cream Cheese Icing below.

Makes 20-24 servings.

Cream Cheese Icing

- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter
- 16 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 2 lb. (8 cups) confectioners sugar
- 2 tablespoons milk

NOTE: Do not use light cream cheese or butter substitute. If margarine is used, icing will be softer.

In medium mixer bowl cream butter and cream cheese together until

smooth. Add sugar and milk. Beat on high until smooth (only 30 seconds to 1 minute). Thin to ice cake smooth; use full strength for piping borders. Makes 5-1/2 cups.

To decorate Easter cake you will need:

- Leaf green paste food color
- 1 package each icing decorations mini-eggs and bunnies or Easter candies
- 1/2 cup chocolate Easter egg or jelly beans
- Tip #233 (to make grass)
- Tip #4 (round tip)
- 2 decorating bags
- 1 recipe Cream Cheese Icing
- 2 layer poppyseed cake

Reserve one cup icing, tint green. Fill and ice two layer cake with remaining icing. With toothpick mark circle for nest and lightly mark lines for Happy Easter. With tip #4 follow lines for message. With tip #233 fill in bottom of nest, build up sides with additional icing. Place eggs or jelly beans in nest on top of cake. With tip #233 add grass for top border. Place packaged icing decorations around bottom edge of cake and fill in between with grass.

To make grass, hold bag with #233 tip straight up with tip almost touching the surface. Squeeze icing, ease off pressure and pull up to make grass. Practice a few times on a cookie sheet. Scrape icing back into the bag.

On Easter, children in some countries roll Easter eggs against one another or down a hill. The egg that stays uncracked the longest is the winner. Since 1878 children have been invited to roll eggs on the White House lawn.



The highest number of eclipses possible in a year is seven, as in 1935 when there were five solar and two lunar eclipses.

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Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Wednesday, April 8, the 98th day of 1998. There are 267 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On April 8, 1946, the League of Nations assembled in Geneva for the last time.

On this date:
In 1513, explorer Juan Ponce de Leon claimed Florida for Spain.

In 1935, the Works Progress Administration was approved by Congress.

In 1950, ballet dancer Vaslav Nijinsky died in London.

In 1952, President Truman seized the steel industry to avert a nationwide strike.

In 1970, the Senate rejected President Nixon's nomination of G. Harold Carswell to the Supreme Court.

In 1973, artist Pablo Picasso died at his home near Mougins, France, at age 91.

In 1981, Gen. Omar N. Bradley died in New York City at age 88.

In 1990, Ryan White, the teen-age AIDS patient whose battle for acceptance gained national attention, died in Indianapolis at age 18.

In 1992, tennis great Arthur Ashe announced at a New York City news conference that he had AIDS. Ashe died in February 1993, at age 49, of AIDS-related pneumonia.

In 1994, Kurt Cobain, singer-musician for the grunge band Nirvana, was found dead in Seattle of an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound; he was 27.

Ten years ago: The Rev. Jimmy

Swaggart was defrocked as a minister of the Assemblies of God after he rejected an order from the church's national leaders to stop preaching for a year.

Five years ago: The U.N. General Assembly admitted the former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia as its 181st member. Singer Marian Anderson died in Portland, Ore., at age 96. President Clinton unveiled his \$1.52 trillion budget for fiscal 1994.

One year ago: The space shuttle Columbia returned to Earth, ending a mission cut three-quarters short by a defective generator. The Vatican chose Archbishop Francis George of Portland, Ore., to head the Archdiocese of Chicago, succeeding the late Cardinal Joseph Bernardin. Singer-songwriter Laura Nyro died in Danbury, Conn., at age 49.

Today's Birthdays: Former first lady Betty Ford is 80. Opera singer Franco Corelli is 75. Comedian Shecky Greene is 72. Actress Dorothy Tutin is 68. Lyricist Fred Ebb is 65. Actor Klaus Lowitsch is 62.

Investigative reporter Seymour Hersh is 61. Basketball Hall-of-Famer John Havlicek is 58. Singer J.J. Jackson is 57. Singer Peggy Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 57. Actor Stuart Pankin is 52. Rock musician Steve Howe (Yes) is 51. Actor John Schneider is 44. Former All-Star catcher Gary Carter is 44. Rock musician Izzy Stradlin is 36. Singer Julian Lennon is 35. Rock singer-musician Donita Sparks (L7) is 35. Rapper Biz Markie is 34. Actress Robin Wright Penn is 32. Actress Patricia Arquette is 30. Actor Taran Noah Smith ("Home Improvement") is 14.

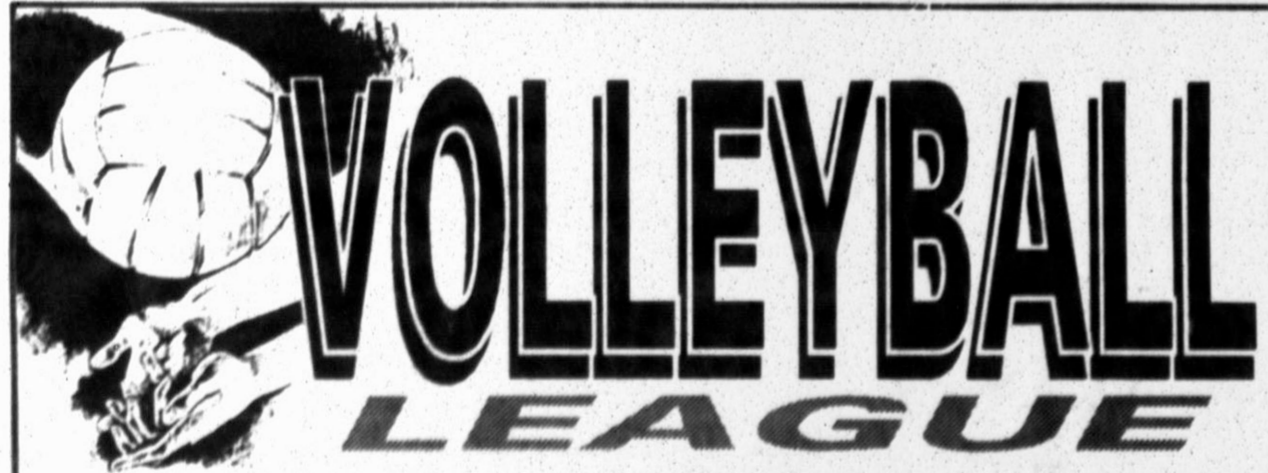
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Entry fee is \$102 per team. The roster must be final by April 30th and everyone on the team must be a full paid participant. T-shirts will be awarded to 1st and 2nd place winners in each division.

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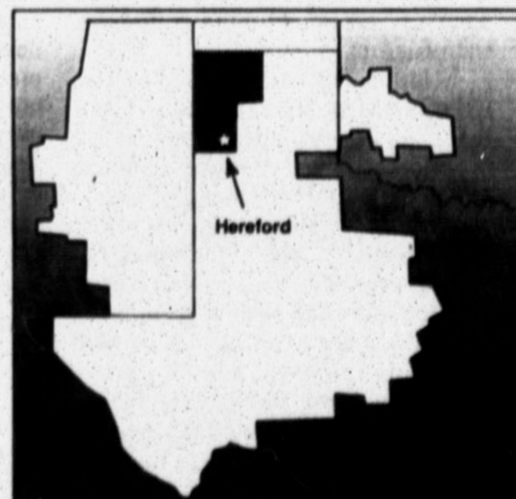
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Sports

HJH 7th graders second at meet

From staff reports
AMARILLO -- The Hereford Junior High School seventh-grade boys track team finished second at a track meet at Valleyview Junior High School Friday.

No other team results were available.

The Whitefaces got five first-place finishes at the meet.

Jose Reece was a double winner, capturing the 400 meters and the Long Jump. Stewart Carr won the Pole Vault and Luis Perez took first place in the Triple Jump.

Hereford's 800-meter Relay team also won first place. The Whitefaces got seconds from their 400- and 1,600-meter Relay squads.

7th Grade Boys Track Meet at Valleyview Junior High School Friday
 400m Relay: 2. Hereford (Luis Perez, Robert Gil, Bryan Gallan, Jose Reece); 800m: 4. Casey Valdez; 100m: 3. Luis Perez; 400m: 1. Jose Reece; 800m Relay: 1. Hereford (Robert Gil, Raymond Carrillo, Stewart Carr, Bryan Gallan); 1,600m: 5. Casey Valdez; 6. Chris Ruckman; 1,800m Relay: 2. Hereford (Luis Perez, Wade McNutt, Bryan Gallan, Jose Reece); High Jump: 3. Ty Yosten; Long Jump: 1. Jose Reece; 3. Wade McNutt; Pole Vault: 1. Stewart Carr; 2. Jason Edwards; 3. Luis Perez; Shot Put: 2. Daniel Ruiz; 6. Paul Gilmore; Triple Jump: 1. Luis Perez; 2. Jose Reece.

LET'S GO!!!



Photo by Julius Bodner

Terri House of Hereford rounds a barrel Saturday during Hereford's two-day Tri-State High School Rodeo Association event at B-Bar-S Arena west of Hereford.

Randall bats and defense doom Herd

By BOB VARMETTE
 Sports Writer

The Hereford Whitefaces managed to do something Tuesday afternoon that no one else in District 1-4A had been able to do.

Score a run on the Canyon Randall Raiders. But they weren't able to accomplish two other things that have yet to be accomplished by a District 1-4A team -- avoid being 10-run ruled, and beating Randall.

Randall, which had been flawless in three previous district games, gave up a run to the Whitefaces in the top of the fifth inning, but still cruised past Hereford 11-1 in five innings at Raider Field.

"You never want to lose a game," Hereford head coach Pete Rodriguez said. "We wanted to keep going, we wanted to play seven."

Randall's hitters and Raider pitcher Todd Betzen had much to say about that not happening. Offensively, Randall (11-5-1, 4-0 District 1-4A) picked up 11 runs, eight in the bottom of the third inning, on nine hits.

Betzen, meanwhile, was tossing a two-hitter. Rodriguez said the Whitefaces were able to get wood on the ball, but the Raiders' defense was tight.

"They're real solid defensively," Rodriguez said. "He (Betzen) threw the ball well, but defensively Randall's good. They made every play."

Betzen got the win, working four innings, striking out four Hereford batters.

Starter Ram Zambrano (1-1) took the loss for Hereford (8-10, 3-2). Cory Ortiz relieved Zambrano in the fourth

Hereford Notes

Prior to Tuesday's game, Randall had been averaging 15 runs per game in its first three District 1-4A outings...
Todd Betzen got the win for the Raiders; he fanned four Hereford batters...
Ram Zambrano (1-1) took the loss for Hereford...
 There were seven extra-base hits in the game.
Hereford's Brandon Brown got the only triple

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Lipinski says she's going pro

By BARRY WILNER
 AP Sports Writer

Tara Lipinski captivated the Olympics with her gold medal. Now the Winter Games no longer figure in her future, a decision that ends her budding rivalry with Michelle Kwan.

Lipinski said Tuesday she is leaving the ranks of skaters eligible for the Olympics. She wants to train less so she can spend more time with her family.

Lipinski will make her professional debut on April 24 at "Skate, Rattle n' Roll," a made-for-television event in Charleston, S.C.

That show is not sanctioned, and once 15-year-old champion skates there she can forget going to Salt Lake City in 2002 to defend the title she won in Nagano, Japan.

The reinstatement window that applied to ineligible skaters before the 1994 Olympics -- allowing such champions as Brian Boitano, Viktor Petrenko, Katarina Witt and Yekaterina Gordeeva and Sergei Grinkov to return to the Lillehammer Games -- no longer exists.

On Wednesday night in Baltimore, Lipinski begins the Champions On Ice tour featuring Olympic, world and national medal winners.

She's also scheduled to appear in the Hershey's Kisses pro-am in Springfield, Mass., on April 18, which is sanctioned by the U.S. Figure Skating Association and the International Skating Union.

"I would love to go to the 2002 Olympics and try to win another gold," Lipinski said on NBC's "Today" show. She added she would feel "almost a little greedy in doing that, especially to my parents, who have given up so much."

Richard Callaghan, Lipinski's coach, said he was surprised at the timing of the decision to turn pro, but he understood it.

"I'm sorry to see her leave the eligible ranks," Callaghan said. "She did a lot for women's skating. It would be nice to see her do more."

"She seems to want to do the pro circuit, maybe because there is less stress in training and so she can see her family more."

Lipinski trained with Callaghan at the Detroit Skating Club. Her mother lived with her in Michigan while her father stayed at their home in Sugar Land.

"Now I'll have four-day weekends and be able to be with my family because they mean so much to me," she said. "I don't want to be 21 and not know my dad."

After she skipped last week's world championships at Minneapolis, it became clear Lipinski and

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-- Tara Lipinski

her advisers felt there was little to gain in remaining an Olympic-eligible skater.

"I've accomplished my dream," she said. "I think I need to give something back to them, so we can be a family again and really have that connection."

"I realized after Nagano how important it is to me to be with my mom and dad and be all together and have fun and go out to dinner and really be a family again. I owe that to my parents and myself."

Several agents estimated Lipinski could earn between \$13 million and \$15 million in endorsements after winning the Olympics.

Lipinski leaves eligible skating with a remarkable record. She became the youngest U.S. and world champion last year, then the youngest individual Olympic gold medalist in history at Nagano.

She is the best technical skater among the women, and her artistry improved significantly in the last two years.

But there will be no more Olympic showdowns with Kwan, the 17-year-old who won her second world title last Saturday.

Lipinski's jump to the pros further depletes the Olympic-eligible ranks. Although five-time U.S. champion Todd Eldredge said he won't jeopardize his eligibility by appearing in non-sanctioned events, he won't skate at nationals and worlds for the next few years. Instead, he will choose only professional events recognized by the ISU.

Philippe Candeloro, the hugely popular bronze medalist at Nagano, has turned pro, as have Lu Chen, like Candeloro a double Olympic bronze medalist, and two-time Olympic dance champions Pasha Grishuk and Yevgeny Platov -- she is pursuing a film career, too. Several other Olympic medalists, including men's champion Ilya Kulik and pairs winners Oksana Kazakova and Artur Dmitriev, also are considering leaving.

In the middle

Hereford's Bryant McNutt of the West team (center) goes up for a shot Friday night between North defenders Kent Smith (left) of San Jacinto Christian Academy and Nathan Anderson of Amarillo Palo Duro during the 28th Annual Golden Spread All-Star Games at Cal Farley Coliseum. McNutt scored 13 points in the game as the West won, 90-87. Saturday, McNutt scored 10 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, but the South beat the West, 100-88.

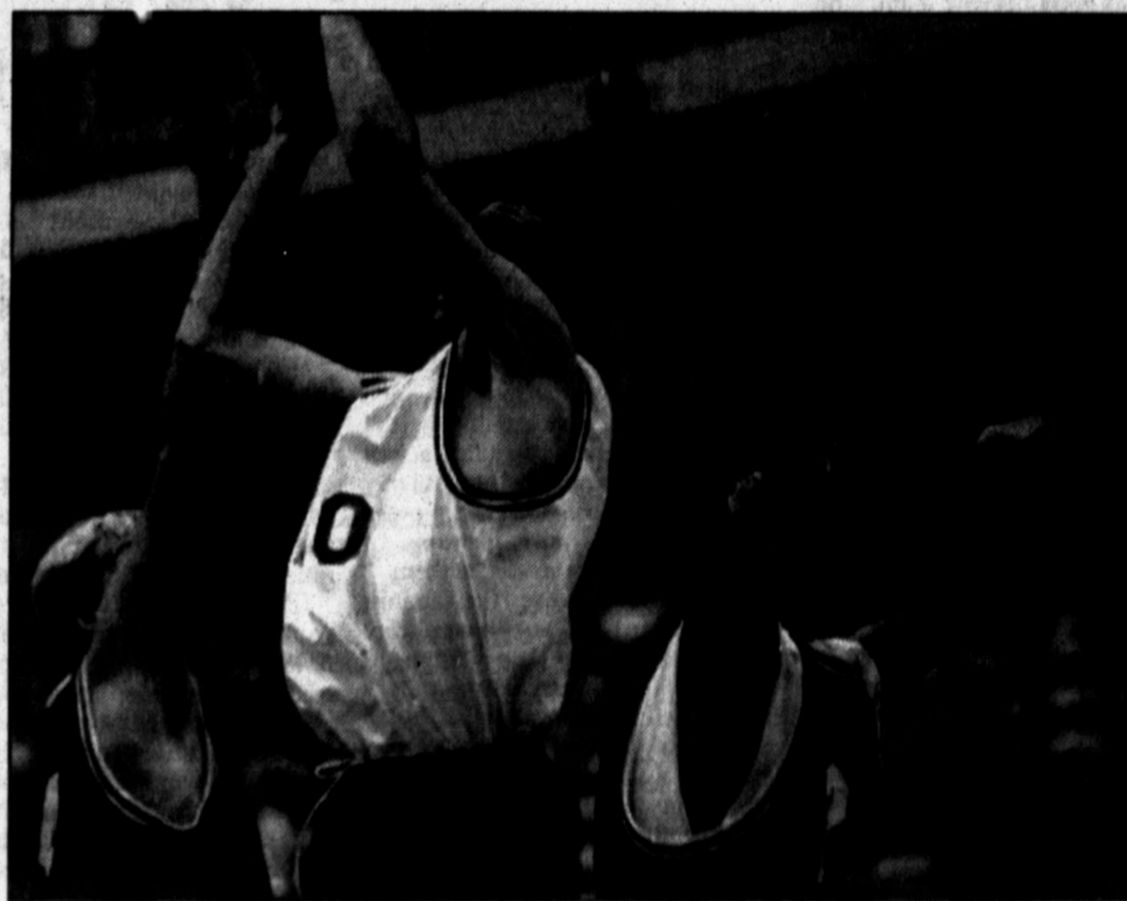


Photo by Julius Bodner

Rangers-Giants Notes:

Olympic gold medalist **Jonny Moseley** threw out the first pitch... The Astros, making their only visit of the season to San Francisco, opened a nine-game road swing...
Orel Hershiser, who turns 40 next week, made his 43rd appearance against the Astros, his most against any team...
Jeff Bagwell got his third stolen base of the young season in the fourth inning. Houston has been successful on 10 of 14 attempts...
Brian Johnson struck out four times for the Giants

Giants beat Astros in 10th

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) -- Orel Hershiser didn't get the win in his first home start in a Giants uniform. He got something far more precious -- a standing ovation from fans who spent more than a decade booing him.

Pinch-hitter Rey Sanchez singled in the winning run in the 10th inning as San Francisco won its home opener 5-4 over the Houston Astros on Tuesday. Hershiser pitched 5 1-3 innings, getting his second straight no-decision.

Hershiser, who joined the Giants as a free agent last December, gave up two runs and three hits, striking out six. Once a favorite target of Giants fans when he pitched for the hated Los Angeles Dodgers, he got a loud ovation when he left the game in the sixth with a 4-2 lead.

"I got goosebumps walking off the field when they gave me a standing ovation. I could have tipped my cap

for about three or four minutes," he said. "I really appreciate what they did. I was really relieved and glad and happy at the same time. It was a lot of fun."

With one out in the 10th, J.T. Snow and Rich Aurilia drew walks off Billy Wagner (0-1). Sanchez then lined a single to center and Snow slid around the tag of catcher Tony Eusebio to score the winning run.

Wagner's first two pitches to Sanchez were way out of the strike zone. After taking a strike, Sanchez smacked a fastball up the middle.

"He wasn't throwing strikes. You've just got to wait for a good pitch," Sanchez said, signed as a free agent in January. "You either walk or you know you're going to get a good pitch to hit."

Eusebio said plate umpire Charlie Reliford made the right call on the final play.

"Nah, I didn't get him. It was a tough call by the ump but the right call," Eusebio said. "When the ball was coming in I thought I had him, but he just slid around me."

Robb Nen (1-0), acquired by the Giants in a trade with the Florida Marlins, pitched two perfect innings, striking out two.

"It was a great day for the new guys. It was a great day for Orel, a great day for Robb Nen and a great day for Rey Sanchez," Giants manager Dusty Baker said. "That was the first one-run game we've won this year."

Both of the Giants' losses this season have been by one run.

Houston, which had just five hits, tied the score with two runs in the seventh to wipe out Hershiser's chance of getting a win. An RBI

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Washington's Bender said to head UT hopefuls

By CHIP BROWN
 AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN -- Washington coach Bob Bender has emerged as the front-runner for the head basketball coaching job at Texas, according to a high-ranking university source.

Bender, 40, met with Texas officials in Dallas on Tuesday on his way back from vacationing in Florida.

The source, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of

anonymity, said that the job hadn't been offered to anyone as of late Tuesday afternoon.

But the source added that Bender had moved to the top of Texas' short list after school officials became concerned about what it would cost to land Utah's Rick Majerus, who last week turned down a reported annual salary of just more than \$1 million at Arizona State.

Texas athletic director DeLoss Dodds has said the basketball

coach won't be paid more than football coach Mack Brown, who makes \$750,000 annually.

"You have to consider the guy (Majerus) just because of what he's done at Utah," the source said, referring to the Utes' appearance in this year's national championship game.

But Bender's ability to turn programs around at Illinois State and Washington, his pedigree as a former assistant to Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski and his engag-

ing, easygoing personality appear to have won Texas officials over.

Unlike former Texas coach Tom Penders and Majerus, who have reputations for speaking their minds, regardless of what university administrators may think, Bender fits Texas' buttoned-down image as a company man.

He also fits the Longhorns' budget, making around \$350,000 at Washington, which is well

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Hereford X-plosion takes 3rd

From staff reports
MIDLAND—The Hereford X-plosion 14 and Under volleyball team finished third at a tournament Saturday.
 The team finished second in pool play. The tournament also featured teams from Midland, Odessa, El Paso, Amarillo, Lubbock and Pecos.
 Hereford X-plosion defeated Amarillo Explosion 15-11, 14-16; 15-13, then lost to El Paso Sunspots, 14-16, 15-8, 17-15.

Herd

inning.
 "Ramiro did a good job," Rodriguez said. "He was keeping us in the ball game. In the third, we just didn't help him defensively. . . . We had the chance to get out of the inning with them only scoring two runs."
 Instead, it proved to be a big inning for the Raiders. Randall posted eight runs in the bottom half of the inning.

Leading 3-0 going into the bottom of the third, the Raiders hit four doubles, including three in succession by Chad Watson, Derek Daniel and Micah Ladd. The Raiders also got a pair of batters to first, one on a hit batsman and another on an error.

"Give Randall credit," Rodriguez said. "They're a good-hitting club. . . . They're solid one through nine. They all can hit."

"They have confidence. We got up there not sure what to expect."

Rodriguez wasn't ready to say this was the best Randall team he's seen, but he did say the Raiders are a team that figure to be playing past the last district game, and playing well.

"I think they have a good chance of being a good playoff team," he said. "They've been there. They know what it takes."

The Whitefaces got their lone run in the top of the fifth inning. Needing a pair of runs to extend the game, catcher Brandon Brown tripled to lead off the inning. Senior Tate Head then brought in courtesy runner Jacob Gonzales with a sacrifice fly to left field.

The run ended District 1-4A's drought against the Raiders that had stretched to 19 innings.

"I think we're making lots of progress," Rodriguez said about the Whitefaces entering Thursday's game against Dumas with a chance to finish the first half of district with a 4-2 record. "Early on we were struggling with our hitting and making the routine play. With our hitting, we have more confidence."

The fifth-year Hereford coach then pondered the what if.

"We could easily have been 4-1 in district," Rodriguez said, referring to the Whitefaces' one-run loss at Amarillo Caprock March 31. "But we have a big game against Dumas Thursday. If we win that one, at worst we'll be tied for second."

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 Game called in fifth inning, 10-run rule.
 Hereford's next game vs. Dumas at 4:30 p.m. Thursday Whiteface Field.

Spurs prepare for tough stretch

By KELLEY SHANNON
AP Sports Writer
SAN ANTONIO -- The NBA playoffs are two weeks away, but for the San Antonio Spurs the postseason seems to be starting now.
 The Spurs face Utah, Seattle and the Los Angeles Lakers -- the three best teams in the Western Conference -- in a stretch of three games beginning Wednesday at Salt Lake City.
 San Antonio is only 1-6 against those teams. And the games come as the Spurs (52-24) are struggling with injuries and trying to fend off Phoenix to hold onto the conference's fourth playoff spot.

"This is a tough stretch coming up," said center David Robinson, but he added that the Spurs need to view the difficult schedule in a positive way.

"I think it's great," Robinson said. "I think it tunes you up. I think it makes you get ready. I think it makes you understand mentally what challenges you're going to have going into a place like Seattle, going into a place like Utah."

After Utah, the Spurs return home to face the SuperSonics on Friday and the Lakers on Monday. The Spurs also play at Seattle on April 17.

"Everybody's got games down the stretch, some tougher than others," said Spurs coach Gregg Popovich. "We want to play the games in such a way that we get better."

If the Spurs remain fourth or higher in the Western Conference, they'll have home-court advantage in the first playoff round. If they

drop to fifth, they won't. Phoenix moved closer to the fourth spot Monday when the Suns beat Seattle 102-92 and Portland beat San Antonio 79-75.

After a practice Tuesday, Popovich refused to discuss playoff positioning.

"I never comment on things like that," he said. "We just play the games, and then whatever position we're in at the end of the year, that's the position we play from."

Though he's pleased with his team's defensive effort, Popovich again said the Spurs' biggest weakness is consistent outside shooting. San Antonio shot just 36 percent from the field in Monday's loss to Portland.

"There are nights when we don't shoot well. I don't care how you slice it, our top three shooters do not exist," Popovich said. "Because of that, we have a very small margin for error."

Sean Elliott (left knee surgery) and Chuck Person (lower back pain) are on the injured list, and Vinny Del Negro has had to play point guard to fill in for Avery Johnson, who has a right hip strain and has been playing limited minutes lately.

Jaren Jackson, starting at guard alongside Del Negro, said the final regular-season games are crucial and will be difficult.

"It's going to be very important that we come out and show these Western Conference teams that we want to be able to make some noise, especially in the playoffs," Jackson said. "Obviously, we've got guys banged up. It's going to be a tough stretch."

Wizards' players subjects of inquiry

WASHINGTON (AP) -- Washington Wizards general manager Wes Unseld bristled with anger over another off-the-court distraction. His two most highly paid, high-profile players, Juwan Howard and Chris Webber, are the subjects of a sexual-assault investigation.

"Quite frankly, I'm angry and disappointed that I'm standing here," Unseld said. "Because of the lack of judgment that some of our players have used this season that has allowed them to be put into positions of having accusations leveled at them."

No charges have been filed against either Howard or Webber, who were named in a complaint filed by a woman Monday in Montgomery County, Md. Police spent Tuesday interviewing potential witnesses who attended a party at Howard's house late Sunday and early Monday, when the alleged assault took place.

Howard and Webber "were in attendance at this party, and they were named, they were implicated by this woman," police spokeswoman Ann Evans said. "But to what degree their involvement is, whether they were the assaulters, we don't have a clear picture of it yet."

Police have searched both players' houses and now want to question Howard and Webber, who were scheduled to return to the Washington area early Wednesday following Tuesday night's Wizards-Bulls game

in Chicago. The former Michigan teammates walked off the United Center court without comment following an early practice Tuesday in Chicago, although Howard has called the accusations "ludicrous" and "totally untrue."

Unseld said he spoke to both players Monday, and that "Chris and Juwan told me that the accusations are false."

Neither Unseld nor the police said when the two players would be questioned. Neither player's lawyer returned calls seeking comment.

Police said that after the party, a woman called authorities at about 3:45 a.m. and made the complaint. She was then examined at a hospital.

The investigation compounds an already troublesome year for the Wizards. Over the last 17 months, Webber, Howard and point guard Rod Strickland have been arrested in vehicle-related incidents, and Strickland and forward Tracy Murray got into a fistfight in a Charlotte hotel and were fined \$25,000 each.

The distractions have hurt the Wizards on the court. Projected to make the playoffs with ease, they were hovering around the .500 mark in ninth place -- one-half game out of a postseason spot -- going into Tuesday night's game.

"You never need distractions, but it's a part of life," coach Bernie Bickerstaff said.

Bender

below the \$550,000 that Penders made annually.

"Bender is a solid citizen who can coach," the source said.
 Bender's record at Washington is 68-72, but has improved each of his five years in Seattle, culminating with a 20-10 season and a Sweet 16 appearance in the NCAA tournament this year.

Bender's wife, Alice, reached at their home in Seattle Tuesday night, said, "If the job is offered, Bob won't do anything before the Washington team banquet on Thursday. Bob really doesn't want to take away from that."

"He won't make a decision without talking to me and without seeing Austin, and we haven't done that," she said.

Majerus, 50, meanwhile told the Deseret News in Utah that he wouldn't comment on whether he was interested in the Texas job.

"I'm not going to comment on

other jobs in the press, ever," Majerus said. "I'm just tired of it all. I don't feel I owe the press anything. You'll notice nothing ever comes out of me (concerning other jobs)."

While Majerus refused to say what his intentions are, he did give a few clues.

Majerus said he has not been in Texas since he left San Antonio last Wednesday and has no plans to go there the next couple of days.

He said he planned to go to a movie with a friend on Tuesday night and to leave Wednesday for Phoenix, where ex-Ute Michael Doleac will participate in a pre-NBA draft training camp.

Penders resigned last week as head coach at Texas after a month of controversy that began when four young players went to Texas athletic director DeLoss Dodds on March 8 to complain about playing for Penders.

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Astros

double by Craig Biggio and a run-scoring single by Derek Bell off reliever Julian Tavarez made it 4-all.

Jeff Kent drove in two runs for San Francisco with an RBI single in the first and an RBI double in the fifth.

Barry Bonds added a run-scoring single in the fifth for his first RBI of the season. Bonds, who is hitting .219, went 1-for-4 with a walk and was robbed of an extra-base hit in the seventh on a lunging backhanded catch by left fielder Moises Alou.

Richard Hidalgo had a sacrifice fly in the fourth for Houston and Alou had an RBI single in the sixth. Bell and Sean Berry each struck out three times for the Astros.

Astros starter John Halama, who lost to the Giants last Thursday in his major league debut, allowed four runs and six hits in four innings. His wild pitch in the fourth scored the Giants' second run.

"My big problem was falling behind the hitters. I can't pitch from behind," Halama said. "Last week, I had no stuff. This week it was much better, but I just have to forget about what happened against the Giants."

It was the second-to-last opening day at Candlestick, the area the Giants have played at since 1960. In 2000, the Giants plan to move to a new stadium in the China Basin portion of the city.

Pregame festivities for the opener included a parachutist carrying the Giants' NL West championship flag into the stadium and San Francisco's Dusty Baker receiving his plaque as the 1997 NL Manager of the Year.

Paid attendance of 55,370 was the fifth-largest for a regular-season game in San Francisco history.

St. Louis levels Rockies, 12-11

DENVER (AP) -- Tom Lampkin homered and drove in four runs, and St. Louis had nine extra-base hits in a 12-11 Cardinals' victory over the Colorado Rockies on Tuesday.

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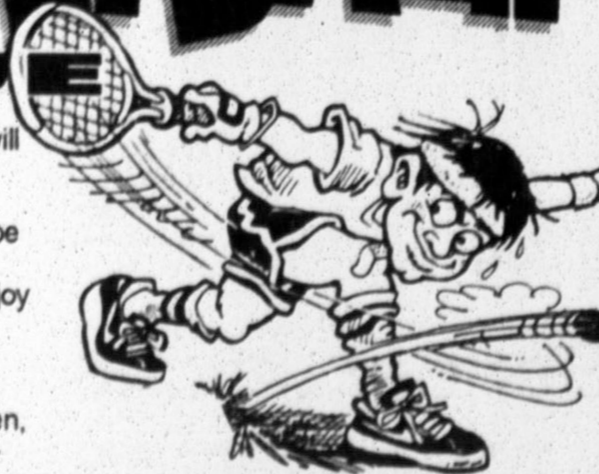
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Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the estate addressed as follows:

David A. Thompson
Independent Executor of the Estate of Gerda M. Rouse, Deceased
c/o Susan L. Burnette
P. O. Box 31718
Amarillo, Texas 79120

All persons having claims against this estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 6th day of April, 1998.

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Attorney's for the Independent Executor

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Novice Cattle Company, Inc. has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for issuance of Air Quality Permit No. 37880 to authorize construction of a Beef Cattle Feedlot located 17 miles north of Hereford on U.S. Highway 385, Deaf Smith County, Texas. The proposed facility will emit the following air contaminants emitted from the proposed facility may request a hearing.

If the applicant demonstrates the proposed facility will comply with all applicable air quality requirements, the applicant will qualify for issuance of a permit. The subject of a hearing would be limited to applicable air quality requirements, which do not include issues such as water quality, noise, traffic safety, or zoning. If a hearing is held, it will be a legal proceeding similar to civil trials in state district court.

To request a hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) the applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "I/we request a public hearing;" (4) a brief, specific statement of how and why emissions from the proposed facility would adversely affect you in a way not common to members of the general public; and (5) the location of your property relative to the proposed facility.

Hearing requests or comments on the application must be received in writing at the Chief Clerk's Office, MC-105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, within 30 days after the second publication of this notice. This notice is to be published on April 8th and April 9th.

The application and the TNRCC's preliminary analysis are available for review and reproduction at the TNRCC Office of Air Quality, 12124 Park 35 Circle, Building C, Austin, Texas 78753. Application documents, a compliance file if any exists, and further information may be obtained from the TNRCC Amarillo Regional Office, Air Program located at 3912 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79109-4996, telephone (806) 353-9251. Individual members of the public who wish to inquire about the information contained in this notice, or to inquire about other agency permit applications or permitting processes, should call the TNRCC Office of Public Assistance, toll free, at 1-800-687-4040.

Sharp, Perry refuse to let agreement stop the fight



Election '98



DALLAS (AP) - Republican Rick Perry, who's become a millionaire since being elected agriculture commissioner seven years ago, should release his income tax returns, his challenger for lieutenant governor says.

Democrat John Sharp issued the challenge Tuesday during a debate before the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association convention.

"Let's take our income tax returns and put them on the table," Sharp said.

State comptroller since 1991, Sharp said Perry needed to make public his IRS returns for the past seven years. Perry, who was elected agriculture commissioner in 1991, said after Tuesday's debate that he would meet the challenge.

Ray Sullivan, Perry's campaign spokesman, said the returns will be disclosed after the April 15 tax-filing deadline, adding, "Rick Perry has always intended to release his income tax returns."

The debate was marked by little disagreement on issues between the one-time Texas A&M University classmates.

Both pledged to fight against restrictions on what use landowners

can do with their property and both opposed a personal income tax.

Perry pledged support for school vouchers for students in low-performing schools to allow students educational alternatives.

Sharp said that vouchers would be just one example of a broader quality that can help public schools - competition. He cited school districts that allow students at a low-performing school to transfer to a better school.

Both agreed that convict labor should be expanded to clear cedar and other water-greedy brush from the Hill Country and Edwards Plateau, freeing water for human and agricultural use in the Austin-San Antonio area.

Bo's pledged to support reforms to head off frivolous lawsuits.

They did trade barbs on some peripheral issues.

Trying to score with the 400 members and dignitaries, many of them conservative, Perry cited

Sharp's endorsement by the Texas AFL-CIO.

Sharp dismissed that as a false issue, saying former Gov. Dolph Briscoe, an elder statesman of the cattle raiser's association, also enjoyed support from organized labor.

"Just because the Log Cabin Republicans (a group of gay Republicans) are working for you doesn't mean you're for gay rights," Sharp said.

Perry cited a thwarted Clinton administration plan to place thousands of acres west of Austin under federal protection as habitat for the rare golden-cheeked warbler.

"When Mr. Clinton and his administration ... tried to take over 800,000 acres of land as critical habitat, where were you?" Perry asked. "I didn't see you standing up in one place. I didn't see you give one speech. I didn't see you stand up for the men and women in this audience. I was there."

Cronyn rips foe for campaigning at trial

AUSTIN (AP) - Campaigning to prospective jurors at a murder trial has landed Republican attorney general hopeful Barry Williamson a reprimand from the judge and criticism by his runoff opponent.

"I tell you what. Barry's lucky the judge didn't hold him in contempt and put him in jail," rival John Cornyn said Tuesday. "That kind of a blunder is one that not even a novice lawyer would make."

Williamson showed up in Llano, where 280 prospective jurors were gathered Monday for the capital murder trial of Bobby Wayne Woods of Granbury, charged in the abduction and slaying of an 11-year-old girl.

Williamson shook hands with prospective jurors and handed out literature until District Judge Tom Crum sent word that he didn't want him in the room.

Cornyn, a former Texas Supreme Court justice, said Williamson made a serious mistake.

"Every lawyer and really every citizen understands the sanctity of the jury. And to invade the jury process for partisan political gain I think just shows crass insensitivity," he said.

Williamson led the March GOP primary with 38 percent of the vote. Cornyn got 32 percent. The winner next Tuesday faces Democrat Jim Mattox, a former attorney general, in November.

Williamson spokesman Eric Bearse defended the candidate and again attacked Cornyn for holding two court posts simultaneously - on the Supreme Court and a judicial administrative job in San Antonio.

"The worst thing you can say is that Barry aggressively shook some hands while John Cornyn shook down

the taxpayers drawing two salaries," Bearse said. "This campaign's in good shape."

Cornyn said the Llano incident reinforces his contention that Williamson - who voluntarily stopped practicing law between 1989 and 1994 - isn't qualified to be the state's top lawyer.

In other developments in the Cornyn-Williamson race:

- Williamson reported raising \$333,674 and spending \$581,840 in the past month. Cornyn's report to the Texas Ethics Commission showed him raising \$594,227 and spending \$485,791, said spokesman Mark Lehman.

- Williamson was endorsed by Phyllis Schlafly, president of the Eagle Forum, who said he "has a conservative record to be proud of, not a liberal record to run from."

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GHEORGHE MURESAN

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Gheorghe Muresan, Billy Crystal's co-star in "My Giant," thinks the NBA is tougher than Hollywood.

"In the NBA, in a game, you cannot take one more chance to win that game. You need to, right there, do the best you can," he said in Tuesday's Los Angeles Times. "In acting, you can take 20 takes to make better. In NBA, you can't repeat anything."

The 7-foot-7, Romanian-born Muresan hasn't been able to play for the Washington Wizards this season after being injured while filming the comedy last summer.

Muresan said his height - he was 6-10 at age 14 - has brought him pain at times.

"It was not easy," he said. "I got teased in school a lot, but I don't pick up on a lot. I try not to look at the bad things."

IVANA TRUMP

LONDON (AP) - Ivana Trump on Tuesday won the latest round in her legal battle over the bill for a lavish birthday party in 1993.

Three appeals judges ruled that Donald Trump's former wife can continue to contest the outstanding \$10,725 balance of the \$60,225 bill from Lady Elizabeth Anson, a party planner and cousin of the queen.

In 1996, Lady Elizabeth obtained a High Court judgment against Mrs. Trump after she failed to meet a deadline for filing court papers. On Tuesday, the judges sent the case to a county court for a decision.

Lady Elizabeth booked an entire swank hotel for a whole weekend for a surprise 50th birthday for Mrs. Trump's then-fiance - and now ex-husband - Riccardo Mazzucchelli.

Mrs. Trump, who paid a \$16,500 deposit, disputed the final bill, arguing that her agreement with Lady Elizabeth was for a party costing something under \$41,250.

MICHAEL BUFFER

NEW YORK (AP) - Michael Buffer, the boxing announcer known for the expression "Let's get ready to rumble" has been named in a lawsuit seeking to free the words for everybody else's use.

Infinity Broadcasting Corp. filed a federal lawsuit Friday seeking a court judgment that it hasn't infringed on the rights of Buffer and his company, Ready to Rumble Inc. of Delran, N.J.

Infinity said Buffer appeared on one of its radio stations, WFAN-AM, before a Las Vegas boxing match several years ago and recorded the phrase for the station's use.

The recording was played several times on Don Imus' show, prompting a letter last October from Buffer's brother and business manager, Bruce Buffer, rescinding the station's right to use the phrase, the lawsuit said.

Infinity said it filed the lawsuit after receiving a March 11 letter from Buffer's lawyer demanding \$195,000 for copyright infringement and unfair competition.

The Tarantella is a popular folk dance that gets its name from the city of Taranto, Italy. The people there used to dance the Tarantella as a cure for tarantula bites.

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Clinton promotes plan for school rehabilitation

CHICAGO (AP) - Battling to repower his agenda, President Clinton is calling for a multibillion-dollar effort to renew the nation's secondary schools.

In a week in which he has been spotlighting an issue a day, the president was joining forces today with Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun, D-Ill., at a Southside Chicago elementary school to push a plan to use federal tax credits to leverage billions of dollars in interest-free loans to build and rehabilitate thousands of schools.

A Senate vote on the issue was set shortly after Congress returns from its recess two weeks from now and Clinton told supporters Tuesday night that it would not pass easily.

Report: Side air bags to be offered in more cars

NEW YORK (AP) - In a first for a major American automaker, Ford Motor Co. said it plans to offer side air bags on all models, starting as standard equipment on its luxury cars.

Concerned about rising death rates from side-impact crashes, the automaker said that within several years it plans to offer side air bags in all of its cars and Windstar minivans. The New York Times reported today, Ford was to make a formal announcement today.

The side air bags would be built into the outer side of the driver and front passenger seats, inflating on impact to protect an occupant's head and neck. The bags inflate parallel to the rider, instead of toward him or her.

Cincinnati against charges Flynt with obscenity

CINCINNATI (AP) - Once again, it's the People vs. Larry Flynt.

The Hustler magazine publisher, who beat an obscenity rap once before, was charged again Tuesday. This time, it's for videos - not his magazine - and this time, it's more serious.

Flynt and his brother, Jimmy, were indicted on 15 felony counts, including selling obscene videotapes to a 14-year-old boy, engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity and conspiracy to engage in a pattern of corrupt activity.

If convicted of all charges, the Flynt brothers would face up to 24 years in prison.

Netanyahu sends envoy to new negotiations

JERUSALEM (AP) - Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu dispatched a senior adviser to the United States today for new talks on Israel's overdue West Bank withdrawal.

Yitzhak Molcho headed to Washington in advance of a return visit to the Middle East by U.S. special envoy Dennis Ross. Ross is expected to arrive following Passover week, which begins Friday night.

"Molcho is taking with him progress reports," Netanyahu adviser Uzi Arad said on Israel's army radio. "The process is moving forward, and more progress is expected."

Arad said Molcho would also ask the Americans for "clarifications" on a number of points.

The United States is pressing Netanyahu to withdraw from 12 percent to 15 percent of the West Bank in the next pullback phase, but Netanyahu has said he cannot yield more than about 9 percent.

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Bono's widow wins race to succeed him in House

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP) - Sonny Bono's widow beat the actor who played "Pa" on "The Waltons" in a special election Tuesday and will succeed her husband in Congress.

Republican Mary Bono defeated Democrat Ralph Waite and four other candidates.

"I believe it's really very simple - running a positive campaign on the issues," Mrs. Bono said at a victory party.

Her husband died in a skiing accident earlier this year.

The race attracted national attention as both major parties looked to build momentum going into November's congressional elections.

Indonesia proposes revised economic reform package

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) - The Indonesian government today announced its third attempt in six months to salvage an international bailout package that is essential to alleviating its worst economic crash in decades.

The latest effort to restart the agreement between Indonesia, the world's fourth most-populous nation, and the International Monetary Fund was arrived at only after major concessions on both sides.

Indonesia showed new willingness to push forth with deep reform by disbanding heavily prized monopolies. At the same time, international lenders agreed to let Indonesia retain subsidies in several industries, apparently to head off the potential for civil unrest over rising prices.

The deal appeared to get the \$43 billion IMF rescue package back on track after a rocky half-year that culminated in the suspension of a \$3 billion loan installment last month.

Lower house declares Denis eligible for job

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) - Haiti's lower house has declared economics professor Herve Denis eligible to head a new government though a senator said the nomination is doomed.

Haiti has been without a functioning government since June, when Premier Rosny Smarth resigned to protest the alleged rigging of legislative elections by supporters of former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

Media lawyers argue for open hearings

WASHINGTON (AP) - While the Whitewater grand jury probes deeper into an alleged presidential affair and cover-up, news organizations are asking an appellate court for access to proceedings and records related to the Monica Lewinsky investigation.

An emergency appeal by a dozen media companies, set for argument today, seeks to open hearings on legal challenges to Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's investigation. The news organizations said a lower court's denial of access makes "a mockery of the First Amendment."

Pentagon to write new guidelines on homosexuals

WASHINGTON (AP) - Defense Secretary William Cohen has ordered new guidelines to explain and enforce the Clinton administration's policy barring the pursuit and harassment of homosexuals in the military.

"Some commanders haven't gotten the message," Cohen said in a National Public Radio interview Tuesday.

January-February warmest in century

WASHINGTON (AP) - Because of El Nino, the first two months of 1998 were the warmest and wettest in 104 years, providing "a taste of what might be expected" if global warming predictions come true, the chief of the government's climate research agency said Tuesday.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration issued a report saying what many people in rain-drenched California and across much of the country already suspected: There's been too much

rain, and for most of the eastern part of the country, winter never arrived.

But the agency provided some details about what climatologists have called "one of the major climatic events of this century" - the El Nino-driven winter of '98.

In January and February, the national average U.S. temperature was 37.5 degrees Fahrenheit, 5.4 degrees higher than normal and the highest since the government began keeping records 104 years ago. Fifteen states from Missouri to

Michigan and New Hampshire reported record average temperatures.

The two months also saw an average rainfall of 6.01 inches, or about 50 percent more than the normal average of 4.05 inches, again an all-time record. Precipitation records were set from Florida, across the Southeast and in Oklahoma as well as California.

The relationship between the El Nino-produced weather patterns and long-term climate change is not clear, said the NOAA report. But it said the

December-February weather patterns were "exceptionally unusual" even when viewed from a 100-year climate history. But the report said it also followed a general trend of warmer temperatures.

"This record-breaking El Nino is consistent with a worldwide trend over the last 40 years toward a warmer and wetter world," said Commerce Undersecretary James Baker, NOAA's chief and an oceanographer by profession.

Hillary decries childbirth deaths

WASHINGTON (AP) - In Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, villagers are learning to deliver babies. In Ethiopia and Mongolia, mothers-to-be trek long distances to live in group maternity homes until they give birth.

The projects are aimed at reducing a worldwide death rate that takes the lives of nearly 600,000 women and girls during childbirth every year - one every minute of every day, Hillary Rodham Clinton said Tuesday.

Mrs. Clinton, using World Health

Day to kick off a renewed effort to combat these deaths, said most of those lives could be saved.

"We have the strategies. We have the resources. But we do not yet have the collective will to do what we know needs to be done," she said, speaking at a World Bank forum of policy-makers on safe motherhood.

"Today, women in every nation in the world, including my own right here in our nation's capital, lack basic health care that could save their lives and ensure the health of their babies," she added.

CENTER

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this month. Also, she said, the center will have new carpeting.

"We lost hundreds of thousands of dollars" as a result of the loss of certification, Hammett said.

"I'm committed to making this home a success and I'm become attached to the residents and staff," she said.

Hammett said five patients stayed in the care center even though the certification had been lost, which meant Medicare/Medicaid wouldn't pay for their care.


She praised the staff, which continued to work at the center despite the possibility of closure in

December.

"They are very dedicated, very professional," Hammett said of the staff members.

The resident population has increased, she said, noting it has risen from the low of five to 13. Also, there are two nurse's aides and one nurse on duty for the evening (6 p.m.-2 a.m.) shift, which is above the norm, she said.

"I'm happy the company decided to keep it open. I think there are enough people in Hereford and the outlying communities to fill this home" and not have an adverse effect on the other care centers, Hammett said.




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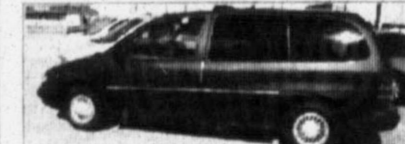


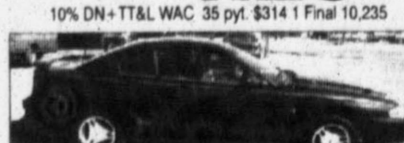
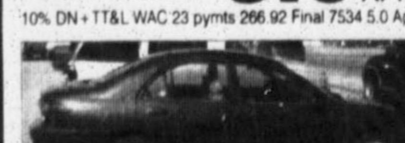



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YMCA Men's Church League

SOFTBALL

The league will last for 8 games, with a tournament following, to determine the league champions. LEAGUE IS OPEN TO THE FIRST 12 TEAMS WITH PAID ENTRY FEE! So sign up now!!

Two churches may combine to form one team. Representation from the two churches needs to be as equal as possible. Rosters must be final and signed by the church's pastor by the end of the second week of play. Players must be of high school age or older.

SIGN UP DEADLINE IS THURSDAY, APRIL 16 AT 6:00 PM WITH AN ENTRY FEE OF \$200 PER TEAM.

Softball games will begin on Monday, April 20th, with playing times at 6:30 pm and 7:30 pm. (games will be 55 minutes or 7 innings)

Game days will be Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays with make-up games on Fridays. Play will be at the Nazarene ball park.

Teams must provide their own softballs (USSSA 50 core blue stitch)
Umpires will be provided by the YMCA.
USSSA rules will apply.

You may come and pick up registration at the YMCA office.
If you have any questions or need additional information, please call league supervisor, Weldon Knabe at 364-6990.