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NEWS
in briefClinton to sign
IRS reform

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton says he will sign a compromise bill revamping the Internal Revenue Service, concluding a two-year push by Congress to expand taxpayers' rights and increase oversight of the tax collector.

"I am pleased that the House and Senate have finally reached a bipartisan agreement to reform the IRS and strengthen taxpayer rights," Clinton said in a statement late Tuesday night.

"We need an IRS that reflects American values and respects American taxpayers," Clinton added. "This bill goes a long way toward that goal and I look forward to signing it into law."

House and Senate lawmakers were planning a formal announcement to describe details of the pact today. House passage could come as early as Thursday, with Senate passage perhaps after the July 4th holiday.

The bill, which costs \$13 billion over 10 years, makes the biggest changes at the agency since 1952 by giving the IRS commissioner broad new powers to revamp the troubled bureaucracy and lure executive talent with more generous salaries.

Jiang seeks to boost
standing in China

BEIJING (AP) - Ever since Jiang Zemin visited the United States last year, he has basked in the glow of having been feted as an equal by the No. 1 world power, standing shoulder-to-shoulder with President Clinton.

Clinton's visit to China this week gives Jiang the chance to once again combine showmanship and statesmanship, to polish his own lackluster public appeal and to strengthen his standing among Communist Party elders.

Careful stage-managing of such events has helped Jiang bring a lighter touch to the usual propaganda of wooden television appearances and jargon-laden speeches.

When the occasion calls, he cites the Gettysburg Address, chats in English, sings a show tune. During a stop in Honolulu on his way to the U.S. mainland in October, Jiang danced the hula, swam at Waikiki and even tried his hand at the Hawaiian steel guitar.

It is Jiang who claims credit for finally getting a U.S. president to pay a state visit, the first of its kind since the Chinese military's 1989 crackdown on pro-democracy protesters.

Such high-profile diplomatic breakthroughs have helped the Soviet-schooled engineer confound those who judged him a transitory figure after party elder Deng Xiaoping installed him as Communist Party chief in the wake of the 1989 Tiananmen Square crackdown.

U.S. says impossible
to lift Iraq sanctions

WASHINGTON (AP) - Evidence that Iraq appears to have put the deadly nerve agent VX on a missile warhead will make it "impossible" for the United Nations to lift sanctions against Saddam Hussein at this time, the Pentagon's chief spokesman says.

The information is important because Iraq has denied that it was ever able to produce VX in significant quantities or in a stable state, which would allow it to be stored for potential later use on weapons, Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon said Tuesday.

"So if this finding is borne out, it will mean that the U.N. Special Commission has found evidence that they (Iraqi officials) were not telling the truth and that confirm the long suspicions that the U.N. Special Commission has had. That's why it's significant," Bacon said.

HRMC endures another bad month

By DONALD M. COOPER
Brand Editor

Same song, next verse.

March and April were bad months for Hereford Regional Medical Center, and May wasn't any better, Deaf Smith County Hospital directors learned Tuesday night.

The hospital, which posted an loss in March and April, also showed a net loss of \$105,326 for May. For the year, the balance sheet shows a loss of \$412,533.

The hospital had \$646,008 in total operating revenue in May, with

operating expenses of \$857,568, for an operating loss of \$211,560. However, non-operating revenue was \$106,234, which reduced the net loss to \$105,326.

The hospital's balance sheet has been adversely affected by the federal Balanced Budget Act of 1997, which changed the way Medicare/Medicaid reimburse home health care providers. Because of the changes in the payment guidelines, which are retroactive to Oct. 1, 1997, home health care providers will see their reimbursements reduced by 26-53

percent this year, requiring some agencies to pay back money to the Medicare/Medicaid system. In preparation for the payback, HRMC has established a reserve and is paying \$86,000 per month into the fund.

Home Health is down for the year, primarily because of the BBA, according to HRMC chief financial officer Rodney Bailey. Visits have fallen from 3,303 in May 1997 to 1,250 this year, while revenue is \$129,150 below the budgeted amount for the month.

Mark Collier, chairman of the search committee, which has been reviewing resumes from prospective hospital administrators, said the list has been narrowed to five. The committee will meet again this week to narrow the list of finalists to three and then begin the process of setting up face-to-face interviews.

Collier told the board the committee is "excited" to be this close to finding a candidate to replace Jim Robinson, who stepped down as administrator earlier this year. Collier said he expects the board should be

able to make its selection within 30 days.

The director also accepted the low bid for a new mammography unit. The hospital's unit was purchased in 1989 and doesn't meet the Texas Department of Health's new standards for mammography quality.

The low bid, \$57,610.80, was from GE Medical for a Senographe 800T unit. The other two bids were from Gilbert X-Ray and R.P. Kincheloe.

Radiology director Claudia Smith

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Perry buoyed by showing in latest Texas Poll

By DONALD M. COOPER
Brand Editor

Rick Perry might be running for lieutenant governor, but the Texas agriculture commissioner can't run away from questions about the drought.

The Republican nominee for lieutenant governor flew into Hereford on Monday for a fund-raising event at the Hereford Country Club. The candidate had been Abilene earlier in the day, and had a fund raiser scheduled Monday evening in Amarillo.

When Perry stepped off his plane, the conversation wasn't about his campaign, it was about the weather, which has parched much of Texas and is wreaking havoc on agriculture from the Valley to the Panhandle.

Perry noted the Valley, which is in the fifth year of its drought, is particularly in dire straits.

His campaign for the second-highest elective office in the state got a boost over the weekend when the Texas Poll showed him in a slight lead over his Democratic opponent, Comptroller John Sharp. The pollsters put the two men in a statistical dead heat, but Perry was upbeat, saying the poll is just one indication he's picking up momentum.

"Things are looking good. There's a lot of excitement ... people are just now beginning to get interested in the election," Perry said. "I'm pleased to be leading in the polls and in the fund raising."

"I think I'm on the right ticket with Gov. (George W.) Bush," Perry said,



Photo by Don Cooper

Rick Perry (left), Republican candidate for lieutenant governor, receives a "Perry for Lt. Gov." campaign baseball cap from Hereford Mayor Bob Josseland.

an acknowledgement that the popular governor has coattails that will help other Republicans on the ballot. The Texas Poll seemed to bear that out, showing attorney general candidate

Jim Mattox to be the only Democrat leading in a statewide race.

Perry said he jumped into the race to succeed Democrat Bob Bullock because he believes he achieved the

goals he established for himself when he ran for agriculture commissioner in 1990.

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Sharp has
new plan

AUSTIN (AP) - State Comptroller John Sharp is pushing tips to increase school safety while his opponent in the lieutenant governor's race, Rick Perry, touts an anti-gang plan.

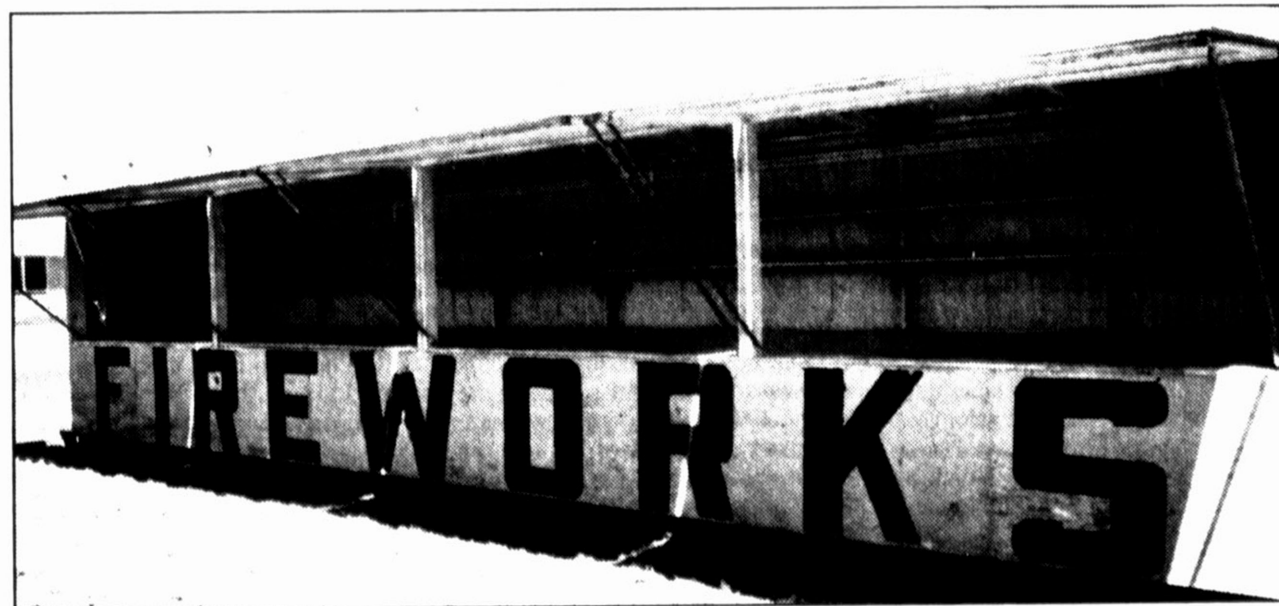
Unannounced locker inspections, fenced playgrounds, alarm systems and closed secondary school campuses are among ideas offered in Tuesday's report by Sharp, who's the Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor.

His "Keeping Texas Children Safe in School" report suggests establishing clear plans to maintain school safety and addressing warning signs before they become big trouble; quickly intervening when crimes occur to prevent disaster; and strongly enforcing rules.

A 1995 state law requires school districts to adopt a student code of conduct and requires those who engage in certain misconduct to be placed in alternative education programs, Sharp's report said. It cited successful school district efforts to deal with crime.

"Taken individually, the steps outlined in the law or used successfully by school districts may not seem dramatic. But when schools apply these measures in a comprehensive system, they can and do get signifi-

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Photos by Dianna F. Dandridge

This stand was empty Tuesday, but fireworks are on sale today. However, the burn ban flag (right) at the fire station means no fireworks can be set off for the July 4th holiday.

You can buy,
but not use,
fireworksBy DIANNA F. DANDRIDGE
Staff Writer

The rockets' red glare and bombs burstin' in air may be a great way to start a song, but as far shooting off fireworks goes this Fourth of July holiday, it's not such a good idea.

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House cuts money
for predator control

WASHINGTON (AP) - In a victory for animal-rights activists and opponents of agricultural subsidies, the House voted to cut by a third a federal program that pays for controlling coyotes and other livestock predators.

The \$10 million reduction represents the amount that the Agriculture Department would spend in fiscal 1999 on shooting and poisoning predators. The rest of the program goes toward education and non-lethal control measures.

"The Congress has appropriated the hard-earned tax dollars of Americans to kill the public's wildlife. It's morally and fiscally unacceptable," said Wayne Pacelli, executive vice president of the Humane Society of the United States.

The 229-193 vote Tuesday was a rare victory for opponents of farm programs, who try each year to cut or eliminate federal subsidies in USDA's annual spending bill.

Today the House was to debate a reduction in price supports for sugar growers. Critics say the program costs consumers \$1 billion a year, and candy manufacturers have long sought to do away with it.

The coyote-control program is peanuts by comparison, although it has had some high-profile beneficiaries, including Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt.

The sugar program's opponents want to reduce the government's loan

rate for sugar cane from 18 cents to 17 cents a pound and from 22.9 cents to 21.9 cents for sugar beets.

High fructose corn syrup - used mainly in soft drinks - would not be directly affected, corn growers oppose the change because they fear competing with a much lower world sugar price of about 8 cents a pound.

The House on Tuesday delayed an overhaul of the government's Depression-era milk-pricing system and spared peanut growers from a cut in their federal price supports.

"It's too bad that we constantly attack farmers regardless of what their crop might be," said Rep. Thomas Ewing, R-Ill., defending the peanut program.

The bill would put off any changes in the dairy program until October 1999, six months later than had been planned under the 1996 farm law.

The Agriculture Department is working on some market-oriented pricing reforms. But the six-month extension, which the House upheld on a voice vote, buys time for defenders of the current program, which has broad support in Congress.

A Minnesota federal judge last year struck down much of the pricing system, which hurts farmers in the Upper Midwest while artificially inflating milk prices in other regions, according to consumer advocates.

But the program is "vital to the

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Local roundup

Lunch is ready

Hereford ISD and the Department of Human Services are continuing to serve free lunches to children between the ages of 1 and 18 at the West Central and Shirley school cafeterias. Lunches will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. all children are welcome to come in out of the heat to eat lunch.

Memorial fund established

A fund in memory of Kari Wolfe and her children, Elizabeth and Patrick Peterson, was been established to benefit the Hereford Women's and Children's Crisis Center. Donations to the fund can be made in person in Room 301 of the Deaf Smith County Courthouse or by mail to Hereford Women's and Children's Crisis Center, Attention: Kathryn Musser, 235 E. Third, Room 301, Hereford, Texas 79045.

Mostly clear

Tonight, mostly clear and breezy with a low around 70, south wind 15-25 mph and gusty. Thursday, mostly sunny and breezy, high 100 to 105, southwest wind 15-25 mph and gusty.

Extended forecast

Friday through Sunday, mostly clear with lows 70 to 75 and highs from 100 to 107.

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Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for June 23, 1998, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Arrests

-- A 28-year-old man was arrested and charged with assault in the 700 block of Avenue H.

-- A 27-year-old man was arrested and charged with assault in the 900 block of Cherokee.

-- A 34-year-old man was arrested and charged with assault in the 300 block of Avenue B.

Incidents

-- A burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 300 block of Avenue F.

-- A criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of avenue G.

-- A car was reported stolen from the 300 block of Irving. It was later discovered the owners wife had hidden it from her husband.

-- A burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 200 block of Sunset.

-- A theft of gasoline was reported at a convenience store in the 2900 block of East First.

-- Three juveniles were caught

turning off the electrical power to a building in the 200 block of North 25 Mile Avenue.

-- Construction workers were reported as urinating in a public place in the area of 15th and Avenue F. The foreman handled the situation.

-- A criminal mischief was reported in the 1100 block of East park.

-- Three boys were reported throwing bricks in the area of Ironwood and Plains.

-- An accident, with no injuries, was reported in the 200 block of Avenue C.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Arrests

-- A 19-year-old man was arrested for violation of probation on a possession of marijuana charge.

Incidents

-- Deputies investigated a domestic dispute.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

-- 6:41 p.m. Firefighters responded to a vehicle fire 2 miles east of Progressive Road on 15th.

-- 7:10 p.m. firefighters responded to 517 Willow Lane to structure fire. Attic sustained minor damage, from burning wires.



Lost to flames

Firefighters responded to a vehicle fire on Progressive Road Tuesday evening. Volunteer fireman Isabel Morales sprays down the burning vehicle and surrounding area with high pressure

foam. With the ongoing dry conditions, grassfires resulting from a stray spark make firefighters leery of leaving the scene before all heat sources are extinguished.

Group fights electric deregulation plans

AUSTIN (AP) - Texas consumers will be left in the dark and holding the bill if they don't become more vocal in the debate over deregulating the state's electric utilities, a group of consumer and environmental advocates warned Tuesday.

Leaders of Ratepayers for Affordable Green Electricity, a new group made up of statewide consumer and environmental organizations, said consumers should make clear to state officials that they want deregulation only if it leads to less air pollution, reliable service and lower costs.

"Since the Legislature will be asked to decide this issue next session, Texas has the power to choose their energy future and should express their opinions now," said Tom Smith, state director for Public

Citizen in Texas.

Some of the state's utility companies have pushed for more than a year to have their industry deregulated. They say consumers will get lower prices, less pollution and more reliable service under a deregulated market.

But RAGE leaders said there's no guarantee of such benefits.

"The deregulation bills that I have seen are so ugly they would rot cantaloupe at 100 yards," said former Texas Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower, a board member for Public Citizen. "They are not about competition. They are about greed."

"The goal of these bills ... is to protect the electric utility monopolies. Utilities would get the gold mines, the ratepayers would get the shaft."

As part of deregulation proposals that have been discussed, some electric utilities want to accelerate the rate at which debt for existing power plants is paid off. The cost of that debt is estimated at about \$4.5 billion, or an average of \$2,200 per Texas household, according to the Public Utility Commission.

RAGE members said the debt is the result of bad investments in nuclear energy and inefficient power plants. They say consumers should not have to pay for utility companies' mistakes.

"No one made them build those nuclear utilities," Hightower said.

Gary Rasp, a spokesman for the Association of Electric Companies of Texas, said power plants for which debt is owed, including nuclear

plants, were built to provide reliable, affordable electricity to everyone. He said accelerating the payment of that debt would reduce the overall cost.

Electric companies have argued that everyone who has benefited from existing power plants should share in the cost of paying for them. In a deregulated market, competitors without such debts could lure away customers, "stranding" debt with no one to pay for it.

Rasp added that all consumers would see immediately lower rates in a deregulated market and even lower rates after stranded debts were paid off. He could not say, however, whether electric companies would support mandatory rate cuts as part of a deregulation law.

Borers and thrips top Panhandle pest list

Experts from the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Texas A&M University system report many Panhandle pests continue to thrive in the ongoing summer heat.

Emerging southwestern and European corn borers are being caught in pheromone traps, set by AgriPartners farm demonstration aides. Eggs and larvae can be found on leaves.

Mated female European corn borers lay eggs on the tallest corn usually in masses of about 15 eggs along the midrib. These eggs hatch in three to seven days.

Southwestern corn borers lay eggs anywhere on the plant, but usually on the top of leaves in egg masses of two to five eggs. Eggs hatch in about five

days.

Larvae of both species move to the plant whorl to feed. Southwestern corn borers seldom reach economic levels unless fields are near unplowed corn stubble.

Experts recommend an insecticide application when 50 percent of the plants are infested with European corn borers with an average of at least one larvae per plant.

Other pests infesting Panhandle corn fields include the western corn rootworm, false chinch bugs and thrips.

Western corn rootworm infestations appear quite heavy with reports of more than 10 per plant. Pre-plant insecticides did not completely

prevent damage and rescue treatments have been required in many fields.

Rapid dry down of wheat, weedy areas and grass have forced false chinch bugs and thrips to immigrate to growing fields in greater numbers than usual.

Treatment for false chinch bugs in corn is not required, producers need to be aware that massive numbers of false chinchbugs can kill young sorghum plants.

Soybeans are facing heavy damage from thrips and demonstration aides say the application of insecticides may be required.

Also, false chinch bugs may migrate into the cotton fields and cause heavy to severe damage,

warranting control measures.

Cotton fleahoppers are making their presence known. Adult fleahoppers are pale green and about 1/8 inch long. Nymphs are smaller, wingless and light green. Adults and nymphs feed on tender portions of cotton plant, including small squares.

During the first three weeks of squaring, the economic threshold is 25 to 20 fleahoppers per 100 terminals combined with less than 75 percent square set.

The Panhandle Pest report is issued each week from the Texas Agriculture Extension service.

For more information contact Carl Patrick, Extension Entomologist at (806)359-5401.

NEWS

in brief

Stanley Marsh 3 plans to put more color in the sky

HOUSTON (AP) - The Amarillo millionaire who buried 10 Cadillacs and called it art is now planning to paint the Panhandle sky with rainbows. Stanley Marsh 3's "Cadillac Ranch," a pop art automotive Stonehenge erected in a wheat field west of Amarillo, has been a tourist attraction since it was created in 1973.

Now the 60-year-old heir to an oil and gas fortune wants to do something to spruce up the prairie east of the city: constant rainbows.

"I'm going to do the project right away because I just thought of it," Marsh told *The Texas Journal of The Wall Street Journal*.

Marsh said he got the idea while riding horses on the east side of town "wondering what we could do there that's as good as Cadillac Ranch," and thinking, "we need to get some color up there in the sky."

Federal help for Texas Wildfires

LUFKIN (AP) - Forest Service officials in Texas say President Clinton's emergency declaration for the bone-dry state could help head off a recurrence of the devastating 1996 wildfire season.

Clinton signed the declaration Tuesday after requests from Gov. George W. Bush and federal emergency management officials who determined that Texas' populated areas faced "extreme threat" from wildfires.

The Forest Service has recorded over 3,000 fires in the state from May 1 to June 20, including 1,800 in East Texas. Approximately 250 homes were threatened in Jeff Davis County last weekend. Five wildfires are now charring some 5,000 acres in the Panhandle.

Authorities say the lack of rain and record heat have made the state a tinder box.

"We're facing some pretty dangerous potential," said Mahlon Hammetter, a Forest Service fire prevention specialist in Lufkin.

Discovery might bring relief to Alzheimer's sufferers

EL PASO (AP) - By age 75, Alzheimer's disease had stolen the woman's life. She couldn't get out of bed in the morning, go to the bathroom or even get dressed without assistance.

Then doctors started treating her with methanesulfonyl fluoride (MSF), an old drug being put to a new use, and a transformation began.

"She would get up and do those things for herself and talk to her family about what's going on," said Donald Moss, a psychologist at the University of Texas-El Paso.

The patient was not cured during clinical trials in Mexico, nor was a cure expected. But MSF did at least allow her to regain a measure of independence.

Now, five years later, Moss is hoping the drug will be given a chance to do the same for others.

Witness: IRS agent, lawyer, newspaperman targeted

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Bail bond king Fred Behrend ordered the murders of an IRS agent, a lawyer and a newspaper columnist because he was angry about an investigation and bad press, a key government witness has testified.

Michael Strnad, 41, testified under a grant of immunity Tuesday during Behrend's daylong detention hearing.

Strnad, along with Behrend and his wife and son, were named last week in a 19-count indictment alleging a conspiracy to commit income tax fraud. Behrend also is charged with obstructing justice by attempting to have Strnad and the IRS agent killed.

Scientists locate dino-bird proof

WASHINGTON (AP) - An international team of scientists believe they have found the strongest evidence yet that birds evolved from dinosaurs: fossils of two turkey-sized animals with strong legs, stubby arms and down-covered bodies.

Phil Currie, curator of the Royal Tyrrell Museum of Paleontology in Canada said Tuesday that the fossils, found in China, are of dinosaurs capable of running swiftly, flapping feathered wings and fanning out impressive tail feathers. But the animals could not fly.

Currie said the fossils, dated at 120 million to 136 million years ago, are absolute proof that birds evolved from dinosaurs, a theory that has been hotly contested for more than 20 years.

"It is a historic moment when a controversy is resolved," Currie said at a news conference. "This shows that dinosaurs are not extinct, but are well-represented by 10,000 species of birds."

Fossils from the earliest known bird, called Archaeopteryx, have been dated at 140 million to 150 million years old.

The new fossils closely resemble Archaeopteryx in some ways, but the new discoveries lack the precise form of true birds, particularly the length of wing and design of individual feathers. For this reason, the

researchers believe the fossils represent true dinosaurs that are the immediate ancestors of the first birds.

Currie, Mark Norell of the American Museum of Natural History and Ji Qiang and Ji Shu-An of the National Geological Museum of China describe the fossils in studies published this week in the journal *Nature* and in a National Geographic cover story.

Both fossils were removed by Ji Qiang and his Chinese colleagues from rock formations beneath an ancient lakebed in the Liaoning Province in northeast China. The area has gained fame in recent years for containing rich deposits of dinosaur remains.

Alan Feduccia, an evolutionary biologist at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, said the Chinese discoveries "are very interesting," but he said they do not provide immediate and final proof that birds evolved from dinosaurs. He said that the new fossils are dated after those of the first bird. This suggests, he said, that the fossils could be either feathered dinosaurs or primitive birds that just happened to resemble dinosaurs.

"The age dates for these things are still unresolved," said Feduccia. He said if the new fossils represent ancestors of early birds, why are they younger than the early birds.

"We need to back up and take a closer look at these things before drawing any final conclusions," he said.

Qiang, speaking through an interpreter, said that while he believes the fossils strongly support the theory that birds evolved from dinosaurs, it is no longer clear where the division line is between the two animal groups.

"It is time to redefine the definition of birds," he said.

One of the fossils, called protarchaeopteryx, is the more primitive and earliest of the two specimens, Norell said. Feathers covered protarchaeopteryx's body, but there is no preserved evidence of wing feathers.

The other specimen, caudipteryx, or "tail feather" has more plumage, including a generous tail fan.

Neither animal had the asymmetrical feathers of modern flying birds, said Currie, adding that the legs are much longer than the wings, a pattern that suggests they were fast runners and not capable of flight.

The Caudipteryx fossil also included a stone-filled crop, or muscular stomach, like those of modern birds. Since birds have no teeth, many store small rocks in their crop. Seeds then can be swallowed whole and muscular contractions cause the rocks to grind up the seeds.



TEXAS LOTTERY

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:

14-16-21-26-29

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

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Lifestyles

Pilot Club of Hereford

Installation compares officers to rare gems

Installation of officers for the Pilot Club of Hereford was held during the Tuesday morning meeting at Hereford Community Center.

Terri Johnson compared each officer she installed to a gem in a treasure chest. Martha Jones, president, was likened to a diamond; Sue Hyer, president-elect, a pearl; Carolyn McDonald, recording secretary, gold; Marilyn Culpepper, treasurer, a sapphire; Bobbie Jo King, corresponding secretary, an amethyst; and Jayne Euler, Shirley Easterwood and Martha Jones, directors, rubies.

Out-going president, Jones, presented a red rose in appreciation to each of the officers and division leaders who served Pilot Club this past year.

A rose was also given to those members who had perfect attendance for the last year. They were Joy Bunch, Mary Edwards, Peggie Fox, Patsy Giles, Jody Keese, Brenda Thomas and Betty Taylor.

Giles was presented a plaque of appreciation for the creative and attractive decorations which she provided for the past year.

In acknowledgment of her year as president, Jones was given a watch bearing the Pilot Club emblem. Thomas made the presentation on behalf of the entire membership.

Special guest at the meeting was Jamie Watson of Clarendon.



New officers

Newly installed officers of the Pilot Club of Hereford are, from left, Brenda Thomas, president, Sue Hyer, president-elect; Carolyn McDonald, recording secretary; Bobbie Jo King, corresponding secretary; and Martha Jones, Jayne Euler and Shirley Easterwood, directors. Not pictured is Marilyn Culpepper, treasurer.

Senior Citizens

MENUS

THURSDAY-Hawaii haystack, French bread, pineapple tidbits, macadamia nut cookies; or sausage patties with gravy, Scandinavian vegetables.

FRIDAY-Breaded pollack with lemon wedge, macaroni and cheese, seasoned green beans, coleslaw, cornbread, lemon cake; or brisket, peaches.

MONDAY-Sliced ham with natural gravy, sweet potato patties, mixed vegetables, sliced tomato salad, French bread, watermelon/cantaloupe cubes; or Salisbury steak.

TUESDAY-Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, Normandy vegetables, perfection salad, cornbread, chocolate cake; or salmon patties with celery/dill sauce, fruit.

ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY-Pool classes,

exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., oil painting 9-11 a.m., "55 Alive" driving course 10 a.m.-12 noon and 1-3 p.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

FRIDAY-Pool classes, line dance 10-11 a.m., "55 Alive" driving course 10 a.m.-12 noon and 1-3 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.

TUESDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m.

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



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Thank You!

We, the family of Coyan Fryar, wish to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers during this trying time. We feel blessed with all of the wonderful friends that came together to help during our time of need. All of your flowers, food, and acknowledgements are greatly appreciated. God bless you all.

Elmer Fryar & family

Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: This is for "Lonely in Memphis," the over-40 divorcee who said men her age are interested only in young, trophy wives. She is wrong, and I would like to set her straight.

I am a 50-year-old man who has been married twice and divorced twice. The first divorce was brought about because I was an immature jerk, too critical and too demanding. The second divorce was probably my fault, too. I am not looking for a young, trophy wife. First, I can't afford one. (Trophy wives are very expensive.) Second, I am sure my two daughters would not approve of bringing a "trophy" in the house. Third, I am not interested in raising a second batch of kids.

I am self-employed in a business that I enjoy. I own my home, pay my bills on time and have money left over to feed my cats. I enjoy flower gardening, collecting art and target shooting. I keep myself in good shape, physically and mentally. I'm a fine cook (can bake, too) and, when I'm in the mood, can clean house better than most women I know.

I am not going to chase a woman. I will express an interest and suggest some activity we might enjoy together. If the lady is interested, she will let me know. I've already had my grand love affair for this lifetime. It was manic and painful, and I don't wish to repeat it. One of those is enough. What I want now is a solid,

mature relationship with a female I can talk with, laugh with and sleep with. I want a woman who will accept me as I am rather than view me as a work in progress. Is she out there, Ann? -- J.C. in Richmond, Va.

Dear J.C.: Yes, she is, but I'm not going to find her for you. This is strictly a do-it-yourself project. Get off your rump, and let your friends know you want to try it again. You sound like a decent guy who has a lot going for him. Please let me know if you take this advice -- and if it works.

Dear Ann Landers: My son just called me about the letter in your column from "No Name, No City." The writer said her husband had no major faults, but she complained that he never called her by name or anything else.

My son reminded me that he never heard my husband or me call each other by name. We only used "sweetie," "honey" or "darling." He said he and his sister did not realize we even had given names until they were in school.

I had a wonderful, thoughtful, loving husband for 47 years and would give anything if he were still here with me. So "No Name, No City" should be thankful she has a husband with "no major faults." She should keep every moment alive and treasure each day he's with her. When he is gone, it's a sad, lonely time. I know. -- Honey in Lisle, Ill.

Dear Honey: Your letter brought

back some tender memories. My parents also never called one another by their given names. Ever. It was always "Pappa," "Momma," "honey," "sweetheart" or "darling." Thanks for a letter that lit a small fire in my heart.

Dear Readers: I wish to set the record straight. Several years ago, I attributed to Derek Bok (who was then president of Harvard University) the following gem: "If you think education is expensive, try ignorance." Bok let me know that the quote was not his. I failed to acknowledge my error at the time and wish to do so now. I dug around and discovered that a similar quote, "Education costs nothing. But then, so does ignorance," was attributed to Sir Claus Moser. Mea culpa, Derek.

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Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Wednesday, June 24, the 175th day of 1998. There are 190 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
Fifty years ago, on June 24, 1948, Communist forces cut off all land and water routes between West Germany and West Berlin, prompting the western allies to organize the massive Berlin Airlift.

On this date:
In 1497, explorer John Cabot spotted land, probably in present-day Canada - the first recorded sighting of North America by a European.

In 1793, the first republican constitution in France was adopted.
In 1908, the 22nd and 24th president of the United States, Grover

Cleveland, died in Princeton, N.J., at age 71.

In 1940, France signed an armistice with Italy during World War II.

In 1948, the Republican National Convention, meeting in Philadelphia, nominated New York Governor Thomas E. Dewey for president.

In 1968, "Resurrection City," a shantytown constructed as part of the Poor People's March on Washington, D.C., was closed down by authorities.

In 1987, comedian-actor Jackie Gleason died at his home in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., at age 71.

Ten years ago: Pope John Paul II, on a visit to Austria, condemned Nazism during a stopover at the Mauthausen death camp.

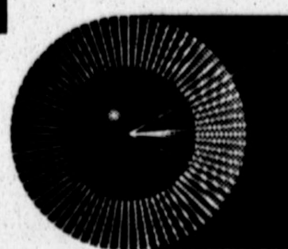
Five years ago: Eight Muslim fundamentalists were arrested in New York, accused of plotting a day of bombings of the United Nations, a federal building and the Holland and Lincoln tunnels. Yale University computer expert David Gelernter was injured in his office by a bomb sent by Unabomber Theodore Kaczynski.

One year ago: In Freehold, N.J., 18-year-old Melissa Drexler, who gave birth during her prom, was charged with murder in the death of her baby. The Air Force released a report on the so-called "Roswell Incident," suggesting the alien bodies witnesses reported seeing in 1947 were actually life-sized dummies. Actor Brian Keith was found dead in his Malibu, Calif., home; he was 75.

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Revival of 'Tea Time' prompts program for joint FCE meeting

The return to popularity of "Tea Time" was the topic of the program for the joint meetings of the Deaf Smith County Family Community Education clubs held recently in the Heritage Room of the county library.

Beverly Harder, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences, explained the types of tea of which there are four -- black, oolong, white and green.

A cup of tea made with some of the new herbs which have been introduced to our market place are used as medicines.

Tea time means not only tea, but the accompanying cookies.

Included are recipes for some of the cookies which Harder served with the tea.

Raisin Honey Drops

3/4 cup honey
3/4 cups sugar
3/4 cup butter
1 egg
2 cups flour
1 teaspoon salt, cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
2 cups (maybe more) uncooked oats
1 cup raisins

Cream honey, sugar, butter and egg. Sift together flour, salt, cinnamon and baking soda. Stir mixture until creamed. Add oats and raisins.

Drop by teaspoonful unto cookie sheet. Bake on upper rack in moderate (375 degree) oven for 12-14 minutes.

Yield: 4 dozen.

Mother's Sugar Cookies

1/2 cup shortening
1/2 cup sugar
1 egg
1 teaspoon vanilla
1-1/8 cup flour
1/4 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt

Cream shortening and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in egg and vanilla. Sift flour, baking soda and salt together and gradually add to the shortening mixture.

Roll a small amount of dough into a ball and dip in sugar. Place on greased cookie sheet and bake at 375 degrees for 8-10 minutes.



Beverly Harder, County Extension Agent/FCS, explained the renewed popularity of "Tea Time" to the members of the Deaf Smith County Family Community Education clubs.

Split Levels

2 cups chocolate chips (low-fat)
1 8-ounces package cream cheese (low-fat)
2/3 cup evaporated milk

Melt the above over low heat until mixture can be stirred easily together. (If melting in microwave, use a low power setting.)

1 cup chopped, toasted nuts (almond or pecans)
1/2 teaspoon almond or vanilla extract

Add to above melted chocolate mixture.

3 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt

1-1/2 cups sugar
1 cup butter, softened
2 eggs (or egg substitute)

1 teaspoon almond or vanilla extract
Cream butter and sugar together. Add eggs and extract and mix. Mix flour, salt and baking powder together and gradually add to above mixture until well blended.

Spread 1/2 of the flour mixture in a well-greased 9"x13" pan. Add all of the chocolate mixture on top of the flour mixture. Use the remaining flour and place dabs on top of chocolate layer. Top may be garnished with a few almonds, if desired.

Bake for 40 minutes in a 350 degree oven. If using a glass pan, decrease the temperature by 25 degrees.

Let cool and cut into bite-size pieces or other size, as desired.

National cook-off calls for America's good-tasting, convenient beef recipes

OMAHA, NEB. -- One quick, easy and great-tasting beef recipe will earn \$40,000 at the next National Beef Cook-Off. Could it be yours?

The National Beef Cook-Off will award this total prize package to the amateur cook who creates the best beef recipe using a convenient beef product as the main ingredient. Recipe entries for the contest will be accepted from June 15-Nov. 9.

For the 1999 National Beef Cook-Off, set to take place in Omaha, Neb., Sept. 24-25, 1999, recipes will compete in two convenient beef categories:

1. Ground beef, specifically ground chuck or ground round; and
2. Prepared beef, with the main ingredient limited to the following items:

*Refrigerated or frozen fully cooked beef products (branded products, but not store brands are eligible), including heat-and-eat beef pot roasts, roasted prime rib, tri-tip, brisket, shredded beef and short ribs;

*Refrigerated or frozen seasoned/marinated uncooked beef (branded products, but not store brands are eligible), including marinated steaks, kabobs and seasoned fajita strips;

*Refrigerated deli beef (brand name and service deli products are eligible), including sliced deli roast beef, pastrami, corned beef and smoked all-beef sausage.

*Canned beef products or beef meal kits are not eligible for entry. (Note: Some eligible prepared beef products may feature a "Cook-Off Ready" symbol on product packages

or in promotional materials.)

"Time-starved Americans are looking for great-tasting meals that can be on the dinner table quickly," Mary Adolf, vice president U.S. consumer marketing for the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, said. "The cook-off is trying to help by gathering America's best convenient beef recipes. The contest's two new categories, ground beef and further prepared beef, provide real solutions for weeknight family dinners."

Sixteen national finalists (eight in each category) will win an expense paid trip to compete at the 1999 national event. The two category winners of the event will each receive \$10,000 and then vie for the "Best of Beef" title and an additional \$30,000 grand prize. Amateur cooks can double their chances to win \$40,000 in the competition by entering recipes in both recipe categories. Contest entrants cannot win both categories, but entering recipes in two categories doubles the odds of becoming a contest finalist.

Only original and unpublished recipes are eligible for the contest. Entries will be judged by food professionals on taste, ease of preparation and appearance. Recipes must be prepared in 30 minutes or less and must contain no more than six ingredients (excluding salt, regular ground black pepper and water).

For complete contest rules and recipe entry information, call 1-800-848-9088.

The National Beef Cook-Off has solicited, judged and distributed

America's beef recipes since 1974. The biennial beef industry-funded contest sponsored by the American National CattleWomen and the Beef Board, is designed to promote innovative, convenient and delicious beef recipes. The 1999 event will be hosted by the Nebraska and Iowa CattleWomen.

Sample prepared beef recipe: **SIMPLE BEEF BURGUNDY OVER PASTRY SHELLS**
Total preparation and cooking time: 30 minutes

1 package fully-cooked boneless beef pot roast (1-3/4 to 2-1/2 pounds)
4 frozen unbaked puff pastry shells
1/2 package (16 ounces) baby carrots (about 2 cups)

1 package (8 ounces) sliced fresh mushrooms (about 2-1/2 cups)
1/2 cup Burgundy or other dry red wine

1/2 teaspoon dried thyme leaves, crushed
1/4 teaspoon pepper

1. Prepare pastry shells according to package directions.

2. Meanwhile remove pot roast; transfer liquid from package to Dutch oven. Cut pot roast into 1-inch pieces; set aside.

3. Add vegetables, wine, thyme and pepper to liquid. Bring to a boil; reduce heat to medium-low. Simmer, uncovered, 7 to 8 minutes or until vegetables are tender, stirring occasionally.

4. Add beef; cook until beef is heated through, stirring occasionally. Serve over pastry shells.

Makes 4 servings.

Hints from Heloise

Dear Readers: Last week in my column a college student asked how to make the perfect baked potato in the microwave. When we began discussing the best method in the office, a question about baking potatoes in the oven came up.

Do you wrap the potato in foil before baking or just place it on the oven rack? Well, we did some checking and here's some interesting information I'd like to pass on.

If you want a true baked potato with a dry crusty outer shell and a fluffy inside, don't wrap. Here's what to do: First, wash the potato well and then pierce it several times. Pop it in the oven (no foil) and bake. For a medium to large potato, use 400 to 425 degrees F for 40 to 50 minutes. If you adjust the temperature to

bake it with other items in the oven (325 to 450 degrees F), increase or decrease the baking time accordingly. Note: More nutrients will be preserved the faster the potato is cooked.

If you want a steamed potato with a soft outer shell, wash well, pierce it (which allows the moisture to escape, producing the steam), then wrap it in foil and into the oven it goes. It will take a little longer to cook, so don't forget to adjust the cooking time.

Our thanks to The Potato Board for help with this "baked vs. steamed" question. — Heloise

COFFEE GRINDER

Dear Heloise: The kids gave us a coffee-bean grinder and one of those spice racks with whole spices last

Christmas. I've used the grinder maybe twice.

One day, we were fixing Mexican food for dinner and I was out of ground cumin. I used the coffee grinder to grind up the whole-bean cumin. It was great. Now the grinder is being used for herbs and spices. I use a toothbrush to clean it out. — Jeanne Harms, Houston, Texas

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To Your Good Health

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have herpes 1, the cold sore virus. I got it from my husband. I am devastated. I have never had sex with anyone else. I took Zovirax and am OK now.

Am I going to get herpes again?

My husband gets recurrent cold sores. The one time he kissed where I should not have let him, this happens.

What lies in store for me? — Anon.

ANSWER: Herpes infections are not trifling affairs, but they are not the end of the world.

Herpes 1 infection, the cause of cold sores, usually appears above the waist. At least 60 percent of adults are infected with herpes 1.

Herpes 2 is primarily a genital infection. Up to 45 million Americans harbor the Type 2 herpes virus.

There are times when the Type 1 virus infects the genital area, and times when the Type 2 virus infects areas above the waist.

Distressingly, all herpes persists for life. Transmission can occur even when there are no skin signs of infection. You might well have a recurrence.

No one advocates celibacy after a genital infection. Don't have relations when there is an obvious outbreak. At other times, condoms lessen the chance of transmission.

There is a stockpile of drugs available for herpes treatment. Acyclovir, penciclovir and valacyclovir shorten the healing time for a herpes sore.

There is no reason to be devastated by the infection. As I mentioned, herpes is common.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My son was treated for epilepsy until puberty. He is off all medicines and has been seizure-free for six years. He is in college and is drinking socially. Can alcohol bring the seizures back? — F.C.

ANSWER: Even though your son has not had a seizure for six years, it's wiser to think of epilepsy as being in remission rather than being cured.

His brain now suppresses the electrical storm of nerve signals that causes a seizure. If the brain's suppressive mechanisms are weakened, seizures can return. Alcohol can upset seizure control, as can high fevers and many illnesses.

To play it safe, your son should abstain from alcohol. Short of total abstinence, he probably can tolerate one or two drinks in a 24-hour span.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Interstates provide '50s evacuation plan

Texas interstate highways were designed in the 1950s in part for evacuation in case of nuclear war. The Department of Defense identified 185 areas in the U.S. as primary targets in a nuclear war, including sites in Texas, and thought of the interstate highways as the most efficient way of evacuating the inhabitants of these areas. Fortunately, in the history of Texas interstate highways, only coastal routes have been used for evacuation, not because of nuclear war but hurricanes.



SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Federal Civil Defense Administration, and U.S. Department of Defense.

Echándole el ojo a Texas

Originalmente las carreteras interestatales fueron parte de un plan de evacuación

En los años 50, el temor de una guerra nuclear inspiró el diseño de la red de carreteras interestatales. El Departamento de Defensa identificó 185 áreas en los Estados Unidos con alta probabilidad de recibir bombas nucleares, incluyendo sitios en Texas. En esos tiempos, las carreteras interestatales proveían las rutas más eficientes para una evacuación de los habitantes de dichos lugares. Afortunadamente, en Texas solamente las rutas costeras han sido usadas para evacuación, pero los habitantes huían huracanes no una guerra nuclear.



FUENTES: John Sharp, Comisario de Cuentas Públicas, Administración Federal de la Defensa Civil, y el Departamento de Defensa de los Estados Unidos.

GM-UAW talks go on, but without progress

LAS VEGAS (AP) - Negotiations to end the crippling strikes against General Motors Corp. have intensified, but a United Auto Workers leader said it was too early to declare that progress had been made.

After nearly three weeks of daily talks that have yielded only acrimony from both sides, any sign that the negotiations have become more serious is reason for optimism. But Richard Shoemaker, the UAW vice president in charge of GM relations, was wary about giving any false hope.

"If you're asking me if we had any discussions with them today that would suggest they're prepared to settle all of the issues, the answer is no, we haven't had any discussions like that," Shoemaker said at the union's constitutional convention late Tuesday.

GM spokeswoman Mary Irby said negotiations would resume today, but she declined further comment.

Shoemaker said talks at the Flint Metal Center, the stamping plant in Flint, Mich., where workers went on strike June 5, focused on "production standards" and the 200 jobs that the union says GM wants to cut.

The dispute at the stamping plant is considered tough to settle. GM wants major changes made in what it considers overly restrictive work rules, but the union says that would involve reopening the local contract that was just negotiated last year.

The UAW also has been on strike at the Delphi Flint East parts plant since June 11. Shoemaker said there has been "no meaningful progress" in talks there.

Shoemaker said there would be no negotiation over the so-called "pegged rates" at the stamping plant, a key issue to GM. Pegged rates allow workers to get paid for a full day after less than eight hours work if they reach a production quota.

Moderates upset by spending cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) - Some House Republicans want to eliminate federal programs providing summer jobs for low-income young people and money for poor families to pay home heating bills. But unhappy GOP moderates in the House may stop them before the measure ever gets to President Clinton's desk.

By an 8-4 vote Tuesday, a House Appropriations subcommittee approved \$81.9 billion for the departments of Health and Human Services, Education and Labor for next year. That is \$2.6 billion less than Clinton wants.

Though the measure boosts some Clinton proposals, it cuts many others, ranging from job training to efforts to enrich school curriculums. And the first hurdle it will face will be moving through the House, where Republicans' 10-vote margin means they can lose very few members and still prevail.

"This is absolutely crazy. This is absolutely crazy," moderate Rep. Sherwood Boehlert, R-N.Y., said of the bill.

"There are a lot more than a few people who are quite concerned," said Rep. Mike Castle, R-Del., another moderate.

With the centrist Senate likely to restore many of the cuts and Clinton virtually sure to veto them should they reach him, the reductions are all but certain to never become law.

Even so, the bill represents a decision by House GOP leaders to fashion legislation to the liking of conservatives, who insist Republicans must continue their drive to shrink government if they are to keep control of Congress in the November elections.

The measure ignores Clinton's proposals to hire 100,000 new teachers and build new classrooms. It would also make it harder for the government to issue new regulations covering worker safety and black lung disease and would restrict federal bilingual education efforts.

"I regret we don't have more money to throw at some of these problems, but I think that's the real world," said House Appropriations Committee Chairman Bob Livingston, R-La.

That wasn't good enough for Democrats, who said Republicans believe most Americans are ignoring Washington because of today's economic good times.

"They've decided they can go

back to their confrontation mode," said Rep. David Obey of Wisconsin, the committee's senior Democrat.

Only Rep. Jay Dickey, R-Ark., crossed party lines on the final vote, shortly after the panel rejected his amendment to cut \$26 million out of the National Labor Relations Board's budget.

When Republicans first took control of Congress in 1995, they tried killing or cutting many of the same programs that they did on Tuesday. But after that year's budget clash with Clinton produced two federal shutdowns that politically wounded the party, they restored much of the money.

Republicans would boost Clinton's \$135 million request for breast and cervical cancer screening by \$15 million, and provide \$14.9 billion for the National Institutes of Health - \$100 million more than the president sought. This year's maximum \$3,000 Pell Grant for low-income college students would grow to \$3,150, \$50 more than Clinton proposed.

Republicans would also eliminate the \$871 million summer youth job program, which helps more than 500,000 young people. They would erase the \$250 million Clinton wants

for another program aimed at helping young people get jobs, and the \$1.4 billion he wants for the low-income home energy assistance program, which serves 4.4 million households.

"The federal rationale for the program has long since ceased to exist," said Rep. John Porter, R-Ill., chairman of the subcommittee that wrote the bill, saying states and utilities should take it over.

The legislation would halve Clinton's \$501 million request for Goals 2000, which offers incentives to states that improve their school curriculum. And it would cut \$422 million from Clinton's call for \$7.9 billion for low-income school districts.

The measure would also require scientific peer review of Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations; block new black lung rules that don't comply with laws protecting small businesses; and limit most students to two years in federally financed bilingual education programs.

Separately, the Senate approved a \$13.4 billion measure for Interior Department and cultural programs that would provide \$100 million for the National Endowment for the Arts, the same as this year.

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Sports

Brewers hold off Rockies

MILWAUKEE (AP) -- Bronswell Patrick was in a big hurry to get to the ballpark on Tuesday and his teammates didn't take long to stake him to a big lead.

"It was a sleepless night and I got to the ballpark about 10:30 this morning, an hour earlier than I was supposed to be here," Patrick said after the Milwaukee Brewers beat the Colorado Rockies 7-5 in his first major league start after a decade in the minors.

"I just wanted to get here, I couldn't wait," Patrick said.

But Patrick did have a long wait in the bottom of the first, one he didn't mind as the Brewers scored six times off Jamey Wright (5-8).

"Of course that calmed me down," Patrick said. "I was able to relax a little when we scored so many runs so early."

His teammates recognized the moment with good-natured ribbing.

"Tell him what you told us, that it was a piece of cake," pitcher Paul Wagner teased.

But the Brewers' jubilation was tainted with sadness for another rookie pitcher, right-hander Travis Smith, who blew out his right elbow in his major league debut Saturday night.

General manager Sal Bando said Smith might need Tommy John-style tendon replacement surgery. At the very least, he'll need months of rehabilitation.

"I'm bummed," Smith said. "It was my dream to play in the majors and now this."

Smith was placed on the 15-day disabled list and the Brewers recalled outfielder Geoff Jenkins from Class AAA Louisville after the game.

Patrick (3-0), a 27-year-old rookie who was called up from the minors last month, gave up four earned runs on seven hits in 7 1-3 innings as the Brewers swept the two-game series in the Rockies' first trip ever to County Stadium.

"We hit some balls pretty good and the kid didn't lose his composure," Rockies manager Don Baylor said. "So many times young guys get a large lead like that and they don't know how to handle it."

Patrick, whose previous seven appearances had been in relief, left to cheers after giving up a single to Todd Helton with one out in the eighth. But the crowd booed reliever Doug Jones, who recently lost his closer's job, and was greeted by Vinny Castilla's 23rd homer, making it 7-5. It was Castilla's first home run in 73 at-bats, dating to June 3.

"I try not to think about it," Castilla said of his home run drought. "Because, if you think about it, you put more pressure on yourself. If you try too hard, you can't do anything."

Jones has allowed 11 homers in 46 1-3 innings. Bob Wickman pitched the ninth for his eighth save in nine chances.

The Brewers' first five batters scored. Jeremy Burnitz, John Jaha, David Nilsson and Bobby Hughes each had RBI singles and Jose Valentin was credited with a two-run double when center fielder Jeff Barry fielded his hit cleanly but didn't get it back quickly.

CONCENTRATION



Clay Cosby of Hereford returns a shot during the Hereford High School summer tennis camp Monday at Whiteface Courts. Cosby was one of about 35 players who took part in the two sessions of the tennis camp, according to coach Ed Coplen. The camp will continue in two daily sessions through Thursday at Whiteface Courts.

Texas romps past 'Backs

ARLINGTON (AP) -- The Texas Rangers rebounded from their first shutout loss of the season with an offensive outburst.

Juan Gonzalez's two-run double increased his major league-leading RBI total to 91 and Rusty Greer added a three-run homer during an 11-run fifth inning that gave Texas a 16-5 victory over Arizona on Tuesday night.

"The hitters were in a slump, that's what everybody wanted to talk about last night," said Rangers manager Johnny Oates. "But over 162 games, this ballclub will score runs. We scored 16 runs, but Juan Gonzalez only drove in two. That's big news. But we had production from everybody in the lineup."

Roberto Kelly added a pair of RBI

RANGERS NOTES

The 11 runs and nine hits were the most allowed in an inning by the Diamondbacks ... Texas had 20 runs and 23 hits in a victory over the Chicago White Sox April 2 ... Arizona completed a 4-4 road trip. Home plate umpire Terry Craft left the game after the bottom of the second inning after being hit on the left elbow with a foul ball. No X-rays were required, but Craft took the rest of the night off and was replaced by Fieldin Culbreth ... In their previous 12 games, the Rangers' starting pitchers were 3-8 with a 7.92 ERA.

singles in the fifth and Will Clark had an RBI double in the inning, when the Rangers sent 14 batters to the plate.

Texas, which was blanked by the Diamondbacks 6-0 Monday night, had nine hits in an inning for the seventh time in club history and the 11-run inning matched the third-biggest ever for the Rangers.

"You'd like to plug the dam, but it snowballed from there," Diamondbacks manager Buck Showalter said. "We didn't pitch too well tonight. Compound that with the type of offensive team we played and there's a chance to score some runs. We didn't get it done tonight."

Kelly went 4-for-5 with three RBI and a solo homer and Ivan Rodriguez also went 4-for-5 for Texas. Greer went 3-for-5 with three RBI, Clark also drove in three runs, and Mike Simms added a two-run homer.

The Rangers' offense had been struggling, scoring three or fewer runs in four of its previous six games. Texas was batting .241 in its past 11 games to lower the team batting average from .300 to .291, its lowest since April 9.

Hingis advances in first-round drizzle

WIMBLEDON

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) -- A spitting nuisance of rain, not enough to fill a tea cup, washed away 60 matches Tuesday and doused Lisa Raymond's shot at knocking out defending Wimbledon champion Martina Hingis in the first round.

No other sport would have come to a halt in so flimsy a drizzle, but for tennis players skidding on slick new grass it was too much. Sort of like some of the days last year in the wettest of all Wimbledons.

Only one match was completed on Centre Court, and for Raymond it lasted about 90 minutes too long. That was the time of the rain delay, from which the 19th-ranked Raymond emerged as if in a stupor.

After giving Hingis fits in the first set with booming backhands and gutsy, go-for-broke winners.

Raymond came out of the locker room the second time and immediately double-faulted, dropped serve twice and lost her fourth straight game to fall behind 5-1.

The American, who won her last match in Hingis' adopted Swiss homeland, didn't go quietly. But she went nevertheless, 7-5, 6-3, after

saving three match points, breaking Hingis and holding at love to 5-3.

"I definitely didn't come out of the blocks (after the rain delay) as well as I had in the first set," Raymond said. "It definitely was not to my advantage to stop. I think I played a lot more loose points in the second set ... and you just can't do that against her."

Hingis is chunkier than a year ago,

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Mavs in position to nab impact player

CHARLES RICHARDS
Associated Press Writer
Of Texas' three NBA teams, only the Dallas Mavericks are in position to get an impact player in Wednesday's annual draft.

Because of their 20-62 record last season, the Mavericks have the sixth pick overall, and general manager Don Nelson said at least two great players should be available at that spot.

Nelson said the club can't go wrong with two players likely to still be available from his wish list: North Carolina junior forward Vince Carter, St. Louis freshman guard Larry Hughes, Kansas senior forward Raef LaFrentz and North Carolina junior forward Antawn Jamison.

For the San Antonio Spurs, this year's draft is a completely different scenario from a year ago, when they had the No. 1 pick overall.

With great fanfare, they took

7-foot Tim Duncan of Wake Forest, who was such a powerful force his rookie season that the Spurs finished 56-26; only five teams will draft behind San Antonio in the first round. Scouting director R.C. Buford said the Spurs hope to find a perimeter shooter with promise.

Having a first-round pick at all is a luxury for the Houston Rockets. Before last year, the last time Houston had a first-round pick was 1993, because of trades. This year, the Rockets have not only their own pick, but two from the Toronto Raptors as well.

However, all three are in the middle of the first round. Carroll Dawson, the Rockets' vice player of basketball, says the club is leaning toward adding youth to the roster rather than trading up for an impact player.

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TEXAS NBA DRAFT GLANCE

By The Associated Press
A look at where Texas' three NBA teams will draft on Wednesday and their selections in last year's draft:

DALLAS MAVERICKS
1997-98 regular-season record: 20-62.

1998 DRAFT ORDER -- 1st Round, sixth; 2nd Round, first, sixth, 24th.
1997 Selections -- 1st Round: Kelvin Cato of Iowa State, 15th pick overall (traded to Portland for cash and the rights to center Chris Anstey); 2nd Round: Bubba Wells of Austin Peay.

HOUSTON ROCKETS
1997-98 regular-season record: 41-41.

1998 DRAFT ORDER -- 1st Round, 14th, 16th, 18th; 2nd Round: none.
1997 Selections -- 1st Round: Rodrick Rhodes of Southern California, 24th pick overall; 2nd Round: Serze Zwikker, North Carolina.

SAN ANTONIO SPURS
1997-98 regular-season record: 56-26.

1998 DRAFT ORDER -- 1st Round, 24th; 2nd Round, 23rd.
1997 Selections -- 1st Round: Tim Duncan of Wake Forest, first pick overall; 2nd Round, none.

Olowokandi most engaging player if not best in '98 draft

By CHRIS SHERIDAN
AP Basketball Writer
VANCOUVER, British Columbia -- No matter who is picked first or second in the NBA draft, Michael Olowokandi came out ahead of Mike Bibby on Tuesday in terms being an engaging personality.

Spinning tales of his basketball education and worldly upbringing in an accent that was part Nigerian, part Queen's English and part Californian, the 7-foot-1 center from Pacific -- who figures to be chosen first or second in Wednesday night's draft -- was eminently interesting.

And like everyone else around the NBA, he was looking forward to seeing who is picked first overall when the draft begins Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. CDT.

"I anticipate a lot of things

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happening tomorrow," said the 7-foot-1 Olowokandi, the son of a Nigerian diplomat.

Olowokandi has been involved in competitive basketball for only three years, and his parents have never seen him play in person. But his 7-foot-6 wingspan and unlimited upside have made him the latest consensus choice to be picked first overall by the Los Angeles Clippers.

"They have to take him, you understand that?" said Vancouver general manager Stu Jackson,

whose team will pick second. "In this league, where size is at a premium and you have someone of his size and with his athletic ability, and you're in need of a center, they have to take him. I think they finally realized that."

The Grizzlies, who already have Bryant Reeves signed to play center for the next six years, had been expected to trade down if Olowokandi was passed over by the Clippers.

Vancouver was speaking to Denver about a swap of the No. 2 and No. 3 picks -- Bobby Hurley would have gone to the Nuggets and Tony Battie or Danny Fortson to the Grizzlies -- until Jackson realized Olowokandi would most likely be chosen by the Clippers.

The sudden shift left Jackson pondering whether to take Bibby,

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RODEO LEADERS

By The Associated Press
Through June 22
ALL-AROUND

1. Ty Murray, Stephenville, Texas, \$75,778.
2. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas, \$65,650.
3. Herbert Thieriot, Poplarville, Miss., \$45,025.
4. Kurt Goulding, Duncan, Okla., \$34,478.
5. J.P. Wickert, Muldrow, Okla., \$34,210.
6. Ted Woolman, Llano, Texas, \$31,899.
7. Stran Smith, Tell, Texas, \$29,535.
8. Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, \$29,398.
9. Brad Goodrich, Everett, Wash., \$29,180.
10. Bubba Paschal, La Porte, Texas, \$27,067.
11. Todd Arthur, Waller, Texas, \$26,816.
12. Marty Bodnar, Marysville, Alberta, \$25,238.
13. Mike Beers, Powell Butte, Ore., \$25,081.
14. Daniel Green, Oakdale, Calif., \$25,072.
15. Todd Suhn, Laramie, Wyo., \$24,578.
16. Tyler Magnus, Llano, Texas, \$22,251.
17. Chokai Jackson, La., \$21,391.
18. J.D. Yates, Pueblo, Colo., \$18,799.
19. Roy Cooper, Childress, Texas, \$18,430.
20. Butch Myers, Athens, Texas, \$17,010.

SADDLE BRONG RIDING

1. Dan Mortensen, Manhattan, Mont., \$22,181.
2. Ty Murray, Stephenville, Texas, \$22,993.
3. Jess Martin, Dillon, Mont., \$34,497.
4. Steve Dolarhide, Wildup, Ariz., \$30,584.
5. Rod Hay, Wildwood, Alberta, \$29,687.
6. Billy Elbauer, Rose Heights, S.D., \$29,127.
7. Bret Franka, Goodwell, Okla., \$29,221.
8. Derek Clark, Colcord, Okla., \$26,769.
9. Todd Hipsig, Lincoln, Neb., \$25,734.
10. Craig Latham, Texoma, Texas, \$23,804.
11. Bobby Griswold, Moore, Okla., \$22,843.
12. T.C. Holloway, Eagle Butte, S.D., \$22,827.
13. Tom Reeves, Eagle Butte, S.D., \$22,088.
14. Johnny Pollock, Dublin, Texas, \$21,897.
15. Ryan Mapleton, Arles, Mont., \$20,897.
16. Cory Hughes, Preston, Kan., \$20,258.
17. J.T. Hiltch, Stillwater, Ind., \$20,017.
18. Glen O'Neill, Water Valley, Alberta, \$18,817.
19. Todd Fike, Pavilion, Wyo., \$17,990.
20. Chance Olson, Killam, Wash., \$16,558.

BAREBACK RIDING

1. Deb Greenough, Red Lodge, Mont., \$37,028.
2. Rocky Siegal, Sanger, Calif., \$30,028.
3. Clint Corey, Kennewick, Wash., \$29,746.
4. Denny McLaraine, Canadian, Texas, \$27,827.
5. Jason Jeter, Arlington, Texas, \$26,281.
6. Marvin Garrett, Belle Fourche, S.D., \$25,889.
7. James Boudreaux, Hackberry, La., \$25,222.
8. Chris Harris, Arlington, Texas, \$24,544.
9. Pete Hawkins, Weatherford, Texas, \$24,362.
10. Phil Smith, Emerson, Ark., \$24,270.
11. Bruce Ford, Kersey, Colo., \$22,481.
12. Mark Gomes, Hutchinson, Kan., \$21,671.
13. Jeffrey Collins, Wister, Okla., \$21,263.
14. Eric Swenson, Denison, Texas, \$20,854.
15. Scott Lund, Bozeman, Mont., \$19,751.
16. Jared Lavergne, Ville Platte, La., \$19,420.
17. Larry Sandvick, Keyes, Wyo., \$18,103.
18. Jon Brockway, Fort Worth, Texas, \$16,918.
19. Brian Hawk, Fort Worth, Texas, \$15,976.
20. Wayne Herman, Dickinson, N.D., \$15,754.

BULL RIDING

1. Blu Bryant, Naacogoches, Texas, \$45,802.
2. Robert Bowers, Duchesne, Alberta, \$37,850.
3. Cody Custer, Wickenburg, Ariz., \$37,090.
4. Mark Ward, North Platte, Neb., \$29,269.
5. Josh O'Byrne, Animas, N.M., \$27,033.
6. Thad Bothwell, Rapid City, S.D., \$26,876.
7. Mike White, Lake Charles, La., \$24,857.
8. Francis Wilson, Sidney, Neb., \$24,136.
9. Ty Murray, Stephenville, Texas, \$23,630.
10. Craig Chavez, Penitas, N.M., \$20,839.
11. Tull Hedeman, Morgan Hill, Texas, \$20,468.
12. Kelly Armstrong, Big Valley, Alberta, \$20,056.
13. Reuben Galeynas, Winchester, Ontario, \$19,953.
14. Shawn Ramirez, Blair, Okla., \$19,571.
15. Marty Stansert, Sanger, Calif., \$18,553.
16. Fred Boettcher, Rice Lake, Wis., \$18,517.
17. Jesse Matt, Bridger, Mont., \$17,798.
18. Keith Adams, Fredrickburg, Texas, \$17,723.
19. Brian Herman, Victoria, Texas, \$17,699.
20. Josh Pierce, Terrell, Texas, \$17,454.

CALF ROPING

1. Johnny Emmons, Grandview, Texas, \$43,732.
2. Cody Chl, Orchard, Texas, \$37,971.
3. Brad Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, \$37,890.
4. Herbert Thieriot, Poplarville, Miss., \$29,974.
5. Jeff Coelhof, Long Creek, Ore., \$26,140.
6. Chris Neal, Muldrow, Okla., \$25,900.
7. Blair Burk, Durant, Okla., \$25,345.
8. Ricky Canton, Cleveland, Texas, \$25,167.
9. Shafron Franklin, House, N.M., \$25,027.
10. Stran Smith, Tell, Texas, \$25,022.
11. Trent Walls, Stephenville, Texas, \$23,611.
12. Bubba Paschal, La Porte, Texas, \$23,412.
13. Justin Maass, Ladbetter, Texas, \$23,021.
14. Ricty Hyde, Conway, Ark., \$22,898.
15. Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, \$22,879.
16. Jeff Chapman, Athens, Texas, \$22,418.
17. Mike Arnold, Bayfield, Colo., \$22,205.
18. Marty Wells,

Washington, Okla., \$21,263.
19. Mike Johnson, Henryetta, Okla., \$21,251.
20. Jerome Schnesberger, Ponca City, Okla., \$21,207.

STEER WRESTLING

1. Steve Duhon, Sonora, Texas, \$43,961.
2. Rops Myers, Van, Texas, \$29,048.
3. Byron Walker, Ennis, Texas, \$28,908.
4. Jeff Corbello, Iowa, La., \$26,895.
5. Kurt Goulding, Duncan, Okla., \$26,595.
6. Leo Graves, Calgary, Alberta, \$25,359.
7. Victor Deck, Summerdale, Ala., \$25,253.
8. Tommy Cook, Hockley, Texas, \$24,565.
9. Vince Walker, Omaha, Neb., \$22,572.
10. Birch Haggard, Buffalo, S.D., \$21,325.
11. Bob Barthe, San Antonio, Fla., \$21,298.
12. Ole Berry, Checotah, Okla., \$20,131.
13. Mickey Gae, Wichita Falls, Texas, \$19,738.
14. Mike Smith, Baton Rouge, La., \$19,438.
15. Todd Suhn, Laramie, Wyo., \$19,018.
16. Robbin Peterson, Batesfield, Calif., \$17,794.
17. Jim White, Hugo, Okla., \$17,285.
18. Lloyd Gilbert, Buffalo, S.D., \$16,949.
19. Kirby Kaul, Hereford, Texas, \$16,584.
20. Herbert Thieriot, Poplarville, Miss., \$16,052.

TEAM ROPING (HEADERS)

1. Speed Williams, Jacksonville, Fla., \$35,876.
2. Bret Boatright, Mulhall, Okla., \$33,704.
3. Charles Pogue, Ringling, Okla., \$27,809.
4. J.P. Wickert, Muldrow, Okla., \$26,140.
5. Todd Arthur, Waller, Texas, \$23,388.
6. Matt Tyler, Corsicana, Texas, \$22,028.
7. Vic Morrison, Bowie, Texas, \$19,008.
8. John Barnes, Cave Creek, Ariz., \$17,943.
9. Kevin Stewart, Glen Rose, Texas, \$17,902.
10. Larry Harris, Springer, N.M., \$17,241.
11. Jimmy Tanner, Tilton, Ga., \$16,604.
12. Wall Rodman, Gall, Calif., \$16,563.
13. Ted Woolman, Llano, Texas, \$16,224.
14. Daniel Green, Oakdale, Calif., \$14,018.
15. Turtle Powell, Alpine, Texas, \$13,695.
16. Chris T. Lawson, Collinsville, Okla., \$13,026.
17. Bobby Hurley, Ceres, Calif., \$12,905.
18. J.D. Yates, Pueblo, Colo., \$12,564.
19. Steve Purcell, Hereford, Texas, \$12,516.
20. Lance Brooks, Shandon, Calif., \$12,375.

TEAM ROPING (HEELERS)

1. Rich Skatton, Llano, Texas, \$35,876.
2. Kory Koontz, Sudan, Texas, \$31,006.
3. Britt Bockius, Claremore, Okla., \$28,145.
4. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas, \$26,140.
5. Twister Cain, Ivanhoe, Texas, \$23,388.
6. Kyle Lockett, Ivanhoe, Calif., \$20,274.
7. Mike Beers, Powell Butte, Ore., \$19,119.
8. Martin Lucero, Stephenville, Texas, \$17,802.
9. Shot Branham, Midland, Texas, \$17,889.
10. Clay O'Brien Cooper, Bandera, Texas, \$17,002.
11. Brad Culp, Sylvestre, Ga., \$16,604.
12. Tyler Magnus, Llano, Texas, \$16,224.
13. Bucky Campbell, Prosser, Wash., \$16,020.
14. John Paul Lucero, Villavieja, N.M., \$15,929.
15. Jay Weddams, Pueblo, Colo., \$13,537.
16. Monty Joe Petala, Carlsbad, N.M., \$13,471.
17. Wayne Folmer, El Paso, Texas, \$13,455.
18. Allen Bach, Teller, Ariz., \$12,905.
19. Todd Guevara, Colorado City, Texas, \$12,575.
20. Steve Northcott, Odessa, Texas, \$12,515.

STEER ROPING

1. Guy Allen, Lovington, N.M., \$35,939.
2. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas, \$23,852.
3. Marty Jones, Hobbs, N.M., \$17,395.
4. Ted Woolman, Llano, Texas, \$15,885.
5. Jim Davis, Abilene, Texas, \$14,163.
6. Bucky Hahn, Chiles, Okla., \$14,057.
7. Arnold Fells, Sonora, Texas, \$13,380.
8. Buster Record Jr., Buffalo, Okla., \$9,289.
9. Pete McEntire, Pittsburg, Okla., \$8,870.
10. Mark Freeman, Freedom, Okla., \$8,807.
11. Colby Goodwin, Canyon, Texas, \$8,088.
12. J.P. Wickert, Muldrow, Okla., \$8,070.
13. Rocky Patterson, Pratt, Kan., \$7,482.
14. Rod Hartness, Pawhuska, Okla., \$7,191.
15. Russ Gray, Lovington, N.M., \$7,102.
16. Rocky Garnett, McAlester, Okla., \$7,035.
17. Dan Fisher, Andrews, Texas, \$6,893.
18. Todd Goodrich, Henrietta, Texas, \$6,500.
19. C.A. Leuser, Buffalo, Okla., \$6,479.
20. Jimmy Smith, Denton, Texas, \$6,291.

BARREL RACING

1. Sherry Cervi, Midland, Texas, \$54,045.
2. Kristie Peterson, Elbert, Colo., \$36,977.
3. Lisa Ogden, Gall, Texas, \$27,128.
4. Janet Stover, Athens, Texas, \$26,000.
5. Holly Swanson, Sierra, Mont., \$25,833.
6. Melissa Hubler, Cleveland, Texas, \$22,613.
7. Gail Hillman, Waller, Texas, \$21,932.
8. Kim West, Oklahoma City, Okla., \$21,882.
9. Sharon Kobold, Big Horn, Wyo., \$21,823.
10. Charnayne James, Stephenville, Texas, \$19,856.
11. Fallon Taylor, Ponder, Texas, \$19,243.
12. Sue Miller, Lott, Texas, \$17,236.
13. Peyton Roney, Boyd, Texas, \$16,992.
14. Betsy Lemire, Glendale, Ariz., \$16,724.
15. Angie Meadows, Wetumka, Okla., \$16,180.
16. Judy Myllymaki, Arlee, Mont., \$14,732.
17. Cherylene Winkler, Stephenville, Texas, \$14,404.
18. Debra Guevly, Okotoks, Alberta, \$14,364.
19. Tacy Lynn Johnson, Henryetta, Okla., \$14,185.
20. Ginny Wilkerson, Fort Worth, Texas, \$14,098.



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Babe Ruth champions

The Marlins went 9-1 in capturing the Babe Ruth league title. The Marlins are (left to right), back row, assistant coach Gabriel Alonzo, head coach Mike Alonzo, assistant coach Eddie Villareal and assistant coach Peter Castillo; middle row, Gus Higareda, Anthony Ramirez, Rodney Gaitan, Edward Villareal and Chris Rickman; front row, Andrew Villareal, C.J. Berryman, Isaac Alonzo, Adrian Suarez, Trey Lush and Jace Hightower.

Olowokandi

the point guard from Arizona who has drawn comparisons to Jason Kidd, or Paul Pierce of Kansas, generally considered the best all-around player available.

"Michael Jordan was picked third, too," said Pierce, who took in Tuesday's interview session with a loose disposition and an easy smile. "The biggest thing I'm worried about is if someone shows up wearing the same suit."

It was a sharp contrast to Bibby, a baby-faced 20-year-old who was extremely guarded in his comments, on the advice of his agent, David Falk. After refusing to hold a workout for anyone other than the Clippers, Bibby faced the prospect of dropping at least to No. 2 -- and maybe further.

"It's out of my control, and I don't worry about things I can't control," said Bibby, using a line he repeated at least 30 times during a half-hour of interviews.

Bibby refused to elaborate on why he wouldn't hold a workout for other teams, nor would he take any questions about his father, Henry, a former guard for the New York Knicks who now coaches Southern Cal's basketball team. The two have been estranged for years.

Mavs

"To some extent, the younger you are, the less you get hurt and you can bounce back quicker," Dawson said. The Rockets stumbled to a .500 record last season because of recurring injuries to Haakeem Olajuwon and Charles Barkley.

North Carolina teammates Jamison and Carter both decided to skip their senior seasons to go into the draft early.

Jamison last season joined Michael Jordan as the only Tar Heel to be named by The Associated Press as the college basketball player of the year. At 6-9, Jamison is undersized for a power forward, but has the makings of a dominant NBA player, Nelson said.

The 6-6 Carter has an inconsistent jump shot but probably is "the best athlete in the draft," Nelson said.

A first-team All-America pick at Kansas, the 6-11 LaFrentz "played against the best competition in the country for four straight years," Nelson said. "He has size and experience and maturity, and he's ready to play in the NBA."

Hughes, a 6-5 guard, finished second among the nation's freshmen in scoring last season with 22.4 points and 10.5 rebounds per game. He set conference and school records with 670 points and

69 steals. The Mavericks also have the first pick of the second round.

That's "the best pick in the draft" because second-round picks don't get the high-dollar, three-year guaranteed contracts that go to first-rounders.

"It's a very popular pick. Everybody in the league has called me about it, so we'll see what we do with it," Nelson said. A trade of the two other Dallas picks -- the 35th and 53rd overall -- also are possible.

"Our roster is basically full," Nelson said. "We only have room for one guy."

The Rockets are down to two superstars, following the retirement of Clyde Drexler. Trading Kevin Willis to the Raptors for two first-round picks and forward Roy Rogers gave the Rockets more room under the salary cap, and they expect to have \$7 million to \$10 million to spend on free agents.

The Rockets have the 14th, 16th and 18th selections in the first round unless they trade up.

"We are not set to go in just one direction," Dawson said. "We can use our picks and try to move up, or we can use our picks. Right now, we feel very comfortable keeping our draft picks."

Houston blanks Twins, 9-0

HOUSTON (AP) -- Shane Reynolds overcame a stomach ache to pitch seven shutout innings and Jeff Bagwell had three RBI as the Houston Astros beat the Minnesota Twins 9-0 Tuesday.

Reynolds suffered an attack of gastroenteritis, an inflamed stomach condition on Sunday night, and was originally scratched from the starting lineup.

But Reynolds (8-5) showed up in uniform to keep his regular start and allowed only one runner past first base -- Marty Cordova's fourth-inning double.

Reynolds retired 10 of the first 11 batters he faced and allowed only four hits and no walks with six strikeouts.

The Astros gave Reynolds plenty of offense. Craig Biggio and Carl Everett had three hits and two RBIs each and Bagwell drove in three runs on a double and single in Houston's 13-hit attack.

Bob Tewksbury (4-9) didn't last long against Bagwell and the Astros who took a 5-0 lead after two innings highlighted by Bagwell's two-run double in the first and his RBI single in the second.

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looks more vulnerable, and is surrounded by challengers young and old. But she has a knack for getting out of trouble and putting pressure on her opponents. Raymond kept Hingis deep, ran her from side to side, and still couldn't put her away.

Perhaps no shot was more telling of Hingis' ability to come up with what's needed as the running forehand she drilled down the line from off court to give her set point in the first set. Raymond, deflated by that shot after doing so much to get Hingis out of position, weakly netted a backhand on the next point to drop the set.

"It's very frustrating," Raymond said. "Martina seems to be able to come up with those shots, and that's one of the reasons why she's No. 1 in the world. That's one of her talents."

Yet with a field that includes seven-time champion Steffi Graf, a resurgent Monica Seles, Arantxa Sanchez Vicario and Jana Novotna, and young threats like Venus and Serena Williams, Raymond hardly thought Hingis has a lock on this title again.

"I think she's vulnerable here," Raymond said. "Any top player is vulnerable in the first couple of rounds. That was why it was such a good opportunity for me today, because I knew she hadn't played any grass court matches and she's got the pressure of defending champion. I think the loss at the French probably affected her as well. She feels like she's got something to prove again."

Novotna, a finalist for the second

time last year and No. 3 seed this year, won her opener, 6-2, 6-2 against fellow Czech Sandra Kleinova. No. 7 Venus Williams, a first-round loser in her Wimbledon debut a year ago, followed her sister into the second round with a 6-3, 6-3 victory over Canada's Jana Nejedly.

The only seeded man to complete a match, No. 6 Patrick Rafter, won 6-1, 6-2, 4-6, 6-1 against Ivo Heuberger.

Raymond said she could see the nervousness and uncertainty on Hingis' face.

"I know Martina, and we're friends off the court, and you can just sense when someone's a little apprehensive, a little not-at-ease with themselves or with the situation," Raymond said. "Just in the warm-up, I could tell that she wasn't striking the ball as well as she usually does. I'm sure that had a lot to do with some nerves."

Hingis admitted as much, though she's still as confident, or cocky, as ever.

"I hope now it is going to be easier for the next two or three rounds," she said. "Last year I was still kind of the underdog. I was seeded No. 1 when I won the Australian Open and made the French final, but on grass nobody expected me to win it or gave me the credit. Now I am the favorite, since (Anna) Kournikova is not in and (Mary) Pierce lost, and nobody knows what is going to happen with Steffi."

"It is quite a different feeling to come back here as a defending champion with the opening round on Centre Court. It feels good."

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Are critics too critical — or just are they just doing their job?

By FRAZIER MOORE
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK — It happened again last week. I returned to my desk to find a message from a caller voicing a familiar complaint.

He was exercised over my review of "The Magic Hour," a new talk show starring Magic Johnson. I didn't much like the show, and the caller didn't much like me for saying so.

"You're not being very objective," he charged with a knowing snideness, as if he had caught me in a public lout performing an indecent act. Then, signing off, he took another dig. What I had written about Magic's late-night series, he sniffed, is "just your opinion."

He was as correct as he was indignant. But what's the alternative? An "objective" review of a TV show, if such a thing were possible, would

consist of little more than a summary and credits. In other words, a program listing.

A review adds one other element: An assessment of how successfully the show accomplishes what it sets out to do.

Can a critic go overboard in making that assessment, especially when he finds the program lacking? Sometimes. As someone once complained in the animated comedy "The Critic," critics are too darn ... critical!

And especially when you disagree. A critic's merit, you might say, depends on how closely his position coincides with yours. That explains how, with the same review, I can certify my standing as both a genius and an idiot.

As well as a snob. A snob, you might say, is anyone whose taste is more rarefied than yours. This becomes another reason to suspect TV critics, at least when

their elitish blinds them to what you clearly see as good. How else to explain 12 million viewers watching "Suddenly Susan," while no critic — certainly not this one — can manage a word on its behalf?

From its earliest days, TV has not only been looked at, but also been looked down upon, and not only by its critics. Just consider how the network that airs some of television's best stuff holds itself loftily above television. "It's not TV," goes the slogan, "it's HBO."

Don't look for couch potatoes in Hollywood. I have come to this conclusion after years of asking TV actors I interview what shows they watch. With stunning unanimity, they profess to watch nothing.

Or very little. Oh, sure, they would try to catch "Seinfeld," "NYPD Blue," "Larry Sanders." Perhaps they even watch their own shows on the air. But they work long hours. They have lines to memorize. They occupy their free time with other, clearly more important

things than the programs with which they expect us to occupy ours.

In what other industry, including those that turn out Silly String and beef jerky, do the principal players so publicly minimize their product line?

For instance, when you resist the urge to watch "Suddenly Susan," you won't be tempted to lift a storyline or gag for your own sitcom. "Just Fire Me Up in the City, Caroline." Best to not get distracted by what the other guy is doing, to stay focused on your own unique vision.

Yeah, right. As if. Hell-lo-oh! Those are a few of the catch phrases saturating the airwaves. Their common presence suggests that TV shows aren't just brazenly ripping off each other, but are feeding from the same creative trough. (Duh!)

So are we as viewers. Frazier Moore can be reached at fmoore@ap.org

Letterman has eye on Montana property

CHOTEAU, Mont. (AP) — David Letterman may wind up accumulating more than just speeding tickets in Montana.

He reportedly has his eye on a ranch in prime grizzly bear country. Jack Salmund, a fourth-generation rancher, said Letterman may buy a chunk of the Salmund Ranch near a wilderness area in northwestern Montana. Last fall, Salmund listed 100 acres for sale but then took it off the market.

"I marked a tract in there that he took a look at," Salmund said in the *Great Falls Tribune*. "We've had some discussions."

Neither Letterman nor a spokeswoman for the host of "The Late Show" on CBS returned a phone call seeking comment.

Letterman visited Montana last month, getting a speeding ticket in the small town of Darby. He also made a less-noticed visit to the Rocky Mountain front town of Choteau, 250 miles northeast of Darby.

In an interview with the weekly *Choteau Acantha* newspaper, he gushed, "I've never seen anything so beautiful in my life."

MACAULAY CULKIN
RACHEL MINER
NEW YORK (AP) — Macaulay

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Names in the News

Culkin, star of the "Home Alone" movies, won't be alone any more.

Culkin and Broadway actress Rachel Miner, both 17, married Sunday at an undisclosed location in Connecticut in front of family and friends, according to Culkin's publicist, Paul Bloch.

Miss Miner starred in the recent Broadway production of "The Diary of Anne Frank" in the role of Margot, Anne's sister.

Culkin's film credits include two "Home Alone" movies, "My Girl," "The Good Son" and "Richie Rich." He made the *Forbes* magazine richest entertainer list in 1993 after earning \$23 million over two years.

DON IMUS
DEIRDRE IMUS

WESTPORT, Conn. (AP) — Radio personality Don Imus wants to build a mansion for the baby he and his wife, Deirdre, expect in about two

weeks.

Imus has filed plans to build a three-story, seven-bedroom, seven-bath house on his 3.8-acre waterfront estate in this shoreline town.

PRINCE CHARLES

LONDON (AP) — Prince Charles benefited from a handsome increase in profits from the Duchy of Cornwall, the historic estates which support the heir to the throne.

The Duchy reported Tuesday that it turned a profit of nearly \$10 million in the year ending March 31, up 9 percent from the previous year. That wasn't quite as good as the 9.8 percent increase in the previous year.

The Duchy of Cornwall business, created in 1337, owns 128,000 acres of land and property in 22 counties. The Duchy is tax-exempt, but Charles voluntarily pays income tax — currently at 40 percent.

Television

WEDNESDAY

JUNE 24

6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
Newshour With Jim Lehrer	Anyplace Wild	Michelangelo, Restored	Face of Russia	Charlie Rose	Newshour					
Return to Lonesome Dove	Wildcat Drivell	Movie: Voyage of Terror (1998) Lindsay Wagner	700 Club	Bonanza						
News	Ent. Tonight	3rd Rock	Newaradio	3rd Rock	Working	Homicide: Life	News	(35) Tonight Show		
Movie: Blank Check Brian Bonsall PG	(35) Movie: Summerline Switch **	GrowPains	GrowPains	Walt Disney Presents	Zorro					
Griffith	Griffith	(35) Thunder	(35) Thunder	(35) Movie: DeepStar Six (1989) Taurean Blackue **	Thunder					
News	Fortune	Spin City	Dharma	Drew Carey	Ellen	Primetime Live	News	Seinfeld	Nightline	
Fam. Mat.	Coach	Smart Guy	Smart Guy	Wayans	Harvey	News	Beverly Hills, 90210	Heat		
News	Home Imp.	Nanny	Simple Life	Public Eye	Chicago Hope	News	(35) Late Show			
Mad-You	Simpsons	Movie: Legion of Fire: Killer Ants! (1998) Mitch Pileggi	Hercules-Jrny.	Frasier	Cops	Real TV				
Sportsctr.	Major League Baseball Teams to Be Announced									
(5:00) Movie: Hero (1992)	Movie: Above the Law Steven Seagal R	(45) Movie: Shadowhunter Scott Glenn ** R	Dead Man's	Movie:						
Wimbledon Tennis	Movie: Fathers' Day Robin Williams *	DrDolittle	(15) Movie: Speed 2: Cruise Control Sandra Bullock * PG-13							
(5:00) Movie: Toys (1992)	Movie: Eraser Arnold Schwarzenegger ** R	Movie: True Vengeance Daniel Bernhardt	Movie: Hollow Reed (1996)							
Movie: Three on a Couch	Movie: The Hoodlum Saint (1946) William Powell ** R	Movie: The Beginning or the End (1947) **								
Waltons	Life of Steve Warner	Prime Time Country	Ralph Emery	Dallas	Dukes					
Gimme Shelter	Wild Discovery	Discover Magazine	Wildwest of Tribes	Justice Files	Wild Disc.					
Law & Order	Biography	American Justice	American Justice	Law & Order	Biography					
Intimate Portrait	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: This Is My Life (1992) Julie Kavner ***	Attitudes	Golden Girls	Golden Girls					
Last Word	Sports	FOX Sports	Major League Baseball Houston Astros at Colorado Rockies							
NBA Draft	NBA Draft									
Doug	Rugrats	Hey Arnold! Brady	Brady	Wonder Yrs.	Happy Days	Bewitched	I Love Lucy	M.T. Moore	Taxi	
Highlander: The Series	Walker, Texas Ranger	(7:59) Movie: An Unexpected Life (1998)	(15) Movie: Hell Below (1933) Robert Montgomery ** R	Movie: Fugitive	Lovers					
Sin Ti	Esmeralda	Pueblo	P. Impacto	Fuera	Lente Loco	P. Impacto	Noticiero	Al Ritmo		
War Years	Last Rites: Death	History's Crimes & Trials	True Action Adventures	Weapons at War	Last Rites					
Human Nature	AnimalDr	Emergency	Wild-Set	Champions	Man Who Loved Sharks	AnimalDr	Emergency	Wild-Set		

THURSDAY

JUNE 25

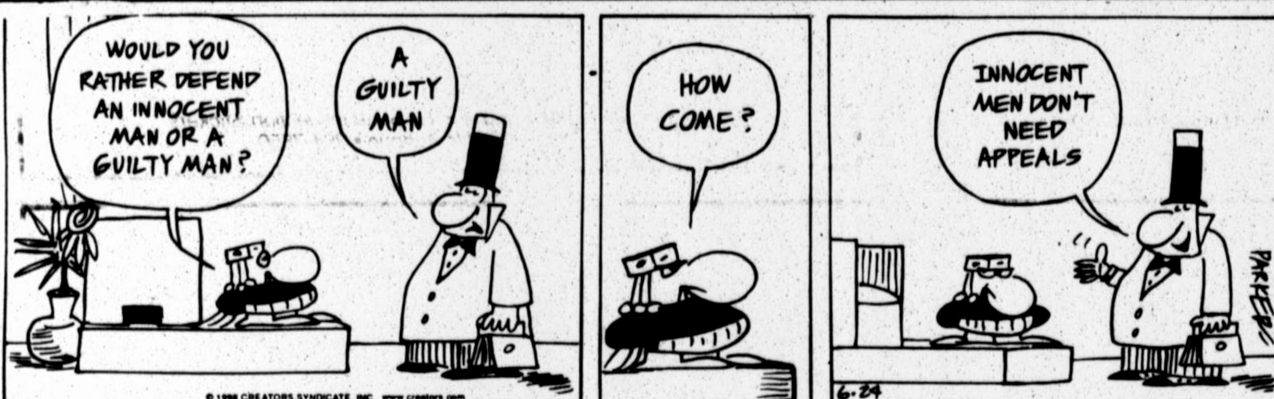
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Barney	Arthur	Sesame Street	Puzzle Place	Reading	Teletubbies	Mr. Rogers	Arthur	Barney	Smart	
Rescue 911	Christy		700 Club	Burnett	Diagnosis Murder	Home				
Today			Leeza	Geraldo Rivera	Sunset Beach	Days-Lives				
Goof Troop	Mickey	Mermaid	Pooh	Bear	Katie-Orbie	Chip 'n' Dale	Madeline	Mermaid	Pooh	Jungle Cubs
Gilligan	3's Co.	Little House on the Prairie	Little House on the Prairie	Live - Regis & Kathie Lee	Martha	Gayle King	Howie Mandel	News		
Good Morning America				Pinky Brain	Batman	Griffith	Geraldo Rivera	News		
Tiny Toon	Captain	BugsDaffy	Animaniacs	Ricki Lake	Price is Right	Young and the Restless	News			
This Morning										
Bobby	Life-Louie	101Dalmats	X-Men	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Life in Word	Kenneth C. Robison	Judge Judy	
Sportscenter	Sportscenter			(8:52) World Cup Soccer Mexico vs. Netherlands	Sportscenter					
(6:00) Movie: Sorcerer PG	Movie: Ronnie & Julie Tari Garr PG	(45) Movie: Side Out C. Thomas Howell ** R	PG-13	Movie: Cry-Blvd Cntry						
Movie: Romeo & Juliet	Wimbledon Tennis Early Rounds									
(15) Movie: My Girl Macaulay Culkin *** PG	Movie: Lost Boundaries Mel Ferrer ***	(45) Movie: Baby the Rain Must Fall Lee Remick ***								
(6:30) Movie: Faithless	Movie: Another Language (1933) *** R	Movie: Hell Below (1933) Robert Montgomery ** R	Movie: Fugitive	Lovers						
(Off Air)	Club Dance	Crook & Chase	Dallas	Aleone's Crafts	Waltons					
Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Great Chfs	Great Chfs	Home Matters	Housesmart!	Interior Motives	Home			
Columbo				Cosby Mysteries	Quincy	Northern Exposure	Law & Order			
Baby Knows Kids These	Sisters	Fit TV Body Waves	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Last Word		
FOX Sports News	Fit TV Body Waves	Starky and Hutch	Starky and Hutch	Spenser: For Hire	Movie: Of Unknown Origin (1983) **					
CHiPs	CHiPs	Blue's Clues	Blue's Clues	Muppets	Dr. Seuss	Gullah	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Allegra	
CharlieB	Rugrats	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Busy World	Muppets	Dr. Seuss	Gullah	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Allegra
Facts of Life	Facts of Life	Gimme B.	Strangers	Wings	Wings	Major Dad	Major Dad	Movie: Alien Nation (1988) ** R		
Despierta	Despierta America	Futbol Copa Mundial Holanda vs. Mexico						Futbol Copa Mundial	Cristina	
Classroom	History Showcase	Kennedys of Massachusetts						It Walls-Talk		
Animal	Acorn	Pet Con.	Pet Shop	Pet Line	Wild About	Amazing	AnimalDr	Pet Con.	Pet Shop	Pet Line

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Body Elec.	Painting	Keeping Up	Government	Government	Greetings From Norway	Sandiego	Science Guy	Wishbone	Magie Bus	
(12:00) Home & Family	ShopDrop	Shopping	Big Valley	Bonanza-Lost	Movie: The Sacketts ** R					
Days-Lives	Another World	Jenny Jones	Mauri	Oprah Winfrey	News	NBC News				
Tale Spin	Donald	Chip 'n' Dale	Tale Spin	Goof Troop	Timon	Aladdin	Dinosaurs	GrowPains	Brotherly	
(12:00) Movie: The Boy Who Could Fly	Flinstones	Flinstones	Looney	Dreams	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.		
Jeopardy!	The View	WorldCup	World Cup Soccer United States vs. Yugoslavia	Rose O'Donnell	News	ABC News				
News	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	Wiseguy	Beverly Hills, 90210	Fam. Mat.	Dreams	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell		
Bold & B.	As the World Turns	Guiding Light	Sally	Am.Journal	Editorial	News	CBS News			
Judge Judy	Forgive or Forget	Little House on the Prairie	Metallix	Spider-Man	Rangers	Rangers	Fresh Pr.	Grace Under		
Triathlon	MTBiking	Surfing	Equestrian	Wrestling	Wrestling	Up Close	Sportsctr.			
Movie: Cry-Blvd Cntry	Movie: Dancers Mikhail Baryshnikov PG	(15) Movie: In His Father's Shoes Robert R. Richard PG	Movie: RoboCop 3 (1993)							
Wimbledon Tennis Early Rounds	Movie: Tucker: The Man and His Dream Jeff Bridges	Movie: House Arrest Jamie Lee Curtis ** R	PG							
Movie: Empire Records ** PG-13	Movie: Adventures in Babysitting ** R	(45) Movie: So I Married an Axe Murderer Mike Myers	Movie:							
Movie: Piccadilly Jim (1936) Robert Montgomery ***	Movie: June Bride (1948) Bette Davis ***	Movie: The Big Mouth								
Waltons	America's Country Hits	Crook & Chase	Club Dance	Dukes of Hazzard	Dallas					
Home	Housesmart!	Interior Motives	Travelers	Wings						
Law & Order	Columbo	Cosby Mysteries	Quincy	Northern Exposure						
Mysteries	Movie: True Betrayal (1990) Mare Winningham ** R	Designing Women	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Supermkt	Debt				
In the Zone	Boxing Fight Night at the Great Western Forum	Aussie Rules Highlights	Golf	NBA Action	Last Word	Sports				
Movie: The Silent Stranger (1969) Tony Anthony *	In the Heat of the Night	Kung Fu: Legend	Lois & Clark-Superman							
Little Twins	Muppets	Looney	CharlieB	Doug	Garfield	Garfield	Rocko's Life	Figure It Out	Tiny Toon	
Movie: The Guardian (1990) Jenny Seagrove ** R	PGA Golf Western Open - First Round	Baywatch								
Cristina	Leonela	Futbol Copa Mundial Estados Unidos vs. Yugoslavia	Futbol Copa Mundial	Club	Noticiero					
It Walls-Talk	Air Combat	Kennedys of Massachusetts								
Wild About	Amazing	AnimalDr	AnimalBite	Zoventure	Lassie	Pet Con.	Pet Shop	Pet Line	Wild About	Amazing

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Newshour With Jim Lehrer	Eyewitness	Wild World	Mystery!	Charlie Rose	Newshour					
(5:00) Movie: The Sacketts	Rescue 911	Movie: The Ghost and Mr. Chicken (1966) **	700 Club	Bonanza						
News	Ent. Tonight	Friends	Suddenly	Seinfeld	Just Shoot	ER	News	(35) Tonight Show		
Movie: That Dam Cat Christina Ricci PG	American Teacher Awards									
Griffith	(35) Major League Baseball New York Yankees at Atlanta Braves	(35) Movie: Two Mules for Sister Sara (1970) ***								
News	Fortune	One Life to Live	Prey	Thursdays Night	News	Seinfeld	Nightline			
Major League Baseball Chicago Cubs at Detroit Tigers										
News	Home Imp.	Promised Land	Diagnosis Murder	48 Hours	News	(35) Late Show				
Mad-You	Simpsons	Wildcat Police Videos	New York Undercover	Earth: Final Conflict	Frasier	Cops	Real TV			
Sportsctr.	World's Strongest Man	X-Games								
(5:00) Movie: RoboCop 3	Movie: Boyz n the Hood Cuba Gooding Jr. *** R	Movie: Phat Beach (1996) Brian Hooks	Stargate SG-1							
Wimbledon Tennis	Movie: Body Call Jamie Fox ** R	Movie: Subway Stories Rosie Perez R	Talked to Death	Artis						
Movie: Wayne's World 2	Movie: The Devil's Own (1997) Harrison Ford Brad Pitt	Movie: 8 Heads in a Duffel Bag ** R	Movie: Bikini Hoe Down							
Waltons	Championship Rodeo	Prime Time Country	Today's Country	Dallas	Dukes					
Gimme Shelter	America's Great Parks: Grand Canyon, Yellowstone	Wings	Justice Files	Great Parks						
Law & Order	Biography	Empire of Crime: A Century of the New York Mob	Law & Order	Biography						
Intimate Portrait	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: Call Me Anna (1990) Patty Duke **	Attitudes	Golden Girls	Golden Girls					
Major League Baseball St. Louis Cardinals at Cleveland Indians										
Babylon 5	Movie: Jacob (1994) Matthew Modine ** R	To Life! America Celebrates Israel's 50th	Movie:							
Doug	Rugrats	Beavers	Brady	Wonder Yrs.	Happy Days	Bewitched	I Love Lucy	M.T. Moore	Taxi	
Highlander: The Series	Walker, Texas Ranger	Movie: Death Becomes Her (1992) Meryl Streep ***	Silk Stalkings	Highlander						
Sin Ti	Esmeralda	Pueblo	P. Impacto	Blowenidos	P. Impacto	Noticiero	Al Ritmo			
Air Combat	Frankenstein	History's Crimes & Trials	History Undercover	World at War	Franken					
Human Nature	AnimalDr	Emergency	Crocodile Hunter	Saving the Tiger	AnimalDr	Emergency	Crocodile			

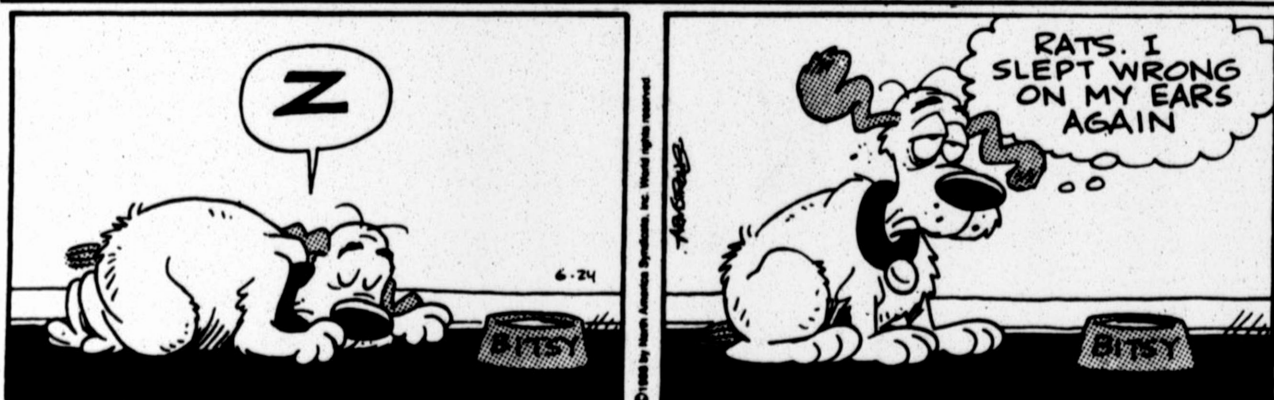
The Wizard of Id

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Clinton set new rules for minority business preferences

LOS ANGELES (AP) - The Clinton administration has come up with a new formula to determine which minority-owned businesses receive preferences for federal contracts, the *Los Angeles Times* reported today. The change will affect industries where a large government survey found that minority companies' share of federal business is smaller than their market share.

For example, minority businesses in the electronic equipment industry would be eligible. Minority companies have 7.6 percent of the electronics market but get just 1.2 percent of federal contracts in the field, according to the survey obtained by the newspaper.

Companies in the industries that fit the profile will get a price break of up to 10 percent in calculating the low bidder for government contracts, the *Times* reported. The likely industries also include printing, transportation equipment and building materials.

Tokyo stocks rebound on buying of blue chips, dollar

TOKYO (AP) - Tokyo stock prices rebounded moderately in sluggish trading today as the market awaited details of government steps to revive the economy. The dollar rose sharply against the yen.

The 225-stock Nikkei Stock Average gained 68.58 points, or 0.46 percent, closing at 15,123.18. On Tuesday, the average had fallen 254.49 points, or 1.66 percent.

The Nikkei average was up some 150 points at one point, but shed some of its gains as investors were discouraged by the yen's weakening in the afternoon.

Among gainers were high technology issues, including Sony and Pioneer, and some major automakers such as Honda Motor and Mazda Motor as investors bought blue chips after an overnight 117.33-point climb in the Dow Jones industrial average.

GOP retains New Mexico congressional seat

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) - In a closely watched tuneup for the fall congressional elections, Republicans retained a New Mexico seat held by the GOP for nearly three decades.

Heather Wilson, a former arms negotiator in the Bush administration, defeated Democrat Phil Maloof, a millionaire state senator, in a special election Tuesday for the vacant seat of five-term GOP Rep. Steve Schiff, who died of skin cancer in March.

Wilson becomes the first woman from New Mexico to serve in Congress in 50 years. Her victory in the Albuquerque-area district was a setback for Democrats, now outnumbered by Republicans in the House 228-206. There is one independent.

Court: Lawyer can't try to oust independent counsel

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) - A lawyer who wants to oust Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr from the President Clinton investigation doesn't have the legal clout to do it, a federal appeals court has ruled.

A three-judge panel of the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled Tuesday that Frank Mandanici, a Connecticut lawyer, may inform the court of alleged misconduct but may not try to remove Starr over the prosecutor's purported conflicts of interest.

Mandanici said he will appeal the decision to the U.S. Supreme Court. He had argued that Starr had a conflict because Richard Mellon Scaife, a newspaper publisher, donated more than \$1 million to Pepperdine University, which offered Starr a job. The prosecutor accepted, then later turned the post down after Democrats made an issue of the Scaife connection.

Kaczynski shops book proposal from behind bars

NEW YORK (AP) - Unabomber Theodore Kaczynski is shopping for a book publisher from behind bars, the *Daily News* reported today.

Kaczynski's handwritten, four-page pitch arrived at Simon & Schuster offices earlier this month, the newspaper said.

Johanna I.I., an assistant editor at Simon & Schuster, said she opened the envelope despite seeing Kaczynski's name and a prison return address. He maintains in his book proposal that his lawyers misrepresented him.

Simon & Schuster senior editor Bob Bender said the proposal will be rejected.

NEWS

in brief

Child found dead after being left in day care van

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) - A 3-year-old boy, apparently overlooked in a day care center van, died after spending nearly 10 hours in the vehicle as the heat index soared to 105 degrees.

The boy was left in the van about 8:15 a.m. Monday as children were taken to the program run by First Baptist Church Daycare of Baltimore Street Inc., police said.

"The van was then locked and left unattended for the remainder of the day," police spokeswoman Elisabeth Doehring said Tuesday. The boy's name was not released.

The day care manager found the unconscious child in the van about 6 p.m. and called 911. Rescue workers tried unsuccessfully to revive him. There was no immediate word on whether charges were being considered.

Amish arrested in motorcycle gang drug bust

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Mention the Pagans motorcycle gang and police will talk about lawlessness. Ask about the Amish and there is the standard image of conservative religious values, horse-drawn buggies, maybe the movie "Witness."

If prosecutors are right, the two found common ground in cocaine trafficking. Two Amish men were indicted Tuesday on charges of buying drugs from the motorcycle gang and distributing them at dances in their Lancaster County communities.

"Bikes and buggies, it's a rather strange combination," State Police Maj. Robert Werts said. "Our drug investigations are taking us to places where years ago we didn't think we had a problem."

Judge OKs Mitsubishi settlement

PEORIA, Ill. (AP) - A judge gave final approval to the record \$34 million payment Mitsubishi Motors is making to settle a sexual harassment case involving female workers at a factory in Illinois.

U.S. District Judge Billy Joe McDade said Tuesday the settlement, announced June 11, is fair and equitable for the women employees and the general public.

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission estimated about 350 current and former employees at the Mitsubishi plant in Normal, Ill., will receive payments of up to \$300,000, the maximum specified by the Civil Rights Act of 1991.

The EEOC sued Mitsubishi's North American division in April 1996, alleging that the automaker allowed women at the central Illinois plant to be groped and subjected to lewd jokes and behavior.

Florida fires chase firefighters from woods

ORMOND BEACH, Fla. (AP) - With flames jumping from tree to tree west of this seaside town, weary firefighters decided there was nothing they could do about it.

They retreated from the burning trees and concentrated on saving homes. "You can't put it out with water," said Capt. Barry Ellis of Volusia County Fire Services. "You've got to have bulldozers. We're getting there, but we don't have enough."

Scorching, unrelenting heat and a lack of rain have fueled the state's worst rash of fires in 50 years. Since Memorial Day, flames have scorched about 118,000 acres statewide and destroyed about 116 homes.

Firefighters chased dozens of fires that hopped across counties Tuesday evening, and no sooner could they beat down a blaze in one spot than flames would flare nearby.

Lesbian custody case could set new precedent

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) - Both rocked the babies to sleep. Both fed the twins. Both had an affectionate name the children called the women they considered their parents.

Now two lesbian women are fighting for custody of the children one conceived and the other helped to raise for a year when they were still a couple.

The biological mother of the children, identified in court papers only as M.B., is being sued by her ex-partner, V.C., for joint custody. Superior Court Judge Philip Cummis gave V.C. visitation rights last fall, a year after the couple broke up.

V.C., called "Meema" by the boy and girl, said she did everything a parent would for a child and planned to adopt the twins when they got older. M.B., called "Mommy," likened V.C.'s connection to the children as that of a nanny.

Actress Maureen O'Sullivan dead at 87

PHOENIX (AP) - Maureen O'Sullivan made dozens of pictures, getting her break in 1930's "Song O' My Heart" and playing the mother to real-life daughter Mia Farrow in "Hannah and Her Sisters" more than a decade ago.

But Miss O'Sullivan's landmark part, the one that forever earned her a place in the hearts of fans, was Tarzan's Jane. The Irish-born beauty, whose seven children include Farrow, has died at 87.

Miss O'Sullivan, who had a house in suburban Paradise Valley, died at Scottsdale Healthcare Osborne, hospital spokeswoman Felicia Thomas said Tuesday. She said she did not know the cause of Miss O'Sullivan's death Monday evening.

Miss O'Sullivan's screen credits include "Anna Karenina" and "Cardinal Richelieu" in 1935 and "Pride and Prejudice" five years later. On the New York stage, she was in "Never Too Late" in 1962 and "Morning's at Seven" in 1980.

Poultry producer says it has stopped dumping wastes

WASHINGTON (AP) - Tyson Food Inc. says it has stopped dumping liquid waste from a processing plant onto a cornfield near Maryland's Eastern Shore, *The Washington Post* reports.

The nation's largest poultry producer told the newspaper Tuesday that it has stopped the practice, months after state authorities warned that the dumping violated Maryland's environmental laws.

Butterfat shortage may boost prices for sweets

CHICAGO (AP) - There's bitter news about sweet stuff.

A nationwide shortage of butterfat - the stuff that makes chocolate, pastries and other rich foods taste so good - has food makers in a fight that could mean record prices for butter, ice cream and cheese.

"I'd tell people to stock up, but I'm afraid that window of opportunity passed three weeks ago," said dairy consultant Mary Ledman of Libertyville, Ill.

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HOSPITAL

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recommended the low bid from GE Medical, saying the hospital has used GE equipment before and was pleased with the equipment and service.

In other business, the directors:

- Approved the credentials of Drs. James Goforth, pathology; Ismaile Abdalla, cardiology; and Henry Meyers, emergency medicine, for membership to the medical staff;

- Approved carpeting of three offices, including the director's office, and patching the tile floor in the Home Health Care office. The cost is expected to be about \$2,000;

- Adopted a resolution authorizing Meri Killingsworth, director of Deaf Smith Home Care Services, to negotiate contracts with the Texas Department of Human Services on behalf of the hospital district;

- Received a report on the new medical office complex adjacent to the hospital. Drs. Howard Johnson and Jesse Perales have moved into the building are seeing patients. Also, cardiac rehabilitation, physical therapy and the Women & Children's Clinic have completed their moves into the facility; and

- Janice Spriggs has been hired as a physician's assistant. She will begin work on July 1.

HOUSE

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long-term livelihood of dairy farmers throughout this entire country," said Rep. Gerald Solomon, R-N.Y.

The program was designed to stimulate dairy production in areas where it wasn't economical. The result is that farmers in the Upper Midwest receive up to \$3 per hundred pounds of milk less than producers in the Southeast.

The House approved an amendment waiving the statute of limitation for black farmers to make discrimination claims against USDA. The government admits that there was discrimination but most of the farmers are barred from receiving cash settlements because of the two-year time limit on filing lawsuits.

More than 1,000 farmers could benefit from the waiver, said Sam Taylor, a spokesman for an organization of growers.



A female wasp starts making a nest in the spring. By late summer it's half the size of a bushel basket.

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: MUSIC, BEING IDENTICAL WITH HEAVEN, ISN'T A THING OF MOMENTARY THRILLS...IT'S A CONDITION OF ETERNITY.—GUSTAV HOLST

RACE

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cant results," said Sharp, calling them "common-sense solutions."

Perry - in San Antonio on Monday, and in Dallas and Abilene on Tuesday - proposed a "Street Terrorism Prevention Act" that includes making gang recruitment a felony offense and clearly defining who is a criminal street gang member.

The Republican said his plan would allow local police, prosecutors and gang units to share information using a statewide database. He also called for an anti-gang unit in the attorney general's office.

"Juvenile gangs are a cancer on Texas ruining young lives and spreading crime, drugs and terror throughout Texas," Perry said.

Bush may get heat for films

AUSTIN (AP) - Gov. George W. Bush was on the board of directors of a company that raised \$1 billion to finance Walt Disney Co. movies, including some R-rated films, the *Houston Chronicle* reported Tuesday.

Bush's aides said that won't hurt the governor's standing with social conservatives who are boycotting Disney.

The *Chronicle* said Bush served as a paid director of Silver Screen Management Services Inc. The company, through limited partnerships, raised money to finance films.

None of the R-rated movies financed by Silver Screen is among the more controversial films that have led to boycotts of Disney by social conservative groups.

But the newspaper said that if Bush runs for president in 2000, he "may have to convince Republican social conservatives to accept his little-known role in helping finance" the films.

Bush has said he is undecided about running for president, focusing only on this year's re-election campaign.

His spokeswoman, Karen Hughes, said Bush's involvement with the company would have no negative impact on him politically. "This is a story that seems to have been born in Never-Never Land and has a great deal of fairy dust sprinkled on it," she said.

"Gov. Bush served on the board as an outside director of a company founded by one of his college friends. He never invested money in either Disney or any of the movies."

"Social conservatives support Gov. Bush because of his stand on issues important to them - individual responsibility, local control of schools, parental consent for abortions and a number of others," Ms. Hughes said.

Bush was a director of Silver Screen from 1983 until he resigned from its board two months before announcing for governor in November 1993. The company financed 21 R-rated movies; 32 PG and PG-13 movies; and nine G movies, the *Chronicle* said.

Silver Screen was founded and run by Bush's Yale fraternity brother Roland Betts. Betts also was the largest single shareholder in the Texas Rangers baseball team while Bush was the team's managing general partner. The team recently was sold, and Bush received \$14.9 million for his original \$600,000 investment.

Boycotts of Disney by the Southern Baptist Convention and American Family Association have been staged over its adult movies. Social conservatives in Texas are pushing state government to sell off more than \$416 million in Disney stock currently owned by state trust and pension funds.

The movies most often cited as offensive - such as "Priest", "Pulp Fiction" or "Chasing Amy" - were produced under the Miramax label. Silver Screen partners financed more than 50 Walt Disney and Touchstone label movies.

One of the Silver Screen-financed movies, "Down and Out in Beverly Hills," was the first R-rated movie produced by Disney.

American Family Association of Texas President Wyatt Roberts said the Touchstone movies "are not the really raunchy stuff. Those are more adult-oriented, more mature."

Bush said there is no reason social conservatives should hold his work with Silver Screen against him. "My only interest was for the company itself," Bush said.

As an outside director, Bush said his role was not to make movies but to make sure the business itself was properly run. He said Betts asked him to be on the board as part of several business deals they were doing together, including the Texas Rangers.



Photo by Don Cooper

Rick Perry (left), Republican candidate for lieutenant governor, was greeted Tuesday at Hereford Municipal Airport by Mayor Bob Josserand.

PERRY

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In his two terms as agriculture commissioner, Perry said he revamped the agency, making it more efficient and "consumer friendly." He also made the agency into a tireless promoter of Texas agriculture products, not just within the state but also nationally and globally.

He also said he achieved improved efficiency while at the same time reducing the staff by 19 percent and holding the line on the budget.

"The budget is the same as it was in January 1991 (when he took office)," Perry said.

"We also reformed the regulatory code," dropping duplications of effort, reducing the amount of paperwork producers must deal with, and making the agency more accessible to producers and consumers.

Although Perry said he still will be involved in agriculture policy issues if he is elected lieutenant governor, he said he wants to work with Bush to improve public education in Texas, noting he has two children in public schools in Austin.

"I want to work with Gov. Bush to improve education ... the governor is on target when he focuses on reading ... reading is the key to success," Perry said.

As part of his education improvement platform, Perry said he is promoting a "reading master" plan,

under which the state would provide an additional \$5,000 per year to teachers who go through additional courses in reading instruction.

"I also would like to expand that master plan to include math, science and social sciences," he said. "We want to send a clear message to teachers that we think they're important and we'll pay you to be a master."

Perry also is touting a "safe streets" anti-crime package, which targets gang activity by making gang recruitment a felony offense. He also would expand the definition of a "criminal street gang member" to include identification as a member by a parent or guardian or a "documented reliable information," one who adopts an identified gang's colors, tattoos or hand signs, and who has been taken into custody two or more times in the company of an identified gang member.

He also would seek to create an anti-gang unit within the Texas Attorney General's Office to assist local law enforcement agencies and prosecutors in gang-related crimes.

Perry also said he would like to see more tort reform, which would ban "obscene" contingency fees such as the controversial \$2.3 billion fee for the five law firms working with the Texas Attorney General's Office in the state's case against the tobacco industry.

BURN BAN

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Fireworks stands are scheduled to open today, but with the purchase of "Black Cats," sparklers and Roman candles, buyers need to beware of the posted burn ban in Deaf Smith County.

All fireworks are banned inside city limits and violators may be fined up to \$200, plus confiscation of fireworks, according to County Fire Marshal Jay Spain.

Outside city limits, aerial fireworks are banned and violators may be fined up to \$2,000.

Spain said law enforcement officers will be enforcing the no-fireworks orders, confiscating fireworks, and issuing citations.

"It's tinder dry out here and it's only going to get worse," Spain said. "The latest seven-day forecast

calls for continued hot, dry conditions, with temperatures reaching well over 100. It's best just not to risk setting them off."

The sale and possession of fireworks outside city limits is not forbidden, just shooting them off.

"We're not out trying to wreck people's holiday, but the sparks from fireworks - sparklers, firecrackers, or the big candles - could to easily spark a fire that could get out of control," Spain said.

He said the fire department has responded to five grassfires since Saturday and fire department officials fear the use of fireworks in the coming days will only worsen the conditions.

Spain he sees no chance of the burn ban being lifted before the holiday.

Clinton, GOP look at China through different lenses

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton and his Republican critics in Congress sound as though they are talking about different Chinas in debating his policy on the eve of his summit journey there.

Where he sees a prospective partner, they warn of a potential rival riding an acquiescent American policy.

He advocates engagement; they call his course hollow.

He claims progress; they see intransigence.

A Democratic ally, Sen. Dale Bumpers of Arkansas, said Monday there has been phenomenal progress in China, and that it is 10 times as likely to keep going with engagement as with attempts at punishment.

But Republican Sen. Spencer Abraham of Michigan called it "hollow engagement" in which China's leaders figure they can do what they choose without risking U.S. rebuff.

"It is not a policy of give and take," said Sen. Tim Hutchinson of Arkansas. "It is give and give."

The argument in the Senate is a strange sendoff for Clinton's nine days in China, the first presidential journey there in nine years. One Democrat pleaded for a pause in the congressional debate on China policy while he travels there, saying that is traditional when a president goes abroad.

Perhaps so, but not this time. Hutchinson pushed four amendments to impose new U.S. sanctions against China to punish human rights abuses. He said he wasn't trying to embarrass Clinton, and that they ought to



strengthen his hand in arguing for human rights. The House has approved a series of punitive measures, on that score and against American technology exports and satellite launches.

None have cleared Congress, and Republicans are divided on the current Senate amendments, so they are likely to be blocked. Congress will act later on Clinton's renewal of normal trade status for China, an annual exercise, annually extended.

A special House committee has just been set up to investigate U.S. satellite exports for Chinese launches, to determine whether they led to technology leaks harmful to U.S. security, and whether Clinton's approval of them was influenced by Democratic campaign contributions.

He says no on both counts.

All told, 10 congressional committees have been looking into various aspects of U.S.-China policy. There are more than 75 bills in Congress to deal with China, most involving sanctions. That's more than were proposed during the previous three congresses combined.

To an extent, that goes with the territory in a politically divided government, with a Democratic president setting foreign policy and a GOP Congress looking to

it. The administration said Clinton invited Congress to send a bipartisan delegation to China with him, but only Democrats accepted.

On China policy, there are differences within as well as between parties; conservative Republicans and liberal Democrats are allied, as usual, in opposing renewal of the most-favored nation trading status the president, as usual, renewed.

In the current Senate debate, five Republican committee and subcommittee chairmen and five senior Democrats joined in urging the rejection of the anti-China amendments. They said the measures would do serious damage to the policies that can foster change in China toward human rights, the control of arms proliferation and more open trade.

The punitive amendments are not new business. The House passed its versions shortly after Clinton's 1997 Washington summit with Chinese President Jiang Zemin. Amid this year's controversy over missile technology and campaign contributions, 152 House members - all but one Republican - signed a letter urging Clinton to put off the trip. The House also adopted a resolution saying he shouldn't go to Tiananmen Square, where his formal welcoming ceremony will be held Friday night, because it is a symbol of the 1989 massacre of democracy demonstrators.

For all the advice to Clinton, members of Congress are no strangers to China. At least 105 have gone there in the past 20 months, among them 17 who signed the letter saying Clinton

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NEWS in brief

Lawmaker wants to hike prison cable TV rates

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (AP) - A state lawmaker has a captive audience watching to see how he fares with his bill to raise cable rates for some customers. They're in prison.

State prison inmates pay less for cable television than do subscribers on the outside, said Rep. John Lawless. The difference is due to the bulk rates negotiated by prison officials.

"Right now, if you commit a crime, you get a break on your cable bill. It's outrageous," he said.

A spring survey found that prisoners pay an average of \$6 to \$10.25 monthly for basic service, compared with individual subscribers who pay \$11.08 to \$25.78, Lawless said Monday.

A convicted murder at the state prison in Somerset is paying \$13.40 for basic cable and three movie channels. A working couple served by the same cable company pays \$34.55 a month.

While Lawless' measure seeks to raise the cable rates for prisoners, he cannot legislate that cable companies pass savings on to customers.

Ripoff complaint results in another ripoff ruling

PITTSBURGH (AP) - A 55-year-old woman suffered the flip side of her accusation that a little girl stole her song: "Santa Got Stuck in a Chimney."

A federal judge in Pittsburgh ruled Tuesday that the woman herself ripped off a version of a 1950s tune that was copyrighted in Nashville, Tenn.

"It must have resulted from copying and cannot be mere coincidence" that the songs are so similar, U.S. District Judge Gary Lancaster said from the bench, abruptly ending Kathy Mollica's lawsuit against the parents of Jewel Restaneo.

Jewel was 5 when she sang the song on television and recorded it on a compact disc in 1996.

Lancaster ruled after officials from Milene Music Inc. of Nashville presented evidence of a 1953 copyright for the song, which was recorded back then by little Jimmy Boyd.

Mollica contended that she wrote the song and copyrighted it in 1993. Her lawsuit claimed she first learned of Jewel's recording when the girl's father called to praise the song.

Mollica and her attorney declined to comment. Jewel's mother, Christine Restaneo, said the little girl was delighted.

"She was looking out the window when I came home and she said, 'Mommy, we won,' and gave me a big hug, and it was like the best hug," Mrs. Restaneo said.

Gingrich proposes to cut capital-gains rate to 15%

WASHINGTON (AP) - Cutting the top capital-gains tax rate to 15 percent would keep the economic boom alive by freeing trillions of dollars in investments for start-up businesses, House Speaker Newt Gingrich said today.

The Georgia Republican offered a bill to cut the top capital-gains rate from 20 percent to 15 percent, and the rate for lower-income taxpayers from 10 percent to 7.5 percent.

The bill would further simplify the complex capital-gains law by eliminating several exceptions on collectibles, recapture of real estate depreciation and gains for small business stocks.

Capital-gains taxes are paid on profits from the sale of investments.

McCain bill called too expensive

WASHINGTON (AP) - New anti-smoking legislation should carry a dramatically lower price tag for the industry than the bill shelved last week in the Senate, lawmakers trying to revive comprehensive tobacco legislation say.

House leaders are considering a measure that would charge tobacco companies somewhere between nothing and \$4.3 billion. Two senators on Tuesday proposed a bill that would cost the tobacco companies \$428 billion over 25 years, some \$88 billion less than Sen. John McCain's bill, which was killed last week by the Senate.

House leaders are expected to make public this week a bill that would crack down on teen smoking and drug abuse.

Sens. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, and Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., added an alternative measure to a growing tobacco policy revival effort, saying Congress would be "stupid" to waste election-year momentum by ignoring legislation that would fund anti-smoking research.

"If this fails, then both sides deserve the blame," Hatch said.

The senators have not formally introduced their bill and neither congressional leaders nor the White House have endorsed it.

Senate Democrats have vowed to re-offer McCain's rejected bill as an amendment to virtually every measure that comes to the Senate floor. A group of conservative Senate leaders are crafting a more narrow approach that would address teen

smoking and drug use.

Hatch and Feinstein, meanwhile, said the only model that would significantly reduce teen smoking and crack down on tobacco companies is their bill, modeled on the \$368 billion settlement struck last June between the industry and dozens of states suing them.

But unlike McCain's bill, the measure would not require tobacco companies to raise cigarette prices, mandating only that the industry make their payments on time, regardless of how the money was raised. Hatch acknowledged, however, that the industry likely would pass on that burden by raising prices by as much as \$1 a pack over 10 years.

The Hatch-Feinstein bill would

ban class action lawsuits against the tobacco industry and cap the damages companies could be forced to pay at \$5.5 billion a year and \$1 million a year per plaintiff.

The funding would provide:

- \$100 billion biomedical research into addiction and smoking-related diseases, funds that could not be diverted for other purposes.

- \$92 billion for public health programs such as smoking cessation and public education.

- \$18.7 billion for tobacco farmers and phase out the price support system.

- \$9.4 billion to beef up law enforcement.

- \$204 billion to states to settle their lawsuits against the industry.

Factory orders decline

WASHINGTON (AP) - Orders to U.S. factories for big-ticket goods expected to last three years or longer dropped 2.6 percent in May, the largest decline in five months.

The decrease in durable-goods orders to a seasonally adjusted \$184.3 billion followed gains of 1.6 percent in April and 0.3 percent in March, the Commerce Department said today. It was the sharpest fall since a 5.3 percent drop in December.

Orders in May fell in two volatile categories, which had increased sharply the month before: civilian aircraft and military goods. But declines were broad-based, if smaller, in other sectors and likely reflected diminished demand from economically troubled Asia.

Orders for military goods plunged 20.6 percent in May after jumping 38.3 percent in April. For civilian aircraft, orders fell 13.3 percent after rising 39.7 percent.

Even excluding those two categories, orders were down 1.3 percent. They fell 4.1 percent for primary metals such as steel, 1.2 percent for industrial machinery and equipment and 6.8 percent for electronic equipment.

Though orders rose for autos and parts, transportation orders overall fell 3.5 percent when aircraft orders were included.

Economists closely watch trends in orders for durable goods as an indicator of future factory production and employment.

Shipments of durable goods, a measure of current production, slipped 0.2 percent in May to a seasonally adjusted \$186.7 billion after a 1.8 percent drop in April.

The fact that orders declined by a larger amount than shipments meant factories were able to whittle their backlog of unfilled orders by 0.5 percent.

Religious leaders pressure Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) - Congress should override a Supreme Court ruling that leaves religious groups vulnerable to persecution by local governments, religious leaders say.

A bipartisan group of senators agrees. The 1993 Religious Freedom Restoration Act, largely voided last summer by the Supreme Court, was passed by Congress to protect people whose religious observances come in conflict with government laws or agency rules.

"These protections are necessary, not because there are systematic

pogroms against certain sects now, as there had been earlier in our history," Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch said during a hearing on Tuesday. "No, hostility to religious freedom comes more subtly from the blind, bureaucratic behemoth of the regulatory state."

Government "cannot treat a church or a mosque or a synagogue the same way you treat a bowling alley or a used car dealership," Richard D. Land of the Southern Baptist Convention told the committee. "This Supreme Court ... said,

yes, you can. That is dangerous and outrageous."

The voided law required an agency to reconsider such cases and justify its ruling or make an exception or compromise if doing so would not harm a compelling government interest.

The court ruled that Congress had unlawfully usurped power from federal courts and the states. Some lawmakers, led by Hatch and Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., are considering an effort to reinstate the law.

Florida farm losses hit \$80 million from drought

JAY, Fla. (AP) - Some of Mickey Diamond's tiny cotton plants are so stunted by drought that they will just wither away in the reddish-brown soil of the Florida Panhandle.

He figures some will make it to harvest - if they're not destroyed by other threats, such as hail or an early frost.

It's easy to understand why he's so worried this year. Diamond is one

of 12,000 farmers across north Florida who have lost about \$80 million worth of crops because of the heat and drought that also are causing the worst outbreak of Florida wildfires in a half-century.

The parched conditions have hit hardest at corn, hay, and peanut crops. Farmers have also lost about a quarter of their cotton, watermelons and soybeans.

"I had to replant about 300 acres of cotton because it was so dry," Diamond said Tuesday. "I've never had this much small cotton ever in my life - ever. It's come up, but it's stayed so dry so long."

The damage could raise the prices of sweet corn and watermelon in East Coast grocery stores for a couple of weeks, but other states may pick up the slack, Florida Agriculture

Commissioner Bob Crawford said.

There could also be a shortage of milk in the Southeast, unless dairy products from the Northeast are brought in. Florida dairies are blaming the heat for a 20 to 25 percent decrease in milk yield, said Bob Blankenship, a researcher in the agriculture commissioner's office.



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