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## NEWS in brief

**India says it plans no more nuclear tests**  
NEW DELHI, India (AP) - After five nuclear explosions in three days, India says it plans no more - even if neighboring rival Pakistan conducts its own nuclear test.

Pakistani officials are under great pressure to respond in kind to India, which has said both Pakistan and China threaten its security. Though no official announcement has been made, a Pakistani test was expected within days.

Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee insisted the five surprise tests this week were necessary to protect his country in a nuclear world.

India says its tests this week established its ability to build nuclear weapons and provided data it will use for computer modeling that will make future testing unnecessary.

Three underground nuclear explosions Monday and two more Wednesday prompted the United States and other countries to announce immediate sanctions in an urgent attempt to stop a new nuclear arms race.

**Israeli leader takes case to Congress, U.S. public**

WASHINGTON (AP) - With the Mideast peace process at a crossroads, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was taking his case against a 13 percent pullback on the West Bank to Congress and the American public before resuming talks with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

The outlook for Netanyahu and Albright reaching agreement on the U.S. pullback proposal was unclear.

"We still have not overcome the differences," a senior U.S. official said Wednesday following an initial 90-minute meeting between the Israeli leader and the secretary.

A senior adviser to Netanyahu, David Bar-Illan, said the talks were being held in a "productive atmosphere," with both sides striving for a settlement.

Netanyahu told reporters before Wednesday's opening session that he was hopeful for some progress, "but we will not compromise our security needs."

**Justice Dept., states slamming Microsoft with antitrust suits**

WASHINGTON (AP) - In a legal fight that may alter America's high-tech landscape, the Justice Department and at least 18 states are hitting Microsoft Corp. with federal antitrust lawsuits, barring last-minute concessions from the company, sources familiar with the plans said.

The sources said the lawsuits were to be filed today in U.S. District Court in Washington. One person familiar with the states' case said the lawsuits were certain "unless (Microsoft Chairman) Bill Gates makes an offer."



**Promenade**

Parent volunteers were working feverishly Wednesday evening as they put the finishing touches on this year's prom decorations which will feature a "Wizard of Oz" theme. Cheryl Betzen, left, and Marsha Winget lay bricks for the yellow brick road. By Wednesday more than 200 man hours had been turned in on the massive project.

## FUN BREAKFAST

### Hamby picked for Bull Chip



**JOE HAMBY**  
... Receives Bull Chip Award

By BECKY CAMP  
Lifestyles Editor

Joe Hamby, director of Hereford Emergency Medical Service, received the Bull Chip Award during Thursday morning's Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce Fun Breakfast.

Sponsor for the breakfast, which was catered by K-Bob's, was Hereford Senior Citizens Association. Margie Daniels is executive director of HSCA.

The Bull Chip Award is presented at each Fun Breakfast to a citizen who goes above and beyond the call of duty in making Hereford a better place to live, work and play.

"As is the case with our recipient today, many award winners are paid for the jobs they perform in helping make this a better community. But those selected for the Bull Chip give more than 100 percent in their jobs and often give of their time and talent in other areas," Tom Simons, co-emcee for the Fun Breakfast, said as he introduced Hamby.

Assisting Simons with the presentation was co-emcee John Stagner.

Stagner and Simons began the early morning activities by leading the breakfasters in a song accompanied by Hereford High School student Diana Detten at the piano.

A game of "Thread the Team on the String" was played. The game resulted in a tie between the team of Mark Koenig, Linda Cumpston and Paul Mason and the team of Terry Brumlow, Jennifer Eggen and Jim

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## Dry conditions have ranchers, farmers worried

COLLEGE STATION (AP) - Farmers throughout Texas are praying for rain as they watch their fields turn brown and their crop yields plummet, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service reports.

In the Coastal Bend, Extension agronomist Dr. Steve Livingston says that farmers in his area are living off of the soil moisture right now.

"If it is not a drought it is the next closest thing to it," he said.

Livingston said the crops that are being affected the most are corn and sorghum because they have been planted the longest.

The plants are deep rooted and simply cannot get enough water, he said.

Livingston said the crops look fairly normal on cool days but on hot days, they roll up when the sun is the hottest.

"That will affect the ultimate grain production," Livingston said.

He said as long as the weather is cool and overcast those crops will continue to hang on.

"We may still have a respectable crop," Livingston said.

He said there is not as much stress on the cotton crops. They are not as tall as they should be and will soon begin to need more water to continue growing.

"Little plants don't need much water, but as they start making growth strides they need as much as an inch of water per day," Livingston said.

He said the main problem is that cotton will not retain fruit if it is under water stress, but there is not a lot to do unless farmers are actively using irrigation.

"Most of us don't have irrigation and we will be in trouble," Livingston said. He said the cattle situation is looking pretty dismal for ranchers and they will be in desperate times if it does not rain.

"People are watching their fields turn brown," he said. "In another couple of weeks cattle ranchers are going to be out of wheats and grass to feed and will have to resort to supplemental feeding with hay."

Livingston said ranchers are already buying last year's hay, but nobody can afford supplementing with hay all year long.

"Hay is too expensive to keep feeding. By the end of the summer the ranchers will start selling cattle," he said.

Livingston said conditions in his area are going to become very serious in a relatively short amount of time.

"We're still okay for another two weeks," he said. "But there is already a decline in yields of corn and sorghum."

Joe Pena, Extension economist in Uvalde, said Southwest Texas is

## TEXAS WHEAT

AUSTIN (AP) - The state's 1998 winter wheat crop is forecast at 120 million bushels, a 1 percent increase over last year and a 59 percent jump from 1996.

The Texas Agricultural Statistics Service reported Wednesday that its May 1 survey found statewide yield expected to average 30 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from last year.

Harvested acreage, at 4 million acres, is down 2 percent from 1997.

"Early moisture allowed the crop to make good progress across the state, but the crop was rapidly drying down by May 1 under hot temperatures," said state statistician Dennis Findley.

Also Wednesday, the service reported that the state's grapefruit production forecast is 4.6 million boxes for the 1997-98 season, down 13 percent from a year ago. Orange production is estimated at 1.57 million boxes, up 11 percent.

severely dry. Record high temperatures and windy conditions are aggravating the problem.

"It has been 70 days since our last economically significant rainfall," Pena said.

He said farmers are irrigating around the clock and this is causing increased production costs for growers. "The area is starting to look like mid-summer dormant conditions," Pena said. "Pastures and ranges are brown and the dry, dusty conditions are causing a little bit of haze."

Corn and cotton crops are weaker than last year and this is leading to financial problems for farmers.

"Prices are lower, yet it will cost the average farmer 20 to 30 percent more to produce the same crop," Pena said.

Livestock conditions in the southwest part of the state are not good, but Pena said they could be a lot worse. "Fortunately we liquidated the herds in 1996 and have not really restocked," he said.

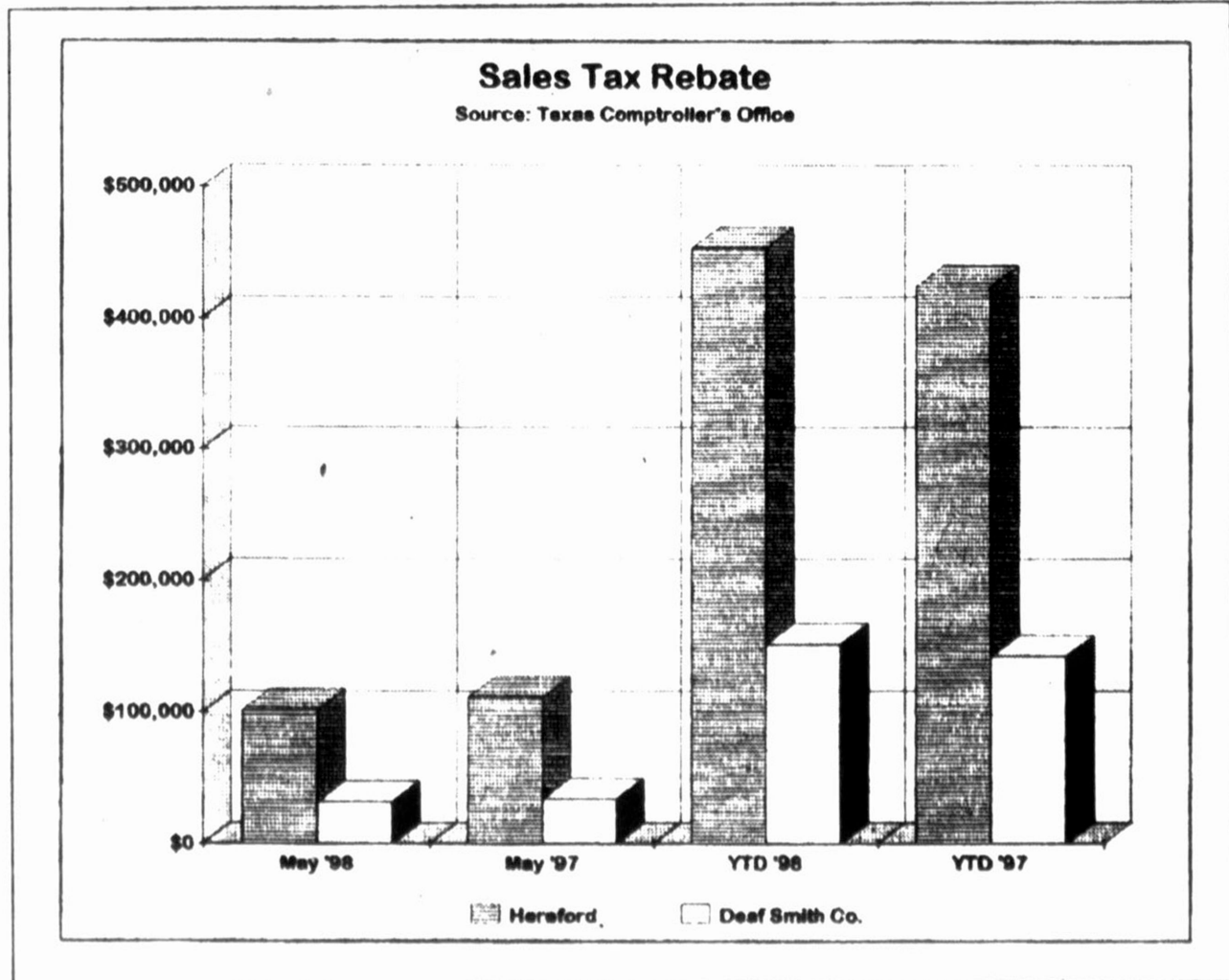
Pena said ranchers are at 40 percent to 50 percent of the normal stocking rates because of the drought in 1996. If ranchers had not liquidated at that time, they would have to now.

In the South Plains, district Extension director Jett Major reports that wheat is in fair condition, but needs moisture. "In some areas wheat is being grazed out," he said.

Major said although rainfall is needed, pastures and ranges are in fair condition and livestock is doing

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## Local economy loses ground; May sales tax rebate is down

By DONALD M. COOPER  
Brand Editor

Hereford's economy lost some ground last month, according to the Taxes Comptroller's Office.

The city received a sales tax rebate payment of \$101,437.05, an 8.9 percent decline from the \$111,324.85 for May 1997. The good news, however, was the May rebate was an improvement over April, when the city received \$82,326.09.

The drop in the sales tax payment for May ended the trend that has seen gains in each month of the year.

For the year, Hereford has received a total of \$453,018.29, a 6.8 percent gain over the \$424,249.88 received for the same period last year.

Deaf Smith County, which in April had experienced a significant turnaround from March, fell back in May. The county's May rebate of \$31,704.60 was 6.9 percent lower than the \$34,064.05 for May 1997, although it was more than the \$28,977.85 received in April.

For the year, Deaf Smith County has received a total of \$151,893.89, up 6.6 percent from the \$142,508.48 for the same period last year.

The comptroller's office delivered a total of \$236 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,092 Texas cities and 118 counties, a 9 percent increase over the \$216.5 million allocated to Texas cities and counties in May 1997.

The month's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in March and reported by businesses filing monthly tax returns in April, and those businesses filing quarterly returns for January, February and March.

Comptroller John Sharp said the "robust growth of the Texas economy still shows no sign of slowing, with higher employment numbers going hand-in-hand with higher consumer spending. Year-to-date, rebates to cities and counties are up 10.3 percent over last year."

Sharp delivered monthly sales tax

rebates totaling \$217.6 million to Texas cities, 9.2 percent higher than last May's payments of \$199.3 million. Rebates of \$18.3 million to Texas counties were 7 percent higher than allocations of \$17.1 million in May 1997. Another \$6.3 million went to 31 special purpose districts around the state.

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

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

Around the area, Dimmit, which has been up and down this year, was down again, receiving a payment of \$22,733.12, down 16 percent from the \$27,061.27 received in May 1997.

Dalhart, which had also seen its April rebate rebound from the

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### Local Roundup

#### 1998 Summer Food Program

The Hereford Independent School District and the Texas Department of Human Services have announced that this year the summer food program will run from June 8 through July 23 at Shirley and West Central schools. There is no registration process. The only requirement is that participants be between the ages of 1 and 18. The menus will resemble school lunches and are free to all children. Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Thursday in the school cafeterias.

#### Turrentine certified

Justice of the Peace Johnnie Turrentine was certified at the 20 Hour Justice of the Peace Seminar May 5-8 in Lubbock. The seminar was sponsored by the Texas Justice Court Training Center, headquartered at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. The seminar is one of five held for elected Justices of the Peace so they can fulfill their continuing Judicial Education requirements as set forth in the Texas Government Code. Topics addressed included judicial ethics, new legislation, traffic laws, inquests, family violence, death and dying, how to process the emotions, relations and duties, emergency commitments, cultural diversity, and other legal matters.

#### Meeting set for team captains

The Deaf Smith Chapter of the American Cancer Society will hold a meeting for all "Relay for Life" team captains at 6 p.m. tonight, Thursday, at Hereford State Bank. Anyone interested in organizing a team of walkers is also welcome to attend. For more information, call Adam Treff at 364-2536.

#### Advisory board to meet

The Hereford Women's and Children's Crisis Center advisory board will meet at noon Friday in the board room of Hereford Regional Medical Center. Items on the agenda include discussion of the Office of Attorney General contract request, bylaws and report of upcoming events. This is an open meeting.

#### Class meeting scheduled

Hereford High School class of 1973 will hold a reunion planning meeting at 7:45 p.m. tonight, Thursday, in the home of Roy Dale Messer, 520 N. 25 Mile Avenue. All members of the class residing in the Hereford area are asked to assist with the 25th class reunion and encouraged to attend the meeting.

#### Sports association meeting

The Hereford Sports Association will hold a general board meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 18 in the HISD Administration Building. A report from the 6th Annual Cuby Kitchens Classic will be given. All coaches and parents are encouraged to attend.

#### Farmer's Market

All vendors interested in selling produce during this year's Hereford Farmer's Market, sponsored each year by the Deaf Smith Chamber of Commerce, are encouraged to contact Denise Andrews, market chairman, at 276-5240.

The market has been scheduled to begin operation in early July at the Family Dollar parking lot, 111 W. Park Ave.

The market is open to all vendors, but produce must be home-grown. Planting acreage must be inspected before permits will be issued. Vendor entry fees include a \$15 season membership fee and a \$5 stall fee.

#### Corrections

Photographs in the Wednesday edition of *The Hereford Brand* incorrectly named the scholarship winners in two photographs. The scholarship recipient in the photo on Page 1 is Jared Lantz; the recipient of the Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union scholarship in the photo on Page 2 is Jacque Bezner.

The newspaper regrets the errors.

#### Partly cloudy

Tonight, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of evening thunderstorms, low around 50, southwest wind 10-20 mph, becoming northwest.

Friday, mostly sunny and not as warm with a high 75 to 80, west to northwest wind 10-20 mph. Friday night, clear with a low 45 to 50.

#### Extended forecast

Saturday, partly cloudy, high in the mid-80s.

Sunday and Monday, partly cloudy with a chance of late afternoon and nighttime thunderstorms, lows in the mid-50s, highs around 90.

#### Wednesday recap

High, 91; low, 59; no precipitation.

## NEWS

### in brief

#### DNA used to identify dog in mauling of 77-year-old woman

CANYON LAKE (AP) - DNA testing has gone to the dogs. A Comal County sheriff's detective said Wednesday that an East Texas lab has matched saliva taken from an elderly woman's clothes to a blood sample taken from a Rottweiler suspected of attacking her.

The officer, Tommy Ward, said the tests at Carthage may have been the first DNA use in Texas designed to link a dog to an attack.

Technicians at Shelterwood Labs are still trying to identify a second dog involved in the attack. A neighbor said it's a Doberman pinscher, but since the dog attacked the woman on the head, no saliva was found on the woman's clothes.

Marian Schmidt, 77, was walking near her home in the Canyon Lake area Jan. 24 when she was attacked. The dogs knocked her to the ground and mauled her.

# UT appeals affirmative action repeal

ODESSA, Texas (AP) - Hampered in its ability to recruit minorities, the University of Texas will pursue an appeal of a federal court ruling that forced the state's colleges to abandon their affirmative action programs.

UT System regents voted 9-0 Wednesday to contest the so-called Hopwood case. They cited a need to level a playing field where Texas schools are prohibited from considering applicants' race as admissions criteria while institutions in the other

49 states face no such restrictions.

"Texas will soon be a majority-minority state. The long-term social, cultural and economic vitality of Texas is irrevocably linked to its ability to recruit and graduate minority students," UT Chancellor William Cunningham said.

The university has until Monday to bring its case before a federal court, but must first receive approval from state Attorney General Dan Morales to pursue the appeal and

retain private counsel to represent the system.

The Houston law firm of Vinson & Elkins, which previously represented the school in the litigation, has agreed to take on the case for free.

Morales gave indications Wednesday that he won't hinder the regents' case, even though he has previously declined to appeal.

He agreed the school's most compelling argument for appealing is the issue of competitive disadvan-

tage.

But he said that, from his standpoint, there are only three sound legal points for an appeal. They center on damages, attorneys' fees and the plaintiffs' ability to meet the burden of proof.

"The issue of race-based decision making is no longer up for valid consideration or discussion," said Morales, who attended the regents' meeting in Odessa.

He promised prompt action on the regents' request after his office has thoroughly examined the proposed arguments.

UT-Austin president Larry Faulkner said an appeal is needed. "There is no doubt the state of Texas and the University of Texas at Austin are being hurt substantially by having to labor under law that differs from elsewhere in the United States," he said.

Regents chairman Donald Evans said UT will try to show that "there needs to be uniform constitutional standards that apply to all the institutions in the country."

Texas ended its university affirmative action policies after the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals found that a UT law school policy meant to boost minority enrollment discriminated against whites.

That ruling, named after Cheryl Hopwood, one of four plaintiffs who sued for admission into the school, was allowed to stand in 1996 by the U.S. Supreme Court.

"Right now, there's one standard for Texas and a standard for all the other 49 states," Evans said. "We think that's unfair."

Javier Maldonado, an attorney for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, said he is not satisfied with the regents' action.

UT should challenge the ruling on its face rather than argue competitive disadvantage, he said, adding that officials are timid about taking a position on race-based admissions.

"They're playing football. Mr. Morales first passed to the Board of Regents and the board has now passed the ball back to Mr. Morales and neither is willing to take the heat on this," Maldonado said.

MALDEF and the NAACP Legal Defense Fund are both seeking court permission to intervene in the case and directly oppose the Hopwood ruling.

A UT student, Bobby Garza, 21, of New Braunfels, said he is glad the school is pursuing an appeal.

"I think it's a good thing the university is doing its job. It's a shame that so many other people aren't - like the attorney general," Garza said.

"There is a compelling reason to make sure the student population is diverse because it creates a better learning environment on campus."

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#### Ribbon cutting

Valarie and Rex Manley cut the ribbon at the newly relocated business, Manley Furniture and Little Angels Baby Shop. The store has moved to 232 N. Main. The Deaf Smith Chamber Hustlers, goodwill ambassadors for Hereford, hosted the ceremony.

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### Obituaries

#### NELMA M. SOWELL

May 13, 1998

Funeral services for Nelma M. Sowell, 79, of Dawn, will be 2:30 p.m. of the Rose Chapel of Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home with Rev. Charles R. Ellingburg, pastor of Dawn Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Rest Lawn Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home.

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

She was born July 8, 1918, in Hatchel, Texas to Key Williams and Dalphia Graves Williams. She married Edgar Sowell, Jan. 12, 1947, in Ballinger. She came to Deaf Smith County in 1961. She was a bookkeeper, homemaker and member of the First United Methodist Church of Hereford.

Survivors include two sons, Dennis Brillhart of Dawn, Daniel Brillhart of San Jose, Calif.; one sister, Edna Marie Walker of Gruver and one grand daughter.

#### ANNIE E. HARDER

May 12, 1998

Funeral services for Annie E. Harder, 77, of Hereford will be 10 a.m. Saturday in the Frio Baptist Church with pastor Larry Perkins officiating. Burial will be in Rest Lawn Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Rix Funeral Home.

Mrs. Harder died Tuesday at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice in Amarillo.

She was born April 23, 1921, in Weatherford, Okla., to David and Bertha Schmidt. She married Ernest Harder on Aug. 24, 1941. She came to Hereford in 1952. She was a homemaker and member of the Frio Baptist Church.

Survivors include three sons, Gerald Harder of Canadian, Norman Harder of Hereford, and J.D. Harder of Plainview; two brothers, Arthur Schmidt of Berlington, Colo., and Leonard Schmidt of Lubbock.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1990.

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### Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for May 13, 1998, include the following:

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT

##### Arrests

-- A 34-year-old woman was arrested and charged with outstanding warrants for theft by check.

-- A 27-year-old man was arrested in the 600 block of Irving and charged with trespassing.

##### Incidents

-- Two abandoned cars were taken into custody by the police department. After owner notification, they will be demolished.

-- A paint ball was shot at a car and caused about \$5 damage.

-- At least four paint balls were thrown at a fence. Damage is estimated at \$25. Police are looking for a suspicious vehicle, either a white Taurus or Mercury, occupied with 4 subjects.

-- A 26-year-old man was assaulted, by a 20-year-old man, in the 300 block of Star. Charges have been filed.

-- Loud music was reported in the 900 block of West First.

-- A man reported that his ex-girl friend was harassing him.

-- A domestic disturbance was reported in the 400 block of Brevard.

-- A fight, between several juveniles was reported in the 300 block of Avenue C.

-- A disorderly conduct was reported on South Main. No charges filed.

-- Domestic disturbance was reported in the 900 block of Avenue K.

-- Two men were reported fighting in the 300 block of Bradley.

-- Suspicious vehicle was reported in the 300 block of North Main.

##### Accidents

-- A two car accident was reported on South 385. No injuries.

-- A two car accident was reported in the 600 block of Star. No injuries.

-- A two car accident was reported in the 1300 block of East Park. No injuries.

#### SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

##### Arrests

-- A 20-year-old man was arrested for violation of probation.

-- An 18-year-old man was arrested on a bench warrant.

-- A 21-year-old woman was arrested on a bench warrant.

#### Lawyers for convicted murderer seek new trial

HOUSTON (AP) - Attorneys representing convicted murderer Gary Graham are seeking another hearing on their motion for a new trial.

Graham was sentenced to death for the shooting death 17 years ago yesterday of Bobby Grant Lambert, 53, of Arizona. Lambert was gunned down outside a Safeway supermarket.

The assailant took the change that Lambert received after paying for some groceries with a \$100 bill, but missed \$6,000 in \$100 bills that Lambert was carrying in his back pocket.

Of nine prosecution witnesses, only schoolteacher Bernadine Skillern identified Graham in a lineup.

Defense lawyers said other witnesses gave descriptions that did not fit Graham.

## Texas waste company bids for Napalm

DALLAS (AP) - The napalm train that turned around last month may be headed for Texas.

Operators of a West Texas waste dump said Wednesday their company will bid to recycle and dispose of the 23 million pounds of the deadly jellied gasoline the Navy has left over from the Vietnam War.

Waste Control Specialists, based in Pasadena, Texas, hopes to recycle the napalm and perhaps bury the untreatable portion at its facility in Andrews County, about six miles from the New Mexico state line.

The Navy has been looking for someone to take the napalm stored in Fallbrook, Calif., about 50 miles north of San Diego, since an Indiana company it selected backed out because of local and political opposition.

The company's about-face forced a napalm-laden train to turn around in Kansas City and return to California.

## Forum invites King



Tara King, a 1998 graduating senior of Hereford is scheduled to participate in the 1998 National Youth Leadership forum on Medicine from June 14-24, in Washington D.C.

Tara will be among 350 outstanding high school students from across the country, who have attained the qualifications - outstanding academic achievements and a strong interest in the profession - required to participate in the Forum.

She will join other students for an 11-day discovery and mentorship at some of the nation's most prominent and technologically-advanced medical institutions.

Tara is the daughter of Randy and Deedra King, and will attend Amarillo College nursing school.

Intensive day-long concentrations at the institutions will permit students to examine state-of-the-art diagnostic tools and future medical specialties in detail.

The National Youth Leadership Forum is a non-profit educational organization that sponsors highly specialized, career-oriented programs for outstanding high school students with demonstrated leadership potential.

The National Youth Leadership Forum develops and conducts annual Forums on medicine, law, and defense, intelligence and diplomacy. Many students are nominated to participate in these forums by high school teachers and guidance counselors.

The National Youth Leadership Forum greatly values the recommendations of educators when evaluating a student's potential participation in a Forum.



AUSTIN (AP) - No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 5-14-18-36-39-45.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$7 million.

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-2-7

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# Lifestyles

## Gamboa is speaker for Wyche FCE

Wyche Family Community Education Club met recently in the Hereford Community Center and heard a program by Isaac Gamboa.

He gave helpful hints to use when making long road trips. Some of the things he suggested included take snacks and drinking water, and stop ever 100 miles to walk and relax.

President Jo Lee called the meeting to order and Coreen Odum lead the pledges to the United States and Texas flags.

Hostess Argen Draper read the poem "Escape" and Shirley Brown read "Being Thankful."

Roll call was answered with each member reporting volunteer hours worked. A total of 247 hours was reported.

Members in attendance were Thelma Auten, Mary Lou Aven, Louise Axe, Vada Batterman, Dorma Kirby, Marie Maxwell, Audrey Rusher, Carol Sartain, Brown, Draper, Lee and Odum.



## Hereford High Choristers

A group from the Hereford High School varsity choir, the Choristers, presented a program at the Noon Lions Club meeting Wednesday. Directed by Margaret Williams, the group is shown performing an animated version of "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot". A few Lions at left, David Ruland, Sid Shaw, Dr. Trow Mims and Jeff Torbert, were selected to join in the presentation of this number. Williams has approximately 200 students in the choral program, and 10 students will be in state competition.

## Mid Plains Reunion scheduled in Deaf Smith Co. Bull Barn

Mid Plains Reunion Association officers and members met recently and finalized plans for the reunion to be held May 23 in the Bull Barn.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. with the call to order at 11:30 a.m.

Meat, bread and drinks will be furnished. Everyone attending is asked to bring a covered dish to complete the meal.

Annual dues of \$5 per person will be due.

The Pioneer of the Year will be named and other special recognitions given.

Everyone is welcome to come share in the fun and fellowship of the reunion.

In attendance were Bill Brady, Benny and Joan Womble, Kate Bradley, Wilma Clark, Louise Streun, Grace Covington, Alta Mac Higgins and Vesta Mac Nunley.

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## Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: Can you stand one more letter about sweepstakes? I hope so because too many people are being ripped off.

A few years ago, I received a letter stating that I had won \$26,000. I was very excited and waited patiently for the money to arrive. I finally wrote several letters to the sweepstakes company asking about my prize. They were all returned with no forwarding address.

After nearly three months of sending registered letters to various addresses, I notified the FBI, which checked out the addresses and notified me that the sweepstakes company had gone out of business.

I then received two letters from another lottery outfit wanting to know why I had not returned the forms to claim a \$25,000 prize. I wrote back, stating that I had not received any claim forms. My letter went unanswered. I then received a letter from the same company, saying if I returned the winning number, I would receive \$11 million. Several weeks later, I received yet another letter stating that I had the identical winning number as another person in

Oklahoma, and the one who sent in his or her claim first would receive \$11 million. The second person, they said, would get \$50,000.

I figured there was something fishy going on, but I sent back my claim form anyway to see what would happen. Guess what? I received "an opportunity" to buy several more magazines at a reduced rate. I hope you will print this letter and warn your readers about these sleazy offers. -- M.S. in Philadelphia

Dear Philadelphia: I have printed several letters over the years about the sleazy sweepstakes operations, and I hope my readers have paid attention. How two formerly respected and admired people can continue to be spokesmen for one of these operations is beyond me.

Dear Ann Landers: You recently printed a letter saying Medicare coverage was extended to cover additional tests as of Jan. 1. I am on Medicare and need some information. I hope you can help me.

Whenever Medicare did not cover something, I always paid for it out of

my own pocket. Now I hear that I cannot do this anymore. Is this true? I don't know what to do or who to believe. Will you please explain this to me? -- Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Brooklyn: According to the Medicare Rights Center, this is not true. You can always pay for health care services that Medicare does not pay for. Apparently, the recent budget cuts have confused a lot of seniors on this very subject. For anyone who wants information on Medicare, send \$3 to Medicare Rights Center, Box RM, 1460 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10036.

Dear Ann Landers: I am aware that you said, "No more Burma Shave signs," but I hope you'll make an exception. Burma Shave signs were like a beginner's bible for new drivers back in the mid-'30s. The signs were targeted more toward highway safety than shaving, and their little jingles sent messages that are just as relevant to the motoring public today as they were years ago. Here is an old one I dug up:

Famous last words

About lights that shine, "If he won't dim his, I won't dim mine."

Thanks, Ann. -- Paul in Virginia

Dear Paul: OK. There you go. I have complied with your request, but dear readers, no more, please.

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### Threading the spoon

Terry Bromlow threads a spoon and string under his clothes while his teammates Jennifer Eggen and Jim Holston await their turns. The relay was part of the fun featured at the Deaf Smith Chamber of Commerce Fun Breakfast held this morning at the Hereford Community Center.

## Poppy Day plans finalized during American Legion Auxiliary meeting

The American Legion Auxiliary, Hereford Unit 192 met recently to finalize plans for its May projects. In the absence of the president, vice president Troyce Hanna conducted the meeting.

The opening ritual was observed followed by the roll call of officers, and the reading of the minutes and the financial report by secretary-treasurer Clara Trowbridge.

Viola Wagner, cheer chairman, submitted a written report for March and April.

Beverly Jesko, membership chairman, reported a total membership of 46.

The "Americanism Moment" detailing the history of the flag which

flew over Fort McHenry and inspired the writing of "The Star Spangled Banner," was given by Ruth King.

It was reported that the Bluebonnet Girls State citizen Meredith McGowan would be recognized at the "H" Awards ceremony and that the \$250 Auxiliary scholarship would be awarded to Sarah Wright during the Senior Awards assembly.

Plans were finalized for the Memorial Poppy Day on Wednesday, May 20. Members who will be distributing throughout the day may pick up their poppies at Hereford State Bank where supplies will be located. Several other places have been designated as distribution points. Publicity has been planned

with the *Hereford Brand* and KPAN.

Auxiliary members will assist the Legionnaires of Post 192 in placing some 850 flags on veterans' graves in the three cemeteries of Hereford on Friday, May 22.

The 18th District Convention report was submitted by president Patricia Robinson. The next district convention will be hosted by Dumas Post 224 in the fall.

A nominating committee of Viola Wagner, Nadine Lance and Ella Caudle was named to report in June with a slate of officers for the ensuing year.

Refreshments were served by hostesses Hanna, Jesko and King. The next meeting will be June 2.

## Hints from Heloise

Dear Heloise: My wife and I have a long-running debate over placing wooden items in the dishwasher.

One of us insists that wooden items such as mixing spoons should never be placed in the dishwasher, as doing so will cause them to warp and to lose their finish. This especially applies to wood-handled metal utensils, on the theory that long runs in the dishwasher loosen the joint between metal and wood.

The other swears the dishwasher will do no harm to wooden items or wood-handled items.

Do you have any recommendations? — Tom Brooke, Arlington, Va. I'll let you two sort out the debate issue, but here's the scoop according to our sources.

Though many people put wooden utensils as well as wooden cutting

boards, bowls, etc. in the dishwasher, it really isn't recommended. Wooden items can be damaged from the heat and detergent. They can crack, warp and/or lose their finish.

It's really best to quickly hand-wash wooden things and dry them immediately. Do not let anything wooden soak in water because the wood will lose some of its natural oils. So, to keep your wooden utensils and dishes in the best condition, don't wash them in the dishwasher.

I have some wood-handled knives that my parents bought over 37 years ago. We hand-wash and dry them and they still look great! — Heloise

### STAINED LAUNDRY

Dear Heloise: Laundry problem? Funny-looking oil-type stains on dark clothes that weren't there when you put the clothes in the washer?

Here are some things to consider: fabric-softener sheets or concentrated liquid laundry detergent.

If you use fabric-softener sheets, don't toss them in a warm or hot dryer. The temperature difference between the hot clothes and the softener sheet can cause an oily-looking spot.

Concentrated liquid laundry detergent, if poured directly on clothes, may leave a stain. Mix up some water and the concentrate in a spare bottle and use this to add to your laundry. Be sure to mark the bottle clearly.

Also, when using a concentrate, be sure to run the washer full of water before adding any, to avoid a problem. — Heloise

## Area Events

### CANYON

Members of the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society met recently for the society's 77th annual meeting.

At the business meeting, Nancy Josserrand of Hereford was elected as president of the PPHS board of trustees for 1998-1999.

Josserrand was born and raised in Loveland, Colo. After her graduation from high school in Loveland, she attended Mills College in Oakland, Calif.

She is married to Robert D. Josserrand and is actively involved in the family business, AZTX Cattle Company in Hereford.

Her other volunteer activities include the Northwest Texas Conference of United Methodist Church Board of Trustees, Ceta Canyon Methodist Camp and Retreat Center Board of Trustees. In addition to being a HOSTS volunteer and a lifetime member of the Girls Scouts of the USA, Josserrand is active in many other civic, fine arts and political organizations.

Society members elected Tom Patterson of Amarillo as president-elect and W. Carr Vincent of Canyon as treasurer. New board members are Larry Franklin of Pampa and Harold Courson of Perryton.

Living history interpretations, demonstrations, performances, food and fun will all be included in the Museum Day '98 celebration Saturday at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon. The family event will begin at 11 a.m. and conclude at 3:30 p.m.

Living history program will be presented by Texas Inter-Tribal Indian Organization, Plum Creek Brigade, and Plainsman Hody Porterfield. Interpretive demonstrations will include flint-knapping, rope-making, woodworking, quilting, spinning and weaving and black-smithing.

Scheduled performances by the Kwahadi Dancers of Amarillo, Amarillo Gunfighters and Indigo Gunfighters will begin at 11:30 a.m. and continue throughout the day.

Museum Day is an annual event in which museums all around the world celebrate their role in preserving, collecting, teaching and interpreting the history of their communities.

### AMARILLO

The Women's Center at the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will present "Women in Touch," a

monthly support group for women living with breast cancer. The "Women in Touch" support group will meet Saturday from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Amphitheatre, 1500 Wallace Boulevard.

The program in May will feature Terry Hargrave, Ph.D., LPC, LMFT, professor of psychology at Amarillo College and staff member at the Amarillo Family Institute and Sharon Hargrave, MA, LMFT, staff member at the Amarillo Family Institute. The presentation is entitled "Communication and Intimacy."

For information please call Kathryn Hughes at the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, 806-359-4673, ext. 283 or 1-800-274-4673.

## Hospital Notes

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## To Your Good Health

**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:** The enclosed clipping says grapefruit juice can have an effect on certain heart medications. Does that apply to verapamil? — R.P.

**ANSWER:** Grapefruit juice can cause increased absorption of quite a few medicines, including verapamil, which is sold under the trade names "Calan," "Isoptin" and "Verelan."

Here's a list of the more-common medicines that grapefruit juice affects:

- The sedatives triazolam (Halcion) and midazolam (Versed).
- The heart and blood-pressure medicines nifedipine (Procardia, Adalat), amlodipine (Norvasc) and verapamil.
- The immune-system-regulating drug cyclosporine (Sandimmune).
- The antihistamine terfenadine (Seldane). Seldane's manufacturer halted production in January, so unless you have hoarded a supply of it, you won't run into it today.

and washing it down with grapefruit juice, check with your doctor.

Grapefruit and grapefruit juice can boost blood levels of such drugs by as much as 1,000 percent.

When a person, right from the start, has been drinking grapefruit juice and taking one of the medicines, side effects of overmedication are unlikely. If you have questions about grapefruit juice's effect on your medication, ask your doctor.

**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:** My friend acquired Ludwig's angina, and we would appreciate any information you have. — R.C.

**ANSWER:** It's been a long time since I've had a request for information on Ludwig's angina, an uncommon illness.

Don't let the "angina" in the name fool you. The condition has nothing to do with the heart. It's a mouth infection.

The infection involves the floor of the mouth and spreads quickly to the back of the mouth and throat.

Mouth-lining tissues can become so swollen that they bulge over the

lower teeth. Neck lymph nodes enlarge. Pus can fill the mouth. Swallowing becomes next to impossible. The swollen tissues can block the passage of air from nose to throat.

A mix of bacteria causes the infection. Streptococcus often is part of the bacteria soup.

For as many as half of all patients, a tooth infection or a tooth extraction is the route bacteria take to infect the mouth.

To control spread, antibiotics are called into action right away. The patient's breathing needs to be monitored. If it appears that the swelling is blocking air flow, then a tube placed in the trachea can be a life-saving measure.

Dr. Wilhelm F. von Ludwig, a German surgeon, first described the condition in the middle of the last century.



### Luncheon for nurses

Melba Patton, seated at left, administrator of Hereford Care Center, honored head nurses with a luncheon at Hereford Country Club during National Nurses Week. Pictured are, seated from left, Irene Grabber, director of nurses; Dorothy Traylor, assistant director of nurses; and standing, Ann Mercer, quality assurance LVN.



### Campers

Junior Girl Scout Troop 217 spent a weekend recently at Caprock Canyons State Park. They learned new camping skills while camping in tents. They hunted for fossils, animal tracks and learned how the canyons were formed while hiking in some of the more secluded areas. Pictured are from left, Regina Nava, Leanna King, Kiabeth Williams, leader Kathy Gallagher, Kaitlin Esqueda, Ulani Cockes-Bottarini, Amanda Keeling, Kasey Gallagher, Kendra Smith, Sabrina Cantu and Poppie Wait. Leader Kristi Milton is not pictured.

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## Today in History

**By The Associated Press**  
Today is Thursday, May 14, the 134th day of 1998. There are 231 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**  
Fifty years ago, on May 14, 1948, the independent state of Israel was proclaimed in Tel Aviv as British rule in Palestine came to an end.

**On this date:**  
In 1643, Louis XIV became King of France at age four upon the death of his father, Louis XIII.

In 1796, English physician Edward Jenner administered the first vaccination against smallpox to an 8-year-old boy.

In 1804, the Lewis and Clark expedition to explore the Louisiana Territory left St. Louis.

In 1904, the first Olympic games to be held in the United States opened in St. Louis.

In 1942, Aaron Copland's "Lincoln Portrait" was first performed by the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Andre Kostelanetz, who had commissioned the work.

In 1942, the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps was established.

In 1955, representatives from eight Communist bloc countries, including the Soviet Union, signed the Warsaw Pact in Poland.

In 1973, the United States launched Skylab, its first manned space station.

In 1975, U.S. forces raided the Cambodian island of Koh Tang and recaptured the American merchant ship "Mayaguez." All 40 crew members were released safely by Cambodia, but some 40 U.S. servicemen were killed in the military operation.

In 1980, President Carter

inaugurated the Department of Health and Human Services.


Ten years ago: Twenty-seven people, most of them teen-agers, were killed when their church bus collided with a pickup truck going the wrong way on a highway near Carrollton, Ky. (The driver of the truck, Larry Mahoney, was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to 16 years' imprisonment.)

Five years ago: President Clinton told a news conference his threat of military force to halt the war in the former Yugoslavia was "still on the table" despite opposition from European allies.

One year ago: Jurors at the Timothy McVeigh trial in Denver saw chilling black-and-white surveillance pictures of a Ryder truck moving toward the Oklahoma City federal building minutes before a bomb blew the place apart.

**Today's Birthdays:** Opera singer Patrice Munsel is 73. Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., is 56. Rock singer-musician Jack Bruce (Cream) is 55. Movie producer George Lucas is 54. Actress Meg Foster is 50. Actress Season Hubley is 47. Rock singer David Byrne (Talking Heads) is 46. Movie director Robert Zemeckis ("Back to the Future") is 46. Actor Tim Roth is 37. Rock singer Ian Astbury (The Cult) is 36. Rock musician C.C. DeVille is 36. Rock musician Mike Inez (Alice In Chains) is 32. Fab Morvan of Milli Vanilli is 32. Singer Danny Wood (New Kids on the Block) is 29. Rapper Freaky Tah (Lost Boyz) is 27. Singer Shanice is 25.

**Thought for Today:** "Dissent is not sacred; the right of dissent is." — Thurman Arnold, American lawyer (1891-1969).



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# Sports

## READY TO BITE

Fangman wants to leave her mark at state meet

By BOB VARMETTE  
Sports Writer

It would make a nice story. A 15-year-old sophomore qualifies for the 1997 state track meet. But nervous and overwhelmed, she just misses out on a medal. She vows to take the experiences learned from her first state meet and employ them to return to the state meet in Austin as a junior -- this time with the goal of winning. It would make a nice story, but it wouldn't be true in the case of Hereford junior hurdler Kristin Fangman.

First of all, Fangman was too busy enjoying her trip to the 1997 Class 4A Track and Field Championships to be nervous and overwhelmed.

"Oh gosh, it was awesome," Fangman said excitedly. "It was one of the best experiences I've ever had. Getting to run in front of that many people, with that much adrenaline, just being one of the elite eight, that was cool."

With all that was happening, Fangman really couldn't find the time to be scared, what with taking it all in -- Austin, Memorial Stadium and upward of 20,000 people in the stands.

"I was just so impressed by how big it was and how many people there were," she said. Last year as a sophomore, Fangman was in the role of a spoiler -- one of the field not expected to challenge for the gold medal -- so she felt little pressure. She said that allowed her to take in and enjoy the experience.

"There was really no pressure -- just do the best you can do," Fangman said.

Fangman earned her fourth-place finish in the 100-meter Hurdles with a time of 15.41 seconds, just one-hundredth of a second out of third place.

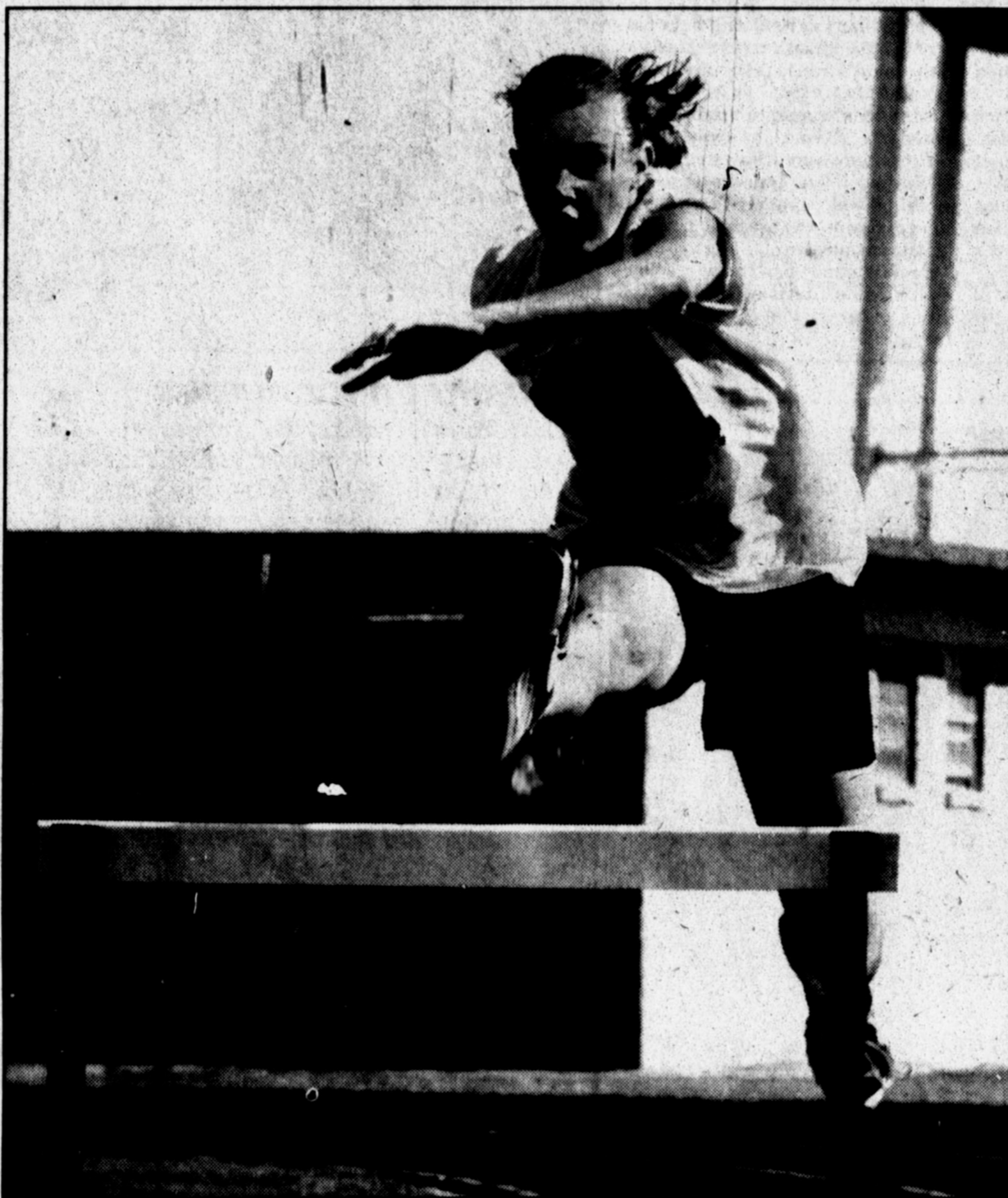
"I felt real proud of her for how she competed under those situations," Hereford head girls track coach Ray Baca said. "I'm almost positive she was the only sophomore in the field, the rest were juniors and seniors."

Teena Cincy of Dallas Roosevelt won the title with a time of 14.57 seconds.

The now 16-year-old 5-10 junior will seek to apply the lessons learned last year in Austin in her second trip to the Class 4A meet Friday and Saturday. Fangman again qualified in the 100-meter Hurdles by winning the Region I-4A title in San Angelo.

In addition to helping herself, she also hopes to help her Hereford teammates making the trip to Austin for the first time.

"I'm trying to help (my teammates) know what to expect because we're from a small town



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**TRACK**

Hereford junior Kristin Fangman takes flight (above) over a hurdle during a recent practice at Whiteface Stadium. Fangman and Hereford head girls coach Ray Baca confer. Fangman will compete in the 100-meter Hurdles at the Class 4A state track meet in Austin Friday and Saturday.

and we've never run in front of that many people," Fangman said. "I'm trying to build it up for them, because it's just the most awesome feeling in the world. It really is."

Awesome is how Fangman feels heading into this year's state meet. She's where she wants to be, but she's not cocky about it.

"I was kind of nervous about it because my fastest time was a 14.9 (seconds)," she said. "Then after Abilene (a state qualifiers meet),

I've run a 14.5 and that helped me so much. Now I know I can hang with the other girls."

It hasn't always been that way. When Fangman first went out for track in junior high school and began running the hurdles, by her own admission, she was lousy.

"I was never the fastest, or anything," she said. "I really didn't like track in junior high. . . ."

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## Nelson lords omnisciently over Irving tournament

By RON SIRAK  
AP Golf Writer

IRVING -- If anyone knows about the growth of golf, it is Byron Nelson, who started in the game as a caddie just miles from here and now plays host to the tournament that carries his name.

"In 1937, when I won the Masters, I was interviewed by one man -- O.B. Keeler," Nelson, 86, said Wednesday at the Four Seasons Club and Resort where the GTE Byron Nelson Classic is played this week.

"He worked for the Atlanta paper and The Associated Press and he was the one that tagged me 'Lord Byron,'" Nelson said. "So the next day all the papers had a headline saying, 'Lord Byron Wins Masters' and the name stuck."

The name stuck, the Masters became an institution and Nelson, who caddied with Ben Hogan at Glen Gardens Country Club in Fort Worth more than 70 years ago, has seen the game boom beyond his wildest dreams.

*"When I started, there were no scoreboards, no communications on the golf course and no gallery ropes," Nelson said. "I would never have believed that we could have flourished like we have."*

-- Byron Nelson

This year, nearly 1,000 journalists covered the Masters, and this week, ticket sales for the practice round and four days of the Byron Nelson Classic were cut off at 260,000 -- more than 50,000 people a day.

"When I started, there were no scoreboards, no communications on the golf course and no gallery ropes," Nelson said. "I would never have believed that we could have flourished like we have."

The PGA Tour has flourished and so has this tournament. Known originally as the Dallas Open, the first competition in 1944 was won by Nelson and the next two were won by Sam Snead and Hogan -- three giants born within six months of each other in 1912.

The tournament took on Nelson's name in 1968. Seven times the winner of this tournament ended up leading the PGA Tour money list for the year -- Nelson (1944), Hogan (1946), Jack Nicklaus (1971), Tom Watson (1978, '79, '80) and Tiger Woods (1997).

The crew that tees off Thursday in the first round -- including Woods, Ernie Els, Justin Leonard, Phil Mickelson and Masters champion Mark O'Meara -- may achieve riches far beyond Nelson, but it's likely Nelson set some records that will never be broken.

In 1945, Nelson won 18 tournaments. That's more than Woods will play total this year on the PGA Tour. That same year, Nelson won 11 consecutive starts.

"Those are records that are going to stand," Nelson said. "They don't have to go play 30 tournaments a year," he said about today's players. "I did. I had to eat."

Among those on hand is Leonard, a local boy who since playing here last year has won the British Open and the Players Championship as well as finishing second in the PGA Championship and the Tour Championship.

"My expectations have gotten a little higher," Leonard, who is still only 25, said Wednesday. "But at the same time, because of my success I don't beat myself up as much when I don't do well. You can't play well every week."

Unless your name is Byron Nelson and the year is 1945.

## Concussion unseen injury drivers must deal with

By MIKE HARRIS

AP Motorsports Writer You can't see it. There's no scar, no cast, no limp. A race driver can deal with those things. A head injury is perhaps the most frightening and mystifying of all. Three-time Winston Cup champion Darrell Waltrip knows that better than most.

He came away from a 1983 Daytona 500 crash with a severe concussion. He drove the next week at Richmond, but later admitted he didn't remember the race.

"It's a pretty scary thing to have to deal with when you can't see it healing or getting better," the 51-year-old driver said. "You just don't want to believe it's really happening to you.

"Other than being burned, I worry most of all about concussions and things like that."

A severe head injury in 1988 ended Bobby Allison's long and brilliant career.

"It's not like a broken leg or arm or something like that," Allison said. "You take a knock to your head and you can lose memory and a lot more than that."

"When that happens, it's all over. You can't race without all your abilities."

Ricky Craven walked away from a crash in April 1997 at Texas with bumps, bruises and a severe concussion. He considered himself lucky.

Now, more than a year and a couple more crashes later, he is going through a slow recuperation



Waltrip



Craven

from post-concussion syndrome, something that doctors can diagnose but can't do much about.

It's different in every case. Some people with multiple concussions can go on with their lives without problem. Others, like Craven, find their life has changed.

"I didn't know for sure that anything was wrong," he said. "I

just didn't feel quite right, and I couldn't pin it down."

It's a difficult thing to deal with in a 3,400-pound stock car at speeds approaching 200 mph.

A 31-year-old man with a wife and two children, Craven saw the need to get some answers. He went to a doctor and found out the only sure cure was rest.

To his great regret, Craven had to step away from his ride with the elite Hendrick Motorsports team, moving to the sidelines for a minimum of three months.

"Man, that's tough," Waltrip said. "You can get in and drive a race car when you've got a cast on. A lot of us have done it. But to walk away from your ride in the middle of a season, especially when you don't really feel injured,

is real hard."

Buddy Baker, whose career ended because of a head injury, admires Craven's decision.

"If you know you're not 100 percent, this is the wrong profession to be in," Baker said.

Craven can do without such praise.

"Wrecking is an element of the sport," he said. "The type of abuse our bodies take is not what they were built for. . . . The problems I was having (on the track) were little ones. For everyday, normal stuff, I'm fine."

"It's the little extra things I take from my senses that make me a race car driver that weren't quite what I needed."

Craven says race drivers don't ever want to admit anything is

wrong.

"I started with Hendrick in '97 and I was real excited about the opportunity," he explained. "My whole focus had been on getting a Winston Cup ride where I had the chance to win races. That becomes your total focus. You ignore things like an achy back or a headache because you want to get to that win so bad."

His problems peaked on March 1 at Las Vegas, where he began to have vision problems.

"When my windshield got dirty there, I had a hard time concentrating and focusing," Craven said.

A week later at Atlanta, the sight problem persisted, and Craven decided it was time to seek

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## Fangman

I didn't have the will, I guess." But where there is a will, there is a way. And Fangman now has the will.

Finding out track wasn't just daily torture after classes went a long way in building Fangman's will. That came her freshman year, and she said much of that was just maturing into the sport, both physically and mentally.

"It's not hard to see if you watch her in her other two sports (volleyball and basketball) that she's just really a naturally gifted athlete," Baca said. "I saw her speed and her willingness to do all those drills and it just seemed natural that she was going to become a good hurdler."

And Fangman discovered track can be fun.

"It's not just running and working out hard, like some people think," Fangman said. "If you go out there to have fun, you will. . . . When it's all over, you look back on it and think, 'I just did that, I just accomplished it,' and it's not so bad."

It's been an evolution for Fangman. The girl who didn't like track when she was in junior high

*"I'm trying to help (my teammates) know what to expect because we're from a small town and we've never run in front of that many people. I'm trying to build it up for them, because it's just the most awesome feeling in the world. It really is."*

-- Kristin Fangman



of the other hurdlers she'll race against at state, but she's a better hurdler, which is going to help her. And she keeps getting faster, every week."

While shying away from saying she expects to win the Class 4A 100-meter Hurdles title, Fangman believes she's competitive enough with the field that she has a good chance of winning a medal, possibly even the gold.

"I'll be disappointed (if I don't win)," she said, "because I know I have the potential to medal down there. So I would be disappointed, but I won't be devastated."

And she knows if not this year, there's her senior year. But she wants to win this year, if for no other reason to return next year as the defending champion.

"I really want to be one of those top dogs next year," Fangman said without equivocation. "I want to be one of those they (the field) want to knock off."

"I want to do well down there. I don't want to have any sense of satisfaction."

And that would make a nice story.

began to find her niche in the hurdle events as a freshman, qualifying for the Region 1-4A meet and placing fourth.

Finding that niche in the hurdle events was a learning process for Fangman. She has also participated in the Long Jump, High Jump and on several relays in her high school career. In fact, when she was a freshman, Fangman thought her future would be in the High Jump.

By last track season, Fangman was a regional champion in the 100-meter Hurdles, and on her way to Austin. This season, she's established herself as one of the leaders in the event.

"I think what makes her a really good hurdler is all the time she spent on it when she was a freshman and a sophomore," Baca said. "She just spends so much time on drills that have really helped her technique a lot."

"She's not quite as fast as some

## Hogue powers Stars past Oilers

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) -- It took the NHL playoffs for Dallas Stars forward Benoit Hogue to come up with the heroics.

Hogue scored twice Wednesday night -- including his second consecutive game-winning goal -- as Dallas dumped the Edmonton Oilers 3-1.

"Benoit has been phenomenal," said Stars center Mike Modano, who has been held scoreless in the series. "That's what you need, a sleeper to come in and really step up."

"And in the last two games he has had key goals, which has taken the pressure off me and a few of our other guys who are looked upon to score."

Dallas holds a commanding 3-1 series lead in its best-of-7 Western Conference semifinal. Game 5 is in

Dallas on Saturday.

Hogue, who now has four playoff goals, sealed the win for Dallas at 11:45 of the third period. He beat Edmonton goaltender Curtis Joseph high on the stick side with a wicked drive from the top of the face-off circle.

"I was surprised it went in," said a beaming Hogue, who scored the winner in overtime in Game 3. "You never expect to get two game-winners on the road. Some great things are happening to me and I'm enjoying it."

"I have had a lot of ice time. . . . The more ice time you get, the more confidence you get. I just hope nothing stops it."

Joseph had little chance on the shot as Oilers defenseman Greg de Vries screened the Edmonton goaltender.

"It's what we wanted, to go back home 3-1," said Hogue. "We're in a good situation right now and we have to make the most of it."

The Oilers did come back from a 3-1 series deficit in the opening round against the Colorado Avalanche. But heading to Dallas to face the determined and defensive Stars poses a much bigger challenge for Edmonton.

Brian Skrudland said the team planned to savor the win for a short while, but it had to avoid falling victim to overconfidence.

"We're going to talk about not coming back to Edmonton," said Skrudland. "We know they're a proud bunch. They believe because they've done it before."

Dallas had 31 shots and a 2-1 lead

in the first two periods of Game 4. And without the heroics of Joseph, the Oilers would have found themselves trailing by more than a goal in the hard-hitting, freewheeling game.

Edmonton center Doug Weight said the Oilers are thinking too much and not just playing the game.

"We've got to go back into Dallas with confidence," he said. "We won the last one there (Game 2) and we're going to try to take one at a time."

"It's going to be the same as against Colorado. . . . Down 3-1 against a good team. It's going to be difficult."

Dallas took a 2-1 lead at 14:52 of the second period when Hogue beat Joseph on a breakthrough.

## Yankees slam Rangers, 8-6 Concussion

NEW YORK (AP) -- A day after hitting his first home run of the season, Bernie Williams hit a grand slam Wednesday night that sent the New York Yankees over the Texas Rangers 8-6.

The Yankees won their third in a row and 25th in 28 games, and stopped Texas' winning streak at five. New York improved to 11-1 at home and have the best record in the majors at 26-7.

Williams, who did not homer in his

first 31 games, connected for a fifth-inning slam off Rick Helling (6-1).

Derek Jeter hit a three-run homer for the Yankees.

Juan Gonzalez and Will Clark had consecutive home runs off David Cone (5-1), and Ivan Rodriguez later homered for the Rangers.

Cone, the first of five Yankees pitchers, allowed seven hits and four runs in 6 1-3 innings. He walked none and struck out seven.

medical help. After tests at the University of North Carolina, Craven was advised to get out of the race car.

He is undergoing therapy for both the concussion and knee surgery he decided to have while sidelined.

The waiting and wondering is excruciating for Craven, who began a driving as a teen-ager.

"The doctors tell me I'm

probably going to be fine, back to normal," he said. "I really can't wait to get back in the race car. But there are no guarantees."

"The thing is, you can't go out there and do what we as race drivers do if you're not 100 percent. If you do that, you're taking an awful risk for yourself, your family and those other guys out there. I don't want to be in that position."

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## Foursome shoots 28

From staff reports

The foursome of Craig Nieman, Tony Barker, Gayle Cornelius and Terry Shipman won the Wednesday Night Scramble at John Pitman Municipal Golf Course.

The group shot a 9-hole total of 28,

one stroke ahead of the foursome made up of Ed Durrett, Kelly Kelso, Ed Ambold and Freddie Gamboa. Bobby Weaver, Rosendo Gonzalez, Doc Weaver and Wally Castillo combined to shoot a 30 for third place.

## Hampton scatters 6 hits to blank Bucs

HOUSTON (AP) -- Mike Hampton gave up six singles in 8 2-3 innings and the Houston Astros beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 1-0 Wednesday night for their fifth straight victory.

Hampton (6-1) struck out five.

In his last three starts, Hampton has given up just two earned runs in 22 2-3 innings.

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## in brief

### Leaders to pressure Japan to jumpstart its economy

**BIRMINGHAM, England (AP)** - Japan's economic malaise and consternation over India's nuclear tests will give world leaders plenty to talk about at their annual summit this week.

At the 24th annual economic summit, the pressure will be on Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto to act more decisively to restart his country's moribund economy. Unless Japan serves as Asia's engine of growth, Japan's troubles could trigger more instability among troubled Asian neighbors.

That doesn't mean the United States, riding high, is off the hook. Even though the U.S. economy can seem to do no wrong at present, with unemployment at a 28-year low, other nations are beginning to worry about America's high-flying stock market. A big fall would send shock waves around the world.

The world's seven leading industrialized powers and Russia - collectively called the Group of Eight - meet for three days of talks beginning Friday.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair, this year's host, is hoping to return the Birmingham summit to its more informal beginnings with a pared down agenda focusing on employment, international crime and the problems in Asia.

### Battle escalates in California over Indian gaming operations

**BANNING, Calif. (AP)** - Casino gambling profits allow the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians to provide members with retirement plans, full-covered health care and day care for children.

If the video slot machines at the tribe's casino in nearby Palm Springs are shut down, tribal leader Richard Milanovich said, "all these programs would be in jeopardy." Jobs would be at stake.

"What's going to happen to them? They are scared right now," he said.

This week has seen an escalating battle over Indian gambling in the nation's most populous state. Tribal leaders, including Milanovich, gathered Wednesday at the Morongo Indian Reservation, 30 miles west of Palm Springs, to denounce government

efforts to shut down their electronic slot machines.

Gov. Pete Wilson says the machines are illegal. A state and federal deadline for tribes to join a model agreement between Wilson and a San Diego County tribe or make deals on their own passed Wednesday with no new deals and no action from authorities.

But all four U.S. attorneys in California were expected to file civil forfeiture suits today to seize or shut down tribal slot machines.

### Prospects clouded for bill on financial businesses

**WASHINGTON (AP)** - Legislation that would allow banks, securities firms and insurers to get further into each other's businesses has cleared the House after 20 years of failed efforts. But the bill's one-vote margin and the threat of a presidential veto make its prospects in the Senate clouded.

The 214-213 tally Wednesday night came after a daylong debate and a nail-biting last few minutes in which several lawmakers switched their votes and the total seesawed between approval and rejection. Some lawmakers paced the floor of the chamber, holding red and green electronic voting cards, one in each hand.

"We went to some people," Rep. John Boehner of Ohio, one of the House Republican leaders, told reporters afterward. "There's no question that some (Republican) members who would rather have voted no, voted yes to move the bill."

### FAA releases more detailed accounting of 737 inspections

**WASHINGTON (AP)** - The government says of 185 Boeing 737s inspected so far, 106 wiring bundles were found to have noticeable chafing in the insulation and plastic coating protecting their fuel pump wires.

Each plane has at least two wire bundles; some planes had no problems while others had trouble in some or all of their bundles.

The Federal Aviation Administration report Wednesday also indicated that the most serious problems appear to be on the fleet's oldest planes. Officials suspect the chafing and wear is caused by engine vibration over a plane's service life.

## 50th anniversary of airlift honored

**BERLIN (AP)** - In a 50th anniversary tribute to history's greatest humanitarian air rescue, President Clinton today recalled the bravery of U.S. and allied pilots whose Berlin airlift was the first battlefield of the Cold War.

"The most precious cargo did not come in the well-named care packages, it was the hope created by the constant roar of the planes overhead," Clinton said in a speech commemorating past heroics and cheering today's unifying Europe. "Berliners called this noise a symphony of freedom," the president said.

With hundreds of airlift veterans looking on from bleachers lined with American and German flags, Clinton led the celebrations at Tempelhof Airport, the main operating base for the U.S. Air Force during the 15-month-long airlift.

The defiance of Moscow's road and rail blockade of West Berlin, Clinton said, was a defining moment of the 20th century, and not just for the Berliners.

"If the communists could fight with fear, then we would fight back with friendship and faith," Clinton said. "The airlift became a sharing of the soul."

Clinton recalled the words of President Truman at the moment he decided to launch the airlift. "There is no discussion on that point," Truman said. "We stay in Berlin, period."

In turn, Chancellor Helmut Kohl expressed Germany's gratitude.

"This city owes its survival and freedom during the Cold War to the firm resolve of the United States and our other Western allies," Kohl said. He called the 462-day airlift a symbol of democracy's durability.

"This experience generated a desire to join together on a firm and long-term basis in the Atlantic alliance," he added, referring to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization that was formed in April 1949 at the peak of the airlift.

Kohl also thanked the United States for supporting the reunification of Germany when the Berlin Wall fell in November 1989 and Soviet communism collapsed. "Our target," he said, "is to complete the building of the European house but we want our American friends to have a permanent right of abode in this house."

In a toast Wednesday evening at a state dinner in his honor, Clinton called the June 1948-September 1949 airlift "the bridge we built together almost 50 years ago."

The airlift, known by the men who flew it as "Operation Vittles," began

June 26, 1948, on orders from President Truman after the Soviets blocked all train and road traffic and cut electricity to the western part of Berlin. The 2 million inhabitants of that area were under the administrative control of the United States, France and Britain. Moscow was trying to force the Western powers to abandon their enclaves 110 miles inside the Soviet-occupied zone of Germany.

In all, the Western allies made more than 277,000 flights in round-the-clock deliveries of more than 2.3 million tons of food, fuel and medicine to Berlin. At the peak of the airlift, aircraft were taking off and landing about every minute. On May 12, 1949, the Soviets ended the blockade.

While recalling the 39 Britons and 31 Americans who lost their lives in the airlift, Clinton also hailed heroes such as Gail Halvorsen, who, as an Air Force 1st lieutenant, began the practice of dropping candy with handkerchief parachutes to the German children watching the landings at Tempelhof.

Halvorsen and other pilots became known as the candy bombers.

Later today Clinton was visiting General Motors' Opel car assembly plant in Eisenach, a town in the formerly communist eastern part of Germany. There he will hail the payoff of close corporate relations between America and Germany.

On Wednesday, Clinton visited the historic Sans Souci palace in Potsdam.

## GOP budget plan draws attack

**WASHINGTON (AP)** - The Clinton administration and congressional Democrats are attacking a plan by the House's top budget writer to cut spending by \$100 billion through 2003, including savings from Medicaid and a plan to kill the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio, was seeking Republican votes for a \$1.7 trillion budget for 1999 that included the cuts. The election-year package would also address a conservative priority by easing the so-called marriage penalty, the higher taxes many people owe when they marry, at a five-year price tag of \$50 billion to \$100 billion.

Changes seemed certain to be made in Kasich's plan before his panel votes next week, as moderate Republicans threatened opposition because it would cut spending too deeply and conservatives complained it didn't go far enough. With just an 11-vote margin in the 435-member House, Republicans can lose the votes of few members and still push a package through the chamber.

"We're not there yet," conceded House GOP Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas, his party's chief vote counter.

The congressional budget does not have to be signed by President Clinton, and its details are nonbinding guidelines unless they reach his desk

later in separate spending and tax legislation. But budgets are statements of how lawmakers would reshape government, and word of Kasich's package prompted Democrats to launch attacks.

"We're disappointed that Chairman Kasich would call for a budget with such misguided cuts aimed particularly at the most vulnerable Americans," said Linda Ricci, spokeswoman for the White House Office of Management and Budget.

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## FUN

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**Holston.** Announcements of various coming community activities were made at the breakfast progressed. Included were:

- City Wide Garage Sale: This chamber-sponsored event will be July 18. In addition to individual garage sales, there will also be sidewalk sales by participating merchants, a craft show and a Farmer's Market;

- Centennial Celebration: Hereford will observe its 100th birthday with activities Aug. 1-8 with each day of the celebration dedicated to a different segment of the city's heritage;

- Texas Plains Chorale: The chorale is composed of singers from five cities and two states. They will hold a concert at 3 p.m. May 31 at Hereford Senior Citizens Center. The group will give a concert tour in England this summer;

- Miss Hereford Scholarship Pageant: The annual pageant, open to young ladies age 16-21, is scheduled for June 13. A salad supper for potential scholarship entrants and their mothers will be held at 7 tonight in the Community Center;

- Mid Plains Reunion: This year's

reunion will be May 23 at the Bull Barn. Prizes are awarded to the oldest man and oldest woman in attendance and to the person who traveled the greatest distance;

- Rotary Club: As a part of Hereford's Centennial Celebration, the Rotary Club is sponsoring a beard-growing contest. Any Hereford male who does not grow facial hair for the centennial will be required to buy a shaving permit.

- Relay for Life: The 2nd Annual American Cancer Society "Relay for Life" will be June 5-6 in Whiteface Stadium. Hereford broke a state record last year with 40 teams, so the goal for this year is 50 teams;

- National EMS Week: May 17-23 is set aside as the week to recognize those who provide this vital service to our community, 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

- Hereford Senior Citizens: This organization has been in Hereford for more than 20 years and provides numerous services and activities for senior citizens. Among these are a daily meal program, homebound meals, water exercise classes, crafts classes, information referral service and transportation including a van with chair lift.

## UP TO PAR

(This week's local Highlights and Golf activities)

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCRAMBLE

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**Garage Sale: 601 Grand, Friday & Saturday.** Furniture, clothes, toys, & lots of miscellaneous, chest freezer. 36344

**Garage Sale: 714 Stanton, Friday & Saturday, 9 to ?.** Miscellaneous items. 36346

**Big Yard Sale: 423 Mable Street, Friday & Saturday 9 to ?.** Furniture, Stereos, Speaker, Good Clothes, Tires, Rims, a lot of miscellaneous. 36347

**Garage Sale: 814 Irving, Friday & Saturday 8 to 5.** Lots of everything. 36348

**Garage Sale: 247 Ironwood, Friday & Saturday, 8:30 til ?.** Clothes, bedspreads, flower pots, curtains, small boys & girls clothes. 36349

**Garage Sale: 701 Thunderbird, Friday 8 to 5 and Saturday 8 to ?.** Dresser, T. V., chairs, clothes, and lots of miscellaneous. 36333

**CROSSWORD**  
 by THOMAS JOSEPH

**ACROSS**  
 1 Pleat  
 5 Set  
 10 Sky  
 12 Role for Leonardo  
 13 Occupied  
 14 Skiers' resort  
 15 Reverence  
 16 Petty braggart  
 18 Powerful beams  
 20 Envision  
 21 Citrus choice  
 23 Superlative suffix  
 24 Not feral  
 26 Olympus group  
 28 Huck's pal  
 29 Long story  
 31 Hockey legend  
 32 Seafood staple  
 36 Virginia river  
 39 Train unit  
 40 Finished  
 41 Not out  
 43 Practical  
 44 Thin coins  
 45 Natatorium features  
 46 "Touched by an

**DOWN**  
 1 Deadly  
 2 Conductor  
 3 Perry et al.  
 4 Dr. of rap  
 5 Paradise (Italian peak)  
 6 Hashanah  
 7 Was a burden  
 8 Noblewoman  
 9 Bard's offering  
 11 Diary bits  
 17 Belief

Angar's role  
 19 Shade source  
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 24 Capital on Lake Ontario  
 25 Listener's choice  
 27 Galley need  
 28 Shredded  
 30 Invite  
 33 Start of a Caesar quote  
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 35 Iron  
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 38 Some poetry  
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Yesterday's Answer  
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**STUMPED?** For answers to today's crossword, call 1-800-454-7377/199¢ per minute, touch-tone / rotary phones. (18+ only.) A King Features service, NYC.

**Yard Sale: 401 Mable St., Friday & Saturday 9 to 6.** Clothes, miscellaneous items, baby items, also Mary Kay Products, Saturday only. 36334

**2 Family Garage Sale: 423 Sycamore, Friday & Saturday, 8 to 5.** Lots of everything!! 36336

**Hereford YMCA GARAGE SALE**  
 Saturday, May 16th  
 Donations now being accepted  
 Call 364-6980

**2. FARM EQUIPMENT**  
 For Sale: 2 - 292 Chevrolet Well Engines. Call 364-1303. 36345

**3. VEHICLES FOR SALE**  
 For Sale: 1985 Chevy 1 Ton Pickup Dually Double Cab, long bed, new motor, new paint. Call 364-6394. 36221

For Sale: 1978 Chevy 5/8 Ton Pickup, new paint. Must see to appreciate. Call 364-6394. 36222

**Marcum Motor Company**  
 413 N. 25 Mile Avenue  
 364-3565

**1995 Chevrolet Cheyenne 4x4**  
 High miles but solid, V8 \$13,900

**1991 Ford Ranger**  
 Gas saver, 5-spd. trans. .... \$5,900

**1993 Dodge Sport Dakota**  
 Sporty & showy, 5-spd. trans. .... \$7,900

**1995 GMC Sierra SWB**  
 Real cute, 305 V8 ..... \$14,900

**1997 Dodge Ram 1500**  
 Real sharp, got to see! ..... \$16,900

**1994 Dodge Ram LWB**  
 Nice 'unt' V8 ..... \$11,900

**1993 Chevrolet Suburban 4x4**  
 High miles but clean & solid ..... \$15,900

**1995 Chevrolet SWB**  
 Beautiful! 5-spd. trans. .... \$16,900

**1988 GMC Sierra LWB**  
 305 V8 ..... \$5,900

**1991 GMC Safari Van**  
 4.3 V6, loaded ..... \$8,900

**1993 Ford Supercab 4x4**  
 Real clean & solid ..... \$10,900

**1991 Dodge Ram LE 4x4**  
 Stout, ready to use ..... \$8,900

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 413 N. 25 Mile Avenue  
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**1992 Buick Park Avenue**  
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 Clean, low miles ..... \$6,900

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 Great for travel, V6 ..... \$8,900

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 Custom Comfortable & smooth, loaded ..... \$10,400

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**5. HOMES FOR RENT**

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Nice, large, unfurnished apartments. Refrigerated air, two bedrooms. You pay only electric-we pay the rest. \$335.00 month. 364-8421. 1320

**6. WANTED**

Lawn Mowing Service. Call: Janice Vasek, 364-6298. 36066

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Hay Hauling by Troy Fowler, Little & Round Bales. Call (806) 364-0486 or (806) 364-6554. 36315

Residential Lawn Mowing! Reasonable Rates. Call 363-6310. 36323

Need to rent a house, at least 3 BR, 2 Baths, minimum of 1600 sq. ft. or larger. Need to occupy last week of June or sooner. Send information including phone number to P. O. Box 673 JS. Will be in town on Friday, May 8, 1998.

Gorgeous 98 Clayton Triple wide under \$49,000. Extras galore! See to believe at this price. Call Bell Mobile Homes, 800-830-3515. 36268

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\$1800 rebate on doublewides and \$1400 rebate on single section. Call Portales Homes 800-867-5639. DL#366 36326

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**APARTMENTS:**  
 Blue Water Gardens  
 HEAT, AC, LIGHTS INCLUDED  
 Rent based on income. Accepting applications for 1, 2, 3, 4 bdrms. CALL Debra or Janie TODAY for information & directions. 12-5pm (806) 364-6861. Equal Opportunity.

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**Tick Bath & Dip Special**  
 every Friday at ...  
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Eldorado Arms Apts, 1 & 2 bedroom unfurnished, apts. refrigerated air, laundry, free cable, water, & gas. 364-2302 or 364-4332. 18873

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For Rent: Nice 2 BR, 1 bath house. Large fenced yard, \$425.00 month, \$100.00 deposit. 506 McKinley, 364-4113. 3615F

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- Give the price. A newspaper consultant says 70 percent of classified readers won't respond to an ad with no price.
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**STOP**  
 Domestic Violence or Sexual Assault  
 Call 363-6727

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 Hereford's most affordable & distinguished Town Homes or Garden Apartments!  
 Leave the expenses of the taxes, insurance, repairs, maintenance and yard work to us!  
 2, 3 & 4 Bedrooms  
 Call 364-0739

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 HEAT, AC, LIGHTS INCLUDED  
 Rent based on income. Accepting applications for 1, 2, 3, 4 bdrms. CALL Debra or Janie TODAY for information & directions. 12-5pm (806) 364-6861. Equal Opportunity.

# Call Jean Watts Classifieds 364-2030

### HELP WANTED

Hereford Care Center needs R.N.'s, L.V.N.'s, Medication Aides, & C.N.A.'s. Come by 231 Kingwood or call 364-7113. 33472

CNA with current Certificate wanted. Good benefit package and competitive wages. Contact King's Manor Methodist Retirement Center, 400 Ranger Drive, M-F, 8 to 5. 36155

Penriders needed at Hartley Feeders. Call 806-365-4666 or call Don Clayton, 806-365-4473. 36244

Canyon ISD is accepting applications for Custodial Positions. Apply at 508 16th St. in Canyon. 36256

WE OVER-PAY OUR PEOPLE! Our company pays some of the highest incomes per working hour. Call 1-888-528-6527. 36262

Hiring Truck Drivers to haul grain in Texas, 25 years or older with Class A CDL. Call 806 647-5384. 36284

Help Wanted: Texas Quick Stop (Texaco), Vega. Clerk/Cook. Start at \$6.00 an hour. 36328

Seeking two Nursery Caregivers for Sunday mornings during church. Call First Presbyterian Church for interviews, 364-2471. 36330

Looking for meaningful part-time work? Strong Christian faith, a love for youth, and a gift to share? Call First Presbyterian Church to talk about "Youth Minister" position. 364-2471. 36331

Bartlett II Feedyard is accepting applications for Penrider, full-time. Experience working with cattle and horses required. Applicant will furnish own equipment and two horses. Apply at Bartlett II Feedyard located 25 miles North of Hereford on FM 2943, or from Canyon 28 miles west on FM 1062 then North on FM 2943, 4 miles. 36331

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**DRUG TESTING REQUIRED. EOE**

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Experienced, energetic technicians. CASE experience preferred to join progressive CASE I H dealership in Friona, Texas. A great place to raise your family. Top pay for qualified persons. Contact: Ernie Wetmore at (806) 247-2721 or fax resume to (806) 247-2276.

More than 900,000 copies of *The Hereford Brand* were distributed in 1997. If your advertising message was not included in many of these issues, you need to call Mauri Montgomery or Julius Bodner, 364-2030, and let them put together an advertising schedule to fit your budget.

Owner-Operators Needed. Choose your fleet. We have a short-haul refrigerated fleet, a short-haul dry freight fleet for single drivers, and a short-haul dry freight fleet for team drivers. Most of our dry freight is either "no touch" or "drop and hook". We pay weekly, we can run you as hard as you want to run and we can get you home on a regular basis. This is an easy sign-on lease with no front money required. We require a 1990 model or newer conventional, 3-axle, sleeper equipped tractor. Small fleet operators welcome. For more details, call Booker Transportation Service, Inc. at 1-800-569-4633, ext. 300, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

### HELP WANTED

Need experienced drivers/owner-operators for established trucking company located in Hugo, KS. Must have valid CDL with tank endorsement, be 25+ years of age & have tank experience. If you qualify, call 800-737-0047.

### 9. CHILD CARE

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## HEREFORD DAY CARE

Offering an excellent program of learning and care for your children 0-12! State Licensed

Also - SPECIAL AFTER-HOURS pick-up for Kindergarten Children!

# 364-5062

### 10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

## NOW OPEN!

# Casa Rica

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Garage Door and Opener Repair & Replacement. Call Robert Betzen, 289-5500. If No answer Call Mobile, 344-2960. 14237

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**A Suit for Damages** against Defendant as is more fully shown in Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit

The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make the return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Hereford, Texas, this 20 day of April A. D., 1998.

**NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. YOU MAY EMPLOY AN ATTORNEY. IF YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY DO NOT FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER WITH THE CLERK WHO ISSUED THIS CITATION BY 10:00 A.M. ON THE MONDAY NEXT AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF FORTY-TWO DAYS FROM DATE OF ISSUANCE OF THIS CITATION A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU.**

Attest: Lola Faye Veazey, Clerk, District Court Deaf Smith, County, Texas, Courthouse, Hereford, Texas, 79045.

### LEGAL NOTICES

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Ruby Norene Baker, Deceased, were issued on May 11, 1998 in Cause No. PR-4395, pending in the County Court of Deaf Smith County, Texas to: FRANK S. ROBBINS.

The residence of the Independent Executor is Rt. 2, Box 53, Hereford, Deaf Smith County, Texas; the post office address is c/o Rex W. Easterwood, Attorney at Law, P. O. Box 273, Hereford, Texas 79045-0273.

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

DATED the 13th day of May, 1998.

By: Rex W. Easterwood Attorney for the Estate State Bar No. 06368000

Sealed bids for a motorgrader to be purchased by Deaf Smith County, Texas, will be opened and read in open Court by the Deaf Smith County Commissioners at 9 AM, June 8, 1998. Specifications may be obtained at 116 S. 25 Mile Avenue in Hereford, Texas. A trade in of a 1973 Caterpillar needs to be taken into consideration and may be seen at the Precinct 3 Barn. The Commissioners reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

### THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: NARIN PHOUNG, P. A.

Defendant, Greeting: You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being Monday the 8 day of June, 1998 at or before ten o'clock A.M. before the Honorable 222nd District Court of Deaf Smith County, Texas, at the Court House of said County in Hereford, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, on the 20 day of April A.D. 1998, in the cause, numbered CI-98D-023 on the docket of said court, and styled, PAUL JUAREZ, ELENA GARCIA, DELIA LUCERO, LUIS JUAREZ, GILBERT JUAREZ, MARY GALAN, MIGUEL JUAREZ AND ONESIMO JUAREZ, EACH INDIVIDUALLY AND AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND LEGAL HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF AURORA JUAREZ, DECEASED VS. HEREFORD REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, NARIN PHONG, P. A., JUDITH READY, R.N., AMANDA HERNANDEZ, R.N., A GREEN, R.N. AND STEPHANIE MARTIN, R.N.

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: PAUL JUAREZ, ELENA GARCIA, DELIA LUCERO, LUIS JUAREZ, GILBERT JUAREZ, MARY GALAN, MIGUEL JUAREZ AND ONESIMO JUAREZ, EACH INDIVIDUALLY AND AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND LEGAL HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF AURORA JUAREZ, DECEASED VS. HEREFORD REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, NARIN PHONG, P. A., JUDITH READY, R.N., AMANDA HERNANDEZ, R.N., A GREEN, R.N. AND STEPHANIE MARTIN, R.N.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit:

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

## Waste dump fight moves to courts

**ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)** - The one thing that both sides in the fight over a nuclear waste dump in the New Mexico desert can agree on is that the courts will be the next battlefield.

The Environmental Protection Agency certified the \$2 billion Waste Isolation Pilot Plant on Wednesday, saying the facility in the salt beds near Carlsbad is safe to store plutonium-contaminated material from the nation's Cold War defense work.

Energy Secretary Federico Pena promptly notified Congress that the agency intends to open the repository. The first shipment is expected June 19.

Environmentalists say that won't happen. They have promised a legal challenge to halt the opening of the 2,150-foot-deep repository and say a federal injunction in place since 1992 will prevent shipments for now.

The radioactive garbage destined for WIPP is largely stored above ground at 23 sites in 16 states. Officials from both the DOE and EPA said they're confident they can win any legal battle, and say the current above-ground storage was never meant to be permanent.

"Everyone's telling us it's really dangerous to leave this stuff around these interim sites, and the minute we have a site... they don't seem to want us to solve the problem," said George Dials, DOE's Carlsbad area manager. WIPP is expected to receive 37,000 shipments over its 30-year life.



### Hereford RIGHT TO LIFE

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For more information contact Alice Hund at 364-3218, Krista Dettlen at 364-7563 or Kim Leonard at 364-8760.

Dry ice is actually solid carbon dioxide. It changes from gas to solid without becoming liquid.

## Clinton may veto highway measure

**WASHINGTON (AP)** - The White House is warning it will veto a massive highway spending bill that it says would bust the budget and hurt the administration's social priorities.

The veto threat came with time running out for Congress to come up with a bill in time for states to sign contracts for summer construction projects.

"We need final action now on this critical legislation," White House budget chief Franklin Raines wrote, issuing a threat to veto any bill that spends the projected budget surplus or forces cuts in education and other domestic programs.

Congressional Republican leaders on Wednesday agreed on a package of \$23.4 billion in federal spending cuts that would offset the extra money they want for highway projects.

The cuts were about \$15 billion from veterans programs, \$4.5 billion from the government-chartered mortgage market company Freddie Mac, \$3 billion from social service block grants and \$1 billion from the Federal Housing Administration. The agreement did not, as earlier proposed, take money from Medicaid programs, said Nicholas Graham, spokesman for Senate Environment and Public Works Committee Chairman John Chafee, R-R.I.

For weeks, President Clinton and other senior officials have expressed concern about the spending levels in competing highway spending bills passed by the House and Senate. But they had avoided talking about vetoing a highly popular bill that passed both chambers by overwhelming margins.

"We use the veto word sparingly, and we've been careful to use it only when we mean it," Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater said in an interview.

The Senate-passed bill seeks a total of \$214 billion over six years for both highway and mass transit programs. The House bill would provide \$217 billion, while differing with the Senate on such key issues as how the money will be distributed to the states, how the gas tax-funded highway trust fund will be funded in the future and how to reduce drunken driving.

Graham said GOP leaders have settled on a compromise figure of \$167 billion for the highway money, about \$6 billion less than what was sought previously, but they are still negotiating on a funding level for mass transit, which traditionally has been about 20 percent of the total transportation money.

A provisional six-month spending program expired on May 1, and lawmakers agree that if they don't come up with a compromise bill by the end of this month it's going to start hurting states that are waiting to start new construction projects.

The administration contends that both bills would allow spending well beyond the caps set in the balanced budget deal last year, requiring big cuts in other programs.

The president will be urged to veto any bill that disrupts the budget "by spending the surplus, by reducing the domestic discretionary caps, by using unacceptable offsets, or by forcing cuts in domestic priorities," Raines wrote to House Transportation Committee Chairman Bud Shuster.

### 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.

#### 5-14 CRYPTOQUOTE

VGT QRVGTL PGB XBTL  
SBV VTRFG GJI IBS GJI  
XZVJTI JI TKZRUW  
EZJUWV RI VGT IBS PGB

STEUTFVI VGTA. - FBSQZJFZI  
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: I DO BELIEVE THERE IS MANY A TEAR IN THE HEART THAT NEVER REACHES THE EYE. - NORMAN MAC EWAN

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### CATTLE FUTURES

Month	Open	High	Low	Settle	Change
May	71.50	71.50	71.50	71.50	0.00
Jun	71.75	71.75	71.75	71.75	0.00
Jul	72.00	72.00	72.00	72.00	0.00
Aug	72.25	72.25	72.25	72.25	0.00
Sep	72.50	72.50	72.50	72.50	0.00
Oct	72.75	72.75	72.75	72.75	0.00
Nov	73.00	73.00	73.00	73.00	0.00
Dec	73.25	73.25	73.25	73.25	0.00
Jan	73.50	73.50	73.50	73.50	0.00
Feb	73.75	73.75	73.75	73.75	0.00
Mar	74.00	74.00	74.00	74.00	0.00
Apr	74.25	74.25	74.25	74.25	0.00

### GRAIN FUTURES

Month	Open	High	Low	Settle	Change
May	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	0.00
Jun	2.55	2.55	2.55	2.55	0.00
Jul	2.60	2.60	2.60	2.60	0.00
Aug	2.65	2.65	2.65	2.65	0.00
Sep	2.70	2.70	2.70	2.70	0.00
Oct	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75	0.00
Nov	2.80	2.80	2.80	2.80	0.00
Dec	2.85	2.85	2.85	2.85	0.00
Jan	2.90	2.90	2.90	2.90	0.00
Feb	2.95	2.95	2.95	2.95	0.00
Mar	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	0.00
Apr	3.05	3.05	3.05	3.05	0.00

### METAL FUTURES

Month	Open	High	Low	Settle	Change
May	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	0.00
Jun	1.55	1.55	1.55	1.55	0.00
Jul	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	0.00
Aug	1.65	1.65	1.65	1.65	0.00
Sep	1.70	1.70	1.70	1.70	0.00
Oct	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	0.00
Nov	1.80	1.80	1.80	1.80	0.00
Dec	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85	0.00
Jan	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90	0.00
Feb	1.95	1.95	1.95	1.95	0.00
Mar	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	0.00
Apr	2.05	2.05	2.05	2.05	0.00

### FUTURES OPTIONS

Month	Open	High	Low	Settle	Change
May	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.00
Jun	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.00
Jul	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.00
Aug	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.00
Sep	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.00
Oct	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.00
Nov	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.00
Dec	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.00
Jan	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.00
Feb	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.00
Mar	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00
Apr	1.05	1.05	1.05	1.05	0.00

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*Names in the News*

**CARY GUFFEY**

GADSDEN, Ala. (AP) - At 3, Cary Guffey was stealing scenes in "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

Now 26, he still remembers how he was able to cry on cue in the 1977 blockbuster film, newly restored and released this week in stores.

Guffey, who was recruited from a Georgia preschool by a casting director who had gone there to pick up her niece, thought out to be a natural to play Barry Guiler, the wide-eyed blond child who is the subject of alien interest.

At the end of the movie, he was told to act sad as the aliens left. Director Steven Spielberg suggested he think about never seeing his friends again.

"My 3-year-old brain thought I really wouldn't be seeing my childhood friends again," Guffey said this week. "I really cried. Those were real tears in the movie."

The unscripted tears prompted everyone else on the set to cry as well.

"It worked out well," Guffey said. "It was a very pure moment."

**JEREMY LONDON**

LOS ANGELES (AP) - "Party of Five" star Jeremy London has tossed his eyeglasses.

The nearsighted actor who plays Griffin on the popular Fox series underwent laser surgery on both eyes Wednesday at the University of California Medical Center's Jules Stein Eye Institute.

"He's fine and he can see 20-20," Arthur Barrett, spokesman for ophthalmologist Robert Maloney, said after the hour-long surgery.

London said he was so nearsighted that, without his glasses, he couldn't see the crew working behind his TV wife played by actress Neve Campbell.

"Not being able to see the crew helps me focus on my work," London said before the surgery. "It's a little funny but I'm going to have to overcome this new problem of perfect eyesight. No problem."

**ROBERT REDFORD**

NEW YORK (AP) - Robert Redford is mulling his next project now that "The Horse Whisperer" is done, and he doesn't rule out a working reunion with old pal Paul Newman.

The duo teamed to success in "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" and "The Sting," and they've talked about working together again. But only on the right job.

"There hasn't been anything worthwhile to come along," Redford said in a recent interview. "It's not that we're against it. We're for it." But they're not interested in sequels.

"Very often the original is the best, and you let 'em alone," he said.

In "The Horse Whisperer," which Redford directed and co-produced, he plays the whisperer - a man who brings peace to wild horses through patience and care. The movie opens Friday.

**GARTH BROOKS**

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Garth Brooks' favor turned into a labor of love for little boy.

Brooks and other country music singers came together to record "One Heart at a Time" to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

"Very few times does the music get to do what I think God intended it for - and that was for good things, so this is neat," Brooks said after taping the song and a music video.

While recording the song, written by his Grammy Award-winning songwriter friend Victoria Shaw, Brooks was introduced to Charlie Coffey, a 5-year-old boy with cystic fibrosis.

"I came here to do a friend (Shaw) a favor and I'm leaving here having the favor done to me because I got to meet Charlie and I got to be a part of this," Brooks said.

Brooks, Bryan White, Faith Hill, Neal McCoy, Billy Dean, Olivia Newton-John and Michael McDonald recorded "One Heart at a Time," which will go on sale Tuesday.

**JOHN E. KIRKPATRICK**

MIAMI (AP) - The son of former United Nations Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick faces domestic-violence charges for the second time in little more than a year.

Police arrested John E. Kirkpatrick after a police officer stopped his car and reported seeing him strike his girlfriend. The officer saw a sobbing woman get out of Kirkpatrick's car at an intersection.

Kirkpatrick, a Miami lawyer, was charged April 2 with battery.

"I am not guilty," said Kirkpatrick, who spent a night in jail. He was released the following day on \$7,500 bond pending a May 27 court appearance.

Kirkpatrick's first domestic violence arrest was in January 1997, when he was charged with trying to choke the same woman, who at the time was pregnant with their daughter. He entered a domestic intervention program.

In a separate case, Kirkpatrick faces trial on a drunken-driving charge June 10.

**MARV ALBERT**

MIAMI (AP) - Is Marv Albert in for more Heat?

The fallen announcer is pursuing the play-by-play TV job for Miami's basketball team, but Heat officials are reluctant to lose their current voice.

"The idea of hiring Marv Albert was intriguing and interesting," team vice president Michael McCullough said Tuesday. "But Eric Reid is our man. He will continue to do television."

Reid's contract expired at the end of the season. The Miami Herald reported Wednesday that WYHS, which just acquired TV rights to Heat games, is interested in hiring Albert, but the decision rests with the club.

In New York, the Daily News quoted an unidentified industry source as saying the Heat put out "informal and preliminary" inquiries to Albert.

WASHINGTON (AP) - Enough agricultural pollution defouls America's rivers and streams to harm aquatic life and curtail human activity on the equivalent of 74 Mississippi Rivers, federal regulators say.

Agricultural chemicals, erosion and animal waste runoff cause serious problems in more than 173,000 miles of rivers and streams, Environmental Protection Agency officials told Congress on Wednesday. The Mississippi is 2,340 miles long.

Farming contributes to 70 percent of waterway pollution, outstripping sewage treatment plants, urban storm sewers and pollution deposited from the air, the EPA said.

"You can see there is a significant problem out there," EPA wastewater management director Michael Cook told the House Agriculture Committee. "Serious water quality problems persist throughout the country."

Cook's comments underscored the

EPA's proposed regulations on big livestock feeding operations, which confine thousands of animals in a small space and produce huge amounts of waste. The rules are the first step of several as EPA updates the Clean Water Act.

Current federal rules, Cook said, "are not adequate to deal with the modern industry" in which the average number of animals per farm has doubled and sometimes tripled in cattle, hogs, chickens and turkeys since 1978.

About 20 percent of waterway pollution was traced to livestock waste in 22 states that looked at specific sectors of agriculture, he said. Although waste spills sometimes occur, most of the problem stems from its use as fertilizer on crops.

Although the largest livestock operations are subject to EPA rules, most of the estimated 450,000 answer to state regulatory bodies, some

tougher than others. The EPA says a single standard is needed to prevent companies from seeking out lax states and to keep areas equal economically.

Some in Congress are skeptical. Rep. Larry Combest, R-Texas, said the proposal "runs counter" to a longtime federal effort to have farmers comply voluntarily with environmental guidelines and allow states to enforce their own rules.

"If compliance with current regulations is inadequate, then that is what needs to be focused on before any new regulatory schemes are pursued," said Combest, chairman of the Agriculture Committee's livestock subcommittee.

Opponents of large, confined livestock farms, Combest said, could also use the EPA rules to appeal to the "emotional and economic issues" that have arisen as smaller operations dwindle across the country.

"I fear an ill-conceived and

misguided regulatory attempt targeted at large factory-type operations will wrongly hit many medium-sized family livestock operations," he said.

Cook assured Agriculture Committee members that the EPA intends to focus only on the largest farms and those with bad track records. Working with the Agriculture Department, the thrust will be on voluntary compliance, technical and financial assistance and research, he said.

But Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., said farmers must be held accountable for problems caused by livestock waste downstream such as unnatural growth of algae and other organisms, fish kills and nondrinkable water.

"We need to protect privacy and preserve a cooperative relationship with farmers as much as possible, but cooperation is a two-way street," he said.

**LIVESTOCK WASTE**  
EPA: Agriculture is biggest polluter of rivers

**Tobacco money to offset costs**

WASHINGTON (AP) - A proposal being circulated within the Senate Finance Committee would set aside billions of dollars in tobacco industry money to help the self-employed pay for health insurance.

There was a possibility of the committee meeting today because a number of senior members were pushing for changes in Sen. John McCain tobacco bill - already approved by the Commerce committee - before it goes to the Senate floor.

"We feel very strongly about this," the committee's chairman and senior Democrat, Sens. William Roth, R-Del., and Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York, wrote to Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott and Minority Leader Tom Daschle.

Some Republicans, including McCain and Lott, insisted that the finance panel's demand was an attempt to delay the bill and possibly

kill it.

"It is not, and has never been, my intention to slow this bill down," Roth countered in a statement. He did say he was interested in preserving the panel's claim to bills that raise and spend taxpayer money.

McCain's bill including the sponsor himself, would charge the industry at least \$516 billion over 25 years, give the Food and Drug Administration vast power to regulate tobacco and raise the price of cigarettes \$1.10 a pack by 2002.

Other government analyses say estimate the cost to the tobacco companies would be closer to \$800 billion over 25 years.

Though it broadly outlines how the money should be spent, the bill leaves many spending priorities to be hashed out during Senate debate.

Roth's committee is expected to produce an amendment directing that

**CROPS**

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well. "Planting of cotton, peanuts and sorghum continues," he said.

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by area district extension directors:

**PANHANDLE**  
Soil moisture short to adequate. Range grass continues to green up. Cattle in good condition. Wheat needs rain; rated fair to poor. Some cotton and peanuts planted. Corn is rated fair to good; planting almost complete.

**SOUTH PLAINS**

Soil moisture very short to short. Pastures and ranges in fair condition; rainfall needed. Livestock in good condition. Corn looking good. Planting of cotton, peanuts and sorghum continues. Wheat in fair condition; needs moisture.

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

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**REBATE**

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previous year, also declined in May, receiving \$100,445.27, a 4.2 percent drop from the \$104,882.54 payment in May 1997.

Pampa received \$259,763.11, 2.6 percent below \$266,708.46 received in May 1997.

Plainview also saw its payment drop, falling 0.7 percent to \$276,695.88 from \$278,633.40 in May 1997.

Borger experienced a decline from May 1997. The city received

\$238,980.12, down 5.4 percent from \$252,623.19 for May 1997.

Dumas, which rebounded in April, fell back in May. The city received \$78,455.50, down 4.7 percent from the \$82,346.27 it received in May 1997.

Among the area counties, Castro County received \$11,410, down 10.9 percent from the \$12,803 it received last May; Hale County received \$95,848, down 15.6 percent from the \$113,593 it received in May 1997.

The comptroller's next sales tax allocation is scheduled for June 12.

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