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Nolen: Use up

By DONALD M. COOPER
 Brand Editor

It's hot, the ground's parched, and the weather forecasters say there's no relief in sight.

That's the prescription for higher water use in the city as homeowners crank up the sprinklers to try to keep their lawns from turning into barren wastelands, and parents fill up the wading pools for their kids to have a cool place to play.

Even though water usage has jumped dramatically since the heat wave and drought conditions settled in over the Panhandle, Hereford City Manager Chester Nolen says there's no plans to curtail water service.

"We (normally) average about 4 million to 5 million gallons (of water) a day. Now we're up near 7 million gallons," Nolen said.

The city's water supply system has a capacity of 13 million gallons per day, a figure that has never been approached, Nolen said.

"Our peak was 7 1/2 million several years ago," he said, adding it wasn't during a drought, so he doesn't know why the surge in water usage.

Although the city officials are joining the farmers and ranchers in hoping for rain, Nolen said there are no plans for rationing water.

"None of our water is from the surface, it's all from wells. But we always urge conservation," he said. Residents shouldn't water during the middle of the day, "all the normal things," he said.

"Just because we have the capacity doesn't mean we need to use it," Nolen said. "We've been fortunate in the last several years. When we've gone after additional water supplies,



Photo by Don Cooper

Lack of moisture has opened up cracks in this flowerbed on the west side of the Deaf Smith County Courthouse.

we've gotten them. But, folks just need to be careful."

Even though the city has an adequate supply of water, the drought conditions still are having an effect. The Deaf Smith County commissioners earlier in the month enacted an open-burn policy and banned the use of fireworks.

Although farmers can burn field stubble, there are restrictions, such as no burning if the wind is 10 mph or greater, and the county fire marshal must be notified in advance.

Also, the prohibition on fireworks has caused the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce to cancel its annual Fourth of July fireworks show. The show has been tentatively

rescheduled for Aug. 8, during the annual Town & Country Jubilee.

More than 100 counties in Texas have adopted burn bans that prohibit open burning. Fireworks bans also are in effect in many cities and counties across the state.

Because of the drought conditions across Texas, President Clinton earlier this week declared an emergency and ordered federal assistance to help fight wildfires and prevent future outbreaks.

Clinton's declaration followed a request by Gov. George W. Bush and other state officials, as well as a determination by the Federal Emergency Management Agency that an "extreme threat" exists in

population areas because of recent wildfires.

The emergency declaration means 70 percent of the state's costs in fighting fires, now raging in Edwards, Real, Jeff Davis and Falls counties, will be picked up by the federal government under FEMA's fire suppression grant program.

The federal government also will pay for 75 percent of the cost of prepositioning personnel and firefighting equipment in strategic areas where the risk of fire is extremely high.

Drought-fueled fires caused an estimated 143,000 acres to burn since May 1.

HISD announces staff shuffle

Several teachers and staff members in the Hereford Independent School District will be taking on new positions when school starts this fall.

The HISD administration this week released an incomplete list of intra-district transfers, effective June 22.

ADMINISTRATION

HIS Principal Steve Nash has transferred to the administration staff as a grant writer specialist.

Bluebonnet counselor Karen Langford will move to the administration building as diagnostician.

HIGH SCHOOL

Linda Lowe, former HISD assistant principal, has been named high school principal.

Stacy Bixler moves from HISD teacher/coach to HISD assistant principal. Sarah Lawson, West Central special education, will be an new HISD assistant principal.

Bill Nelson, assistant band director, will be the new head band director.

HIS career investigation resource specialist will be Cliff Golden, former transition coordinator. Camille Beville, former HISD bridge teacher, will replace Golden.

Key Harrison moves from HISD teacher/coach to head girls' basketball coach. James Salinas will be the new golf coach, moving from a junior high teaching/coach position.

JUNIOR HIGH

Pete Rodriguez, former HISD teacher/coach will be the new junior high assistant principal.

Former Bluebonnet physical education teacher Travis Schulte will be a junior high teacher/coach. Aikman counselor Karen Roberts will transfer to HJH. Theresa Allen, former second-grade Aikman teacher, moves to HJH as a reading teacher.

BLUEBONNET

Richard Saucedo, former assistant principal at HJH, has been named principal at Bluebonnet.

Cuca Salinas will leave first grade at Aikman to become assistant principal at Bluebonnet.

Kindergarten teacher Leslie Shaw moves to the fifth grade.

TIERRA BLANCA

Sharon Hodges, former assistant principal, will take over as Tierra Blanca principal.

Sheri Blankenship, former HJH math teacher, will become assistant principal at TB. Lori Hochstein, first grade teacher, will become a special education teacher at Tierra Blanca.

WEST CENTRAL

Janice Carr, fifth-grade teacher, be the new librarian at West Central.

STANTON

Northwest kindergarten instructor Mary Israel will transfer to Stanton as a pre-K instructor.

The HISD administration will announce additional interdepartmental changes.

'Too many of us have become passive and disengaged. Too many of us lack confidence in our capacity to make basic moral and civic judgments, to join with our neighbors to do the work of community, to make a difference.'

- Report, National Commission on Civic Renewal

Report: America becomes nation 'of spectators'

WASHINGTON (AP) - America is becoming a "nation of spectators," according to a report that says too many people have disengaged from government and community work and calls on citizens to nurture civic life back to health.

The report was released Wednesday by the National Commission on Civic Renewal, which spent 11 1/2 years studying the state of citizenship in American life. The 18-member commission is one of several groups monitoring the nation's civic and moral condition.

"Too many of us have become passive and disengaged," said the commission, chaired by William Bennett, former Republican education secretary, and former Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga. "Too many of us lack confidence in our capacity to make basic moral and civic judgments, to join with our neighbors to do the work of community, to make a difference."

Bennett told a news conference the report is tough on Americans because "it holds them responsible for many of these problems. Much of what has gone wrong has not been done to us; we have done it to ourselves."

The report contends: "Never have we had so many opportunities for participation, yet rarely have we felt so powerless. In a time that cries out for civic action, we are in danger of becoming a nation of spectators."

In May, the Council on Civil Society released a report that said family-hour TV, fewer commercials, no lotteries and strengthened divorce and tax laws would be good starting places to bolster the family, revive civil society and proclaim a public moral philosophy.

The new study, however, isn't entirely gloomy. It shows stirrings of new community action. They have uncovered cases where neighborhoods are organizing to bring back jobs, more young people are volunteering and civic entrepreneurs are using the Internet to organize.

Some negative trends are reversing course. The report says the divorce rate has declined and more teens are abstaining from sex. Crime rates, while higher than a generation ago, are falling. And student performance, though far from stellar, is up from the early 1980s.

"This report confirms statistically as well as anecdotally one of our greatest suspicions - the United States is experiencing an unprecedented weakening of self-government and personal responsibility," Bennett said.

The report, which calls on every American to become active in school, church or community organization, makes these recommendations:

- Adults, whenever possible, should commit themselves to raising children in two-parent families. More must be done to stem teen pregnancy and out-of-wedlock births. Absent fathers should be reunited with their families. Barriers to adoption should be erased and foster care should be reformed.

- Citizens should get involved in neighborhood crime watches, cleaning, repairing and patrolling public parks, and providing escorts for children walking to school.

- Pupils should be given more responsibility for cleaning up and maintaining discipline. They should be encouraged to do more community work and demonstrate civic knowledge as a condition of getting a high school diploma. A voluntary national testing system should be developed.

- The entertainment industry should be held "as accountable for civic harm" as the tobacco industry is for physical harm.



SAM NUNN
 ... Co-chairman

FOSTER NOTES

Court rejects Starr request

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Supreme Court today thwarted Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr's effort to get the notes taken by White House aide Vincent Foster's lawyer during a meeting shortly before Foster's 1993 suicide.

The court, by a 6-3 vote, ruled that the attorney-client privilege of confidentiality protects against disclosure of the notes even after Foster's death.

The decision, a setback for Starr, will have an enormous lasting impact on the legal profession and all Americans who at some time seek a lawyer's help.

The justices overturned a federal appeals court ruling that Washington lawyer James Hamilton's three pages of notes might have to be surrendered to a Whitewater grand jury that issued a subpoena for them in 1995.

"It has been generally, if not universally, accepted for well over a century that the attorney-client privilege survives the death of the client in a case such as this," Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist wrote for the court. "While the arguments against the survival of the privilege are by no means frivolous, they are based in large part on speculation."

Starr is trying to determine whether presidential aides lied about whether Hillary Rodham Clinton had a role in a White House purge of its travel office staff. She has said she had no role, but a draft memo by a former White House aide given to Whitewater investigators in 1996 says the first lady was behind the dismissals in the seven-employee office.

The memo also says that Foster spoke to Mrs. Clinton about the travel office issue.

LINE-ITEM VETO

Justices throw out '96 law

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Supreme Court today struck down as unconstitutional the line-item veto law that let the president cancel specific items in tax and spending measures.

The 6-3 decision said the law violates that part of the Constitution requiring every bill to be presented to the president for his approval or veto.

The court said the Constitution does not allow for what, in effect, are partial vetoes.

That type of line-item veto can be authorized only through a constitutional amendment, the justices said. The law was challenged by New York City and an Idaho potato growers' group after provisions they sought were vetoed by President Clinton.

Clinton was the first president to exercise a line-item veto, an authority sought by nearly every president this century as a tool to limit pork-barrel spending.

A federal judge ruled the line-item veto unconstitutional in February, saying Congress could not delegate such authority to the president. The line-item veto law is the only major provision of the 1994 House Republican "Contract with America" campaign manifesto that Clinton endorsed.

The law let the president sign a bill and within five days go back to reject specific spending items or tax breaks in it. Congress then could reinstate the item by passing a separate bill.

Opponents of the line-item veto argued that once a law is signed by the president, it can be changed only in the way prescribed by the Constitution for enacting a law - a congressional vote followed by the president's signature.

'INDECENT' ART

Some grants can be denied

WASHINGTON (AP) - The government can deny cash grants to artists because their work is considered indecent, the Supreme Court ruled today, saying the policy does not violate artists' free-speech rights.

The 8-1 decision said the National Endowment for the Arts can consider decency, as well as artistic merit, in deciding who gets public money for the arts.

The law "neither inherently interferes with First Amendment rights nor violates constitutional vagueness principles," Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote for the court.

"So long as legislation does not infringe on other constitutionally protected rights, Congress has wide latitude to set spending priorities," she wrote. "Congress may selectively fund a program to encourage certain activities it believes to be in the public interest."

Congress set the decency standard in 1990 after a furor over the NEA's role in funding such works as the homoerotic images of Robert Mapplethorpe and Andres Serrano's photograph of a crucifix immersed in urine.

Lower courts struck down the law, saying it was too vague and violated artists' free-speech rights under the Constitution's First Amendment.

The law requires the NEA to judge grant applications on artistic merit, "taking into consideration general standards of decency and respect for the diverse beliefs and values of the American public."

The law was challenged by a group of artists, including Karen Finley, who is known for a performance in which she smeared her nude body with chocolate to symbolize the oppression of women.

A federal judge in California ruled the law unconstitutional, as did the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

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Local Roundup

Migrant student scholarship offered

College students who are from migrant families and who have completed one year of college may be eligible for the Migrant Farmworker Harvest of Hope Scholarship. Applications may be picked up by calling Sara Pesina at 363-7620, Hereford High School, 200 Ave. F; or Patti Nash at 363-7600, HISD Administration Building, 600 N. 25 Mile Ave.

Applications and letters of recommendation are due by July 1.

Church softball teams forming

Hereford YMCA church co-ed softball leagues are now forming. Registration begins July 9, with games begin July 13 at the Nazarene field. Games will be at 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings. The cost is \$200 per team. For more information, contact Weldon Knabe at the YMCA.

Memorial 10-K run

The Greg Black Memorial 10-K fun run will begin at 8 a.m. Aug. 8 at the Hereford YMCA. Entry fee is \$10 in advance, \$12 the day of race.

Lunch is ready

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

Farmers Market

All vendors interested in selling produce during this year's Hereford Farmers 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.

City Wide Garage Sale

The Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce will accept garage sale registrations for the 2nd Annual City Wide Garage Sale through July 13.

The event will be 8 a.m.-5 p.m. July 18.

The registration fee is \$10, and each garage sale will be listed on a locator map and furnished with a yard sign. Garage sales are to be registered at the chamber office, 701 N. Main.

Census help

The Census Bureau will administer census enumerator tests every other Tuesday through Aug. 18, at the Texas Workforce Commission, 1700 25 Mile Ave.

Tests will be administered at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

For more information, contact the TWC office at 364-8600.

Clear

Tonight, clear with a low in the lower 70s, south to southwest wind 15-25 mph with higher gusts.

Friday, sunny and breezy, hot with a high 100 to 105, west to southwest wind 15-25 mph and gusty. Friday night, clear with a low around 70.

Extended forecast

Saturday, mostly clear with highs from 100 to 105. Sunday through Monday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of late afternoon and evening thunderstorms, lows in the mid-to upper 60s and highs from 95 to 100.

Wednesday recap

High, 102; low, 69; no precipitation.

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Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for June 24, 1998, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Arrests

- A 34-year-old man was arrested in a local motel on a warrant for driving without insurance.
- A 31-year-old man was arrested in the 300 block of Forrest Avenue and charged with driving while intoxicated and trying to elude police.
- A 24-year-old man was arrested for not displaying a driver's license to a peace officer.
- A 32-year-old man was arrested for driving with an expired license.

Incidents

- A refrigerator was stolen from a rent house in the 100 block of Hereford Calle.
- A silver recovery system, valued at \$194, was stolen from a local medical clinic.
- A theft of gasoline was reported from a convenience store in the 800 block of S. 25 Mile Avenue.
- A domestic dispute was reported in the 300 block of South Texas. No Assault.
- A domestic dispute reported in

- the 400 block of Lawton.
- An argument between two women was reported in the 200 block of North Lee.
- A prowler was reported in the 500 block of George.
- Drunks were reported in the 300 block of Adelito Calle.
- A prowler was reported in the 600 block of Schley.
- Loud music was reported in the 600 block of Star.
- A bicycle was reported stolen in the 500 block of Irving.
- Shoplifting was reported in the 600 block of Avenue K.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Arrests

- A 36-year-old man was arrested for violation of probation.
- ##### Incidents
- A theft was reported.
- #### FIRE DEPARTMENT
- Firefighters responded to a structure fire at a liquor store west of Hereford, close to Summerfield.
 - Firefighters responded to a wheat stubble fire on N. Ave. K. *Complete details were not available due to firefighters being out on a grassfire north of town.

Sharp proposes school funding relief

AUSTIN (AP) - Relief for wealthy school districts that have to share some property tax revenue with the rest of the state and a higher guaranteed funding level for poor districts were proposed Wednesday by Democratic lieutenant governor candidate John Sharp.

Sharp, the state's comptroller, also advocated setting aside \$200 million annually from Texas' tobacco lawsuit settlement to pay for building and renovating classrooms. He said education must be Texas' priority.

"Do you believe our priorities are right when we've got our school children in portable buildings and

we've got our prisoners in the good stuff?" Sharp asked an education conference sponsored by the Texas Association of School Administrators, Texas Education Agency and University of Texas' College of Education.

Sharp said his other two funding proposals would have to be phased in over a number of years because together, they would cost \$700 million annually.

Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry, Sharp's Republican opponent, outlined an education and anti-gang plan he has been touting around the state.

Among Perry's points are a "reading master" program to reward expert teachers in that subject; encouragement of after-school centers by community, faith-based and law enforcement groups for students; and making gang recruitment a felony.

"My education plan will create the best schools in America," Perry said.

Perry also supports a pilot voucher program to allow parents of children in low-performing schools to use public funds to transfer them to other public, private or religious schools.

Sharp said a voucher program is "what you do when you've given up

on public education. ... It's the last thing you do, not the first thing you do." He added, however, that he wouldn't rule out a pilot program if elected.

As for Sharp's proposals to change the share-the-wealth school funding system known as Robin Hood, Perry spokesman Ray Sullivan said Perry also believes the current system is "divisive and unworkable in the long run."

The system, which requires school districts with the most property wealth to share with the rest of the state, met court muster after years of litigation aimed at equalizing funding. Schools are funded with state aid, local property tax revenue and some federal money.

Under Sharp's proposals, school districts would have to share property wealth with the rest of the state when they have more than \$310,000 in property value per student. The current limit is \$280,000.

Currently, 85 school districts must share out of 1,044. Sharp said his plan would reduce that by 10. He said it also would affect 32 other school districts currently on the verge of having to share. That part of the plan would cost the state an estimated \$84 million.

Sharp also proposes increasing from \$21 to \$24 the amount guaranteed to school districts for each penny of property tax over 86 cents per student. That would make up the rest of the estimated annual cost. Sharp emphasized it could not be completed in the next legislative session.

Al Kauffman of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, which has played a key role in school funding litigation, said if both parts of the plan were implemented, "My gut feeling would be low-wealth school districts would approve of that. It would increase their funding significantly."

But he said if only the wealthy districts were given relief, it would increase disparities and MALDEF would oppose that.

In other political developments: - An unscientific survey by the Texas Federation of Teachers of its members found 42.5 percent of respondents preferred Democratic gubernatorial candidate Garry Mauro and 39.3 percent favored Republican Gov. George W. Bush. Another 17.2 percent were undecided and 1 percent preferred "other."

Of the 875 members responding, 42.2 percent identified themselves as Democrats, 26.5 percent as Republicans, 19.7 percent as independent and 11.7 percent as other.



Smoke in the air

Thick clouds of smoke billowed up from a wheat stubble field on North Avenue K Wednesday evening. The stubble was apparently touched off by a spark from a nearby electric watering system. Officials continue to warn residents to be aware of possible fire hazards.



Troopers temporarily assigned to Jasper

Bush refutes Mauro's claim, more should have been done

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - A sizeable contingent of state law officers will be on duty at Saturday's Ku Klux Klan rally in Jasper to ensure the safety of local citizens, Gov. George W. Bush says.

"I do have concerns. I wish the KKK would go away. I wish they wouldn't show up. These are people who spread a message of hate that is harmful for the state of Texas," Bush said Wednesday.

The white supremacist group has planned a rally in the small East Texas town in the wake of the June 7 killing of James Byrd Jr., who authorities said was dragged to death because he was black.

Three white men have been charged in the death. "I'm very disappointed the KKK has decided to stir things up," Bush

said. "But we'll make sure the people are safe there."

Bush said "plenty" of Texas Department of Public Safety officers will be assigned to Jasper this weekend.

The governor made the remarks after a speech to a Texas Gang Investigators Association conference in which he emphasized his commitment to tough juvenile justice laws.

Bush said he wants to increase the number of juvenile probation officers working in high-crime areas and to make regional gang databases available for law officers statewide.

Afterward, speaking with reporters, Bush lashed out at Democratic challenger Garry Mauro for suggesting if Bush had done more to end mandatory release of adult prisoners a man accused in the Jasper

dragging death might still be jailed.

"I think it's shallow political rhetoric," Bush said, responding to a remark Mauro made Monday during a fund-raising trip to Washington.

Mauro accused Bush of not keeping a 1994 campaign pledge to end early release of state prisoners, saying that during Bush's first term more than 60,000 felons will have gotten out of prison early.

Mauro said Lawrence Russell Brewer, one of the men charged in the Jasper dragging death, was released early from prison.

But Bush said he worked with the Texas Legislature to end the early release of inmates convicted after Sept. 1, 1996. He said he tried to have the law applied retroactively, but a U.S. Supreme Court ruling prevented it.

Bush noted that state Rep. Allen

Hightower Jr., a Democrat and chairman of the House Corrections Committee, has come to his defense.

"I am perturbed and irritated that once again the criminal justice system is being used as a political springboard," Hightower said in a statement issued Tuesday.

"Governor Bush did everything in his power to end mandatory release both prospectively and retroactively and for anyone to say otherwise is not the truth," Hightower said.

Aquifer depth affects species

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Civil lawsuits and even criminal charges may be necessary to protect species in danger of dying because of the Texas drought, a federal official says.

The announcement came Wednesday in the wake of plummeting levels in the Edwards Aquifer. Tougher water use restrictions that would affect thousands in Bexar County and four nearby counties were expected to be ordered today.

The flow at Comal Springs in New Braunfels dropped Tuesday for the first time below the rate at which the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service claims individual members of an endangered species become at risk of dying.

Bill Seawell, assistant field supervisor for the wildlife agency's Austin regional office, told the San Antonio Express-News: "We're looking at possible enforcement options and hopefully gaining some cooperation from some of the pumpers to try to limit the speed at which the aquifer is being drawn down."

"Law enforcement is always an option. We certainly don't want to pursue that option, but we're getting forced into a position where we may have to."

The region has suffered three months with rainfall 90 percent below normal and a month of temperatures above or slightly below 100 degrees. Wednesday's high was 97 with similar highs forecast for the next several days.

Tammy Valentine, spokeswoman for the Edwards Aquifer Authority, said, "Barring any rain late (Wednesday), we will go into Stage II Thursday."

The authority regulates withdrawals from the huge natural underground reservoir that's refilled by rainfall and streamflows. "The biggest difference between Stage I and Stage II is that the number of watering days drops to two each week," she said. The restrictions apply to Edwards Aquifer users in Bexar, Comal, Hays, Guadalupe and Caldwell counties.

The average daily flow Tuesday at Comal Springs fell to 198 cubic feet per second, or 1,481 gallons a second.

That's just below the level that the wildlife service considers necessary for effective breeding, feeding and sheltering of the fountain darter, a minnow-sized fish that lives only in Comal and nearby San Marcos Springs.

"We're discussing the situation with our law enforcement people and with our lawyers right now, and we'll take whatever action is appropriate," Seawell said Wednesday.

Civil suits are possible, as well as criminal charges against major pumpers if any of the eight federally protected species that live in the springs are found dead, he said.

Removal of samples of the species to safe indoor locations is part of the agency's plan, he said. Local officials contend the wildlife agency has set the flow rate necessary for species survival unsupportably high.

LOTTO TEXAS

TEXAS LOTTERY

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

The jackpot was worth an estimated \$10 million.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 3-15-18-20-28-30.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$14 million.

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-5-1

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Lifestyles



A bridal shower in honor of Shelia Teel, third from left, bride-elect of D.J. Wagner, was held Saturday in the home of Lori Hall. Joining the honoree in greeting guests were, from left, Viola Wagner, grandmother of the prospective groom; Pam Wagner, mother of the prospective groom; Denise Teel, mother of the bride-elect; Reba Buske, grandmother of the bride-elect; Mildred Turner, great-grandmother of the bride-elect; and Jeanette Thurman, grandmother of the bride-elect.

Wagner bride-elect is honored with shower

Shelia Teel, bride-elect of D.J. Wagner, was honored with a bridal shower Saturday in the home of Lori Hall.

The couple plans to be wed August 1. Greeting guests with the honoree were Denise Teel, mother of the bride-elect; Pam Wagner, mother of the prospective groom; Viola Wagner, grandmother of the prospective groom; Reba Buske of Friona and Jeanette Thurman of Friona, grandmothers of the bride-elect; and Mildred Turner of Abernathy, great-grandmother of the bride-elect.

Special guests who attended were Trisha White of Bryan, sister of the bride-elect; Lydia Delventhal of Phoenix, Ariz., her aunt; Lauren Buske of Friona, her cousin; Sarah Wagner of Denton, sister of the prospective groom; Margaret Wood of Wellington and Mary Kay Peters of Canyon, his aunts; Megan Peters of Canyon, his cousin; and special friend, Grace Covington of Hereford. Refreshments consisted of tortilla

roll-ups, cheese blitz, bacon crisps, miniature cinnamon rolls and fresh fruit.

The serving table was covered with a white linen cloth and centered with spring bouquet of stargazer lilies, daisies, liatris, larkspur and babies breath in a brass urn. Crystal rose bowls with brass and crystal serving pieces completed the appointment.

A Zenith stereo/color television was the gift from hostesses Treva Blair, Ginger Wallace, Betty Kriegshauser, Beverly Harder, Brenda Campbell, Darliss Peabody, Carol Sue LeGate, Lori Hall, Shirley Wilson, Karen Abney, Terri Johnson, Cheryl Betzen, Francie Farr, Sherry Harder, Leota Kelso, Robbi Hudgens, Susan Shaw, Randy Walterscheid, Nancy Urbanczyk, Becky Reinart, Annette Albracht, Jackie Murphey, Kay Bell, Glenda Keenan, Willie Roberts, Susan Robbins, Linda Gilliland, Beverly Martin, Nadine Berend, Bonnie Hartley, Sandra Saul and Janette Fowler.

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CONCERT INFO

Monday, June 29, 7:00pm
Hereford Nazarene Church
1410 La Plata

Breast cancer screening to be conducted July 10

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a breast cancer screening at South Plains Health Care Providers, Inc., 603 East Park, on July 10.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening that includes a mammogram and instruction in self-examination by a registered nurse.

A minimum of 15 women needs

to register in order for the mobile mammography clinic to come to area towns. All exams are done by appointment only.

This clinic is available only to women who need financial assistance. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance.

Call 806-356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information.

Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: You have printed a few stories about some of the ridiculous repercussions of the new zero-tolerance drug programs at our schools. Please print this article that recently appeared in the Watertown, N.Y., Daily Times. I do not know if good judgment and heroism can be taught, but I would hope educators could at least be trusted to recognize and reward a noble act of citizenship rather than punish it. -- Norwood, N.Y.

Dear Norwood: I received at least 40 copies of that newspaper article. I think what happened was outrageous. Here's the story:

When a 12-year-old Maryland student saw a classmate having a severe asthma attack, she shared her prescription inhaler, making her a hero to the other girl's mother. But according to officials at the sixth-grader's school, that makes her a drug trafficker. And that gets entered in her records for three years.

"She went from feeling like she was on top of the world to feeling like she had done something terribly wrong," said the girl's mother.

The incident happened when a 13-year-old girl suffered an asthma attack on the bus on the way home from school. While the bus driver called for help, the 12-year-old found her inhaler and shared it with the other girl. "I think she's a heroine," said the other girl's mother, who is outraged about the treatment from the school. Her daughter is "fine, thanks to this girl. This is what makes people not want to help other people," she said.

The school principal said she could not comment on the case. The 12-year-old's mother said the principal did exercise leniency by not suspending her daughter from school

and was as fair as possible under school rules. "I'm not sure what the answer is," said the girl's mother. "I wish there was a Good Samaritan clause in the school regulations for this situation."

This is Ann speaking. I understand the need for schools to institute rules prohibiting drugs, but school authorities need to show some common sense. A distinction must be made between children who use harmful substances and those who give lemon drops to a friend or save another student's life with an inhaler.

Dear Ann Landers: Thank you for being such a strong proponent of Al-Anon and Alateen for families of alcoholics. The support and assistance of these wonderful programs is almost impossible to describe.

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program gives me the tools that help me live my life. Please tell your readers again, Ann, how important these programs are. -- Grateful in the USA

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Today in History

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Today's Highlight in History:
On June 25, 1876, Lt. Col. George A. Custer and his Seventh Cavalry were wiped out by Sioux and Cheyenne Indians in the Battle of the Little Bighorn in Montana.

On this date:
In 1788, the state of Virginia ratified the U.S. Constitution.

In 1868, Florida, Alabama, Louisiana, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina were readmitted to the Union.

In 1942, some 1,000 British Royal Air Force bombers raided Bremen, Germany.

In 1948, the Republican national convention in Philadelphia chose California Gov. Earl Warren to be Thomas E. Dewey's running mate.

In 1950, war broke out on the Korean peninsula as forces from the communist North invaded the South.

In 1951, the first commercial color telecast took place as CBS transmitted a one-hour special from New York to four other cities.

In 1962, the Supreme Court ruled that the use of an unofficial, non-denominational prayer in New York State public schools was unconstitutional.

In 1967, the Beatles performed their new song, "All You Need Is Love," during a live international telecast.

In 1973, former White House Counsel John W. Dean began testifying before the Senate Water-gate Committee.

In 1981, the Supreme Court decided that male-only draft registration was constitutional.

Ten years ago: American-born Mildred Gillars, better known during World War II as "Axis Sally" for her Nazi propaganda broadcasts, died in Columbus, Ohio, at age 87. (Gillars had served 12 years in prison for treason.)

Five years ago: Vice President Gore cast the tie-breaking vote as the Senate approved a record deficit-reduction plan. Kim Campbell was sworn in as Canada's 19th prime minister, the first woman to hold the post.

One year ago: An unmanned cargo ship crashed into Russia's Mir space station, knocking out half of the station's power and rupturing a pressurized laboratory. The Supreme Court struck down the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, designed to limit government's ability to regulate religious practices. Oceanographer Jacques-Yves Cousteau died in Paris at age 87.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Sidney Lumet is 74. Actress June Lockhart is 73. Rhythm-and-blues singer Eddie Floyd is 63. Basketball Hall-of-Famer Willis Reed is 56. Singer Carly Simon is 53. Rock musician Ian McDonald (Foreigner; King Crimson) is 52. Actor-director Michael Lembeck is 50. TV personality Phyllis George is 49. Rock singer Tim Finn (Split Enz; Crowded House) is 46. Rock singer George Michael is 35. Rapper Candyman is 30.

Thought for Today: "No idea is so antiquated that it was not once modern. No idea is so modern that it will not some day be antiquated.... To seize the flying thought before it escapes us is our only touch with reality." - Ellen Glasgow, American author (1874-1945).

Church plans healing service

A healing service will be held at Templo El Calvario, 137 Avenue G, at 7 p.m. Friday.

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Have summer fun making silly hats

You can do more with a newspaper than just read it. You can use it to make a hat...and wear it! It's as easy as one, two, three. All you need are some recycled newspapers, basic art supplies and a roll of masking tape. Put the hat on your head for July holiday celebrations, family reunions or just for fun.

BASIC DIRECTIONS: Open a sheet of newspaper and place it on your head. Get a second sheet over the first, setting in the opposite direction. Place your hand on the top of your paper-covered head while another person wraps masking tape in a circle, starting at your forehead and creating a band of tape around your head. Wrap tape around twice. Roll up all edges of newspaper toward you to create a brim. Finished!

Now it's time to decorate. Pick a theme such as one of the following:
GARDENING HAT: Glue empty seed packets above the brim to create an eye-catching band. In between the packets, glue miniature plastic fruits and vegetables and a rubber worm.

TEA PARTY HAT: Glue silk or fresh flowers and leaves around the hat. Attach streamers of ribbons and lace to the back. For added flourish, add wide ribbon to tie under your chin.

RED, WHITE AND BLUE HAT: Using poster paints, paint the bowl of the hat blue. Paint the brim in red and white stripes. Let dry. Squeeze



Illustrated by David LaBocchiale

household glue in star shapes over the blue portion and sprinkle with silver or gold glitter. Let dry and shake off excess glitter. Attach a paper flag to the side.

Tip: For a family reunion, decorate hat to represent the flag of your state or country of origin.

WACKY HAT: Paint designs in bright colors. Let dry. Wrap several pipe cleaners around your finger to form spirals. Glue the end of each

pipe cleaner randomly around the hat so they spring out. Attach charms, flowers or beads to the ends.

SAFARI HAT: Paint with leopard spots, zebra stripes or camouflage designs. Glue plastic spiders, dried moss and leaves around the brim.

 Donna Erickson's new book, "Donna's Day: Fun Activities that Bring the Family Together" (HarperCollins), is available.

Area Events

AMARILLO

A Christian music concert by the South African Orion Duet will be held at 8 p.m. Friday in the Mount of Blessings Church, 608 N. Mirror Street, Amarillo.

Additional concerts will be held at 8 p.m. Saturday in the Olsen Park Seventh Day Adventist Church, 5804 Erik, Amarillo; 3 p.m. Sunday in the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 404 Harlem St., Pampa; and 8 p.m. Wednesday in the M.K. Brown Civic Center, Pampa.

Concerts will be performed in African and English languages.

Comedy, drama and the resonant rhythms of swing make up the eclectic playbill for "Make Mine Music," the 12th annual Amarillo College Summer Arts Festival, opening July 2.

Three productions are on this season's agenda: American Story (8:15 p.m. on July 2, 3, 4 and 2:30 p.m. on July 5); Jazz It Up (8:15 p.m. July 10, 11); and a brand new version of the George and Ira Gershwin collaboration, Crazy for You (8:15 p.m. July 16-18, 23-25 and 2:30 p.m. July 19).

"Crazy for You" will be performed

in the AC Concert Hall Theatre while the other two productions will be presented in the new AC Experimental Theatre.

In addition to the three productions, preceding the shows on July 17-18, audiences can hear an hour long "Big Band Sounds" Concert which will be held in the "Jazz Pit," located in the outdoor amphitheatre on the south side of the Concert Hall. The audience is invited to bring picnic baskets, blankets, lawn chairs - and enjoy.

Judy Carter is director; Susan Burt, vocal director; Vicki McLean, choreographer; and Alan Wenger, orchestra director.

Discovery Camp is a science summer camp for children 5-11 years of age. The program consists of two five-day camps and will take place in the Discovery Center's exhibition area for hands on learning.

The program for the first week, July 13-17, is "Side by Side: The Science of Symmetry."

Week two, July 20-24, will center on "Summer Science," exploring the summertime aspects of plants, the sun, water, the earth and live animals.

Discovery Camp offers flexible scheduling with the choice of

morning or full-day camp. For more information, call 806-355-9548, ext. 20.

TULIA

The Women's Division of the Tulia Chamber of Commerce will hold its third annual Yard Tour and Brunch from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on July 11.

Yards on the tour are those of Steve and Brenda Raymond, 221 Apache Trail; Mack and Peggy Bush, 217 Dakota Trail; Dennis and Judine Wilks, 126 Hillcrest; and Joe Ed and Charlotte Burnett, 707 S.E. 2nd.

The breakfast brunch will be served in the Raymonds' yard and will consist of a variety of homemade breads, fresh fruit, orange juice and coffee.

Tickets are \$5 per person. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Lana Barnett at 806-995-2296.

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To Your Good Health

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Is manic depressive disorder genetic? What are the chances of this being passed on to the next generation by an otherwise thoughtful, caring man? — M.M.

ANSWER: Manic depression, now called "bipolar disorder," is a shift in moods from the depths of depression to a frenzy of limitless energy and unrealistic, grandiose and often foolhardy activities.

Genetics figures into the picture. Fifty percent of those with a bipolar disorder had a parent suffering from either depressive or bipolar symptoms.

From a different point of view, a bipolar parent has around a 27 percent chance of having a child who eventually will suffer from depression or bipolar disorder.

A bipolar disorder is not a character flaw. It is not the result of inappropriate childhood rearing.

It is a brain disorder whereby chemical messengers, communicating information from one brain cell to the next, are in disarray.

Today there are effective medicines for controlling the roller-coaster mood swings of bipolar disorder.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My husband is 40 years old, 6 feet 4 inches tall and weighs 225 pounds. He doesn't smoke, drink or take any

drugs. In the 20 years we have been married, he has had three peculiar episodes when he has gotten up to go to the bathroom. He has passed out or fainted.

We're both interested to know what this could be. — V.C.

ANSWER: Micturition syncope — fainting after urinating — is peculiar but not such a rare occurrence. Your description of your husband's episodes fits that reaction.

The urge to relieve a full bladder rouses a man — and usually it is a man — from sleep. As the bladder empties, it initiates a reflex that dilates arteries and slows the heart. Blood pooling in the legs along with the slow heartbeat robs the brain of its blood supply. A faint follows.

The faint is a protective mechanism. In the horizontal position, blood gets back to the heart and then to the brain.

If your husband sits on the toilet to relieve nature's call at night, he might escape fainting. Limiting alcohol also reduces the chances of micturition syncope.

I can't let your husband off the hook with that diagnosis. He needs to mention the fainting episodes to his doctor. Irregular heart rhythms could be at play.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Please comment on tinnitus. The article I've enclosed mentions it can be triggered by medications but doesn't say what medications. Can you give me their names? — Anon.

ANSWER: There is a large array of medicines that can cause tinnitus — ear ringing.

Aspirin leads the pack. The heart and blood pressure medicines verapamil (Calan, Isoptin) and enalapril (Vasotec) on occasion have induced tinnitus. Diuretics, such as furosemide (Lasix) and hydrochlorothiazide (HydroDiuril) have been implicated as well. Many anti-inflammatory drugs, including Indocin and Tolectin, can produce ear ringing. Xanax, a tranquilizer, and some antihistamines also are on the list.

Caffeine, nicotine and alcohol have been implicated as well.

Drugs are far from being the sole cause of tinnitus. There are more than 30 different conditions that can produce it. Ruling out medicines is only the beginning of a search for a cause.

I doubt you can track down the cause on your own. An ear-nose-and-throat doctor — an otolaryngologist — can lead you through the jungle of tinnitus causes.

Hints from Heloise

Dear Heloise: My mother went out of state for an extended period of time. Because she is an avid reader of our town newspaper, I saved the local section and mailed it to her once a week.

I sent them to her in used manila envelopes that I would have thrown away. I taped a piece of scrap paper over areas that had been written on and then proceeded to put on my own address label and stamp for mailing to Mom. — Lou S., Bakersfield, Calif.

Recycling is good for the environment and saves you money. However, be sure there is no printed bar code on the envelope or your letter may end up in the wrong place. — Heloise

CRIB MATTRESS
Dear Heloise: My best tip for moms with babies ready to climb out of their crib is to donate the bed but keep the crib mattress. It will slide right under a youth bed. Keeping it will help with the transition to the new bed.

Have it sheeted and it will be perfect for roll-offs, naps and sick or wet nights. It's great for a sleeper and you can drag it next to mom's bed if you have a sick or scared child. It's also great to jump on and as building material for indoor tent-making.

The child should be ready to part with it before it totally wears out. — Deborah Deminie, Scottsdale, Ariz. Send a money- or time-saving hint to Heloise, PO Box 795000, San Antonio TX 78279-5000 or fax it to 210-HELOISE.

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Sports

Capriati wins first match after five-year absence

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) -- Five years after Jennifer Capriati last played Wimbledon and won a Grand Slam match, she returned as a wild card Wednesday, full of hope for the future and insisting she regrets nothing of her past.

Her weight up and ranking down at No. 151, Capriati drew a large crowd to Court 18, where she edged Australia's Nicole Pratt 6-4, 3-6, 6-4 despite nine foot-faults and six double-faults.

"It brings back a lot of good memories," said the 22-year-old Capriati, a quarterfinalist in 1993.

WIMBLEDON

The memory of one miserably missed call by linesmen and the umpire in the darkening evening Wednesday may cause sleepless nights by 1992 champion and No. 13 seed Andre Agassi, who left the grounds one set from elimination in the second round.

On a day when three of the top eight men's seeds lost -- No. 2 Marcelo Rios, No. 4 Greg Rusedski and No. 8 Cedric Pioline, last year's runner-up -- Agassi trailed Germany's Tommy

Haas two sets to one when the match was suspended at 8:50 p.m.

Agassi angrily stabbed the spot beyond the baseline -- six inches long and wide -- where he and a wildly jeering Centre Court crowd saw a crucial ball land, but the linesmen sat impassively, the umpire shook his head, and Haas waited across the net.

Television replays confirmed that Agassi was right, that the forehand by Haas was out

both ways, but the call stood and gave Haas a 6-3 lead in the third-set tiebreaker. Agassi saved one set point, but succumbed on the next to fall behind 4-6, 6-1, 7-6 (4).

Meanwhile, defending champion Pete Sampras and two-time runner-up Goran Ivanisevic cruised in straight sets, and French Open champion Carlos Moya needed five sets to get past India's Mahesh Bhupathi.

In other women's matches, Lindsay

Davenport, Steffi Graf, Monica Seles and Arantxa Sanchez Vicario advanced, and No. 9 Amanda Coetzer was ousted in three sets by Naoko Sawamatsu.

The romance between Capriati and Wimbledon began when she was 14, a precocious talent with a toothy smile whose debut on Centre Court had the air of a coronation.

Princess Diana came to see her, fans went wild for her, and British newspapers splashed her ponytailed portrait on front pages, dubbing

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Rockies rally past Houston

DENVER (AP) -- The sun literally set on what looked to be an easy win for the Houston Astros.

Dante Bichette and Todd Helton each homered as the Colorado Rockies overcame a six-run deficit and two homers by Jeff Bagwell to beat the Astros 8-6 Wednesday night.

Bagwell had five RBs and his 12th career multi-homer game, but the first baseman was charged with an error after losing shortstop Ricky Gutierrez's throw in the sun to open the Colorado third inning. The Rockies went on to score five unearned runs, and the Astros never recovered.

"That is twice it's happened. Both times we lost," Bagwell said, referring to a game in 1995. "I've

ROCKIES NOTES

Colorado right-hander Kevin Ritz underwent rotator cuff surgery on his right shoulder Tuesday. Ritz, who also had shoulder surgery last July, started the season on the DL and was 0-2 in his only two starts for the Rockies before going back on the DL in May. The Rockies have gone a club-record 13 games and 1 inning without committing an error. Burks extended his hitting streak to 11 games.

tried everything. I tried flip downs, my regular sunglasses, and they don't help. You can't see with that sun. You just can't see."

Bagwell's three-run homer in the first inning gave him 200 for his career, and he added a two-run shot in the third for his 14th of the season.

"The fact is we lost," Bagwell said. "We got two hits over the last six innings. You can't play that way in this park and expect to win."

Despite giving up both Bagwell blasts, Colorado's Pedro Astacio (5-8) regrouped to win for the first time in seven starts. He allowed six runs on five hits in eight innings with four walks and seven strikeouts.

"The first couple innings, I was behind the hitter every time," Astacio said. "After that, I started to throw more strikes and be more aggressive. The game's on the line. You have to hold it right there."

With Astacio in control, the Rockies tied the game at 6 on Bichette's solo homer, his 10th, against Sean Bergman (6-4) leading off the Colorado fifth. Vinny Castilla followed with a triple and scored on Ellis Burks' groundout to shortstop.

DOUBLE TEAM



Travis Schulte (above, left) and Michael Brewer lob balls to participants (right) at the Hereford High School summer tennis camp Tuesday at Whiteface Courts. Schulte is the outgoing assistant tennis coach and Brewer is the new assistant tennis coach. About 35 players are taking part in the camp's two daily sessions, according to coach Ed Coplen. Whiteface Courts and Hereford Country Club will be the venues for the Hereford Open, which will begin Friday morning and conclude Saturday afternoon, Coplen said. The tourney will feature junior high school and high school players from around the Panhandle.



Clippers take Olowokandi as No. 1 pick

1998 NBA DRAFT

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) -- Michael Olowokandi, a 7-foot-1 Nigerian who grew up in England and has been playing competitive basketball for only three years, was selected first in the NBA draft Wednesday night by the Los Angeles Clippers.

With trade rumors swirling around GM Place, the Clippers decided on Olowokandi instead of Arizona point guard Mike Bibby, the player they had been expected to take until

having a change of heart over the last couple days.

Olowokandi, who averaged 22.2 points and 11.2 rebounds last season at Pacific, said he wouldn't be surprised if he was headed elsewhere in a trade.

"I have my cap on right now, but it's a little bit loose," Olowokandi

said. "Anything could happen. We're going to have to wait and see."

One trade was made during the first hour of the draft, and a few more were pending. One involved the Phoenix Suns, who were supposed to be represented at the draft by the parents of guard Steve Nash. But about an hour before the first pick

was made, Nash's parents said their son had been traded.

The selection of Olowokandi marked the second year a senior had been selected first overall. Underclassmen had been chosen first overall in the five previous drafts.

"Seeing my name in the No. 1 spot is unbelievable, especially when you consider where I came from three years ago -- not having played basketball -- and then to this, not the

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Texas bites 'Backs

PHOENIX (AP) -- Juan Gonzalez drove in two runs, increasing his major league-leading total to 93, with a single and triple, and Rick Helling won his 11th game as the Texas Rangers beat the Diamondbacks 3-2 Wednesday night.

Mark McLemore scored all three Texas runs after singling twice and hitting a solo homer.

Helling (11-3) joined teammate Aaron Sele with the most victories in the majors, winning his fourth straight start. Helling allowed two runs -- one earned -- and five hits while striking out eight in 7 1-3 innings.

RANGERS NOTES

Helling tied Danny Darwin (1980) for the second-best record in Texas history after 14 games. Roger Pavlik was 12-2 in 1996. Helling is 6-2 in road starts, winning his last three. Tom Goodwin stole his AL second-best 25th base in the 5th. It was No. 200 of his career. The Rangers are 11-17 in a new ballpark. McLemore has reached base in 25 consecutive games. Gonzalez entered the game 0-for-9 against Blair, but went 2-for-4 Wednesday night.

John Wetteland pitched the ninth for his 21st save.

Willie Blair (2-11) lost his fourth straight start and became the first pitcher in the majors to lose 11 games. Blair allowed nine hits, three runs and four walks in 7-2-3 innings.

Gonzalez followed McLemore's eighth-inning single with his triple off the overhanging deck in left centerfield, breaking a 2-2 tie.

The Diamondbacks scored both runs in the fifth, the only inning in which Helling allowed more than one hit, on a wild pitch and a throwing error.

With one out Blair singled and Andy Fox followed with a double. Devon White struck out swinging, but the ball got past Texas catcher Ivan Rodriguez and rolled to the backstop.

Blair bowled over Helling at the plate, and Rodriguez was charged with an error on his throw when the ball rolled away again, allowing Fox to score the tying run.

Winston Cup title chase tight heading to California

By MIKE HARRIS

AP Motorsports Writer SONOMA, Calif. -- Dale Jarrett again is in the thick of the Winston Cup title chase, which he believes is shaping up to be the best championship battle ever.

"You've got all these guys within striking distance, and everybody has run well," he said.

Among them is Mark Martin, second twice and among the top five in seven of the last nine years. He shares Jarrett's assessment.

"I believe this championship is about as wide open as any has ever been," he said.

Last year, Jarrett ended up 14 points behind winner Jeff Gordon. At the top of NASCAR's point distribution, that's a four-place difference in a single race.

Jarrett hopes to make up that difference this season but knows he's up against some tough competition.

"You've got a lot of good teams out there and a lot of good race drivers that are really hungry for a championship," he said. "This is going to be fun for everybody."

Jarrett, Gordon, Martin and Jeremy Mayfield are the big four as the 33-race season nears its halfway point this weekend with the Save Mart-Kragen 350 on the road course at Sears Point International Raceway in Sonoma.

At the head of the class is Mayfield, whose best finish in the points race was 13th last year, his fourth on the circuit. Coming off his first victory, last Sunday at

"You've got a lot of good teams out there and a lot of good race drivers that are really hungry for a championship. This is going to be fun for everybody."

-- Dale Jarrett



Pocono International Raceway, Mayfield is at the crest of a season-long high.

"There isn't much time in between races," he said. "You really don't have the time to get too high after a really good week,

but you don't have the time to get too low after a bad one. You race and move on."

"The thing is, if you want to stay in the points race, you have to strive for consistency. You can't afford too many of those bad

weeks. We want to keep running strong every week and show people that what we've done is no fluke, either leading the points or winning a race."

Heading into the race Sunday, Mayfield is 36 points ahead of Gordon, 48 ahead of Jarrett and 53 ahead of Martin.

With 17 races left after Sonoma, the next four in the standings can't be counted out, either. Terry Labonte is 200 points behind Mayfield. Rusty Wallace is 216 back, Bobby Labonte 298, and Jeff Burton 305.

Martin, who leads everyone with four victories, is as intense as anyone about winning his first championship.

"I can just taste it," he said. "We've been close enough that we

know what it feels like to take a shot at it. But you can't get too hungry or think too far ahead. We've got too much of the season yet to go."

Martin credits his team for putting him in a prominent position in the race.

"They're giving me awesome equipment, and we're just going to have to keep getting some luck and coming up with strong finishes," he said.

Five of the top eight drivers are in the new Ford Taurus, two are campaigning Chevrolet Monte Carlo and one has a Pontiac Grand Prix.

The Taurus, replacing the retired Ford Thunderbird, has been formidable. It has won seven of the 15 races.



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Major League champs

The Mariners went 10-0 to win the Girls Major League championship. The Mariners are (left to right), back row, coach Manuel Cantu and coach Janic Perez; middle row, Brynne Huffaker, Marissa Rojas, Yvonne Garcia, Kirby Ramirez and Michelle Gonzales; front row, Anna Lopez, Savannah McKay, Dora Diaz, Veronica Perez and Cagney Cantu. Not pictured is Cassandra Castillo.

Foursome shoots 29

From staff reports
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Draft

No. 3 pick but the No. 1 pick," Olowokandi said. "That's something that'll take me a week or so, or a little bit longer, to get over."

The Vancouver Grizzlies, the hosts of the draft, selected Bibby second to roars of approval from a crowd of about 8,000. Bibby, who left Arizona after his sophomore season, has drawn comparisons to Jason Kidd for his playmaking skills.

He had expected to be drafted first overall, and refused to hold a workout for any team other than the Clippers.

The Denver Nuggets, coming off a season in which they won only 11 games, picked Kansas forward Raef LaFrentz with the third pick.

It was the first surprise of the night, since Paul Pierce, considered by many to be the best all-around player in the draft, had been expected to be among the top three picks. He ended up dropping to the Boston Celtics at No. 10.

The Toronto Raptors, the subject of another trade rumor involving Marcus Camby, also passed on Pierce and selected college player of the year Antawn Jamison with the fourth

pick.

Dallas Mavericks general manager Don Nelson got the player he coveted. Next comes the full-court press to persuade 6-foot-11 German forward Dirk Nowitzki to give up the riches of Europe to play for one of the NBA's worst teams.

The Mavericks' predictably unpredictable leader pulled off a three-way trade during the first round of Wednesday's draft that left Dallas with Nowitzki and third-year guard Steve Nash.

But the deal was costly for Dallas, which gave up forwards Bubba Wells and Martin Muursepp and -- most importantly -- its No. 1 draft pick in 1999 to Phoenix in the trade for Nash.

Nelson's gamble is that Nowitzki, who averaged 17.5 points and 10 rebounds for DJK Wurzburg last season, will want to play in Dallas this year.

The agent for Nowitzki, who is currently in the German army, told teams that his client may choose to play professionally in Europe for the next season or two.

Basketball camp set

Hereford High School will conduct the 1998 Lady Whiteface Basketball Camp June 29-July 2 at Hereford Junior High School, according to coach Key Harrison.

The camp will be divided into two sessions. The morning session will run daily from 9 a.m. to noon and will be for incoming fourth-through sixth-grade students. Incoming seventh-through ninth-grade students will be in the session to run from 1 p.m. to 4

p.m. daily.

The camp will be conducted by coaches from Hereford High School and Hereford Junior High School and former Lady Whiteface players.

The cost of the camp will be \$25 and participants will be provided a T-shirt. For more information on registration, contact Key Harrison at 364-0187 or 363-7633.

Wimbledon

her the heir apparent to Graf and Martina Navratilova.

Capriati justified that hype back in 1990, becoming the youngest player in history to win a match at Wimbledon and going on to reach the fourth round. A year later she became the youngest woman to reach the Wimbledon semifinals when she beat Navratilova in the quarters -- her earliest exit from the All England Club in 14 years.

But the much-chronicled decline in Capriati's career began in 1992, and after falling in the first round of the 1993 U.S. Open she was gone from the game. The only news she made was bad news -- arrests for shoplifting and drug possession, followed in later years by aborted comebacks.

Capriati, looking uncomfortable talking about her past after Wednesday's match, turned frequently to an official in the interview room in hopes of curtailing the session. Asked what she's capable of achieving now, she sought to find a balance between optimism and realism.

"I have to believe in myself," Capriati said. "I believe that I can go all the way. If I don't believe that, I see no point of me being here."

What Capriati meant by "all the way," she said, was something different from what she might have

had in mind five years ago.

"Having it all, I guess, winning it or being at the top of what I can do," she said. "Maybe that's not No. 1. Maybe that's just No. 5, you know, but that's fine. Whatever my best is."

Always a baseliner, Capriati's greatest success against Pratt came at the net. Capriati hardly missed a volley. She also played intelligently and caught Pratt with several perfect lobs.

For all her problems in recent years, Capriati said, "I have no regrets at all."

At this point, Capriati is trying to salvage what's left of her career, knowing it's not too late at her age to put together five good years if her body is willing and she can summon the desire to play. She's been working at various times with two former coaches, Tom Gullikson and Rick Macci, in Florida, and is seeking a new full-time coach.

Chris Evert, who has been close to Capriati from the start, believes she is still just "50 percent of the player she could be."

"I'm pulling for her," Evert said. "But she has to make a commitment and get a coach, and I don't think those things have happened for a few years. She's made a half-hearted commitment. She's a good athlete who hits the ball as well as anyone else. But I don't think she has made a commitment."

UP TO PAR

(This week's local Highlights and Golf activities)

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Matt Drudge moves out from behind the laptop

By DAVID BAUDER
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) - The first thing you notice about Matt Drudge, out from behind the laptop and onto television, are his eyebrows.

When he arches one brow, Drudge's rubbery face is a mask of skepticism. Arch the other, and it's anger. Sometimes it seems he exercises those eyebrows for the sheer comic effect of it.

Be ready to raise your own eyebrows when you tune into "Drudge," Saturday nights on the Fox News Channel.

Drudge, 31, is a former gift shop salesman who took advantage of the Internet's anything-goes ethic to become the first cyberspace star to break into the mainstream. The "Drudge Report" is a wired-in Web site with his own gossip reports and links to the nation's major media outlets.

Working out of his Hollywood apartment, Drudge infiltrated the political and media camp so effectively that his Web site offered the first public word on allegations that Monica Lewinsky had an affair with President Clinton.

He also ignited a debate among journalists: Is Drudge a dangerous cowboy who doesn't play by standard rules of verifying accuracy, or is he a welcome populist among pontificators? Is he a journalist at all?

"Sure, he's a journalist," said Roger Ailes, chairman of Fox's news division. "He's a citizen journalist. I don't think Ben Franklin ever went to (journalism) school, did he? And he dressed funny."

Fox was audacious enough to give Drudge the chance to go on-camera. His first weekly half-hour debuted Saturday at 8 p.m. CDT.

Dressed in the fedora hat and rumpled suit that are his trademark, Drudge sat behind a wooden desk. A video screen was hung behind him and he pecked at his laptop during breaks. He described his set as "a cross between 'Dragnet' and 'Star Trek'."

"He's unique in terms of the way he looks, sounds and thinks," Ailes said. "Whenever you have someone come on who is unique and fearless and says what

is on his mind, I think that attracts people."

Drudge was "welcomed" into the TV fraternity this week by fellow talkshow host Keith Olbermann, who said on MSNBC's "Big Show": "He has gone from being an idiot with a modem to an idiot with a modem and a TV show on the most irresponsible network in America."

Drudge was quoted in *USA Today* as saying that Olbermann should have stuck with reading sports scores on ESPN.

Drudge is instantly combative when asked if his style - using anonymous sources and not always giving people a chance to defend themselves - exposes him to accusations of irresponsibility.

"I know that's your angle," he shoots back at an interviewer. "I'm more accurate than the mainstream press is at this point. That question should also be asked of Tom Brokaw - are your editors nervous about things that you put on? That's totally an unfair question."

Drudge said that he, unlike many reporters, has admitted to and corrected his mistakes.

Ailes said standards for Drudge's show will be the same as for others on Fox News Channel. Lawyers stand by watching Drudge in the studio, and the show is taped three hours in advance, although Ailes said the purpose is to cut down on overtime costs.

His show will be all about hot angles, an attempt to make headlines, Drudge said. His debut was devoted almost exclusively to a story in U.S. News & World Report about new tapes of Lewinsky talking about Clinton.

Literary agent Lucianne Goldberg, who is at the scandal's epicenter, was his guest. It had all the elements that make the "Drudge Report" compelling: tantalizing stories about an unlauded dress and presidential secretary Betty Currie being locked in a White House bathroom.

But it was hard - no, impossible - to tell whether these tales were true, or just a Clinton-hater's fictions. Drudge's interview was so friendly that Goldberg felt comfortable enough to smoke a cigarette on the air.

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Cochran now arguing dog complaint

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) - Johnnie Cochran Jr. is arguing a barking dog complaint.

Cochran, who gained renown as a member of O.J. Simpson's defense team, flew in from the West Coast to defend the mother of pro basketball star Ray Allen.

Neighbors have complained that Flora Allen's two Rottweilers, Sampson and Sheba, have been bothering them with their nighttime barking. The dogs were a gift from Allen, who plays for the Milwaukee Bucks. He also stars in the new Spike Lee movie "He's Got Game."

Cochran, who is a friend of the Allen family, said Tuesday that he has hired a company to determine how much noise the dogs make. In the meantime, a judge has ordered the dogs to be kept inside the house at night.

BEN AFFLECK

NEW YORK (AP) - Ben Affleck, who's out to save the world in "Armageddon," admits that he's had some real-life disasters with romance.

"I have a real capacity for the head-on collision," the actor says in the upcoming *USA Weekend*. "I'm so compromising ... then it blows up."

Affleck, 25, is fearless as a wildcat oil driller in the new action movie "Armageddon." It's the real-world stuff he finds frightening.

"Beautiful women scare me," he said. They're "more trouble than handsome men, let me tell you. A lot of handsome men are shy. But women are taught to trade on that beauty, and they take advantage."

Last fall, Affleck broke up with his girlfriend of seven years. Of his current love interest, Gwyneth Paltrow, he says she's "the smartest woman I have ever met."

Television

THURSDAY JUNE 25

6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Eyewitness	Wild World	Mystery!					Charlie Rose		NewsHour
(5:00) Movie: The Sacketts	Rescue 911			Movie: The Ghost and Mr. Chicken (1966) **				700 Club		Bonanza
News	Ent. Tonight	Friends	Suddenly	Selinfeld	Just Shoot	ER		News	(35) Tonight Show	
Movie: That Dam Cat Christina Ricci 'PG'	American Teacher Awards							Walt Disney Presents		Zorro
Griffith	(35) Major League Baseball New York Yankees at Atlanta Braves						(35) Movie: Two Mules for Sister Sara (1970) ***			
News	Fortune	One Life to Live	Prey			Thursday Night		News	Selinfeld	Nightline
Major League Baseball Chicago Cubs at Detroit Tigers						News		Beverly Hills, 90210		Heat
News	Home Imp.	Promised Land	Diagnosis Murder			48 Hours		News	(35) Late Show	
Mad-You	Simpsons	Wildcat Police Videos	New York Undercover			Earth: Final Conflict		Frasier	Cops	Real TV
Sportsctr.	World's Strongest Man	X-Games						Sportscenter		Baseball
(5:00) Movie: RoboCop 3	Movie: Boyz n the Hood Cuba Gooding Jr. *** 1/2 R			Movie: Phat Beach (1996)	Brian Hooks	Stargate SG-1				
Wimbledon Tennis	Movie: Booty Call Jamie Foxx. *** 1/2 R	Movie: Subway Stories Rosie Perez. R	Talked to Death							Arlas
Movie: Wayne's World 2	Movie: The Devil's Own (1997) Harrison Ford, Brad Pitt	Movie: 8 Heads in a Duffel Bag ** R	Movie: Bikini Hot Down							
Movie: The Big Mouth	Movie: That Midnight Kiss (1949) Mario Lanza. *** 1/2	Movie: The Toast of New Orleans (1950) *** 1/2	Movie:							
Waltons	Championship Rodeo	Prime Time Country	Today's Country					Dallas		Dukes
Gimme Shelter	America's Great Parks: Grand Canyon, Yellowstone	Wings	Justice Files							Great Parks
Law & Order	Biography	Empire of Crime: A Century of the New York Mob	Law & Order							Biography
Intimate Portrait	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: Call Me Anna (1990) Patty Duke. **	Attitudes					Golden Girls		Golden Girls
Major League Baseball St. Louis Cardinals at Cleveland Indians			Major League Baseball Texas Rangers at Arizona Diamondbacks							
Babylon 5	Movie: Jacob (1994) Matthew Modine. ** 1/2	To Live! America Celebrates Israel's 50th	Movie:							
Doug	Rugrats	Beavers	Brady	Brady	Wonder Yrs.	Happy Days	Bewitched	I Love Lucy	M.T. Moore	Taxi
Highlander: The Series	Walker, Texas Ranger	Movie: Death Becomes Her (1992) Meryl Streep. ***	Silk Stalkings							Highlander
Sin TI	Emeralds	Pueblo	P. Impacto	Blended				Noticiero		El Ritmo
Air Combat	Frankenstien	History's Crimes & Trials	History Undercover					World at War		Frankstien
Human Nature	AnimalDr	Emergency	Crocodile Hunter					Saving the Tiger		AnimalDr

FRIDAY JUNE 26

7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
Barney	Arthur	Sesame Street	Puzzle Place	Reading	Teletubbies	Mr Rogers	Arthur	Barney	Dessert	
Rescue 911	Christy		700 Club			Burnett	Diagnosis Murder			Home
Today	Leeza				Gerardo Rivera		Sunset Beach			Days-Lives
Goof Troop	Mickey	Marmad	Pooh	Bear	Katie-Orbie	Chip 'n' Dale	Madeline	Marmad	Pooh	Jungle Cubs
Gilligan	3's Co.	Little House on the Prairie								Movie:
Good Morning America	Live - Regis & Kathie Lee	Martha	Gayle King	People's Court						News
Chann'Um	Captain	BugsDaily	Animaniacs	PinkyBrain	Batman	Griffith	Griffith	Gerardo Rivera		News
This Morning	Ricki Lake					Price is Right		Young and the Restless		News
Bobby	Life-Louie	101Dalmats	X-Men	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Life in Word	Kenneth C. Robison		Judge Judy
Sportscenter				(8:52) World Cup Soccer Jamaica vs. Japan				Sportscenter		Br. Golf
(6:00) Movie: Infinity 'PG'	Movie: The Hudsucker Proxy Tim Robbins. *** PG			Movie: Doc Hollywood Michael J. Fox.		Movie: The Invisible Kid *				
(6:00) Movie: The Arrival	Wimbledon Tennis Early Rounds									
Movie: Lucky Lady (1975) Liza Minnelli, Gene Hackman	Movie: The Woman Who Loved Elvis **	(45) Movie: Road Games Stacy Keach. ** PG								
Movie: Caged (1950) Eleanor Parker. ***	(45) Movie: Above and Beyond (1953) Robert Taylor. ***	Movie: Interrupted Melody (1955) ****								
(ON Air)	Club Dance	Crook & Chase								Waltons
Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Great Chefs	Great Chefs	Home Matters		HouseSmart!		Interior Motives		Home
McMillan and Wife				Equalizer		Quincy		Northern Exposure		Law & Order
Baby Knows	Kids These	Sisters		L.A. Law		ThirtySomething		Night Court		Attitudes
FOX Sports News	Fit TV Body Waves			Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.		Last Word
CHIPS				Charlie's Angels		Spenser: For Hire		Movie: Paper Moon (1973) *** 1/2		
CharlieB	Rugrats	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Busy World	Muppets	Dr. Seuss	Gullah	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Allegra
Facts of Life	Facts of Life	Gimme B.	Strangers	Wings	Wings	Major Dad	Movie: Sea of Love (1989) Al Pacino, Ellen Barkin. ***	Futbol Copa Mundial		Cristina
Deepterta	Deepterta America	Futbol Copa Mundial Argentina vs. Croatia								
Classroom		History Showcase	Kennedys of Massachusetts							Judgment
Animal	Acorn	Pet Con.	Absolutely	Pet Line	Wild About	Amazing	AnimalDr	Pet Con.	Absolutely	Pet Line

12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
Body Elec.	Painting	Time Goes	Government	Government	Sci. Frontiers		Sandiego	Science Guy	Wishbone	Magic Bus
(12:00) Home & Family		ShopDrop 4	Shopping	Big Valley			Bonanza-Lost		Movie: The Sacketts *** 1/2	
Days-Lives	Another World	Jenny Jones	Mauri				Oprah Winfrey		News	NBC News
Tale Spin	Donald	Chip 'n' Dale	Tale Spin	Goof Troop	Timon	Aladdin	Dinosaurs	GrowPains	GrowPains	Brotherly
(12:00) Movie: Mannequin: On the Move		Flintstones	Flinstones	Looney	Dreams	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	
Jeopardy!	One Life to Live	General Hospital		Howie Mandel		Rosie O'Donnell		ABC News		ABC News
News	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	Story of Hope	Beverly Hills, 90210		Fam. Mat.	Dreams	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell	
Bold & B.	As the World Turns	Guiding Light		Sally		Am. Journal	Edition	News	News	CBS News
Judge Judy	Forgive or Forget	Little House on the Prairie	Metallix	Spider-Man	Rangers	Rangers	Rangers	Fresh Pr.	Grace Under	
(12:00) Senior PGA Golf	World Cup	World Cup Soccer Colombia vs. England		SR. PGA	Inside PGA	Up Close		Sportscen.		
Movie: The Inevitable Kid	Movie: Grassie (1978) John Travolta, Olivia Newton-John	Movie: Rough Magic Bridget Fonda. **	Movie: Escape-Wildcat							
Wimbledon Tennis Early Rounds	Movie: Men in Black Tommy Lee Jones. *** PG-13	Movie: My Fellow Americans Jack Lemmon. ** PG-13								
Movie: Solo Mario Van Peebles 'PG-13'	Movie: Police Academy 4: Patrol	Movie: One Fine Day Michelle Pfeiffer. ** 1/2 PG								
Movie:	Movie: The Seventh Sin (1957) Eleanor Parker. ** 1/2	Movie: Many Rivers to Cross (1955) ** 1/2	Movie: Don't Raise							
Waltons	America's Country Hits	Crook & Chase		Club Dance		Dukes of Hazzard		Dallas		
Home	HouseSmart!	Interior Motives		Great Chefs		Great Chefs		Travelers		News
Law & Order	McMillan and Wife			Equalizer		Quincy		Northern Exposure		
Mysteries	Movie: Secrets (1995) Veronica Hamel. **			Breaking Through		Golden Girls		Golden Girls		Supermit
NBA Action	Boyz n the Hood	Alain Delon *** 1/2		National In-Line Skating		SurfPlanet		Baseball		Spits
Movie:	Movie: Texas Across the River (1966) Alain Delon *** 1/2	In the Heat of the Night		Kung Fu: Legend		Rocko's Life		Figure It Out		Tiny Toon
Little Twins	Muppets	Looney	CharlieB	Doug	Garfield	Garfield	You Afraid?	Rocko's Life		Figure It Out
Movie:	Movie: Death Becomes Her (1992) Meryl Streep. ***	PGA Golf Western Open - Second Round								Baywatch
Cristina	Laonela	Futbol Copa Mundial Colombia vs. Inglaterra						Futbol Copa Mundial		Club
Judgment	Movie: Memphis Belle	Kennedys of Massachusetts								Days of Judgment
Wild About	Amazing	AnimalDr	AnimalBite	Zoventure	Lassie	Pet Con.	Absolutely	Pet Line	Wild About	Amazing

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NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Wash. Week	Wall St.		Evening at Pope		Time Goes	Keeping Up	Charlie Rose		NewsHour
(5:00) Movie: The Sacketts	Rescue 911			Diagnosis Murder		Hawaii Five-0		700 Club		Bonanza
News	Ent. Tonight	Dateline		Movie: Dying to Belong (1997) Hilary Swank. * 1/2		News		News	(35) Tonight Show	
Movie: A Goofy Movie ** G	(20) Movie: Air Bud Michael Jeter. 'PG'	Mulan		GrowPains		Walt Disney Presents		Zorro		
Griffith	(35) Major League Baseball Toronto Blue Jays at Atlanta Braves			(35) Movie: The Jerk (1979) Steve Martin. ** 1/2						
News	Fortune	Sabrina	You Wish	Boy-World	Teen Angel	20/20		News	Selinfeld	Nightline
Fam. Mat.	Coach	Major League Baseball Chicago Cubs at Kansas City Royals						News	HoneyMnr	Heat
News	Home Imp.	Kids Say	Carroll C.	Fam. Mat.	Step-Step	Nash Bridges		News	(35) Late Show	
Mad-You	Simpsons	Beyond Belief		Millennium		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Frasier	Cops	Real TV
Sportsctr.	Strongman	Strongman	X-Games					Sportscenter		Baseball
Movie: Escape-Wildcat	Stargate	(45) Stargate SG-1		Stargate	Stargate	(45) Outer Limits		Hunger		Pottargate
Wimbledon Tennis	Movie: Volcano Tommy Lee Jones. **	(45) Movie: Ambushed Courtney B. Vance. R						Dennis M.		Spawm
Movie: The Perfect Mother	Movie: Murder at 1600 Wesley Stripes. ** 1/2 R	Movie: Truth or Consequences, N.M. Vincent Gallo. R		Movie:						
Movie: Don't Raise	Movie: Spinout (1966) Elvis Presley. ** 1/2	Movie: Double Trouble (1967) Elvis Presley. **								
Waltons	Demolition Derby Daynland Superlatals							Dallas		Demo Derby
Gimme Shelter	Wild Discovery	News	Storm	Mysteries-Unexplained		Justice Files		Wild Disc.		
Law & Order	Biography			America's Castles		Law & Order				Biography
Intimate Portrait	WNBA Basketball: Monarchs at Liberty			Unsolved Mysteries		Attitudes		Golden Girls		Golden Girls
Last Word	Sports	Rugby Japan vs. United States		This Week in NASCAR		FOX Sports News		Sports		
Babylon 5	Movie: Marlowe (1999) James Garner. ***	(05) Movie: They Only Kill Their Masters (1972) *** 1/2								
Doug	Rugrats	Hey Arnold! Brady	Brady	Wonder Yrs.	Happy Days	Bewitched	I Love Lucy	M.T. Moore		Taxi
Highlander: The Series	Walker, Texas Ranger	Movie: Die Hard (1988) Bruce Willis, Bonnie Bedelia. *** 1/2		Movie: Terminator 2						
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The residence of the Independent Executrix is HCR 2 Box 60, Friona, Deaf Smith County, Texas, the post office address is c/o Rex W. Easterwood, Attorney at Law, P. O. Box 273, Hereford, Texas 79045.

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 23rd day of June, 1998.

By: Rex W. Easterwood
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Yesterday's Cryptquote: AN INTELLECTUAL IS A PERSON WHO CAN LISTEN TO THE WILLIAM TELL OVERTURE AND NOT THINK OF THE LONE RANGER.—SOURCE UNKNOWN

GOOD GOLLY, MISS MOLLY

Ex-Republican may head Texas Democrats

AUSTIN (AP) - Molly Beth Malcolm, who wants to lead the struggling Texas Democratic Party into political battle, knows the enemy. The Republicans once counted her among their own.

"Because I have been in that party and I have seen it from the inside, I'm uniquely qualified to fight it," said Mrs. Malcolm, 43, a former public school teacher and school counselor from Texarkana.

Texas Democrats will decide whether they agree at their state convention opening Friday in San Antonio. A Saturday vote is scheduled to replace outgoing chairman Bill White of Houston.

Also seeking the top job is San Augustine County Judge Curt Goetz, who made his first Democratic political speeches as a child campaigning in his dad's state representative race.

Quoting a friend and Baptist minister, Goetz maintains, "We are very, very happy to welcome converts to our church. We don't necessarily make them deacons on the first Sunday."

Mrs. Malcolm said her track record since leaving the GOP shows "This isn't the first Sunday in church. ... The Democratic Party is what I believe in and work for."

If elected, she may be the first former Republican to head a state Democratic Party in the nation. Democratic National Committee spokesman Tony Wyche said he knows of no other.

Mrs. Malcolm said her epiphany came at a GOP precinct meeting in 1992, when she had been involved in Republican politics for three years. She and her husband were living in Longview.

Despite opposition from the Malcolms and another couple, she said others there approved "the most horrendous resolutions that were against basic human rights that I've ever heard" on subjects including abortion, sex education, textbooks, AIDS and immigration.

Defeated was her proposal to remove abortion from the Republican platform. She calls abortion a private

matter, not a government issue.

Mrs. Malcolm, then a drug-free schools coordinator, went home and called a Democratic friend.

"I said, 'I'm ready for recovery. I've hit bottom tonight,'" she recounted. "We started Recovering Republicans."

Since then, Mrs. Malcolm has plunged into Democratic politics with a convert's zeal.

She is president of Texas Democratic Women, serves on the State Democratic Executive Committee, helped organize the Texarkana College 21st Century Democrats, worked in Democratic U.S. Rep. Max Sandlin's campaign and was on his congressional staff.

She has been moderator for Democratic gubernatorial candidate Garry Mauro's town hall meetings, and she had the idea for "What it means to be a Democrat" cards.

Mrs. Malcolm snagged endorsements from two key groups, the Texas AFL-CIO and the Tejano Democrats. Backers praise her enthusiasm and potential to rejuvenate the party.

"Somebody who has walked the other side of the street can know better about how to bring back some that have left the party," said state AFL-CIO President Joe Gunn. "She wore the shoe. It pinched her. It made her uncomfortable."

Not so fast, say GOP activists pointing to their party's gains. Republicans swept all statewide offices on the 1996 ballot, took control of the state Senate for the first time in more than a century and have sitting Gov. George W. Bush, a 53-point favorite over Mauro in the latest poll.

Susan Weddington, who heads the state GOP, said if Mrs. Malcolm is elected, "She's got to feel like the captain being given the wheel just shortly before the Titanic goes down."

"The only difference between the Democratic Party and the Titanic is the Democratic Party is falling apart before it even hits the iceberg."

Gore making swing through Texas

WASHINGTON (AP) - Vice President Al Gore will be raising both money and issues during a two-day swing through Texas.

During appearances in Houston, El Paso and San Antonio, Gore is to raise campaign money for two fellow Democrats, address the state party convention and talk about wildfires, child safety, welfare and education.

In Houston, Gore was scheduled to be a guest of Friendswood High School for today's panel discussion on school violence, youth crime and children's safety. The appearance makes good on a longstanding request by Rep. Nick Lampson, D-Beaumont, for a Gore visit.

Safeguarding children became a crusade for Lampson after a 12-year-old Friendswood girl, Laura Smither, was kidnapped and murdered last year.

"Anytime he can bring the issues of child safety to the national forefront, he's thrilled and honored to do so," said Lampson's special assistant, Jacquelyn

Davis. From children's issues, Gore was making the jump to campaigns, headlining a Houston fund-raiser for freshman Rep. Jim Turner of Crockett.

The luncheon is expected to bring in \$100,000 for the East Texas lawmaker's re-election, said campaign manager Russell Langley.

Then it was on to West Texas for a University of Texas at El Paso forum this evening on education and a fund-raising dinner for Democratic gubernatorial candidate Garry Mauro.

The Mauro dinner, expected to bring in \$150,000, comes just two days after President Clinton and Hillary Clinton sought to provide a boost to the campaign of their longtime friend, who is lagging substantially behind Gov. George W. Bush in the polls and the money chase.

The twin Clinton events were expected to net his campaign \$250,000.



The U.S., excluding Hawaii, has about 783 million acres of farmland. Canada has about 796 million acres.

GOP bids to knock out NEA

WASHINGTON (AP) - Republicans are muscling toward the House floor a number of spending bills that bear a definite conservative stamp, including one that would kill the National Endowment for the Arts and another that would eliminate President Clinton's national service program.

With lawmakers intensifying their work on fiscal 1999 spending bills, the House Appropriations Committee planned to vote on a pair of such measures today. A \$13.4 billion measure financing Interior Department and cultural programs would eliminate the arts endowment, which got \$98 million this year and for which Clinton requested \$136 million.

The same committee was working on a \$70.9 billion measure for veterans, housing, environmental and science programs. It would eliminate the AmeriCorps national service program, which got \$426 million this year and, like the arts endowment, is an annual target of conservatives.

Conservatives concede that opposition from Democrats and moderate Republicans means some of their efforts will fail. And the Appropriations Committee of the more centrist Senate has already written bills that would finance the NEA and AmeriCorps.

Even so, conservatives say the Republicans will benefit from their strategy in the November elections.

"It will force votes on the floor that identify the differences between us and the people we're running against," said Rep. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., a conservative leader.

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Jan 64.00	60.00	Dec 280.00	275.00
Feb 62.00	58.00	Jan 285.00	280.00
Mar 60.00	56.00	Feb 290.00	285.00
Apr 58.00	54.00	Mar 295.00	290.00
May 56.00	52.00	Apr 300.00	295.00
June 54.00	50.00	May 305.00	300.00
July 52.00	48.00	June 310.00	305.00
Aug 50.00	46.00	July 315.00	310.00
Sept 48.00	44.00	Aug 320.00	315.00
Oct 46.00	42.00	Sept 325.00	320.00
Nov 44.00	40.00	Oct 330.00	325.00
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July 28.00	24.00	June 370.00	365.00
Aug 26.00	22.00	July 375.00	370.00
Sept 24.00	20.00	Aug 380.00	375.00
Oct 22.00	18.00	Sept 385.00	380.00
Nov 20.00	16.00	Oct 390.00	385.00
Dec 18.00	14.00	Nov 395.00	390.00
Jan 16.00	12.00	Dec 400.00	395.00
Feb 14.00	10.00	Jan 405.00	400.00
Mar 12.00	8.00	Feb 410.00	405.00
Apr 10.00	6.00	Mar 415.00	410.00
May 8.00	4.00	Apr 420.00	415.00
June 6.00	2.00	May 425.00	420.00
July 4.00	0.00	June 430.00	425.00
Aug 2.00	0.00	July 435.00	430.00
Sept 0.00	0.00	Aug 440.00	435.00
Oct 0.00	0.00	Sept 445.00	440.00
Nov 0.00	0.00	Oct 450.00	445.00
Dec 0.00	0.00	Nov 455.00	450.00
Jan 0.00	0.00	Dec 460.00	455.00
Feb 0.00	0.00	Jan 465.00	460.00
Mar 0.00	0.00	Feb 470.00	465.00
Apr 0.00	0.00	Mar 475.00	470.00
May 0.00	0.00	Apr 480.00	475.00
June 0.00	0.00	May 485.00	480.00
July 0.00	0.00	June 490.00	485.00
Aug 0.00	0.00	July 495.00	490.00
Sept 0.00	0.00	Aug 500.00	495.00
Oct 0.00	0.00	Sept 505.00	500.00
Nov 0.00	0.00	Oct 510.00	505.00
Dec 0.00	0.00	Nov 515.00	510.00
Jan 0.00	0.00	Dec 520.00	515.00
Feb 0.00	0.00	Jan 525.00	520.00
Mar 0.00	0.00	Feb 530.00	525.00
Apr 0.00	0.00	Mar 535.00	530.00
May 0.00	0.00	Apr 540.00	535.00
June 0.00	0.00	May 545.00	540.00
July 0.00	0.00	June 550.00	545.00
Aug 0.00	0.00	July 555.00	550.00
Sept 0.00	0.00	Aug 560.00	555.00
Oct 0.00	0.00	Sept 565.00	560.00
Nov 0.00	0.00	Oct 570.00	565.00
Dec 0.00	0.00	Nov 575.00	570.00
Jan 0.00	0.00	Dec 580.00	575.00
Feb 0.00	0.00	Jan 585.00	580.00
Mar 0.00	0.00	Feb 590.00	585.00
Apr 0.00	0.00	Mar 595.00	590.00
May 0.00	0.00	Apr 600.00	595.00
June 0.00	0.00	May 605.00	600.00
July 0.00	0.00	June 610.00	605.00
Aug 0.00	0.00	July 615.00	610.00
Sept 0.00	0.00	Aug 620.00	615.00
Oct 0.00	0.00	Sept 625.00	620.00
Nov 0.00	0.00	Oct 630.00	625.00
Dec 0.00	0.00	Nov 635.00	630.00
Jan 0.00	0.00	Dec 640.00	635.00
Feb 0.00	0.00	Jan 645.00	640.00
Mar 0.00	0.00	Feb 650.00	645.00
Apr 0.00	0.00	Mar 655.00	650.00
May 0.00	0.00	Apr 660.00	655.00
June 0.00	0.00	May 665.00	660.00
July 0.00	0.00	June 670.00	665.00
Aug 0.00	0.00	July 675.00	670.00
Sept 0.00	0.00	Aug 680.00	675.00
Oct 0.00	0.00	Sept 685.00	680.00
Nov 0.00	0.00	Oct 690.00	685.00
Dec 0.00	0.00	Nov 695.00	690.00
Jan 0.00	0.00	Dec 700.00	695.00
Feb 0.00	0.00	Jan 705.00	700.00
Mar 0.00	0.00	Feb 710.00	705.00
Apr 0.00	0.00	Mar 715.00	710.00
May 0.00	0.00	Apr 720.00	715.00
June 0.00	0.00	May 725.00	720.00
July 0.00	0.00	June 730.00	725.00
Aug 0.00	0.00	July 735.00	730.00
Sept 0.00	0.00	Aug 740.00	735.00
Oct 0.00	0.00	Sept 745.00	740.00
Nov 0.00	0.00	Oct 750.00	745.00
Dec 0.00	0.00	Nov 755.00	750.00
Jan 0.00	0.00	Dec 760.00	755.00
Feb 0.0			

NEWS

in brief

House votes to block FDA OK of abortion-inducing drugs
 WASHINGTON (AP) - The government would be barred from using taxpayer dollars to test, develop or approve drugs that induce abortion - such as the French abortion pill RU-486 - under legislation passed by the House.

But the ban is unlikely to survive the Senate. Abortion opponents claimed victory after the vote Wednesday, while women's advocates assailed the action as an assault on their constitutional right to end unwanted pregnancies. "The federal government has no right to use taxpayer dollars to develop abortion drugs," said Rep. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., sponsor of an amendment prohibiting such spending by the Food and Drug Administration. "The business of the FDA is to protect lives, not facilitate death."

CNN hires attorney to check report U.S. used nerve gas
 ATLANTA (AP) - Stung by controversy over a report alleging that U.S. forces used nerve gas to hunt down Vietnam War defectors, CNN has hired attorney Floyd Abrams to independently investigate the story's accuracy. Abrams, a prominent First Amendment lawyer who has represented major news organizations, will look at the network's research and process in compiling the report. He will present his findings to CNN executives. "If we were wrong, we'll tell you that. If we were right, we'll tell you that," CNN anchorman Jeff Greenfield said Wednesday. The report, which was compiled by CNN journalists, aired two weeks ago and *Time* magazine published an article based on the report a day later. Both organizations are owned by Time Warner.

New York, New York may not be home, sweet home
 LOS ANGELES (AP) - New York City, where nearly everyone has a housing horror story, once again is the nation's most expensive real estate market for executives, according to an annual survey. Mid-level executives living in New York City would have to fork over 43.5 percent of their income for a nice home in a decent neighborhood, according to the E&Y Kenneth Leventhal study released today. San Francisco - last year's dubious winner - ran a close second at 42.2 percent, followed by Los Angeles at 37.2 percent, the survey said. Last year, San Francisco required 39.7 percent, followed by New York at 38.3 percent and Los Angeles at 36.8 percent. Oklahoma City again was the nation's most affordable market, where the cost of a home, including rent or monthly payments and annual property taxes, averages 17.3 percent of a buyer's income - up from 16 percent last year. Richmond, Va., was nearly as inexpensive at 17.8 percent, followed by Kansas City at 18.4 percent.

Court refuses to authorize California State Bar dues
 SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - The state Supreme Court has refused to rescue the State Bar from imminent financial ruin by mandating that lawyers pay dues for this year. The bar, which is scheduled to lay off most of its remaining employees Friday, asked the court this week to authorize mandatory dues of \$364 for 1998. That would be enough to fund lawyer discipline and other legally required activities, the bar said. The bar's sole source of money was cut off by Gov. Pete Wilson's veto of its dues bill last October. Wilson has rejected the bar's proposals to reduce and restructure its operations and has proposed instead to slash its dues and change its leadership from a board elected by lawyers to one appointed by the next governor. In his veto, Wilson said the bar had become bloated, arrogant, unresponsive to members and overly involved in liberal politics.

Department store said to be on the block
 NEW YORK (AP) - One of the nation's oldest and best-known retailers is up for sale. The New York Times reported today. Saks Fifth Avenue, which has 97 stores, could go for between \$2 billion and \$2.5 billion, the newspaper said. The majority owner of Saks is Investcorp International, an investment bank based in Bahrain that bought the retailer in 1990 for \$1.6 billion. Investcorp has done well by investing in high-end retailers such as Tiffany and Gucci and selling them.

Nuclear plant shut down by powerful Ohio storm
 PORT CLINTON, Ohio (AP) - A powerful storm that slammed into northern Ohio forced a nuclear power plant to shut down as it knocked out power, damaged buildings and injured at least 30 people. National Weather Service forecasters said they believed a tornado was spotted near the Davis-Besse nuclear plant near Oak Harbor, about 25 miles east of Toledo. Plant officials said the idled reactor was safe and an inspection was under way to determine damage. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission said it was sending a team of specialists to Davis-Besse to inspect the plant.

Researchers say 'broken' gene may help people avoid smoking
 NEW YORK (AP) - It's a strange concept - a gene that helps protect some people from becoming addicted to nicotine, but only when it is defective. Scientists say they've identified such a gene, and if their research is confirmed it could lead to medications to help millions of smokers cut back or quit. About one-fifth of the nonsmoking population carries a protective version of the gene, said Rachel Tyndale, one of the study's authors. She said the gene's influence might have saved some 7 million current residents of North America from nicotine addiction. Tyndale and colleagues at the University of Toronto reported their findings in today's issue of the journal *Nature*.

Attorney: Teen-ager will plead guilty in school shootings
 PADUCAH, Ky. (AP) - The 15-year-old boy accused of killing three girls and wounding five other students as they prayed at their high school will say he is mentally ill and plead guilty in hopes of getting a lenient sentence, his lawyer said. Michael Carneal is scheduled to stand trial Oct. 5 on three counts of murder and five counts of attempted murder. The teen-ager is accused of carrying a pistol, shotguns and rifles into Heath High School and opening fire in the lobby as classmates ended an informal prayer meeting.



New owners

Chamber of Commerce Hustlers hosted a ribbon cutting Wednesday at the Red Carpet Inn, 830 West Highway 60, to acknowledge new owners Archie and Pam Carroll (center right with scissors). Also present for the ceremony were their son and daughter-in-law, Wade and Traci Carroll (right), and managers Duane and June Stewart (center left), along with employees, friends and Chamber members.

1st quarter growth: 5.4 percent

WASHINGTON (AP) - The U.S. economy grew much more quickly than originally believed during the first three months of this year, with businesses and consumers increasing spending at a rapid rate. The nation's gross domestic product - the sum of all goods and services produced within U.S. borders - increased at a seasonally adjusted 5.4 percent annual rate over the January-March period, the Commerce Department said today. That places it among just a handful of quarters with such rapid growth during the past 15 years. The economy grew at a 6 percent rate in April-June 1996 and October-December 1987 and at a 6.4 percent rate in April-June 1984.

But much of the latest growth spurt came from a buildup in business inventories, which already is slowing growth in the current quarter. And, a separate report today from the Labor Department shows a surge in unemployment reflecting the General Motors strike.

GM, union may be heading into court

LAS VEGAS (AP) - Unable to reach a settlement, General Motors Corp. may be headed toward a legal showdown with the United Auto Workers to end costly strikes that have crippled the world's No. 1 automaker. The warning came Wednesday from GM labor chief Gerald Knechtel. "Our contention is that the strikeable issues identified by the union are contrived and that the real issues that led to these costly disputes are ones that the union has agreed to be non-strikeable," he said. The strikes by 9,200 workers in Flint, Mich., have caused the layoffs of nearly 146,500 other GM workers from 26 major assembly lines and about 100 parts plants across North America. The shutdowns have virtually halted GM's North American production. The blow to GM's second-quarter profit is expected to total more than \$1 billion. In a memo titled "Aggressive Manufacturing Shut Down," the automaker on Wednesday told its managers to immediately shut down operations not associated with the launch of its new full-size pickup truck, GM spokesman Gerry Holmes said today. The shut down, which will take several days to implement, means any hourly employees still doing maintenance and other work in the plants will be sent home, Holmes said. The cuts are aimed at GM's North American operations, which has 201,000 hourly and salaried workers, he said. GM also is cutting advertising on television, magazines and newspapers for at least the next six weeks, he said. GM declined to say how much money is being slashed from its ad budget, which totaled \$2.2 billion last year. GM said it filed a grievance with the union requesting "expedited arbitration" on its claim that strikes at the two Flint parts plants violate terms of the UAW-GM national contract. The move could lead to a court battle after a ruling by an arbitrator. It also could further hamper negotiations. As the first of the strikes nears the end of its third week, no significant progress has been reported in daily talks that were to resume today. GM has requested a reply from the union within 48 hours. GM delivered a letter regarding its plans Tuesday night to the UAW leadership, which is meeting at its triennial convention in Las Vegas. UAW officials dismissed GM's move as a public relations stunt.

JonBenet's parents are questioned

DENVER (AP) - The parents of slain 6-year-old JonBenet Ramsey and their son reportedly have talked to investigators from the Boulder County district attorney's office. The interviews with John and Patsy Ramsey come just weeks after police investigators turned their case over to the district attorney. They have been interviewed separately and simultaneously since Tuesday and the interrogations were expected to wrap up today, according to Boulder and Denver media reports. The *Denver Post* today also reported that the Ramseys' 11-year-old son, Burke, was interviewed earlier this month. Boulder County District Attorney Alex Hunter went to Atlanta, where the Ramseys moved, to conduct the interviews, according to a source quoted by the *Post*. Burke was in his family's Boulder home when his sister's body was found in the basement. Police briefly talked to Burke that day and were allowed to watch while social workers interviewed him, but have not talked to him since then. Hunter did not return calls from The Associated Press. Hunter's spokeswoman, Suzanne Laurion, would not comment.

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