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368 cast  
early votes

The tally isn't official, but about 368 votes cast early ballots in the May 2 municipal election.

Early voting in the election ended Tuesday. Voters had cast early ballots at the Deaf Smith County Clerk's Office. The polls will be open 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday for election-day voting. All ballots will be cast at Hereford Community Center, 100 Ave. C.

Four positions are on the ballot, although incumbent Wayne Winget is unopposed for another term as Precinct 4 commissioner.

In Precinct 2, incumbent Eugene Condarco faces a challenge from Angie Alonzo. At-large races pit incumbents Roger Eades and Carey Black against challengers Delia Gamez and Martha Cavazos Rincon.

## NEWS in brief

### IRS hearings: Demos ask GOP to explain plans

WASHINGTON (AP) - Facing another round of hearings targeting the Internal Revenue Service, many Democrats are asking a basic question: What's the point?

"When are you fellows going to quit talking about it and start doing something about it?" asked Sen. John Breaux, D-La.

Breaux, relaying the sentiments of a constituent, questioned the continued delay of legislation to improve IRS oversight and strengthen taxpayer rights. The bill, which passed the House Nov. 5, is supposed to reach the Senate floor next week.

But Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, defended the Senate Finance Committee's exhaustive review of IRS' inner workings, saying it prods an agency that often is "Johnny-come-lately" to changing its practices.

"Why is the IRS only willing to make change at a point where Congress is exposing some very bad wrongdoing?" he asked.

## Deadline for ELC voting approaches

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

Ballots have been mailed to Southwestern Bell telephone customers in Hereford by the Texas Public Utilities Commission. The ballots should be completed and returned to the PUC by May 5.

If 70 percent of the returned ballots support the ELC between Hereford and the Amarillo/Canyon exchanges, then the PUC will order

Southwestern Bell to stop charging long-distance toll between Hereford and its two neighbors.

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

In a recent interview, Southwestern Bell representative Gary Stevens said the ELC was designed to enable communities with less than 10,000

telephone lines (Hereford has about 6,300) to petition the PUC for toll-free service with larger communities.

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

Stevens said the ELC is essentially a revenue-neutral service for Southwestern Bell and is primarily a benefit for the smaller community, such as Hereford.

In a previous ELC election,

Stevens noted there was confusion among some Hereford residents about the exchanges involved.

Stevens said although there are several prefixes in Amarillo, the city is considered one exchange for purposes of the ELC.

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

Hicks said the ELC proposal would be of significant benefit to residents and businesses in Hereford. "The hospital (Hereford Regional Medical Center) is one of the major

reasons" why the ELC is necessary, Hicks said, noting the links between HRMC and Baptist St. Anthony's Health System in Amarillo. Many patients who cannot receive treatment at HRMC are transferred to the Amarillo facility, and the consultations between the local physicians and Amarillo facilities can run up the long-distance bills.

HRMC financial officer Rodney Bailey indicated the hospital would benefit from toll-free calling between

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### Suspicious death

The body of 35-year-old Linda Walker Crews was found in the garage of this house at 509 Ave. G Tuesday afternoon. Judge Johnnie Turrentine ordered an autopsy. Hereford police

do not suspect foul play or suicide, but the investigation will not be complete until toxicology reports come in which could take two to three weeks.

## Strong economy gives Social Security system respite

WASHINGTON (AP) - The strong economy is helping Social Security, a new report says, but lawmakers fear it won't be enough to solve the cash crunch coming when baby boomers retire.

"Social Security will soon be swamped by a demographic tidal wave that can't be stopped," said Rep. Bill Archer, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, which oversees the retirement program.

Social Security's trustees in their annual report released Tuesday predicted three extra years of full pension benefits for retiring baby

boomers before a potential cash shortfall in 2032.

Many Republican lawmakers are calling for a new retirement system, based on personal accounts invested privately by workers. Democrats in Congress said the slightly more optimistic forecast for Social Security shows how far modest changes can go toward solving the program's problems.

"Some in Congress want to use a shortfall at least three decades in the future as an excuse to invest the Social Security trust funds in volatile equity markets," said House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt. "Clearly,

time remains to have a reasoned discussion."

The improvement in Social Security's prospects is "almost entirely due to the strength of the U.S. economy and our projections that over the near term that strength continues," Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin said.

Unemployment and inflation are at their lowest levels in decades, and with more Americans on the job, the taxes deducted from workers' paychecks to support Social Security are up.

Low inflation also saves Social Security money because yearly

cost-of-living raises to retirees can be smaller. This year's raise was just 2.1 percent, the lowest in a decade.

Social Security, in fact, now collects more payroll taxes than are needed to pay benefits to today's retirees. The surpluses are invested in government bonds.

The program will not need to start cashing in those investments in 2013, the trustees said - a year later than previously expected. At that time, baby boomers - the large group of people born from 1946 through 1964 - will have begun retiring, and it is projected that the taxes paid by those

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## VIOLENCE Threats are taken seriously

By DIANNA F. DANDRIDGE  
Staff Writer

Hereford Independent School District is taking to heart the old adage of an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, at least as far as student violence on any campus is concerned.

A recent rash of violence erupting on school campuses across the country has led many school districts to re-evaluate their crisis management plans.

The counselors and administrators at HISD practice pro-active plans which focus on preventing tragedies such as those that happened in Arkansas and Pennsylvania.

"Our district is very pro-active," Deputy Superintendent Nea Vas said. "We have counselors on every campus, who are available to all students. The teachers and counselors are always on the lookout for signs of trouble that can lead to these tragedies."

Each campus has its own system, but all plans revolve around the idea that violence is never the answer to life's problems.

Close faculty-student interaction plays a major role in helping students at all levels find non-violent solutions to their problems.

"More problems probably arise in junior high grades and up," said Lily Robertson, counselor at West Central. "On our campus, we do everything we can to keep the kids from feeling unheard or unimportant."

"We use a conflict resolution plan," Aikman counselor Karen Roberts said. "The students are encouraged to resolve problems through talking rather than violence. We want the students to understand they are in control and they can make a choice to use an acceptable solution or violence. But, they have to know there are consequences for their actions."

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### On auction block

Negotiations reportedly are under way for the sale of Hereford-based Arrowhead Mills to Hain Food Group Inc. The Uniondale, N.Y.-based company sells, markets and distributes a full line of natural foods, cooking oils, low-sodium food products, kosher foods and snack/dry milk products. Details about the sale and its effect on local operations are sketchy.

## CINCO DE MAYO

Variety of events planned for celebration

By DONALD M. COOPER  
Brand Editor

Live music, a car show, a 5K run and softball are all on tap at this weekend's 10th Annual Cinco de Mayo Celebration.

The celebration will kick off Saturday night with live music featuring Texas Latino at Soliz Civic Center, 151 Pine. The club will be open 7 p.m. until 1 p.m.

The other events will be Sunday in Veterans Park, with proceeds from the activities going to the Hispanic Scholarship Fund in the Hereford area.

The Sunday festivities include live music, authentic Mexican food, a car show, men's and women's softball tournaments, and a 2- and 3-mile run and 2-mile walk.

Also, the 1997 Hispanic of the Year Award will be presented.

Past recipients of the Hispanic of the Year Award are Edward Maldonado, Steve Cortez, Margaret Del Toro, Joe Soliz, Arturo Gonzales, Jamie Nino, Fr. Daryl Birkenfield and Deacon Jessie Guerrero.

### Cinco de Mayo?

What is Cinco de Mayo?

The celebration commemorates the victory of a Mexican army over a French army at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862.

The Mexican army, led by Gen. Ignacio Zaragoza, defeated the larger and better-equipped French army, which was part of the force dispatched by Emperor Napoleon III of France to conquer Mexico.

Despite the Mexican victory at Puebla, the French were able to seize control of Mexico City and install a puppet government.

In 1866 and 1867, the French withdrew from Mexico because of increased Mexican resistance and pressure from the United States.

The French-backed government soon collapsed.

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Organizers of the celebration are adding a new touch this year - a 5K and 2-mile run and walk.

The Run in the Hills course will start and finish at the pavilion in Veterans Park.

The starting time for the 2-mile run/walk will be 8:30 a.m. May 3; the 5K run will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Overall male and female winners

will receive trophies; other winners will receive medals. Participants will receive T-shirts and free lunch at the Cinco de Mayo Celebration, which will be held in the park.

Advanced registration for the Run in the Hills is \$12 and the deadline is 5 p.m. May 2. Late registration is \$15 and will be conducted at 7:30 a.m. at Veterans Park.

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# SPEEDY NIEMAN

## Hereford Bull

That feller on Tierra Blanca Creek says how can a kid complain that there's nothing to do...when nearly every family has a lawn.

The wisest thing to do with a fool is to encourage him to hire a hall and discourse to his fellow citizens. Nothing chills nonsense like exposure to the air.

Shirley: "Will you ever stop procrastinating?"  
Bill: "I don't know. We'll have to wait and see."

Early voting ended Tuesday for the Hereford City Commission election, so there's just one more chance to cast your ballot. That opportunity will come on election day, Saturday, May 2, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Hereford Community Center. If you didn't vote early, we hope you will plan to go to the polls Saturday!

Some ideas are worth stealing. And, some ideas come from kids. In Hamilton, Mont., prom night was an enchanted evening - for two generations. High school students worked so hard preparing their junior-senior prom that they decided the decorations should see double duty. So, the kids arranged for a Senior Citizens Prom the day before their own.

"When you put up \$1,500 worth of decorations, it seems like a horrible waste not to share it with someone," reasoned the junior class president. The ceiling glittered with tiny lights set against a dark and wispy background, creating an atmosphere to match the theme, "An Enchanting Evening Under the Stars." Students arranged transportation for those seniors needing it, paired a few couples and made sure there were plenty of Tommy Dorsey and Glen Miller tunes.

One woman who attended her last prom some 66 years ago thought it was a terrific idea. Another fellow, 75, agreed that it was nifty. He danced the night away with his 17-year-old granddaughter.

Some favorite excuses heard by justices of the peace from traffic violators:  
--I was almost out of gas and was trying to get to a station as fast I could.

- The baby needed changing and I couldn't stand the smell.
- My girlfriend was in a hurry to get to a restroom.
- I didn't know the light was red. I'm colorblind.
- I was hurrying to get off the radar screen.
- I was running late for a funeral.
- My wife called and said she wanted to get pregnant.
- Gee, I didn't even know there were that many males in an hour.

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## Local Roundup

### Parental meeting

The migrant department of Hereford I.S.D. will be host for a parental meeting on "Parents as Educators" at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the HISD administration building, 601 N. 25 Mile Ave.

The speaker will be Sal Martinez, bilingual/ESL educational specialist from Region XVI Education Service Center.

Baby-sitting and transportation will be provided. For more information or transportation, call the migrant office at 363-7609.

### Democratic rally

Texas Democratic leaders will outline their plan to boost Texas families Friday during an eight-town tour of the Panhandle.

The Democrats, including State Chairman Bill White, Agriculture Commissioner candidate Pete Patterson, Railroad Commissioner candidate Joe Henderson, and Criminal Appeals Court candidate Winston Cochran, will join local Democratic elected officials and supporters at the Panhandle rallies.

The Democrats will be at the Deaf Smith County Courthouse at 3 p.m. Friday, followed by a 4:30 p.m. appearance at the Castro County Courthouse in Dimmitt.

Other stops on the tour include Amarillo, Panhandle, Dumas, Channing, Plainview and Lubbock.

On the tour, the group will spotlight new proposals to improve public education, give families the right to choose their own doctors, and ban sales taxes on food and medicine.

### Shirley Spring Fling

The Shirley PTO will sponsor their annual Spring Fling, on May 8 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the school. Activities will include such events as a cake walk, pillow bash, balloon shavings and a new feature - a silent auction - with many donated items including a Tickle Me Elmo.

There will also be a raffle for a quilt, donated by the Senior Citizens Organization. Raffle tickets can be purchased from any Shirley student until May 8.

The Shirley Library will also be having their "book fair" on the same day. Proceeds from this fund raiser will go to the purchase of a new die-cut machine for the library.

# NEWS

## in brief

### Army, DeLay head high-level Clinton attacks

WASHINGTON (AP) - After the sex-and-perjury allegations against President Clinton erupted in January, House Speaker Newt Gingrich swiftly sent word to his Republican troops: Keep quiet.

And remarkably, the rank-and-file have obeyed, heeding the political adage that there's no need to interfere with an opponent when he's busy shooting himself in the foot.

However, a trio of pugnacious senior House Republicans - Majority Leader Dick Armey of Irving, Majority Whip Tom DeLay of Sugar Land and Rep. Dan Burton of Indiana - have proved the exception.

DeLay launched the first salvo in a House speech last month, accusing Clinton of shying from the truth and urging him to air his dealings with Monica Lewinsky and Kathleen Willey.

### TAAS preparation is big business

HOUSTON (AP) - Students and educators hate the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills, but there's a whole cottage industry that simply loves it.

Schools spend millions of dollars each year preparing students for the dreaded TAAS test, which will be administered across the state Thursday.

"You say 'TAAS,' and it's the same as saying 'stress,'" Susan Counsellor, the TAAS coordinator at De Zavala Elementary School in Channelview, told *The Texas Journal of The Wall Street Journal*.

# Cable company unplugs illegal connections

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Paragon Cable officials say they have lost more than \$100,000 a year in potential revenues because of illegal cable hookups by at least 300 city workers in municipal buildings.

Paragon spokesman T.J. Connolly said Tuesday the company will spend \$10,000 to eliminate the illegal hookups.

Cable TV company officials had announced Monday they would pull the illegal connections after discovering them during audits of city buildings.

Mayor Howard Peak, City Manager Alex Briseno and City Council members will continue to receive complimentary cable service in their offices.

Free service to city department heads will be suspended temporarily, Paragon officials say.

"Our plan is to get this all done

and cleaned up by the end of May," Connolly said. "It should never again get like this. This cleanup is long, long overdue."

The company will not document the full extent of cable theft by city workers, although Connolly said at least 300 city employees had unauthorized connections.

"That's a conservative number," Connolly said. "As we're doing the disconnecting, more and more problems are being uncovered. More illegal tapping in and more illegal splicing."

"We don't know if that was done last week, last year or five years ago. We're finding noncable system equipment running in attics and hallways."

Octavio Pena, acting director of finance, questioned Connolly's numbers, but agreed there were

instances in which workers spliced into the system so they could receive free cable TV at their desks.

In most cases, however, city workers not eligible for cable TV inherited the desk of a high-ranking employee who needed cable TV to monitor televised City Council meetings, Pena said.

Pena also said Paragon Cable has failed to provide one free service connection to each of the 400-plus city-owned or leased buildings, Pena said, as required in the company's franchise agreement.

"There are instances on both sides of noncompliance," Pena said. "The solution is that everyone gets cut off and we reactivate only those that will be authorized from this point forward."

Connolly admitted the company likely did a poor job of disconnecting service when city workers were

transferred to other offices.

"We're not pointing the blame at anyone," he said.

Paragon will not prosecute any city employee on the first offense, the same policy it has for businesses and residents, Connolly said.

Peak said that although he does not believe many city employees stole cable, a federal offense, Briseno should penalize anyone who did.

"It sounds as if everyone is sitting around watching TV," Peak said. "I've been around this building enough and there are hardly any TVs around. It's a public relations problem. It may be a legal problem for a few."

The city plans to warn employees who wrongly received free cable and said they could face formal reprimands or more serious punishment if they hook into the system again without permission.



### School-bell winners

Texas State Teachers Association recently honored Junior High teacher Carolyn Waters, and Hereford Brand reporter Dianna Dandridge with the 1998 school bell awards. Waters was presented her award for her continuing column, while Dandridge was presented her award for the series of "Sketches" articles written about various school programs and events.

# Oklahoma quake registers 4.2

LAWTON, Okla. (AP) - Joe Maranto has kept a seismograph in his historic Meers Store since 1985, when he started monitoring it for the Oklahoma Geological Survey.

On Tuesday, the machine got a real workout.

An earthquake with a magnitude of 4.2 had Maranto and other residents buzzing after it hit at 9:13 a.m.

"It felt like the house was coming off its foundation," Maranto said. "This is the biggest we've ever had since '85. Normally that would have broken my needle."

He estimated he had up to 150 questioning phone calls within 45 minutes of the earthquake.

People then began dropping by his restaurant to confirm that there had been an earthquake and that the shaking wasn't caused by soldiers firing artillery weapons at Fort Sill.

"I felt like whatever it was, was going to come out of the floor," said Grace Burns of Elgin. "It was kind of a weird sensation that I don't care to experience again."

Kenneth Luza, a geologist with the Norman-based geological survey, said the quake was centered near Lawton in Comanche County between Medicine Park and Richard's Spur.

The National Earthquake Information Center of the U.S. Geologic Survey in Golden, Colo., put the preliminary magnitude at 4.2, said Don Blakeman, an earthquake analyst for the center.

"We've had reports that it was felt in the Lawton area and as far away as Oklahoma City," Blakeman said. "We even had an individual in a high-rise in Dallas feel it. Earthquakes are felt more easily in a high-rise building."

Nancy Elliott, public affairs specialist at Fort Sill, said there was no confirmed damage at the Army post.

"There is an older building on post. Some of the soldiers were a little concerned," she said. Engineers were asked to check the building.

Maranto's store is located several miles south of the Meers fault, but a scientist said the quake didn't necessarily stem from that fault-line.

"It could be on the southeast end of the Meers fault, or it could be off on a smaller, related fault," said Jim Lawson, chief geophysicist at the Oklahoma Geological Survey Observatory at Leonard in Tulsa County.

"We can say that over the past 10 years, there hasn't been a magnitude minus-1 on the Meers fault."

Lawson said Tuesday's tremor is one of the eight largest ever known to occur in Oklahoma.

The last large one occurred in Coal County on Sept. 6. That 4.4-magnitude quake was felt over a wide area, Lawson said. The largest occurred Oct. 22, 1882, possibly near Fort Gibson in northeastern Oklahoma.

Lawson said that quake's magnitude was unknown, but it did damage in Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas and Texas.

Oklahoma has about 60 earthquakes in a year, usually of a magnitude less than the 2.4 to 2.5 range, Luza said. A quake with a magnitude of 4 can cause moderate damage.

Lawson said officials would like for people who felt the quake to contact the observatory and describe what happened in detail.

# Intruder unlikely, Assault questioned

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) - A police officer has testified that it is highly unlikely an intruder broke into a Gainesville home through a window to rape a woman and kill her 6-year-old son.

The testimony of investigator David Wisian, during the opening day of Ronnie Willeford's capital murder trial, appeared to contradict prosecutors' contention that the 37-year-old killed his stepson, Parker Meridith.

Willeford, who maintains his innocence and refused a plea bargain, stands accused of breaking into the home of his estranged wife, Jane Meridith, on Nov. 25, 1995, sexually assaulting her and choking her son to death.

The Associated Press normally does not identify sexual assault victims, but Ms. Meridith has spoken freely and publicly about the case.

Ms. Meridith, the first witness against her ex-husband, testified that the intruder entered through a window while she was sleeping. She said the intruder taped her eyes shut and hogtied her before sexually assaulting her.

Ms. Meridith said she heard her son crying for help but was unable to free herself. Only later, by thinking about things her assailant had said, did she realize that Willeford was her attacker, she testified.

But subsequent prosecution witnesses, including Wisian, appeared to counter the state's case.

The former director of emergency medicine at Denton Community Hospital, Dr. Robert Hood, testified during cross-examination that he examined Ms. Meridith but could not determine conclusively that she was raped with a gun, as she claimed.

indicating that it was placed there by someone trying to simulate an intruder's entry.

Willeford's trial was moved from Gainesville, a city 15,000 some 60 miles north of Fort Worth, after the Denton Record-Chronicle published the results of Ms. Meridith's polygraph examination. Ms. Meridith was a suspect in her son's murder before Willeford's arrest.

The polygraph examiner, Joe D. Morris, wrote in his report that Ms. Meridith "is being deceptive in her answers."

"I would further conclude, based upon the polygrams, that Mrs. Willeford did cause the death of her son," Morris wrote.

Ms. Meridith denies any role in her son's death and has not been charged with any crime.

Attorneys have not spoken publicly about the case since state District Judge Jerry Woodlock issued a gag order.

Willeford faces up to 40 years in prison if convicted of capital murder or as few as five years if convicted on the lesser charge of murder.

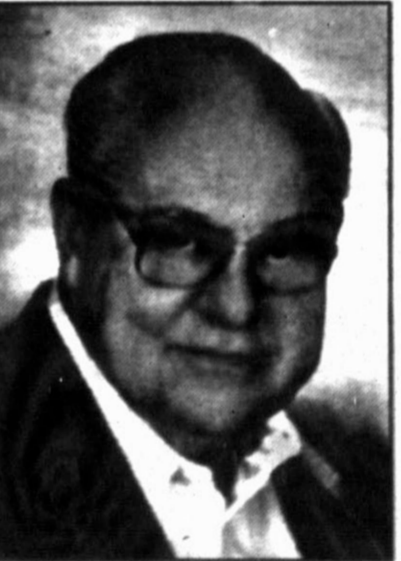
Wisian, under questioning from a prosecutor, testified that there was almost no chance an intruder climbed through Ms. Meridith's window.

"Our investigation showed it would have been almost impossible for someone to climb through that window," Wisian testified. "If somebody would have climbed through this window, they would have disturbed that dust and those spiderwebs. They were undisturbed."

Wisian also said a rod used to open the window shades was found outside the open window instead of inside,

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## Obituaries



LOREN RAY BARRICK  
April 28, 1998

Funeral services for Loren Ray Barrick, 73, of Hereford will be Saturday at the First United Methodist Church in Ponca City, Okla., with the Rev. Denny Hooks officiating. The time will be announced later. Burial will be in Rest Haven Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Trout Funeral Home.

Mr. Barrick died Tuesday. Mr. Barrick was born Dec. 2, 1924, in Ponca City to Henry Harrison

Barrick and Charlotte Mae Snow Barrick. He grew up on a farm east of Ponca City and graduated from Ponca City High School. Mr. Barrick worked for Sherwin Williams Paint and Glen Paris Furniture. He served as a staff sergeant during World War II from 1943 to 1946. He married Ada Jean Camp on Sept. 8, 1943 in Belton, Texas.

He moved to Hereford 27 years ago and opened Barrick's Furniture and Appliance where he was known as Mr. B. He was involved in many charities and had helped organize Little League baseball in Ponca City.

Survivors include his wife, Ada Jean; two sons, Bennie Ray Barrick, and Ricky Lee Barrick, both of Hereford; two daughters, Betty Sue Kapanak of Phoenix, and Peggy Jo Coston of Brownfield; one brother, Leonard Barrick of Amarillo; three sisters, Lucille Martin of Idaho Falls, Idaho, Faye Barrick of Sacramento, Calif., and Pauline Penisten of Ponca City; 12 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by two brothers, Paul and Henry Barrick and one sister Ruth Kridler.

The family requests memorials be made to the American Heart Foundation.

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## Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for April 28, 1998, include the following:

### POLICE DEPARTMENT

#### Arrests

-- A 17-year-old woman was arrested in the 800 block of Grand and charged with domestic assault.

#### Incidents

-- A suspicious death was reported at 509 Avenue G. Police received a call of a body in the garage at 509 Ave. G. They arrived to find the body

of 35-year-old Linda Walker Crews. An autopsy has been ordered, but the police do not currently suspect foul play or suicide. A toxicology report will take approximately two weeks to complete.

-- A theft of several items, valued at \$80 was reported from a vehicle parked in the 300 block of Stadium.

-- A phone harassment was reported in the 400 block of Sunset.

-- A criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of East First.



AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery: 1-4-20-30-38

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-7-5

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# Lifestyles



Hereford Pilot Club members participated in a game of "Jeopardy" led by Patsy Giles, right, and Brenda Thomas at Tuesday morning's meeting. Giles and Thomas furnished answers on Pilot history and projects and members provided the questions.

## Pilots find themselves in 'Jeopardy'

President-elect Brenda Thomas presided at Tuesday morning's meeting of the Pilot Club of Hereford. A report on the Special Olympics was given by Peggie Fox.

Everyone was reminded to exercise their right to vote in the city election on Friday.

Patsy Giles, assisted by Thomas,

presented the program on information about the Pilot organization. A game of "Jeopardy" was played with Giles and Thomas furnishing the answers on Pilot history and projects while the members had to supply the questions.

The next meeting will be May 12. Members present were Kim Leonard, Peggie Fox, Mary Edwards,

Margaret Bell, Yvonne Simpson, Shirley Easterwood, Betty Sue Robinson, Claudia Smith, Betty Taylor, Elvira Enriquez, Darla Baggett, Marilyn Cupepper, Marilyn Bell, Sue Hyer, Shannon Redwine, Linda Minchew, Carolyn McDonald, Bobbie Jo King, Joy Bunch, Giles and Thomas.

## TIP identifies Kerr as talented student

DURHAM, N.C. -- TIP, the Duke University Talent Identification Program, is sponsoring a series of recognition ceremonies to honor some of the most talented seventh-graders in the United States, including Justin Kerr, a student at Hereford Junior High.

This year a record number of over 21,800 students are invited to attend State Recognition Ceremonies. Students invited to the TIP ceremonies earned scores that would be the envy of many graduating seniors and while only in the seventh grade.

"TIP's most important function is the identification of talented students," said TIP's Interim Executive Director, Ramon Griffin. "Over the years, we have seen many instances of young people whose abilities were underestimated or overlooked by their teachers or their peers, sometimes even by their parents, and those talents then go to waste. By identifying bright youngsters at an early age and recognizing their abilities, we begin the process of nurturing their talents." TIP's Talent Search identifies

seventh-graders in 16 states in the Southeast, Midwest and Southwest who have scored in the top three percent on a national achievement test. Students participate by taking either the SAT or the ACT.

A results summary and counseling guide help students interpret their scores and provide suggestions for using their ability more effectively. TIP's publications help students find out more about academic opportunities and about the needs and interests of people like themselves.

## Senior Citizens

### MENUS

**THURSDAY**-Beef brisket with stewed apricots, potato salad, pinto beans, pickle/onion slices, French bread, chocolate chip cookies, pineapple chunks; or sliced turkey.

**FRIDAY**-Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, Italian green beans, coleslaw, rolls, peach cobbler; or fish with lemon wedge, peas/carrots, peaches.

**MONDAY**-Green "chili" stew, cheese sticks, tossed salad, fried okra, cornbread, angel food cake with

topping; or beef stew, fruit cup.

**TUESDAY**-Chicken strips, creamed gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered carrots, frosted lime-walnut salad, rolls, Boston cream cake; or Polish sausage, D'zerta salad, pears.

**WEDNESDAY**-Baked ham with gravy, mashed sweet potatoes, buttered broccoli, tossed green salad, whole wheat bread, peaches, brownies; or smothered steak, Jello.

### ACTIVITIES

**THURSDAY**-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., oil

painting 9-11 a.m., Thrift Store open

9 a.m.-5 p.m. **FRIDAY**-Pool classes, line dance 10-11 a.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

**SATURDAY**-Games 12 noon-4 p.m., dance 8-11 p.m., games 7:30-11 p.m.

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## Kearns' senior art exhibit to be presented in Fayetteville

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. -- Caroline F. Kearns will present her senior art exhibition May 1-June 12 in the Mallett-Rogers House on the Methodist College campus. Entitled "Techno-Mechanical Creature Feature," the show will open with a public reception Friday from 6-9 p.m. in the Mallett-Rogers House.

Kearns is the daughter of Marvin and LaVerne Kearns of Hereford and is a 1982 graduate of Hereford High School.

An Army veteran, Kearns is a 1993 graduate of Methodist College with

double majors in English and communications/mass media. She returned to Methodist in 1994 to begin work on a major in art. Since her re-enrollment, she has shown her work in numerous juried exhibitions and participated in the Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County's Annual Juried Artists Competitions in 1995, 1996 and 1997, winning a first place award last year in the amateur category.

More recently, she received a first place award in the national level of the All Army Art Contest.

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## Father needs chance for happiness

Dear Ann Landers: I have a very heavy heart, and I need your advice. Please tell me if I am overreacting.

My parents were married for 30 years. Four years ago, my mother became very ill and needed complete care. I quit my full-time job and moved back into my parents' house, along with my husband and son, to take care of Mother. No one complained. Dad worked full time during the day and then took care of Mother at night and on weekends. He was loving, attentive and caring. Mother died one year ago due to complications from her illness.

I thought my parents had a wonderful life and were both very happy with each other. But only six months after my mother died, Dad started dating a woman he met at a senior citizens center. He knows that my siblings and I are not happy about this situation, but he has no intention of ending the relationship. He tells us that it was not something he was looking for and just happened.

We have yet to meet the woman, but Dad spends a lot of time with her and her family. I know Dad is much happier now than he has been since my mother got sick, but I just don't understand how he can forget Mother

so quickly. Please, Ann, help me and my siblings get through this. I don't want to lose my dad, too, but I just can't accept this other woman in his life. -- San Antonio

Dear San Antonio: You sound like a devoted daughter who is still grieving, and I can understand your sadness. I would hope, however, that you might be pleased that your father has a chance to find happiness again.

The fact that you have negative feelings about this relationship even though you have not met the woman is troubling. Your father has been through a terrible ordeal, and you and your siblings should be delighted that he now has some sunshine in his life.

This new relationship does not mean that your father has forgotten your mother. It simply means he has decided to make a new life for himself. You and your siblings should view this as a blessing and do your best to be supportive.

Dear Ann Landers: When I read the letter about the woman who didn't want to shake hands in church, it brought back a fond memory.

Some 25 years ago, when our six sons were still in school, my wife and

I always took the children to Sunday mass. Our large family took up more than half of the pew. One Sunday, two nice old ladies came in late and squeezed in with us. I'm not a handshaker, so when that part of the mass came up, I simply avoided making eye contact.

The lady sitting next to me was one of those determined types and reached for my hand. I finally said, "Sorry, but I just don't believe in shaking hands." Her friend asked, "What did he say?" The woman replied, "He said he doesn't believe in shaking hands." Her friend leaned forward, looked down the pew at my wife and our six boys, and said in a loud whisper, "Looks like that isn't ALL he doesn't believe in."

I have laughed about that incident many times since and thought I would share it with you. -- Tom in Clermont, Fla.

Dear Tom: You have a wonderful sense of humor. I'm sure you and your wife laugh a lot, although raising six children is no laughing matter.

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### Jam performers

This group of Catholic men who performed at Gospel Jam 1997 are scheduled to appear again in Gospel Jam 1998 which will begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at First Presbyterian Church. Others set to perform include Gene Streun, Mike Bridges, Mary Ann Resch and family, Tommie Kay Steven and Eddie Gallagher, Vickie Barnes and daughter Amy, Mrs. Alma Jo Witten, Barbara Collins and Janet Rector-Denton and her husband Roger Denton. Gospel Jam will be preceded by a bean, cornbread and dessert supper at 6 p.m. The cost of the supper is \$3. Gospel Jam is free and open to the public.

## Today in History

**By The Associated Press**  
 Today is Wednesday, April 29, the 119th day of 1998. There are 246 days left in the year.  
**Today's Highlight in History:**  
 On April 29, 1992, deadly rioting erupted in Los Angeles after a jury in Simi Valley acquitted four Los Angeles police officers of almost all state charges in the videotaped beating of Rodney King.  
 On this date:  
 In 1429, Joan of Arc entered the besieged city of Orleans to lead a victory over the English.  
 In 1861, Maryland's House of Delegates voted against seceding from the Union.  
 In 1862, New Orleans fell to Union forces during the Civil War.  
 In 1916, the Easter Rising in Dublin collapsed as Irish nationalists surrendered to British authorities.  
 In 1945, American soldiers liberated the Dachau concentration camp; that same day, Adolf Hitler married Eva Braun and designated Adm. Karl Doenitz his successor.  
 In 1946, 28 former Japanese leaders were indicted as war criminals.  
 In 1974, President Nixon announced he was releasing edited

transcripts of some secretly made White House tape recordings related to Watergate.  
 In 1983, Harold Washington was sworn in as the first black mayor of Chicago.  
 In 1996, former CIA Director William Colby was missing and presumed drowned after an apparent boating accident in Maryland; his body was later recovered.  
 Ten years ago: McDonald's announced it would open its first restaurants in Moscow.  
 Five years ago: Britain's Queen Elizabeth II announced that, for the first time, Buckingham Palace would be opened to tourists to help raise money for repairs at fire-damaged Windsor Castle.  
 One year ago: Staff Sgt. Delmar Simpson, a drill instructor at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland, was convicted of raping six female trainees. Sentenced to 25 years in prison, he was dishonorably discharged. A worldwide treaty to ban chemical weapons went into effect. Astronaut Jerry Linenger and cosmonaut Vasily Tsibilyev went on the first U.S.-Russian space walk. Newspaper columnist Mike Royko died in Chicago at age 64.

**Today's Birthdays:** Singer Don Mills (The Mills Brothers) is 83. Actress Celeste Holm is 79. Musician Danny Davis (The Nashville Brass) is 73. Rhythm-and-blues singer Carl Gardner (The Coasters) is 70. Singer-musician Lonnie Donegan is 67. Poet Rod McKuen is 65. Actor Keith Baxter is 65. Bluesman Otis Rush is 64. Conductor Zubin Mehta is 62. Actor Lane Smith is 62. Country singer Duane Allen (The Oak Ridge Boys) is 55. Singer Tommy James is 51. Comedian Jerry Seinfeld is 44. Actress Kate Mulgrew is 43. Actress Michelle Pfeiffer is 41. Actor Daniel Day-Lewis is 41. Actress Eve Plumb ("The Brady Bunch") is 40. Rock musician Phil King (Lush) is 38. Country singer Stephanie Bentley is 35. Singer Carnie Wilson (Wilson Phillips) is 30. Actress Uma Thurman is 28. Tennis player Andre Agassi is 28. Rapper Master P is 28. Country singer James Bonamy is 26. Rock musician Mike Hogan (The Cranberries) is 25. Actor Zane Carney ("Dave's World") is 14.  
 Thought for Today: "Too long a sacrifice / Can make a stone of the heart. / O when may it suffice?" - William Butler Yeats, Irish poet and playwright (1865-1939).

## Hints from Heloise

Dear Heloise Your column is read every day in this household and we pick up many useful hints.  
 About two years ago you printed a recipe for pumpkin pie spice, and in remodeling our kitchen it has been misplaced. Would you kindly reprint the recipe? — Connie Balmos, Castroville, Texas  
 I would be happy to repeat this spice recipe!  
 Mix together  
 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger  
 1/2 teaspoon allspice  
 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg  
 This makes enough pumpkin pie spice for one pumpkin pie. If you want to make more, just double or triple the amounts. Store in a clean spice container that you have labeled.  
 Note: This makes a wonderful pot-pourri: spice when added to a pan of

boiling water. Cheap, too! — Heloise  
**DATING GROCERIES**  
 Dear Heloise: Before I put groceries away, I put my permanent marker to use. I write the month and year of purchase on boxed mixes so I can use up the oldest ones first, and on spices so I know how fresh they are.  
 I write "save" on items needed for menus if I think the family might be tempted to snack on them. Then there are no surprises when it's time to fix supper.  
 After discovering a few large jars of mayonnaise in the pantry, I write "have more" on the lids of almost-empty staples so I won't forget I have bought a replacement and stored it somewhere else. — Kathy Still, Kentwood, Mich.  
**TOSSED SALAD**  
 Dear Heloise: To save space in the fridge, because of its rectangular shape, I store tossed salad ready for

the table in a plastic, shoebox-size container. Its large capacity and snap-top lid keep the greens crisp and ready to set on the table, serve and add the salad dressing. — Karen Dostal, Canton, Ohio  
**CLEAN SPONGE**  
 Dear Heloise: A sponge is my favorite for washing, wiping and cleaning around my kitchen. I keep the sponge in my dishwasher tray. It is cleaned and sterilized each time I run the dishwasher.  
 I squeeze the water out each time and return it to the dishwasher when I remove the clean dishes. I feel this kills the germs that build up in a sponge. — Anita Tinsley, Garland, Texas  
 Good idea, but please be sure you put it on the top rack or securely in the silverware tray. You don't want it clogging up your plumbing. — Heloise

## Free skin cancer screening clinic set at Harrington Cancer Center

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, Amarillo area dermatologists, the American Academy of Dermatology and the American Cancer Society will sponsor a free skin cancer screening clinic from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturday.

The clinic will be held at the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo.

Six area dermatologists will participate in the screening: Dr. Elaine Cook, Dr. Larry C. Roberts, Dr. Randal E. Posey, Dr. Jack D. Waller, Dr. Elizabeth Archer and Dr. Turner Caldwell III.

The free clinic is open to everyone. Skin cancer is the most prevalent of all cancers. Estimates vary on its occurrence but it is estimated that approximately 700,000 Americans develop skin cancer every year.

### Heston to speak at hope service

All who need help and hope in dealing with life's difficult times are invited to attend the "Where Is the Hope?" service at 6 p.m. Sunday at Hereford Community Center.

Dr. Bill Heston of Howard Payne University in Brownwood is to be the speaker.

Youth especially are encouraged to attend.

## Hospital Notes

Patients in Hereford Regional Medical Center on April 29:

Benjamin R. Campbell, Patricia Cano and infant girl Cano, Brandon Paul Castaneda, Bob Clark, Annie S. Harder, Elizabeth Diaz Murillo and infant boy Murillo, Christina Torres, Kristina Marie Torres, Rosa Maria Vasquez.

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Fortunately, skin cancers are relatively easy to detect and most can be cured, even malignant melanoma, if caught in its early stages, can be treated successfully.

Dermatologists recommend that one helpful way to guard against melanoma/skin cancer is to do periodic self-examinations. Get familiar with your skin and your own

pattern of moles, freckles and "beauty marks".

Be alert to changes in the number, size, shape and color of pigmented areas. If any changes are noticed call your dermatologist.

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# Sports

## Hereford girls golf takes 6th in region

By BOB VARMETTE  
Sports Writer

When the defending Class 4A girls golf champions are in your region, the fight is pretty much for that coveted second spot, which, of course, nets you a trip to Austin.

The Snyder Lady Tigers didn't run away from the field, but they weren't having to check over their shoulders constantly either, and the defending champions earned their expected return trip to Austin.

Snyder shot a team score of 324 Tuesday at Riverside Municipal Golf Course to record a team total of 641, 17 strokes in front of runner up Pampa after the Lady Harvesters shot a second-round 332 to go with the 326 they shot on Monday.

District 1-4A's other representative, the Hereford Lady Whitefaces, slipped slightly, shooting a 363 Tuesday for a two-day total of 707, good for sixth place in the team standings. Lamesa, which shot a 357 Tuesday to close on Hereford, tied the Lady Whitefaces for sixth.

"We didn't play as well, obviously," Hereford head coach Stacey Bixler said. "We shot 18 strokes higher (than Monday). We didn't have a good day."

Tuesday's round was played in cool conditions, according to Bixler.

"The weather wasn't too bad. It was probably a little windier (than Monday), there was a cool north wind, but it really wasn't a bad day," Bixler said.

"They gave it their best. That's all you can ask for."

-- Stacey Bixler

The Lady Whitefaces' top individual was senior Amy Killingsworth. Killingsworth shot an 87 Tuesday for a two-round total of 168, which put her in 17th place. Hereford's two other seniors, Lindsay Ward and Jacque Bezner, shot 90 and 91, respectively, Tuesday.

Ward finished in 24th place with a two-round score of 174 and Bezner was 27th with a total of 175.

"They gave it their best," Bixler said. "That's all you can ask for. . . Realistically, even if we shot lower, I don't think we'd be in any different position."

Hereford's 344 Monday was only three strokes higher than their lowest round of the Spring -- a 341.

Dani Mallon of Justin Northwest was the individual medalist, shooting a three-over 75 to go with her 70 Monday for a two-day score of 145. Casey Williams of Stephenville shot an even-par 72 in Tuesday's second round on the 5,297-yard Riverside course.

Mallon and Williams were the only individuals to qualify for the Class 4A tournament in Austin May 11-12.

Hereford's two sophomores -- Michelle Bixler and Crystal Luna -- encountered mixed results as opposed to Monday's first round. Luna followed the trend and shot a 107 Tuesday. Michelle Bixler shot a 95, the same score she shot Monday.

Stacey Bixler wasn't sure why the Lady Whitefaces' scores went up slightly Tuesday.

"Maybe we were trying too hard," he said. "We might have had more penalties. We never really got anything going scoring-wise, so you maybe get a little frustrated."

But the coach who started the Lady Whitefaces golf program 13 seasons ago was still upbeat.

"I'm real proud of what they did all year," Stacey Bixler said, "what we did individually out of those 91 players. It's a tribute to the kids."

Region 1-4A Golf Tournament at Riverside Municipal Golf Course San Angelo  
Final Results  
Team Totals: 1. Snyder 317-324-641, 2. Pampa 326-332-658, 3. Big Spring 339-327-666, 4. Andrews 347-329-676, 5. Justin Northwest 341-344-685, 78. Hereford 344-363-707, 16. Lamesa 350-357-707, 8. Graham 369-367-736, 9. Granbury 379-366-745, 10. Wichita Falls High 374-389-763, 11. Burkburnett 402-393-795, 12. Saginaw Boswell 424-406-830, 13. El Paso Burgos 438-446-884, 14. Fort Worth Arlington Heights 441-446-887, 15. El Paso High 438-441-889, 16. Fort Worth Trimble Tech 503-497-1000.  
Medalist Results: 1. Dani Mallon, Justin Northwest, 70-75-145; 2. Casey Williams, Stephenville, 77-72-149.  
Hereford Individuals: 17. Amy Killingsworth 81-87-168, 24. Lindsay Ward 84-90-174, 27. Jacque Bezner 84-91-175, 40. Michelle Bixler 95-96-190, 52. Crystal Luna 97-107-204.

## IN MY FACE?

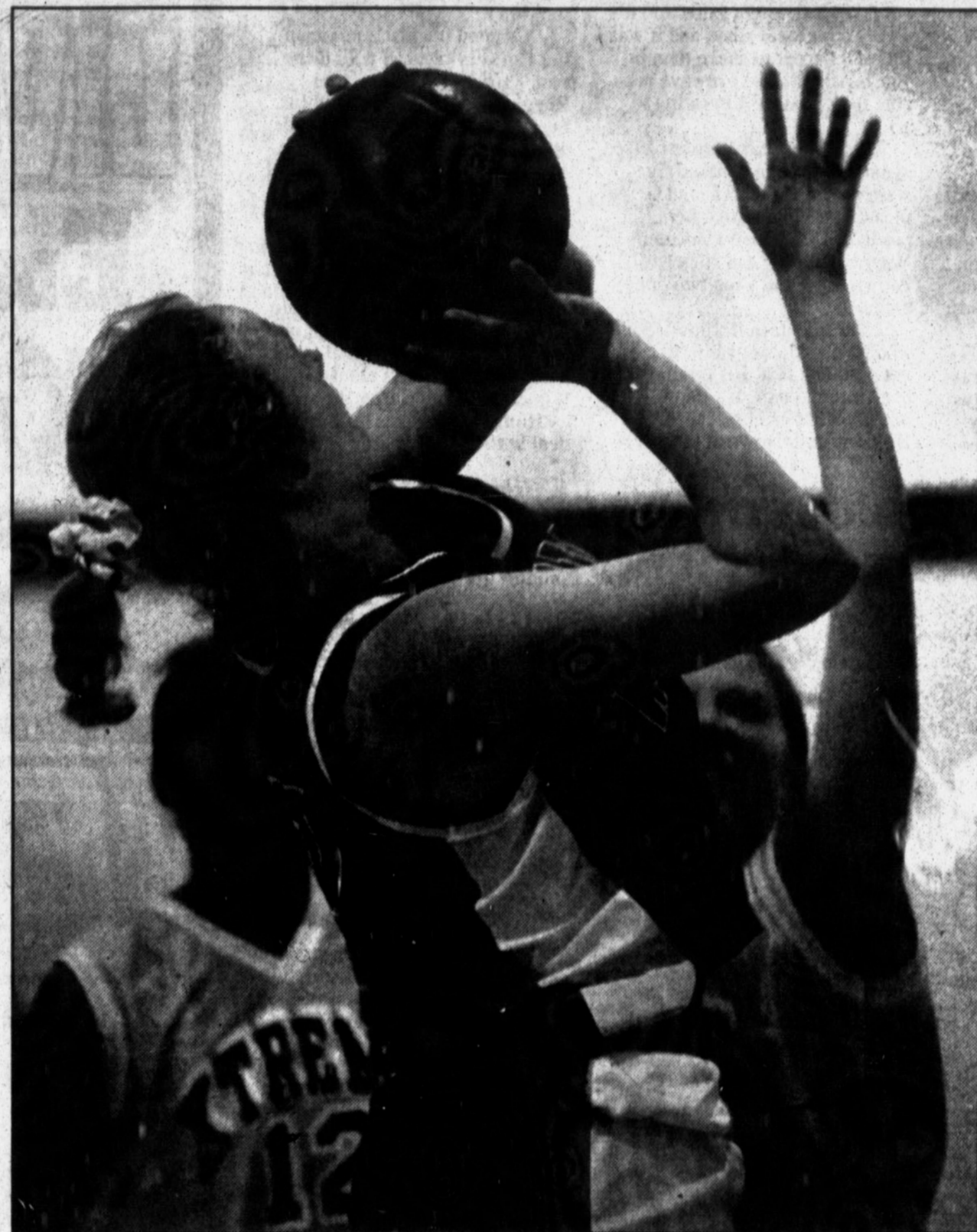


Photo by Julius Bodner

Holly Schilling of the Warriors puts up a shot against Jennifer Goodrum, left, and an unidentified X-treme player Saturday at Whiteface Gymnasium during the Cuby Kitchens basketball tournament.

## Heat, Warriors claim titles at Kitchens tournament

### From staff reports

Two Hereford-based teams won championships Sunday at the Cuby Kitchens basketball tournament at several sites in Hereford.

In the Girls 13 & Under division, West Texas Heat beat the West Texas Stars 37-30 at the Hereford Junior High School gymnasium. In the Boys 14-15 & Under bracket, the Texas Trojans routed the Warriors 61-33, also at the junior high gym.

Cody Hodges led the Trojans with 12 points. Chayse Rives added 10 and Slade Hodges had nine points for the Trojans.

The Trojans advanced to the finals with by defeating the Lubbock Warriors. Slade Hodges pumped in 32 points in that contest and Cody Hodges added 13 points.

In other action Saturday and Sunday:

- Girls 10 & Under: New Mexico Speed, 25 Girls Thunder 12; Eaglettes 27, Hoop Stars 21; West Texas Speed 24, Lady Raiders 8; New Mexico Speed 29, Eaglettes 24; New Mexico Speed 24, Lady Raiders 6; West Texas Speed 21, New Mexico Speed 16.
- Girls 11 & Under: Young Guns 49, Shoosh 30; West Texas Heat 26, Nighthawk 13; Shoosh 38, Clovis Wildcats 6; Metro Stars 32, Young Guns 31; Shoosh 40, West Texas Heat 30; Young Guns 51, Shoosh 21; Nighthawk 20, Friona Twisters 9; Young Guns 40, Metro Stars 23.
- Girls 12 & Under: Texas Twisters 19, Amarillo Extreme 13; West Texas Flames 41, Amarillo Extreme 21.
- Girls 13 & Under: West Texas Stars 39, West Texas Heat 30; West Texas Heat "12" def. Channing Champs, score not available; West Texas Stars 37, West Texas Heat "13" 29; West Texas Heat "13" 28, West Texas Heat "12" 20; Court Masters 28, Channing Champs 24; West Texas Heat "13" 37, West Texas Stars 30.
- Girls 14-15 & Under: Court Masters 46, Dynamites 24; Extreme 49, Warriors 36; Amarillo Speed 49, Lady 'Stangs 26; Lady 'Stangs 51, No Limit 44; Court Masters 30, Warriors 24; Extreme 55, Amarillo Speed 42; Lady 'Stangs 39, Court Masters 26; Amarillo Speed 68, Lady 'Stangs 57; Dynamites 42, Channing Shooters 34; Extreme 63, Amarillo Speed 55.
- Girls 17 & Under: Metro Stars 54, Texas Fury 52; Shock 47, Black Fury 48; C.R.E.W. 66, Tar Heels 57; Tar Heels 43, Metro Stars 39; Texas Fury 47, Black Fury 44; C.R.E.W. 46, Tar Heels 34.
- Boys 11 & Under: Trojans 47, Eagles 21; West Texas Stars 26, Eagles 25; Bad Boyz 39, Tar Heels 30; Trojans 64, Gametime 38; West Texas Stars def. Bad Boyz, score not available; Gametime 46, West Texas Stars 39; Eagles 38, Tar Heels 30; Trojans 58, Gametime 27.
- Boys 12 & Under: West Texas 3-D 61, No Fear 15; No Fear 47, Dimmitt Tar Heels 31; Maricopa 72, Silverton 20; Maricopa 70, Herd 37; Outlaws 46, West Texas Stars 30; West Texas 3-D 36, Amarillo Vipers 28; Vipers 47, No Fear 26; Maricopa 66, West Texas Stars 32; West Texas 3-D 38, Outlaws 32; Maricopa 41, Vipers 29; Tar Heels 40, Silverton 29.
- Boys 13 & Under: Deamons/19th Hole 44, Portales 20; Amarillo Nets 52, Outlaws 32; Amarillo Jaguars 48, Boys Thunder 44; Boys Thunder 62, Huskers 22; Outlaws 47, Deamons/19th Hole 19; Amarillo Nets 47, Just About Sports 37; Amarillo Jaguars 50, West Texas Thunder 31.
- Boys 14-15 & Under: T's Wolverines def. Naz-WRATH, score not available; No Limit Soldiers 70, Blue Devils 49; Texas Trojans 106, No Limit Amarillo; Lubbock Warriors def. Running Rebels, score not available; Running Rebels def. T's Wolverines, score not available; No Limit Soldiers def. No Limit Amarillo, score not available; Trojans 97, Bearcats 36; Lubbock Warriors def. West Texas Storm, score not available; Bearcats 69, Running Rebels 68; No Limit Amarillo 81, West Texas Storm 50.
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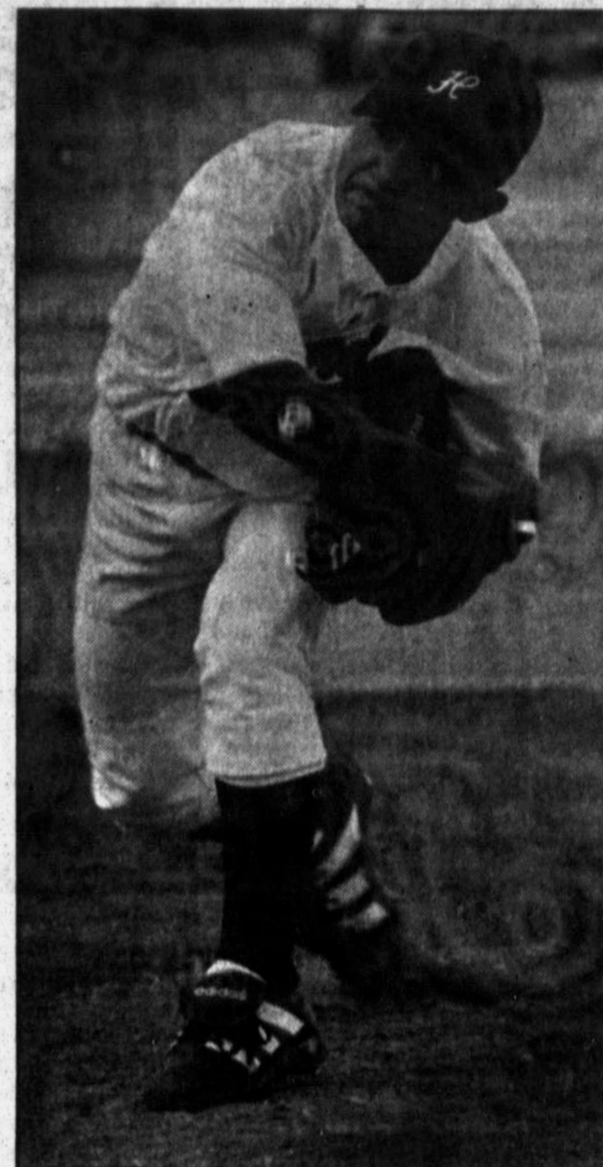


Photo by Mauri Montgomery

Hereford freshman pitcher Ram Zambrano fires off the mound during a District 1-4A game against Amarillo Caprock at Whiteface Field April 21.

## Herd drops final game to Demons

### From staff reports

DUMAS -- Joe Stewart threw a complete-game three-hitter Tuesday to lead the Dumas Demons to a District 1-4A baseball victory over the Hereford Whitefaces, 8-1.

The win ups the Demons' record to 18-6 overall and 8-3 in District 1-4A. Hereford wraps up its season 9-14, 4-8.

Stewart surrendered his only run to the Whitefaces in the top of the second inning.

Dumas scored three runs in both the first and second innings to take a 6-1 advantage. The Demons would later score single runs in the fourth and fifth innings.

Hereford freshman Ram Zambrano (2-2) got the start for the Whitefaces and took the loss, working into the fifth inning. George Castillo came on in relief for Hereford.

Dumas 8, Hereford 1		Tuesday	
Hereford	0	10	000 0-134
Dumas	3	30	110 x-872
R. Zambrano, Castillo (5) and Brown, Stewart and Hendricks, WP--Stewart, LP--R. Zambrano (2-2). Records--HHS: 9-14, 4-8; DHS: 18-6, 8-3.			
End Hereford season.			

## Rangers pummel Twins

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) -- Projected over six months, Juan Gonzalez could put up some scary numbers.

"He might get 180 RBIs," said Ivan Rodriguez. "Everybody on our team is a tough out. There's always runners on base."

Gonzalez hit a two-run homer and set a major league record for RBIs in April and Rodriguez had three hits as the Texas Rangers beat the Minnesota Twins 7-2 on Tuesday night.

"It was an exciting moment for me," said Gonzalez, who also had an RBI in March and leads the majors with 36. "When I see men on base, I try to drive them in. That's my job."

Gonzalez, who broke the record of 34 RBIs set last April by Tino Martinez of the New York Yankees, laughed at Rodriguez's statement.

"There's no magic number for me," he said. "I don't think about goals like that. It's still a young season."

Gonzalez hit his seventh homer of the year off reliever Eddie Guardado in the ninth inning, giving him 13 RBIs in his last five games.

"He is special," said Texas manager Johnny Oates. "I think he enjoyed tonight."

Texas had 14 hits against four Twins pitchers, including eight in five innings off Minnesota rookie starter Eric Milton (2-2). The middle of the Rangers' lineup -- Rusty Greer, Gonzalez, Will Clark and Rodriguez -- had nine hits.

## San Jose evens series by icing Stars in OT, 1-0

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) -- Andrei Zyuzin's goal with 6:31 gone in overtime sent the San Jose Sharks to a 1-0 victory Tuesday night over the Dallas Stars and evened their first-round Western Conference playoff series at 2-2.

Zyuzin took a pass from Bernie Nicholls and hit a hard shot past Stars goaltender Ed Belfour.

Sharks goalie Mike Vernon

stopped 26 Dallas shots for his first playoff shutout since last season with Detroit. It was his sixth career shutout in the playoffs.

It was the 27th 1-0 overtime game in Stanley Cup playoff history. The Stars were also the victims the last time it happened, losing to the Edmonton Oilers on April 25, 1997.

The Sharks did not win a single game in overtime all season. It was

the first time San Jose had ever hosted an overtime playoff game.

Both teams kept it relatively clean, with just four penalties called -- three against the Stars.

Belfour stopped 22 shots.

One-time Shark Belfour, ejected from Game 3 in the final minutes when it deteriorated into a melee, was taunted frequently during the game by fans chanting his name.



# Packers look to emerge from funk

# Rampley to sign with Midland

**By ARNIE STAPLETON**  
AP Sports Writer  
GREEN BAY, Wis. -- Ron Wolf can sleep again. Mike Holmgren and Reggie White are out of their funks, ready perhaps for a farewell tour together.

Brett Favre says he was downcast but never despondent over the Green Bay Packers' loss to Denver in the Super Bowl three months ago.

"As soon as it was over, I went home and kind of escaped and just started playing golf and spending time with family and before I knew it I'm back here at minicamp and thinking about next year," Favre said as the Packers gathered last weekend for the first time since losing 31-24 to the Broncos.

"I was upset, don't get me wrong," Favre said. "But I have a unique ability just to turn it off and turn it on when I want to."

Seth Joyner doesn't, in large measure because he was with Arizona when Green Bay won the title two years ago.

"I don't think you ever get over anything like that," said Joyner, a 13-year veteran who reached the Super Bowl for the first time. "It makes you want to come back and work a lot harder, try to get back there and do it again, do it differently."

Antonio Freeman said the loss ate at him for a month.

"All last year we felt like we were the best, but for one day the Denver Broncos were better than us and they're crowned the champs. It's not an easy thing to accept," Freeman said. "But time is the best healer."

Holmgren gave his players extra time away in the offseason, canceling his pre-draft minicamp because over the last two seasons, Green Bay had played 47 games, counting exhibitions and playoffs, most in the NFL.

"I think the mood is very, very good," Holmgren said. "The guys who've been a part of the last two Super Bowls, I don't think they felt very good, as you can under-

stand, about the last one. And so that is a big motivational factor this season, and I could see it right away in talking to a few of the veterans."

Holmgren, who admitted he was in a funk through February, said he was fine now, too.

"My mood's great," he said. "But it was a tough game and it's a very emotional game and it was a little bit harder to shake than in year's past. But I've always been able to do that, so I'm raring to go."

The Packers experienced a free agent exodus that claimed five starters, but Holmgren said he was pleased with his newcomers, particularly defensive linemen Vonnie Holliday and Jonathan Brown, the team's top two draft picks.

After selecting Holliday, Wolf said he was finally going to get a good night's rest. His mind was even more at ease as he saw exactly what he hoped for from Holliday and Brown at the three-

day minicamp that concluded Sunday.

Holliday looked right at home at defensive end after playing his entire college career at tackle. The team's hopes that Holliday can start and Brown can become part of the defensive line rotation this season seemed more realistic after the camp.

"Granted it's just a minicamp, but I'm very pleased with those two," Holmgren said. "And Reggie White, of course, I think he's still with us, he hasn't made another announcement today, so we should be OK there. So yeah I feel good."

White retired on April 19, only to retract it two days later.

This could be Holmgren's last year in Green Bay, too. He recently had it written into his contract that he could opt out of the final year of his deal to take a dual coach/general manager job if one comes open after the season. Holmgren realizes he'll have to deal with that all year.

Hereford's Julie Rampley was expected to sign a basketball letter of intent with Midland College Wednesday afternoon.

5.7 assists and 4.5 steals per game to help the Lady Whitefaces to 28-5 record.

Rampley was District 1-4A's Most Valuable Player in volleyball and basketball her senior year. During the past basketball season, Rampley averaged 17.5 points, 7.2 rebounds,

Midland College is a two-year junior college with an enrollment of about 5,000 students. The Lady Chaparrals play in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference.

# Perez, Bichette power Colorado past Fish, 8-7

DENVER (AP) -- Neifi Perez had three hits and three RBIs, and Dante Bichette had four hits as the Colorado Rockies held on for a 8-7 victory over the Florida Marlins on Tuesday night.

Pedro Astacio (2-3), who entered the game with a 10.00 ERA,

overcame early control problems to get his first win since April 2.

Astacio went seven innings, allowing four runs on nine hits with six walks and three strikeouts. He also had a pair of singles and an RBI as the Rockies earned a split of the

two-game series.

Andy Larkin (1-1), the fifth Marlins' rookie pitcher to start against Colorado in as many meetings this season, held the Rockies hitless over the first three innings but was roughed up for four runs in the fourth

and three more in the fifth.

The Marlins scored three runs in the ninth to cut the Rockies' margin to 8-7, but Colorado relief pitcher Curtis Leskanic struck out pinch-hitter John Roskos for his first save of the season.

# Spurs on verge of eliminating Phoenix

**By KELLEY SHANNON**  
AP Sports Writer  
SAN ANTONIO -- The Phoenix Suns went into their playoff series with San Antonio known as the team with the better outside shooting game.

The Spurs have damaged that reputation and could ruin the Suns' hopes of advancing in the playoffs with a win Wednesday.

"Thank goodness we don't have to answer today, 'Is this a must-win?' We've pretty much answered that," Suns coach Danny Ainge said Tuesday, displaying only a slight smile.

If the Suns win Game 4, the best-of-5 series returns to Phoenix for a decisive fifth game on Sunday. The Spurs took a 2-1 series lead Monday with a 100-88 victory in the Alamodome.

Tim Duncan, named NBA Rookie of the Year earlier in the day, led the Spurs with 22 points and 14 rebounds. David Robinson added 17 points, 12 rebounds and four blocks.

Then there was the rest of the Spurs starting lineup, all of whom scored in double figures.

The Spurs opted to start 6-foot-4 shooting guard Vinny Del Negro instead of 7-foot Will Perdue. Jaren Jackson, who normally starts at guard, moved to small forward.

Del Negro and Jackson scored 18 points apiece, and Jackson sunk four of five 3-point attempts. Avery Johnson had 10 points.

"We got some great play from Jaren, Vinny and A.J.," Duncan said. "They were knocking down their shots from the outside. (Jackson) played a great game."

Johnson, playing on his eighth NBA team of his eight-year career, surprised his opponents.

"They made big shots at the

end. Jackson stepped up big time -- someone I really wouldn't expect to step up as ... he did," said Phoenix forward Antonio McDyess, who led the Suns with 26 points and 17 rebounds.

McDyess, making the first playoff appearance of his three-year career, said he'll try not to panic Wednesday.

"But you're always going to have it in your head that this could be the last," he said. "There's a lot of pressure on us. We've just got to go out there and relax and play hard."

Spurs coach Gregg Popovich expects the Suns to present his team with another difficult contest.

"What's difficult is chasing those guys around. They're the most confusing team in the league, to me, to play because they have such good pass-catch-shoot people," Popovich said. "They confound you constantly throughout the game."

The Suns won't be doing anything dramatically different on Wednesday, Ainge said.

"We can't just change and do something different that we haven't done all year long," he said. "We just need to play harder. It's that simple. We need to compete."

Unlike Game 2, which the Suns won in Phoenix, the Suns got little help Monday from guard Rex Chapman, the team's leading scorer with an average of 15.9 points per game.

Chapman has been suffering from a strained left hamstring and didn't play in the series opener. He scored only two points on 1-for-9 shooting Monday.

Chapman said he was sore Tuesday and that he didn't know yet whether he'll be able to play in Game 4.

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## in brief

### Senate creates select panel on Y2K computer glitch

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Federal Reserve predicts reprogramming, updating and fixing computers to process data at the beginning of the new millennium will cost U.S. businesses approximately \$50 billion. Fortune 500 companies alone have told the Securities and Exchange Commission they anticipate spending \$11 billion dealing with the so-called Year 2000 problem, Fed Gov. Edward Kelly told the Senate Commerce Committee on Tuesday.

While the problem has "contributed to the spectacular growth recently in this country's computer hardware and software industries" as companies scramble to replace their aging computers, the long-term net effect of the problem will be slightly negative, Kelly said.

### Grand jury adds day to hear first lady's taped testimony

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) - The Whitewater grand jury has heard plenty from other people about Hillary Rodham Clinton. Now it wants to hear from the first lady herself, via videotape.

Mrs. Clinton's testimony, taped over five hours Saturday at the White House, focuses on her work at the Rose Law Firm for the Arkansas savings and loan owned by the Clintons' Whitewater business partners, Jim and Susan McDougal.

The grand jury normally would not meet this week but, with its dissolution scheduled for May 7, it made special provisions to hear Mrs. Clinton's testimony today.

It could also give Mrs. McDougal another chance to answer Whitewater prosecutors' questions. She refused last week and risks criminal contempt charges.

### Convicted killer executed in Arizona

FLORENCE, Ariz. (AP) - A man convicted of killing a real estate agent after luring him to a vacant office to rob him was executed by injection early today.

Arthur Ross, 43, had legal options available but didn't use them, saying he was tired of living on death row and would rather die.

He had no final words. Ross arrived in Tucson in April 1990 and began plotting his crime immediately, prosecutors say. He posed as a businessman interested in renting office space to persuade James Ruble, a 26-year-old real estate agent four years out of the University of Arizona, to take him to the empty office on April 10.

### Former official of vacation island acquitted of rape

SOUTH KINGSTOWN, R.I. (AP) - The former top official of Block Island and a chef have been acquitted of charges that they raped a 21-year-old woman on the beer-soaked floor of a tavern at the quiet resort.

The official, Edward McGovern, 50, and Phillip O'Donnell, 31, had said they engaged in consensual group sex with the woman in 1996 but did not rape her. The jury of six men and six women found them innocent of sexual assault Tuesday after 2 hours of deliberations.

"It was difficult listening to her tell a story I know was not the truth," said McGovern, who owns the Yellow Kittens Tavern where the incident involving one of his employees took place.

### Attorney: Affair sparked murder of O.J.'s ex-wife

LOS ANGELES (AP) - O.J. Simpson killed his ex-wife because she had resumed an affair with football player Marcus Allen, attorney Daniel Petrocelli said in a TV interview.

Petrocelli, who convinced a civil court jury that Simpson was responsible for the deaths of Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ron Goldman, told "Dateline NBC" that Simpson could not accept that his ex-wife had rejected him for the Kansas City Chiefs star.

"Every time I spoke to witnesses close to Simpson, it always came back to Marcus Allen," said Petrocelli, who represented the Goldman family in the wrongful death suit. "I believe that that was what made Simpson snap."

An unidentified spokesman for Allen told "Dateline NBC" that Allen never had an affair with Ms. Simpson and said Petrocelli was "playing fast and loose with the truth."

### Plaintiffs see conspiracy behind abrupt change in ads

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) - Hoping to bolster their claim of a conspiracy, plaintiffs suing the tobacco industry introduced evidence showing cigarette makers abruptly stopped making health claims in their ads in the 1950s.

The ads were dropped after the industry hired a public relations firm to help them deal with growing concern over the relationship between smoking and health, according to a document introduced Tuesday.

The state and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota claim a 1953 meeting organized by that firm was the start of an antitrust conspiracy to stifle competition that could have led to safer cigarettes.

### Arsonist sent to prison for fires at abortion clinics

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) - A retired insurance company executive was sentenced to nearly seven years in prison for setting fires at seven abortion clinics.

Richard Andrews, 60, of Wenatchee, Wash., had pleaded guilty to a 3-year arson spree in California, Montana, Idaho and Wyoming. He was sentenced to 81 months behind bars by U.S. District Judge Lawrence Karleton on Tuesday.

As part of the sentence, Andrews will be on probation for three years after his release. During that time, he will have to stay at least 150 yards away from facilities where abortions are performed.

### Three die at jewelry store in botched robbery attempt

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) - Two would-be robbers killed the owner of a jewelry store and then shot themselves to death rather than surrender during a nearly four-hour standoff, police said.

The standoff began Tuesday afternoon when one of two brothers who own Ly Tai Jewelry store became suspicious of the couple, who had visited the shop an hour earlier.

Gary Cron, who works at Paul's Transmission next door, saw the co-owner - and brother of the victim - running frantically from the store. "He ran out of the building without his shoes," Cron said. "He was hollering at a cop who was driving by. He was hysterical."

Police sealed off the area and blocked the rear exit of the store to prevent the suspects from escaping.

### Two killed, another injured in school playground shooting

POMONA, Calif. (AP) - Two teen-age boys were shot to death and a third was wounded as they played basketball at an elementary school hours after classes had ended.

Witnesses told authorities they heard shots and saw two men flee Tuesday afternoon at Philadelphia Elementary School, located in a working-class residential neighborhood 40 miles east of downtown Los Angeles.

# Petition seeks to end checkoffs

WASHINGTON (AP) - Petitions are circulating in farm country that could threaten such advertising campaigns as pork's "the other white meat" and beef's "it's what you want."

Two dozen grass-roots farm groups in Des Moines, Iowa, announced a petition drive today to allow a farmer vote on whether to make voluntary the now-required hog checkoff payment of 45 cents for every \$100 of value in the animal.

Another organization is about to launch a similar petition drive for the \$1-a-head cattle checkoff.

Making a checkoff program voluntary would likely cripple it, ending a flow of money for the familiar TV and print ad campaigns, product research, consumer polling and other work, said Al Tank, who heads the National Pork Producers Council.

"They are calling for an end to the

pork checkoff," Tank said. "I think they are taking a very narrow view of the pork industry."

The efforts reflect dissatisfaction with low beef and pork prices but also a fear that the checkoff money is supporting industrial agriculture and shunning the needs of small farmers.

"Many farmers feel that they should be able to decide for themselves whether to contribute to the program," said Larry Ginter, a hog farmer from Rhodes, Iowa.

Created by Congress in 1985, the cattle and hog checkoffs this year will generate roughly \$140 million combined. The money is split between state and national pork and beef boards and overseen by the Agriculture Department; the actual promotion and advertising are handled by the National Pork Producers Council and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

The checkoffs stay in place permanently unless voted down by producers; a referendum requires signatures of about 21,000 hog farmers and 118,000 cattle producers.

Some farmers aren't happy with the way their checkoff money is being spent.

For instance, although pork consumption is up, prices paid to farmers have fallen from 49 cents a pound in 1986 to around 35 cents a pound. And according to the Campaign for Family Farms, more than 207,000 hog farmers have quit the business during that time.

"The 'other white meat' campaign has helped everybody but the independent producer," said Rhonda Perry of the Missouri Rural Crisis Center. "It's helped the Madison Avenue advertisers, packers and investors."

The groups behind the petition drive - Farm Aid, Iowa Citizens for

Community Improvement, Catholic Rural Life and others - also are fighting the surge in corporate hog farms, which they contend are the true beneficiaries of the checkoff money and which they blame for depressing prices and driving out smaller producers.

The Kansas City, Mo.-based Livestock Marketing Association, which represents about 900 cattle auction houses nationwide, is behind the upcoming cattle checkoff petition. Spokesman John McBride said producers have seen flat or falling beef consumption coupled with low prices and wonder what they're getting for their money.

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# Clinton won't respond to Gingrich's criticism

WASHINGTON (AP) - Under rising political heat from Republicans, President Clinton said Tuesday he would not "waste my time" addressing House Speaker Newt Gingrich's sharp criticism of White House battles with Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr.

"There is enough negative political talk in Washington every single day without the president adding to it," Clinton said, responding to reporters' questions at a Rose Garden ceremony.

White House press secretary Mike McCurry did not share Clinton's reluctance to respond. He accused the speaker of launching "a rank partisan political attack."

"He was signaling to you that they intend to try to keep alive the swirl of allegations by way of doing political damage to the president," McCurry said. "So this is about politics, it's not about the truth or about telling people to shut up, or whatever."

Gingrich attacked the president Monday night in an address to GOPAC, the Republican political action group that the speaker once led. The partisan audience roared approval.

Gingrich lashed the administration for its attacks on Starr, who is investigating Clinton on numerous fronts. Administration leaders and their allies have portrayed Starr as an extremist engaged in a political vendetta against the president.

Gingrich said Clinton could dismiss Starr at any time since it is the president's attorney general who oversees Starr's authority.

"If he doesn't want to fire Ken Starr, he should tell his staff to shut up," Gingrich said. "I am sickened by how unpatriotically they undermine the Constitution of the United States on behalf of their client."

He said that henceforth, "I will never again, as long as I am speaker, make a speech without commenting on this topic."

Gingrich said there were two principles "which I am prepared to live and die on. The first is that the American people have the right to know about basic facts. And the second is that we are a nation under the rule of law and no person,

including the president, is above the law."

Clinton was asked about Gingrich's attack during an appearance in the Rose Garden after receiving a report about Social Security's long-range financial outlook. The president said Gingrich "said a lot of things last night that I don't think it would serve any useful purpose for me to respond to."

Repeating remarks he often uses to deflect questions about Starr's investigations, Clinton said he wanted to focus on the problems facing the country. Saying he would not respond to Gingrich, Clinton said, "I think it would not serve the American public well for me to waste my time doing it. I think I need to be focused on the public issues that affect them, and that's what I intend to do."

Asked if he thought of firing Starr, Clinton seemed to mishear the question. "Of hiring him?" the president asked. Clinton went on to question Gingrich's interpretation of the law, saying "that's not what the statute says." In any event, he said, he would not respond.

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Business briefs

Consumer confidence soars during April

NEW YORK (AP) - Americans believe the U.S. economy will continue to grow at a healthy pace in coming months, sending consumer confidence levels to almost a 29-year high in April.

The Conference Board on Tuesday reported that its index of consumer confidence rose to 136.7 in April from a revised 133.8 in March. April's figures topped Wall Street analysts' expectations for the month.

The index reached 137.4 in February, its highest level since June 1969.

Affordable housing less available for millions

WASHINGTON (AP) - A record 5.3 million American families with low incomes have been bypassed by the booming economy and face a crisis of unaffordable rent, according to a report issued Tuesday by Housing Secretary Andrew Cuomo.

Cuomo will try to use the report's findings to persuade Congress to approve President Clinton's pending budget request for hundreds of millions of dollars in additional housing assistance.

"The report makes it clear that the federal government must significantly enhance its efforts to create more affordable housing opportunities," Cuomo said. "The strong economy that has brought prosperity to millions of Americans has not reduced the affordable housing crisis for millions of others."

Japanese envoy warns U.S. about criticism

WASHINGTON (AP) - Japan's ambassador appealed to U.S. officials Tuesday to be "a little more cautious" in criticizing his government's economic policies.

Ambassador Kunihiko Saito mentioned no U.S. official by name and said "frank comments" have been justified and should not be resented by the Japanese. But, in a speech at the Center for International and Strategic Studies, he said too much criticism from the United States can be counterproductive.

"I hope they can be a little more cautious in their public pronouncements," Saito said.

Trade ministers postpone talks on investment rules

PARIS (AP) - Trade and finance ministers from the world's richest nations Tuesday shelved for six months negotiations on regulating the multibillion-dollar flows of foreign direct investment.

The ministers of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development decided to take a break for "assessment and further consultation" on the so-called Multilateral Agreement on Investment.

First Financial OKs dividend

Directors of First Financial Bankshares Inc., have approved a 27.5-cent per share dividend for the quarter ending June 30, 1998, it was announced Wednesday.

The cash dividend represents a 10 percent increase over the previous quarter and will be payable to shareholders of record on June 15, 1998, with payment set for July 1.

The board's action was announced during the company's annual meeting Tuesday in Abilene with more than 600 shareholders and guests attending.

Shareholders re-elected 13 directors and named three new

The decision came on the second and final day of the annual meeting of the OECD's 29 member nations, including the United States.

Jurors hear Texaco tapes in race bias case

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (AP) - The Texaco tapes were played in court for the first time Tuesday, allowing jurors to hear executives talk about what documents should be kept out of the hands of lawyers in a race discrimination case.

"We're going to purge the (expletive) out of these books," said Robert Ulrich, the former Texaco treasurer now on trial on charges of obstruction of justice for allegedly trying to destroy or conceal evidence.

Talking about another document, his co-defendant, Richard Lundwall, was heard saying: "I'm going to remove that."

Viagra grabs 94 percent of impotence drug market

NEW YORK (AP) - Six times as many men are now seeking impotence cures than when Pfizer Inc.'s pill, Viagra, went on the market, according to an industry report.

The Pfizer Inc. drug Viagra has swept the impotence market. It gained 94.4 percent of the market for such treatments in its third week of sales, ended April 17, according to figures released this week by IMS America Inc., a private drug industry researcher.

Beyond usurping the No. 1 spot in the impotence market, Viagra has dramatically expanded the number of men who buy drugs to treat impotence. The market researcher estimates that the market for sexual disorder treatments has jumped 511 percent since Viagra went up for sale.

Fabulously rich getting even more fabulously rich

LONDON (AP) - The world's seriously rich are getting richer - and seriously so, according to a report released Tuesday commissioned by investment company Merrill Lynch.

Last year, the combined wealth of so-called high net worth individuals - people with investable assets of more than \$1 million - amounted to more than \$17.4 trillion.

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AUSTIN (AP) - Consumers are buying, the economy is booming and there seems to be no end in sight for good business news. So what are business folks complaining about? Plenty, including an unprepared workforce, too much government and a need for more limits on business-related lawsuits.

Business industry officials and representatives on Tuesday told state lawmakers that overall, the climate in Texas is good for them. But there always can be improvements, they quickly added.

"Workforce reforms haven't gone far enough fast enough," said Billy Hamilton, a former honcho at the Texas Comptroller's Office who spoke at the request of Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco.

Hamilton and others noted that businesses need better educated workers and better systems in place to retrain existing workers for jobs in the high-tech industries.

Robert Howden, head of the National Federation of Independent Businesses, said his group will back proposals for publicly paid

private-school vouchers and the elimination of social promotion in schools.

Howden said business owners generally are too busy to ponder the problems they face, but workforce issues are one they must deal with every day.

"There seems to be a shortage of them," Howden said of well-prepared and well-educated workers.

On business-related lawsuits, Bill Hammond, the new head of the Texas Association of Business and Chambers of Commerce, said while

much already has been done to limit them, lawsuits continue to present big problems for business.

Lawmakers in 1995 put strict limits on business-related lawsuits that can be filed and damages that can be awarded. But Hammond said there are more types of lawsuits that need to be limited.

Dan Lambe, state director of Texas Citizen Action, said lawmakers should be wary of more lawsuit limits. He said insurance companies and other businesses already are benefiting from the limits.

BUSINESS CLIMATE  
Businesses complain about workforce, lawsuits

Automakers now entering the insurance business

DETROIT (AP) - Frank Paterno got more than a car at a BMW dealership last summer - he got insurance to go with it.

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The New York City man is among a growing number of Americans who

are buying car insurance through the companies that make the cars.

Automakers are turning to insurance as a way to keep customers happy in a flat sales market.

Insurance companies, meanwhile, are hoping that consumers' devotion to a particular car brand will translate into policy sales.

"It's part of a trend," said Peter

Van Aartrijk, spokesman for the Independent Insurance Agents of America. "We're going to see more of this niche marketing."

Consumers, who are solicited for the policies at dealerships or in the mail, could benefit most of all from the arrangements - especially if they provide lower costs, more convenience and better service.

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DATED this 27th day of April, 1998.

/s/ RAYMOND A. HIGGINBOTHAM Independent Executor of the Estate of NEDRA M. HIGGINBOTHAM, Deceased, No. PR-4388 in the County Court of Deaf Smith County, Texas

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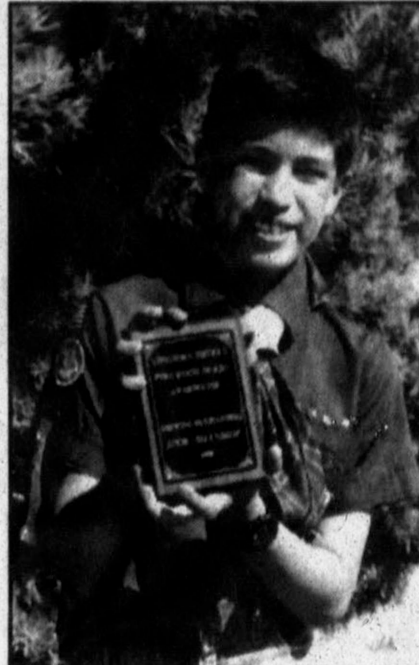
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/s/ HAZEL P. REID Independent Executrix of the Estate of OPAL P. ELLISTON, Deceased, No. PR-4386 in the County Court of Deaf Smith County, Texas.



Derby winners

Members of Scout Pack 50 were winners in the recent Lõnghorn District Pinewood Derby held at Hereford Community Center. In top photo are, from left, Drew Wilburn, first; Michael Rojas, second; and Ryan Buchanan, third.



SCHOOLS

Children see violence on their video games, in sports, in their families and especially on television and in the movies, and most counselors and administrators see this violence as an open door for children to react. "We hear younger and younger children talking about violence and committing violent acts," said Susan Robbins, principal at Stanton Learning Center.

Most counselors hold strong beliefs that a big part of the problem comes from the deterioration of society in general and the lack of family support. "The kids see the smart-alecs on shows like the 'Simpsons' and the lack of respect on so many sitcoms and they respond in a like manner," Robbins said.

ELC

From Page 1 Hereford and Amarillo. Hicks said the Hereford Independent School District probably spends thousands of dollars on telephone calls to the educational service center in Amarillo, as well as with the various Amarillo schools in the same UIL district. Also, Hicks said, the Deaf Smith County Public Library, which is a member of the Amarillo-based consortium, would realize reductions in its telephone bills if the ELC is approved.

CINCO

From Page 1 Advanced registration forms should be mailed to race director Joe Sturgeon, 502 Blevins, Hereford 79045. Registration forms are available at the YMCA and area businesses. For more information, call Sturgeon, 364-3156, or race promoter Raymond Guzman, 364-4503.

SECURITY

From Page 1 left in the work force won't cover their pensions. Because times are so good, however, the money now accumulating will be enough to pay full Social Security benefits until 2032, rather than 2029 as previously thought, the trustees said.

Clinton set to dedicate Reagan Bldg.

WASHINGTON (AP) - It's the second-biggest building in the nation's capital - a mix of government offices and space for private businesses that President Clinton will dedicate next week. The new Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, on Pennsylvania Avenue near the White House, eventually will accommodate as many as 7,000 workers.

Nancy Reagan will be there, but not her husband for whom it is named. The former president suffers from Alzheimer's disease. The new building, with a huge glass-roofed atrium, completes work on the Federal Triangle, where a century ago a newspaper counted 50 saloons and 109 "bawdy-houses," according to the General Services Administration, which runs the federal government's buildings.

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WASHINGTON (AP) - Republicans and leaders of several conservative groups lined up Tuesday behind new legislation proposing an end of the so-called marriage penalty, saying the government should support and encourage marriage, not undermine it. A bill introduced Tuesday pulls together several earlier proposals to give a break to married taxpayers who can end up paying as much as \$1,400 a year more in taxes than they would if they were single, said sponsors Rep. Jerry Weller, R-Ill., and Rep. David McIntosh, R-Ind.

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# Child care workers' wages stagnant

By MAGGIE JACKSON  
AP Business Writer

Seven workers at the Gan Yeladim Daycare Center have left in the last 18 months - out of a full-time staff of 14.

"It's a hard thing for everyone - teachers and children," said Sherry Grossman, the director at the center in Newton, Mass.

Such disruptive comings and goings are common in the field, according to a study released today that found an average 30 percent turnover rate at child care centers, partly due to near-poverty wages that have remained stagnant for a decade.

The report, part of a nine-year study, questions whether the current national debate on improving child care can bear fruit without better efforts to nurture a stable, well-qualified work force.

The report by the Center for the Child Care Workforce, a day care workers' advocacy group in Washington, D.C., also said more than one-third of centers employ welfare recipients - which raises questions about the qualifications of at least some workers.

"The devastating fact is that nothing has changed for child care workers in a decade," said Faith Wohl, president of the Child Care Action Campaign, a New York-based advocacy group.

"Since child care workers are the

key to quality, (the study) begins to make you understand why quality remains low," said Mrs. Wohl, who was familiar with the results but did not participate in the research.

In 1988, the center studied 230 day care providers and found that most care was barely adequate. It also found that centers providing better care were paying workers more and had lower turnover.

During the last nine years, centers have received more public funding. Independent for-profit centers received 10 percent more income from public funds, while for-profit chains got 17 percent more and nonprofits received 4 percent more public funding. The study didn't give specific amounts.

But wages have grown stagnant. According to the study:

- The lowest-paid assistants earn about \$6 an hour today - only a penny more an hour than they did nine years ago; parking lot attendants today earn \$6.38 an hour.

- The lowest-paid teachers earn about \$7.50 an hour, 12 cents more than 1988, and \$13,125 per year today. The highest-paid teachers earn \$10.85 an hour, \$1.32 more than in 1988.

Most workers, therefore, earn on average little more than the \$12,516 poverty level wage for a family of three.

Brenda Lopez, director of a

nonprofit San Francisco day care center, said her program received \$388,000 from the state this fiscal year, just \$8,000 more than last year.

"You could say that's an increase," she laughed. She said private-funding helps boost hourly wages at her center to between \$10.50 and \$12.50.

Low wages - along with the high demands of the job - in turn cause high turnover, which adds strain to centers that must train and find new help.

"To children, the teacher who leaves might just as well have died," Mrs. Wohl said.

On average, centers lost 31 percent of their staff last year, according to the study, which showed that only 32 percent of teachers have been in their center for five years or more.

Many empty slots are now being filled by welfare recipients as a result of the recent push to empty the rolls in many states. The study found that 35 percent of centers now employ welfare recipients.

But since fewer than half of centers provide on-site training for welfare recipients and since wages are so low, such jobs are an unlikely route out of poverty.

As well, without training and prior qualifications, "they're unlikely to be a good child care worker - educated, trained, and wanting to be in the field," said Deborah Phillips,

director of the Board on Children, Youth and Families at the National Academy of Sciences and a co-author of the study.

Clearly, the study said, child care needs more attention.

"America depends on child care teachers and providers," said Marcy Whitebook, co-director of the Center for the Child Care Workforce. "And our future depends on valuing them."

## Richards opts out of race

AUSTIN (AP) - Cecile Richards, daughter of former Gov. Ann Richards, has decided against seeking seek election as the head of the Texas Democratic Party.

In announcing her decision Tuesday, Ms. Richards gave a similar reason to that of current party chairman Bill White, who said he was vacating the post to spend more time with his family.

Her decision leaves former Republican Molly Beth Malcolm still planning to run at the Democrats' convention this summer.

White, a Houston businessman and former U.S. Energy Department official, has been chairman since 1995.

## NEWS in brief

**From glass eye to shrimp boat, volunteers gather trash**  
AUSTIN (AP) - Volunteers in this year's spring beach cleanup gathered nearly 138 tons of debris - everything from a glass eye to a stolen shrimp boat.

Land Commissioner Garry Mauro reported Tuesday that this year's Adopt-a-Beach program cleaned more than 157 miles of beaches along the Gulf Coast. A total of 8,524 volunteers took part.

Among the high-tech junk found: a cordless phone, an ink-jet computer printer cartridge, a floppy disk, batteries, a working pager and a computer monitor.

Low-tech junk included a 1987 Cadillac grill, a mop, spark plug wires, a monkey wrench, a plastic white rat, velvet underwear, opera glasses, mattresses and box springs, a caulking gun and an ironing board.

### Elsewhere:

**AIRLINE BAGS:** As of June 1, American Airlines will limit passengers to two carry-on items. The airline also will begin issuing boarding passes on the day of travel only. ... **PHONE BENEFITS:** Now you can apply for unemployment benefits without leaving home. Beginning Friday, the Texas Workforce Commission will begin accepting applications over the telephone in 42 counties. ... **AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION:** It's a year before flights are scheduled to arrive at Austin's new \$690 million airport. But construction is on pace at the site of the former Bergstrom Air Force Base southeast of Austin.

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### Names in the News

#### SARAH FERGUSON

BURBANK, Calif. (AP) - As if living with your ex-husband isn't strange enough, the Duchess of York says she and Prince Andrew have an informal arrangement to meet their dates away from home.

After Sarah Ferguson got into financial trouble, Prince Andrew gave her an apartment at Sunninghill, the 25-room house west of London which the couple moved into after their 1986 wedding.

"If I'm going to have friends or go out to dinner, then we do it away from home," Ferguson told Jay Leno on Monday's "The Tonight Show." "And if he wants to enjoy whatever you were just talking about, then that's fine. I'll move out."

Leno pressed for details. "(There's) none of this - oops, wrong bedroom. None of that?" he asked. "No, Jay. No, no," she replied. "Moving on swiftly, about Weight Watchers..."

The 38-year-old duchess is on a publicity tour to promote her new cookbook, "Dining with the Duchess." She is the chief spokeswoman for Weight Watchers.

#### ALYSSA MILANO

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) - Angry about being digitally undressed on the Internet, "Melrose Place" star Alyssa Milano has sued several online companies.

"Celebrities are realizing for the first time that the Net is a dangerous force if it's not corralled," Mitchell Kamarck, Miss Milano's attorney, said of the federal lawsuits filed Tuesday.

Entrepreneurs make millions of dollars by selling celebrity images, often nude and often fake, on computer lines. While some operators peddle shots from movies or television, others simply superimpose a famous face on a digitally doctored torso.

Defendants include John F. Lindgren, who acknowledged receiving complaints from Miss Milano but said he ignored them and was waiting for "something really serious."

Lindgren, 21, said he would remove the Milano pictures from his site but would try to keep his business running because it brings in more than \$10,000 a month. Other defendants operate locally and in Canada.

#### KEIKO HOLMES

LONDON (AP) - Weeks before Japan's Emperor Akihito visits Britain, Queen Elizabeth II honored a Japanese woman who has worked to reconcile British war veterans with modern Japan.

During a private ceremony at Windsor Castle on Tuesday, the queen presented Keiko Holmes, 50, with the gold cross and red ribbon of the Order of the British Empire, an order of chivalry.

"I am very honored, but this is also recognition of the prisoners of war and their suffering and people in Japan who are trying to heal wounds," said Mrs. Holmes, who was born in Kiwacho, a village in central Japan. Her English husband was killed in 1984.

Over the past seven years, Mrs. Holmes has taken more than 100 Britons once held in Japanese wartime prison camps on "pilgrimages of reconciliation" to Japan.

#### MONICA LEWINSKY

WASHINGTON (AP) - Monica Lewinsky slipped into a black cocktail dress for photos to appear in *Vanity Fair* magazine.

Fashion photographer Herb Ritts snapped pictures of her on a Malibu beach with the approval of her lawyer, William Ginsburg.

"She was becoming very depressed by this torture that she is going through," he said Tuesday. "I thought it would be a good idea. This young lady needs to feel good about herself."

The 24-year-old former White House intern, who has been under investigation by prosecutors seeking to determine if she was asked to lie about an alleged affair with President Clinton, received no payment for the photos and did not give the magazine an interview, her lawyer said.

"The opportunity arose from the publication. We did not approach them," Ginsburg said. "I don't want her to be commercialized, like Paula Jones. My young lady gets nothing."

*Vanity Fair* would not say when the photos would be published. Ritts is best known for his pictures of celebrities such as Madonna.

#### CHRISTOPHER REEVE

NEW YORK (AP) - Christopher Reeve says he and his mother considered pulling the plug on him after his paralyzing fall from a horse.

In his new memoir "Still Me," which recounts how he battled back from the 1995 riding accident that severed his spinal cord, Reeve said he first shared his thoughts with his wife, Dana.

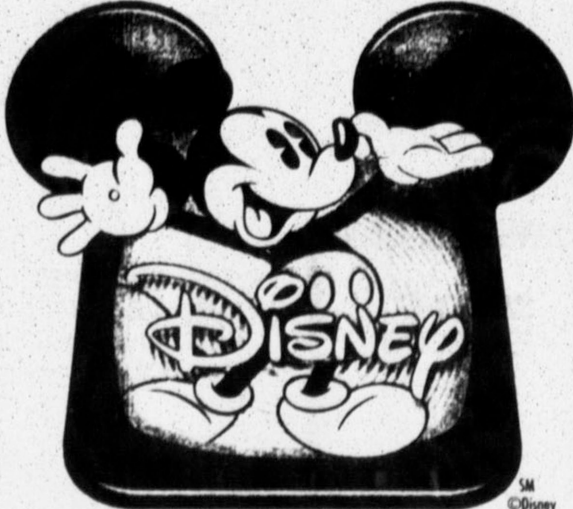
"I mouthed my first lucid words to her: 'Maybe we should let me go,'" he recalled.

But his wife, through tears, persuaded him to fight back, saying, "I want to know that I will be with you for the long haul, no matter what. You're still you, and I love you."


The "Superman" actor also credited his doctors for persuading his mother not to remove him from life support.

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