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Turnout expected to be low

AUSTIN (AP) - Republican voters today were picking their nominee for attorney general, while both parties also tied up a little work left undone in the March 10 primary.

But state elections officials said they aren't expecting too many of the state's 11.5 million registered voters to pitch in.

"Projecting statewide voter turnout for the April 14 races is at best going to be unscientific and at worst a shot in the dark," said Jane Dees, spokeswoman for Secretary of State Al Gonzales.

"We are expecting 3 (percent) to 5 percent in the GOP," she said Monday. No estimate was made for Democratic turnout, since there is no statewide runoff in that party.

Republicans have three: attorney general and two seats on the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

Also, three Democratic U.S. House runoffs and two GOP congressional runoffs are being held, along with runoffs in eight Texas House of Representative districts.

Ms. Dees said the secretary of state's office didn't tally early voting that took place last week. Spot checks with county clerks found a widespread lack of interest.

Travis County reported 4,701 ballots cast out of nearly 483,000 registered voters; Harris County reported 11,364 out of about 1.9 million voters; Bexar County reported 15,781 out of 781,000 voters.

Turnout for the March 10 primary was so low it broke a 30-year-old record. Only 1.26 million people voted in March, a turnout of just over 11 percent.

The highest-profile runoff campaign has been for the GOP attorney general nomination.

Incumbent Railroad Commissioner Barry Williamson and former Texas Supreme Court justice John Cornyn squared off in a bruising month-long bout. Williamson finished first with 38 percent and Cornyn second with 32 percent of the primary vote.

Since then, each has tried to lay claim to the conservative title and pick up supporters from third-place finisher Tom Pauken. The winner advances to face Democrat Jim Mattox, who was elected to the job in 1982 and 1986.



Photo by Dianna F. Dandridge

New Panhandle flag?

Thanks to the strong winds that have been blowing through the region recently, the new flag of the Panhandle could easily be bags which are whipped away and end up caught in the branches of trees, like this one on East 3rd Street near the Deaf Smith County Courthouse.

Feds sent Texas \$88.9 billion in '97

WASHINGTON (AP) - The dollars flow to Texas from Washington in the form of Social Security and welfare payments, salaries for military personnel, dollars to build highways and repair bridges or develop next-generation weapons systems.

All told, Washington sent \$88.9 billion to Texas last year in direct federal expenditures, according to

figures issued this month by the Census Bureau.

The federal payout, while huge, is just a small piece of the \$1.4 trillion pie Washington's policymakers carved up and doled out in fiscal 1997.

Texas, the nation's second most populous state, was third in receipts, behind California's \$160 billion and New York's nearly \$96 billion.

While third in overall dollar totals, the Lone Star State ranks far from the top when federal spending is broken down per capita.

Texas received an average of \$4,544 per resident last year, according to the Census Bureau's Federal Expenditures by State report, compared to a national average of

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Getting rid of junkers is a slow process

By DIANNA F. DANDRIDGE
Staff Writer

Wrecked, abandoned and junked vehicles - an eyesore at best, a traffic hazard to moving vehicles, and a tempting danger for young children at the worst - can be found on nearly every street, in nearly every neighborhood.

The problem of ridding Hereford's streets of the unsightly detractions often seem to move slower than the unmoving vehicles.

Residents can fight back, but they need to realize that sometimes going through the proper channels does take some time, said Robin Ruland, an officer with the Hereford Police Department.

"If we get a call on a junked or abandoned vehicle, we get right to it and start the process," he said. "First, we locate the owner. We knock on doors and go through Austin to determine the last registered owner."

After the initial police/owner

contact, the police will send the owner a certified letter stating the vehicle has to be brought up to standards or must be taken from public view within 10 days.

To be considered within standards, vehicles must have current registration and inspected and must not be disabled (all tires and wheels must be in place and inflated with no other obvious defects).

Taken from public view causes problems, though, because the owner can simply move the offending vehicle to another property, move the vehicle inside a fenced area or just tarp it off.

Should 10 days expire and the vehicle has not yet been moved or brought up to standards, a citation can be issued, giving the owner at least 10 days to respond or face possible charges and fines.

Municipal Court Judge Tawanna

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Photo by Dianna F. Dandridge

Abandoned or junked vehicles like this one on Avenue B create an eyesore all over town

City, county economy showing expansion

By DONALD M. COOPER
Brand Editor

Hereford's economy expanded last month, if the Texas Comptroller's Office figures are on the money.

The city received a sales tax rebate payment of \$82,326.09 for April, a whopping 30.6 percent improvement over the \$63,043.80 for April 1997.

The increase in the sales tax payment for April continued the trend that has seen gains in each month of the quarter ending March 31.

For the year, Hereford has received a total of \$351,581.24, a 12.4 percent gain over the \$312,925.03 received for the same period last year.

Deaf Smith County experienced a significant turnaround from March, when it had experienced a dropoff from the previous year. The county's April rebate of \$28,977.85 was 27.6 percent higher than the \$22,707.47 for April 1997. This month's payment also was higher than the previous month, which was \$26,607.46. For the year, Deaf Smith County has received a total of \$120,189.29, up 10.8 percent from the \$108,444.43 for the same period last year.

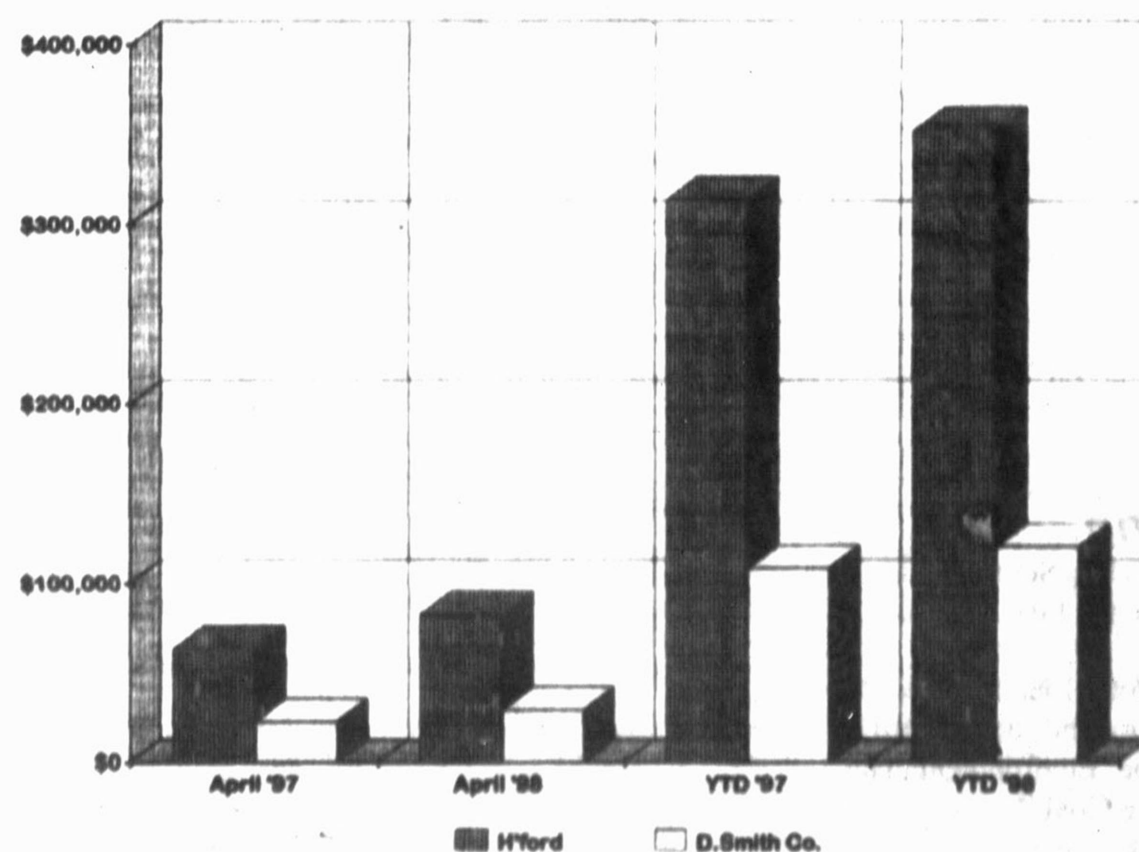
The comptroller's office delivered a total of \$158.7 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,089 Texas cities and 118 counties, a 11.4 percent increase over the \$142.5 million allocated to Texas cities and counties in April 1997.

Comptroller John Sharp said the "April sales tax rebates reflect again this month that the Texas economy is booming and consumers remain confident that the healthy climb will continue. Year-to-date, rebates to cities and

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Sales Tax Rebates

Source: Texas Comptroller's Office



Budget chief quits

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton today accepted the resignation of Franklin Raines as director of the Office of Management and Budget and nominated his deputy, Jack Lew, as successor.

Raines is returning to the private sector after serving more than two years as Clinton's budget chief.

Raines was praised by the president as "a brilliant OMB director" trusted by Republican and Democratic lawmakers alike.

Clinton said he regretted that Raines had opted for a lucrative private sector job, but said Lew "has been a true and dedicated public servant."

Lew was at Raines' side for the months of the meetings between administration officials and congressional leaders that produced last year's budget-balancing deal.

That pact, enacted last August, culled savings from Medicare and

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Local Roundup

County commission

Deaf Smith County commissioners voted Monday to transfer \$100,000 from a maturing road and bridge fund certificate of deposit to a road holding fund to pay for the annual sealcoating project and repairs to Country Road 4.

The summer sealcoating project, which is expected to begin May 20, and the repair work are expected to cost between \$90,000 and \$100,000.

In other business, the commissioners appointed Lilly Hamby and Robert Caballero to positions on the Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority Advisory Board.

Horse seminar

A free seminar to help horse owners and enthusiasts learn more about equine nutrition, health, training and management will begin at 5:30 p.m. April 20 at Hereford Riders Club Arena.

The seminar, open to the public, features Craig Cameron is part of a nationwide series being conducted by Purina Mills and its network of local dealers.

"This is part of the largest equine effort in the horse industry, and our meeting will be tailored to the specific interests of horse owners in the area," said Matt Harris, the owner of Foust Feeds. "We hope that breeders, trainers, employees of cattle feeding operations, and people who simply enjoy horses will attend and hear about the training techniques of Craig Cameron."

Admission to the seminar is free, but reservations are recommended. Harris said those attending should be sure to sign up for the drawing of a Sooner Trailer which is to be given away.

Candidates forum

Candidates in the May 2 Hereford City Commission election will participate later this month in a forum sponsored by the Deaf Smith Chamber of Commerce and the Hereford Educators Association.

The candidates forum will be 7 p.m. April 23 at the Hereford Independent School District Administration Building, 601 N. 25 Mile Ave.

Questions for the candidates may be submitted to the chamber office, 701 N. Main, or to Carolyn Waters with the educators association.

The public is invited to attend the forum.

Four positions, two at-large and two single-member district, are on the May 2 ballot.

At-large incumbents Roger Eades and Carey Black are being challenged by Martha Cavazos Rincon and Alma Delia Gamez, while Precinct 2 incumbent Eugene Condarco is being challenged by Angie Alonzo. Precinct 4 incumbent Wayne Winget drew no opponent.

College prep summer camp

The West Texas A&M university Upward Bound program is accepting applications for a summer camp, June 1-July 10. The six-week residential academic camp is designed to prepare students for college.

Students will attend math, chemistry, physics, English, Spanish and study skills classes as well as planned opportunities for classes ranging from self-defense to interview preparation.

"Ninety percent of students in Upward Bound participate in post-secondary education," WTAMU Upward Bound director Martin Lopez said. "This program gives the student the tools needed to succeed at the college level."

Camp participants will stay in university residence halls Sunday-Thursday and return home each weekend. WTAMU students serve as camp mentors. There is no cost for tuition, room or board, and students receive approximately a \$125 stipend. Transportation is provided to and from area communities.

The camp will conclude with an academic bowl competition and a trip to San Antonio to visit several college campuses.

To apply for consideration, the student must be a freshman, junior, or senior in high school, first generation (neither parent of the student graduated from a college or a university), low income or physically disabled; have an acceptable grade point average; and possess a strong desire to attend college.

For more information, contact the Hereford High School Counselor or WTAMU's Upward Bound at (806) 651-2351.

Mostly clear, breezy

Tonight, mostly clear and breezy, low around 40, southwest wind 15-25 mph and gusty.

Wednesday, mostly sunny and windy, high around 70, west wind 20-30 mph with higher gusts. Wednesday night, increasing cloudiness and cool, low near 35.

Extended forecast

Thursday, mostly cloudy and cooler with a chance of rain, high 50 to 55.

Friday, partly cloudy, low in the upper 30s, high in the mid-60s.

Saturday, partly cloudy, low 35 to 40, high 65 to 70.

Monday recap

High, 77; low, 39; no precipitation.

PLN study club meeting

The Promised Land Network is hold its first Southern Plains study club of 1998 at 7 p.m. Thursday at the First State Bank in Canyon.

The meeting includes discussion of Carolyn Merchant's book, "The Death of Nature: Women, Ecology and the Scientific Revolution." The meeting's theme will be "Environmentalism and Agriculture: Do We Have the Same Goal?"

The meeting is open to the public. For more information, contact the PLN office at 364-4445.

Teachers want more money, benefits

On one poster, a tree sprouts dollar bills. On a second, a fist holds a bulging bag of coins. At first glance, the advertisements look better aimed at gamblers than teachers.

The posters boldly list bonuses for teachers who sign up with the Fort Worth Independent School District: \$500 for those who earned high grades in college, \$1,000 for those who speak two languages, \$2,000 for those who sign contracts before June.

Fort Worth's blunt approach is understandable - the district expects to lose more than 10 percent of its teachers this spring, mostly to retirement.

And it is not alone. Across the country, districts are bracing for a serious shortage of teachers in the next decade as a generation of educators retires and student populations swell.

Anxious school officials are boosting salaries, putting recruiters on-line and on the road, and offering

to pay applicants' relocation costs, find them apartments and even throw them welcome-to-town parties.

"They have glossy brochures and fancy displays, meeters and greeters," said Cindy Clegg, personnel director for the Texas Association of School Boards. "They're touting their working conditions, promoting what a great place they are to live, how wonderful their campus looks. You've got to have an edge."

But one teachers' group contends that lawmakers and school boards must first boost pay in Texas, which lags at 36th in the nation.

"The problem is not that there is a shortage of qualified teachers, but that there is a shortage of teachers willing to teach for the salaries and benefits offered," John Cole, Texas Federation of Teachers president in Austin, said.

He said better pay and economic benefits would attract qualified teachers.

With late-marrying baby boomers still sending a steady stream of children to school, elementary and secondary enrollments are expected to set records every year until 2007, according to the U.S. Department of Education. And with almost a third of the country's teachers having taught for more than 20 years, the government predicts the nation will need at least 2 million new teachers in the next decade.

But other factors are also squeezing the teacher supply:

- Twenty states have either passed or are proposing class-size limits, and President Clinton has proposed spending \$7.3 billion to reduce average class size in first, second and third grades from 22 students to 18 by hiring 100,000 new teachers.

- Teaching standards are getting tougher, which could weed out under-performers.

- More new teachers are quitting, particularly in urban areas, as social

and physical conditions worsen.

With the need for teachers growing, desperate districts are granting more emergency licenses and "alternative" teaching certificates. Both raise concerns that teaching standards could sink.

Emergency licenses permit people with no teacher training into classrooms if they agree to complete training and become licensed as soon as possible. But overcrowded districts commonly ask states for permission to extend the terms of unlicensed emergency teachers. Eleven percent of teachers in New York City and 7 percent in Arizona have emergency licenses.

States are also creating "alternative certificates" to lure skilled midcareer professionals into classrooms, hoping their work experience will give their lesson plans added impact. While alternative teacher candidates generally get more preparation than emergency teachers, including training tailored to their experience, there is still missing about their increased use. Critics say people with less training can't help but be lesser teachers.

The American Association for Employment in Education, which tracks the job market for teachers, says it's tricky guessing where and when the shortage will hit hardest. The decision to retire is based less on age than on a district's retirement package, and wealthy districts with high-achieving students and bountiful resources may never feel the shortage, said Charles Marshall, the organization's executive director.

A new report by the association already finds shortages in half of all teaching fields, including bilingual education, speech pathology, special education and science. The "long-predicted need for new teachers," the study said, "is starting to become evident."

It's becoming evident in Boston, where half the city's 4,600 public school teachers will reach retirement age in the next decade. In Georgia, where school districts are offering sign-up incentives as high as \$4,000. In California, where 21,000 teachers are working with emergency credentials. In North Carolina, where teachers are paid \$100 to mentor new teachers in hopes they won't quit.

The possibility that hundreds of thousands of ill-prepared teachers could be hurried into classrooms is unnerving, said Pat Wasley, dean at Bank Street College, a teachers' school in New York City.

"Everyone's terrified of it," she said.

But to many educators, the impending shortage has brought opportunity along with dread - a chance to reexamine how teachers are recruited, trained, paid and nurtured.

School districts are brainstorming with state universities about how to beef up training programs, new teachers are being paired with more experienced mentors and advocates of alternative certification want teaching courses revamped.



Disregarding the law

Regardless of city ordinances, trucks continue to be parked along city streets, like this one which can so often be seen on Avenue K. Sometimes the truck is parked just long enough for the driver to clean out the trailer, but more often it is parked for eight or more hours.

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Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for March 10-13, 1998 include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT Arrests

-- A 43-year-old man was arrested in the 100 block of Avenue F and charged with possession of marijuana.

-- A 31-year-old man was arrested in the 500 block of Blevins and charged with driving while intoxicated.

-- A 29-year-old man was arrested in the 200 block of N. Main and charged with theft by check on a Randall County warrant.

-- A 22-year-old man was arrested in the 800 block of McKinley and charged with domestic assault.

-- A 19-year-old man was arrested in the 400 block of Avenue B and charged with evading arrest.

-- A 17-year-old man was arrested at Mormon and Beech and charged with minor in possession of Alcohol.

-- A 32-year-old man was arrested in the 100 block of Pine and charged with fighting.

-- A 29-year-old man was arrested in the 100 block of Pine and charged with fighting.

Incidents

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Obituaries

ELMER NORTHUTT

April 9, 1998

Funeral services for Elmer Northcutt, 84, formerly of Hereford, were Saturday in the Broadview Church of Christ with Bob Martin and Don Thomas officiating. Burial was in Hollene Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Steed-Todd Funeral Home.

Mr. Northcutt died Thursday at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo.

He was born June 18, 1913, in Bellview, N.M. He married Mavance Kemp on Nov. 26, 1938 in Clovis. He farmed and ranched in Deaf Smith County and Ima, N.M.

He was a member of the Broadview Church of Christ and great supporter of FFA and 4-H youth projects.

Survivors include his wife Mava, of Ima; two sons, Jerry Northcutt of Broadview, and Tom Northcutt of Houston; one daughter, Wanda Page of Grady, N.M.; six grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; one sister, Gladys Polk of Clovis; one brother;

-- A theft was reported in the 1500 block of Blevins

-- A theft was reported in the 500 block of 25 Mile Avenue.

-- A runaway was reported in the 800 block of Irving.

-- A criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of 13th.

-- A runaway was reported in the 300 block of Avenue B.

-- An aggravated kidnapping was reported in the 300 block of Avenue C.

-- A criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of Pine.

-- An attempted suicide was reported in the 200 block of Irving.

-- An Assault was reported in the 500 block of Avenue G.

-- A 6-year-old boy was attacked and bitten by a dog in the 800 block of Brevard.

-- A reckless driver was reported in the 800 block of North Main.

-- A 22-year-old woman is expected to file assault charges against her ex-husband after he attacked her in the 600 block of Irving.

-- Interference with child custody charges are expected to be filed against a 30-year-old man.

-- Charges of a Class "A" Assault

are to be filed against a 27-year-old man, in connection with an incident at a local night club located in the 100 block of Pine.

-- A report of loud music was reported in the 300 block of Avenue C.

Accidents

-- A minor accident was reported in the 100 block of S. 25 Mile Avenue.

-- A minor accident was reported at Higgins and South 25 Mile Avenue.

-- A minor accident was reported in the 200 block of 13th.

-- A minor accident was reported in the 600 block of Main.

-- A two car accident was reported in the 100 block of West Second.

-- A two car accident was reported in the 600 block of Main.

COUNTY SHERIFF Arrests

-- A 37-year-old man was arrested and charged with domestic assault.

-- A 20-year-old man was arrested and charged with assault.

-- A 32-year-old woman was arrested and charged with violation of probation on a possession of a controlled substance charge.

-- A 21-year-old man was arrested and charged with theft by check, over \$20 and under \$50.

-- A 26-year-old woman was arrested and charged with tampering with government records.

-- A 32-year-old woman was arrested and charged with theft by check.

-- A 41-year-old man was arrested and charged with failure to appear, bail jumping.

Incidents

-- A theft was reported.

-- A criminal mischief was reported.

-- An assault was reported.

-- A criminal mischief was reported.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

April 11, 1998

-- 5:20 p.m. firefighters responded to a hay fire six miles west on Harrison Highway and one and one-half miles south.

April 13, 1998

-- 6:39 p.m. firefighters responded to the 900 block of South Julian on a grassfire-smoke scare.

-- 8:45 p.m. firefighters responded to FM 1259 and Road 5 for a hayfire-smoke scare.

STEP RESULTS

During the last STEP program, March 27-30, the city of Hereford reported an 83 percent adult compliance of seat belt laws and a 67 percent compliance of child safety seats. Officers issued 114 citations.



TEXAS LOTTERY

AUSTIN (AP) - One ticket matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated \$4 million.

The ticket was sold in Houston.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were:

16-22-34-38-46-47.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$4 million.

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-2-0

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery: 2-25-36-38-39

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

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Lifestyles

Support group meets Thursday

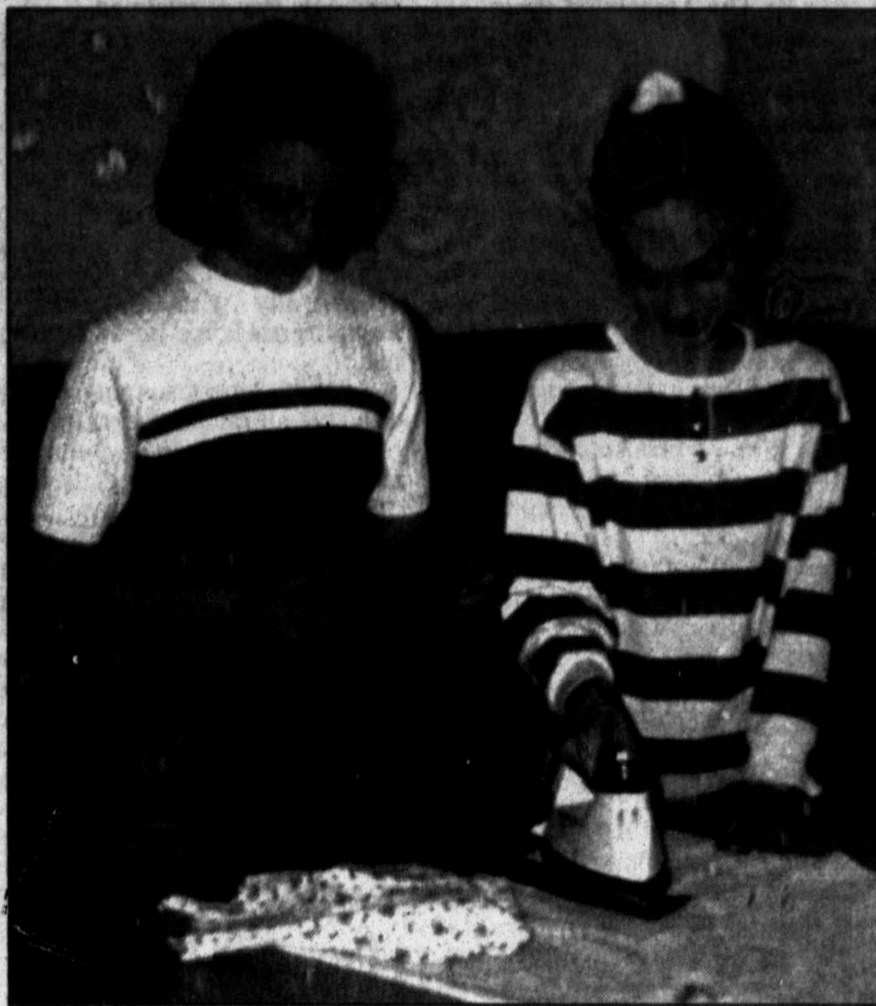
In affiliation with the Alzheimer's Association, Panhandle Chapter, the Hereford support group for family caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, will meet from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Thursday at Fellowship of Believers Church, 245 North Kingwood (at Moreman).

A support group is a gathering of people with common problems, needs and interests to share their feelings, thoughts, questions, experiences and concerns in a combined effort to better cope with and survive the challenge presented by persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

Resource person for Thursday's meeting will be Kathy Acton, R.N., Acton is a home health nurse with a history of experience in hospice care. She has also served as facilitator for support groups for family caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease.

Following a brief presentation, Acton will participate in the group process of sharing feelings, thoughts, questions, experiences and concerns.

Group facilitator is Nathan L. Stone, Ph.D., pastoral counselor and former senior chaplain with Family Hospice of Temple.



4-H'ers Dawn Auckerman, left, and Lark Duncan complete their projects for the District 4-H Fashion Show to be held April 25 in Pampa. 4-H'ers from the top 21 counties of the Texas Panhandle will compete in Construction and Buying categories in interviews, modeling and garment judging. The public is invited to the Fashion Show which will be held at the Pampa Middle School at 2:30 p.m.

4-H fashion show held

Twelve Deaf Smith County 4-H members displayed their sewing, fashion design and consumer skills Thursday evening during the annual County Fashion show in the Lamar Room of King's Manor Methodist Home.

A large crowd was on hand to see the fashions described by narrator Beverly Harder, County Extension Agent, Family and Consumer Sciences. Serving as mistress of ceremonies was Erin Auckerman, president of the County 4-H Council.

Youth who completed a clothing and textile project were judged Thursday afternoon to determine which 4-H'ers would advance to District competition in Pampa on April 25. Competition was divided into three areas: clothing construction, comparison buying, and design and apparel.

Competing in the senior buying division were: Traci Blain, first place, casual clothing; Erin Auckerman, first, specialty; Robin Bell, first, dressy; and Cassidy Hicks, second, dressy.

Placing first in senior construction with their sewn garments were Amber Brumley, casual category; and Kylee Auckerman, specialty.

In intermediate buying were the following first place winners: Chelsea Blain, dressy; and Dawn Auckerman, casual.

Carissa Hicks was first in dressy category of junior buying and Lark Duncan won the specialty category

of junior construction. Winners on the junior level of design and apparel with their original designs were Toni Kay Payne and Jessica Shelton.

Others who modeled during the fashion show were Celeste, Erin, Nathan and Joanna Louder.

Toby Duncan and Jantzen Louder acted as escorts for the models.

Serving as judges were Dorothea Prowell and Dean Bradley. Senior 4-H'er Jaime Steiert assisted as teen interview coach.

The parent/leader committee responsible for organizing the clothing project was composed of Tracy Duncan, Georgia Auckerman and Janice Brumley.

Part of this year's 4-H clothing project was a comprehensive workshop held recently at the Community Center. Led by Harder, the workshop topics included new symbols on clothing care labels; fibers, fabrics and weaves; size standards in America and abroad; different forms of fabric softeners; comparison buying; and the historical and cultural influences on fashion.

Participants watched a video on formal attire, dress wear and figure fitting. Their community service project was making bookmarks for clothing consumers.

Also, several clothing project participants and leaders recently attended a designer style show in Amarillo where they were treated to a preview of fashions and design trends for the upcoming season.

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Horse Liniment Eases Arthritis Pain

OCALA, FL. -- An ingredient derived from hot peppers that decreases inflammation in racehorses' legs, is now recognized as safe and effective for human use. The ingredient has been formulated into a product called ARTH-Rx and comes in a strength designed for humans. Researchers are excited and say the formula can relieve arthritis pain for millions.

Developed by the Phillips Gulf Corporation, ARTH-Rx is a breakthrough in the treatment of painful disorders ranging from minor aches and pains to more serious conditions such as arthritis, bursitis, rheumatism, tendonitis, backache and more.

Although the mechanism by which ARTH-Rx works to relieve pain is not totally clear, scientists suggest that pain is relieved because ARTH-Rx intercepts the messenger substance that sends pain signals to the brain.

ARTH-Rx is available in a convenient roll-on applicator without a prescription. According to a spokesperson for the company, due to the overwhelming demand for ARTH-Rx, supplies are sometimes limited. ARTH-Rx can also be ordered by calling 1-800-729-8446. © 1997 PGC ARTH-Rx is available locally at:

EDWARD'S PHARMACY
204 W. 4th St. • 364-3211

Gomez is evangelist

A one-night revival will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday at New Beginnings Assembly of God Bilingual Church.

Evangelist is Jesus Gomez of San Benito.

New Beginnings Assembly of God Bilingual Church is located at the corner of Bradley and Ironwood, across from West Park Cemetery. Pastors are Rafael and Linda Rosado.

Annual stew supper set

Wesley United Methodist Church will hold its annual Stew Supper from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday at the church located at 410 Irving.

Tickets are \$4 per person for all the stew, cornbread and cobbler you can eat.

Proceeds will be used for church and community projects.

Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: We have a son who will turn 21 soon. Here's the problem: A few years ago, we sold "Dennis" our family car and helped him out with the financing. He still owes us \$4,200.

Last year, Dennis did not give us one dime toward this debt. He collected unemployment while working odd jobs on the side. He has a full-time position now and makes good money, but he is very secretive about his finances.

Should we confront him about this debt? We are not on the best of terms right now because several months ago, we ordered him to move out of the house when we discovered he was selling marijuana in his bedroom. We went for counseling after that and gave Dennis three months to find another place to live. He moved out, which was a great relief.

My wife and I have been married for 23 years, and our only source of stress is this son. Should we continue to insist that he repay the money, or should we just let it go and not risk alienating him completely? -- Vacaville, Calif.

Dear Vacaville: Since Dennis is working now and "makes good money," you should not hesitate to remind him of the debt. Letting it go sends the wrong message.

Suggest lenient terms (like \$100

a month), and let him know there's more than money involved. It's a moral obligation, and he needs to pay this debt as a matter of self-respect.

Dear Ann Landers: I have enjoyed the newspaper items you have printed from time to time about stupid crooks. I am enclosing a clipping from the Montreal Gazette that should be part of your collection. -- Constant Reader in Canada

Dear Canadian Reader: Thanks for thinking of me. It qualified, all right, and here's the story:

Officers arrested a Montreal couple and seized \$75,000 worth of stolen clothing after the couple called the police to report a robbery at their home. The couple, part of a stolen-clothing ring, were selling the clothes on the black market. They called the police to say that six masked and armed men had burst into their house and stolen jewelry and clothing.

The police tried to call the couple back to take a report but went to their house instead because their telephone line was always busy. "They were on the phone taking orders for the stolen clothing, so we could never get through," said a detective with the Montreal Urban Community police anti-gang squad.

When the officers arrived at the house, the couple asked them to stay in the hallway while they raced

around the house closing doors. While they were racing around, the police spotted several people sitting in the living room who told them they were at the house to buy clothing, which they presumed was stolen. The police searched the house and found clothing in every room.

"It was high-quality clothing, and the sales tags were still on the clothes," the detective said. The police also recovered a book with a list of clients' phone numbers. Clients would phone in their orders, and then, members of a well-organized gang would go out and steal what was required.

The couple has been charged with selling stolen goods. The police do not know why the couple called to report a break-in when they were in possession of so much stolen property.

And now, dear readers, this is Ann. People have accused me of making up letters. I ask you, could anyone make up a letter to compare with this one?

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Mobile Shop to be here

The Texas Plains Girl Scout Council will bring its Mobile Shop to Hereford on Tuesday, May 5 to make it easier for Hereford and Vega Girl Scouts to obtain official Girl Scout items.

The Mobile Shop will be open from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 501 N.

Main. Items available include uniform components, handbooks, t-shirts, camping equipment and accessories.

Girl Scouts may use their "Cookie Currency" they earned from selling cookies earlier this year to purchase items. "Cookie Currency," which is spent just like regular money, must be used by Nov. 25.

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Anyone interested in the 1998-99 school year is invited. Any child 4 or 5 years old before September 1, 1998 is eligible to attend.

Enrollment Will Be Available



Ruth Newsom, left, Los Ciboleros Chapter NSDAR regent, introduced Argen Draper, Jo Solomon and Lois Gililand at the chapter's recent meeting. Each spoke of her Revolutionary War ancestor.

Los Ciboleros Chapter program centers on history of ancestors

Los Ciboleros Chapter NSDAR had two focal points during its April 9 meeting in the Blue Room of Hereford Senior Citizens Center.

DAR school chairman, Helen Rose, introduced a video report from Hillside School in Marlborough, Mass. The report had appeared on the TV program "60 Minutes" last fall.

NSDAR has given substantial financial support to Hillside School over the year. The non-denominational and non-sectarian school serves 60 to 80 boys from all over the United States who have ADD and AD/HD learning problems.

In the second portion of the program, members gave a brief report on Revolutionary ancestors from whom they are descended.

Lois Gililand reported on her ancestor, Hendric Banta Sr. who was of Holland Dutch extraction. Not only did he serve in the Revolutionary War, but he also had five sons in active duty.

Argen Draper reported on ancestor Daniel Sisk, a patriot and soldier from North Carolina, who gave his life in the Battle of King's Mountain. His widow married Gabriel Loving Jr. and moved to central Texas. The Lonesome Dove story is about the Loving family.

Jo Solomon spoke about her ancestor, George Tucker Sr., of Wilkes County, Va. He first fought Indians in Georgia over land the Indians had been forced to cede to the British because of debts.

Regent Ruth Newsom presided over the business session where plans were finalized for the tea to be given by Los Ciboleros Chapter to honor winners of the American History Essay Contest and the DAR Good Citizens Awards. Invitations have been sent to the winners, their parents, school administrators, sponsoring teachers and librarians.

The tea will be held from 2 p.m.

to 3 p.m. April 19 in Hereford Community Center.

Ruth Newsom, regent of the DAR Hereford Chapter, reported that preliminary plans are being made for Los Ciboleros Chapter NSDAR to participate in the event.

The next regular meeting of the chapter will be the Spring Luncheon to be served at Hereford Country Club at noon on May 14. The program will be State Conference and Continental Congress reports brought by Mrs. John Ramp Jr., Texas State vice regent, and Miss Jerri Pundt, regent, Comancheria Chapter NSDAR.

Hostesses Margaret Ann Durham, Charlotte Clark and Knox served refreshments to Juanita Brown, Donna Smith, Margaret Bell, Jean Beene, Newsom, Rose, Draper, Gililand, and guests Solomon and Minnie Elliott.

La Madre Mia Study Club hears demonstrations by 4-H members

Deaf Smith County 4-H'ers presented the program for the recent meeting of La Madre Mia Study Club in the home of Carolyn Baxter with Bettye Owen as co-hostess.

Local 4-H members Tracie Blain, Miriam Wilks, Jody Wilburn and Amber Brumley presented "Bridge the Generation Gap." Jaime Steiert and Robin Bell demonstrated how to make your home accessible to those with handicaps or disabilities.

Beverly Harder and Janice

Brumley were the adult leaders who attended with the 4-H members.

During the business meeting, conducted by Linda Cumpston, a report was given on decorated baskets that were made and delivered to Hereford Care Center on April 4.

Items discussed included a scholarship for a Hereford High School senior and the history of La Madre Mia Club to be included in the centennial edition.

Members were reminded to bring

favorite recipes to the next meeting for the cookbook being prepared by the Deaf Smith County Historical Society.

Cumpston appointed a nominating committee of Mary Herring, Gladys Merritt, Glenda Marcum and Jan Metcalf.

Those attending were Ruth Black, Cindy Cassels, Merle Clark, Susan Hicks, June Owens, Tricia Sims, Georgia Sparks, Marlene Watson, Nicky Walser, Betty Lady, Baxter, Cumpston, Merritt and Owen.

Fund-raisers to benefit Make-A-Wish

Proceeds from two current area functions will benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Texas Plains.

Two Beanie Baby "Princess" Bears are the prizes being offered in a local drawing.

The Beanie Babies are on display at Kid's Alley, 417 N. Main, and

tickets can be purchased for \$1 each at that location from now until April 30.

Dimmitt Community is holding a benefit concert at 5 p.m. Saturday in the Dimmitt High School auditorium.

The band will be composed of high school, junior high and alumni band

members. Former band directors will be there to add to the fun of the event.

Attendance will support not only the local band, but Make-A-Wish as well.

For information on either event, call the Make-A-Wish office at 806-358-9943.

Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Tuesday, April 14, the 104th day of 1998. There are 261 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On April 14th, 1865, President Lincoln was shot, and mortally wounded by John Wilkes Booth while attending the comedy "Our American Cousin" at Ford's Theater in Washington. (Lincoln died the following morning.)

On this date:
In 1759, composer George Frideric Handel died in London.

In 1775, the first American society for the abolition of slavery was organized by Benjamin Franklin and Benjamin Rush.

In 1828, the first edition of Noah Webster's "American Dictionary of the English Language" was published.

In 1902, J.C. Penney opened his first store, in Kemmerer, Wyo.

In 1912, the British liner Titanic collided with an iceberg in the North Atlantic and began sinking.

In 1931, King Alfonso XIII of Spain went into exile, and the Spanish

Republic was proclaimed.

In 1939, the John Steinbeck novel "The Grapes of Wrath" was first published.

In 1968, the Matt Crowley play "The Boys in the Band" opened in New York.

In 1981, the first test flight of America's first operational space shuttle, the Columbia, ended successfully with a landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

In 1986, Americans got first word of a U.S. air raid on Libya (because of the time difference, it was the early morning of April 15 where the attack occurred.)

Ten years ago: Afghanistan, Pakistan, the United States and the Soviet Union signed agreements providing for the withdrawal of Soviet forces from Afghanistan and creation of a nonaligned Afghan state.

Five years ago: Millions of black workers in South Africa went on strike to protest the slaying of activist Chris Hani. A U.S. government-funded study said that of 3,321 men surveyed, only 1.1 percent identified

themselves as exclusively homosexual, a finding disputed by gay activists.

One year ago: Attorney General Janet Reno rejected Republican calls to seek an independent counsel to investigate campaign fundraising. James McDougal, who'd agreed to cooperate with Whitewater prosecutors investigating President and Mrs. Clinton, drew a three-year prison sentence for 18 felony fraud and conspiracy counts.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Sir John Gielgud is 94. Actor Rod Steiger is 73. Actor Bradford Dillman is 68. Actor Jay Robinson ("The Robe") is 68. Singer-songwriter Buddy Knox is 65. Country singer Loretta Lynn is 63. Actress Julie Christie is 58. Baseball's all-time hit leader, Pete Rose, is 57. Actor John Shea is 49. Actor Anthony Michael Hall is 30. Rapper DaBrat is 24. Actress Sarah Michelle Gellar ("Buffy the Vampire Slayer") is 21.

Thought for Today: "As I would not be a slave, so I would not be a master. This expresses my idea of democracy." - Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865).

Medicare info related for HRSEA

Jean Beene, health and fitness leader for Hereford Retired School Employees Association, discussed Medicare changes at the group's meeting Monday at Hereford Senior Citizens Center.

Beene distributed information from the Department of Health and Human Services and gave the Medicare hotline number, 1-800-638-6833, for those with additional questions.

Marie Stringer gave the invocation and Sue Inmon led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members were urged to be at the May meeting. Kenneth Laycock, president of Texas Retired Teachers Association, will be a special guest of HRSEA.

AARP is sponsoring a leadership workshop in Canyon on May 12 for all new officers.

Mary Jane Burrus was the winner

in the "Share the Pot" activity. Leona Schilling was the winner of the door prize.

A silent auction was held to raise funds for HRSEA.

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The YMCA Co-ed Volleyball League will begin on Monday, April 20th.

SIGN-UP DEADLINE IS THURSDAY, APRIL 16TH.

The length of the league will be for 8 games plus double elimination tournament at the end. Depending on the number of teams entered, divisions may be combined (with a minimum of four teams needed to form a division).

You may play on only one Co-ed team. There will be two divisions offered: Co-ed A - modified power rules and Co-ed B - recreational rules. All games will be played at the YMCA. Game days will be on Monday and Tuesday nights starting at 7:15 pm. (depending on number of teams signed). Let us know if you need to play on a certain day, we will try to be flexible.

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

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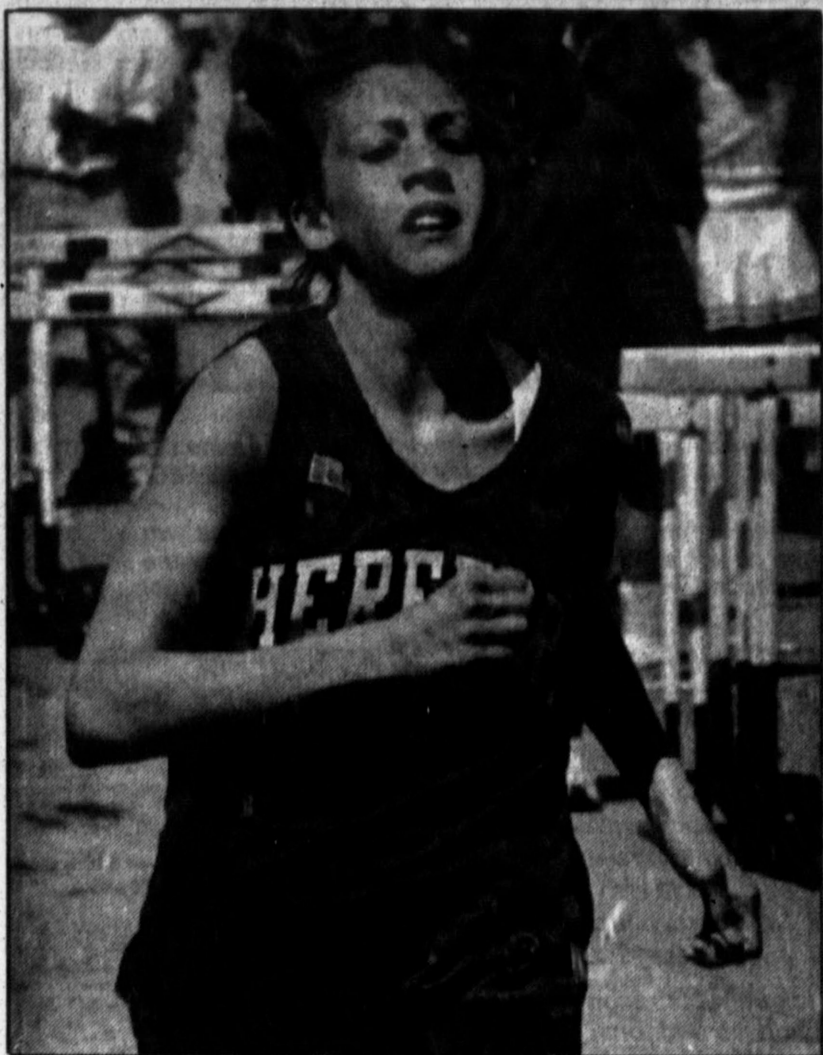


Photo by Julius Bodner

Hereford freshman Brionne Yosten nears the finish line in the 800 meters during the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce Track Invitational recently at Whiteface Stadium.

Yosten sets school mark in 1,600 meters

By BOB VARMETTE
Sports Writer

Hereford freshman Brionne Yosten saw her lineup of races changed, but the results were still the same -- she won.

Yosten, who has won almost every race in the 800 meters and the 3,200 meters this year, won the 800 meters and the 1,600 meters at the Amarillo Girls Relays Thursday and Friday at Dick Bivins Stadium.

Yosten ran a 2:21.76 to earn first place in the 800-meter finals Friday. She ran the 1,600 meters for the first time this season, winning with a time of 5:18.05 and setting a Hereford school record in the process.

"We just wanted to get her to run it once," Hereford girls coach Ray Baca said. "We were hoping she'd be fast enough to break the school record in the (1,600 meters), which she did. Plus, we just kind of wanted to get her name up on the area track honor roll, and the state honor roll."

Baca said he doesn't believe Yosten will see any adverse effects from not running in the 3,200 meters in the Amarillo meet.

"She's strong enough that she's going to do well in the 3,200 anyway," he said. "And at that

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Cabezuela sees 1-4A crown as Herd goal

By BOB VARMETTE
Sports Writer

Remember the story about humble beginnings, or the story about how the mightiest of rivers springs from sometimes the smallest of streams?

Well, Hereford boys coach Joe Cabezuela doesn't care about stories. He wants to win the District 1-4A meet Friday and Saturday in Borger.

And he believes he has the guys to do it. "We're looking to win the meet," Cabezuela said matter-of-factly. "We feel like we've got the kids. We're also trying to figure out how many kids we can get out to region."

And all this is going to be built upon Hereford's sixth-place finish Thursday at the

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HIGH SCHOOL GOLF



Hereford senior Amy Killingsworth eyes her chip to the green at No. 14 at John Pitman Municipal Golf Course Thursday.

BUMPY RIDE

Hereford girls nail down 2nd

By BOB VARMETTE
Sports Writer

Recently aerated greens at Canyon Country Club didn't do much for scores Monday, but the Hereford Lady Whitefaces still did more than enough to qualify for the Region I tournament.

Hereford entered Monday's third and final round of District 1-4A girls golf 14 shots behind Pampa, and 33 strokes ahead of third-place Borger.

Led by Amy Killingsworth's low round of the day 83, the Lady Whitefaces posted a team score of 372, 20 shots better than the Lady Bulldogs, giving Hereford a 53-stroke cushion over Borger for the district's second berth in the regional tournament.

"We didn't play as well as we had in the other district rounds," Hereford head coach Stacey Bixler said. "The aerated greens... sure could've made a lot of difference."

Pampa shot a team score of 352 Monday for a three-round total of

1037, 34 strokes ahead of Hereford's 1071. The Lady Harvesters not only claimed the team title -- Melissa Gindorf of Pampa earned medalist honors, firing an 86 for a three-round total of 247.

Bixler said the weather was not a factor in Monday's round.

"It was cold early, kind of," he said. "It was a little breezy, but it got better as the day went on. It was real cool, but when you tee off at 8 a.m. in the Panhandle, you got to expect that."

Killingsworth shot an 83 Monday to tie the Shelby Allison of Pampa who shot an 87. Allison won the playoff on the first hole.

Kacey Henderson of Canyon Randall soared to an 89, but ended up in fourth place with a 256.

"It wasn't just our scores that were up," Bixler said. "It was the whole district. Overall, all the girls shot higher. It could've been because it was last district round and the pressure, or the greens."

Bixler said the greens at the

nine-hole layout were aerated about one week ago, making putting more difficult than it might normally be.

"It's the kind of golf course where you'd think it'd be pretty easy to get around the golf course," he said. "There doesn't seem to be much there, but there's just enough, just enough trees, just enough creek. And the greens today were tough."

Hereford seniors Lindsay Ward and Jacque Bezner both found a little trouble Monday. Ward shot a 91 for a three-day total of 258, and Bezner carded a 93 Monday for a total score of 261.

"I think the greens were part of it," Bixler explained. "(But) they just didn't play their best game. It was good enough to advance."

And that essentially was the goal, according to Bixler. The Lady Whitefaces have advanced to the Region I-4A tournament

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Photo by Julius Bodner

Freshman Amanda Schumacher of Hereford competes in the Goat Tying event during the recent Hereford Tri-State High School Rodeo Association event at B-Bar-S Arena west of Hereford.

Hereford finishes well in roping

From staff reports

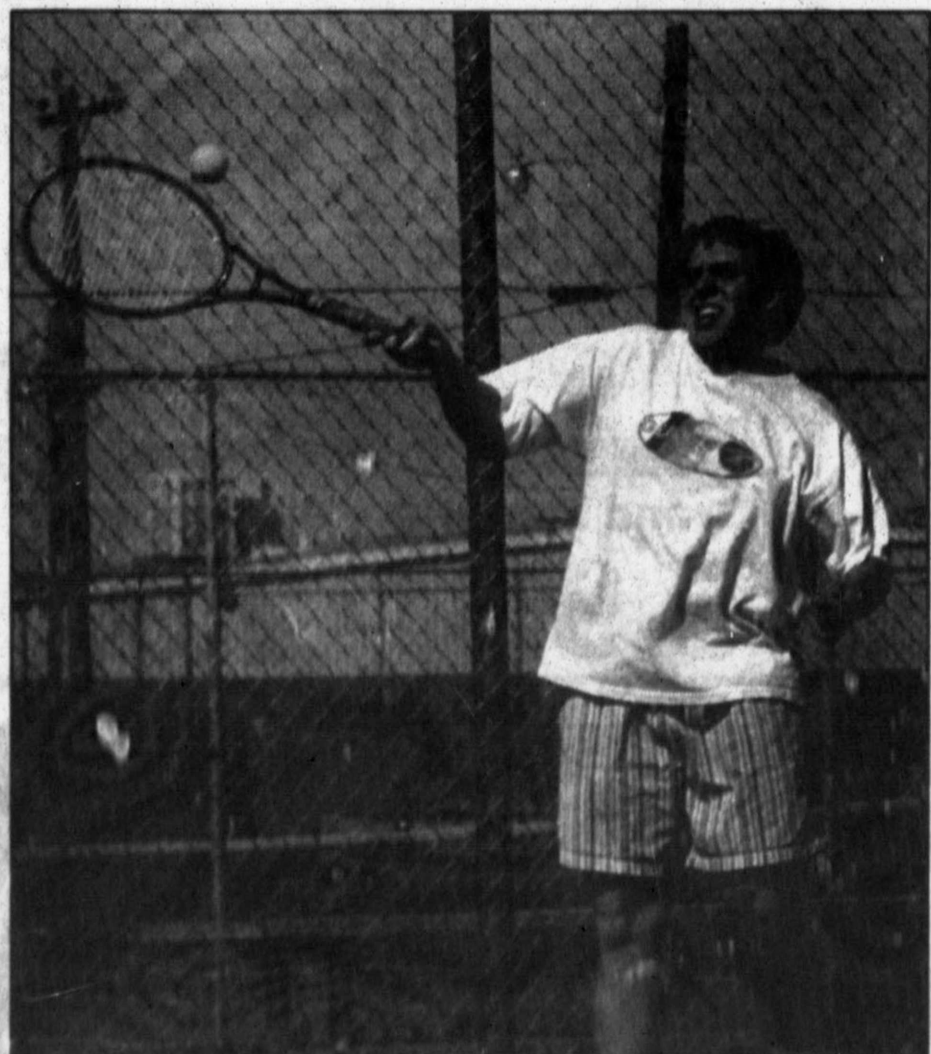
AMARILLO -- The Hereford High School Rodeo Team dominated the Team Roping event, placing four teams in the Top 10 at the Tri-State High School Rodeo Association event Saturday hosted by the Canyon Randall High School Rodeo Team.

Jordan Satterfield and Pecos Alford, both of Hereford won with a time of 6.97 seconds. Joe Mac Boggeman of Hereford and Bucky Wilson of Swisher teamed up for a time of 7.00 seconds, good enough for second place.

Hereford's Monty Lewis and Lazbuddie's Koby Smith earned fourth place with a time of 7.87 seconds, and Shane Decker and Dusty Lanham, both of Hereford, were sixth with a time of 8.16 seconds.

Hereford had a one-two finish in the Calf Roping event. Lewis won the event with a time of 9.78 seconds and Rodey Wilson earned second with a time of 10.810 seconds.

Tri-State High School Rodeo Association at Amarillo Saturday
Hereford Results
Barrel Racing: 5. Amanda Schumacher 16.625 seconds.
Goat Tying: 10. Amanda Schumacher 11.170 seconds.
Calf Roping: 1. Monty Lewis 9.780 seconds, 2. Rodey Wilson 10.810, 6. Curt Smith 12.280.
Ribbon Roping: 1. Monty Lewis 5.920 seconds, 8. T.J. Good 7.160, 9. Rodey Wilson 7.560.
Team Roping: 1. Jordan Satterfield/Pecos Alford 6.970 seconds, 2. Joe Mac Boggeman/Bucky Wilson, Swisher, 7.000, 4. Monty Lewis/Koby Smith, Lazbuddie, 7.870, 6. Shane Decker/Dusty Lanham 8.160.
All-around Cowboy: Monty Eakin, McLean, 39 points.
All-around Cowgirl: Randus Landon, Freedom, 33 points.



Back to you

Hereford's Nelson Beville returns a shot during practice recently at Whiteface Courts. The boys and girls tennis teams will both see their next action at the District 1-4A Tournament Friday and Saturday in Dumas.

Texas claws Tigers, 10-1

ARLINGTON (AP) -- Two years ago, Lee Stevens was happy just to be playing in the minor leagues.

On Monday night, Stevens showed how far he's come with his first three-homer game as the Rangers routed the Detroit Tigers 10-1.

"I try not to even think about that anymore," Stevens said of the 1996 season he spent primarily in the minors after playing in Japan. "I'm all about looking forward and full steam ahead. The only time I think about that now is when I need something positive."

Stevens hit solo homers in the second and fifth, before connecting on a two-run shot in the seventh. Attempting to become the 13th player to homer four times in a game, he walked in the eighth.

Stevens, 30, said he wasn't swinging for the fences in any of his at-bats, but the left-handed DH was able to pull all three homers into the friendly right-field stands.

"When I start looking for homers, that's when I get into trouble," Stevens said. "I was looking to be aggressive and swing at strikes. This is a good park for left-handed hitters. It was a special night for me because I've never done it before."

In the eighth, reliever Doug Brocail pitched carefully to Stevens, and Stevens said he wasn't going to try and force something that wasn't there.

"It was important for me not to get out of hand and swing at everything he threw up there," Stevens said. "So I was happy to get the walk and keep the inning alive."

Juan Gonzalez added a two-run homer for the Rangers, who have won four of five.

Witt (1-0) gave up six hits over 6 2-3 innings in getting his 125th career win. The right-hander's bid

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Rangers Notes

Witt has pitched parts of 11 seasons with the Rangers. His other 25 wins came with Oakland (23) and Florida (2).

Charlie Hough is the only other pitcher with at least 100 victories for Rangers.

Rodriguez hit three homers for the Rangers on Sept. 11 last season. Stevens matched his career high with 4 RBI. He's done it five times.

The game was delayed for 14 minutes in the top of seventh when a bank of lights on the first base side partially went out.

Detroit lost its third straight game. Hall of Famer Yogi Berra threw out the ceremonial first pitch.

The Rangers sent Danny Patterson to Triple-A Oklahoma and Xavier Hernandez to Double-A Tulsa for rehab assignments.

Outfielder Ruben Mateo, the Rangers' top prospect, will be out 3-6 weeks after dislocating his shoulder playing in Tulsa.

Yosten

track meet, she would've had only about 30 minutes rest before she'd have to come back and run the 800."

Baca also took Yosten off the Lady Whitefaces' 1,600-meter Relay. Yosten usually runs the third leg of that event.

"We've got five kids that have been running on the (1,600-meter Relay) all year," he said. "We needed to look at three of those kids together under the same conditions to see what they could do. That was a help to us, too."

On the varsity level, the Lady Whitefaces claimed only one other first-place finish. Senior Kate Denison broke the 1-minute mark in the 400 meters officially for the first time in 1998 and won the event with a time of 59.64 seconds.

"Her strength is there, and she's getting faster," Baca said. "In the region right now, she's second fastest."

Chona Wright of San Angelo Lake View is the only girl in Class 4A in the region to have a faster time in the 400 meters. Wright ran the event in 58.93 seconds this past weekend, according to Baca. He said he believes Denison can get to that mark.

"Yeah, there's not doubt about it," he said. "She could run that fast this weekend if she had to (at the District 1-4A meet in Borger). But she won't have to. Those two are going to see each other at a regional qualifier meet."

Overall, Hereford accumulated 60 team points to finish fourth in the girls team standings. Pampa won first with a total team score of 113.

"We saw all the other teams in our district, other than Borger," Baca said. "That was good to see where everybody was at. One thing that wasn't good about it was it was a six-lane track, and we had some kids that on an eight-lane track would've gotten in the finals. We were kind of disappointed in that."

The Lady Whitefaces earned seconds from junior Kristin Fangman and in the 1,600-meter Relay. Fangman ran the 100-meter Hurdles in 15.5 seconds. Hereford's 1,600-meter Relay team recorded a time of 4:04.85, just behind Amarillo Palo Duro (4:04.28).

"We made a big improvement this week," Baca said. "We went from a 4:06 to a 4:04. You think it's two seconds, but we ran the fastest time in the region this week (in Class 4A). ... We were excited about that."

Baca also was excited about the turnaround the Lady Whitefaces made in the field events in Amarillo.

"They were much better," he said. "The throwers, they threw well. Actually, we didn't place well. We threw well, but the competition was so much stronger there in the field events than what we've been seeing."

Fangman tied for second in the High Jump, jumping 5 feet, 2 inches, to lead the Hereford girls in the field events.

"She always jumps well," Baca said. "We expect that."

On the junior varsity side, Hereford finished in a tie for sixth place with Canyon Randall with 47 team points.

"We had two JV kids in the 800 that ran really well," Baca said. "Amanda Bullard and Amanda Kerr."

Amarillo High won the junior varsity division with 166 team points.

Holly Schilling won the 300-meter Hurdles in a time of 51.34 seconds and teammate Janet Blakely was second in 52.13 seconds.

Schilling's and Blakely's performances got the attention of their coach. Baca said both will be moved to the varsity for the district meet in Borger.

The Lady Whitefaces got their only other placing in the Top 3 of an event in the 1,600-meter Relay, recording a time of 4:31.01.

Amarillo Girls Relays at Dick Shyne Stadium Division I Thursday-Friday
Team Totals: 1. Pampa 113, 2. Amarillo Palo Duro 94, 3. Amarillo High 82, 4. Hereford 60, 5. Abilene Cooper 55, 6. Clovis, N.M. 40, 7. Canyon Randall 32, 8. Dumas 31, 9. Amarillo Tascosa 21, 10. Amarillo Caprock 22, 11. Canyon 18.
Hereford Top 6 Placers
800m: 1. Blaine Yosten 2:21.76, 100m Hurdles: 2. Kristin Fangman 15.5, 400m: 1. Kate Denison 59.64, 1,600m: 1. Blaine Yosten 5:16.05, 1,600m Relay: 2. Hereford 4:04.85
Junior Varsity Team Totals: 1. Amarillo High 166, 2. Pampa 65, 3. Palo Duro 63, 4. Tascosa 58, 5. Dumas 54, 6. Hereford 47, 7. Randall 47, 8. Canyon 26, 9. Caprock 19, 10. Clovis 16, 11. Amarillo Highland Park 15, 12. Childress 6, 13. Memphis 1.
Hereford Top 3 Placers
300m Hurdles: 1. Holly Schilling 51.34, 2. Janet Blakely 52.13, 1,600m Relay: 3. Hereford 4:31.01.

Bumpy

every year except one since girls golf was introduced in 1986 in Hereford, and have qualified for the state tournament four times.

"I don't care what sport it is," Bixler said. "You want to get out of district. ... I'm proud of all of them. It was a total team deal. That's the reason we've had success over the years. We've had a lot of effort and commitment."

That effort and commitment may have been best exemplified by Bezner. Her 93 may not have been the best she could shoot, but Bixler said he was just glad, not only to have her play this round, but all three district rounds.

"She talked about being pretty tired today," Bixler said. "There are going to be days when she's going to feel better than others. It's a day-by-day deal. I'm glad we had her back. We need all of our people."

The Lady Whitefaces will now have almost two weeks to get ready for the Region 1-4A tournament in San Angelo April 27-28.

District 1-4A Golf Third Round at Canyon Country Club Monday Girls
Team Standings: 1. Pampa 352-330-352-1037, 2. Hereford 358-341-372-1071, 3. Borger 367-365-392-1124, 4. Canyon 383-374-375-1132.
Medalist Standings: 1. Melissa Glindorf, Pampa, 81-80-86-247; 2. Shelby Allison, Pampa, 84-82-87-253; 3. Amy Killingsworth, Hereford, 87-83-83-253; 4. Kacey Henderson, Canyon Randall, 89-78-89-256.
Other Hereford: Lindsay Ward 86-81-91-258, Jacque Bezner 89-79-93-261, Michelle Bixler 96-98-105-299, Crystal Luna 112-105-117-334.
Hereford JV: Pam Klein 126-121-120-367, Jesse Arho 127-109-132-358, Micah Reiter 124-106-140-370, Tessa Baker 108-130-140-376, Kristin Huffaker 98-101-WD-NS.
--Won playoff.

Texas

for a 10th career shutout ended in the seventh when Joe Randa doubled, moved up on a groundout and scored on a balk to make it 5-1.

"We've all become accustomed

to Bobby," Rangers manager Johnny Oates said. "We know he's going to give up some baserunners. I can pull my hair out, but then he works out of trouble."

In the seventh, Ivan Rodriguez

followed Gonzalez's homer with a double, and Stevens homered to give the Rangers a 9-1 lead.

Detroit starter Brian Moeckler (0-2) allowed five runs and eight hits in 4 2-3 innings.

YMCA Men's Church League

SOFTBALL

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

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

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

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

Game days will be Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays with make-up games on Fridays.

Play will be at the Nazarene ball park.

Teams must provide their own softballs (USSSA 50 core blue stitch)

Umpires will be provided by the YMCA.

USSSA rules will apply.

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

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North Plains Relays in Dumas. What may be telling is that two of the five teams that finished higher than the Whitefaces are District 1-4A squads -- Dumas and Borger.

"Dumas and Borger are the two toughest teams will face," Cabezuella said in sizing up the competition in the upcoming district meet. "Borger's going to do the same thing we're doing. They're going to bring up their young kids and try to point as much as they can. They're going to try to win it as well."

"Depth is the key to the district title," Cabezuella added. "We've got a lot of strength in the field events. Our two hurdle races, we're pretty solid in those two. Everything else, we got to pick up points here, points there."

"Of course, we've got to have our two relay teams do like we need."

Those two events will be the focus in practice this week, according to Cabezuella.

"The big concentration this week is on the (1,600-meter) Relay and the (400-meter) Relay, making sure we've got the kids in there that we need to get to get the times we have to have in order to be one of the two teams out (district)," Cabezuella said.

The field events will also be emphasized.

"We should point in our field events," Cabezuella said.

"We have to make sure we're at our peak of performance in those areas."

Cabezuella said some of the younger team members will now be looked to for contributions at the district meet. Several will be elevated from the junior varsity specifically for that purpose.

"We've got some kids that are going to come up this week. They're going to have to step up to get us the points we need for us to make a run at the district title," Cabezuella said.

Despite the overall team finish, Cabezuella was pleased in looking back at the North Plains Relays.

"Overall, we did well," he said. "It was about as expected. The kids performed. It was about improving times and getting ready to go for this weekend."

Senior Jeremy Miller earned a second and a third in the two hurdle events he competed in. Miller posted a second-place finish in the 300-meter Intermediate Hurdles with a time of 40.53 seconds, and was third in the 100-meter High Hurdles in 15 seconds flat.

"He did a nice job with what he did with his hurdle races," Cabezuella said. "That was a nice plus for us to see."

Hereford also got another third place from senior Clay Brown in the 400 meters. Brown recorded a time of 52.75 seconds in the finals.

Nomo throws five-hitter as Dodgers best Astros

LOS ANGELES (AP) -- Hideo Nomo scattered five hits in seven innings, and seldom-used Wilton Guerrero hit a two-run single to break

a seventh-inning tie Monday night as the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Houston Astros 3-1.

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NEWS

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Justice Department finds no evidence Starr broke law

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) - The Justice Department has decided against a criminal investigation into claims that Kenneth Starr concealed perjury while defending General Motors Corp. in a lawsuit filed by families of people killed or injured in truck fires.

The decision, disclosed by agency spokesman Bert Brandenburg, was reported today by *The Greenville News*.

The allegations against the Whitewater independent counsel have been referred to the department's Office of Professional Responsibility, which oversees ethics investigations of federal prosecutors, Brandenburg said.

The office can recommend a counsel be fired if investigators find sufficient wrongdoing.

Report: Feds investigate drug experiments on kids

NEW YORK (AP) - More than 100 city children were the subjects of an experiment involving a controversial diet drug that was pulled from the market last year, the New York Post reported today.

Advocacy groups have filed complaints with government agencies, saying the institutions - two hospitals and a college - violated federal research regulations because the experiments provided no medical benefits to the children.

Boys between the ages of 6 and 11 were given fenfluramine, part of the now-banned drug combination known as fen-phen, as part of a study of brain activity and aggression. The studies were conducted by the New York State Psychiatric Institute, the Psychology Department of Queens College and the Mt. Sinai School of Medicine.

Microsoft makes it official: Windows 98 release June 25

REDMOND, Wash. (AP) - Windows 98, the latest upgrade to Microsoft Corp.'s operating system for personal computers, will be released June 25, the company announced today.

Rob Bennett, group product manager for Windows 98, estimated the upgrade will sell for \$109; the version for computers that do not have the Windows 95 operating system will be cost an additional \$100.

The release date has been widely reported before today's official announcement. And Microsoft already has released software close to the final configuration of Windows 98.

Wealthy spiritual guru found dead on Long Island

NEW YORK (AP) - Frederick Lenz II, a best-selling author who packaged his Eastern philosophies for a '90s audience, was found dead in a bay near his \$2 million Long Island mansion, the *New York Post* reported today.

He was 48. Lenz may have died of a drug overdose, but investigators haven't ruled out accidental drowning because a deck railing on the property was broken, police sources told the Post.

His body was found Monday in the water off the town of Setauket. In his home, police found an unidentified woman who was talking incoherently, the newspaper said.

Court sides with siblings of German art thief

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - The brother and sister of a U.S. soldier who sent home priceless German art stolen from the Nazis cannot be tried for selling the art, a federal appeals

panel ruled.

A three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Monday upheld a lower court ruling that said Jane Meador Cook, 64, Jack Meador, 78, and their lawyer were indicted one day too late. It said the statute of limitations had been properly interpreted in the case.

The federal prosecutor of the case, Carol K. Johnson, said an appeal was unlikely. *The New York Times* reported today. But the siblings may still have to pay more than \$50 million in estate taxes, penalties and interest.

Acrobat burned during circus performance

NEW YORK (AP) - As hundreds of children watched, an acrobat was burned after accidentally setting his grass-skirt costume on fire during a performance of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus.

Jacques Mbembo, part of the 22-member Gabonese Troupe from Gabon, Africa, suffered second-degree burns on his arms and thighs. The skirt ignited when he leaped over a burning rope during Monday's matinee performance.

The troupe was performing their act, "Circus of the Equator," at Madison Square Garden in front of about 10,000 people.

Witnesses said Mbembo bolted from the stage as the flames leaped onto his costume, dropped to the ground and flailed around in an attempt to squelch the blaze.

Sinatra's wife says singer's doing well

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Frank Sinatra spends his days soaking up the warmth of the sun and his family, despite reports he is on his death bed, his wife says.

"The rumors are just crazy. You can't believe it. He's doing very well. You'd think they'd just stop with it," Barbara Sinatra said Monday.

The 82-year-old entertainer hasn't been seen in public since before a January 1997 heart attack, which led to tabloid reports that he is gravely ill and has been given last rites by the Catholic church several times.

Pulitzer juries received challenges to nominees

NEW YORK (AP) - At least five journalism entries for this year's Pulitzer Prizes have been challenged for accuracy or fairness by outside parties during the judging process, according to the prize's administrator.

The complaints represent a greater number than at any time since the Pulitzer Board at Columbia University decided in 1994 to let juries see outside challenges, said Seymour Topping, administrator of the prizes in journalism and the arts.

He said the challenges all have been in the newspaper categories, none in arts and letters.

The efforts to influence the outcome, first reported by *The New York Times*, was described as beneficial by some board members and former jurors.

AT&T says business data network interrupted

NEW YORK (AP) - Service was interrupted on an AT&T Corp. high-speed data network that serves business customers.

The problems began around 3 p.m. Monday with AT&T's frame relay network, a specialized system used throughout the country by businesses that need to do large numbers of transactions, company spokeswoman Ruthlyn Newell said.

Other AT&T services - long distance, wireless and Internet - were not affected, she said.

By midnight, the company had restored service to half its network.

DEBT BUSTERS

Americans helping to chip away at the national debt

WASHINGTON (AP) - It's mostly checks for \$10 or \$15, but one man sent real gold, and an 84-year-old Minnesota woman chipped in \$15,235 to help pay off the national debt. A few benevolent souls even tucked a little something extra in with their tax returns.

The Minnesotan, retired librarian Gudrun Hertsgaard of Minneapolis, makes \$5,000 in charitable donations each year, of which \$3,000 goes to the U.S. Treasury.

"I work on all my friends to do it, only they kind of laugh at me," she said. "When it gets to their pocket-book, they won't cough it up."

Since 1961, Americans have sent the Treasury \$56.8 million to help put the nation back into the black. That sounds generous, but it would cover the interest on the \$5.5 trillion national debt for about an hour and a half.

And contributions have been waning in recent years. Some worry that expectations of a balanced federal budget this year for the first time in nearly three decades have caused people to mistakenly believe the national debt has been erased.

Not only is the debt still here, it's growing.

People have always been able to send the government money, but not until 1961 did Congress allow them to earmark contributions for the national debt. Since the 1982 tax year, the Internal Revenue Service

has included instructions in its tax booklet on how to do it.

On page 29 of this year's tax guide, taxpayers are advised to write separate checks payable to the "Bureau of the Public Debt." Even if taxpayers simply want to forfeit their refunds, they need to write separate checks.

In fiscal 1996, 366 Americans slipped checks totaling \$85,378 to reduce the federal debt inside their tax returns. That was down from the 3,570 taxpayers who sent in \$347,700 in fiscal 1983.

Most contributions to the debt come in separately from tax forms.

"A couple years ago, somebody actually sent in some gold. We went to a metals dealer, got it appraised and sold it. It was a couple hundred dollars' worth," said Peter Hollenbach, a spokesman for the Bureau of the Public Debt in Washington.

A Lithuanian immigrant sent in a five-figure check.

"The man just wanted to show his appreciation for the freedom and democracy he's appreciated since he was living here," Hollenbach said.

Many letters sent with contributions ooze with patriotism. Others lament the government's stack of promissory notes.

One from Arizona said: "I know it's only a drop in the bucket, but every little bit helps." Another from New Hampshire said: "I would like

my first month's Social Security check to be applied to reduce the national debt."

When Minnie Vogel died in 1984, she left \$153,000 to retire the debt to "show my appreciation and love in helping my country in this small way." After a four-year legal battle over whether her home state of Kentucky was entitled to inheritance taxes, the state got \$30,000, the Treasury a little more than \$100,000.

The government never knows how much in contributions to expect.

From 1961 to 1983, annual contributions ranged from about \$3,000 to \$900,000.

The total topped \$1 million for the first time in 1984 and shot up to \$4.5 million in 1992, when independent presidential candidate Ross Perot was wielding his charts and graphs about the budget and the debt.

Interest died down after President Clinton's election, and contributions

slipped to \$1.84 million in 1993. An anonymous large donation sent the 1994 total shooting up to \$20.7 million, but by last year contributions had dropped to \$956,000.

Some worry that contributions could drop off even more if Americans continue to confuse the debt with the deficit. The national debt primarily represents the mountain of budget deficits that have stacked up over the years. The deficit is the difference between government revenues and spending in a given year.

Tax-deductible contributions to reduce the public debt must be by check to the Bureau of the Public Debt, Capital Area Servicing Center, 1300 C St. SW, Washington, D.C. 20239-0001 or enclosed with completed tax forms. In the check's memo section must be written: "Gift to reduce the public debt."

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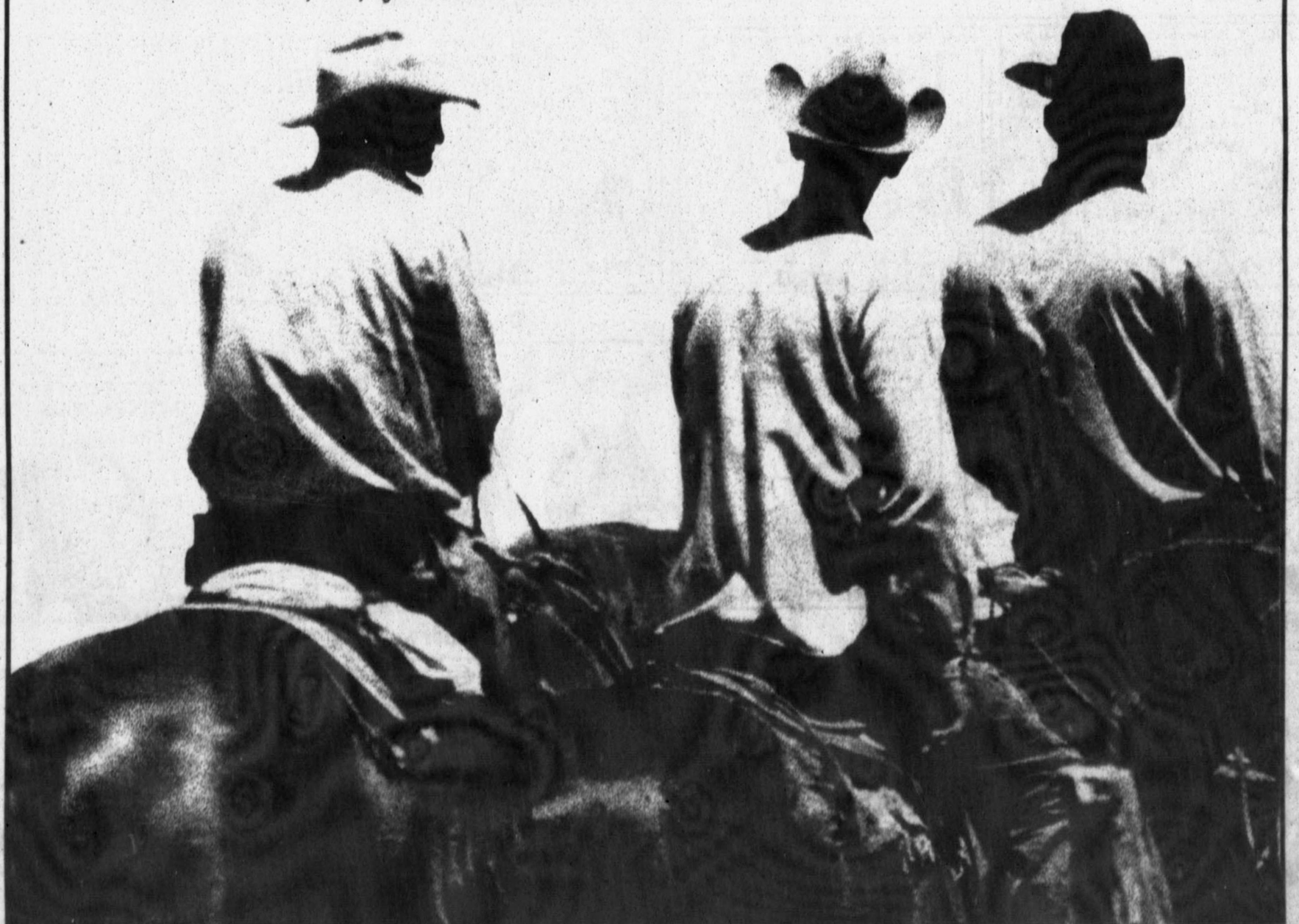
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APRIL 15

	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
2	Tale Spin	Donald	Chip 'n' Dale	Tale Spin	Goof Troop	Timon	Aladdin	Dinosaurs	Growing	Growing	Brotherly
3	Days-Lives	Another World		Jenny Jones		Maury		Oprah Winfrey		News	NBC News
4	Body Elec.	Watercolor	Space Tech	Nutrition	Nutrition	Business	Business	Sandiego	Science Guy	Wishbone	Magic Sue
5	(12:00) Movie: Matlock: The Thief (1998)			Flintstones	Flintstones	Looney	Dreams	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.
6	Jeopardy!	One Life to Live		General Hospital		Port Charles	Pictionary	Rosie O'Donnell		News	ABC News
7	News	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	Beauty and the Beast		Beverly Hills, 90210		Fam. Mat.	Dreams	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell
8	Bold & B.	As the World Turns		Guiding Light		Sally		Am.Journal	Edition	News	CBS News
9	Judge Judy	Medicine Woman		Little House on the Prairie		Metalix	Spider-Man	Turtles	Rangers	Fresh Fr.	Rosanne
10	Cheerleading		Big Ten	Horse	Racehorse	In-Line Skating		NBA Finals	NBA Finals	Up Close	Sportsctr.
11	(12:00) Home & Family			ShopDrop	ShopDrop	Big Valley		Bonanza-Lost		Burnett	Burnett
12	Movie:	Movie: The Three Faces of Eve ***		Movie: Breakfast at Tiffany's	Audrey Hepburn. ***			Movie: The Portrait of a Lady	PG-13		
13	(11:30) Movie: Footloose	Movie: Swing Kids	Robert Sean Leonard. **	PG-13		Movie: The Phantom	Billy Zane. 'PG'			Movie: A Little Princess	
14	(12:00) Movie: The Chosen	(12:45) Movie: The Cable Guy	Jim Carrey. ***	PG-13		Movie: Ernie Kovacs: Laughter				(11:50) Movie: Mother	1996
15	Movie:	Movie: Damon and Pythias	(1962) Guy Williams. ***		Movie: Devotion	(1946) Ida Lupino. ***				Movie: Kind Lady	(1935)
16	(12:00) America's Country Hits			Crop & Chase		Dukes of Hazzard		Club Dance		Dukes of Hazzard	
17	Home	HouseSmart!		Interior Motives		Great Chefs	Great Chefs	Travelers		Sea Wings	
18	Law & Order	McCloud				Equalizer		Quincy		Northern Exposure	
19	Night Court	Movie: Alex: The Life of a Child	(1996) ***			Designing	Designing	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Supermkt	Debt
20	Fit TV	Goin' Deep		Countdown	Countdown	V-Max	Texas A&M	Sports	Last Word	Sports	FOX Sports
21	(11:00) Movie: Once Upon a Time in the West	(1969)		Twilight Z.		In the Heat of the Night		Kung Fu: Legend		Lois & Clark-Superman	
22	Rupert	Muppets	Looney	CharlieB	Tiny Toon	Monsters	Garfield	You Ain't!	Rocko's Life	Figure It Out	Tiny Toon
23	(12:00) Movie: ** Tammy and the T-Rex		Movie: True Crime	(1995) Alicia Silverstone. **				USA High	USA High	Baywatch	
24	Legends	Huracan				Cristina		Primer Impacto		Club	Noticiero
25	High Points	War Years		Charlemagne				Real West		High Points in History	
26	NBA's Great Bloopers		Soccer: UEFA Champions Semifinal 1 -- Teams TBA			Soccer: UEFA Champions Semifinal 2 -- Teams TBA				Drag Race	

APRIL 15

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
2	Movie: D2: The Mighty Ducks <i>Emilio Estevez</i> ★½ PG*				For Better	(20) Movie: Legend of the Ruby Silver			Movie: Moochie-Little		Zorro
4	News	Ent. Tonight	Newsradio	Seinfeld	3rd Rock	Working	Law & Order		News	(35) Tonight Show	
5	Newshour With Jim Lehrer	Sat. Frontiers			Yo-Yo Ma: Inspired by Bach				Charlie Rose		Newshour
6	Griffith	Griffith	NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls at Detroit Pistons				NBA		Movie: The Cherokee Kid (1996) ★½		
7	News	Fortune	Spin City	Dharma	Drew Carey	Two Guys	Primetime Live		News	Seinfeld	Nightline
8	Fam. Mat.	Coach	Movie: Better Off Dead (1985) John Cusack ★★		Honeysmnr	News	Beverly Hills, 90210		Hest		
10	News	Home Imp.	Nanny	Cybill	To Life! America Celebrates Israel's 50th				News	(35) Lete Show	
11	Mad-You	Simpsons	Beverly Hills, 90210		Ally McBeal		Hercules-Jrny.s		Frasier	Cops	Real TV
15	Sportsctr.	Major League	Baseball Teams to Be Announced				Major League Baseball Teams to Be Announced				
17	Waltons	Rescue 911			Diagnosis Murder		Hawaii Five-O		700 Club		Bonanza
18	Movie: Portrait-Lady		Movie: Looking for Richard Al Pacino ★★★½ PG-13				Dad Man's	(45) Fast Track		Movie: The Last Road TN	
20	Movie: A Little Princess		Movie: Born Yesterday Melanie Griffith ★½ PG*				From the Earth		Movie: Always Outnumbered ***		
21	(5-15) Movie: *** Mother		Movie: Carpool Tom Arnold ★★ PG*		Chain		Movie: The Glimmer Man Steven Seagal		Movie: Joe's So Mean		
23	Movie: Shorts		Movie: Manpower (1941) Edward G. Rl.inson ★★½				Movie: Gilda (1946) Rita Hayworth, Glenn Ford. ★★★½		Movie:		
24	Dallas		Life of Keith Whitley		Prime Time Country		Olivia Newton-John		Dallas		Dukes
25	Gimme Shelter		Wild Discovery		Discover Magazine		Would You Believe It		Justice Files		Wild Diac.
26	Law & Order		Biography				Target: Mafia		Law & Order		Biography
27	Intimate Portrait		Unsolved Mysteries		Movie: Betrayed by Innocence (1986) Lee Purcell **				Attitudes	Golden Girls	Golden Girlz
28	Major League Baseball Houston Astros at Cincinnati Reds						FOX Sports News		FOX Sports News		Sports
29	Babylon 5		Babylon 5		Bacharach: One Amazing Night		Bacharach: One Amazing Night				Rough Cut
31	Doug	Rugrats	All That	Bewitched	Wonder Yrs. Wonder Yrs.	Happy Days	I Love Lucy	M.T. Moore	Taxi		Newhart
32	Highlander: The Series		Walker, Texas Ranger		(7-59) Movie: Sharon's Secret (1995) Mel Harris ★½		Silk Stalkings				Highlander
33	Sin Ti		Esmeralda		Pueblo Chico, Inferno		Fuera	Lente Loco	P. Impacto	Noticiero	Al Ritmo
37	War Years		Aztec Empire		Fifties		True Action Adventures		Weapons at War		Aztec
40	RPM 2Night	NHL Hockey	Teams to Be Announced					NHL 2Night	Be a Player	Snowmobile	NBA 2Night

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MUZZLE AWARDS

Texas Legislature among 11 cited for censorship

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) - The Texas Legislature received one of 11 tongue-in-cheek Jefferson Muzzle Awards on Monday for barring investment of state money in record companies with artists whose songs promote violence or degrade women.

The awards are given annually by the Thomas Jefferson Center for the Protection of Free Expression to those who, in the opinion of the center's board, deserve censure for censorship.

The Texas ban covers companies that produce or distribute music that advocates or even describes violence or illegal drug use. Recording industry representatives are challenging the ban in court, joined by teachers, law officers and others concerned about their pension funds. A court hearing was held in Austin today.

The nationwide awards were announced on the 255th anniversary of Thomas Jefferson's birth. Robert M. O'Neil, the Charlottesville-based center's director, said the awards "give a sense of what the major threats to free speech and press are going on across the country in the preceding year."

The Loudoun County (Va.) Library Board was cited for drastically restricting the type of information available on its computers. In October the library installed on its computers the most restrictive system of Internet content filters in the nation, O'Neil said. The filter is so restrictive a breast cancer survivor couldn't get online information about the disease.

"The filter blocked anything with the word 'breast' in it," O'Neil said.

He said the board extended the censorship to adults as well as to children and "thus deprived all their citizens through tax-supported public libraries of access to substantial amounts of legally protected information."

Oklahoma County District Attorney Robert Macy and the Oklahoma City Police Department also received one of the awards for seizing from homes and video stores copies of "The Tin Drum," an Oscar-winning movie based on a novel by Gunter Grass. The film,

authorities claimed, contained child pornography. Other award recipients announced were:

- New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani for directing the city's transit authority to remove ads for a magazine that said, "Possibly the only good thing in New York Rudy hasn't taken credit for."

- U.S. Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., for threatening to push for legislation that would force NBC and Black Entertainment Television to adopt a ratings system for television programs.

- The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration for ordering the recall of 78 license plates issued to members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. The plates display a Confederate battle flag.

- Puerto Rico Gov. Pedro Rossello for pulling government advertising from a newspaper that ran an article critical of the first 100 days of Rossello's second term.

- The California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control and District Supervisor David Gill for threatening to revoke the liquor license of the Palm Springs Convention Center if it hosted an erotic art exhibit even though no alcohol would be served at the event.

- A Williamson County, Tenn., grand jury that indicted a local Barnes & Noble bookstore for selling and displaying books of photographs by Jack Sturges and David Hamilton. The books contained pictures of unclothed youths but were never judged to be legally obscene.

- U.S. District Judge Sarah Vance of Louisiana for barring jurors in a concluded criminal trial from speaking to reporters.

- Miami-Dade County, Fla., Commissioner Bruce Kaplan for removing a member of the Metro-Dade Film, Television and Print Advisory Board because that member suggested Cuban artists be allowed to participate in a music festival.

SALES TAX

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counties are up 10.7 percent over the first four months of 1997."

The April payments to Texas cities and counties include local sales taxes collected by monthly filers in February and reported by businesses filing monthly tax returns in March.

Sharp delivered monthly sales tax rebates totaling \$145.5 million to Texas cities, 11.8 percent higher than last April's payments of \$130 million. Rebates of \$13.2 million to Texas counties were 6.6 percent higher than allocations of \$12.4 million in April 1997. Another \$4.2 million went to 31 special purpose districts around the state.

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

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

Around the area, Dimmit, which has been up and down this year, was up again, receiving a payment of \$21,111.32, up 37.4 percent from the \$15,365.84 received in March 1997.

Dalhart, which had also seen its March rebate fall back from the previous year, also rebounded in April, receiving \$74,811.47, a 37.8 percent jump from the \$53,529.27 payment in April 1997.

Pampa received \$190,677.22, 1.4 percent higher than the \$188,069.57 received in April 1997.

Plainview also saw its payment increase significantly, rising 10.5 percent to \$177,250.02 in April. The city received \$160,456.32 in April 1997. Borger experienced an improvement over April 1997. The city received \$172,673.94, up 7.5 percent from \$160,681.25 for April 1997.

Dumas rebounded from last month, when it experienced a 30.6 percent drop from the previous March. For April, the city received \$62,780.94, a 7.7 percent gain over the \$58,271.27 it received in April 1997.

Among the area counties, Castro County received \$8,593, up 12.4 percent from the \$7,642.08 it received last April; Hale County received \$66,194.18, up 6.9 percent from the \$61,900.15 it received in April 1997.

The comptroller's next sales tax allocation is scheduled for May 8.



MEMBER 1998

TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

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MOOVIES 6

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Business Office: 364-0101
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Friday, April 10 - Thursday, April 16, 1998

CITY OF ANGELS EASTER MATINEES Fri. Sat. Sun. & Mon. 2:05 4:20	Fri.-Thurs. Evenings 7:05 - 9:25
MY GIANT EASTER MATINEES Fri. Sat. Sun. & Mon. 2:10 4:15	Fri.-Thurs. Evenings 7:10 - 9:15
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MERCURY RISING EASTER MATINEES Fri. Sat. Sun. & Mon. 2:20 4:35	Fri.-Thurs. Evenings 7:05 - 9:25
TITANIC 7:30 Tues, Wed & Thurs.	Easter Mat. Fri.-Sat-Sun & Mon. 1:30 - 6:05 - 8:40
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Adults: \$5.00 - Kids & Seniors: \$3.00
Bargain Matinees: \$3.00

Any ideas or suggestions?

If it's news to you, then it's news to us. If you have any suggestions for news or feature stories, just give us a call at The Brand. 364-2030

RAINES

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other programs and promised a balanced budget for 2002, a feat that both parties considered an impressive achievement after three decades of uninterrupted annual federal deficits. Since then, the mighty economy has produced so much revenue for the government that most experts believe the budget will be balanced this year.

In a South Lawn announcement, delivered before Clinton departed for Houston to tour the NASA facility and participate in a town hall on race relations, Lew said, "We look forward to continuing our effort to maintain sound fiscal policy."

Clinton and Raines did not say what private sector job Raines had accepted. "That news, unfortunately, I can't make," the president told

reporters.

Raines, a soft-spoken and well-liked member of Clinton's inner circle, was considered Clinton's top choice to replace White House chief of staff Erskine Bowles early this year. However, Bowles decided not to leave and Raines told Clinton aides that he did not want the job.

The Senate must now confirm Clinton's nominee for the post.

Lew, 42, became deputy to Raines in 1995, after working in the office as an associate director for legislative affairs. He served as a special assistant to the president from 1993 to 1994, where he worked on the national service initiative and health care reform legislation.

Lew also served under late House Speaker Thomas "Tip" O'Neill Jr.

TEXAS

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\$5,263. The top recipient among states was Virginia, with \$7,856 per resident.

Looked at another way, Texas accounted for 7.2 percent of the nation's population last year but received only 6.2 percent of federal expenditures.

A host of intangibles explain the funding differences between states - everything from how many retirees draw Social Security, to how successful politicians are in nabbing dollars for pet projects, and state and local governments' willingness to provide money of their own in exchange for matching federal funds.

Funding inequities also arise from the complex calculations used to divvy up pots of federal dollars.

Lawmakers, for example, have been grappling for months over the formula used to parcel out dollars from the federal highway trust fund.

Texas and other so-called donor states have been locked in battle to increase their share, claiming longstanding inequity.

Currently, Texas receives 76 cents from Washington for every dollar

paid into the highway trust fund in the form of gasoline taxes - while some states receive two and three times that rate.

Under legislation moving through Congress, Texas would find its share of the highway pot significantly sweetened, securing an increase of at least \$700 million in each of the next six years.

A Texas county, Harris County, did rank among the top five nationwide in overall receipts, pulling in \$13.6 billion.

Dallas County took in \$8.2 billion; Bexar County, \$8.1 billion; Tarrant County, \$6 billion; and Travis County, \$4.5 billion.

Of the \$88.9 billion in federal dollars going to Texas, slightly more than half went in direct payments to individuals - everything from Social Security, food stamps and low-income housing assistance to veterans and federal retirement benefits.

Direct expenditures on defense in Texas totaled \$15.2 billion.

Salaries for military personnel, government employees and U.S. Postal Service workers totaled nearly \$11 billion.

JUNK

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Hollowell, said the state court costs are set at \$43.25 and municipal fines of at least \$25, making the fines at least \$68.25.

"We've been lucky, so far. Most people don't let it come this far. They either get the vehicle out of sight or have it hauled off," said Hollowell.

She said that usually if the owners can not be located or are unresponsive she will usually issue a warrant for the vehicle to be picked up and delivered to a demolisher.

These city ordinances are backed up by state laws and are fully enforceable, said Hollowell.

Owners of the junk and abandoned vehicles do have a means of avoiding the court costs and complete loss of their property.

If the owners have the title of a vehicle they can call Dearing Wrecking and have the vehicle removed.

"We'll pay the owner \$20 and up

for a wrecked or junk vehicle, depending on the make or model and the condition of the car," said June Dearing. "Sometimes it's not much, but it's better than facing the court costs or having to move it yourself."

If the wreckers collect an abandoned vehicle on a court order, the car is immediately crushed. If it is given up voluntarily, useable parts are removed, the remainder is then crushed and recycled into remanufactured steel.

"This may seem like a lot of trouble," said Ruland. "But our first priority must be to protect the rights of the property owner. We give the owner every chance before the city tows a vehicle."

"Sometimes it is slow, but it's the best way," he said.

Residents with a complaint regarding an abandoned vehicle should call the police department to file a report. Owners of junked or wrecked cars can call Dearing Wrecking at 364-2754 to have the vehicle removed.

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APRIL 15-28
County Clerk's Office
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7 A.M. - 7 P.M.
Hereford Community Center

On The Ballot

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Saturday, May 9th
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by THOMAS JOSEPH

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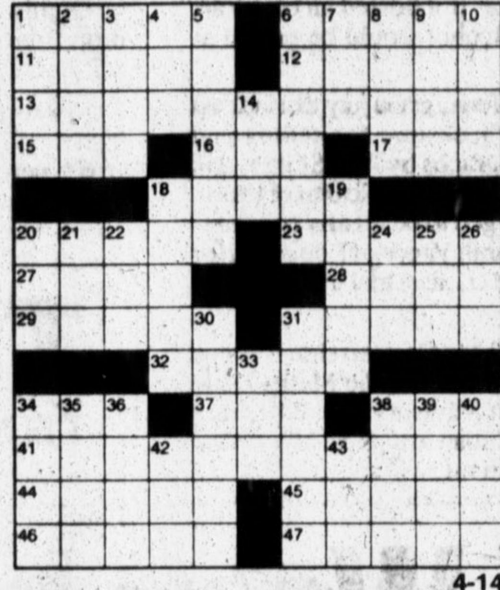
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Yesterday's Answer

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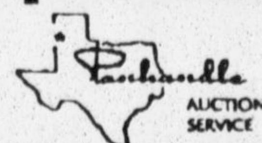
HUGE AUCTION

Saturday, April 18, 1998 - 10:00 am

Hereford Bull Barn

Deaf Smith Co., Sheriff's Department, City of Hereford, Hereford ISD, Castro County, Vega ISD, and Walcott ISD. VEHICLES WILL SELL AT 1:00 PM.

Look for coming details in the Wednesday, April 15th edition of the Hereford Brand!



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For starters, look at ads which offer the same item/products. Get a sense of going rates and ideas for how to make your ad stand out. Once you're ready to write, begin with exactly what you're selling: "Dining room set, maple, six chairs." Then, remember these hints:

--Give the price. A newspaper consultant says 70 percent of classified readers won't respond to an ad with no price.

--Use key words to describe what you're selling. The key words for a car are make, model, year, body style, color, mileage and price. If it's a house, key words are location, type of construction, number of bedrooms and baths, and condition.

--Don't use abbreviations. It's tempting to abbreviate and save money if ads are billed by the line. Brand ads are billed by the words, so spell them out so readers won't be confused trying to figure out abbreviations.

-- Don't be misleading. Think accurate and factual when you write. Be sure to include a phone number and the best times to reach you.

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4-14 CRYPTOQUOTE

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LCUXSMU GZQYGZCBB
Saturday's Cryptoquote: THE
HONEYMOON IS OVER WHEN HE GETS
OUT OF THE CAR AT THE DRIVE-IN
MOVIE TO WIPE THE WINDSHIELD.—ANON

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Korean talks end

BEIJING (AP) - Talks between North and South Korea stalled today over North Korea demands for fertilizer and its refusal to give South Korea a timetable for reuniting families separated by war for nearly five decades.

The talks, which began Saturday, were the first government-to-government contact in four years between North and South. The two sides never signed a peace treaty after the 1950-53 Korean War and have little contact since the war ended.

North Korea, in its third year of famine, wants fertilizer from South Korea to increase agricultural production. South Korea wants Pyongyang to agree to reunite families split by the war, exchange envoys and reactivate a liaison office in the border village of Panmunjom.

The talks stalled after a two-hour meeting this morning, but neither side was calling them off yet.

South Korean negotiators said they would stay in Beijing for two more days, while the North Korean delegation said it would contact Pyongyang.

North Korean lead negotiator Chun Kum Chul said North Korea was in urgent need of fertilizer and asked South Korea to begin delivery of 500,000 tons. South Korea offered 200,000 tons.

The South Korean delegation leader, Deputy Unification Minister Jeong Se-hyun, said Seoul wanted a timetable for setting up a reunion and mail exchange center in Panmunjom.

He said the North Koreans did not want to discuss the issues until after the fertilizer they were requesting was delivered.

"The North Korean side asked and demanded from our side a one-sided concession. What kind of a principle is this?" Jeong asked.

Chun characterized the South Korean negotiating position as "not generous."

Jeong said that although the South Koreans were willing to stay in Beijing, there was no guarantee both sides would meet again.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Space programs benefit Texas cities

The Johnson Space Center in Houston is the primary site for design, development and testing of spacecraft and associated systems for human spaceflight. Astronauts and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) scientists perform medical, engineering and scientific experiments at the Center. And, nearby Ellington Field hosts flight operations, aircraft and astronaut flight training.



Photos courtesy of NASA.

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

Although the Johnson Space Center spends a hefty portion of its budget in the Houston area, other parts of the state benefit as well.

Spending for contracts and related business in fiscal 1997:

Houston area	\$1.3 billion
Dallas/Fort Worth	\$6.7 million
Bryan/College Station	\$1.9 million
Austin/San Antonio	\$1.7 million
Amarillo	\$101,000
Brownsville	\$150,000
Edinburg	\$419,000
El Paso	\$344,000
Galveston	\$513,000
Waco	\$110,000

* An additional 20 Texas cities were each awarded contracts for less than \$55,000.

Echándole el ojo a Texas

Programas del espacio benefician las ciudades de Texas

Los trabajos realizados en el Centro Espacial Johnson en Houston hacen posible que el hombre viaje al espacio. Allí se diseñan, desarrollan y prueban las naves espaciales. También los astronautas y científicos de la Administración Nacional Aeronáutica del Espacio (NASA), conducen experimentos médicos, de ingeniería, y de ciencia.



Fotos cortesía NASA.

FUENTES: John Sharp, Contralor de Cuentas Públicas y la Administración Nacional Aeronáutica del Espacio (NASA).

Aunque el Centro Espacial Johnson gasta una porción del presupuesto en el área de Houston, otras ciudades de Texas también se benefician.

Gastos para trabajos en la industria espacial en el año fiscal 1997:

Área de Houston	\$1.3 billiones
Dallas/Fort Worth	\$6.7 millones
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Edinburg	\$419,000
El Paso	\$344,000
Galveston	\$513,000
Waco	\$110,000

* 20 ciudades más fueron premiadas en Texas con contratos de menos de \$55,000.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Editorials

A sampling of editorial opinion from Texas newspapers:

Fort Worth Star-Telegram on national race discussion:

It is perhaps the most difficult subject in the country to talk about - and, regrettably, it is an issue that many feel would go away if we somehow were able to ignore it completely.

But it is impossible to dismiss race and racism from the American conscience, for it is an ever-present phenomenon that has caused confusion, distrust and pain among a people who built a country on the pillars of justice and equality.

We must talk about it, and President Clinton has rightly forced us to face it (and each other) by calling for a series of town hall meetings on the subject. The second national discussion - focusing on race in sports - will be held tomorrow night in Houston.

Unlike the first meeting held last winter, which was described by many observers as contrived and stilted, this one promises to be lively and engaging, based strictly on the personalities that will make up the president's invited panel. They include Minnesota Vikings coach Dennis Green, Olympic gold medalist Jackie Joyner-Kersey, Georgetown basketball coach John Thompson, San Francisco 49ers President Carmen Policy, San Diego Padres owner John Moores and National Football League Hall of Famer Jim Brown.

This session, to be televised live on the sports cable network ESPN, is designed to reach a wide audience - one that would be least likely to tune in if it were broadcast on any other television station: white males.

Because sports in many ways has been a leader in breaking down racial barriers, and yet still is accused of discrimination (especially in its management ranks), it is appropriate that this town hall meeting focus on an area that captures so much of the nation's attention.

As a rule, town hall meetings don't solve problems. The most we can expect from this meeting is that it will get us talking about an issue that makes us uncomfortable. At least, that's a start.

Killeen Daily Herald on sexual harassment law:

When a federal judge in Arkansas interpreted the nation's sexual harassment law so as to let President

Clinton walk away from a lawsuit, she did the right thing, but Congress

won't be doing the right thing if it walks away from reshaping the law.

... What's needed now is not simply to leave everything up to the courts, which are principally responsible for the current mess. The need is for Congress to pass reasonably detailed, explicit, objectively based sexual harassment legislation that does not summon the executioner for off-color remarks at the water cooler, but that very well might penalize the kind of behavior (Paula) Jones alleged.

The Victoria Advocate on selling part of U.S. oil reserve:

The U.S. government is about to sell \$207 million worth of the nation's oil reserve to help balance the federal budget. It's a dumb idea. The oil will be sold at a much lower price than it was purchased for 20 years ago.

Congress has ordered the sale because it didn't want to appropriate money to pay for administering the oil-reserve program the last three years. More than 560 million barrels of oil are stockpiled in Louisiana caverns to be brought out in the event of a supply cutoff. The latest oil sale will reduce the reserves by nearly 3 percent.

According to the Department of Energy, the oil was purchased more than 20 years ago at an average cost of more than \$27 a barrel. It's likely to bring about \$13 a barrel.

Campaigning congressmen are good at heaping praise on themselves for lowering the federal budget deficit in recent years and pointing the government toward a balanced budget. The oil story illustrates some of the budget trickery that helps Congress pretend to be frugal.

Selling \$27 oil for \$13 is bad business.

Authorities agree that the dog was the first animal to be domesticated, probably over 12,000 years ago.

The Navy first of all has to confirm (the disposal company's intentions) through our primary contractor Battelle, and if that is the case, we'll immediately begin looking at other alternatives," Smith said.

Condoms hiked use, not sex

LOS ANGELES (AP) - In a new study, boys who got free condoms in high school didn't have sex more often. But they were more likely to use condoms when they did have sex.

The results released Monday reinforce other research indicating sexual activity isn't encouraged by condom distribution programs, which are intended to stem the spread of sexually transmitted diseases and teen-age pregnancy.

The study was based on anonymous surveys of sexual behavior and attitudes among 1,945 students in grades 9-12 at Los Angeles County high school and a follow-up survey completed by 1,110 students a year later, after a condom distribution program was implemented.

The results appear in the March-April issue of Family Planning Perspectives, a peer-reviewed journal of The Alan Guttmacher Institute, a nonprofit reproductive health organization in New York.

The study found:
- The percentage of sexually active male students at one Los Angeles high school who reported using a condom every time they had vaginal intercourse increased to 50 percent, from 37 percent, after the condom program went into effect.

- The percentage of boys at the school who reported using a condom the first time they engaged in intercourse increased to 80 percent, from 65 percent.

- The percentage of boys engaging in vaginal intercourse did not increase. "They weren't doing it more often and they weren't doing it with more partners," said the study's lead author, Dr. Mark A. Schuster, assistant pediatrics professor at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Schuster found no change in condom use among young women, which he attributed to inadequate efforts "to get women to demand use of them or suggest use of them or supply them themselves."

The study evaluated a program begun in April 1992 at "an urban high school that serves a racially and socioeconomically diverse community in Los Angeles County." Schuster said a confidentiality agreement prevented him from identifying the school.

Napalm contract in limbo

SAN DIEGO (AP) - With 12,000 gallons of napalm already on a train headed for the Midwest, the Indiana company that agreed to recycle 23 million gallons of the Vietnam-era warfare chemical now wants out of the deal.

Two 6,000-gallon drums of the jellied gasoline infamous for raining fire in Southeast Asia are on the train somewhere between California and Indiana. The train was believed to be in New Mexico on Monday, a railroad spokesman said, but its exact location could not be determined early today.

The shipment - the only one so far - left Saturday.

Pollution Control Industries in East Chicago, Ind., had agreed to a \$24 million contract under which the 23 million gallons stored at the Fallbrook Naval Weapons Facility north of San Diego would be turned into fuel for cement kilns over two years.

By Monday, the company's desire to get out of the deal had gone public.

"Though we still feel it's the right environmental thing to do and that we're the right company to do it, we're just not big enough to withstand this political pressure," PCI President Robert Campbell told The Post-Tribune in Gary, Ind.


And in a letter to the Navy and Battelle Memorial Institute, the project's primary contractor, PCI attorney Steven Jay Katz said: "PCI hereby advises Battelle to cease making any further shipments and to recall all shipments already made."

The Navy had little public reaction. Lt. Cmdr. Jon Smith of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command in Alexandria, Va., said he only could confirm that the letter was sent.

He said he didn't know what might happen to the 12,000 gallons already en route.

"The Navy first of all has to confirm (the disposal company's intentions) through our primary contractor Battelle, and if that is the case, we'll immediately begin looking at other alternatives," Smith said.

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Nov 75.00 75.00 75.00 75.00 75.00 75.00 7.04

Dec 75.00 75.00 75.00 75.00 75.00 75.00 7.11

Est vol 1,000; vol Thru 1,000; open int 14,000; 1.32

CATTLE-LIVE (CME) \$0.00/bu., cents per lb.

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Est vol 1,000; vol Thru 1,000; open int 14,000; 1.32

GRAIN FUTURES

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Est vol 100,000; vol Thru 1,000; open int 270,000; -7.22

SOYBEANS (CBOT) \$0.00/bu., cents per bu.

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WHEAT (CBOT) \$0.00/bu., cents per bu.

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METAL FUTURES

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Est vol 10,000; vol Thru 1,000; open int 100,000; 1.34

SILVER (Cme.Dix NYMEX) \$100.00/oz., \$100.00 per troy oz.

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Here comes the sun



Photo by Mauri Montgomery

The sun begins its early morning rise toward another sunny spring day in the Panhandle as it offers a wake-up call to this farm east of Hereford. Longer and warmer days have brought new blooms to the landscape, even the less desirable volunteers that drive homeowners crazy.

Clinton's race initiative draws criticism

HOUSTON (AP) - When President Clinton launched his initiative on race last year, the goal was to work toward mending race relations by opening a national dialogue among ethnic groups.

But some minority advocates say the program may be adding to divisions by focusing too much on African-American issues and ignoring others.

"They ran into a problem that was there at the very beginning - it was primarily a black focus," said Rodolfo de la Garza, a government professor and vice president of the Tomas Rivera Policy Institute at the University of Texas at Austin.

"It is a predictable dilemma. They're trying to use one format to handle different terrain. That just doesn't work."

De la Garza's comments on Monday came amid protests from Hispanics over the composition of a panel participating in a town hall meeting on race and sports tonight in Houston.

One Hispanic, six blacks and three whites were named to the panel, which will discuss the impact of race

in sports from the playground to the pro level. President Clinton will help moderate the nationally televised meeting.

The cable sports network chose the panelists and said it extended invitations to about two dozen Hispanic sports figures, all of whom declined for various reasons. White House spokesman Joe Lockhart, defending the network, said ESPN did everything it could to make the panel diverse.

But the National Council of La Raza, which has been frustrated by past oversights by the presidential initiative, renewed its criticism Monday.

"It is not the first time this has happened where Latinos are either left out of the process or seemingly an afterthought," La Raza spokeswoman Lisa Navarrete said. "The concept for us is still an important one. Our problem has been the execution."

The initiative has come under fire by other groups since Clinton launched it last summer and created a seven-member advisory panel to

moderate race discussions around the country. The panel includes three whites, two blacks, one Hispanic and one Korean American. Three are women.

American Indians, angered by their lack of representation on the advisory board, turned a Denver town hall meeting last month into a shouting match. Protesters, some wearing ski masks or handkerchiefs, disrupted the session and dozens of people walked out.

The administration also was criticized in December when the local organizer of a Dallas roundtable on race, moderated by Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater, limited participation to blacks, saying he wanted to enable a "frank, open and honest discussion."

Despite the criticism, White House spokesman Rick Socarides said the president has worked to ensure the initiative encompasses a variety of ethnic and racial concerns.

"When the president started his initiative back in June, he underscored that it was very important to him that we move beyond black-white issues in the composition of the race

initiative advisory board and staff," Socarides said. "He's made clear that it is of foremost importance that this be a racially and ethnically diverse initiative."

Judy Winston, executive director of the race program, added: "We've been committed absolutely to having as diverse and as inclusive a process as possible."

But de la Garza, while commending the idea, said the initiative fails by trying to address different ethnic issues in the same forum.

"For me, the big problem was that they didn't think it through to separate what they're looking at," he said. "That's messy."

Steven Pitts, interim director of the Institute for African-American Policy Research at the University of Houston, agreed it is difficult to come up with solutions to the race problem by addressing the black-white issue and other ethnic concerns in one stroke.

"It has us fighting over crumbs. Each group wants to have its day in the sun," Pitts said. "What's needed is not fighting over crumbs, but honest dialogue about the issues."

Prosecutor open to plea bargain with Nichols

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) - The prosecutor who plans to try Jeffrey Nichols on state charges in the Oklahoma City bombing would consider a plea bargain, though he said Nichols' attorneys have not made an offer.

NBC reported Monday that, while there have been no formal talks, Nichols may be interested in telling

what he knows about the deadly attack in return for a break on his sentence.

"It would have to be very strong evidence," Oklahoma County District Attorney Robert Macy told the network. "Just the naming of a couple of other people would not suffice. With the names would have to be evidence that could be used."

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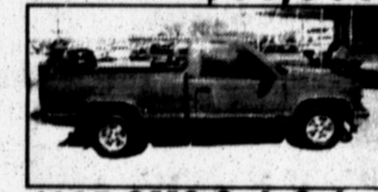
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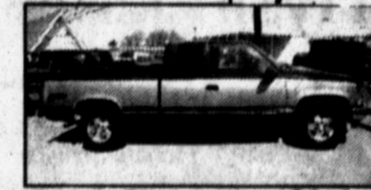
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