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## Fewer cattle, less beef? That's not the situation

By DIANNA F. DANDRIDGE  
 Staff Writer

Fewer cattle in the area feedlots, may not necessarily indicate less beef being produced, at least not according to information released last week from the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service and the Texas Cattle Feeders Association.

TAAS reports cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.64 million head on June 1, up 8 percent from last year. Northern High Plains feedlots accounted for 81 percent of the state's total, feeding more than 2.14 million head of cattle. The total of area animals on feed was up 9 percent from last year and 10 percent from the May.

TCA reports that on June 1, 1998, Texas cattle feeders continued to lead the nation's cattle feeding states with 2.64 million animals being fed for slaughter.

(See related story on this page.)

These numbers reflect the highest numbers in the last five years. The lowest of the last five years, 1996, showed only 2.18 million fed cattle.

Texas feeders fed an average of 2,376 million head per year in the last five-year period.

Approximately 710,000 head of cattle were slaughtered last week in Texas plants, producing nearly 511.5 million pounds of beef. This compares with 850.8 million pounds total meat production (beef, hogs and poultry).

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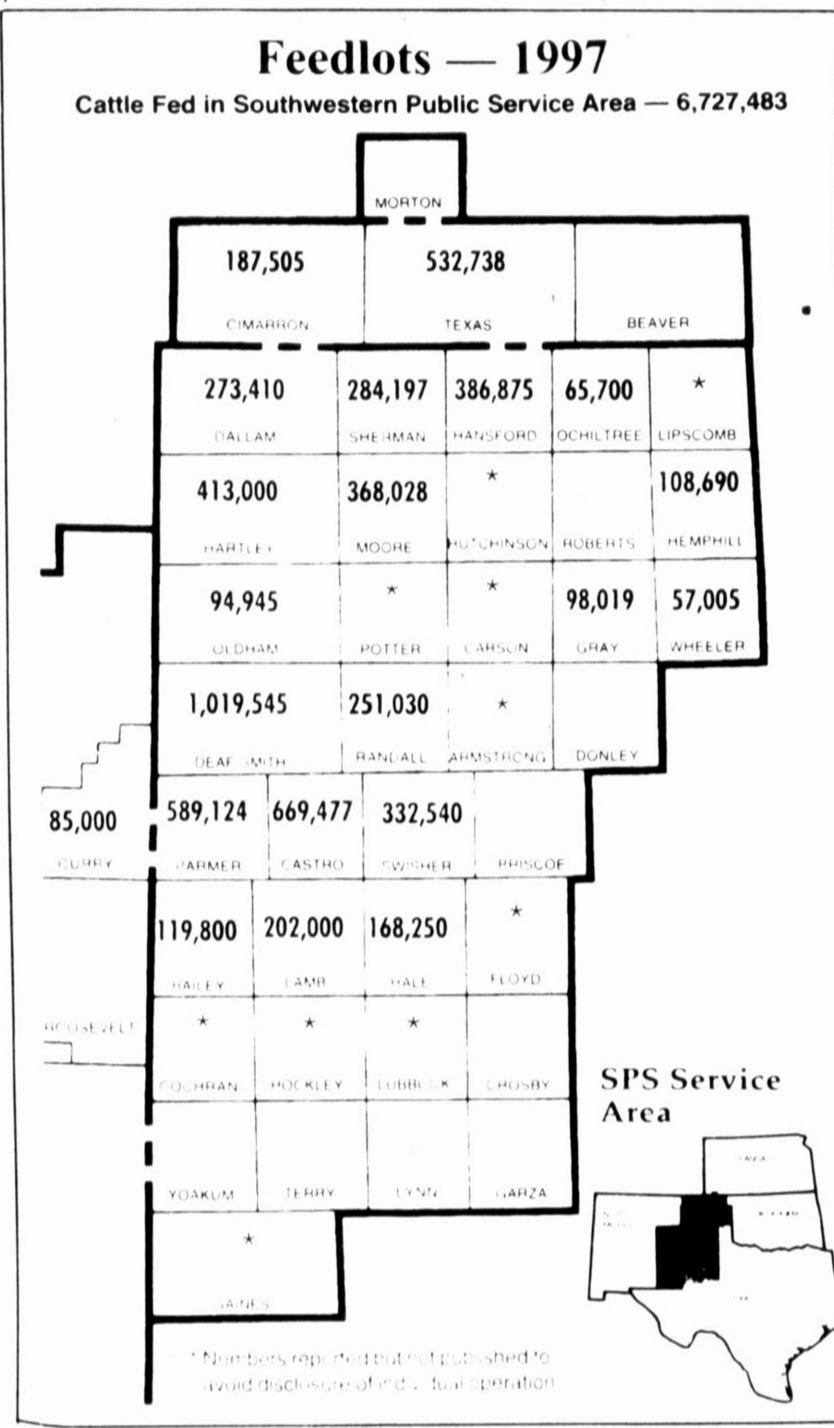
For consumers who enjoy beef, TCA presented more good news. According to research completed by researchers at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, beef, like many products, costs less today than it did at the turn of the century, when measured by manhours.

Research shows in 1911, workers worked for at least 30 minutes to buy a pound of ground beef. In 1977, six minutes of work was necessary. Researchers say the trend continues to show less work time to purchase the same products.

The last bit of good news is the decline in the number of beef-related cases of E-coli.

Last year, 22 outbreaks, with a total of 298 illnesses, were reported, according to the TCA. This year, the organization's newsletter claims only 20 illnesses were attributed to ground beef, while 108 illnesses were attributed to alfalfa sprouts.

In 1996, 29 outbreaks were reported with 488 illnesses. Only 21 were traced to ground beef, and 14 of those came from improperly handled and cooked beef in the home.



## County feedlots set a new record

By SPEEDY NIEMAN  
 Brand Publisher

Deaf Smith County feedyards set a new record by feeding 1,019,545 head of cattle in 1997, according to the annual fed cattle survey conducted by Southwestern Public Service Co.

The county total had topped one million for the first time in 1996, and the new record was 8,636 higher. Deaf Smith again was far ahead of any other county in the SPS region when it comes to cattle feeding, ratifying its claim as the "Cattle Feeding Capital of the World."

Market prices tumbled this year, however, and next year's totals may be down. With an over-supply of cattle, beef experts don't expect a turn-around until late fall or early winter.

The annual SPS survey tracks the number of cattle passing through feedyards in the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles, the Texas South Plains, eastern New Mexico and southwestern Kansas.

The total number of cattle fed in this SPS area was 6,727,483. The "golden triangle" of Deaf Smith, Castro and Parmer counties accounted for almost 2.8 million of that total. Castro was second to Deaf Smith with 669,477 fed cattle, while Parmer totaled 589,124. Texas County in Oklahoma was fourth at 532,738.

The survey included fed cattle totals from 107 feedyards in the

region with 5,000 or more capacity and 95 were in Texas. Deaf Smith was top with 17 lots at or above the 5,000 mark. Tptal feedyards surveyed was 122, with 14 of less than 5,000 head or starter lots.

The SPS survey also reported that 13 packing plants in the region slaughtered 5,202,905 cattle in 1997. One plant, Caviness Packing Co., is in Deaf Smith County.

The "big three" plants in the area are Excel, with a 1.1 million capacity in Plainview and 1 million capacity in Friona; Iowa Beef Processors, 1.76 million capacity in Amarillo; and Montford, 1.2 million head in Moore County.

The feedyards in Deaf Smith County and their capacity:

Barrett & Crofoot East	45,000
Barrett & Crofoot West	65,000
Bartlett #2	20,000
Beef Tech	20,000
Champion Feeders	32,000
Circle 3 Feedyard	25,000
Cottonwood Cattle Co.	15,000
Dawn Cattle Feeders	18,000
Frio Feeders	7,300
Great Plains Feeders	15,000
Hereford Feedyards	48,000
Keeling Cattle Feeders	17,000
MC-6 Cattle Feeders	28,000
Owl Feedyard	5,000
Southwest Feedyard	42,000
Sugarland Feedyards	28,000
Tri-State Cattle Feeders	15,000
STARTER LOT	
XCI Feeder, Inc.	6,500

## Gap between UAW, automaker widens

LAS VEGAS (AP) - The deepening mistrust between the United Auto Workers and General Motors Corp. is clearly evident at the UAW's convention, as the costly strikes that have crippled the world's largest automaker drag on.

Gathered in a city known for selling eternal optimism in the face of unfavorable odds, UAW leaders opened the 32nd constitutional convention on Monday with several pronouncements that further dimmed hopes for a quick settlement.

The union will "last one day longer" than the automaker, President Stephen P. Yokich vowed. "We're going to continue this until we beat it," Yokich shouted to an eruption of applause from the 2,000 convention delegates.

If the strikes at two parts plants in Flint, Mich., are not settled this week, they could last two to three weeks into August, said Richard Shoemaker, the union's chief of GM relations. He told reporters he doubted a deal would be reached before GM's scheduled two-week summer plant shutdown begins next week.

Negotiators planned to begin talks again today in Flint, though Shoemaker said there had been "very little progress on the key issues" despite weeks of negotiations.

Even more worrisome, Shoemaker said that once the ongoing strikes are settled, GM will face two more possible strikes: at a brake plant in Dayton, Ohio, and another stamping plant in Indianapolis.

So far, 122,400 workers have been temporarily laid off at plants across North America that are closed or slowed down because of the lack of parts from the two Flint factories.

**U.S. firms use Chinese military aid on projects**

BEIJING (AP) - When Motorola wanted to build a cellular telephone network in China, it found a partner in the People's Liberation Army. Prodigy Inc. turned to a premier Chinese defense contractor to crack China's budding Internet market.

While allegations a U.S. satellite maker gave China rocket technology bedevil President Clinton before his Beijing summit that starts Thursday, a slew of American businesses are quietly trading the Chinese security

## NEWS in brief

establishment a more basic commodity: money.

The exchange raises fears that in their eagerness to tap the China market, U.S. companies may be indirectly helping the Chinese military - the world's largest - modernize and police better contain political dissent.

Whether U.S. interests have been compromised or not, the trade illustrates the pervasive influence of Beijing's powerful military and police and the industries that serve them and underscores commerce's dominant role in Clinton's China policy.

With that in mind, China's communist leaders have lobbied the Clinton administration and U.S. firms to transfer ever higher forms of technology. Defense firms, acutely aware of U.S. military prowess, have pushed to obtain investment and leading-edge technologies from abroad.

**Critics of China policies vow to keep up the pressure**

WASHINGTON (AP) - Although some senior lawmakers are urging congressional restraint while President Clinton is on Chinese soil, critics of his China policies are promising to keep up the pressure during his trip.

"Instead of undermining the president's hand as he goes to China, I would think this strengthens it," Sen. Tim Hutchinson, R-Ark., said of a package of amendments designed to clamp down on Beijing.

Hutchinson is offering the package to a defense spending bill now before the Senate. Showdown votes were expected today. Hutchinson said he did not expect to prevail - but believed the fight was worth making.



Photo by Mauri Montgomery

### "Rail" hot

Hereford volunteer firefighter Michael Kitten shoots a stream of water down into a rail car that caught on fire Monday evening at Summerfield. Fellow firefighter Joe Hamby helps Kitten

support the water line. Fire units and crews were delayed in getting to the rail car for several minutes because of another passing freight train.

## Commissioners sail through short agenda

By DONALD M. COOPER  
 Brand Editor

A short agenda became even shorter Monday as the Deaf Smith County Commission put off discussion of the distribution of county roads among the four precincts.

County Judge Tom Simons said the discussion should be put off until the first meeting in July to allow Pct. 4 Commissioner Johnny Latham to participate. Latham, who is recuperating from recent surgery, was absent Monday.

The issue of the distribution of roads among the four precincts has

been on the agenda recently because Precinct 1 Commissioner Wayne Betzen has contended the distribution is inequitable.

Precinct 2 Commissioner Lupe Chavez said he believes that matter should be discussed after a new commissioner takes office, Chavez, who lost his bid for another term in the March primary election, said his successor should be participate in the discussion and any possible changes in the responsibilities for road maintenance within the precincts.

At the June 8 meeting, the commissioners agreed to remeasure the mileage of roads they maintain,

however, Chavez said Monday he had been busy with other matters and did not get to check the road mileage in Precinct 2.

According to minutes of meetings in 1993, the same matter was discussed several times, with then-Precinct 1 Commissioner Tony Castillo assuming the responsibility for maintenance of some roads which are within the boundaries of Precinct 2.

The tradeoffs were an attempt to make a better use of limited equipment and manpower in road maintenance.

Mileage figures presented to the

commission Monday showed:

- Precinct 1: 182 unpaved, 27 paved;
- Precinct 2: 168 unpaved, 7 paved;
- Precinct 3: 244.5 unpaved, 11 paved; and
- Precinct 4: 334.5 unpaved, 17.5 paved.

The commissioners also decided not to delve into the Fiscal 1999 county budget until Latham is able to participate in the discussions.

Betzen, however, did say the commission needs to take for possible reductions in the sheriff's and extension service budgets.

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# Lifestyles

Ann Landers

## Inheritance is gift, not entitlement

Dear Ann Landers: This letter is in response to "Hurt and Poor in San Diego." She is the woman who felt that her mother should have given her part of the proceeds from the sale of the family home after her father died. (Her mother had remarried.) "San Diego" asked for your opinion to help put things in the proper perspective. Well, Ann, I have quite another perspective. I am sick and tired of people who feel they are entitled to something simply because they happen to be related.

It is very important for my peace of mind to know that my mother has a secure retirement and that she will be well cared for in her old age. At present, while I am working on plans for my own retirement, I am also trying to figure out how I am going to provide for my mother. She will be facing her retirement years in the not-too-distant future.

"San Diego" should consider herself fortunate that she does not need to worry about her mother's financial situation. That daughter should stop being so concerned about money that is not hers to begin with. Inherited money should be viewed as a pleasant surprise or an unexpected gift -- not an entitlement. Sign me -- A Mind of My Own in Austin, Texas.

Dear Austin: I like your style. Thanks for voicing my sentiments so precisely. Would it surprise you to know that you and I are definitely in the minority? Most people think differently and start with that "blood is thicker than water" adage.

Dear Ann Landers: We brought home a beautiful, healthy baby from the hospital and were surprised several weeks later to find a red spot on his forehead. Our doctor told us it was a birthmark called strawberry hemangioma. Our older daughter also had one but in a much less noticeable place. The doctor said the spot would get bigger for a while but would eventually fade and disappear.

I have been floored by some of the comments people have made about that birthmark. For example: "Oh, did he bump his head?" And less polite remarks, such as, "That thing on his head is getting bigger." "I hope that's just lipstick," and my personal favorite, "It's not the kind that turns cancerous, is it?"

Here is some information on strawberry hemangiomas. Obviously, a great many people need to be educated. Hemangiomas usually appear shortly after birth and have a red, raised, bumpy texture. They may be smaller than a dime or as large as a coaster. They consist of immature vascular materials that have broken away from the circulatory system. These "birthmarks" are quite common. One out of every 10 babies has one somewhere on his or her body.

These birthmarks will grow for a while, but then, they will begin to fade. Generally, they disappear completely by the time the child is 5 years of age. Treatment is usually not recommended, except in extreme cases.

I hope this information will help educate your readers so they will not feel the need to ask tactless questions. -- Nameless, Of Course, on the East Coast

Dear East Coast: Your letter is extremely informative, and I'm sure it will prevent countless people from asking questions that could be hurtful. My office contacted Dr. Jerome Garden, a dermatologist at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago. He said about 50 percent of these birthmarks disappear by age 5 and 90 percent by age 9. Those around the eyes, mouth or diaper area, however, may need treatment with steroids or laser. His advice was to check all such birthmarks carefully and follow your pediatrician's advice. Thank you for all the folks you educated today.

Gem of the Day (Credit: Ogden Nash): Confidence is the feeling you have before you really understand the problem.

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KELLY AUDEL  
...manager, Red Cross Tri County chapter

## Auel to be presented as new Red Cross manager

Kelly Auel, new chapter manager of the Tri County chapter of the American Red Cross, will be introduced to the membership during the annual meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. June 30 at Hereford Community Center.

Auel was recently hired to manage the local chapter which serves Deaf Smith, Parmer and Castro counties. She moved to Hereford from Odessa in September 1997.

Her husband, James, is a web page

design and maintenance broadcast consultant. They have three children, Beamer, 12; Janene, 10; and Alexander, 9.

The Tri County chapter annual meeting is open to all members of the Red Cross, as well as friends and supporters in the community.

Included on the agenda will be election of board members, presentation of volunteer appreciation awards and naming of two volunteers of the year.

## Hospital Notes

Patients in Hereford Regional Medical Center on June 22:

Lilia G. Arredondo, Bonnie J. Cole, Edelia Flores and infant boy Flores, Minnie Kelso, Patricia A. Larson, Alfredo Lopez, Dorothy Minchew, Margaret A. Moffett, Patricia A. Nunnally, Mary B. Treinen.

Patients on June 23:

Lilia G. Arredondo, Frank E. Clements, Bonnie J. Cole, Minnie Kelso, Patricia A. Larson, Alfredo Lopez, Dorothy Minchew, Margaret A. Moffett, Patricia A. Nunnally, Mary B. Treinen.



The average American uses more than 30 pounds of soap and detergents a year.

## Seminar scheduled for professional caregivers

Caregivers and caregiving professionals are invited to participate in "A Caring Community Resources for Eldercare" conference scheduled for June 25 at the Texas A&M Research & Extension Center in Amarillo.

Conference participants will (1) develop a sensitivity to aging; (2) learn how to access caregiving resources and services; and (3) explore techniques for and understand the importance of caring for the caregiver.

Dr. Jan Weaver will lead off the conference at 9:30 a.m. with a session on "Sensitivity to Aging."

"Caring for the Caregiver" is the lead-off session for the afternoon beginning at 1:45 p.m. Dr. David Freed, with the Department of Neuropsychiatry at the Texas Tech University Health Science Center in Lubbock will be the featured speaker.

James Wester and Ginger Nelson, attorneys with Underwood, Wilson, Berry, Stein, and Johnson will discuss "Estate Planning - What Every Caregiver Needs to Know."

Rounding out the conference will be a presentation by Wynon Mayes, retired Randall County Extension Agent, focusing on the value of humor in reducing stress and coping with the challenges of aging.

The conference will begin at 8:30 a.m. with registration and a variety of exhibits and will conclude by 4:45 p.m. There will be a registration fee of \$15 per person and \$23 if CEU's are desired.

This offering provides 5.4 contact hours for nurses. Amarillo College is approved as a provider of continuing education in nursing by the Texas Nurses Association, which is accredited as an approver of continuing education in nursing by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

For more information, contact Donna Brauchi, District Extension Director for Family and Consumer Sciences at 806-359-5401 or Beverly K. Harder, Deaf Smith County Extension Agent for Family & Consumer Sciences at 806-364-3573.

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## Hints from Heloise

Dear Heloise: What can one do with those outdated road maps from the glove compartment? They are not only colorful, but interesting as well. Many are too good to throw in the wastebasket.

Why not cut them up, about 10-by-10 inches, and, with two folds and a little paper glue, make an envelope? It's easy to do and fun. I am sure the recipient will be impressed. — Fred Sloatman, New Bern, N.C.

Your envelope is darling! Remember, a legal- or business-size envelope should measure 9-1/2-by-4-1/8 inches, according to specifications set by the United States Postal Service. And, use a large mailing label so the address can be easily read. — Heloise

**CHECKBOOK REGISTER**  
Dear Heloise: In order to keep my checkbook legible, I record the checks and deposits in ink but do the math in pencil. Mistakes are easy to erase and correct without making a mess. — Cindy Geisen, Santa Claus, Ind.

**WALL CALENDARS**  
Dear Heloise: My brother-in-law came up with this nifty idea. I received more than one photographic

wall calendar last Christmas so he suggested hanging one displaying the current month, and a second one a month ahead. Now I can see at a glance upcoming appointments and other important dates. No more birthdays are forgotten and I get to enjoy two different pictures at once! — Miss Charlie Bennett, Cypress, Texas

**SPECIAL BAPTISM GOWN**  
Dear Heloise: Our son and daughter-in-law had their first child in March. The grandmothers took their wedding gowns of 1957 and 1962 to a seamstress who is making a christening outfit (dress, slip, jacket and bonnet).

The seamstress embroidered the back of the slip with our granddaughter's name and birth date. Each succeeding user is to have their name and birth date embroidered on the slip.

The priest for the baptism was so impressed that he is going to bless the dress to be used by future family members as part of a family history. — Cathy Dwyer (for both grandmothers), Freedom, N.H.

### ODDS-AND-ENDS PLATES

Dear Heloise: I've never written before but have read your column for years.

Now that it's garage-sale season, pick up odds-and-ends plates and platters to use when sharing your cooking or baking with someone else, especially when making food for after-funeral get-togethers. You'll never have to worry about not getting back some precious plate or part of an expensive set. Stock up on a half-dozen or so and they'll probably last you forever. — June Lembke, Geneva, N.Y.

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## America's Drug Problem Is Not As Big As You Think.



It can start as a dare. Or youthful curiosity. Or it may be a way to escape problems at home. Whatever the reason, studies show that an alarming number of young children are trying drugs. Unfortunately, too many parents still do not believe that their children are at risk.

The truth is, it's never too early to start teaching your kids about the dangers of drugs.

If you are not sure how to talk to them, call the Texas Prevention Partnership at 1-800-269-4237 and ask for the free booklet called "Growing Up Drug-Free - A Parent's Guide to Prevention." Call today because if you don't take care of little problems, they can easily grow into big ones.



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### Gone fishin'

Residents of Hereford Care Center celebrated Father's Day on Friday with hot dogs and an afternoon of "fishing" in the dining room using a magnet fishing pole to attract the paper fish fitted with hooks. Earlier in the day, the men tried their hands at real fishing at the Aquatic Center pond where they caught several catfish and a goldfish. Pictured are, from left, Cruz Villareal, Charles Newell, Dolores Montez and Bob Klaus.

## Today in History

**By The Associated Press**  
Today is Tuesday, June 23, the 174th day of 1998. There are 191 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**  
On June 23, 1938, the Civil Aeronautics Authority was established.

**On this date:**  
In 1836, Congress approved the Deposit Act, which contained a provision for turning over surplus federal revenue to the states.

In 1868, Christopher Latham Sholes received a patent for an invention he called a "Type-Writer."

In 1931, aviators Wiley Post and Harold Gatty took off from New York on the first round-the-world flight in a single-engine plane.

In 1947, the Senate joined the House in overriding President Truman's veto of the Taft-Hartley Act.

In 1956, Gamal Abdel Nasser was elected president of Egypt.

In 1967, President Johnson and Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin held the first of two meetings in Glassboro, N.J.

In 1969, Warren E. Burger was

sworn in as chief U.S. justice by the man he was succeeding, Earl Warren.

In 1972, President Nixon and White House chief of staff H.R. Haldeman discussed a plan to use the CIA to obstruct the FBI's Watergate investigation. (Revelation of the tape recording of this conversation sparked Nixon's resignation in 1974.)

In 1985, all 329 people aboard an Air-India Boeing 747 were killed when the plane crashed into the Atlantic Ocean near Ireland, apparently because of a bomb.

Ten years ago: Pope John Paul II began his second papal visit to Austria, where he met with President Kurt Waldheim, despite controversy over Waldheim's alleged involvement in Nazi war crimes.

Five years ago: In a case that drew widespread attention, Lorena Bobbitt of Prince William County, Va., sexually mutilated her husband, John, after he allegedly raped her. (John Bobbitt was later acquitted of marital sexual assault; Lorena Bobbitt was later acquitted of malicious wounding by reason of insanity.)

One year ago: Civil rights activist Betty Shabazz, the widow of

Malcolm X, died in New York of burns suffered in a fire set by her 12-year-old grandson; she was 61. (Malcolm Shabazz was sentenced to 18 months at a Massachusetts facility specializing in young arsonists.)

Today's Birthdays: Advertising executive David Ogilvy is 87. Former Secretary of State William P. Rogers is 85. Actress Irene Worth is 82. Singer June Carter Cash is 69. Singer Diana Trask is 58. Musical conductor James Levine is 55. Rhythm-and-blues singer Rosetta Hightower (The Orlons) is 54. Actor Ted Shackelford is 52. Actor Bryan Brown is 51. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas is 50. Actress Frances McDormand is 41. Actress Karin Gustafson ("Taps") is 39. Rock musician Steve Shelley (Sonic Youth) is 36. Actor Paul La Greca is 36. Singer Chico DeBarge is 28. Rhythm-and-blues singer Virgo Williams (Ghostowns DJs) is 23.

Thought for Today: "It is not the fact of liberty but the way in which liberty is exercised that ultimately determines whether liberty itself survives." - Dorothy Thompson, American journalist (1894-1961).

## To Your Good Health

**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:** Recently, after experiencing congestive heart failure, I was diagnosed as having primary amyloidosis. Chemotherapy has been prescribed. I am apprehensive about taking chemotherapy because of the side effects. Has this treatment been proven effective? — C.K.

**ANSWER:** Amyloid is a gooey protein made by plasma cells. Like lava from an erupting volcano, amyloid oozes into many body organs and disrupts their function. In your case, it is the heart.

Symptoms depend on which organ takes the brunt of amyloid deposits. Formerly, treatment with mephalan — a chemotherapy drug — along with prednisone, and colchicine were standard treatments. Even though a chemotherapy drug is used, amyloidosis does not involve cancer.

A new, effective treatment that employs high doses of mephalan in-

travenously wipes out the offending plasma cells. The treatment also wipes out the bone marrow's blood-producing cells. Because of that, stem cells are taken from the patient before treatment begins. Stem cells are primitive cells that repopulate the marrow with normal, blood-forming cells.

If the mephalan intravenous treatment is not available locally, try writing to Dr. Martha Skinner, Amyloid Treatment Program, Boston University School of Medicine, 715 Albany St., Boston, MA 02118. Skinner is a pioneer in amyloidosis treatment.

If you have access to the Internet, point your Web browser to <http://medicine.bu.edu/>. The Web site explains the salient details of the new treatment.

I have not dwelt here on other forms of amyloidosis, only with primary amyloidosis, which springs up on its own and is not associated with any other disease.

**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:** I get terrible problems with vaginal rashes, which are quite painful. The last time I got one, it came after my partner used a condom. I'm wondering if there is any connection. — L.R.

**ANSWER:** There can be a connection between the condom and the rash. Most condoms are made from latex. Since the advent of the AIDS epidemic, the use of latex gloves and latex condoms is at an all-time high. The increased latex use has spawned another epidemic: latex allergy.

Switch contraceptive barriers to one made from synthetic rubber or sheep's intestinal walls.

Need I add that there are many other candidates for vaginal rashes, including the yeast Candida, the one-cell organism Trichomonas, and the bacterium Gardnerella? A microscopic look at vaginal secretions can detect their presence.

## Common sense planning can produce lawn worthy of envy

By BRIAN BETHEL  
Abilene Reporter-News

ABILENE, Texas - Despite conventional wisdom about the grass always being greener someplace else, most homeowners are more concerned with the way their own lawn looks.

Maintaining a good covering can be a chore, but gardening experts say it doesn't have to be that way.

In fact, with a bit of common-sense planning and work, you can have a lawn that's worthy of envy.

"There are a few things you can do that will make the results you want to achieve much easier," said Boyd King, owner of Lawn King landscaping company. "In fact, the ultimate goal is to get the turf to do a lot of the work for you."

### CUTTING TO THE CHASE

One of the easiest rules to remember, King said, is to only cut the top third of grass (about an inch) with each cutting.

"Any more 'shocks' the grass," he said. "You should mow regularly, about once a week, but don't make the mistake of cutting off too much."

For most lawns, the optimum grass height is two inches, according to information provided by Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse and Briggs & Stratton.

A sharp mower blade should be used to prevent injury to the grass, and clippings should be left on the lawn. They decompose quickly and put nutrients back into the soil.

Cut your lawn about once a week, moving in different patterns to avoid permanent ridges.

### KEEPING FERTILE

There are two schools of thought on fertilizers: Organic and inorganic. Both have advantages and disadvantages that may influence your decision to use a particular type.

If you go the organic route, be certain to aerate the soil a few times each season, using either a machine or the sweat of your own brow to poke holes a quarter-inch to half-an-inch wide, said Sterling Beck of Evergreen Landscape Co.

That allows air and water to enter the soil more freely, as well as fertilizers.

Rock minerals can aid in feeding the soil, creating a better grade of growing material overall. Composting can help introduce microorganisms into the soil that will feed the plants and keep the soil healthy.

If you are using a non-organic fertilizer, King said to make certain that you introduce some trace minerals into the soil. There are several fertilizers available with a good mix of such nutrients, he said.

"That's important because it helps the plants grow so much better," he said. "It ensures that the grass will get the nutrition it needs to stay healthy."

### THE ROOTS OF THE PROBLEM

Developing good roots is another must for those who want a healthy lawn.

To do this, though, you don't need to saturate your yard with water. Instead, water fewer times per week - anywhere from one to three times, depending on your preference and the amount of water you plan to put into your soul - and then let the grass take

its own course.

"That forces roots to go down in search of water," Beck said. "Thus, they will be come set deeper into the soil, which creates several advantages."

A good, healthy root structure will give you a better quality of grass than a lawn with poor roots, he said.

If you water every day, then you run the risk of having plants with very shallow roots, King said.

"If you water deeply, then as the top layers grow dry, the roots will go 'looking' for the water," he said. "It makes for much better grass."

Watering your lawn early in the morning can help reduce evaporation.

### FIGHTING THE GOOD FIGHT

If you take care of your lawn, it will eventually start to take care of you, King said.

"Once you establish a thick, healthy turf, then weeds shouldn't be a problem," he said. "A good covering shades the soil, and prevents any weed seeds that hit the ground from germinating."

It is work to get and maintain a good lawn, Beck said. But it's certainly not impossible.

And along with healthy grass, if you do it right, you can have all sorts of glorious plant life that will prove beyond all doubt your newfound green thumb.

"The same principles apply for shrubs, trees, vegetables or whatever you might want to grow," he said. "They all take in the same nutrients, basically, so if you're doing one right, then they should all thrive."

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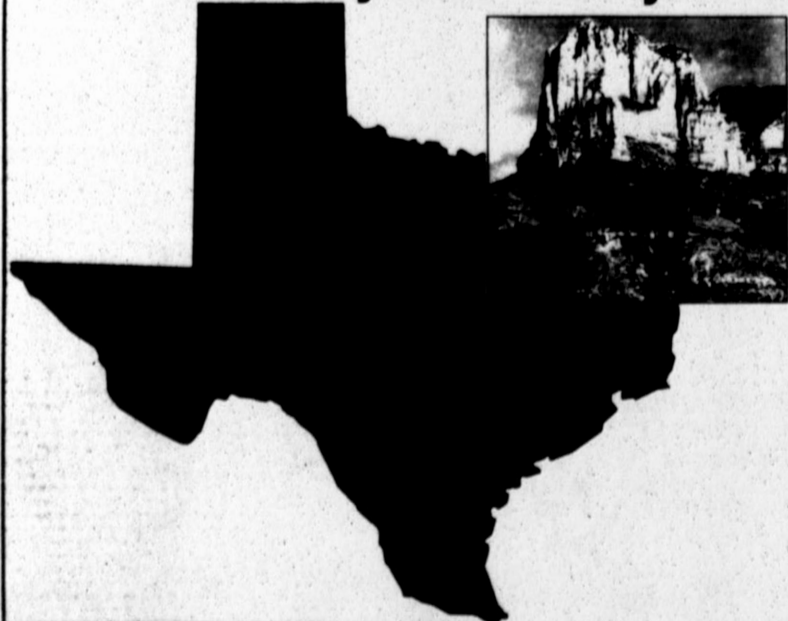
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# Sports

## COOLING OFF PERIOD



The first day of the Hereford High School summer tennis camp wasn't all serves and volleys. With the help of other camp participants, Nelson Beville (right) helps another participant cool off after the afternoon session Monday that was conducted in 100-degree heat at Whiteface Courts. About 35 players took part in the two sessions of the tennis camp, according to coach Ed Coplen. The camp will run in two daily sessions through Thursday at Whiteface Courts.



## Two Herd coaches to resign

**From staff reports**  
Two Hereford coaches are expected to resign their positions, Hereford Independent School District boys athletic director Craig Yenzler said Monday.  
Baseball coach Pete Rodriguez and boys and girls golf coach Stacey Bixler have indicated to Yenzler their intentions to resign their positions and move into unspecified HISD administrative positions, Yenzler said. Rodriguez is also expected to resign his position as an assistant varsity football coach, Yenzler said.  
Neither Bixler nor Rodriguez returned calls from the *Hereford Brand* seeking comment Monday night. Calls to the HISD administrative offices Monday night went unanswered.  
Yenzler said a search for a replacement for Rodriguez began Monday. Yenzler said he hoped a new baseball coach would be hired within

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## Trojans 1st at tourney

**From staff reports**  
WOLFFORTH -- The Texas Trojans got 28 points from Dominique Perkins and 26 from Jimmy Woodring to win the varsity division of the Tiger Tipoff Classic with a 94-78 win over Burk Burnett Sunday.  
Slade Hodges added 19 points and Cody Hodges 13 points for the Trojans in the victory.  
The Trojans advanced to the title game with a 73-52 decision over Borden County after routing I.ubcock Cooper 83-40 in their first-round game.  
Cody Hodges led the Trojans in scoring in both the first and second games, collecting 19 points against Cooper and 17 points against Borden County. Perkins added 17 points in the Cooper game and 16 points against Borden County.

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Photo by Julius Bodner

Slade Hodges of the Texas Trojans and Chase Arbeiter of Nuff Said battle for rebounding position during a recent AAU game in Amarillo. Hodges scored 19 points in the Trojans 94-78 win over Burk Burnett Sunday in Wolfforth.

## Minnesota shoots down Astros, 5-3

HOUSTON (AP) -- Eric Milton won for the first time since May 15 and Terry Steinbach homered Monday night to lead the Minnesota Twins past the Houston Astros, 5-3.  
Milton (4-6) allowed two runs and two hits in 6 2-3 innings. The left-hander, who won his major league debut on April 5, had four no-decisions and two losses since beating the Yankees last month.

Rick Aguilera pitched the ninth for his 15th save.  
Jose Lima (7-4), the first six-game winner in the NL, continued to struggle. He gave up four runs and eight hits in seven innings.  
Steinbach hit his fourth homer in the second inning and Matt Lawton's RBI double in the third made it 2-0. Lawton added an RBI double in the ninth off Reggie Harris to give the

Astros a 5-3 lead.  
The Twins scored two more in the fourth on consecutive run-scoring singles by Dennis Hocking and Milton, his first career RBI.  
Houston rallied in the seventh after two were out. Milton walked Carl Everett and was charged with walking Sean Berry before Ausmus connected for his third homer.

## RED DUSK British sun sets on Kafelnikov, Kournikova

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) -- Wimbledon lost two title contenders on opening day when Anna Kournikova withdrew because of a thumb injury and Yevgeny Kafelnikov was ousted in the first round.  
While Pete Sampras, Andre Agassi, Steffi Graf and Monica Seles were among winners Monday, Kournikova said she could not play because of torn and strained ligaments in her right thumb.  
She will be unable to play or practice for at least three weeks.  
"I was hoping a miracle would happen or it would get better," she said. "But this morning when I woke up it was very difficult for me to move the finger."  
The 17-year-old Russian, a 1997 Wimbledon semifinalist and No. 12 seed this year, hurt herself last Thursday during one of her biggest victories -- a three-set win over Graf at Eastbourne.  
Kournikova, whose glamour has made her the focus of tabloid coverage in Britain, skipped the rest of the Eastbourne event in what was originally described as a "precautionary" move. But further checks revealed a more serious injury.  
Kournikova was replaced in the draw by American "lucky loser" Lilia Osterloh.  
"I'm very sad about it," the

## WIMBLEDON GLANCE

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) -- A brief look at the opening day of Wimbledon:  
**Weather:** Sunny with occasional dark clouds. High of 72 degrees.  
**Attendance:** 33,838.  
**Results:** Men's first-round winners: No. 1 Pete Sampras, No. 3 Petr Korda, No. 12 Tim Henman, No. 13 Andre Agassi, No. 16 Felix Mantilla.  
Women's first-round winners: No. 2 Lindsay Davenport, No. 4 Steffi Graf, No. 6 Monica Seles, No. 8 Conchita Martinez, No. 9 Amanda Coetzer, No. 15 Dominique Van Roost, No. 12 Anna Kournikova withdrew with a thumb injury.  
**Upsets:** No. 7 Yevgeny Kafelnikov by Mark Philippoussis, No. 10 Alex Corretja by Justin Gimelstob, No. 11 Mary Pierce by Elena Tatarokova.  
Russian said. "This is my favorite tournament. I feel like I could do well on grass. I was getting ready for it the whole year."  
Another Russian, seventh-seeded Kafelnikov, lost on Centre Court to big-serving Australian Mark Ljilja Osterloh.  
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## Benes blanks Texas

ARLINGTON (AP) -- Facing baseball's top hitting club, Andy Benes had a simple plan: Keep the ball down.  
Benes did just that, allowing six hits in eight shutout innings Monday night to lead the Arizona Diamondbacks to a 6-0 win over the Texas Rangers.  
Benes (6-7) stayed ahead of the hitters and got a few breaks to help the expansion Diamondbacks get their second shutout.  
"With this lineup, there is a small margin for error," said Benes, who allowed just two runners past first. "It's the kind of lineup where if you get the ball up, you're going to pay. They hit some balls sharp, but they just happened to be right at people. I was able to keep the ball down and got a few breaks."  
By keeping the ball down, Benes was able to do what no team had been able to do for 91 games -- blank Texas.  
The Rangers, who entered the

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# Golf's young guns anything but heroic at Olympic

## THE 98TH U.S. OPEN

**By RON SIRAK**  
AP Golf Writer  
SAN FRANCISCO -- The air of anticipation going into the U.S. Open was that this would finally be the one.  
This would be the major championship when Tiger Woods, Ernie Els, Justin Leonard and David Duval shoot it out down the stretch.  
As in the three previous Opens at The Olympic Club, the course provided a scintillating finish. But the young lions of the game were nowhere to be seen.  
Instead, there was Lee Janzen, 33, overtaking and then holding off Payne Stewart, 41. That those two have won two major championships each yet are not among the marquee names just shows how many good golfers there are.  
A year ago, the under-30 crowd won the Masters (Woods), U.S. Open (Els) and British Open (Leonard).  
But Mark O'Meara, 41, won the

Masters this year. And the best of the young crowd at Olympic was Duval and Lee Westwood of England, who finished seven strokes behind Janzen and were never factors.  
Phil Mickelson was eight back, Jim Furyk was nine behind, Woods was 10 off the pace, Leonard finished 14 behind and Els, a two-time Open winner, was 16 back.  
"It's very disappointing," Els said after his 76 on Sunday. "I wanted to defend my championship better. I think I've had more bogeys this week than I've had all year."  
Even though Els has won the tournament twice, it was clear that of the four majors, the U.S. Open is the one in which patience and

experience mean the most.  
"I'm still trying to grasp it and learn about how I'm going to approach it next year," said a dazed Duval.  
Perhaps the one with the most explaining to do is Woods, who after winning the Masters by 12

strokes last year was perhaps unfairly expected to contend in every major, if not win them all.  
"It's very disappointing. I wanted to defend my championship better. I think I've had more bogeys this week than I've had all year."  
-- Ernie Els  
But since his Masters win, Woods has played his last 20 rounds in majors at 19 over par. The only time he has broken 70 was a 3-under 67 in the second

round of the U.S. Open at Congressional, and a 7-under 64 in the third round of the British Open.  
Since that third round at Royal Troon, Woods has gone 13 straight rounds without breaking 70 at major championships.  
The only major where he was under par through 72 holes was at the Masters. He had four rounds in the 70s, but his 3-under 285 was 15 strokes higher than the previous year.  
Even he seemed somewhat confused.  
"I played pretty good this week," Woods said. "I hung in there. I pitched out. I just missed some putts."  
But he also lost control at times and even the slightest letdown in a

U.S. Open, with its ankle-deep rough, narrow fairways and brutally fast greens can spell disaster.  
A perfect example was on the final hole of the tournament. Woods had a 7-foot putt for birdie and walked off the green with a bogey.  
Janzen and Stewart are perfect examples of the kinds of players who do well at the Open. They never try to impose their will on the course. They take advantage of their opportunities and accept the consequences of their mistakes.  
Stewart hit a perfect drive on No. 12 in the final round and ended up in a sand-filled divot.  
"It was the first fairway I had hit in a while and sure enough I was in a bunker," he said.  
Janzen played the final 15 holes at 4 under par and erased a seven-stroke deficit.  
"Lee Janzen shot a 68," Stewart said. "No one who was in

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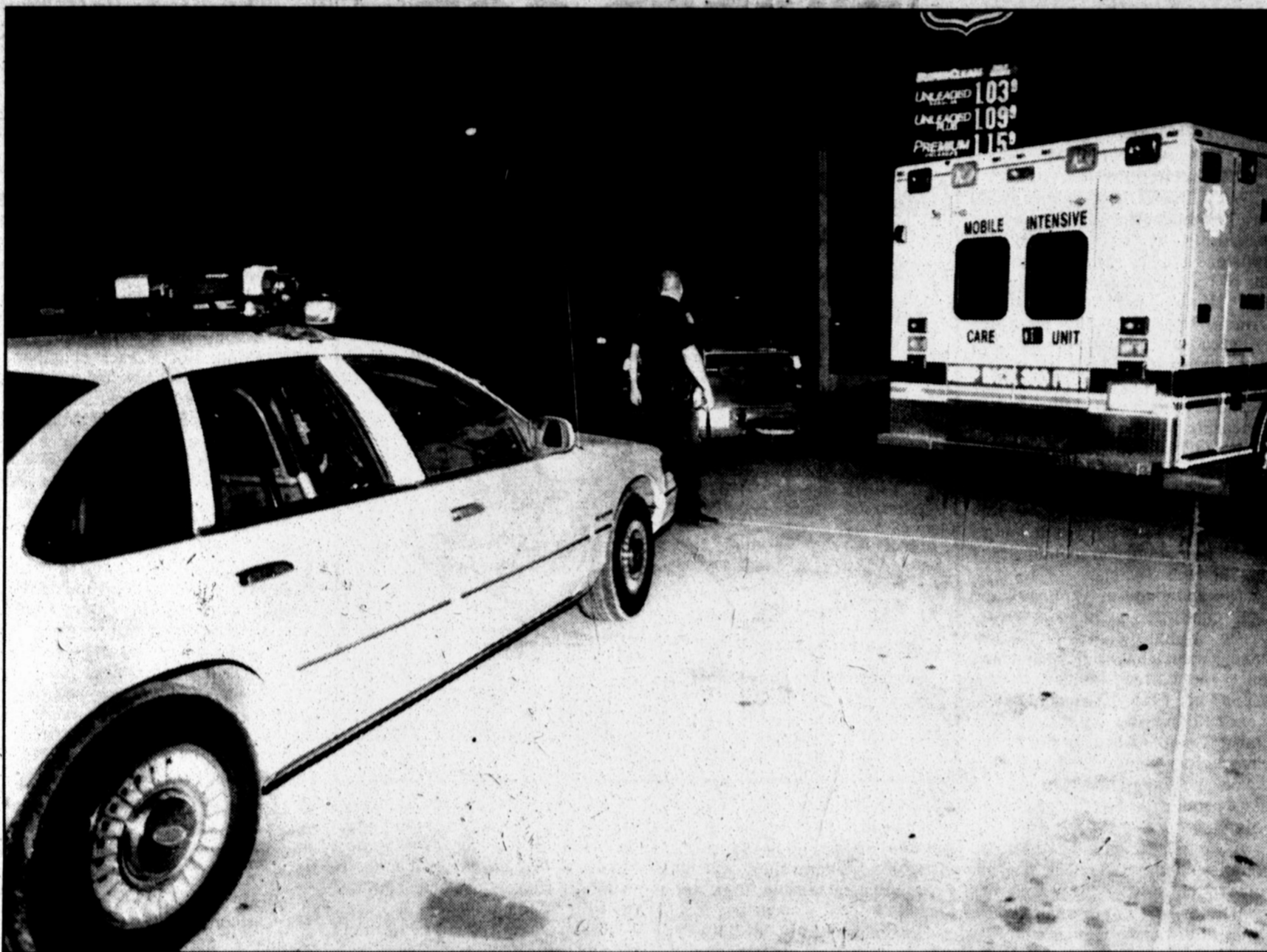


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### Fight result

A fight resulted in the 100 block of Lake Street Saturday evening when three teens driving a pickup claim their truck was hit by other throwing items at the vehicle. The teens confronted

the rock throwers and a fight ensued. Police report only minor injuries from the fight, but the drivers of the pickup refused to file charges against the attackers.

## Tax writer promotes capital gains break

WASHINGTON (AP) - Investors would qualify for the lower capital gains tax a lot faster under a measure the chairman of the House tax-writing panel wants to attach to the Internal Revenue Service bill pending in Congress.

The proposal by House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Archer, R-Texas, could set up a last-minute confrontation over the IRS bill with the Clinton administration. But the administration and Democrats were quiet Monday, which several sources said was an indication they wouldn't oppose a reduction in the capital gains holding period.

It also signaled that issues unrelated to the IRS bill - ranging from a package of technical corrections for the highway spending bill to a new commission to fix Social Security - could be tacked on to the bill. This was creating confusion about the bill's scope and was slowing down work on the final product, possibly postponing final passage until after July.

So far, the Clinton administration has reacted positively to the compromise IRS legislation announced last week that would strengthen taxpayers' rights and oversight of the agency.

The Treasury Department last year pushed strongly for an 18-month holding period before investors would qualify for the reduced 20 percent capital gains tax. Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin argued then that the delay would discourage speculative trading. The House and Senate bills had a 12-month holding period.

Archer wants the holding period reduced from 18 months to 12

months, and is expected to bring up the matter as lawmakers put the finishing touches on the IRS overhaul bill.

"Chairman Archer supports simplification of the capital gains form and thinks it's appropriate to do so as part of the IRS legislation," said Archer spokesman Ari Fleischer.

Some Democrats, including Sen. Bob Kerrey, D-Nebr., also may support a reduction in the capital gains holding period under certain circumstances. Kerrey would support the plan as an alternative to a provision that would pay for the bill by allowing elderly investors to convert existing IRAs into so-called Roth IRAs.

"He's willing to entertain alternative proposals," said Kerrey spokesman Mike Marinello. Shortening the capital gains holding period would raise \$500 million in the first year but lose \$700 million over five years.

The idea is backed by House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga.

"The speaker supports reducing the holding period from 18 months to 12 months and will be looking for any opportunity to do so, including in capital gains legislation he will introduce on Wednesday," said Gingrich spokeswoman Christina Martin.

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## NEWS

### in brief

#### Quayle says he'll likely run for president

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. (AP) - Former Vice President Dan Quayle said he's probably going to make a run for the White House in 2000.

The Republican told reporters Monday that it's not too early to discuss his presidential ambitions.

"I'm obviously going to wait until 1999 (to announce), but it's likely that I will run for president in the year 2000," he said.

Quayle was in Bloomington for a fund-raising dinner for Illinois House Republicans. A crowd of around 225 paid \$100 each to attend the dinner, while others doled out \$1,000 apiece for a private reception and photo with Quayle.

#### Interest rates mixed in Treasury auction

WASHINGTON (AP) - Interest rates on short-term Treasury securities were mixed in Monday's auction.

The Treasury Department sold \$5.78 billion in three-month bills at an average discount rate of 4.990 percent, down from 5.010 percent last week. An additional \$7.26 billion was sold in six-month bills at an average rate of 5.120 percent, up from 5.065 percent.

The three-month rate was the lowest since June 1, when the bills sold for 4.945 percent. The six-month rate was the highest since June 8, when the average was 5.155.

#### Report: White House lays out new protections for Medicare

NEW YORK (AP) - Proclaiming the biggest change in Medicare's history, the Clinton administration has laid out new protections for the health care program's 38 million beneficiaries, *The New York Times* reported today.

The new rules require health plans to guarantee that Medicare patients have access to specialists, keep medical records confidential and provide interpreters to those who need them. The rules are scheduled to be published Friday and take effect 30 days later.

The regulations - intended to set "uniform national performance standards" - are tighter than those governing private health insurance companies in many states and strengthen the protections in a 1997 Medicare law.

#### Analysts can't explain butter shortage

NEW YORK (AP) - Eating healthy may get a lot easier this summer. A hard-to-explain butter shortage is driving up prices for fatty foods including ice cream, cheese, cream cheese and baked goods like croissants, *The Wall Street Journal* reported today.

Analysts say the shortage, which is causing the price of milk butterfat to rise, may be caused by anything from federal export subsidies to a growing demand for sweet, buttery foods.

While dairy farmers are welcoming the price increase, consumers and food companies may lose out.

With Grade AA butter's wholesale price at \$1.95 on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange - compared with around \$1.12 at the start of the year - supermarket prices could be \$3 a pound this summer, the *Journal* said.

#### Albanian soldiers still not returned after leaving exercises

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. (AP) - Three Albanian soldiers were still unaccounted for this morning after they and 11 comrades walked away from NATO-sponsored training exercises at this Marine Corps base.

The soldiers began disappearing last week. One of three found at a bus station in Kinston, 40 miles north of Camp Lejeune, said they did not want to return to Albania because there was no freedom.

Three men took a cab 350 miles from Kinston to Philadelphia, where they were eventually caught at the home of one soldier's cousin. Five others were found Saturday walking along a highway.

#### Coroner: Greyhound driver appeared healthy, sober

HUNTINGDON, Pa. (AP) - A bus driver whose Greyhound veered off the Pennsylvania Turnpike and smashed into a parked tractor-trailer was sober and apparently healthy before the accident, an autopsy found.

The driver, Milton S. Wisner, his wife and an 8-year-old boy they had helped raise were among seven people killed early Saturday in the crash that happened as Wisner was making his final run before retiring.

"We know he didn't have a stroke at this point, at least no signs of a stroke or a tumor. We could see no heart blockages or anything acute which could indicate a heart attack," said Huntingdon County Coroner Dan Quarry, who witnessed the autopsy performed Sunday. "We also know that he was not intoxicated."

Wisner, 61, of Boothwyn, Pa., died of "massive crushing type trauma to his entire body," Quarry said Monday.

#### Phony guard takes off with store's receipts

TROY, Mich. (AP) - He looked like the guard from the armored car company, right down to his holstered pistol and the uniform. So the manager of the bed-and-bath supplies store handed over the day's cash.

The manager realized he had been fooled by an impostor about three hours later on Saturday, when the real guard showed up.

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