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Nation's central documents face new perils

By Lawrence L. Knutson

The Associated Press When the courier rode in from Chesapeake Bay with a British invasion force at his heels, State Department clerk Stephen Pleasonton understood the urgency of his message and wasted no time.

On that steamy afternoon in August 1814, Pleasonton found a stock of raw linen, had it hastily stitched into large bags and stuffed them with every state paper and important book he could reach, beginning with the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

The bagged documents were loaded on a cart and driven away from the approaching army. They spent the first night of the journey hidden in an unused grist mill on the Potomac River.

By Aug. 24, when fires set by British troops were consuming the timbers of the Capitol and White House, the rescued documents were arriving at safe haven in Leesburg, Va., 35 miles northwest of Washington.

Two centuries later, government officials, archivists and preservation experts still worry about the security of the ink-on-parchment documents they collectively call "the charters."

Hostile British soldiers are no longer a concern. The modern-era perils these documents face range from terrorism to air pollution to deteriorating ink. And their custodians are designing systems to keep them from harm for centuries, perhaps a millennium.

These charters are the physical emblems of the ideas on which American representative democracy is built: The Bill of Rights spelling out in-'dividual freedoms; the Constitution with its governmenand weights and counterweights; the Declaration of Independence, which a historian for the National Archives calls "perhaps the most masterfully written state paper of Western civilization."

Of the three, the Declaration of Independence has suffered the most, mainly because there has never been a time in its 223 years that the American people have not

wanted to see it. Reproductions took their toll. The other enemy was prolonged exposure to sunlight.

For most of the last halfcentury the three charters have been displayed in sealed glass frames lowered at night into a vault below the rotunda of the National Archives

building. The arrangement has had its drawbacks. Specialists have been unable to obtain direct access to the documents for

tal clockwork of turning gears decades. And the glass sheets that have been pressing directly against the documents for all those years appear to be slowly deteriorating, creating the possibility of eventual damage to the parchment sur-

> That situation is on the road to change.

This week, the National Archives will unveil test designs of new aluminum and titanium encasements that will enclose the documents in an atmosphere of inert argon gas.

The arrangements will be fine-tuned while the Archives rotunda undergoes extensive renovations over the next few

After manufacture and testing, the new cases will get a tryout period while displaying the rarely shown transmittal page of the Constitution signed by George Washington. The final product will be open for view early in the new

chives says that when these documents are at issue there is only one ultimate goal: "To assure that they will sur-

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Lawrence L. Knutson has reported on Congress, the White House and Washington history for 30 years.

WTRT annual session on tap

Co-op's members to elect directors for Frio, Summerfield, Oklahoma Lane

Special to The Brand

The 45th annual meeting of the membership of West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative will be held March 23 at the Hereford Bull Barn.

The event will feature a catered barbecue dinner at 6. p.m. The business session will begin at 7 p.m. and will be highlighted by the election of directors for the Frio, Summerfield and Oklahoma Lane exchanges.
Incumbent Pat Robbins and

Tommy Sparkman are candidates for the Frio position.

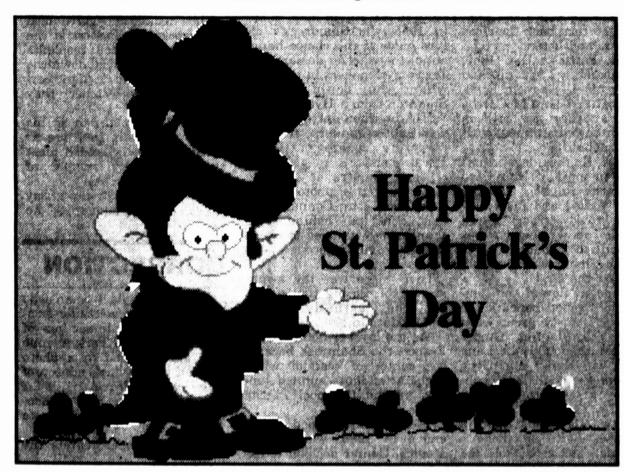
Robbins has served as the Frio exchange director since 1987. A partner in R&P Feed Yard at Frio, he serves on the board of Baptist Community Services for 1999, and is a past president of the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce. He also has served on the board of trustees of High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo. He and his wife, Susan, have three daughters and a son. Susan is principal at Stanton Learning Center in Hereford, working with eight programs for age groups ranging from 3year-olds through 18 and 19year-old high school students.

Sparkman has been a WTRT member since 1964 and operates Sparkman Cattle Co. at Frio. A longtime member of Hereford Young Farmers, he held numerous offices in that organization and worked extensively with the annual livestock show here. He also has worked with fund-raising events for the Easter Lions Club. He and his wife, Patsy, have two sons and a daughter and four grandchildren. Patsy is an insurance representative with AFLAC.

Incumbent J.B. Noland and David Euler are candidates for the Summerfield board position.

Noland has represented the Summerfield exchange on the board since 1975 and has held all board offices. A retired farmer, he and his wife, Bea, have two daughters and a son, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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Economy slips last month

By Don Cooper Hereford Brand Managing Editor

Hereford's economy slid a bit last month, according to the Texas Comptroller's Office.

The city's sales tax rebate payment for March was \$75,641.56, down 1.6 percent from the \$76,874.84 for March 1998. The March figure also was significantly lower than the \$119,647.61 received in Febru-

For the year, Hereford has received \$264,858.68, down 1.6 percent from the \$269,255.15 for the same period last year.

Deaf Smith County received a payment of \$25,831.08, down 1.4 percent from the \$26,207.46 for March 1998. The March payment also was well below the \$43,420.29 for February.

For the year, the county has

received \$92,686.85, a 1.6 percent gain over the same period in 1998.

The comptroller's office delivered a total of \$172.8 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,095 Texas cities and 118 counties, a 5.8 percent increase over the \$163.3 million allocated in March 1998. It also represented a 7.4 percent increase for the first three months of 1999, compared to the same period in 1998.

March's rebates include local sales taxes collected by monthly filers in January and reported to the comptroller's office in February.

Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander delivered monthly sales tax rebates totaling \$159.4 million to Texas cities, 7.8 percent higher than last March's payments of \$147.8 million. Rebates of \$13.4 million to Texas counties were up 13.3 percent down from the \$15.5 million allocated in March 1998. Another \$5 million went to 38 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 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: See REBATES, Page A10

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Local roundup

Family frameworks meetings

School counselors and teachers have introduced a communication and parenting skills program for parents who would like to develop better family and school relations. Sessions will be held from 6-8 p.m. at Bluebonnet on March

22 and 29 and at Aikman April 12 and 19.

Northwest and West Central will be scheduling sessions at a later date, but parents can attend sessions at any campus.

These are bi-lingual meetings and everyone is welcome. For more information please contact the school so arrange-

ments may be made for the meal.

Door prizes, babysitting and a meal will be provided.

EQIP ranking deadlines

The Natural Resources Conservation Service has set the ranking deadlines for the 1999 Environmental Quality Incentive Program.

The first ranking deadline for the 1999 program is March 31, 1999, and a second ranking in deadline is set for July 1.

Applications received before March 31 will be ranked for program eligibility during April. Applications received after March 31 will be ranked after July 1.

To learn more about EQIP or to submit an application contact the local NRCS field office at 364-0530, extension 3.

Today's Weather

Mostly cloudy

Breezy with a 50 percent chance of of afternoon showers and thunderstorms, high mid-50s, wind shifting to the north at 15-25 mph with high

Extended forecast

Thursday, mostly cloudy with a chance of rain or thunderstorms, high in the mid-50s. Friday, partly cloudy, low in the upper 30s, high near 60.

Saturday, partly cloudy, low in the mid-30s, high in the

Tuesday's recap High; 77, low, 40, no precipi-



Trees have arrived -- Windbreak trees, which were ordered earlier this year, arrived at the NRCS office, 317 West Third. and are ready to be picked up. Pat Reily, front, and Mike White. NRCS representatives help unload more than 5,100 trees destined to form windbreaks for buildings and fields. The trees come from the Texas Forest Service in Lubbock and are grown specifically for this area.

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Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for March 16, 1999 include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT Arrests

- A 22-year-old woman was arrested in the 800 block of South 25 Mile Avenue and charged with public intoxication. A 17-year-old woman was arrested in the 800 block of South 25 Mile Avenue and charged with public intoxication. Incidents

A criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of North 25 Mile Avenue.

A criminal mischief was reported in the 1800 block of East

A burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 900

block of West Highway 60.

 Loud music was reported in the 200 block of Avenue E. A theft was reported in the 400 block of East 15th.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

- A 20-year-old woman was arrested and charged with a

warrant for theft of service and a felony forgery warrant. A 46-year-old man was arrested and charged with violation of probation on a forgery conviction.

A 21-year-old man was arrested and charged with violation

of probation on a prohibited sexual contact charge. A 43-year-old man began serving time on a felony driving

while intoxicated conviction.

- A 25-year-old woman was arrested and charged with theft by check

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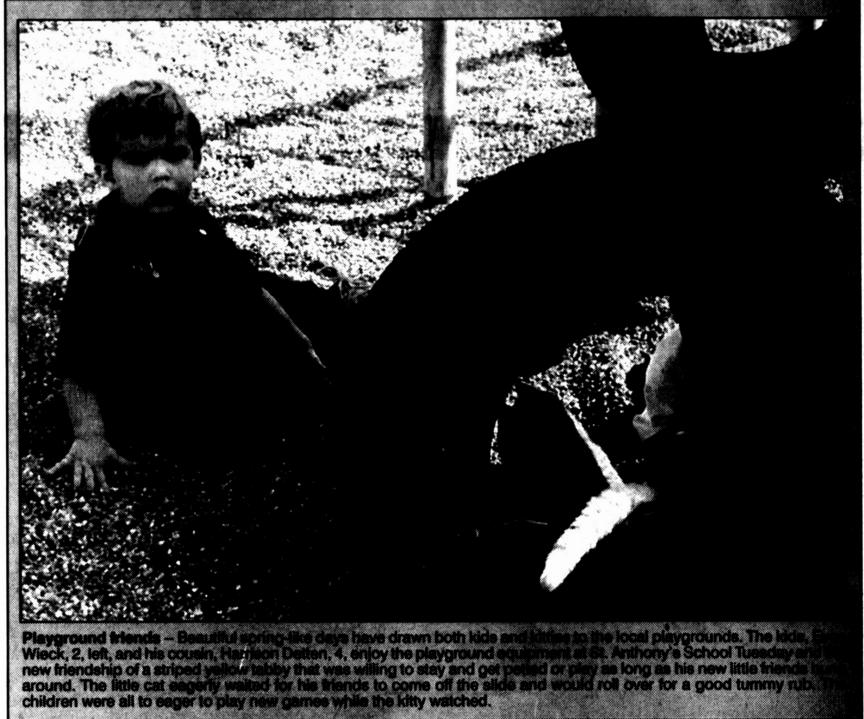
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New bill addresses state dropout rate

AUSTIN (AP) — While the tion of figures for the nine big has fallen to just over 9 percent, figures for the nine largest urban school districts show a much bigger problem, a senator said, touting legislation meant to help keep students in school.

The Texas Education Agency reports that for 1996-97, the latest figures available, 9.1 percent of seventhgraders left before graduating from high school.

Tuesday his staff's examina- track to graduate.

official statewide dropout rate districts shows TEA lost track, on average, of more than 33 percent of students between their freshman and senior vears in high school.

Barrientos called that the "evaporation rate."

When the evaporation rate is added to the reported dropout rate, Barrientos said 47 percent of students had dropped out or disappeared over the three-year period studied. He said that com-But state Sen. Gonzalo pared to 41 percent who had Barrientos, D-Austin, said either graduated or were on

"The bottom line is we are losing half our kids before they graduate," he said. The independent school dis-

tricts included Austin, Dallas, El Paso, Fort Worth, Houston, Ysleta, San Antonio ISD and North East and Northside, both in San Antonio. The study was based on TEA statistics.

"We agree with Sen. Barrientos that the dropout rate in Texas is a problem, and we are working to reduce that rate and to improve our recordkeeping," said TEA spokeswoman Debbie Graves

Mrs. Ratcliffe said that as of the 1998-99 school year, the agency has begun collecting a "leaver record" to get more precise figures on where students go when they leave public schools. Previously, districts only

An audit of TEA released

in 1996 said weak oversight

by the agency had resulted in

a reported dropout rate by

school districts that was less

than half the actual rate.

had been required to report dropout rates and graduation rates, and in this pool of students that the senator has called the evaporation rate are students who have moved out of state or out of the country, or have died, or have gone to home schooling or private schools," she said.

Barrientos has filed bills that would:

 Require the education commissioner to begin adjusting the dropout standard used in ranking schools' performance. The state accountability system ranks schools based on standardized test scores. dropout rates and attendance.

A school currently can have a 30 percent longitudinal rate and still be labeled acceptable. The bill would put that at 5 percent by 2004-2005.

- Revamp the compensatory education program, which is meant to help at-risk stu-

"It is the weakness of the compensatory education system that is the one of the underlying causes of the dropout rate," Barrientos said.

Lubbock judge faces contempt trial bock Avalanche-Journal.

Scolaro sees the bench from the wrong side

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) _ A judge who ignored an order to step down from her bench last month because of a question about her eligibility is set to go on trial on a contempt charge

Today's trial will also determine whether Court-at-Law Judge Susan Scolaro, engaged in a yearlong controversy over her judicial qualifications, will be fined or charged for the cost of prosecuting her case.

A visiting state district judge ruled last month that Ms. Scolaro did not meet a statutory requirement to have practiced law for the four years leading up to her election on Nov. 3, 1998.

Ector County District Attorney John Smith, who was assigned to prosecute the case,

used state bar records to show that Ms. Scolaro ended a personal leave and resumed her law practice on Nov. 18, 1994, leaving her 15 days short of a four-year eligibility require-

Judge Bill McCoy, also a special appointee from Ector County, agreed with Smith's charge and ordered Ms. Scolaro removed from office on Feb. 3.

After the ruling, lawyers on both sides offered varying interpretations of the law. Ms. Scolaro said the ruling was not final and thus, she could remain in office. She later received McCoy's permission to appeal the removal order separately, without waiting for a ruling in the trial that begins today, according to the Lub-

Ms. Scolaro's attorney responded to the contempt mo-

against Smith, claiming the special prosecutor was attempting to harass and embarrass the judge. She has argued that the law shouldn't be interpreted to include leaves of absences and that she was being singled out. The jurist was allowed to work as a magistrate after

tion by seeking sanctions

Feb. 3, hearing arraignments but refraining from hearing cases and accepting plea agreements. The eligibility issue first arose when former candidate

Bob Jonesclaimed that a leave of absence she took to spend time with her children left her 15 days short of the four continuous years of legal practice required by law to serve.

pand. In 1987, McCarthy's

Historic Houston hotel gets final hurrah Horan says no more memorial wreaths

HOUSTON (AP) - Like the dark stranger who visits Edgar Allen Poe's grave in Baltimore each year, Tom Horan has placed a funeral wreath in a Houston parking lot for the past 11 years. But today, 50 years after

the Shamrock Hotel opened its doors and wove its spell on Houston, Horan is calling it

"I think you need to know when to hold them and know when to fold them," Horan says. "I think it's time."

But not before a proper last party, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Shamrock's opening.

The Texas Medical Center will graciously help Horan host a party in the building that now stands where the Shamrock's Grand Ballroom once stood before oil bottomed out and the wrecking ball came for the hotel in 1987.

"There were so many memories," Horan says. "Oh my, were

rock? Then turn back the clock fifty years and listen.

It's St. Patrick's Day, 1949. After spending \$21 million building his 1,100 room hotel, oil wildcatter Glenn McCarthy writes another \$1 million check for the Shamrock's starstudded debut.

Howard Hughes, legend has it, flew in most of Hollywood in for the night. Dorothy Lamour fumed and fussed after the rowdy crowd forced her radio show - which was supposed to broadcast live from the Shamrock's Emerald Room - off the air.

Champagne flowed and camera bulbs flashed beneath the Shamrock's dusty green tiled roof as Stan Laurel, Ginger Rogers, Maureen O'Hara, Lana Turner, Van Heflin and Gene Autry mingled with Texas politicians and oilmen like McCarthy, who later inspired the James Dean character in the movie "Giant," Jett Rink. Although McCarthy sold the

Not familiar with the Sham- hotel to the Hilton hotel chain in 1955, the Shamrock's allure made it the choice hangout of the wheeler-dealers and Texas mythmakers in the days when you could tell a Sheraton from a Hyatt.

"This is when entrepreneurs were entreprenuers and not corporate cookie cuttters," Horan insists.

Frank Sinatra is said to have slugged a photographer there. Gov. John Connally, the story goes, was behind some pranksters who tried to check in a prize bull into one of the rooms.

Then there was the swimming pool. So big that a motor boat actually pulled waterskiers in it.

As the layover hotel for Air France, the Shamrock became the center of scandal when flight attendants sunned topless around the pool in the 1970s.

The frolicking good times ended in 1986, when Texas Medical Center decided to ex-

monument was demolished. McCarthy died a year later.

The demolition galvanized Shamrock fans. Posters at the time pleaded with residents to mobilize. "Tearing down the Shamrock would be like tearing down the Alamo," they

Now Horan plans to let his yearly ritual slip into lore as he makes one last Irish toast to the swanky symbol of Houston's golden era.

"This is the last way to say thanks for the memories," he

CORRECTION

An 87-year-old woman who was injured in a traffic accident at the intersection of North Texas and Park Avenue was misidentified in a photo caption in Tuesday's edition of The Hereford Brand.

Ruth Allison was subsequently cited for failure to yield.

The newspaper regrets the

LIFESTYLES

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Luck of the Irish

cuits will add to the festive

drying, then split along their natural seam lines. Ham is the perfect flavor partner for split peas. If you have leftover ham, use it to flavor this soup.

"This coup is extra-flavor-ful because the onion, celery and garlic are sauteed to bring out their flavors. Coun-try-style gravy mix contrib-utes to its creamy texture and enhances the flavor, too" Wendy Hagerman, research and development specialist for Pionace These Mills

Serve this Irish-style soup with Lucky Irish biscuits, cut flavor and color to the biscuit dough. These moist, full-flavored biscuits are a tasty accompanies of the Pat's Split Pea and Ham Soup.

Round out the menu with a tossed green salad, and serve green mint ice cream and chocolate cookies for dessert. Celebrate "the luck of the Irish" this year by surprising your family or friends with

sablespoon vegetable oil package (1 lb.) dry split (about 2 cups), rinsed and

8 cups water 1 cup finely chopped cooked

spoon dried marjoram

is teaspoon gartic salt
is bay leaf
package (2.75 oz.) country
gravy mix
cup milk
carrot, packed and shred-

A cup dairy sour cream In Dutch oven or stock pot, cook celery, onion and gartic in oil until tender. Add peas, simmer for 1 hour, stirring

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2 table spittins finely opped fresh paraley
1 carton (8 oz.) low-fat plain

yogurt (1 cup)

Vi cup plus 1 tablespoon
skim milk (divided)
Onion salt (options!)
In large bowl, stir together
biscuit and baking mix, cheese and paraley. In small bowl, combine yegurt and & cup milk. Stir into biscuit and baking mix mixture to form a stiff dough.* Turn out onto surface dusted with additional biscuit and baking mix; knead 10 times. Roll dough into circle about & inch thick. Cut into rounds or shamrock shares. Place on baking shares. shapes. Place on baking sheet coated with cooking spray. Brush tops of biscuits with remaining I tablespoon milk. Sprinkle with onion salt, if desired. Bake at 400 degrees

for 10 to 12 minutes or until biscuits are golden brown. Makes 12 to 14 biscuits. "If dough is sticky, add dditional biscuit and baking

Noggler is speaker

Jeanie Noggler of "Creative Memories" was the guest speaker at the Monday night meeting of the Deaf Smith County Genealogical Society. She explained that even those who are not amateurs have experienced damage to or loss of pictures and clippings that they valued.

Culprits that cause damage are acids and lignin, a substance which is the cause of yellowing of newspaper items.

Pictures and clippings are safer in a shoe box than in 'magnetic' albums," Noggler said. She also cautioned against repeated copying of old pictures,

as light is quite damaging to them. Each person was given Lifesaver candies for desiring to

save valuable pictures with good care practices. Noggler was introduced by program chairman Donita Rule. President L.J. Clark conducted

the business meeting. Members present were Miles Caudle, Don Minchew, Nolan Grady, Laquita Norvell, Nell Norvell, Wilma and L.J. Clark, Jean Beene and Rule.

The next meeting will be

Book reviews given for Seekers class

Kingdom Seekers Sunday School Class of Avenue Baptist Church met at the church recently with Ruby Stevens and Pauline Landers as co-hostesses.

A business meeting was conducted by president Jessie Sumner.

Reviews of various books were given by Dorothy Sargent, Erma Bain, Nancy Duncan and Sumner.

Maxine Coleman gave the closing prayer.

In attendance were Marvine Mathis, Velma Carroll, Ruby keiton, betty Wall, Dorma Kirby, Madalena Hudson, Luella Thomas, Duncan, Sumner, Sargent, Bain Landers and Stevens.

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Ann Landers

love of my

life in June.

"Phillip" is a

terrific guy except when



Ann

it comes to Landers my 12-yearold daughter, "Beth," who is very sweet but has attentiondeficit disorder. Phillip does not understand that she needs to be reminded of things over and over. When he asks her to do a chore, he expects her to jump to it immediately. He doesn't realize that Beth is easily distracted and forgets. She isn't being deliberately disobedient.

I think Phillip is being too hard on Beth when he says she needs more discipline. I agree that Beth may resent Phillip's presence in my life, but it doesn't help when he yells at her all the time. I love him dearly, but I'm having second thoughts about

what marrying him might do Landers: I to my daughter. Help me make am planning the right choice. — Unsure in to marry the Baltimore

Dear Unsure: Put Phillip in touch with the authority who diagnosed Beth's problem. When he understands it better, he will be a lot less judgmental. Work at smoothing the way between him and Beth. And don't let Phillip get away. In a few years, Beth will be gone, and you could be very much alone.

Dear Ann Landers: I take issue with "Joy in Mudville," who said the Internet is not a source of information but a tool for communication. She has it half right.

Joy is confusing the Internet with electronic mail. E-mail is only as reliable as the sender, but the Internet is the biggest, grandest encyclopedia anywhere. I can find or the Sistine Chapel in Rome. I can read The Washington

Post or the complete works of Shakespeare, get the latest news from Reuters or order a book for my mother's birth-

Saying the Internet is just a form of communication is like saying the Library of Congress is just a lot of books or that Yale is just a lot of buildings. To lump e-mail chat rooms in with the highly reputable sites that are available through the Internet is inaccurate. Saying "I read it on the Internet" could be the same as saying "I read it at the library." The Internet is a tool. How you use it is up to you. Sign my letter — Web-Head in the USA

Dear Web-Head: Get out the wet noodle. My readers have convinced me that the Internet, when used properly, has a lot more to offer than I thought. It appears that people revolving, 3-D images of the inside of the space shuttle and pictures of the Louvre in Paris without leaving their homes. mount to a college education without leaving their homes. This is truly remarkable.

Dear Ann Landers: This is

in response to "Left-Brained in South Carolina," who needed a solution for dealing with his scatterbrained wife.

Every incident he cited, from losing keys to leaving items in odd places, has been done by my husband. Whenever "Charlie" gets ready to leave home, he has to search for his keys, wallet, checkbook or all three. He is also a slob. Any item he touches will be spilled, dropped, torn, lost, misplaced or mangled. His study looks like a tornado hit

I am organized and neat and never misplace anything, but I am also bad-tempered, inflexible, demanding and a perfectionist. I hardly ever relax. Charlie is easygoing, laid back and not easily upset. Who really has it roughest at our house? - Another Left Brain in Redondo Beach, Calif.

Dear Left Brain: I'd say it's a tie, but I'll bet your husband's blood pressure is lower than yours.

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Celebrate spring with make-ahead brunch

Springtime is filled with celebrations. Whether your family gets together to share a Sunday meal, a holiday, Mother's Day, or to celebrate a graduation, brunch is a wonderful way to recognize a special occasion. This make-ahead menu ensures that you will have plenty of time to enjoy your guests.

Welcome spring with this easy to prepare brunch bursting with the flavors and colors of the season. A good source of fiber and nutrition because of its whole grain oat crust, Springtime Brunch Pie is a delicious and easy main course that can be made ahead and reheated in the microwave oven.

Moist and flavorful Strawberry-Banana Bread combines the goodness of fruit and oatmeal-a whole grain ingredient that can be a low fat source of soluble and insoluble fiber while adding great flavor, texture and nutrition.

Wonderfully tangy and sweet Festive Fruit Salad blends the convenience of canned fruit with readily available fruits of the season. Complete your brunch menu with your favorite fresh or frozen steamed vegetables seasoned with fresh herbs and a squeeze of lemon.

Serve a variety of refreshing drinks such as flavored coffee and iced teas along with chilled orange and tomato juices. Serve the cool drinks in tall glasses and garnish them with mint sprigs, fruit slices or long-stemmed maraschino cherries for a festive

Decorate your table with an arrangement of flowers from the garden-colorful tulips, daffodils, lilies and greens. No matter what the occasion, this wonderful make-ahead brunch, complete with nutritious whole grain oats, fruits and vegetables, creates an instant celebration.

Springtime Brunch Pie Crust:

1 cup old fashioned or quick 1/4 cup all-purpose flour

1/4 teaspoon salt 3 oz. cream cheese, softened 2 tablespoons olive oil Filling:

4 oz. bulk Italian sausage 1 tablespoon chopped onion ½ cup diced tomatoes 1/2 teaspoon Italian seasoning

1/4 teaspoon salt 1/4 teaspoon ground pepper 1 cup half-and-half

2 eggs 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese

Green pepper rings for gar-

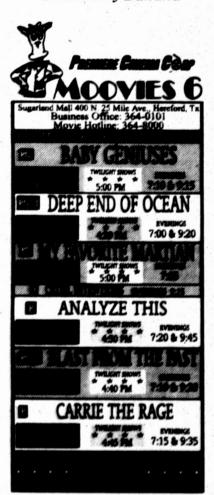
nish, optional Crust: Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Combine oats, flour,

salt, cream cheese and oil until blended. Press mixture evenly onto sides and bottom of a 9-inch glass pie plate.

Filling: Cook sausage and onions in skillet until browned, drain. Add tomatoes, Italian seasoning, salt and pepper. Combine half-and-half, eggs and cheese in small bowl; pour over meat mixture. Stir to combine; pour into prepared crust. If desired, garnish with rings of green pepper. Bake 40-45 minutes or until set. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.

Note: Pie may be prepared and baked ahead of time and reheated in the microwave oven on "high" for six to eight minutes or until heated through, rotating plate every two minutes.

Makes six servings. Strawberry-Banana





Springtime Brunch Pie is a delicious entree that combines a flavorful filling with the wholesome goodness of an oatmeal crust.

Bread

1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour 1 cup old fashioned oats or 3/4 cup quick oats

1 cup sugar

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon 1/2 teaspoon baking soda ½ teaspoon salt

1/2 cup chopped walnuts, op-

1 cup mashed strawberries* 3/4 cup mashed banana 2/3 cup vegetable oil

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease two 8x4x3-inch pans or one 9x5x3-inch pan. Combine flour, oats, sugar, cinnamon, baking soda, salt and walnuts, if desired, in bowl. In separate bowl, combine strawberries, banana, oil and eggs; add to flour mixture and stir just until moistened. Spoon batter into prepared pan(s). Bake until

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Thursday in Fellowship of Be-

lievers Church, 245 N. Kingwood.

cus on listening and sharing.

Typically, the group will hear

from some resource person, but it

is time for a break from that

Thursday's gathering will fo-

comes out clean, 50-55 minutes (reserve juice) for smaller loaves, 60-65 minutes for large loaf. Cool 15 minutes in pan; remove to wire rack to cool completely. Serve with strawberry butter, if desired.

*Fresh or frozen whole, unsweetened strawberries, thawed, may be used.

Makes two small loaves or one large loaf.

Strawberry Butter 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter or margarine, softened

2 tablespoons strawberry pre-

Beat butter and preserves until well blended and smooth. Spoon into serving dish or mold into a heart shape, place on a plate and chill until ready to

Festive Fruit Salad 1 can (20 oz.) pineapple toothpick inserted in center chunks in natural juice, drained

Caregivers are, by nature,

good listeners. Those who choose

to share experiences, concerns

and questions will receive a good

listening by this kind and loving

Friends, relatives and neigh-

bors of these brave caregivers

are encouraged to offer to stay

with the person with Alzheimer's

to allow the caregiver a rest.

Respite care is vital for these

caregivers whose days are typi-

cally 36-hours long.

1 can (11 oz.) mandarin

oranges, drained 1 cup sliced bananas 1 cup sliced peaches 1 cup sliced kiwi fruit

1 cup sliced strawberries 1/2 cup blueberries

1/4 cup sliced or slivered almonds ½ cup plain non-fat yogurt

1/4 cup powdered sugar 2 teaspoons orange juice 1/4 teaspoon almond extract

Combine pineapple, oranges, bananas, peaches, kiwi fruit, strawberries, blueberries and almonds in large bowl. Combine 1/2 cup reserved pineapple juice, yogurt, powdered sugar, orange juice and almond extract in small bowl; stir until well mixed and powdered sugar is dissolved. Pour over fruit and stir gently. Chill 1 to 2 hours, stirring twice.

Makes about 8 cups.

Support group will listen, share persons with Alzheimer's is entitled, The 36-Hour Day: A Family Guide to Caring for Persons with Alzheimer's Disease, Related Dementing Illnesses, and Memory Loss in Later Life by Mace and Rabins. Thanks to the generosity of Hereford's Pilot Club, this

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

> excellent resource is available at

no cost by calling 364-0359.

At the Center

Senior Citizens

THURSDAY-Mexican stack, Spanish rice, pinto beans, salad fixings, tostados, pineapple tid-

bits; or smothered pork cubes. FRIDAY-Fried pollack with lemon juice, au gratin potatoes, buttered zucchini/yellow squash, carrot and raisin salad, angel food cake; or hamburger steak, applesauce.

MONDAY-Wieners, sauerkraut, baked potatoes with sour cream, buttered carrots. peaches; or Salisbury steak.
TUESDAY-Chicken strips

with gravy, Oriental rice, seasoned spinach, pineapple salad, chocolate cake with frosting; or roast pork with gravy, vanilla

WEDNESDAY-Polish sausage, cheese grits, pinto beans, breaded tomatoes, onion slices/

pickle, mixed fruit crisp; or chicken and dumplings, mixed fruit.

ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., oil painting 9-11 a.m., HHH wellness with weigh-in 10 a.m.-12 noon, Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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

9 a.m.-4 p.m.
MONDAY-Pool classes, line dance 10-11 a.m., doll class 1-4

TUESDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., Beltone 10 a.m.-12 noon, Golden K

Kiwanis 11 a.m.-1 p.m. WEDNESDAY-Pool classes, ceramics 12:30-4 p.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

New Arrivals

Dwayne and Stacy Waters are the proud parents of a son, Samuel Ray, born March 15 in Denton Community Hospital. Samuel weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Older brother, Marshall, welcomed him home.

Grandparents are Carolyn Waters of Hereford and Maxine Armitage of Dallas.

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Boxing probe continues following heavyweight title decision

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — New York's attorney general plans to focus his inquiry into last weekend's disputed Evander Holyfield-Lennox Lewis fight on how boxing's sanctioning bodies govern the sport.

The relationship between the sanctioning bodies and fight promoters like Don King is "highly problematic," as is the way the three chief governing bodies choose judges for major fights, Eliot Spitzer said Tuesday.

Spitzer's criticism came as the Manhattan district attorney's office said it is now investigating possible illegalities in how the fight was judged. It is the fourth such inquiry into Saturday night's fight.

Spitzer said his public hearing Friday in New York City on the controversial draw in the Holyfield-Lewis fight will seek to find ways states or the federal government can "redefine" the roles of the principal players in the sport.

Gov. George Pataki said it was time for the federal government to step into the

The IBF, WBC and WBA raise conflicts of interest questions by selecting judges for major title bouts and paying their expenses and their fees for being at ringside, Spitzer said.

When a judge selected by a governing body backs that body's champion despite evidence that his opponent did better during the bout — as the IBF-selected judge is under fire for doing in the Holyfield-Lewis fight — that calls into question the impartiality of the judging and the integrity of the sport, Spitzer said.

"The way in which judges are picked certainly breeds the lack of confidence that the public has," Spitzer said.
"The entire world of judging these days is insufficiently regulated and the aura of incompetence and perhaps worse, corruption, that permeates the industry flows from this."

Spitzer said he also wants to look at how governing bodies determine their rankings and who gets title shots and who doesn't. To outsiders, fighters appear to "move up and down based upon, apparently, their relationships with promoters," the attorney general said.

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Covering the plate



COURTESY PHOTO/Lloyd Ames

Not this time — Hereford pitcher Monica Dominguez covers home plate on a Dumas runner's slide Tuesday.

Lady Whitefaces fall to Dumas

DUMAS - The Hereford Lady Whiteface varsity softball team, coming off a heart-breaking 21-20 loss to Borger in a make-up game Monday, still couldn't find its game Tuesday as the squad lost to Dumas 16-2.

Hereford pitcher Victoria Perez took the loss, which brought the Lady Whitefaces to 4-7 overall and 1-2 in loop

And by now, the Lady Whitefaces are probably thinking they've seen more relaxing spring breaks.

While most of the Hereford academic community headed out for spring road trips, the Lady Whitefaces have been

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clubbing their way through a four-game stretch this week two coming as makeup games after weather

The second rematch was scheduled here against Canyon

today at 1 p.m.

"It's just tough to come back from an emotionally draining game like the one we had with Borger Tuesday," head ladies' coach Jack Fox said. "The loss was tough on me, and it was tough on the girls. We've just got to settle down and play the game we're capable of."

Crystal Luna nailed a double, one of five Hereford hits on the day, to drive in

Hereford's only two runs in the top of the fourth.

The Lady Whitefaces were held scoreless through the first three innings while Dumas jumped out with four runs in the first and five in the second.

Dumas answered Hereford's two-run spree in the fourth with seven runs to lock the game up.

"I personally believe there have been just two games this year that we lost because we were legitimately out-played," Fox said. "We've beaten ourselves in the others on errors.'

"We're creating our own pressure," he said. "I think the girls realize how good they are, and they put a lot of pressure on themselves. They're just pressing too hard."

Torre will undergo surgery

Following prostrate cancer diagnosis

ST. LOUIS (AP) - A physician considered a pioneer in the detection and treatment of prostate cancer will perform surgery Thursday on New York Yankees manager Joe Torre.

Dr. William Catalona of St. Louis will perform the operation at Barnes-Jewish Hospital. Torre's prostate cancer was disclosed last week. He has taken leave from the world champions until he recovers.

Barnes-Jewish spokeswoman Kim Kitson said Catalona does similar prostate surgery 5-7 times a week at the hospital. The Yankees have seen his work before -Catalona performed successful prostate cancer surgery on then-general manager Bob Watson in 1994.

Prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in American men and the second deadliest. The prostate gland, about the size of a small chestnut, is in the male pelvic area.

Men 50 and older are most at risk. Torre is 58.

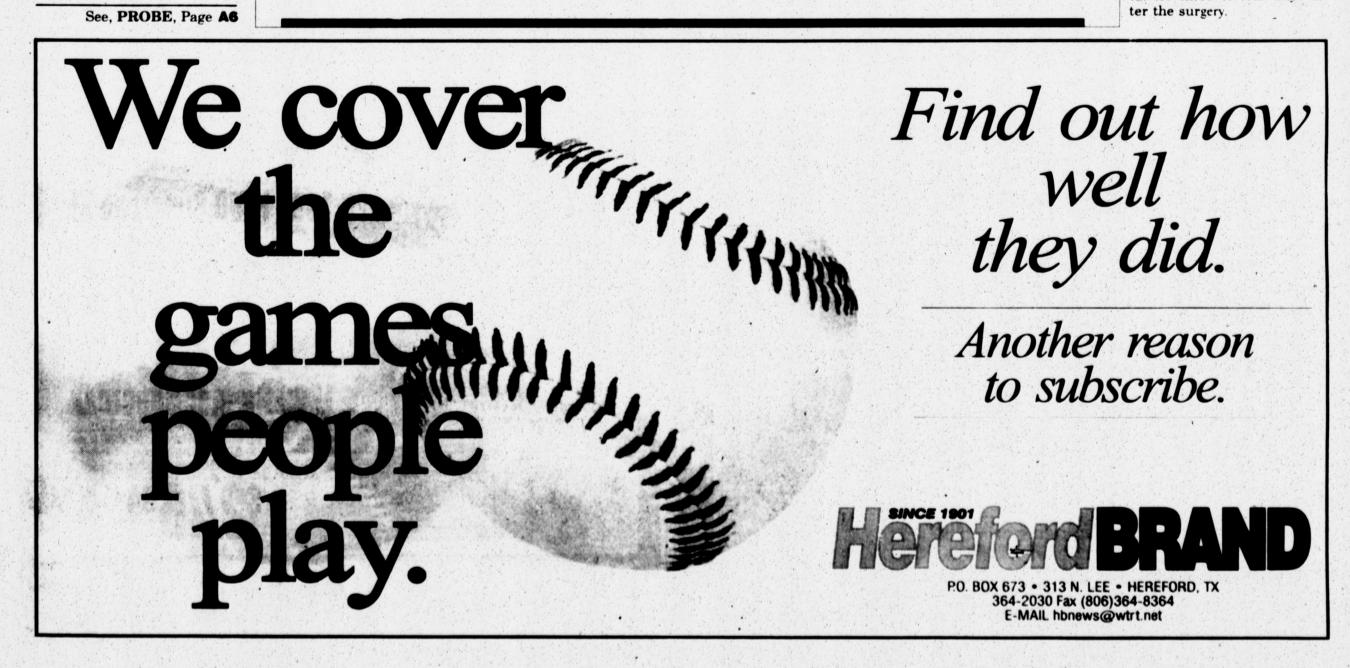
Catalona developed the blood test used to help detect prostate cancer in men in 1989. He also led a team that developed a new test for the cancer, called "free PSA test," recently approved by the Food and Drug Administration. Researchers say the new test could reduce the need for biopsies.

Catalona also is a pioneer in the development of nervesparing radical prostatectomy, a procedure to remove the cancerous prostate gland while minimizing damage to surrounding nerves and tissues. He has trained other surgeons in the procedure, making the hospital one of the leading centers in the country for prostate cancer surgery.

Torre has strong ties to St. Louis. He played for the Cardinals from 1969-74. He was an all-star each year from 1969-73 and won the 1971 Most Valuable Player award with a .363 average and 137 RBIs, both tops in the National League.

Torre also managed the Cardinals, replacing Whitey Herzog in 1990. He was fired during the 1995 season. He earlier managed the Atlanta Braves and New York Mets.

Sounding upbeat and confident, he said doctors believe they detected the cancer early. He expects to be in the hospital for three or four days after the surgery.



League champs



Hoop winners — The 4-Deep basketball team claimed the YMCA Men's Basketball Championship recently after defeating Hereford Cablevision 74-63 in league playoffs. Members of the team are; back row left, James Down, Dion Greene, Ricky Cunningham, Brian Torres and Greg Merritt; front row left, Rodney Smith, Henry Garner, Charles Cunningham and James

C expels six members

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) - The International Olympic Committee expelled six members today for taking hundreds of thousands of dollars in graft from officials who brought the 2002 Winter Games to Salt Lake City.

The expulsions, on a secret ballot by 90 eligible voters, followed an overwhelming vote of confidence for Juan Antonio Samaranch, the IOC's embattled president.

While the highest-ranking member implicated in the scandal remained saddled only with a warning, three Africans, two South Americans and a weightlifter from the South Pacific became what were believed to be the first IOC delegates kicked out for corruption in the panel's 105

Agustin Arroyo of Ecuador, Zein El Abdin Ahmed Abdel Gadir of Sudan, Jean-Claude Ganga of the Congo Republic, Lamine Keita of Mali, Sergio Santander of Chile and Paul Wallwork of Samoa were voted out in a secret ballot by their peers.

The vote counts were 72-16 against Arroyo, 86-4 against Gadir, 88-2 against Ganga, 72-16 against Keita, 76-12 against Santander and 67-19 against Wallwork.

Their expulsions, upholding the actions of IOC leadership in late January, marked a watershed in the worst scan-dal in Olympic history and, officials hoped, the start of a reform process to regain the luster of the five rings.

Corporate sponsors, sports officials and even leaders of the U.S. Congress have pressured the IOC to make major changes in the wake of the \$1.2 million scandal, in which Salt Lake bidders gave cash, travel, medical care and other

lavish gifts to try to win votes. "We're starting to deliver

what we said since the beginning of the crisis — that we're going to put our own house in order," said Dick Pound, a vice president and head of the IOC's internal investigation.

There was no immediate comment from any of the ousted members. All have professed innocence but all faced daunting evidence of wrongdoing.

At least 30 votes were needed to avoid expulsion, with delegates simply writing

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State Inspection Stickers

Air Conditioning & Heating

Computer Work

Electrical

"yes" on a blank piece of paper to oust their colleagues or "no" to let them stay.

Other investigations, including one by the Justice Department, remain open, and one IOC member is still being looked at by the Pound commission. Executive board member Kim Un-yong got off with a severe warning, but Pound said he could be expelled if evidence surfaces that he knew about a job for his son that was bankrolled by Salt Lake.

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be going back to New York to do it. O'Connell, an engraver by profession in southeast England, says he can't because of pressure of work.

'Larry won't be going back to America to answer questions," John Morris, secretary

of the British Boxing Board of Control, said.

"He can't get there because of business reasons. It's very short notice and he has arrangements with his engraving firm. Because of all the fuss, he has missed a whole week of work, which he hadn't intended to do.

"But he is perfectly happy to answer any questions they want to pose to him, and if they want his response in the form of a sworn affidavit, then that will be provided immediately. He will see our solicitors to do it."

The WBA judge, Stanley Christodoulou of South Africa, had Lewis the winner. Referee Arthur Mercante

said he felt Lewis was the clear winner.

"He took the fight to Evander," Mercante told The New York Times. "If I were scoring, I'd have given Holyfield three rounds.

Jr., who did not have a vote,

"Evander, he really wasn't focused and into the fight. His mind looked like it was somewhere else.'

WBC president Jose Sulaiman said Tuesday that Lewis was "robbed" of the unified heavyweight crown.

Sulaiman said the WBC objected to Williams as a judge because of her inexperience in championship bouts. He also questioned if she would favor Holyfield, an American,





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Purcella, Gomez remain among top rodeo leaders

From Associated Press and staff reports

A pair of cowboys with Hereford ties are still among the top money winners in the professional rodeo circuit through March 14.

Steve Purcella, a perennial leader in the team roping (heading) field, is currently resting in seventh place with \$12,050.

Mickey Gomez, a former Hereford resident, is holding on to 11th place in team roping (heeling) with \$8,358.

CURRENT LEADER BOARD

ALL-AROUND

.1, Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, \$56,431. 2, Herbert Theriot, Poplarville, Miss., \$25,874. 3, Ty Murray, Stephenville, Texas, \$19,492. 4, Robert Bowers, Brooks, Alberta, \$17,818. 5, Chad Hagan, Leesville, La., \$17,815. 6, Trevor Brazile, Childress, Texas, \$16,466. 7, Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, S14.116.8. Cash Myers, Athens, Texas, \$13,553.9, Kurt Goulding, Duncan, Okla., \$9,826. 10, B.J. Zieffle Consort, Alberta, \$9,817.

SADDLE BRONC RIDING

1. Rod Hay, Wildwood, Albertia, \$32,811, 2, Dean Schiattmann, Basin, Wyo., \$28,184, 3, Tom Reeves, Eagle Butte, S.D., \$23,690, 4, Dan Mortensen, Manhattan, Mont, \$18,274, 5, Ira Siagowski, Carlin, Nev., \$18,253, 6, Ryan Eishere, New Underwoed, S.D., \$16,724, 7, Rod Warren, Water Valley, Albertia, \$16,146, 8, Billy Etbauer, Edmond, Okia, \$15,990, 9, Bobby Griswold, Moore, Okia, \$15,483, 10, Steve Dollarhide, Wikieup, Ariz., \$14,733.

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11. Ty Murray, Stephenville, Texas, \$14.602.
12. Rance Bray, Texhoma, Okla., \$13.686, 13, T.C.
Holloway, Eagle Butte, \$.D., \$13.597, 14, J.T. Hich,
Stilesville, Ind., \$12.341, 15, Todd Fike, Pavillion,
Wyo., \$12.246, 16, Ryan Mapston, Geyser, Mont.,
\$11.399, 17, Otey McCloy, Licking, Mo., \$10.329,
18, Derek Clark, Colcord, Okla., \$9.474, 19, Shaun,
Stron, Amidon, N.D., \$9.330, 20, Ryan, Carey,
Fallon, Nev., \$8.741

BAREBACK RIDING

1. Pete Hawkins, Weatherford, Texas, \$28,110.
2. Jeffrey Collins, Redfield, Kan., \$23,163, 3, Eric Mouton Weatherford, Okla., \$19,328, 4, Chris Harriss, Arlington Texas, \$18,959, 5, Deb Greenough, Red Lodge Mont, \$16,459, 6, Mark Gomes, Hutchinson Kan., \$16,225, 7, Kelly Wardell, Bellevue, Idaho, \$15,995, 8, Jason Wylie, Stranchian Mon., \$15,719, Mark Gorret, Netherland Stanchfield Minn., \$15,719.9 Mark Garrett, Nisland S.D. \$15.055 10. Denny McLanahan, Canadian

Texas, \$12,798.

11. Clint Corey, Culver, Ore., \$11,894. 12.
Scott Montague, Fruitdale, S.D., \$11,479. 13. Eric
Swenson, Bonham, Texas, \$11,297. 14, Shawn
Minor, Gordon, Neb., \$11,088. 15, Bill Boyd, Olds,
Alberta, \$9,008. 16, Kirk Richard, Sulphur, La.,
\$8,897. 17, Jason Del Guercio, Strathmore, Alberta,
\$8,707. 18, Justin Williams, Zap, N.D., \$8,628. 19,
Beau Mayo, Stephenville, Texas, \$8,418. 20, Billy
Blissett, Livingston, Ala., \$7,458.

BULL RIDING

1. Gregory Potter, Weatherford, Texas,

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11. Owen Washburn, Lordsburg, N.M.,
\$13,093. 12, Hank Reece, Prinerville, Ore, \$12,656.
13. Mike Moore, Wellington, Colo., \$12,596. 14, Lee Akin, Albuquerque, N.M., \$11,931. 15, Scott Breding, Edgar, Mont., \$11,828. 16, Tyler Fowler, Theodore, Ala., \$11,571. 17, Justin Andrade, Livermore, Calif., \$11,211. 18, Chad Castillo, Tucson, Ariz., \$10,705. 19, Chad Brennan, Elisworth, Neb., \$10,033. 20, Chris Littlejohn, Sapulpa, Okla., \$10,031.

CALF ROPING

1. Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, \$48,357. 2. Cody Ohl, Stephenville, Texas, \$29,453. 3, Blair Burk, Durant, Okla., \$26,684. 4, Johnny Emmons, Grandview, Texas, \$21,342. 5, Jerome Schneeberger, Ponca City, Okla., \$18,589. 6, Ronnie Hyde, Bloomington, Ind., \$18,403. 7, Ricky Hyde. Conway, Ark., \$17,928. 8, Herbert Theriot, Poplarville, Miss., \$17,861. 9, Tony Reina, Wharton, Texas, \$17,063. 10, Jim Bob Mayes, Elign, Texas, \$16,833.

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11. David Lawson, Newcastle, Okla., \$14,325.
12. Ty Hays, Weatherford, Okla., \$14,202.
13. Justin Maass, Giddings, Texas, \$11,462.
14, Shawn Franklin, House, N.M., \$11,217.
15, Casey Butaud, Huntsville, Texas, \$10,637;
16, Jeff Coelho, Long Creek, Ore, \$10,585;
17, Todd Gould, Livingston, Ala., \$10,044.
18, Chet Keetch, Montpelier, Idaho, \$9,456.
19, Brent Lewis, Eloy, Ariz., \$9,100.
20, Jeff Yates, Corsicana, Texas, \$9,000.

STEER WRESTLING

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1. Rope Myers, Van, Texas, \$22,904. 2, Randy
Suhn, Laramie, Wyo., \$19,032. 3, Lee Graves,
Caigary, Alberta, \$17,511. 4, Jason Lahr, Emporia, Kan., \$17,456. 5, Rod Lyman, Victor, Mont.,
\$17,419. 6, T.W. Snyder, Colbert, Okia., \$16,834.
7, Brad Gleason, Touchet, Wash., \$16,215. 8,
Justin Blaine Davis, Sidney, Mont., \$16,079. 9,
Mickey Gee, Wichtla Falls, Texas, \$14,476; 10,
Brian Foster, Pride, La., \$13,738.
11, Vince Walker, Oakdale, Calif., \$12,929.
12. Byron Walker, Ennis, Texas, \$12,895. 13, Mike
Smith, Baton Rouge, La., \$12,643. 14, T.W. Parker,
Wendell, Idaho, \$12,427. 15, Rodney Burks,
Benton, Ark., \$10,942. 16, Chad Hagan, Leesville,
La., \$10,677. 17, Derek Daye, Natchez, Miss.,
\$10,334. 19, Tom Duvall, Henryetta, Okia., \$10,096.
20. Lloyd Gilbert, Buffalo, S.D., \$9,750.

TEAM ROPING (HEADING)

1. Speed Williams, Jacksonville, Fla., \$17,941.

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 Araries Pogue, Ringing, Okla., \$17,397.
 aniel Green, Oakdaie, Calif., \$15,728.
 David lotes. Fresno, Calif., \$14,036.
 Jake Barnes,

Cave Creek, Ariz., \$12,650; 6, Turtle Powell, Alpine, Texas, \$12,050. 8, Matt Tyler, Weatherford, Texas, \$12,050. 8, Matt Tyler, Weatherford, Texas, \$10,349. 9, Kevin Stewart, Glen Rose, Texas, \$10,344. 10, Chad Saunders, Greenbrier, Ark., \$10,041.

11, Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas, \$9,454. 12, Larry Harris, Checotah, Okla., \$8,358. 13, Paul Petska, Lexington, Okla., \$8,339. 14, Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, \$8,074. 15, Clay Tryan, Huntley, Mont., \$7,902. 18, Billy Stephens, Channing, Texas, \$7,338. 17, Tommy E. Crowson, Queen Creek, Ariz., \$7,318.—18, Kermit Maass, Snook, Texas, \$7,318. 19, Dean Tuftin, Arlington, Ariz., \$7,273. 20, Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, \$7,008.

TEAM ROPING (HEELING) 1, Rich Skelton, Llano, Texas, \$17,941. 2, Britt Bockius, Claremore, Okla., \$17,397. 3, Allen Bach, Turlock, Calif., \$15,728. 4, John Paul Lucero, Bach, Turlock, Calif., \$15,728. 4, John Paul Lucero, Stephenville, Texas, \$12,607. 5, J.D. Yates, Pueblo, Colo., \$12,447. 6, Clay O'Brien Cooper, Bandera, Texas, \$12,100. 7, Wayne Folmer, Stephenville, Texas, \$12,050. 8, Martin Lucero, Stephenville, Texas, \$12,050. 8, Martin Lucero, Stephenville, Texas, \$10,344. 9, Michael Harris, Vilonia, Ark., \$10,041. 10, Tyler Magnus, Llano, Texas, \$9,454. 11, Mickey Gomez, Norman, Okla., \$8,358. 12, Cory Petska, Lexington, Okla., \$8,339. 13, Nick Sarchett, Phoenix, Ariz., \$7,902. 14, K.C. Jones, Corsicana, Texas, \$7,401. 15, Jeff Medlin, Tatum, N.M., \$7,338. 16, Shad Chadwick, Queen Creek, Ariz., \$7,318. 17, Twister Cain, Ivanhoe, Texas, \$7,318. 18, Dugan Kelly, Arlington, Ariz., \$7,273. 19, Mike Beers, Powell Butte, Ore., \$7,008. 20, Bret Gould, Pollok, Texas, \$6,846. STEER ROPING

1, JB Whatley, Gardendale, Texas, \$7,069. 2, Rocky Patterson, Pratt, Kan., \$7,026. 3, Marty Jones, Hobbs, N.M., \$6,703. 4, Trevor Brazile, Childress, Texas, \$5,212. 5, De Lynn Jones, Hobbs, N.M., \$5,203. 6, Scott Snødecor, Needville, Texas, \$4,360. 7, Arnold Felts, Sonora, Texas, \$4,171; 8, Guy Allen, Lovington, N.M., \$3,786. 9, Hicks Harris, Agua Dulce, Texas, \$3,518. 10, Bucky Hefner, Chelsea, Okla., \$3,499.

11, Rod Hartness, Pawhuska, Okla., \$3,315. 12, Colby Goodwin, Channing, Texas, \$3,156. 13.

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12, Colby Goodwin, Channing, Texas, \$3,158. 13,
Randy Wells, Salado, Texas, \$2,951. 14, Jim
Davis, Abilene, Texas, \$2,940. 15, Cody Ohl,
Stephenville, Texas, \$2,629. 16, Roy Cooper,
Childress, Texas, \$2,429. 17, J.D. Yates, Pueblo,
Colo., \$2,373. 18. J. Paul Williams, Ponca City,
Okla., \$1,997. 19, Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas,
\$1,892. 20, Buster Record Jr, Buffalo, Okla.,
\$1,504.

BARREL RACING

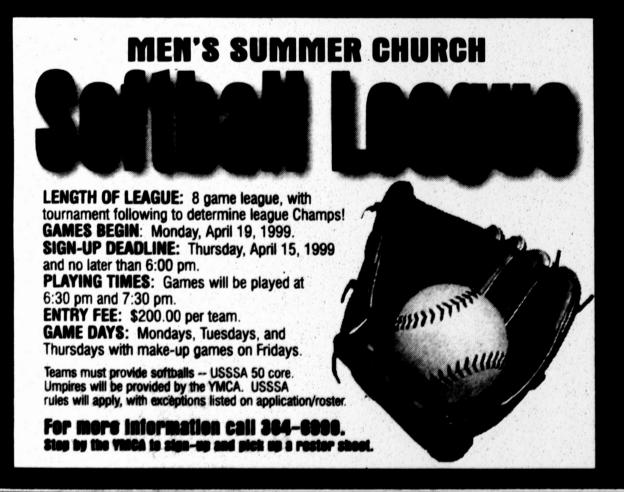
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1. Sherry Cervi, Midland, Texas, \$30,879. 2, Janet Stover, Decatur, Texas., \$24,864. 3, Ruth Haislip, Acampo, Calif., \$17,647. 4, Jamie Richards, Kennewick, Wash., \$16,473. 5, Talina Bird, Post, Texas, \$16,301. 6, Kristie Peterson, Elbert, Colo., \$13,052. 7, Liz Loeffler, Poteet, Texas, \$11,468. 8, Rachael Myllymaki, Arlee, Mont. \$11,325. 9, Monica Wilson, Cardston, Alberta, \$10,261. 10, Sue Miller, Lott, Texas, \$10,084.

11, Gail Hillman, Waller, Texas, \$9,842. 12, Kim West, Oklahoma City, Okla., \$9,614. 13, Lisa Lockhart, Celirichs, S.D., \$8,882. 14, Rayna Prewitt, Sidney, Mont., \$8,863. 15, Charmayne James, Stephenville, Texas, \$6,571. 16, Jill Batencourt, Guhrire, Okla., \$8,539. 17, Cheyenne Wimberly, Stephenville, Texas, \$7,298. 18, Melissa Hubler, Cleveland, Texas, \$7,211. 19, Karen Renshaw, Glasgow, Ky, \$7,119. 20, Danyelle Campbell, Washington, Utah, \$6,737.







'Post-Monica'

MSNBC's now struggling with major identity crisis

"Monica's Parents: Caught in the Crossfire or Clueless in California?

"Clinton Tell-Alls: Tell me More, or Enough Already?" "Monica's Remorse: Truly Sorry, or Crocodile Tears?'

Tasty, zesty, spicy. These topics for discussion served up during the past few weeks on

MSNBC's daily "News Chat" talk show are the television equivalent of comfort food.

David Bauder Associated Press While not a

particularly nourishing form of public discourse, "News Chat" exists on a reassuring level for those who don't like to be challenged by shades of gray. There's no middle ground. It's always one way or the other. Yes or no. Right or wrong. Sane or crazy.

Questions don't take more than 15 seconds to address. since that's the limit for callin participants on the "News Chat" equivalent of a basketball shot clock that counts down at the bottom of the screen.

Oh, and it helps to shout your answer.

"MSNBC's Future: Meaty News, or Tabloid Talk Sleaze?

Sorry. That's not a real

topic. It might as well be. The clock is running on MSNBC, too. The Lewinsky saga's end has laid bare the cable

network's identity crisis. Its aggressive rival, Fox News Channel, has recently eclipsed MSNBC in the ratings during prime-time for the first time. One attempt to turn things around, a nightly political roundtable by John McLaughlin, ended embarrassingly in less than six

weeks when McLaughlin decided he wasn't up to the grind. MSNBC's

philosophy has

been to take the day's hot story, the water-cooler topic, and talk it into the ground. But now that the conversation has cooled and people are back at their desks, thinking of other things besides sex in the White House, MSNBC doesn't

know what to say.
So the network gropes for direction, particularly during the daytime hours. Katie Couric and Matt Lauer should seek residuals since MSNBC, with apparently little else to do, relentlessly reruns their "Today" show interviews.

At 5 p.m. each weekday, those identity problems disappear. "News Chat" may be a lot of things — loud, opinionated and occasionally moronic — but it knows what it is. It's a path that points toward more talk and less news. MSNBC's dilemma is whether to continue down

that path.
"My job is to harangue the last person who spoke, what-ever they said," John Gibson,

the show's ringmaster, explained over lunch one day recently. "I'm supposed to be the ultimate contrarian." Gibson has ideal creden-

tials for this quintessential late 1990s job: a veteran of local television in California, his big break came in covering O.J. Simpson's murder trial, where he caught Geraldo Rivera's eye and appeared almost nightly on Rivera's CNBC show.

Each night, Gibson plays his role to the hilt. He pokes, he prods and listens to opinionated viewers with a look of sheer bemusement. He'll throw up his hands in frustration or dismiss someone with a get-outta-here wave.

"News Chat" is centered around the question of the day, which doesn't necessarily have to be about Monica. Gibson begins his workday around 10:30 a.m. on the phone with producers, trying to pin down the topic.

It has to be prominent in the news, percolating enough so viewers know something about it and have developed clear opinions. There has to be a stark either-or way of looking at it.

"Believe it or not, these questions take a lot of time, as mindless as they seem," he

On "News Chat" and "Inter Night," which immediately follows it, Gibson said he's there to encourage the sort of behavior you wouldn't want to see around the dinner table. "Inter Night" differs primarily in that it usually features outside experts arguing

instead of call-in viewers. "The difference between the two shows is like the difference between amateur and professional wrestling," Gibson said, ignoring the icy stare of a publicist sitting

across the table. Gibson knows, ultimately,

that it's so much hot air. He doesn't take himself too seriously, either. "I'm not Charlie Rose," he said.

If only everyone at MSNBC were that comfortable with what they're doing. David Bauder can be reached at dbauder@ap.org

ELEVISION

WEDNESDAY MARCH 17

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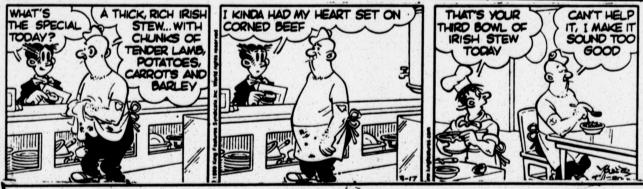
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THURSDAY MARCH 18

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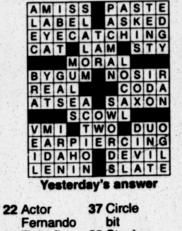
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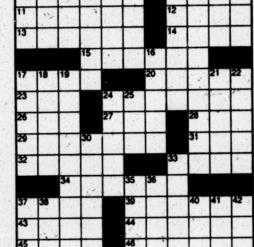
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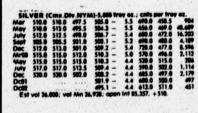
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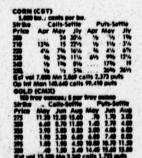
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'Stand By Me' Old song takes on special meaning

STUART, Fla. (AP) -- At a Florida fund-raiser, the old Drifters-tune "Stand By Me" took on extra meaning for a president who escaped ouster a little more than a month

President Clinton, speaking after the group sang the song at the plush home of trial lawyer Willie Gary, said it reminded him of "how the American people stood by me through thick and thin.'

"This country has got to get over believing that our political life is about beating each other up and hurting people instead of lifting people up and bringing them together," he said.

Clinton spoke at a \$500,000 Democratic National Committee fund-raiser

This country has go to get over believing that our political life is about beating each other up and hurting people ... Clinton



at Gary's home, a mansion on the St. Lucie River about 40 minutes north of Palm Beach.

Recalling his own smalltown upbringing, Clinton told his listeners they had a re-

sponsibility to reinvest in the communities they came from so others would have an opportunity to succeed.

Gary credited Clinton with increasing the median income of black households, raising the minimum wage and providing tax credits to low-income families. He said it was extraordinary that Clinton, who hailed from a house hard by the railroad tracks in

Hope, Ark., had come to the home of a man whose father had been a sharecrop-

A massive chandelier dominated the atrium of the home where Clinton joined about

Tracks

lead to

250 supporters. Florida Democratic Reps. Alcee Hastings and Peter Deutsch joined the president aboard Air Force One for the day-trip to Florida.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson and incoming DNC co-chairman Joe Andrew attended the event, as did Minnesota Vikings receiver Cris Carter.

Andrew cast the affair as another gathering of Democratic forces determined to regain control of Congress and retain the presidency in 2000.

Clinton also had been scheduled to attend a fundraising luncheon in West Palm Beach, but it was canceled because of a death in the family of the hosts.

The president returned to Washington early today.

GOP ramrodding similar budgets through panels

WASHINGTON (AP) - Republicans are muscling a pair of similar fiscal 2000 budgets through Senate and House budget committees that would set aside Social Security's huge surpluses while reducing taxes and increasing spending for schools and the Pentagon.

Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., planned votes on his \$1.74 trillion proposal today, a day after releasing it. House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio, unveiled his own, similar plan today, and his committee planned to debate it.

Domenici's plan would set aside \$133 billion over the next 10 years for the program. That money could instead be used for debt reduction or other purposes and was a fraction of the \$350 billion President Clinton wants to reserve for Medicare.

Kasich's budget projected having \$97 billion left after all its tax cuts and spending changes, but it made no mention of how that money would be used. And in a controversial plan, it proposes letting the nation's governors use unspent welfare funds to boost education spending.

Democrats were already accusing Republicans of not doing enough to prepare Medicare for the retirement of the nation's 76 million baby boomers, beginning in a decade.

"I don't see a guarantee of a single extra dollar for Medicare," said Sen. Frank Lautenberg of New Jersey, top Democrat on the Senate budget panel. He accused Republicans of instead pouring money into tax cuts, "which I think will go disproportionately to the well-heeled."
Republicans said Clinton's budget was inadequate because

it does nothing to fundamentally revamp either Social Security or Medicare for the coming demographic crunch. And they defended their plan to use expected surpluses to cut taxes. "The working people of this country are entitled to be

rewarded for their success in bringing prosperity to America," Domenici said. The GOP budgets are aimed at letting Republicans pursue

their priorities while arguing they are protecting Social Security and Medicare. Clinton and other Democrats have repeatedly accused Republicans of jeopardizing the two popular programs.

To make their argument, Republicans would use the \$1.8 trillion in Social Security surpluses projected over the next decade to reduce the national debt. Reducing the debt would strengthen the economy, making it easier for the government to raise money to pay Social Security and Medicare's swelling ranks of beneficiaries.

Like Clinton, Republicans are not proposing to change either program's benefits or the taxes supporting it. Both parties fear voter backlash should they issue such proposals

Bea recently retired as activities director at King's Manor

Euler grew up on a family farm at Summerfield and still resides at the family farm. A 1968 graduate of Hereford High School, he attended South Plains College at Levelland for two

years and began work with Southwestern Public Service Co.

in 1971. He's now a substation journeyman electrician with SPS. His wife, Jayne, is in charge of debts and accounts at the Hereford Independent School District. The Eulers have

Incumbent Charles Christia, and Wayne Pierson are candi-

Christian was raised at Oklahoma Lane and is a 1976 graduate of Farwell High School. He received a bachelor's degree in agriculture economics from Texas Tech University in 1981, and worked in the lending department of First

National Bank of Lubbock following graduation. He returned

to Oklahoma Lane and began farming with his father in 1984. He was first appointed to the WTRT board in 1995 to complete the term of the late Billy Mayfield. Christian was elected to his first full term on the board in 1996. He and his

Pierson, 27, is a 1990 graduate of Farwell High School. He

received a bachelor's degree in entomology from Texas A&M University in 1994, and received a Master's degree in agronomy from West Texas A&M University in 1996. He is a sales representative with Wilbur-Ellis at Clay's Corner, be-

tween Muleshoe and Friona. He is a certified crop advisor.

Wayne is a youth leader at Oklahoma Lane Methodist

Church. He and his wife, Jo, have a year-old daughter. They

Cooperative members who register at the annual meeting

Members will also hear the annual report of WTRT Man-

An assortment of door prizes valued at over \$1,000 will be

given away while election results are being tabulated.

ager Thomas Hyer. Tenure awards will be presented to a

have been WTRT members for nearly four years.

are eligible to vote in the director election.

number of Cooperative employees.

two grown daughters and a grandson.

dates for the Oklahoma Lane seat.

wife, Cheryl, have three sons.

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Methodist Home.

pite the nostalgia that trains

evoke, I am one of those people who believes that passenger trains are the wave of the future, not a part of the past. In a state like Texas, where a "ahort" trip between two cities can mean 400 miles or more, efficient, affordable trans-portation is a necessity,

not a luxury.

Bug good highways alone will not meet Texas' future transportation requirements. We need a carefully planned, flexible combination of highways, airports, trains and mass transit to get people around our state as quickly and comfortably as will increase mobility and enhance tourism all across Texas.

We should be looking for ways to combine each mode of travel to strengthen our entire state and national transportation network

In rural and suburban Texas, such a multi-mode system has the potential to offer travelers options where few exist today. For example, a grand-

mother in a rural areas such as Bandera should be able to board a bus in her hometown, ride to the bus station in San Antonio, which is also the train depot, catch a train in San Antonio to visit their relatives in Houston, or connect to the airport and travel to Philadelphia to visit friends. Trains can provide a new kind of family vacation, or offer groups a way to travel to conventions or football games.

As we approach the next millennium, all Texans should be able to take advantage of such seamless, efficient connections.

A future-oriented transpor tation policy can only be created with states and communities acting as full partners.

Texas already has pitched in. When Amtrak reduced the frequency of the Texas Eagle two years ago, the affected cities worked together to initiate connector bus services to keep Amtrak's presence in Texas strong. The cities alongside the Eagle route have invested their money and enthusiasm to enhance Amtrak service. The service has been restored—and is growing, as additional and is growing, as additional days are scheduled and Amtrak seeks more profitable contracts to include freight and mail delivery.

Forty years ago, the future of transportation was in highways and trucks, and the interstate highway system. Twenty years ago, the future was in sviation and hundreds of airports were built or upgraded in federal-state-local partnerships. Now those systems are mature, and their functions

should be complemented by the further development and expansion of our passenger and commuter rail systems. This is a long-term invest-ment that will pay big dividends not too far down the

Many of our highways and airport runways are operating at capacity. Railroad lines remain the one under-utilized transportation infrastructure. Passenger rail has the ability to expand its capacity

rapidly, carry on despite severe weather conditions and transport large numbers of people in an environmen-tally sound manner.

Railroads and light rail systems offer new options to people who can't drive and don't have access to airports. We have seen the future,

and there are train tracks running through it.

Kay Bailey Hutchison, a

Republican, is junior U.S. senator for Texas.

GOP party leaders to deliver keynote at area fund raiser

Special to The Brand

AUSTIN - Texas Republican Party Chairman Susan Weddington and Vice Chairman David Barton will be the keynote speakers this week at a fund raiser for 26 area GOP organizations.

The fund-raising event will be at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Amarillo Botanical Gardens (formerly Garden Center), 1400 Steit Drive in the Medical Complex.

The fund raiser will include a dinner and silent auction, as well as the party leaders' addresses. A private reception will begin at 5:30 p.m.

The purpose of the event is to raise money to help build the rural county Republican parties in the Panhandle.

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Rebates

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Dimmitt received a rebate of \$21,429.10, up 12.1 percent from the \$19,111.01 it received in March 1998.

Dalhart received \$68,923.97, a 1.7 percent gain from the \$67,780.88 it received in March 1998.

Pampa received \$170,890.05, down 16 percent from the \$203,479.66 received in March 1998...

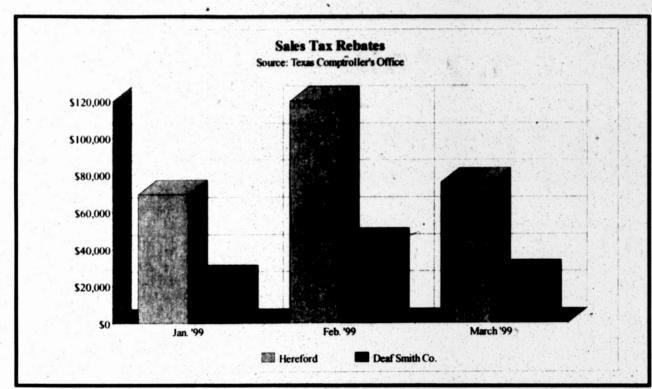
Plainview received \$181,270.46, up 5.3 percent from the \$172,116.91 for March 1998.

Borger received \$175,557.28, down 4.2 percent from the \$183,278.51 it received in March 1998.

Dumas received \$116,711.62, up 169.9 percent from the \$43,249.02 it received in March 1998.

Among the area counties, Castro County received \$10,171, up 23.9 percent from the \$8,209.90 it received in March 1998; Hale County received \$67,773.26, a 10.5 percent gain from the \$61,360.93 for February 1998.

The comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be April 9.



Filing service

The comptroller's office has established a service designed to make sales tax filing easier.

The new WebFile Internet service, which is similar to the comptroller's TeleFile ser-

vice, allows taxpayers to file due and long-form filers who returns via the World Wide had no sales at any of their

More than 160,000 taxpayers now qualify to use WebFile. The qualified taxpayers are short-form filers with no tax www.window.state.tx.us.

outlets.

To get more information on WebFile, visit the comptroller's Web site at http://

Hagman urges Congress to lift Medicare limit on drug payments

WASHINGTON -- Rattling a plastic pill case, Larry Hagman made a personal appeal to Congress to lift the limit on how long Medicare pays for anti-rejection drugs.

"I'm happy to be here," the actor and 1995 liver transplant recipient told a Capitol Hill news conference Tuesday. "I'm happy to be anywhere. I'm not kidding."

The man best-known for his portrayal of J.R. Ewing on television's "Dallas" said the anti-rejection medicines inside his little blue pill case were literally keeping him

At roughly \$11,000 per year, anti-rejection drugs can be prohibitively costly for people who must pay for them out-of-pocket, he said. Medicare currently pays for only three years worth of the drugs.

Tipper Gore

SALONICA, Greece --Tipper Gore says the plight of refugees and the quality of U.S. health care would become a personal priority if she becomes first lady.

"These are things I would like to think I'd work towards," Mrs. Gore said Tuesday at the beginning of a week-long visit to Greece. "I am an activist in the Greek tradition: to learn by doing, seeing and feeling."

The first leg of Mrs. Gore's trip was to Bosnia-Herzegovina, where the vice president's wife had "an opportunity to hear from people in the aftermath of war."

"It's important for people to understand what Bosnians are dealing with," Mrs. Gore said. "It was also environTHE ASSOCIATED PRESS **People**

mental devastation and psychological devastation."

Charles Sheen

MALIBU, Calif. -- Charles Sheen says he's clean and sober again.

"Today I had a good progress report. I have freedom from drugs and alcohol," the actor said Tuesday after a status hearing about his courtordered rehabilitation pro-

The 33-year-old Sheen, who says he wishes to be called Charles rather than Charlie, also told Municipal Court Judge Lawrence Mira he has completed 94 hours of the 300 community service hours the judge ordered.

Sheen is working with a runaway children's group and a youth baseball league in the San Fernando Valley, prosecutor Martin Herscovitz said.

Sheen was placed on two years' probation and ordered to complete the community service after pleading no contest to misdemeanor battery for attacking then-girlfriend Brittany Ashland in 1996.

He renounced his drugtaking and boozing two years ago. But on May 20, Sheen was hospitalized for use of an undisclosed illegal drug.

Carl Perkins

NASHVILLE, Tenn. --The rockabilly cats who helped create rock 'n' roll deserve a museum of their own, says an associate of the late Carl Perkins who wants to give it

Groundbreaking on a \$3 million building to house the International Rockabilly Hall of Fame is planned for September in nearby Jackson, said Henry Harrison, who is still hoping to acquire the

"It is my fervent prayer and earnest request that music lovers from all over the world join me in building this lasting tribute to the many

individuals who made rockabilly music a major part of American music history," Harrison said Tuesday.

Performers like Perkins, Elvis Presley and Jerry Lee Lewis first found fame as rockabilly performers. Perkins wrote the rockabilly anthem "Blue Suede Shoes."

Loretta Lynn

KAILUA-KONA, Hawaii -Loretta Lynn's beachfront home went cheap.

The country music star's 2,000-square-foot bungalow was sold for \$2.65 million, below the listed price of \$2.9 million, said John Michael White, who represented Lynn in the sale

White said Tuesday that the buyer is a doctor from the mainland.

Lynn and her late husband, O.V. "Mooney" Lynn, bought the North Kona property in 1982 and helped design the round home with its open-spaced interior.

Lynn lives in Hurricane Mills, Tenn., west of Nashville.

Billy Joel

NEW YORK - The Piano Man is not quite ready to

Billy Joel has said his current tour will be his last bigbudget concert jaunt. But that doesn't mean he's never going to hit the road again.

"I'm not saying I'll never play again. I'm just not going to tour like I've been touring," Joel said Monday night after being inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Joel, who has been dabbling in classical music in recent months, said he simply got tired of motels and lying in unfamiliar beds, staring at "cottage-cheese ceilings."

"I got homesick," he said.

Martin Frost Dick Armey

WASHINGTON - Ice 2. Politicians 0.

Two days after Rep. Martin Frest, the House's No. 3 Democrat, slipped on the ice and broke his ankle, House Majority Leader Dick Armey, a Republican, fell and broke his wrist. The city had been hit by a snowstorm.

"We're proving in Washington that even ice is bipartisan," Armey spokesman Jim Wilkinson said.

Both legislators are Tex-

Frost slipped in a supermarket parking lot last week and had to have 10 metal pins inserted to repair the fractures. Armey was taking out the garbage at his suburban Virginia home last Thursday when he fell.

'Vegetarian' Jesus sign raises hackles of some in Amarillo

AMARILLO (AP) _ An animal-rights billboard that says "Jesus was a vegetarian" has raised the ire of some residents, including an anonymous caller who threatened to burn one cat per day as long as the sign remains.

Police are looking into the threat phoned in to the local chapter of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals sometime last weekend.

The male caller said he called the SPCA because he

wasn't able to find a telephone number for People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, a national animal-rights group that paid for the billboard. The Amarillo Globe-News reported that the sign gener-

ated complaints even before it was erected last Tuesday along Interstate 27.

The anonymous caller said he intends to burn a cat each day that the billboard is up. He then said, "Have a nice day," and hung up, said SPCA volunteer Prisilla Sirmon.

"I hope it is a hoax," said SPCA local board president

Dave Kemp, first assistant Potter County attorney, said the telephone call itself does not appear to break any laws because it is not a threat against a person or SPCA property.

But cruelty to animals is a Class A misdemeanor punishable by a maximum fine of \$4,000 and a year in jail upon conviction, he said.

Ms. Luna, whose group has no affiliation with PETA, said SPCA board member Benita Trnka called PETA's national headquarters about the billboard and the complaints it

has caused. "She called PETA to let them know that when you do things like this, there are repercussions," Ms. Luna said.

The advertising campaign has generated numerous letters and angry calls to the Globe-News. Most, including local clergymen, have disputed the claim that Jesus didn't eat

PETA's solution is to offer a \$1,000 reward for the arrest of the man who left the message, if he carries out his threat, said Bruce Friedrich, PETA's national campaign coordinator.

"We highly doubt he is serious," Friedrich said. "Calling and leaving a message in the middle of the night on voice mail is a typical harassment technique for phonies and

As for taking down the billboard, Friedrich said it won't

'It would reward this man's cowardice," he said.

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