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Watching the big kids
Delilah Mendoza, 2, is not big enough to hit the pool with the big kids, but she was having fun watching everyone else frolic in the Dameron Park pool on Wednesday afternoon.

One of four 'Astronewts' dies during shuttle voyage

By MIKE DRAGO
Associated Press Writer
SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) - Space shuttle Columbia's "astronewt" studies suffered a setback today when one of four adult female newts was found to have died, apparently from stress. Astronaut Donald Thomas reported the finding while checking on three small aquarium tanks containing the Japanese red-bellied newts and more than 180 newt eggs, most handpicked by scientists before launch. Thomas said the three other adult newts, which are in other aquariums, appeared healthy. Michael Wiederhold, a Texas researcher studying how the animals' inner ears develop in space, said the newt probably died from the stress of hormone injections to induce egg-laying. It had spawned at least 40 eggs in orbit.

The aquarium containing the dead newt, the eggs it had laid and some ground-laid eggs was disconnected from its life-support system. Wiederhold said the contents will be preserved for study after Columbia's scheduled July 22 return to Earth. Despite the setback, he said researchers expect to learn something from the development of the eggs through five days in space. Studies of the other three newts and scores of eggs continue. Only two of more than 80 experiments aboard the shuttle are centered on newts. Japanese scientists are concentrating on how weightlessness affects egg development. Columbia's swimming, crawling, buzzing cargo also includes jellyfish, sea urchins, Japanese Medaka fish and fruit flies. Other on-board experiments range from the viscosity of molten

metals to the behavior of gas bubbles. NASA gave each of the four primary lab workers - of seven astronauts aboard - a four-hour respite Wednesday and today. The crew is working in two shifts around the clock during the 14-day flight. Thomas used his break to soak up the 185-mile-high view. "I had my face planted right in front of one of the windows for about 2-1/2 hours straight," he said, adding that he saw nearly a dozen meteors crash through the Earth's atmosphere and burn up. "That was quite a sight. I also saw a satellite zipping by in another orbit." Dr. Chiaki Mukai, the first Japanese woman in space, spent part of her time off Wednesday chatting by ham radio with schoolchildren in Tatebayashi, Japan, her hometown.



Drying off time
Stephanie Frausto, 10, takes a few minutes off from swimming in Dameron Park pool on Wednesday to soak up some sun and dry off, resting on her towel at poolside.

Preliminary city budget shows deficit

By GEORGIA TYLER
Staff Writer
Property taxes in the City of Hereford will hold steady but residents may pay slightly more for water and garbage disposal in the next

fiscal year, beginning Oct. 1. During a work session Wednesday, City Commissioners had their first hard look at a budget, prepared by City Manager Chester Nolen. "The budget is not balanced,"

Nolen told the commission. "It is approximately \$26,683 in a deficit position." The commission looked at proposals for capital expenditures, \$490,558, and suggested one cut of approximately \$17,000.

Typically, the city budget is supplemented by water revenue and the amount proposed for next year is \$666,915.

Replacement of carts at the John Pitman Municipal Golf Course is a \$42,000 item.

City Commission adopts schedule for park meets

A schedule for neighborhood meetings to plan city park development was adopted by the City Commission Wednesday night. And, commissioners received a report from Fire Marshal Jay Spain on repairs to be made to warning sirens. During a work session, commissioners approved a schedule for meetings in parks to collect input from residents on development. An effort to encourage attendance will be made by advertising, personal contact and placing portable signs in the parks. Designated meetings are Buena Vista, Aug. 2, at 7 p.m.; Dameron, Aug. 9, at 7 p.m.; Ironwood, Aug. 16, at 7 p.m.; Campfire, Aug. 23, at 7 p.m.; Veterans, Aug. 29, at 7 p.m.; Central, Sept. 12, at 7 p.m., and Jaycee, Sept. 12, at 8 p.m. Combined with the Dameron Park meeting will be Santa Fe, Mother's, Hereford Garden and City Parks. Fire Marshal Spain said that new electronic boards, costing \$150 each will be installed in the nine warning sirens. He estimated total cost, including labor and equipment, at \$2,000, and reported the work should be finished by the end of next week. Spain said the installations should eliminate the problem of sirens being set off by sources other than the radio frequency used for them. During his report, Spain also suggested that the city approach Deaf Smith County about banning fireworks in the county next year. He said a designated area for fireworks could be provided to reduce fires caused by fireworks.

reductions and at the same time to determine if the city can provide a three percent pay raise for employees. Opening the budget discussion, Mayor Bob Josserrand listed "ground rules" he believes should be followed in preparing a 1995 budget. "First, it must be balanced. Then we don't want a budget based on a tax increase. And, the \$90,000 allocation for the airport improvements must be left intact so we can receive federal funds of \$1.8 million," Josserrand said.

A raise of about 75 cents per month for garbage collection is included on the income side of the budget. Nolen estimates revenue from that source at \$725,000, but expenditures in the health department are pegged at \$679,000.

Nolen reported to the commission that requests have been made for five new city employees. The new positions would be a municipal court clerk, a secretary in the city manager's office, a clerical position in the fire department, a golf course worker and a parks department employee.

A street department truck -- cab and chassis replacement -- would cost \$50,000. Another \$81,000 is earmarked for water and sewer maintenance pickups, tapping machine and backhoe.

Bush, Richards argue over statements made

By KELLEY SHANNON
Associated Press Writer
SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Republican gubernatorial candidate George W. Bush is accusing Democratic Gov. Ann Richards' campaign of misrepresenting his statements about state regulation of the insurance industry. But a Richards spokesman claims Bush is engaged in an "outrageous conflict of interest" and is putting his business holdings that are linked to Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. above the interest of Texans.

portion of Tom Brown. "I had no idea MetLife owned any part of the company. So what if they do?" he said. Bush said he was referring in the television report to politicizing of state insurance regulation under Richards. "The point is, this is misinformation on their part. I never commented on MetLife," Bush said. Richards' campaign said MetLife has owned between 6.5 percent and 9.9 percent of Tom Brown since Bush has served on its board, beginning in 1989. Bush earns \$12,000 a year from Tom Brown Inc.

By JOHN SOLOMON
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - When he was governor of Arkansas, President Clinton borrowed at least \$220,000 from a friend's bank to promote his legislative agenda, then set up special accounts where special interests could donate to retire the debts. The loans at the tiny Bank of Cherry Valley in Arkansas and some of the donations have never been disclosed, according to an Associated Press review of Clinton's personal finances during the years of his Whitewater investment. Many of the biggest donors were members of Arkansas' corporate elite, from poultry giant Tyson Foods and TCBY yogurt chain owner Frank Hickingbotham to state-regulated banks and utilities. Clinton's chief of staff at the time,

Betsy Wright, says she controlled both the spending and the fund raising for the political accounts, which retired Clinton's unsecured personal debt and paid for the various activities. The money was used to push a broad mid-1980s legislative agenda that ranged from education to ethics reform. The money went to television, radio and newspaper advertising; direct mail efforts; consultants who wrote legislation; travel and polling. The funds generally were kept separate from Clinton's re-election money, so donors were not subject to Arkansas' \$1,500 limit on campaign contributions. Some supporters gave \$10,000 or more, Wright said, including Hickingbotham of TCBY, who donated \$25,000. Upon learning of the details, critics

attacked Clinton's arrangement as secretive and aimed at circumventing state laws limiting the influence of donors on government. "He controlled all the boards, all the commissions, all the decisions made in state government and they (donors) were beholden to him," said Frank White, an Arkansas Republican who defeated Clinton in the 1980 governor's race. "The kind of dollars that were put in there were really just supportive of his effort to stay in office," he said. Added Scott Trotter, executive director of the Arkansas chapter of the Common Cause lobbying group: "It's an end run around what would otherwise be limitations on campaign contributions." The White House referred questions to Wright, who bristled at

any suggestion of impropriety. "There were no slush funds," she said. "Those people contributed to specific programs that they believed in and that they had a stake in." At the time of the loans, the personal credit of Clinton and his wife, Hillary, was stretched. They were liable for the mortgages taken out for the Whitewater land venture, which at one point totaled more than \$200,000. And Clinton also had a separate \$50,000 loan from Smith's bank for his 1984 re-election campaign.

U.S. Senate hopeful sets visit to town

Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Richard Fisher will be in Hereford on Friday for a brief stop in his Panhandle campaign swing. Leo Witkowski, a local Fisher supporter, said the candidate will arrive at the Hereford Senior Citizens Center, at 11:30 a.m. on Friday. He will only be here about 30 minutes, but may eat with seniors during the visit. In addition, Fisher will speak briefly to the group. Witkowski said the public is invited to attend and hear Fisher, who squares off against incumbent U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison in the November general election. Cost of the meal for those wishing to eat is \$3.50 and there is no charge for those who just want to hear Fisher. The stop is part of a two-day Panhandle swing for Fisher. He will also visit Dimmitt, Plainview, Lubbock, Amarillo, Borger and Pampa.



Synchronized diving?
It may not be Olympic-caliber, but these kids at Dameron Park pool on Wednesday took advantage of an available photographer to demonstrate their skill at diving off the side of the pool backwards. The exercise halted a lot of the play in the pool, as, from left, Paul Cervantez, 10; Alvin Valadez, 10; Moses Perez, 11; Junior Cavazos, 10; Gilbert Mendoza, 11; Robert Gil, 9; Yvette Moreno, 11; and Stephanie Moya, 10, all showed what they could do.

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Lifestyles



Bride-elect is honored

A bridal shower was held recently for Brenda Greenawalt, July 23 bride-elect of Michael Schaffer. The affair was held in the home of Carolyn Fry. Greeting guests were, from left, Lois Bates, the prospective bridegroom's grandmother; Brenda Schaffer, his mother; Brenda Greenawalt, the honoree; Barbara Greenawalt, her mother; and Laura Greenawalt, her sister.

Greenawalt feted with shower

Brenda Greenawalt, July 23 bride-elect of Michael Schaffer, was honored with a bridal shower June 18 in the home of Carolyn Fry, 227 Ranger Drive.

Welcoming guests were the honoree; her mother, Barbara Greenawalt; her sister, Laura Greenawalt; the prospective bridegroom's mother, Brenda Schaffer; and his grandmother, Lois Bates.

Guests were served refreshments of fresh fruits with dip, miniature pastries and strawberry punch. The table was covered with a white cloth and centered by a pink silk floral arrangement.

Farberware and a gift certificate were presented to Miss Greenawalt by the hostesses: Carolyn Fry, Gayle Binder, Linda Daniel, Jayne Euler, Christine Evans, Francie Farr, Peggie Fox, Carolyn Hiltbrunner, Sue Hollingsworth, Joan Hopper, Bobbie Wilson, Sheri Kerr, Shirley Wilson, Terri Souter, Wanda Stanley, Joyce Ward, Carolyn Waters and Betty Wilcox.



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Ann Landers

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I really liked the letter from the woman who, when she was a teen-ager, asked her parents for permission to smoke. The parents said they wanted her to do some research on the effects of smoking and write an essay accompanied by photographs. This is a fine example of parents teaching kids decision-making skills, instead of forbidding something they believe to be destructive. I applaud their good judgment.

In many Michigan schools, we have a comprehensive program for teaching health called Michigan Model. It basically employs the same technique used by this girl's parents. First, identify the problem. Second, look at the alternatives. Third, weigh the

consequences. Fourth, make the decision.

There has been a great hew and cry from a small, vocal segment of the population over the decision-making theme of Michigan Model. These people say that adults--parents and teachers--should simply TELL the students what the right decision is--in other words, forbid them to smoke, use drugs or be sexually active. In my opinion, giving them the opportunity to make their own choice is a much more desirable approach.

Thanks for the real-life demonstration of a good decision-making model at work. We need more of those.--
Traverse City, Mich.

DEAR TRAVERSE CITY: I

appreciate your kind words. Here's another letter about smoking, but it comes from a completely different place.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: This is for "Sad in Baltimore," who broke up with his girlfriend because she smoked. If he's that big of a jerk, she is much better off without him. The letter that really ticked me off in that whole batch of responses, however, was the one from the guy who said smoking should be illegal.

If that's the case, why don't we just declare illegal all the things that some people consider undesirable? The first thing that comes to mind is alcohol. It certainly harms far more people than smoking and in more serious ways. If we look at the damage done by drunk drivers alone, smoking, by comparison, doesn't make a dent.

Let's ban sex, too, while we're at it. Lord knows, sex can be hazardous to a person's health, what with all the diseases it can spread and the billions of dollars it costs our nation. Sex can be hazardous, even if you don't get a disease. Consider the fact that sex could result in children, who sometimes turn out to be very expensive as well as harmful to one's mental health. The anxiety could cause parents to smoke and drink.

Where do you draw the line? This country is in bad enough shape. Do we really want to live under a dictatorship?--Smoker in Raleigh, N.C.

DEAR SMOKER: You've certainly covered a lot of territory and occasionally made some sense. Thanks for a provocative letter.

Gem of the Day: From Vancouver, B.C.: After 30 days of summer camp, our son returned to us: nine shredded T-shirts, eight garter snakes, seven pounds of rocks, six filthy towels, five torn swimsuits, four wet pajamas, three live toads, two cans of worms and a rash from a poison oak tree.

DEAR B.C.: What? No partridge in a pear tree?

Do you have questions about sex, but no one to talk to? Ann Landers' booklet, "Sex and the Teenager," is frank and to the point. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$3.65 (this includes postage and handling) to: Teens, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562.

Progressive Reunion set

The public is invited to attend the 34th Annual Progressive Reunion to begin at 11:30 a.m. Sunday in the Hereford Community Center.

Those attending are requested to bring a basket dinner and old pictures. Paper plates, cups, cold beverages and napkins will be furnished.

For further information, call Helen Watts at 364-2157.

FORT PIERCE, Fla. (AP) - Wesley Snipes is ready to plead no contest to reckless driving for leading a highway trooper on a 30-mile chase that reached speeds of 135 mph.

Snipes, who owns a home in Orlando, was arrested after crashing his motorcycle on April 4. He wasn't injured.

Assistant State Attorney Al Hale said Snipes, 31, will enter the plea Aug. 3, then he and Snipes' attorney will give the judge separate sentencing recommendations.

Snipes' film credits include "Jungle Fever," "Demolition Man," "Rising Sun" and "White Men Can't Jump."

Have a game plan for summer outings

NEW YORK (AP) - Summer is the season of the year when families are on the go. Extra hours of daylight make it possible to cram more into every day. And for many families, it's also vacation time.

"Whether you're going for a short ride to the park, a long trip to the beach or cross-country by jet, you need a game plan to make your summer outings more enjoyable for everyone," says Joanne Oppenheim, a child development specialist and president of the Oppenheim Toy Portfolio, a New York-based consumer organization.

Among Oppenheim's travel tips:
Infants: Many babies find the motion of a car soothing. If you're going on a long trip, try to schedule your departures with your baby's regular nap time. Among the travel toys for infants recommended by the Oppenheim Toy Portfolio: Car Seat Gallery (Wimmer-Ferguson, \$11.95). A four-way pattern pocket chart that hangs on the back seat of the car. There are 20 different patterns in black-white and primary colors for baby to gaze at.

Toddlers: Familiar comforts from home are important to toddlers. Bring along a favorite huggable, music box and blanket. Among the recommended travel toys: Duplo Happy Time

Suitcase (Lego, \$19.99). A child-sized suitcase full of 30 chunky building blocks.

Preschool: Bring along a mix of things to be enjoyed on the way and those to be used when the family arrives at its destination. Include toys preschoolers can use by themselves as well as those that call for some "together" times with parents and older siblings. Among the recommended travel toys: Bear Family Sticker House (Mrs. Grossman, \$12.95). A foldable houseful of rooms and 125 lift-and-stick pieces.

Ages 5 to 10: Kids at this stage can entertain themselves for longer stretches of time. The trick is packing some of the kids' choices and also having some games that challenge their thinking skills. Among the recommended travel toys: Switchback (Binary Arts, \$15). A handheld, self-contained marble game.

The summer issue of the "Oppenheim Toy Portfolio" includes a "basic travel gear checklist" for each age group, plus lists of books, videos and audio tapes; toys for outdoor fun; arts and crafts and family games. The publication, available by subscription, does not accept advertising or entry fees from manufacturers.



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Sports

Hereford girls to play in national AAU tourney

By JAY PEDEN
Sports Editor

A basketball team made up partially of Hereford girls invades New Orleans this weekend for the girls' 13-under national AAU basketball tournament.

The tournament, set to start Saturday in the New Orleans suburb of Kenner, is the culmination of months of practices and tournaments for the West Texas Heat. Since April, they've played in 10 tournaments, including the Regional tournament in Amarillo, where they finished second and qualified for the trip to the Crescent City.

"This is the reward for a lot of hard work all year," said Jackie Mercer,

head coach of the Heat.

For some, it's been even longer. Four girls from Hereford—Julie Rampley, Kendra Wright, Nichole Albracht and Staci Betzen—have been playing together for three years. Along the way, three other Hereford girls joined: Makesha Rives, Crystal Bailey and Tiffany Mercer.

They were joined for this season by two girls from Vega, Cami Rea and Amanda Jackson, and four from Amarillo: Claire Bailey, Erin Hays, Holland Herring and Melissa Proffitt. After the Regional Tournament, the team added Geanna Day and Shatam Thiel, both of Lubbock.

They go into the week-long tournament on a roll. Although this

national tournament is for the 13-under age group, the members of the West Texas Heat honed their skills in the 14-under bracket at several tournaments. They've won four of those.

"We've been doing good all year," said Mercer, who coaches the team along with Eddie Chavarria and Leo Brown. "We've picked up our defense and our scoring average. We've been scoring about 20 more points per game since May. We've really picked it up. We've been beating the 14 (year-old) teams pretty bad—most of them."

The 76-team national tournament starts with pool play. Each pool includes four or five teams, and the

top two from each pool enter the championship bracket, a double-elimination bracket. The rest of the teams go into the Friendship bracket, also a double-elimination bracket; teams are coming from all over the country, so they're guaranteed at least five games.

The West Texas Heat hopes to at least make the championship bracket.

"One of the coaches we've played against had been to nationals last year, and he thinks we have a pretty good shot of finishing in the Top 16," Mercer said. "Our goal is to finish in the Top 16."

They're apparently not looking past the Top 16.

"Our goal is to win our pool and

get into the (championship) bracket, and we'll go from there," Kendra Wright said.

Julie Rampley has been to one of these tournaments before. Last year, she was picked up by a team from New Mexico and played in the 12-under tournament in Connecticut. She knows how tough the competition is.

"The teams aren't as easy as they are around here," she said. "You can't just go there and score 20 or 30 points. You have to work harder. You can't give up in close games, because if you get down by 10 or 20 points, you can't get back."

Her team last year made it into the final 16, and she thinks the West Texas Heat is just as good. With a little luck, she said, the West Texas Heat can reach the championship bracket.

"It really depends on who's in your

pool," she said. "If you've got tough teams in your pool, you may not get out of it. We might get in the losers' bracket, but I hope we get in the winners' bracket. I think we can get in the sweet 16, but I don't know about the final eight."

Though the tournament is a good opportunity for a vacation and lots of basketball, it's also a good opportunity for career advancement. Mercer said the national AAU tournaments are well attended by college basketball coaches; Rampley even got a letter from Purdue after playing in the national tournament last year, he said.

"We want to show off our Hereford girls," Mercer said. "We want to get them exposed to the national scene. We're hoping they'll get looked at by college coaches. They can't talk to the girls, but that's where they see them first."



Walking to New Orleans

The West Texas Heat is going to the national AAU 13-under girls' basketball tournament, which starts Saturday in Kenner, La., a suburb of New Orleans. The Heat consists of (front row, left to right) Crystal Bailey, Staci Betzen, Makesha Rives, Cami

Rea, Tiffany Mercer, Kendra Wright, Erin Hays, Melissa Proffitt, (back row) coach Jackie Mercer, Holland Herring, Amanda Jackson, assistant coach Leo Brown, Julie Rampley, Claire Bailey and assistant coach Eddie Chavarria.

Watson takes early lead in British Open

By BOB GREEN
AP Golf Writer

TURNBERRY, Scotland (AP) - Tom Watson took advantage of relatively benign morning conditions today for a share of the early first-round lead in the 123rd British Open Golf Championship.

Watson, 44, a five-time winner of this ancient title, compiled a 2-under-par 68 on the Turnberry Links where he engaged Jack Nicklaus in a memorable shootout in the 1977 version of this event.

Watson, in the third group off the tee, played in partly sunny weather with light winds most of his round and got his score on the board just as

the weather began to change.

A freshening wind picked up and clouds began to roll in from the Irish Sea as he played the final few holes and the forecast called for deteriorating conditions later in the day. The forecasters listed the chances of afternoon rains at 95 percent.

Although Americans were listed as long shots by Britain's legal bookies - no U.S. players are among the top 10 favorites and none better than 33-1 on the eve of the championship - Watson and fellow American Loren Roberts shared the top spot in the very early going.

Those odds changed dramatically overnight. More than one-half million

British pounds were wagered on Watson overnight and his odds went from 33-1 to 16-1 just before he teed off.

Roberts, 39, who scored his first career victory earlier this season in the Nestle Classic in Orlando, Fla., once had it 4-under par, but bogeyed two of the last three holes.

That sort of thing can be expected, Watson said.

"I think the leaders, at the end of the day, will shoot very good scores

on the front nine, maybe 4 or 5 under," he said. "But it's going to be very difficult to stay even par on the back."

South African David Frost was another early example.

He was among the leaders for most of his round, then bogeyed three of his last four holes and finished at par 70.

Watson, who has won only once in the United States in the last 10

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WT hires baseball coach

CANYON, Texas (AP) - West Texas A&M has hired Howard Payne baseball coach Todd Howey to replace Mike Marshall, officials announced this morning.


Howey signed a two-year, \$32,500 contract and will begin work next week.

He led Howard Payne to three consecutive Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Association conference championships. He compiled a 125-102 record during four years with

the Yellow Jackets.

The former all-Southwest Conference outfielder for Texas Tech was drafted by the Philadelphia Phillies in the 1985 amateur draft.

West Texas hired Howey to replace Marshall, whose one-year contract as head baseball coach wasn't renewed after the Buffaloes finished 8-48 in their first year of NCAA competition since 1971. Marshall has sought a grievance hearing to get the job back.



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Baggio's heroics lift Italy into World Cup finals

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — The crowd chanted long and loud: "E-TAL-YA! E-TAL-YA!" For the first time in 12 years, Italy was back in the World Cup final.

This was supposed to have happened in 1990, when soccer's biggest show was in Italy. But four years later, the national team - like so many Italian immigrants - accomplished on America's shores what they could not back at home.

Roberto Baggio, showing why he's called the best player in the world, scored a pair of brilliant first-half

goals Wednesday, leading Italy to a 2-1 victory over Bulgaria and a World Cup final against Brazil.

"Roberto Baggio is a treasure for our nation," forward Gianfranco Zola said.

Back home Baggio is called "Il Divino Codino" (The Divine Pigtail). It's really a ponytail that flops across his back as he darts across the field. Bulgarian defenders, unable to keep up with Baggio, saw a lot of the ponytail during the semifinal.

"He should never be kept

unmarked near the goal," Bulgarian goalkeeper Borislav Mihaylov said.

"That's what happened today." Baggio, who left in the 71st minute after pulling his right hamstring, had tears in his eyes at the end of the game, overcome with emotion. In Italy, the victory set off midnight parties in the piazzas, as thousands of tifosi - fans so rabid the word translates to "carriers of typhoid" - chanted his name over and over.

"This is my work. This is my life," the 27-year-old forward said. "It's made of sweat and tears. But

this time I really cried because I was very, very happy."

Eight days ago, the Italian newspapers said Baggio and the Azzurri were underachieving bums being dragged down by coach Arrigo Sacchi's crazy schemes. But following victories against Nigeria, Spain and Bulgaria, they're one game away from being declared national treasures.

Said Baggio: "I never surrender to difficulties."

Bulgaria didn't so much surrender. The Italian defense, led by Paolo

Maldini, just smothered almost all the chances.

"Our team played with pride and dignity," said Bulgaria President Zhelyu Zhelev, who traveled across the Atlantic for the game.

Virtually the entire crowd of 77,094 in Giants Stadium was pro-Italian. Baggio's two goals sent them into a frenzy.

In the 21st minute, from 20 yards out, he took a throw-in from Roberto Donadoni, dribbled across the top of the penalty area, ran past defenders

Petar Houbtchev and Zlatko Ivanov, then drove the ball inside the far post.

Five minutes later, Demetrio Albertini sent him a lead pass on the right side, and from a severe angle Baggio slotted the ball across the goalmouth from 12 yards out, tucking it into the back corner of the net.

Hristo Stoitchkov's sixth goal of the World Cup, tying him with Russia's Oleg Salenko for the tournament lead, came on a penalty kick with just over a minute left in the half. The Bulgarians blamed referee Joel Quiniou of France for not calling two more penalty kicks. Stoitchkov said it was because Bulgaria eliminated France from World Cup qualifying last November.

"God was on our side, but the referee was French," Stoitchkov said. "I don't think it was a mere coincidence that this referee was chosen to officiate the match."

Pele celebrates Brazil's win in Cup semis

By KEN PETERS

AP Sports Writer

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) - He bolted from his chair and thrust his right hand in the air. Moments later, he waved his arms, leading his countrymen in cheers.

The long wait was over for Pele and Brazil.

Pele, now a broadcaster, watched

Wednesday as Romario scored to beat Sweden 1-0 at the Rose Bowl, putting Brazil in a World Cup final for the first time since Pele led his country to a 4-1 championship victory over Italy in 1970.

"Brazil is back after 24 years," Romario said. "In the next game, we will have all our heart in it, the players, to make sure this opportunity does not slip away."

"It is important for us to win the title, but even more important for our people."

Brazil and Italy, both three-time World Cup champions, meet again Sunday at the Rose Bowl in a game featuring two of the world's best players - Romario and Italy's Roberto Baggio.

"It's going to be a great final," Romario said. "It will be two great schools of soccer. I see Brazil with a great chance to win."

"It will be a great classic of international football, a clash of two three-time champions," Brazil coach Carlos Alberto Parreira said. "Finally, the world will have a four-time champion."

Baggio scored twice in Wednesday's first semifinal as Italy downed Bulgaria 2-1.

Romario's goal in the 81st minute ended a nervous afternoon for him and his team, which outshot the Swedes 26-3 but could not force the ball past goalie Thomas Ravelli and his tenacious defense.

Romario took a total of eight shots, including two missed breakaways. He finally broke the deadlock with a header.

At 5-foot-6 the shortest man on the field, Romario found a seam in the defense and headed a perfect pass from Jorginho, crossing the ball from the right flank, into the left side of the net.

Ravelli, unflappable in the face of the offensive onslaught by Brazil all afternoon, this time had to guard the line and had no chance.

"It was a hard cross and a perfect header and it was impossible for me to stop it," Ravelli said.

Said Romario: "To go into the Swedish penalty box was really almost impossible. We really were trying to go up the flanks and the goal came from going up the flanks. We tried to do that many times and it finally paid off."

Among Romario's blown opportunities was a breakaway in which he had the ball behind the final

defender. But he accidentally stepped on the ball and had to slow down, allowing the defender to catch up and make him force the shot.

Another time, he dribbled around Ravelli on the right side and rolled a shot that was going in before a Swedish defender came out of nowhere to kick it away.

Rudy T. claims he wasn't drunk

WEST UNIVERSITY PLACE, Texas (AP) - Houston Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich, who spent a night in jail after being charged with drunken driving, says he wasn't intoxicated at all.

"I respect the law and I respect our system and what we have here is a difference of opinion on that I broke the law or not," Tomjanovich said as he left the West University Place jail Wednesday. "(The) officer felt I did, I don't think I did."

Tomjanovich refused a sobriety test when he was stopped in the Houston suburb about 3 a.m. CDT Wednesday. He was taken for breath testing at the jail, where he again refused and was held on a charge of driving while intoxicated, said Police Chief Steve Griffith.

Tomjanovich, 45, wouldn't say why he refused the tests.

"I'm not going to get into all of that," he said. "I said what I had to say."

Griffith said the coach of the NBA champions was pulled over after an officer saw his red Jeep speed and twice cross a yellow line.

"It was believed the subject had been drinking, there was an odor of alcohol on his breath," Griffith said.

Tomjanovich, wearing shorts and a T-shirt, posted \$500 bond and walked out of jail nearly seven hours after his arrest. The jail is about a mile from The Summit arena where his Rockets beat the New York Knicks for the NBA title two weeks ago.

Indurain pulls away from field

LOURDES, France (AP) - Two days ago, the Tour de France was still considered a toss-up between Miguel Indurain and Tony Rominger, and France was looking for some hope.

The situation has changed dramatically since then, with Indurain carrying a lead of nearly five minutes, although French cyclists have won the last two stages.

Indurain, a three-time winner of the Tour, beat Rominger by two minutes in the individual time trial on Monday, then added more than two minutes to his lead, moving away from Rominger on the final climb up Mount Hautacam in Wednesday's 11th stage.

Rominger remained in second place, but now trails the Spaniard by 4 minutes, 47 seconds.

It was the Tour's first taste of the mountains after 10 stages of flats. "The mountains have just begun," Indurain said. "I hope that with my teammates I can control the race."

After a rest day today, there will be four climbs Friday, including the famous Tourmalet, 6,937 feet, and Luz Ardidan, 5,625 feet, both rated "out of category" in terms of steepness and distance.

Indurain said Rominger may have guessed wrong in changing gears on his bike, essential during a steep climb.

"Rominger appeared in good shape these last few days," Indurain said. "He was no doubt a victim of gear ratio changes going from higher to lower, bigger to smaller."

Indurain was content with second place in the 164-mile leg from Cahors to Lourdes. He left the individual heroics go to Luc Leblanc.

Leblanc's victory gave France two consecutive stage wins after winning just one last year. Jacky Durand took the 10th stage Tuesday.

The top American, Lance Armstrong, stayed in the top 20, 13:36 behind overall, although he trailed more than seven minutes behind the stage leaders Wednesday.

Gillooly gets two-year term

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) - Jeff Gillooly apologized. Nancy Kerrigan didn't accept it. And the judge was unmoved.

Gillooly, Tonya Harding's ex-husband, was sentenced Wednesday to two years in prison - double what prosecutors had recommended and the harshest punishment of all five defendants in the attack on figure skater Nancy Kerrigan.

Presiding Circuit Judge Donald Londer also fined Gillooly \$100,000, saying his "outrageous and callous deed focused the attention of the world on this community and sullied it in the eye of international opinion."

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First aid hints for entire family

With warmer weather heralding the official beginning of boo-boo season, here are some first-aid tips from Dr. Geraldine Shepperson, National School Nurse of the Year, that should come in handy for those summertime calamities.

Ouch, A Bee Sting. Act quickly to reduce swelling and pain. First, remove the stinger by gently scraping with a credit card or nail file to flip the stinger out (No tweezers - they burst the poison sac). Next, clean the affected area with liquid soap and warm water. While there are many remedies for pain relieving, an easy method is applying mud and covering with a bandage.

What to do with a boo boo? With bike-riding, roller blading and games of softball, one can expect an occasional scraped knee or cut elbow. Begin by stopping the bleeding. Place

a clean bandage over the cut. If blood soaks through, add a second bandage to the first - removing the first bandage too soon may start the bleeding again. Once the blood has stopped, remove debris by cleansing the area with soap and warm water, followed by a gentle antiseptic such as alcohol swabs.

Treating minor burns. Whether it's from standing too close to the barbecue or catching the wrong end of a firecracker, minor first and second degree burns should be treated properly. First, flush the affected area with cold water for 15 to 30 minutes. Do not use ice or ice water - it could make it worse. Gently wrap burn in a clean dry cloth such as stretch gauze. Leave burn alone for 24 hours. Wash affected area once daily, then recover with the gauze. After two to three days apply aloe or an antibiotic ointment.

Make mind/body connection

Other cultures have long understood the connection between the mind and the body.

The Chinese, for example, have treated the mind and body as one for generations. Western medicine, however, has only recently begun to accept and study the linkage.

"Both psychosomatic illness and biofeedback are examples of how powerfully the human mind can affect the body and how closely the two are linked," says Raymond D. Fowler, Ph.D., chief executive officer of the American Psychological Association. "Figuring out exactly how the mind and body relate to each other is one of the jobs of psychological research."

Psychologists and other health researchers can now show that many health ailments are significantly related to psychological factors. They've learned that most of the major killers—heart disease, cancer, stroke, accidents—often have their origins in people's behavior—what and how much they eat, how much or how little exercise they get, whether and how much alcohol and tobacco they consume. In fact, it is estimated that psychological factors play a role in the medical problems of more than half the patients the average physician sees.

Psychological researchers are developing new methods of forestalling many types of physical illness by doing such things as teaching people

to better deal with stress, preventing the onset of smoking, the excessive use of alcohol and other addictive drugs and promoting healthful behaviors that reduce the risk for heart disease, cancer, osteoporosis and unintentional injuries.

Psychologists are uniquely qualified to further this growing collaboration between medical and behavioral health providers. They provide a continuum of care including the diagnosis and assessment of neuropsychological conditions, mental illness, brain injury and learning disabilities. Psychologists also provide a variety of mental health treatments including crisis intervention, psychotherapy, psychosocial rehabilitation and psychological counseling.

The skills which allow psychologists to put their understanding of the connection between behavior and health to its greatest advantage is the ability to design behavioral and preventative interventions aimed primarily at preventing illness. Such interventions include programs promoting healthy behaviors such as exercise and proper diet and avoiding cigarettes and the abuse of alcohol and other drugs.

This understanding of the mind-body connection and skill in applying it will be extremely critical during the 1990s as America works to hold down the costs of health care while also providing the best care possible.

Perk up summer fashions

Here are some quick and easy add-ons to jazz up your daughter's summer wardrobe, and maybe even yours, too! Once you have the materials assembled, you'll be sporting your new accessories within minutes. What's more, you can interchange the add-ons to complement a hat one day or sandals and a bracelet the next!

The essentials you need:
-Summer cotton floppy hats or cotton baseball-style hats, and plastic flip-flop sandals
-Silk flowers with stems and leaves removed
-Fabric glue or a glue gun (use with adult assistance)
-Strips of hook-and-loop fasteners (such as Velcro brand)

Hats:
Glue a 1-inch strip of Velcro to the brim of a baseball-style hat near the seam where the brim meets the top of the hat. Glue the matching strip of Velcro to a large silk flower such as sunflower. Glue additional strips of Velcro to other cheery blooms. For more variety, make add-ons with lightweight summer souvenirs such as seashells and charms. For a Carmen Miranda look, glue Velcro to small clusters of plastic fruit! And if your

favorite hair barrettes have colorful bows, glue Velcro to the clasps.
Make an add-on for a floppy wise brim hat by gluing a pin clasp to the back of one of your silk flowers. Bend the brim back to the top front of the hat and secure it in place with the flower pin.

BRACELET/WRIST CORSAGE.
Cut a strip of Velcro to fit comfortably around your wrist with a 1-inch added allowance to make an overlap. Glue a 1-inch matching piece of Velcro under this overlap, making a kind of "Velcro clasp" so that the bracelet will fasten. Wrap the bracelet around your wrist, and have fun attaching several of the add-ons you have made.

FLIP-FLOP BEACH SANDALS
Glue a 1-inch piece of Velcro on each sandal where the "V" meets between your toes. Attach more add-ons.

Note: Due to small objects, these ideas are appropriate for children ages 3 and up.



Historians say the first important European civilization, the Minoan culture, began on the Greek island of Crete about 5,000 years ago.

To Your Good Health

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have been fighting muscle tension headaches. Pain-relievers don't help. I use Tylenol or Advil or whatever is available at 10 or 12 at night, but they don't help much and I wake up with a headache, so I take more. The headache might leave after two or three days, but then it's right back. Right now, I am between doctors. What can I ask the new doctor about this? — Mrs. E.W.

ANSWER: Such headaches once were blamed on contraction of scalp muscles, but many dispute that idea. The name "tension headache" persists, however, since the problem is, frequently found as part and parcel of general emotional stress.

The typical tension headache is no tea party. Patients feel as though their head is in a tight vise, awash in waves of painful constrictions. A typical headache episode lasts from a couple of hours to a couple of days. Sleep deprivation might be part of a cycle of such headaches.

Experience tells us that most such headaches respond well to the simple pain relievers — Tylenol, Advil or other over-the-counter medicines. You are one of the unfortunates in whom the headaches are more recalcitrant and more or less constant.

First off, it seems clear that you are taking too much medication without supervision.

You should seek help in getting at the root of any emotional factor in your life that might be bringing on the problem. That often brings relief. Meanwhile, you can inquire about breaking the headache cycle with medicine for that purpose — amitriptyline, for example.

There are newer non-medicine approaches, such as biofeedback, you might try. With biofeedback, you are wired to a machine that displays pain levels, which you try to control.

I hope you get that appointment soon. Your self-medication is getting you nowhere fast.

See the headache report I'm sending you. Other readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 15, Box 5539, Riverton, NJ 08077-5539, enclosing \$3 and a long, stamped (52 cents) self-addressed envelope.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Please discuss von Willebrand's disease. How is it treated? — T.S.

ANSWER: It's a pretty common bleeding disorder with many degrees, from severe to so mild the person is not aware of its presence.

In the severe form, there may be frequent nosebleeds, prolonged menstrual periods or digestive or urinary tract bleeding.

Patients are deficient in the von Willebrand factor, one of the many blood-clotting proteins.

Some with the mild form need no treatment except precautionary steps before surgery. Others need to take concentrated preparations of blood to supply the clotting factor.

DDAVP — desmopressin — is sometimes given. It helps cause a rise in the missing factor.

You are responsible for telling all your doctors and health-care personnel of your deficiency. You should carry such information on your person to alert them of the problem in the event of an accident.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Is carbonated water OK to drink in questionable areas when traveling? — V.K.

ANSWER: Yes, carbonated water is all right, so long as you are the one who breaks the seal on the container. Boiled water is fine also.

Otherwise, avoid tap water, even for brushing teeth. Even tap-water ice cubes are out, for organisms can stay alive in it.

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Information sought for reunion

The 1964 Hereford High School graduating class is planning its 30-year reunion Aug. 12-13 during the annual Town 'n' Country Jubilee Celebration.

Information is still needed on several of the classmates. If you have addresses or telephone numbers of the following people, please contact Steve Coneway at 364-3109 or 364-4527.

The following classmates are being sought: Pauline Baxter, Billy Brock, Walt Burrow, Randall Carver, Larry Cooper, Gerry French, Steve

Elliott, Earl Jackson, Joye Martin, Carl Myers, Mike O'Connor, James Ous, Ike Persons, Scott Ramsey, Roy Rodriguez, Marzkie Faye Stringer, Lawrence Warner, Dan Taylor, Sherry Rose Himel and Linda Higgins Miller.

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Rains are welcome but more is needed

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) - As rain across the state brings welcome relief to Texas sorghum producers, more relief is still needed to aid drying crops, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service reports.

Dr. George Alston, Extension agronomist in Stephenville, said while recent rainfall did help Central Texas, more moisture is needed to help drought-stricken sorghum crops.

"Our sorghum harvest is taking place right now and we are seeing some problems," Alston said. "The main problem is intense heat is lowering our expected sorghum yields."

"Even though rained offered some relief to our sorghum, it hasn't been enough," Alston said. "The hotter it gets, the lower our yields will be."

Even though Central Texas sorghum producers continue to suffer from dry conditions, the region in the Southwest is prospering with an excellent sorghum crop.

Jose Pena, Extension economist in Uvalde, said the hot, dry conditions haven't taken their toll on the Southwest's sorghum crop.

"So far our sorghum is producing a crop that is excellent in both quality and yields," Pena said. "But even though we are very pleased with its outcome, a little rain wouldn't hurt."

As Texas stays hopeful that the weather will improve, cotton producers see, what could be, a bleak future. Unless Texas receives more rainfall, the result may be lower cotton yields.

Kater Hake, Extension agronomist in Lubbock, said both dryland and irrigated cotton are showing signs of heat stress.

"Even though irrigated cotton is holding on remarkably well, the moisture is running out," Hake said. "Many irrigated cotton producers underestimated the hot weather and may find irrigation systems unable to save their crops."

"As far as our dryland cotton, we are running out of time," he said.

"Many areas are six inches high, with only one bloom and in this intense heat, cotton won't produce squares."

"Right now, we expect to see cotton that is lower in quality and the number of yields," Hake said.

Robert Roark, Extension agent in Andrews County, said the dry conditions are posing a serious problem for Far West Texas.

"Our irrigated cotton is as stressed as our dryland cotton," Roark said. "We keep waiting for rain. The dark clouds come and go, bringing no relief to our crops."

Jon Zeitler, meteorologist at the National Weather Service Agricultural Service Center in College Station, said many Texas agricultural producers will see relief from dry conditions, as showers and thunderstorms pass across Texas this week.

"Scattered showers and thunderstorms are expected for areas in the High Plains, Low Rolling Plains, the Coastal Plains and East Texas," Zeitler said. "With the Trans Pecos

and South Central Texas receiving little to no rainfall."

"High temperatures will be in the mid-90s to low 100s, with lows mostly in the 70s," he said.

Zeitler said next week Texas should see an abundance of this week's conditions.

"The Coastal Plains, East Texas and areas of Central Texas will experience above normal precipitation throughout next week," he said. "With the High Plains region receiving normal rainfall."

"As rain increases in some areas of the state, the Trans Pecos region and South Central Texas can expect to see above normal temperatures with no precipitation."

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by district Extension directors:

PANHANDLE: Soil moisture short. Pastures, ranges dry. Corn tasseling, silking. Sorghum in preboot stage. Cotton squaring. Peanuts blooming. Cattle in good condition.

SOUTH PLAINS: Soil moisture short to very short. Pastures, ranges need moisture. Cotton squaring near completion, blooming. Livestock supplemental feeding continues.

ROLLING PLAINS: Soil moisture short to adequate. Pastures, ranges improved with rain. Cotton 40 percent to 60 percent squaring, some pest damage. Peanuts progressing. Livestock in fair to good condition.

NORTH TEXAS: Soil moisture very short to adequate. Pastures, ranges fair to good condition. Cotton squaring. Sorghum heading, turning color. Harvesting wheat, watermelons, cantaloupes, tomatoes, peas, okra.

EAST TEXAS: Soil moisture short. Pastures, ranges need rain. Cutting hay. Harvesting, marketing vegetables. Peaches in fair to good condition. Spraying for pecan pests.

FAR WEST TEXAS: Soil moisture short. Lightning fires damaged pastures, ranges. Cotton, sorghum in good condition. Harvesting cantaloupe, peaches. Gardens, apples progressing. Spraying for pecan pests.

WEST CENTRAL TEXAS: Soil moisture short to very short. Pastures, ranges fair. Cotton progressing, ne 'ts

moisture. Gardens, oats suffering from drought stress. Harvesting peaches. Pecans in good condition.

CENTRAL TEXAS: Soil moisture adequate. Pastures, ranges need moisture. Harvesting peaches, sorghum, garden vegetables. Spraying cotton for pests. Cattle in good condition.

SOUTHEAST TEXAS: Soil moisture short to adequate. Pastures, ranges fair to good. Planting peanuts. Baling hay. Irrigating cotton. Harvesting peaches. Pests damaging vegetables. Livestock in fair condition.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS: Soil moisture short. Hot, dry conditions deteriorating pastures, ranges. Cutting hay. Harvesting sorghum, corn, cantaloupes, watermelons. Cotton progressing.

COASTAL BEND: Soil moisture short. Drought stress damaged pastures, ranges. Harvesting sorghum, rice, corn, hay. Soybeans progressing. Pecans in fair condition. Livestock good.

SOUTH TEXAS: Soil moisture short. Pastures, ranges need moisture. Cotton suffering from dry conditions. Harvesting corn, sorghum. Peppers progressing. Preparing land for fall planting. Livestock good.

Texas crop insurance payments top nation

By **MICHELLE MITTELSTADT**
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - Texas farmers cost taxpayers \$1.9 billion in crop insurance claims and disaster assistance payments between 1985 and last year, an environmental research group says.

The Environmental Working Group issued a study Wednesday showing that the Texas tab topped the nation for the seven years surveyed.

North Dakota was second, with \$1.1 billion; and Minnesota third, with \$1 billion. Nationwide, farmers collected \$25.2 billion in crop insurance benefits and disaster loss money.

The non-profit organization, which focuses on agricultural issues, is urging overhaul of crop loss assistance programs for farmers.

Kenneth Cook, the group's president, said the findings raise questions about whether some land should be cultivated at all.

"There are some geographic areas where we see such frequency of disaster that it's really become a situation where the staple crop is disaster assistance," Cook said at a news conference.

In Texas, 7,382 producers received disaster payments from the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service in at least five of the seven years surveyed. Those farmers collected \$237 million of the \$1

billion in ASCS disaster payments paid out over the seven years.

"The public encourages policy holders to take risks with their property," Cook said. "Taxpayers shoulder the bulk of any claim."

But Texas Farm Bureau spokesman Gene Hall said crop insurance and disaster assistance programs are necessary to ensure a plentiful food supply.

"There's just a tremendous amount of risk involved," Hall said. "Some kind of protection is not only a benefit for agriculture, but for the public as well. These guys miss a couple of crops in a row and they are out of business."

Hall also said the seven-year period surveyed is a "pretty short window" that includes one of the century's worst droughts, which occurred in 1988.

In Texas, the biggest crop insurance losses were posted in cotton, with \$567 million in payments; wheat, \$98 million; grain sorghum, \$76 million; and corn, \$65 million.

While Hidalgo County in the Rio Grande Valley posted the biggest individual county crop insurance and disaster assistance payout over the seven years, the Panhandle and South Plains accounted for the biggest payouts - largely due to cotton losses.

The report was based on an analysis of more than 5.1 million Agriculture Department records obtained under the Freedom of Information Act.

Cook said his organization hopes its study will encourage support for Clinton administration and congressional proposals to overhaul emergency assistance for farmers.

While embracing the reform plans on Capitol Hill, the group said change should go further to base insurance on individual farmers' losses. Cook also proposed a "four-droughts-and-you're-out" plan that would eliminate insurance coverage for farmers with repeat disasters.

Federal Crop Insurance Corp. Manager Ken Ackerman said steps have been taken to consider producers' losses. "We have put in a number of changes in the crop insurance reform program over the past couple of years designed to make production coverage more individually tailored to (farmers') risk history," he said.

Ackerman said he couldn't comment on the Environmental Working Group report or its recommendations because he hadn't seen it.

Rep. Tim Johnson, who chairs the House agriculture subcommittee handling crop insurance reform, found some room for agreement.

"There are indeed some parts of the country where God is trying to tell people to quit trying to grow that crop there," the South Dakota Democrat said.

But, he added, "four droughts and you're out" is extreme.

"There are parts of the country that have an extra difficult weather pattern for several years in a row. To deny those people crop insurance at any price and to deny any kind of disaster assistance is going too far."

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Former Houston mayor calls for substance abuse insurance

By **CHIP BROWN**
Associated Press Writer
AUSTIN (AP) - Insurance coverage for substance abuse treatment must be provided within a national health care plan to keep drugs and alcohol from eating away at the economy and the American family, according to former Houston Mayor Kathy Whitmire.

Ms. Whitmire chaired a national panel that has made recommendations to Congress aimed at providing comprehensive substance abuse coverage in a national health insurance plan being debated in Washington.

"When you look at the total cost of the overall affects of substance abuse and addictions, you find that it's up over \$400 billion a year," Ms. Whitmire said Wednesday.

"People who have addictions often have health care costs that are three times that of the people who are actually able to get rid of their addiction."

The nine-person panel consisting of drug treatment and health care experts was convened by Join Together, a Boston University-based program funded by the Robert Johnson Foundation to help communities fight substance abuse.

The panel concluded that a comprehensive substance abuse benefit could be provided in health care coverage at an annual cost of \$45.10 per insured person.

That is slightly lower than the cost of the limited substance abuse treatment benefit currently being proposed in President Clinton's health care plan, according to the panel.

"When you add up the cost in the workplace, the lower productivity, the higher accident rate, the cost in the criminal justice system, it has such a broad-ranging effect," Ms. Whitmire said. "And when you include the costs to family life, it's a problem that sometimes defies quantification."


Marianne T. Marcus, associate professor and chair of nursing systems and technology at the University of Texas-Houston Health Science Center, said public and private insurers currently provide needlessly costly coverage for substance abuse treatment or no coverage at all.

Ms. Whitmire outlined recommendations featured in the panel's plan that include using money from increased alcohol and tobacco taxes to pay for the coverage.

The plan also recommends that drug treatment should be financed through the same sources that fund other health care benefits. The treatment should be complimented with prevention programs in schools, work sites and neighborhoods, according to the plan.

"Prevention programs should have the option of using money and assets seized in drug busts to pay for substance abuse treatment programs."

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