

Local Roundup

County court jury cancelled

A call for a jury panel for April 17 in Deaf Smith County Court has been cancelled. Prospective jurors who received instructions to report are relieved of the responsibility.

Gusty winds forecast

A south wind, 15-25 mph, Thursday night and on Friday, a south to southwest wind, 20-30 mph, with gusts, will raise caution advisories on area lakes. The overnight low should be near 50 degrees and the high Friday will climb to 80 to 85 degrees. The high temperature Wednesday was 70 degrees. The mercury dropped to 40 degrees overnight.

News Digest

World/Nation

WASHINGTON - The Clinton administration has begun drawing up a list of Japanese imports worth billions of dollars that could be subject to punitive tariffs if the current negotiations over opening Japan's auto marketplace don't reach a successful conclusion, officials say.

DETROIT - Chrysler Corp.'s blunt response to a \$22.8 billion takeover bid from billionaire Kirk Kerkorian and former company chairman Lee Iacocca should end debate about whether the action was hostile. But the automaker left a door open for more maneuvering in the decade's largest corporate buyout attempt.

LOS ANGELES - The jury in the racially sensitive O.J. Simpson trial is so divided that black and white jurors couldn't even agree on what videos to watch, the attorney for a former juror says.

In closed-door testimony before the judge Wednesday, Jeanette Harris showed how seemingly trivial matters mushroomed into major conflicts in the pressure-cooker atmosphere of sequestration, her attorney said.

WASHINGTON - Republican governors are working with the Senate to draft welfare reform legislation that would dismantle the \$27 billion food stamp program and send the money back to the states as a block grant.

WASHINGTON - Accusing his party's leading presidential contenders of ducking the tough issues, Rep. Bob Dornan is joining the Republican field as a pro-military, pro-family crusader against America's "moral decay."

LAS VEGAS - As more people turn to their computers for news and entertainment, some TV and radio stations are betting on the future - and hoping to cash in eventually - by setting up on-line services.

"It's our belief that on-line information providers represent a threat to television news operations in the next 10 to 15 years," said Skip Erickson, director of engineering and operations for WCCO-TV in Minneapolis, one of the stations that's decided that if you can't beat 'em, join 'em.

State

HOUSTON - Leaders of two tort-reform groups lobbying against frivolous lawsuits have been involved in more than 250 civil lawsuits in Harris County since 1978, according to a newspaper report. Texans For Lawsuit Reform and Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse want state laws rewritten to reduce lawsuits, protect businesses and lower awards, members say.

DALLAS - Dallas County Commissioner Kenneth Mayfield says he has nothing against people using condoms. He just doesn't want county health workers passing them out. "We don't give nicotine patches to smokers, so why should that be any different?" Mayfield says. Mayfield and his fellow commissioners have banned the county health clinic's distribution of condoms, needle sterilization kits and "safe sex" literature, a move that has rankled some Texas health officials.

AUSTIN - State Comptroller John Sharp is trying to rally other states behind a federal welfare reform alternative that would send block grants of money to states based on their population growth and residents' income levels.

AUSTIN - Gov. George W. Bush has accused federal environmental officials of using "heavy-handed" tactics to interfere with legislative efforts to revamp the state's vehicle emissions testing program.

AUSTIN - Texas House Republican leaders are calling for an investigation into whether Employment Commissioner Jackie St. Clair illegally used \$900 in tax money to publish a newsletter critical of the new Republican Congress.

AUSTIN - The Texas House has given final approval to a bill aimed at cutting down on frivolous lawsuits filed against doctors and other health care providers.

AUSTIN - Texans would have new power to sue state and local government over action that devalues their property under a bill that has won state Senate approval.

Police, Emergency Reports

Thursday's emergency services reports contained the following information:

HEREFORD POLICE

-- A 37-year-old female was arrested in the 600 block of Irving for domestic violence assault.

-- A suicide attempt was reported in the 900 block of 13th Street. Officers spoke with the subject, who said he did not want to commit suicide.

-- Theft was reported in the 1000 block of West Park, where some money was taken; in the 500 block of North 25 Mile Avenue, where merchandise was taken; and in the

100 block of North Miles, where a license plate was taken.

-- Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of South Lee, where some windows were broken.

-- Phone harassment was reported in the 300 block of Roosevelt and in the 300 block of Avenue H.

-- Officers issued 12 traffic citations.

-- There were three minor accidents reported without injuries and one accident with minor injuries.

DEAF SMITH SHERIFF

-- A 41-year-old male was arrested for DWI.

-- A 31-year-old male was arrested for violation of probation.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

-- Volunteer firefighters were called out at 1:06 p.m. Wednesday to a control burn one mile west of U.S. 385 on County Road 8.

-- Firefighters were called out at 5:29 p.m. Wednesday to a wreck rescue in the 500 block of North 25 Mile Avenue.

EMS

-- Report not available.

PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL

Dora Aranda, Romano Blos, Marie Bowen, Beale E. Brand, Inez Cox, Inez Fultz, Donald D. Houslee, Margaret McVaine, Gladys Miller, Hester W. Moore, Arnold Morgan, Francisca Ouliveros, Ewing C. Thaxton and Charles R. Wilson.

Lottery

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

The jackpot is worth \$28 million. The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 22, 28, 32, 45, 47 and 48.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Saturday night's game will be \$4 million.

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

1-9-1 (one, nine, one)



Weaving a tale

Storyteller Joe Hayes of Santa Fe, N.M., moves his arms in time to the story he is telling to a group of students at Aikman Elementary School on Wednesday. Hayes has been in Hereford this week speaking to children at all local elementary and intermediate schools, telling stories -- some of them true and

some tall tales -- about his upbringing and other subjects. Hayes uses Spanish in his tales, asking children to help translate the words to English. He visited Bluebonnet and West Central schools on Tuesday, Shirley and Aikman on Wednesday, and was scheduled for Northwest and Tierra Blanca on Thursday.

Clinton uses Roosevelt tribute ceremonies to further his agenda on tax cut proposals

By LAWRENCE L. KNUTSON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Laying down a marker in his debate with the Republican Congress, President Clinton says he will not support a tax cut if it does not include targeted relief to help pay education costs.

Clinton also said he will not support a tax cut that explodes the federal budget deficit.

The president used a salute to President Franklin Delano Roosevelt to defend the active government Roosevelt devised against the

onslaught of today's Republican attacks.

Speaking at ceremonies Wednesday marking the 50th anniversary of Roosevelt's death at the "Little White House" in Warm Springs, Ga., Clinton said Roosevelt would have resisted efforts to reduce assistance for the poor or to cut back on America's global responsibilities.

He applauded Roosevelt's G.I. Bill of Rights, saying the education it offered to millions of veterans returning from World War II helped build the strongest economy in history.

"Education is the fault line in America today," Clinton said. "Those who have it are doing well in the global economy. Those who don't are not doing well."

"There's a lot of talk about tax cuts," he said. "We should not do it if we have to cut education; we should not do it if we have to explode the deficit."

"That's why I say, if we're going to have a tax cut, we must give people some tax relief for the cost of education," he said, as the audience in the front yard of Roosevelt's white, clapboard cottage broke into applause.

"He led us from the depths of economic despair ... to victory in the war, to the threshold of the promise of the postwar America he unfortunately never lived to see," Clinton said.

Roosevelt suffered a fatal cerebral hemorrhage at his Warm Springs cottage on April 12, 1945. He was 63 and, after shepherding the nation through the Great Depression and the war, had just begun his fourth term as president.

He used the soothing waters of Warm Springs to seek relief from the paralysis of polio and founded a rehabilitation center that still offers help to the disabled.

Lions elect new officers

The Hereford Lions Club on Wednesday elected banker Larry Alley to be president of the club in 1995-96 and tabbed L.J. Clark to be president-elect.

Alley has served as president-elect this year.

The election was held during the club's regular weekly meeting. The new officers will take their positions in July.

Also elected was District Clerk Lola Faye Veazey to be first vice

president, Pervadius Wade as second vice president and Ray Berend as third vice president.

County Judge Tom Simons will be the treasurer and Mike Harris will be secretary.

Directors elected for two-year terms were Bill Shore and Julius Bodner.

Tim Ruland and Judy Baker were elected Tail Twisters and Mike Hatley and Stan Fry Jr. were chosen to be Lion Tamers.

Non-union teacher group claims predominance

LONGVIEW, Texas (AP) - Non-union teacher groups in Texas are claiming their membership has eclipsed that of the nation's largest education union, the National Education Association.

The Texas State Teachers Association, an NEA affiliate, disputes the claim.

With nearly 70,000 members, the Association of Texas Professional Educators says its organization is the largest of its kind in the nation and claims it's outgrown the TSTA.

As such, ATPE spokesman Larry Comer said his organization deserves a more public face, noting that TSTE officials are quoted almost exclusively by the Legislature.

TSTA communications director Annette Coots dismissed ATPE's claim of being the largest teacher group.

"We don't consider them a competing organization - they're an insurance company," she said. "They've got a small little staff up there that tries to do everything, they just don't do anything well."

Coots, who estimates her group's membership at 93,000, said the figure doesn't account for TSTA members who may choose not to participate in the NEA. Nationally, NEA claims 2.2 million members.

Beth Graham is chairwoman of the Coalition of Independent Education Associations, which claims 200,000 members in 11 states.

"Unions are useful in some things," said Hallsville High School librarian, "We just don't believe they're useful in education."

Both union and non-union groups provide legal representation and insurance to members and lobby before the Legislature, but unions support collective bargaining while non-union groups oppose it.

Both the NEA and TSTA support political candidates - almost exclusively Democrats; ATPE does not endorse or contribute. Graham said ATPE's membership is politically diverse.

Book discloses relationship between FDR, distant cousin

By CALVIN WOODWARD
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - She was the "little mud wren" in FDR's glamour circle, the adoring and unassuming distant cousin always by the president's side, and never in anyone's way.

Now comes evidence that Roosevelt, a man historians say never gave all of himself to anybody, gave more to Margaret "Daisy" Suckley than people thought.

Fifty years after FDR's death and four years after hers, a book edited by Geoffrey C. Ward portrays through their discovered letters and her diary a deeply affectionate, even giddy, relationship that stretched through his presidency.

The papers making up the book "Closest Companion" were found in a battered trunk in Suckley's once-opulent house, Wilderstein, at Rhinebeck, N.Y., after the spinster died at age 99, her family's fortune long gone.

They suggest the president and his sixth cousin reveled in the secrecy of their meetings, exchanged "thought messages" when apart and planned a hilltop retreat where he tantalized her with the prospect of living together one day.

Amid the momentous events of his time, the stoic Roosevelt told her of frustrations and fatigue that he could not seem to admit to his wife or the other women whose company he famously enjoyed.

"What a week - why did I come back - why this endless task - why run again - why see the endless streams of people - why

the damned old basket of mail which is either full and hanging over my head or just emptied and ready to be filled," he wrote in April 1936 in a rare burst of self-pity.

"I have longed to have you with me," he wrote to her while at sea, stoking one of the several relationships with women that he kept going at once.

For her part, she constantly reassured a man who told her, "I hate my speeches," fretted over his health and teased him for being "really very bad - for you take advantage of a weak woman's yielding tendencies."

He was, she wrote to herself, "so completely perfect in a thousand little ways."

Still, the letters don't indicate a sexual relationship and Ward doubts there was one, even if the polio-stricken president was capable of it.

The papers "constitute an old-fashioned love story - chaste but clandestine, and often distinctly flirtatious," Ward told a lecture audience at the National Archives.

"Their mutual delight in it (was) intensified, I think, by the fact that it would never actually be consummated."

Ward wrote two well-received biographies of Roosevelt and was co-author of "The Civil War" and "Baseball," two documentary and book projects led by film-maker Ken Burns.

Scholars have praised "Closest Companion" as a contribution to the record of Roosevelt's casual hours and of his declining health in his last few years.

FDR died April 12, 1945, at age

63. Suckley, by then a presidential archivist with a professional claim to his company, was among the women with him at the end.

The Suckleys and Roosevelts were well-heeled neighbors in the Hudson River Valley and the cousins first spent time together in 1922, when FDR was 40 and newly crippled.

The record of his 38 letters to her and her scores of letters to him starts in 1933, with his first inauguration, and intensifies later that decade when they exchanged notes almost most daily.

Suckley, who eventually retrieved her letters, appeared to have destroyed some of the most private ones.

But it was clear their relationship grew apace after they drove in 1935 to a Hudson ridge they had named "Our Hill." He spoke of that day as the start of a "voyage." She pasted into her diary the poem, "Eros."

"Perhaps they simply kissed," Ward wrote. "Perhaps they merely confessed to each other the loneliness they felt."

Suckley betrayed no jealousy over FDR's flame, Lucy Mercer Rutherford, whose relationship with the president had stressed his already difficult marriage to Eleanor Roosevelt.

"He told me once that there was no one else with whom he could be completely himself," she wrote.

Suckley coyly turned aside questions about whether she kept a diary when Ward met her in 1987.

"Even members of Roosevelt's staff, put off by her constant but mostly silent presence ... dismissed her as the little mud wren," he said. "That was how she wanted it."

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Lifestyles

Girl Scout Council seeks 'Woman of Distinction'

The Texas Plains Girl Scout Council (TPGSC) is seeking nominations for its 1995 "Woman of Distinction" Awards to be presented in recognition of outstanding women who are or have been Girl Scouts. The deadline for nominations is June 1.

Shirley Thomas, president of the Texas Plains council, announced the award in a recent letter to friends of Girl Scouting.

"The Girl Scout experience enhances girls' self-esteem, strengthens their leadership and decision-making skills and provides them with strong, positive role models," she said.

"As an elementary school principal, I see girls every day who need role models and who need to believe success is possible for them," said Thomas. "I believe our Texas Plains Council's Woman of Distinction Award can achieve that goal successfully."

Nominations are open for any qualified woman from throughout the

17 counties served by the council who has been or is a Girl Scout (at any level for girls or as an adult member).

Other criteria are that the nominee be someone who upholds the intent of the Girl Scout Promise and Law in her daily life, is a positive role model for girls, and has demonstrated outstanding leadership, influence and achievement through service to her community or society.

Women selected as 1995 honorees will be notified by local Girl Scouts and honored November 2 at a special celebration in Amarillo.

Nomination forms and guidelines may be obtained from the TPGSC Program Center at 6011 W. 45th, Amarillo 79109, phone 806-356-0096 or 800-687-4475.

The Texas Plains Girl Scout Council serves girls in the counties of Armstrong, Carson, Collingsworth, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Oldham, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Swisher and Wheeler.



Library display

Tiffany Mercer (left) and Tessa Baker are displaying their sand art at the Deaf Smith County Library through April. Tessa is in the 6th grade at Shirley and Tiffany is a 4th grader at West Central. The girls began working on the pictures at a "stay-over" several months ago.

Huff home is site of meet for Lone Star Study Club

The Lone Star Study Club met recently in the home of Birdene Huff with vice president Betty Jo Carlson presiding.

For the opening exercise, Carlson read an Easter devotional using the Grand Canyon as a background.

A letter of resignation from Marjorie Thomas was read and accepted.

Argen Draper presented the program on First Ladies based on the book "Presidents' Wives". Included in her review were Jackie Kennedy, Dolly Madison, Carolyn Harrison, Helen Taft and Nancy Reagan, among others.

Willie Whitten served refreshments to Draper, Huff, Carlson, Anita Davidson, Margaret Ann Durham, Byrdie Fellers, Mildred Fuhrmann, Wilma Goetsch, Naomi Harc, Marie Harris, Verna Sowell, Quintana Waits

and Gladys Willoughby. The next meeting will be May 9 at noon at Kings Manor.

Rebekah Lodge plans Panhandle area meet

Hereford Rebekah Lodge #228 met Tuesday with fourteen members attending.

Vice grand Rosalie Northcutt presided at the business session. Twenty-six visits to the sick, 43 cheer cards, 15 dishes of food and two flowers were reported.

A discussion of preparations for the Panhandle Association meeting was held. Odd Fellows and Rebekahs from area towns in the Panhandle and South Plains will convene in Hereford April 22-23. All meetings will be open to the public. Tickets to the banquet and dance April 22 are \$10 each.

Frankie Ruland served as hostess at the fellowship hour. Attending were Northcutt, Peggy Lemons, Irene

Merritt, Susie Curtsinger, Nan Rogers, Tony Irlbeck, Mary Lou Weatherford, Anna Conklin, Dorothy Lundry, Jessie Matthews, Leona Sowell, Nelma Sowell and Lucille Lindeman.

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Hints from Heloise

Dear Heloise: Last night I was dining out with six other younger widows. One of them mentioned that that morning her never-cleaned coffee pot had boiled out all over the counter. I told her about vinegar as a cleanser and to save the solution in a labeled bottle, and to clean the pot

regularly.

Well, you never heard such hooting and howling! Saving a quart of vinegar? How chintzy! You probably save soap scraps, string, etc.

When I admitted that I did just that, I earned myself the reputation of being the miser of the century.

It's obvious that my friends never read Heloise and never lived through the Great Depression. My friends' thinking is a trend of the times, however. It's why other nations fault us for thinking why save when there's plenty more out there!

So you see, dear Heloise, you, your readers and I are some kind of weirdos! We're thrifty! — Estelle Schurger, Naples, Fla.

You aren't weird; you're smart! Why waste money or throw away usable things? We all have a view, but I'm with you. Please write again. — Hugs, Heloise

BUBBLE WRAP

Dear Heloise: Here is my hint on using bubble wrap. I roll up a piece and tie it or put rubber bands around it. Put it in a small pillow slip and use it if you have a bad back.

It is great behind your back when driving a car on trips or just for sitting and watching television or reading. It sure helps your back. — Cathy Erb, Hartville, Ohio

VACUUM HINT

Dear Heloise: I noticed that half of my vacuuming energy was spent trying to keep a grip on the handle of my upright, so I decided to try to remedy that.

I cut a finger out of an old rubber glove and slipped it over the handle and wound a rubber band around it to secure. No more death grips on a slippery handle! — Genie Thomas, Ovilla, Texas

Wedding information must be submitted by 5 p.m. Monday to be included in the next Sunday Brand. Wedding information forms, as well as those for engagements and showers, are available at the news office, 313 N. Lee.

Stew supper served tonight

The Wesley United Methodist Church, 410 Irving, will hold its third annual stew supper tonight.

The meal will include stew, cornbread, dessert and drink. Cost is \$3 for adults. Children six and under eat free.

The supper will start at 5:30 p.m. so that anyone planning to attend Maundy Thursday services will have time to eat prior to the services. Serving will continue until 8:30 p.m.

Session to focus on lowering fat

"A Change of Heart" will be presented by Connie Moyers, Southwestern Public Service Company Home Economist on April 17, at the Reddy Room.

The program will focus on planting seeds for a new way of cooking with emphasis on lowering fat. Food demonstrations and tasting and new recipes will be available at the program.

Reservations are important and may be made by calling the County Extension Office at 364-3573.

Participants should choose one of the sessions that will be offered either at 1:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. and indicate their choice when making reservations.

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Vocal soloists

Karon Harder, left, and Scott Shaw, both Hereford High School students, received a one rating on a class one vocal solo in UIL competition held recently at West Texas A&M in Canyon. Not pictured is Bridget Beltran. Scott also received a one rating on a class one violin solo. They will advance to state competition in Austin at the end of May.

Series of workshops slated for recent victims of MS

The Panhandle Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is presenting a series of workshops of interest to anyone who has been recently diagnosed with multiple sclerosis.

The workshops will be held at High Plains Baptist Hospital, Dining

Room 1, from 10 a.m.-12 noon, beginning April 22.

There is no charge for any of the workshops.

The program is a series of five workshops. Dr. Haydee Rohaidy, Amarillo neurologist, will be the first speaker. She will explain what MS is, who gets MS, and what treatments are available.

On April 29, Dr. Catherine Phillips, assistant dean for research at Texas Tech Medical School, will discuss the most recent information on how to alter the course of the disease and ultimately stop its progression.

The third workshop will be led by Jim Dillingham, LFSW, executive director of the Children's Cottage in Amarillo. He will discuss the importance of good relationships.

The fourth workshop, May 13, will be the National MS Teleconference with sites throughout the chapter area, all sponsored by the VA Medical Center of Amarillo.

The final workshop on May 13 will be small group discussions on topics including insurance, social security, independent living and community resources.

For more information, call Fredricka Gens at 806-372-4429 or 800-344-4867.

Roberts to get masters degree

Sandra L. Roberts, of Hereford, is among 1,437 graduates who will receive degrees May 12-13 at the University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond.

Roberts will receive a master of education degree in adult education.

The spring graduates include 1,129 being granted bachelor's degrees and 308 master's degrees.

Sims is named to Who's Who

Gary Joe Sims, son of George Sims of Hereford and the late Harriet Sims, has been named in the 1994-95 Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges honors program.

Sims attends Southwestern Assemblies of God University in Waxahatchie. He graduated from high school in 1968 in Brawley, Calif., then attended Christ for the Nations Institute in Dallas. After graduation, he was employed by Tri-State Chemical in Hereford.

Students named in Who's Who are honored and rewarded for individual scholastic excellence and for being outstanding campus leaders.

Caraway makes ACU honor roll

Melissa Caraway of Hereford was among 800 students from Abilene Christian University named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall 1994 semester.

Caraway is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caraway.

To make the Honor Roll, a student must complete at least 12 semester hours for grades and earn 3.45 or higher grade point average.

Texas Playboys set to perform at celebration

The 24th Annual Bob Wills Celebration will be held in Turkey April 28-29.

The celebration begins with a dance on Friday night starting at 9 p.m. and will feature the Texas Playboys.

There will be a parade Saturday at 10:30 a.m., followed by a bar-b-que lunch catered by the Khiva Shriners beginning at 11 a.m.

The old fiddlers contest starts at noon, then at 2:30 p.m. there will be a program featuring all former Texas Playboys present at the celebration.

The day will conclude with a dance starting at 7 p.m. Music will be furnished by Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys. Midnight breakfast will be served starting at 11 p.m.

Ann Landers

DEAR ANN LANDERS: This is about "Loving in California," whose male friend was impotent. She wished he could get it through his head that most women would gladly settle for cuddling if that's all there was. You agreed and said she had spoken for millions of women.

Get real, Ann. I am 78 and impotent. Although cuddling can be great fun, most men want to reach a higher level of achievement. But it's damn near impossible to play a lovely tune on an organ that doesn't work.

Tell your male readers there are many things an impotent male can do. First, he should see a good urologist. If his trouble is psychological, he will be referred to a sex therapist. If the problem is physical, there are several alternatives. One is a penile implant that works for some but is very expensive. There are also injections, but I don't know too many guys who would choose to be stabbed in that rather delicate place. Then there's the vacuum pump, which is quite inexpensive and highly effective. (Medicare will pay most of it.) None of the above are available without a physician's prescription.

So, Ann, surprise your millions of women (and men) readers and give them something to brighten their golden years. — Second Love Life in Sacramento

DEAR SECOND LOVE: You did, and I want to thank you on behalf of all who will profit from what you have written. Among your smorgasbord of options, there should be something for everyone. If none are appealing, or workable, they can always go back to cuddling. It can be very rewarding.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: People wonder how family feuds start. Here's a good example. (Please take note: Once again the culprit is MONEY.)

My mother-in-law passed away several weeks ago, leaving six adult children, a hefty funeral bill and no assets.

It was agreed that the funeral bill would be divided among her six children. It came to about \$500 for each of us. But after the funeral, envelopes from friends arrived with money for masses. It came to about \$800 worth of contributions.

Two of the children, so-called executrixes, decided BY THEMSELVES that since the funeral bill was being taken care of by us, the extra money from the envelopes should go for fruit baskets — three to the hospital and two to the nursing home — and the balance to the priests for vestments in her memory.

That was a nice gesture, but unfortunately, we ended up being so generous there wasn't enough money to bury Mom. I hope your readers will keep this in mind when there is a death in the family. Warn them to make sure all the bills are paid before they go overboard and give away what they think is excess. Good judgment says, "Keep something in reserve. You almost always will need it." — Ohio

DEAR OHIO: Did I miss something? I don't get it. Why wasn't there enough money to bury Mom, if you and your siblings agreed to split the funeral bill evenly and ante up \$500 each?

Are you upset because you wanted to use the envelope money to pay for the funeral and the executrixes decided to buy fruit baskets? If this is the case, I'd like to know what happened to the \$500 contributions from your siblings.

Gem of the Day: If at first you do succeed, try to hide your astonishment.

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Girls State candidates introduced

The American Legion Auxiliary voted on a delegate to attend Girls State in Seguin June 13-23.

Alice Eades introduced the candidates-Aimee Alley, daughter of Larry and Eileen Alley and Natalie McWhorter, daughter of Steve and Jimmie McWhorter.

After the candidates presented their resumes, a secret ballot was taken and results will be announced at the awards assembly on May 8.

Betty Jo Carlson read scholarship applications from Jana Lynn Baird and Sarah Marie Wagner. The winner of the scholarship will also be announced at the May awards assembly.

Upcoming events were announced. Poppy Day will be May 24 and the division convention will be June 3-4 in Midland.

After the meeting, refreshments were served to Legion and Auxiliary members.

The next meeting will be May 2.

Barbarism and rusticity may perhaps be instructed, but false refinement is incorrigible.
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Sports

Herd girls' golf team earns regional berth

By JAY PEDED
Sports Editor

The Hereford girls' golf team earned a trip to the Region 1-4A Golf Tournament by finishing second in District 1-4A.

Hereford totaled 378 in the final district round Wednesday at the Comanche Trails Municipal Golf Course in Amarillo. That gave the Lady Whitefaces a four-round total of 1,497, which was 58 strokes behind winner Borger but 69 ahead of third-place Pampa. Only the top two teams advance to the regional tournament.

Hereford's boys shot 312 Wednesday to take third place in the boys' competition, staying ahead of Randall and Canyon.

The regional tournament will be April 24-25 in San Angelo. This will be the 10th trip to regionals for the girls' team in the last 11 years. If Hereford finishes first or second there, it will earn its fifth trip to the state tournament in 11 years.

"I feel just as good getting second and going to regionals as I would if we'd got first," Herd coach Stacey Bixler said. "We've gone as the second place team many years and been able to do well when we got down to regionals. It's a brand-new two-day tournament."

Bixler said his girls' teams have gone to state twice after finishing only second in the district. The favorites this year would be Andrews and Snyder, both of which returned most of the girls from state-tourney teams last year. Hereford may be the fourth favorite--behind also Borger--for the two state berths that Region 1 gets.

Krista Beville shot a 91 Wednesday to lead Hereford. Jami Bell shot 96 and finished fifth in the district medalist race with a four-round total of 369.

Senior Scott Burkhalter was the Hereford boys' top performer in the medalist race, finishing 10th after shooting a 78 Wednesday. David Sims, who shot 76 Wednesday, was out of the medalist

running because he missed one of the district rounds.

The Hereford boys' team overcame a rough first round and had to come back to finish third in the district.

"I'm real proud of the way the boys competed," Bixler said. "Two weeks ago they were fifth but they were able to come back and shoot 318 and 312 the last two rounds. They were able to move into the second place spot and able to move ahead of Randall and Canyon by playing really good golf."

Hereford's B teams--both boys and girls--finished sixth, ahead of several varsity teams.

Following are the scores by Hereford individuals and the district's team totals, with Wednesday's score and four-round total.

INDIVIDUALS

Girls A--Krista Beville, 91; Jana Baird, 95; Jami Bell, 96; Karen Manchec, 96; Stephanie Bixler, 97.

Boys A--David Sims, 76; Keith Riley, 77; Scott Burkhalter, 78; Tom Munoz, 81; Justin Griffith, 82.

Girls B--Jacque Bezner, 98; Amy Killingsworth, 100; Jennifer Phipps, 109; Lindsay Ward, 116.

Boys B--David Farr, 78; Greg Reinart, 82; Randy Mason, 85; Jeremiah Baros, 88; Cory Schumacher, 88.

TEAM TOTALS

Girls--1, Borger, 351--1,439; 2, Hereford, 378--1,497; 3, Pampa, 393--1,566; 4, Randall, 415--1,629; 5, Canyon, 400--1,630; 6, Hereford B, 423--1,668; 7, Dumas, 433--1,688; 8, Pampa B, 439--1,767; 9, Caprock, 437--1,802; 10, Borger B, 463--1,955.

Boys--1, Borger, 301--1,210; 2, Pampa, 311--1,252; 3, Hereford, 312--1,293; 4, Randall, 320--1,307; 5, Canyon, 327--1,313; 6, Hereford B, 333--1,329; 7, Caprock, 322--1,342; 8, Borger B, 329--1,368; 9, Pampa B, 332--1,377; 10, Randall B, 364--1,466; 11, Canyon B, 385--1,521; 12, Dumas A, 401--1,531; 13, Caprock B, 384--1,597; 14, Dumas B, 391--1,697.

Cowboys' tackle arrested for assault

DALLAS (AP) - Dallas Cowboys All-Pro offensive tackle Erik Williams was arrested today after a 17-year-old girl accused him of sexually assaulting her, Dallas police report.

Dallas police Sgt. Jim Chandler said Williams, 26, was arrested after police responded to a request for help

telephoned to officers by the girl. Chandler said officers went to Williams' home in north Dallas and asked for the girl by her first name. Williams told officers that the girl was not there and there was no disturbance.

As officers returned to their police car, they said they heard a sound and

saw the girl looking out of a window.

"She told them the story that she had been forced, with verbal threats, to engage in sexual intercourse with both men," Chandler said.

Officers then arrested Williams and another man, who was not immediately identified.

Williams had not been booked into Law Sterrett Justice Center as of 7:45 a.m. Thursday, a jail spokeswoman said.

of that nature," he said. "We won't have any comment until we have further information."

Williams was seriously injured Oct. 24 when his car slammed into a ramp on Interstate 635 in north Dallas. He required major reconstructive surgery on his right knee and missed the rest of the season.

The accident followed an evening of celebrating with teammates after the Cowboys' victory over the Arizona Cardinals.

He pleaded no contest to misdemeanor drunken driving and received two years probation.

Williams, 26, was a Pro Bowler in 1993. The 6-6, 324-pound lineman played college football at Central State of Ohio.

Montana's retirement to be official next week

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) - Joe Montana's retirement announcement is getting the long buildup usually reserved for a Super Bowl, the game he won four times.

Kansas City Chiefs officials had no comment Wednesday to The Associated Press report that Montana would announce his retirement early next week. The AP quoted unnamed sources in International Management Group, the quarterback's agent.

Montana is expected to make the announcement Tuesday in San Francisco in front of family, friends and former teammates and then travel to Kansas City on Wednesday.

"I will make this statement," Chiefs president Carl Peterson said, "that we will have a press conference here next Wednesday, probably at 10 a.m., specific to the status of Joe Montana."

Reports have swirled for months that the quarterback who led the San Francisco 49ers to four Super Bowl victories would retire with one year left on his contract with the Chiefs.

Montana would not say one way or the other if the reports were true. As late as Tuesday night in San Jose, Calif., he said "I can't say it ain't or it is."

In various accounts, Montana's desire to retire at 38 - he would be 39 at the start of training camp - was attributed to a knee injury that was more serious than first thought, general aches and pains, a lack of interest in practicing and the wishes of his wife, Jennifer.

He also was said to believe the Chiefs had not put together a good enough supporting cast to help him gain an unprecedented fifth Super Bowl victory.

Retirement would mark an unhappy end to a marvelous career that included Super Bowl victories in 1990, 1989, 1985 and 1982. He was the Super Bowl MVP three times.

An elbow injury caused him to miss most of the 1991 and 1992

seasons, and his job was taken over by Steve Young.

The quarterback controversy ended when Montana was traded to the Chiefs on April 20, 1993, along with safety David Whitmore and a third-round draft choice, for a first-round draft pick.

He missed five games in 1993 with wrist and hamstring injuries, but led the Chiefs to an 11-5 record and the AFC championship game. He sparked playoff rallies against Pittsburgh and Houston before the Chiefs lost at Buffalo - one step from the Super Bowl.

The Chiefs finished 9-7 last year, with a first-round playoff loss to Miami.

Cowboys officials had no comment, spokesman Rich Dalrymple said.

"We're aware of the situation. We are in the information gathering process right now. We're not aware of any charges being filed or anything

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Highways 385 and 60. The registration fee is \$15 per player, and players will be provided with a team T-shirt. The deadline is April 22.

Teams will be co-ed. There will be four age divisions will be: 6-and-under, 8-and-under, 10-and-under, and 12-and-under.

For more information, call Robert Griego at 364-2322, or Emilio Romero at 364-8736.

Meet the Herd set Wednesday

Meet the Herd for spring sports will be held at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday in Whiteface Gym. Members of the Hereford High School baseball, golf, tennis and track teams will be introduced.

Meet the Herd in organized by the Whiteface Booster Club.

HMGA to meet

The Hereford Men's Golf Association will meet at 7 p.m. on April 20 at the VFW Hall. New members are welcome to attend.

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Cheeto Bandits	60.5	61.5
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Have Shoes Will Run	25	91

High game, women: Sandi Blevins, 225; Jeanette Rogers, 200; April Hudson, 186.

High series, women: Blevins, 582; Rogers, 516; Betty Taylor, 506.

High game, men: Bruce Johnson, 289; Shawn Minson, 216; Roy Blevins, 214.

High series, men: Johnson, 615; Blevins, 565; Minson, 549.

NFL approves Rams' transfer to St. Louis

By E.B. FALLSTROM
AP Sports Writer

IRVING, Texas (AP) - What a difference a month, a lot more money and the threat of legal action made for the St. Louis Rams.

In March, NFL owners gave the thumbs-down to the Rams' move from Anaheim, Calif., to St. Louis by a 21-3 count. On Wednesday, there was an abrupt about-face, with owners voting 23-6 in favor.

The owners also approved the sale of 30 percent of the team to Columbia, Mo., businessman Stan Kroenke, who paid \$60 million to become minority owner of a team that has had five consecutive losing seasons.

"Isn't this spectacular?" Kroenke said. "It's unbelievable."

It was a decision governed by dollar signs.

Between the owners' March meeting and Wednesday's special

session, the Rams increased their financial settlement offer from \$25.5 million to as much as \$71 million, depending on certain conditions. The NFL, starting at lawsuits from the Rams, St. Louis interests and the Missouri attorney general if it voted against the move again, decided not to risk another losing battle in court.

"I really never doubted it," Kroenke said. "I wasn't sure how we'd do it, but I felt like the situation was too good in St. Louis to be passed up by the league. It just made too much sense."

The agreement makes the Rams the first NFL team to leave the West Coast and ends a 49-year stay in Southern California. It calls for the Rams to pay a \$29 million relocation fee, \$17 million from proceeds of personal seat licenses, and up to

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Major league players finally in spring games

By RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer

Two hundred and forty-five days after they walked off the field last summer, major league baseball players finally resume playing games today.

They struck last Aug. 12 to preserve free agency and salary arbitration, and the walkout went on for 232 days before a court order allowed them to return under the old work rules. After just eight days of practice, a 14-day exhibition schedule begins.

"Not to take anything away from the replacement players, but the difference in velocity from today to the replacement games is unbelievable," Chicago White Sox manager Gene Lamont said after Wednesday's workout.

Players and owners will start to find out today how the fans feel. Ten games are scheduled in Florida and four more in Arizona as teams prepare for season openers April 25 and 26. Nearly forgotten are the replacement exhibition games, dominated by Houston (20-7) and Texas (19-7).

"I'm sure there will be some mixed (fan) reaction ... I mean, what else can you expect?" Pittsburgh Pirates manager Jim Leyland said Wednesday. "We haven't done a good enough job of marketing, and we've got to market it in the right way."

The games will be unimpeded by replacements. The regular umps were locked out by owners in a contract dispute.

Minnesota Twins manager Tom Kelly said his players are practicing harder than they have in a long time.

"They seem to have a sense of urgency to get it down right," he said. "There hasn't been any

nonsense this spring."

Teams kept scrambling to sign players Wednesday. Shortstop Jeff Blauser got the big deal, a \$10 million, three-year contract with Atlanta that gives him the chance to earn \$420,000 a season more in performance bonuses.

"I'm happy to get going," Blauser said. "I want to put all this behind me and do what I do best and play."

Catcher-designated hitter Mickey Tettleton and the Texas Rangers agreed to a one-year deal worth \$550,000, a cut of \$950,000. He can make another \$500,000 in performance bonuses.

The Oakland Athletics picked up infielder Mike Gallego, who would get a \$300,000 contract if he makes the team. Gallego said he changed his mind 10 times in recent days about whether to rejoin the A's, whom he played for from 1985-91.

"The wait was miserable, no doubt about it," he said.

Boston added another pitcher, agreeing to a minor league deal with Alejandro Pena. He would get a \$400,000 contract if he makes the team and the chance to earn \$350,000 in bonuses.

Left-hander Joe Hesketh agreed to a minor league contract with the New York Yankees. He would get a \$300,000 deal for making the team and the chance to earn \$50,000 in bonuses.

Outfielder Candy Maldonado and Toronto were expected to agree today on a one-year deal worth about \$200,000.

Among players eligible for salary arbitration, pitcher Mike Stanton and the Braves agreed on a \$1.5 million, one-year deal. Sixty-one players remain eligible to file through Friday.

Warriors set NBA mark with 17 treys

By The Associated Press

In a game that meant nothing, Golden State supplied some thrills. The Warriors set an NBA record by hitting 17 3-pointers in a 123-109 victory over another lottery team, the Minnesota Timberwolves.

"For the guys, this is something positive about a really difficult season," Warriors coach Bob Lanier said Wednesday night. "These are some lights in a storm."

In a game that meant something, Phoenix continued its recent surge by sending the team with the league's best record, San Antonio, to its second consecutive loss. Even though Charles Barkley fouled out with more than four minutes remaining, the Suns still beat the Spurs 116-111.

In other games, it was Charlotte 105, New Jersey 77; Atlanta 90, Washington 82; Chicago 124, Detroit 113; and Sacramento 109, the Los Angeles Lakers 99.

With its fourth straight victory, Phoenix pulled within 1-1/2 games of conference-leading San Antonio, which had its 15-game winning streak snapped the previous night with a loss to Portland.

A basket by Wayman Tisdale, who finished with 16 points, gave the Suns a 110-106 lead with 24 seconds left. In the final seconds of the tight game, Sean Elliott hit one of two free throws and a basket, and Doc Rivers scored, but Danny Ainge and Kevin Johnson answered with two free throws each.

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\$12.5 million in liability for any revenue lost by the Fox network in the last three years of its contract. The NFL will share in the cost of any rebate made to Fox.

Plus, the Rams agreed to waive an estimated \$13.5-million payment they would receive as their cut of the next round of expansion. They would get

"They made some runs on us, but we came back and hit some big shots, and they missed some big shots, and I thought we capitalized," Tisdale said.

Barkley had 24 points and 18 rebounds before he fouled out with 4:10 left.

David Robinson had 25 points and 10 rebounds for the visiting Spurs, and Elliott scored 23.

"They got up for us," said Robinson, who had three fouls in the first quarter. "You have to give them a lot of credit. I got into foul trouble, but down the stretch they got the offensive rebounds and their big guys came up big."

The teams split the season series, winning two games apiece.

Warriors 123, Timberwolves 109
Chris Mullin led Golden State's 3-point barrage with six treys and 22 points, and rookie Donyell Marshall, traded away from Minnesota in February, set the mark with a 3-pointer at the buzzer.

The Warriors, who have broken team records for 3-pointers made (503) and attempted (1,497) this season, took 30 shots from beyond the arc. Their 17 conversions were one more than Houston made against Denver on April 9 and Sacramento made against Golden State on Feb. 9, 1989.

Mullin capped his long-range assault with two crucial 3-pointers in

the final 1:45 after the Timberwolves cut a 20-point deficit to 108-104.

Latrell Sprewell added 20 points and four 3-pointers as Golden State beat the Timberwolves for the first time in four games this season and avenged a 126-104 loss to the Wolves on April 1.

Tom Gugliotta, who was traded to the Wolves for Marshall, had 24 points and 16 rebounds.

Hornets 105, Nets 77

Charlotte's starters sat out the fourth quarter of a rout of New Jersey.

Alonzo Mourning scored 25 points and Larry Johnson 13 for the Hornets, who have won five of six games.

New Jersey, its playoffs hopes sinking with its seventh loss in eight games, shot 39 percent from the field. Armon Gilliam had 20 points for the visiting Nets, who didn't get closer than 19 in the second half.

Bulls 124, Pistons 113

Just another routine night for Michael Jordan: 29 points, nine rebounds, nine assists.

Playing against his old friend Joe Dumars for the first time since returning to basketball, Jordan made 12 of 23 shots to lead Chicago over Detroit.

Ron Harper and Will Perdue added 16 each for the visiting Bulls. Scottie Pippen missed the game with the flu. Allan Houston led the Pistons with 31 points, and Terry Mills had 20.

great, it seems like a wedding," Frontiere said.

Somehow, both sides agreed that money was not the key to the deal. Commissioner Paul Tagliabue and dissenting owners said that the problem was largely a matter of tradition and not a desire to cash in on the Rams' success.

Hawks 90, Bullets 82

Atlanta beat Washington for the 10th consecutive time and sent the Bullets to their 12th straight defeat overall.

Stacey Augmon scored eight of his 18 points in the final 3:08 after Washington pulled within two midway through the fourth quarter.

Steve Smith led the Hawks with 20 points, and Doug Overton and Calbert Cheaney each had 16 to pace the visiting Bullets.

Kings 109, Lakers 99

Sacramento pulled ahead of Denver into the eighth Western Conference playoff spot with its 37th victory, the most since the franchise moved to California 10 seasons ago.

Olden Polynice scored a season-high 27 points and had 16 rebounds as the Kings pulled away from visiting Los Angeles in the final 2-1/2 minutes.

Vlade Divac had 24 points and 15 rebounds for the Lakers, whose third straight loss equalled their longest losing streak of the season.

Mitch Richmond added 19 points for the Kings.

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Fehr speaks to free agents in Homestead

By CHRIS SHERIDAN
AP Sports Writer

HOMESTEAD, Fla. (AP) — "Camp Fehr" has met its maker. Union head Donald Fehr paid his first visit to the union-sponsored free agent camp Wednesday and spoke to more than 30 players for about two hours.

His audience was a potentially hostile one composed of unemployed players expecting to take one-year contracts at drastic pay cuts.

"The clubs are going to try to take advantage of whatever negotiating advantages that exist," Fehr said.

"Sure, there's some anxiety. In an ordinary spring training you get that sort of thing in isolated doses. In different circumstances, these guys might be invitees to camp and be sitting on the bubble there."

Five new players arrived and three left.

Dwight Smith signed with Atlanta, Dave Magadan agreed to terms with the Houston Astros and Candy Maldonado was near agreement with Toronto.

Outfielders Andy Van Slyke and Vince Coleman were among the new players arriving at free-agent camp.

Pitcher Dave Otto arrived, giving the camp three former members of the Class AAA Omaha Royals.

Otto, outfielder Glenn Wilson and

pitcher Steve Curry were among seven players released to make room for seven replacement players who were guaranteed jobs by Kansas City.

Wilson, 36, is a former All-Star who was invited to the Royals' major-league camp and has already been through eight weeks of spring training. He refused to play in exhibition games with replacement players and was eventually assigned to Class AAA Omaha. Nine hours into his 22-hour drive to Nebraska, he got a call on his car phone telling him he had been released.

Wilson is not expecting to get a contract and said he's probably finished playing professional baseball. He and Curry were especially bitter at the treatment they got from the Royals.

"I'd like to have gone out with a better taste in my mouth. I told my wife this is probably it, the last two weeks of my career. I have three sons, and if one of them is a two-sport star, I'll tell him to choose the other one," Wilson said.

The free agents' exhibition game against the Chicago White Sox on April 22 might be canceled if replacement umpires are used, union executive Mark Belanger said.

Mickey Tettleton, who left Tuesday morning, signed a one-year contract with Texas.

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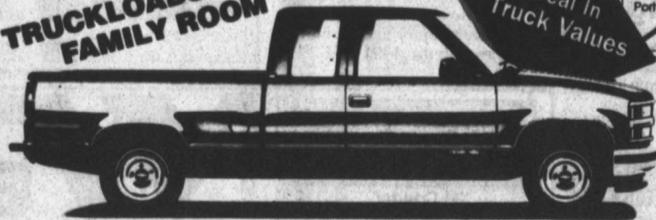


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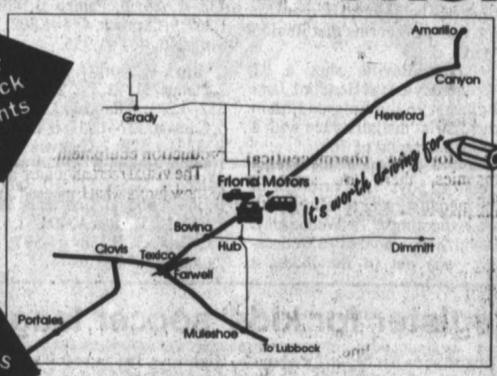


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DALLAS (AP) - The National Law Journal crowned him the "Wizard of Show-and-Tell."
A judge describes his Hollywood techniques as "Star Wars stuff."
Insiders call it "video hardball," and few play it with such style, sizzle and success as an affable Falstaffian figure named Frank Branson, 50, a Dallas personal injury lawyer.

His targets: negligence, malpractice, dangerously defective products and, more recently, business tort litigation.

He puts a new spin on the old "60 Minutes" joke: You know it's a bad day when Frank Branson shows up at your doorstep.

Ask Delta. Or Ford. Or an indifferent Texas hospital. A pill-popping Texas anesthesiologist. A negligent pool-spa company. A careless convenience store chain.

Or a slew of others who have felt Branson's multi-million dollar wrath.

A few years back, Forbes Magazine included him among the nation's 50 most successful trial lawyers, and nothing's changed since. Except maybe a few million dollars and an even larger, more elegant office atop a Highland Park high-rise.

But with tort reform bills suddenly hot items in Washington and Austin, those huge jury verdicts and settlements could be in jeopardy.

The Republican controlled U.S. House, for instance, has voted to limit pain and suffering damages in medical malpractice cases to \$250,000.

"Never in the history of this country," fumes Branson, "has such a vindictive group of multi-billion dollar companies been so successful in obliterating the rights of average citizens to protect themselves against everything from dangerous products to drunk drivers."

"This is a brazen assault on individuals' rights and runs contrary to our beliefs in individual responsibility."

Warning to the subject, he declared:

"If illegal drug cartels had given as much money as the lobbyists have given for the pharmaceutical companies, there are some in Congress who would now be trying to legalize crack cocaine in the guise of promoting free enterprise."

From his penthouse office, anchored by an authentic Old West bar, Branson commands a breathtaking view of his city and its flashy glass-and-steel skyline.

Even more compelling are the historical items at his fingertips: Bat Masterson's gold-handled cane, Belle Starr's shotgun, Geronimo's rifle, Sam Bass' pistol, John Wayne's six-shooter and Lee Harvey Oswald's handcuffs.

How about an arm band worn at Abraham Lincoln's funeral or a pipe that belonged to John Wilkes Booth?
"I'm a history buff, and it's fun to feel like you can own a bit of history," he explains.

All in all, it's not bad for a high school coach's kid who wanted little more than to quarterback a college or pro football team. A guy who waited tables at Steak and Ale and adjusted insurance claims on his way through Texas Christian University and the law school at Southern Methodist.

As an insurance adjuster, Branson says, he decided the deck usually was stacked against the victims, with less money and few legal specialists. He vowed to rearrange the deck.

D Magazine sums his world up nicely: "Branson's Law: Make 'Em Pay."

Frank Branson is built like a floor safe, and is just as sturdy.

He grew up in White Settlement, a blue collar, rough and tumble suburb near Fort Worth. He played football at Brewer High School,

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By The Associated Press

- A sampling of cases won by Dallas lawyer Frank Branson:
- A family critically injured in a truck accident. Jury verdict: \$5.6 million.
- A young convenience store clerk kidnapped and slain by a serial rapist-killer. Settlement: \$4.5 million.
- Victims of a Delta Airlines plane crash at DFW. Settlement: \$11 million.
- A 12-year-old girl drowned after her hair became entangled in a suction device in a pool-spa. Settlement: \$6 million.
- A sexual assault at an apartment complex. Settlement: \$5 million.
- A malpractice suit against a large law firm. Settlement: \$7 million.
- A child blinded at birth by an oxygen overdose. Jury verdict: \$6.9 million.
- Two boys thrown from a Texas State Fair ride, killing one and seriously injuring the other. Settlement: \$10 million.
- A young lawyer involved in a car-truck accident. Settlement: \$15 million.

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where his father was both coach and principal.

In his first varsity scrimmage, he broke his neck, but didn't know it. His father insisted that he keep playing. After practice, the neck was so swollen his shoulder pads had to be cut off.

Doctors said another hit would have crippled him for life.

That same year, Frank's father called it quits and devoted full time to administrative affairs.

Had young Branson been a mite bigger, faster and talented, he smiles, he would have been a professional athlete.

Still, he says, the competitive spirit and desire to win spilled over easily into his legal career, which also embraces the athlete's respect for rules and regulations.

"All of a sudden," he laughs, "I was 6-5, 220 pounds and had great speed."

A guy who colleagues say works as hard as he plays, Branson's got the money, manpower and technology to take on virtually any personal injury or malpractice case that arises.

His firm counts 10 lawyers among its 50 employees, including his wife Debbie, an attorney licensed in Arkansas.

Listed as "of counsel" are Ted Roberson, a retired Texas Supreme Court justice, and Hadley Edgar, Professor Emeritus of the Texas Tech University School of Law.

The firm showcases a unique forensic unit composed of investigators, medical illustrators, nurses, video specialists and a biomedical photographer, all armed with the latest computer animation and video production equipment.

The visual recreations are designed to show jurors what happened and why, and often how a mishap might have been prevented.

Sometimes actors are hired to reconstruct spectacular accidents.

Branson's become relatively famous and remarkably rich through his use of such high-tech demonstrative evidence, which dovetails famously with his work ethic and polished courtroom skills.

His electronic wizardry coupled with slick "settlement brochures" often discourage corporate targets and their insurance companies from gambling on a courtroom trial.

Some who risked a jury verdict have lost bigtime.

Branson works on a contingent basis, which means if he loses, he not only doesn't get paid but is stuck with expenses, which can be staggering. But if he wins, he collects a third or more of the damages.

"He's hit some really big licks," says Bill Magnussen, a Fort Worth attorney who has known him for years. "Plus, he's a hell of a nice guy."

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Of course, Branson doesn't win them all. And a recent high-profile YMCA abuse suit demonstrated painfully that he could win and lose

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at the same time.

Jurors found the YMCA of Metropolitan Dallas grossly negligent in the sexual abuse case of two boys but awarded his clients only \$250,000 in damages.

Branson's not saying how much he spent preparing and presenting the cases. But his expenses clearly exceeded the amount of the jury verdict.

In 1992, a paroled rapist-killer named Kenneth McDuff abducted and murdered Melissa Northrup, 22, a Waco employee of the Quik-Pak convenience store chain and the mother of two small children.

McDuff also had been hired by Quik-Pak in Waco, an act which Branson says gave him a cloak of respectability with other workers.

"Now you have a fox guarding the hen house and the hens think he's another hen," Branson said.

Alleging a total disregard for the victim's safety, and that McDuff was hired without a background check, Branson assembled a classic "settlement brochure."

The leather-bound spiral notebook, two inches thick, opens with a color photograph of the grave site. There are printed Mother's Day inscriptions on a cross and a quote from Melissa's mother telling her grandchildren: "... That bad person that took Mommy hurt her really bad. And Mommy's not coming home."

Inside are photographs of the victim, her children, McDuff, the Quik-Pak stores and segments on McDuff's criminal record and the chain's checkered hiring and safety history.

Under a heading sardonically entitled "Excellence in Hiring" there is this exchange in a Branson deposition taken from a Quik-Pak supervisor:

"So far as you all know, you are hiring cutthroats, criminals, prostitutes and murderers? ..."

"As far as I know," the supervisor replies.

Attorneys for the chain and its owners chose to settle for \$4.5 million, which included \$4.05 million for the children and grandchildren and \$450,000 for the victim's husband.

Branson told reporters that case sent a message to convenience store owners across the country that they

must supply security for their employees and customers.

"The woman should be alive today, caring for her two children," he snapped. "She was essentially sacrificed for the almighty dollar."

Branson videotapes all his depositions, sometimes with dramatic results.

In one case, insurance adjusters refused to view his video presentation and spurned his \$3 million settlement

demands for a family seriously injured in a truck wreck.

Branson rejected an offer of \$1 million and headed for the courtroom.

After a day and a half of devastating evidence, the defense requested a settlement conference. Branson refused, and persuaded the judge to allow the case to continue before a jury.

On videotape, the truck driver admitted he had fallen asleep. And a former employee testified that the

company pushed its drivers beyond statutory rules on sleep allowances.

The verdict: \$5.6 million.

In a darkly humorous episode, an anesthesiologist in a wrongful death lawsuit appears on videotape answering questions from Branson, who is off camera.

Why, yes, the man says, he was suspended from one hospital for fondling women patients. Uh-huh, he

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Nonagenarian's home saved by quarter-mile move

By ALEXEI BARRIONUEVO
The Dallas Morning News
BETHEL, Texas - Frances Dunaway-McGregor, at age 93, rode shotgun late last month as a truck carried the house her grandfather built to its new resting place.

Flanked by a caravan of four-wheel vehicles, the truck drove the house from the hilltop spot it had occupied for 140 years to the tiny Ellis County community of Bethel, a quarter-mile away.

"I was crying," Mrs. McGregor said. "I was born in that house. You couldn't help but cry."

Despite her tears, Mrs. McGregor said she knows that moving the house was the only way to get it back into family hands. The move also saved it from federal bulldozers brought on by the cancellation of the super collider.

She has her daughter, Dow Anna McGregor, to thank.

Ms. McGregor, 54, struck a deal in January with the U.S. Department of Energy for the deed to the Dunaway family house - the last of a dozen historic structures that were either destroyed or moved to make way for the now-defunct collider.

The white house with the green roof was the only one the federal government gave back to the original family that built it.

"People nowadays don't realize how precious family is," said Ms. McGregor, who began her fight for the house three years ago. "This house has survived this long for a reason. For the family, it's a rallying point."

The Dunaway home is among the oldest in Ellis County - 35 miles south of Dallas - and represents a way of life found only in history books, Ms. McGregor said.

To get it back for the family, Ms. McGregor had to satisfy federal and state agencies, which wanted to demolish the house, and the Texas Historical Commission, which didn't want it moved.

She finally agreed to move the

house March 27, five days before the government said it would tear the house down. Once it's unloaded from the truck, it will sit beside a creek on property owned by Ms. McGregor's uncle.

"There was compromise all around," said Linda Roark, a preservation consultant with the Texas Historical Commission. "It is not the best preservation that could have happened, but it is better than what happened to the other buildings."

The Super Collider forced the family to sell the home and 148 acres of property to the Texas National Research Laboratory Commission, which oversaw land acquisition and site development for the \$8.2 billion project.

Mrs. McGregor's sister, Bessie Dunaway, sold the homestead in 1991 for \$365,000. If she hadn't, the SSC would have simply taken it through eminent domain.

The Energy Department never used the home, although it was boarded up for possible use later as office space or as a visitors center.

When the collider project was killed by Congress in October 1993, the Energy Department began deeding back land to the state.

Texas didn't want any buildings on the Dunaway property because the state wanted the federal government to carry through with its responsibility to dispose of the house, said Jim Doskocil, team leader for environmental safety and health at the Energy Department.

The federal government could have demolished the Dunaway house to satisfy the state's requirements. The National Historic Preservation Act only requires that federal agencies "document" historic structures before disposing of them, unless they are national landmarks.

The Dunaway house stood out from others on the SSC property because it already was a state historical landmark.

"We determined that (the Dunaway house) was in good enough condition that it would be a shame to bulldoze it," Doskocil said. "So we were going to offer it to anyone who would restore it and move it off the property."

Five years ago, state officials began efforts to preserve the home by conducting a study of all historic structures on Super Collider campuses.

The state identified 53 sites, dating back more than half a century.

Twelve of them, including the Dunaway house, were eligible for permanent protection on the National Register. Three were donated to private individuals and moved, and the rest were destroyed, said Phillip Stafford, director of site development for the Texas National Research Laboratory Commission.

That left only the weathered Dunaway house, which still rested precariously atop the house-moving truck last week while Ms. McGregor and her mother watched workers plant bushes and prepare the new lot.

Mrs. McGregor held her cane as she remembered the house, built by her grandfather, Jefferson Madison Dunaway, in 1855.

Born in Tennessee, he was part of a large migration of Southerners who moved to Texas during the 1840s and 1850s.

Dunaway, a tailor who once sewed Sam Houston's clothes, was headed to California to take part in the gold



Ballet began in the royal courts of Italy during the 1400's. The early dancers were court nobles performing special versions of social dances of the times.

rush, Mrs. McGregor said.

But when he reached what is now the Dallas area, his mare foaled. The family decided to settle in nearby Farmers Branch, Texas. Later, Dunaway traded the mare and its colt to a man for 640 acres in the Ellis County community known as Boz, she said.

Fearing someone would claim the land, he divided it among his seven sons.

"So if they (the government) ever came to take it, no son would lose more than the other," Mrs. McGregor said. "But they never did come."

Dunaway served in the Confederate army and later bred mules on the farmstead, which swelled to about 2,000

acres.

Ms. McGregor said she plans on living in the five-bedroom house once it is restored.

"I want the descendants of these families to always have a place to come to," she said, referring to families from Boz. The community was bought up and the homes razed by the collider project.

The restoration will be costly, she said. The home needs a new roof, foundation and porches. And thieves carted away parts of the house, including a favorite mantel and a bathroom sink.

But once the house passes a Department of Energy inspection, the

government will cut her a check for \$18,500 - the amount it would have cost to bulldoze the house, Doskocil said.

Ms. McGregor is still fighting the state for a 21.5-acre swath of land off Dunaway Road that was sold for the collider project. She wants to lease the land with an option to buy.

It's family that's kept her motivated.

"This is my inspiration for the battle I keep up," she said, pointing to her mother.

"I want to get it done for her."

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Television

THURSDAY

APRIL 13

6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
Movie: Not Quite Human Alan Thicke	Nature	Tom Petty: Going Home	Movie: Where Angels Go	Movie:						
News	Ent. Tonight	HopGori	Seinfeld	Friends	ER			News	(35) Tonight Show	
MacNeil/Lehrer Newshour	Pole to Pole	Mystery!	I'll Fly Away					Computer	Charlie Rose	
Boos?	Boos?	NBA Basketball Golden State Warriors at Utah Jazz	Movie: River of Death (1989) Michael Dudikoff. ***							
News	Wh. Fortune	Matlock	Comimah	Day One				News	(35) Cheers	Rush L.
Lifestyle	Faith in Free	Last Supper	VISN Showcase	Invitation to Life	Stage Door	Cap-News	Midpoint			
Love Con.	Major League Baseball Chicago White Sox at New York Yankees							H'mooner	Simon & Simon	
News	Coach	Due South	Eye to Eye	48 Hours				News	(35) Late Show	
Rosanne	M*A*S*H	Martin	Single	New York Undercover	Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Star Trek: Next Gener.	M*A*S*H			
Sportstr.	Track and Field Deception			Supercross	Extreme Games 101	Baseball	Sportscenter			
Waltons	Jesus of Nazareth							700 Club	Father Dowling Mysteries	
(5:25) Movie: Magic Kid	Movie: Man's Best Friend Ally Sheedy. 'R'	Boxing	Movie: Zooman Louis Gossett Jr.	Zooman	Movie:					
(15) Movie: My Girl 2 Dan Aykroyd. *** PG	Movie: No Escape, No Return 'R'	Comedy	Movie: Be' Girls Madeline Stowe. ** 'R'							
Movie: Collusion Course	Movie: Silent Tongue Richard Harris. 'NR'	Movie: Scorned Andrew Stevens. 'R'	Movie: Back in Action 'R'							
American News	Waylon Jennings	Music City Tonight	Club Dance	News	W. Jennings					
Boy, 2000	Heart Step	World-Wind America	Movie Magic Know Zone	Beyond 2000	World-Wind America	Movie Magic				
Rockford Files	Biography	Ape Man						Law & Order	Biography	
Design. W.	Design. W.	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: Fear Stalk (1989) Jill Clayburgh. **	Unsolved Mysteries	Mysteries					
Futbol	Press Box	Sportstr.	NBA Basketball Portland Trail Blazers at Houston Rockets	TBA	Press Box	NASCAR				
In the Heat of the Night	Movie: The Dirty Dozen (1967) Lee Marvin, Ernest Borgnine. ***	Movie: Dirty Dozen: The Next Mission								
Doug	Looney	Rugrats	Bewitched	I Love Lucy	M.T. Moore	Taxi	Taxi	Nowhart	Van Dyke	Dragnet
Wings	Wings	Murder, She Wrote	Movie: House Party (1990) Christopher Reid. ***	Senior PGA Golf: PGA Sr. Champ.	Noticiero	P. Impacto	Veronica			
Agustina Rosa	Marie Jose	Prisionera de Amor	Blavenidos	Blavenidos						
Testament	Great Battles of Civil War	Civil War Battlefields	Ancient World	Great Battles of Civil War	Battlefields					
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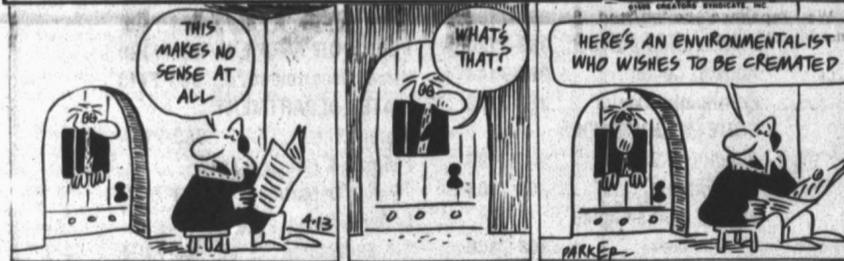
FRIDAY

APRIL 14

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Today	Earth	Sesame Street	Lamb Chop	Storyline	Mr Rogers	Station	Barney	Puzzle Place	Taste of L.A.	
Gilligan	Bewitched	Happy Days	3's Co.	Little House on the Prairie	(35) Matlock	(35) Perry Mason	Movie:			
Good Morning America				Live - Regis & Kathie Lee	Donohue	Little House on the Prairie	News			
Worship	Insights	Daily Mass	Teaching: Life	Just Parents	Cope	How Can I Live?	Search			
News	Griffith	Griffith	Perry Mason	T.J. Hooker	Gerald	News				
(6:00) This Morning	Northern Exposure	Jerry Springer	Price is Right	Young and the Restless	News					
Bobby	Sonic	Biker Mice	Animal	700 Club	K. Copeland	Murphy B.	Montel Williams	Spr. Break		
Sportstr.	Sportstr.	In Motion	Getting Fit	Fitness Pro	Bodyshape	Sportstr.	Sportstr.	Dunk & 3-Pt.		
Xuxa	Prince Val.	Waltons	700 Club	Health Club	Make a Deal	Name-Tune	Music			
Movie: Still of the Night Meryl Streep. **	Movie: Another Stakeout *** PG-13	R. O'Donnell	Movie: A Home of Our Own Kathy Bates. Movie:							
Smoggett!	White Flag	Movie: Ice Castles Lynn-Holly Johnson. ** PG	Movie: He Said, She Said Kevin Bacon. ** PG-13	Movie:						
Movie: (45) Movie: Dark Passage Humphrey Bogart. ***	Movie: To Have and Have Not ***	(15) Movie: Jack the Bear Darryl DeVito								
(Off Air)	VideoMorning									
Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Assignment Discovery	Home	Start	Easy Does It	Homeworks	Aleem's Crafts	Great Chefs	Cuisine	
Lou Grant	Columbo				Remington Steele	Police Story	Rockford			
Mom-Me	Baby Knows	Sisters	Our Home		B. Walters	Ultman	Live From Queens	Design. W.		
Get Fit	Bodies	Cable Health Club	Americana	Outdoors	Fishing	Texas	Crab Racing	Volleyball		
Scooby Doo	P. Panther	Jetsons	Bugs Bunny	Bugs Bunny	Knots I anding	CHIPS	Kung Fu			
Weinerville	Gumby	Rugrats	Gnome	Muppet	Billy Bunny	Allegra	Gullah	Papa Beaver	Litt' Bits	Eureka
(6:00) Cartoon Express	MacGyver	Murder, She Wrote	Major Dad	Major Dad	Quantum Leap	Magnum	Corazon			
Carrusel	El Chavo	Chacirito	Papa Solt.	Candido P.	Livestato	Parientes Pobres	Corazon			
Rory and Ma	Kitty Cats	Iris the Prof.	Magie Box	Zoobles	Iris the Prof.	Rory and Ma	Kitty Cats	Capriata	Crafts & Co.	Chocolate
Josie-Cats	Pebbles	Smurfs	Smurfs	Clue Club	Scooby Doo	Paw Paws	Shirt Tales	Snorka	Back-Back	Richie Rich

Comics

The Wizard of Id by Brant Parker & Johnny Hart



Marvin By Tom Armstrong



BLONDIE by Dean Young & Stan Drake



BEETLE BAILEY by Mort Walker



Barney Google and Snuffy Smith by Fred Lasswell



World War II solved some problems, made new ones

By CHARLES J. HANLEY
AP Special Correspondent
Dog tags in an old cigar box. Battle ribbons gone dull with age. On a mantel, in a yellowed photograph, a smiling face in uniform, a husband, brother, father forever young, forever lost.

A half-century after World War II ended, after the flash of artillery and the screams from the death camps faded, the meaning of that titanic struggle remains as deeply personal and present as the ache of a loss just yesterday, the feel of a precious old token.

For many more, born later, born lucky, the midcentury conflict bears more universal and subtle meaning, meaning played out in the headlines of today.

Only a total war could have cast so long a shadow.

Shelves full of books barely begin to retell what happened when 70 million men and women took up arms against each other, fighting for 2,191 days, spilling over seacoasts, sweeping across deserts and plains, seizing the skies and oceans, reducing great cities to rubble, whole countries to ruin, one tragic people to ashes, bones, cowering refugees.

Hitler and Hirohito. Ike and Monty. Flying Tigers and Desert Rats. The Sullivan Brothers. Enigma. PT-109. Doolittle. Rommel. Tokyo

Rose. Glenn Miller. Ed Murrow. Dunkirk. Stalingrad. Normandy. The Bulge. The Bridge. The Bunker. Enola Gay.

The litany of satans and saints, myths, heroes and hallowed places is embedded in the common culture. And the final victory was famous: over a totalitarian, racist, murderous nationalism that reigned in Germany, Italy and Japan.

"Only by the utter destruction of the Axis was a decent world possible," concluded Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, the American commander who took the German surrender on May 7, 1945.

What World War II stopped is well-known. What it started is still unfolding.

It crushed the cruel nationalism of the fascists, but gave life to a new kind of nationalism. And in that, at times, war begat war.

In the Middle East, the victorious Allies, belatedly rescuing the remnants of Europe's Jews, gave them their own state, Israel, thereby guaranteeing conflict with usurped Arab neighbors for generations to come.

In dozens of other places around the globe, in Algeria and British West Africa, India and Indonesia, Vietnam and Malaya, people saw their colonial masters' weakness, sensed their own

potential, demanded independence. By the early 1960s, their old empires exhausted from the war, the British, French, Dutch and Belgians were in retreat. And, by then, new empires had arisen.

Undamaged by the war and self-confident from victory, America rode a midcentury wave into a new role as superpower, international policeman, business headquarters to the world.

American industrial might was one of two ultimate weapons in 1945. During the war years, the United States produced an astonishing 296,000 aircraft, 88,000 ships and mountains of other goods, military and civilian, doubling its gross national product in just four years.

The momentum of war carried into the decades to come. By the late 1940s, half the world's wealth was in American hands. By the 1950s, GM and Boeing, IBM and Esso were bywords of global commerce.

At home, the war changed the face of America.

A military-industrial complex took root and spread westward and southward. Americans became more mobile. Women entered the work force by the millions. Half the returning servicemen went to school under the GI Bill. And the blacks among them set about toppling the walls of American racism.

In Europe, America's wealth helped finance a painful recovery.

The job was immense: In Germany alone, 7 million buildings had been destroyed or damaged in the war. With billions in American aid, and their own hard work and skill, Germany and Japan rebounded as model economies. They became commercial rivals to America, but never again political rivals.

By the 1990s, America's win-the-war mentality had carried it through another campaign, this time a "cold war" that reaffirmed its place as the unchallenged military-political power at global center stage.

The Soviets wielded the second ultimate weapon of 1945. They swept the Germans out of Eastern Europe, and the momentum of war carried them for years to come.

Occupying Eastern Europe, installing local Communist governments, annexing 270,000 square miles of new territory, the Soviets grew stronger, bolder. A confrontation with the other great power sharing Europe grew inevitable. Capitalist America and Communist

Russia spent trillions to intimidate each other. The B-24 gave way to the B-52, anti-fascist propaganda to new "psyops" battles, the blackouts of the '40s to the backyard shelters of the Cold War.

The war grew hot at times - for America in Korea and Vietnam, for the Soviets in Afghanistan. The boy officers of World War II, commanders now in a new kind of war, faced stalemate and setback. But, in the end, only one empire collapsed, only one lost momentum.

And for all the "warring," the superpowers themselves never came to blows.

"World War II meant the end, really, of great wars, of big wars, of wars between superpowers," says Russian historian Valentin Berezkhov. "The war was just so terrible. And then there was the bomb."

If great wars have receded into the past, some credit goes to the new order the last one left behind: to a United Nations that gave warmakers a place to make peace; to a NATO alliance and European Union that finally made partnership a fixture on a continent drenched in generations of blood; to global economic schemes made for cooperation, not confrontation.

But credit goes deeper, too, because World War II not only reordered the map. It remapped the mind - with new landmarks called Bergen-Belsen and Auschwitz, Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

For the first time, a major conflict killed more civilians than soldiers in combat, millions of them in a scientific, racist campaign of extermination. After V-E Day, the world gazed upon the Nazi death camps, into the blackest pits of the heart, and turned away with images burned forever into the mind.

And then, as Berezkhov says, there was "the bomb."

World War II endowed man with inventions infernal and benign - jet fighters, Jeeps and Spam, penicillin, radar and long-range rockets. But only one could transfuse man's mind like the atom bomb.

Saburo Ienaga, a Japanese historian, has long battled to get the truth of Japan's war crimes into its textbooks. But the map of this old man's mind leads him, too, toward Hiroshima.

"We Japanese committed tremendous atrocities," Ienaga says. "But I would like Americans to reflect on the fact that they carried

out indiscriminate bombing. And they dropped the atomic bomb."

The horror of the Holocaust. The terror of atomic war. "Never again," never forget.

"It is vital," said Richard von Weizsacker, "to keep the memories alive."

The German president spoke in 1985, on the 40th VE Day - before Yugoslavia and Rwanda, before "ethnic cleansing" and the rise of neo-Nazism, before Iraq reached for the bomb, before resurgent nationalism and fanatical faith rampaged ever more murderously over the world.

Now, 10 years later, are the memories fading? Are World War II's lessons fading, like old battle ribbons, like the crumbling snapshots of old heroes?

What would the millions say - 50 million? 60 million? - who lie at rest in places like Anzio, Bastogne and Stalingrad, beneath the sands of El Alamein and the waves of the North Atlantic, beneath the burial mound at Hiroshima, in the sunken hulks of

Pearl Harbor, in the sacred soil of Auschwitz?

Before she perished among the pines and birches of Bergen-Belsen, one of the millions offered an answer, recording as she did her daily thoughts in one of the great cruel war's timeless testaments.

"I can feel the suffering of millions," young Anne Frank wrote in her hiding place, "and yet, if I look up into the heavens, I think that ... this cruelty, too, will end."

But will it?

EDITOR'S NOTE - Charles J. Hanley, based at the AP International Desk in New York, is a co-author of The Associated Press book "World War II: A 50th Anniversary History."

LAWYER

concedes, he was ousted from another for drinking during his rounds. And, in fact, he did serve alcohol to folks visiting his patients.

And was he currently on some special medication?

With gentle prodding from Branson, the doctor begins pulling drugs from first one pocket and then another. Soon the table is littered with pills and vials and a dizzying assortment of narcotic wonders.

Settlement: \$3 million. "If he had more money," Branson says with a wry smile, "my client should have gotten it."

After two days in his office, an evening at his home and a late-night, scotch-flavored attack on a monster lobster, a reporter uncovered Frank Branson's secret to success.

"A lawyer is no better than the cause," he said, eyes a twinkle and stroking his thick graying beard. "I don't have to take a case unless I believe in it."

"And if I believe in it, I will work to the nth degree."

Branson insists his cause is just, his clients deserving, his opponents often rich and ruthless and therefore if he works hard and prepares well he will win.

Not a single client received a dime more than he or she was entitled, he maintains.

When not at work at Highland Park Place, or fiddling around his ranch in East Texas, or entertaining at his mansion on Turtle Creek, Branson might be found playing golf at Royal Oaks Country Club.

Or maybe riding his float in the New Orleans Mardi Gras parade or hunting on his South Texas deer lease.

Or touring Europe with Debbie and lounging around some sun-soaked beach.

There's the airplane and pilot, the tailored suits and foreign cars. And even the stretch limousine and driver to whisk him and his visitor, on a moment's notice, to a pricey steak house.

It was there, over the ill-fated lobster, that he related one of his favorite trial stories, a medical malpractice suit in Texarkana.

The defendant refused to settle and hired a renowned Arkansas attorney.

Calling on his wife's Arkansas legal contacts, Branson learned that his adversary delivered the same jury arguments in every case.

"He always compared the jury charge to the blueprint of a house ...

and tried to confuse jurors on the definition of preponderance of the evidence, the burden of proof in a civil case," Branson recounted.

Speaking first, Branson brazenly incorporated his opponent's closing statement into his own. Stole it almost word for word.

Then he positioned an investigator in the courtroom to flash him the "high sign" at a pivotal moment during his second and final statement to the jury.

"Ladies and gentlemen," Branson said on signal, "we told you from the beginning of this trial that you shouldn't let bias, prejudice or sympathy interfere with your judgment."

He reminded the panel that he had kept his injured client out of the courtroom while his opponent repeatedly courted sympathy for the defendant doctors.

"He's the type of lawyer who would wait until I had my back turned," Branson purred, "then he'd walk over and put his hands on his doctors' shoulders and shake his head, trying to invoke sympathy."

Of course, as the jurors could see, the opposing lawyer was doing exactly that.

As they retired to begin deliberations, the lawyer marched over to Debbie Branson and declared:

"Goddammit, you took him to Arkansas!"

A short time later, the jurors returned. Their verdict: \$6.9 million.

Names in the News

CARMEL, Calif. (AP) - Just call them fools in love.

Dennis Franz, who plays Andy Sipowicz on ABC's "NYPD Blue," married his longtime housemate Joanie Zeck on April Fool's Day - 13 years to the day after they first met at a restaurant.

The Emmy-winning Franz wore a traditional black tuxedo. The bride wore an ivory-colored gown designed by Amsale Aberra and arrived in a horse-drawn carriage. She was attended by daughters Krista and Tricia Zeck.

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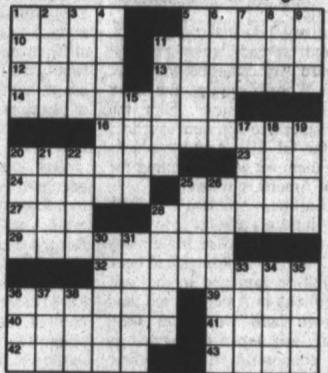
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By JANE E. ALLEN
AP Science Writer
LOS ANGELES (AP) - Feeling a little blue? How about a little psychological counseling session in cyberspace?

A first-look analysis of 90 patients with mild stress, anxiety or depression found those who worked principally with a computer software therapy program did just as well as those undergoing traditional weekly therapy.

The data from the University of California, Los Angeles, was presented recently at the Western Psychological Association convention here. It has not yet been published.

Marion Jacobs, a UCLA adjunct psychology professor who headed the study with UCLA psychology professor Andrew Christensen, cautioned that not everyone is an appropriate candidate for the computer-therapy approach.

However, she said the software uses a series of questions to help people define their problems. It also gives them a printout of what's covered in each interactive session.

Jacobs, who runs the UCLA Psychology Clinic, said the computer software was designed by Dr. Roger Gould, a psychiatrist and chief executive officer of Interactive Health Systems in West Los Angeles, as a tool to be used with traditional psychotherapy. It's already used by some health organizations.

Although the software never was intended to be a stand-alone treatment, Jacobs believed that it was important to evaluate its effects.

In the UCLA study, 90 clinic patients were randomly divided into two groups: those who got 50 weekly minutes with a therapist and those who used the computer

software and received about 15 minutes weekly with a psychotherapist, with additional help available for patients who might be confused or in a crisis.

After 10 weeks, both groups showed significant decreases in depression, anxiety and stress, although a six-month follow-up showed both experienced some return of their symptoms.

"In terms of outcome, there was no significant difference in outcome, nor in satisfaction," she said. However, people undergoing individual psychotherapy liked that a bit better than those working mostly with the computer, she said.

Although Jacobs doesn't advocate the software's use as a substitute for therapy, she said its use is "open for exploration. Clearly, it can be used as an adjunct to more traditional, ongoing psychotherapy. I'm not ready to stand up and say we don't need psychotherapists anymore."

Jacobs believes that the explosive growth of the Internet is leading in the direction of an expanded electronic self-help movement.

"We're going to see a real democratization of intervention. There are going to be interactive packages out there for people, just like there are self-help books," Jacobs said. "To me, the issue isn't how you stop that ... but how do you bring quality to it and assure the public is adequately protected?"

Ronald Webster, chairman of the psychology department at Hollins College in Roanoke, Va., and director of the Hollins Communications Research Institute, praised the UCLA researchers for "trying to do something" to evaluate the computer approach to therapy.

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RECD has assessed the potential environmental impacts of this proposed action and has determined that it will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment. Therefore, RECD will not prepare an environmental impact statement for this proposed action.

Any written comments regarding this determination should be provided within 15 days of this publication to Mr. L. George Ellis, State Director, RECD, Room 114, Federal Building, 205 East 5th, Box F13275, Amarillo, Texas 79101. RECD will make no further decisions regarding this proposed action during this 15 day period. Requests to review the RECD environmental assessment upon which this determination is based or to receive a copy of it should be directed to the above address.

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You may submit written comments concerning the permit application to the Office of Air Quality, New Source Review Program in Austin. All written comments received within 30 days after the second publication of this notice shall be considered by the Executive Director in determining whether to issue or not issue the permit. All written comments will be made available for public inspection at the TNRCC Central Office in Austin. This notice is to be published on April 12, 1995 and April 13, 1995.

Any person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the proposed facility may request the Commission to hold an informal public meeting and/or contested case hearing on the permit application pursuant to Section 382.056 (d) of the Texas Health and Safety Code. The Commission is not required to hold a contested case hearing if the basis of a request is determined to be unreasonable. All requests for a contested case hearing must be received in writing within the 30-day comment period regardless of whether an informal public meeting has been held or scheduled on this matter. If you wish to request a public hearing, you must submit your request in writing. You must state (1) your name, mailing address and daytime phone number; (2) the permit number or other recognizable reference to this application; (3) the statement "I/we request a public hearing"; (4) a brief description of how you, or the persons you represent, would be adversely affected by the granting of the application; (5) a description of the location of your property relative to the applicant's operations; and (6) your proposed adjustment to the application/permit which would satisfy your consent and cause you to withdraw your request for hearing. Requests for a public hearing on this application should be submitted in writing to the office of the Chief Clerk, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, P. O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas. 78711-3087, Telephone No. (512) 239-3300.

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Onetime dance hall undergoing new transformation

Sixth Street landmark in Amarillo to be remodeled for antique mall shops

By MAX ALBRIGHT
Amarillo Globe-News
AMARILLO, Texas—Tourists from all over know Amarillo's Sixth Street, old Route 66, for its shops full of collectibles and treasures.
However, the biggest antique on Sixth Street, the one with the most stories to tell, has been under wraps for some time.
That's changing. The Nat Ballroom will soon be open once again for business.
The dance hall—which spanned the Roaring '20s, the Big Band era and the early days of rock 'n' roll—will reopen as an antique mall, tea room and museum.

Jamie and Mike Cavins, who own the Sixth Street Antique Mall, bought the Nat Ballroom and the adjoining building and are renovating them.
Sixth Street is the popular name of a section of Sixth Avenue that runs through the Amarillo neighborhood of San Jacinto.
The adjoining building—the old Nat Cafe, most recently known as the Alamo Lounge—will be used as the entrance to the Nat and also, as part of the antique mall, Jamie Cavins said.
Nat Antiques will open June 1, if not sooner, she said. The outside restoration will take longer.

"We think it's one of the most important pieces of history in Amarillo, with so many memories for some many people," she said of the Nat.
With the restoration already under way, the Nat's 10,000-square-foot of maple hardwood dance floor is coming into view. The entire downstairs covers 12,600 square feet, Mike Cavins said.
As the work continues, nothing is thrown away. The two are preserving the bits and pieces of the multicolor canopies, which used to drape the dance floor and upstairs dining room.

Also, they are saving the bandstands, booths, tables and the few remaining panels of deco art.
The Nat's ancient air cooler with its huge fan, and the wooden ducts that carried the cool air, are still intact and can be made to work again, Jamie Cavins said.
The Cavinses opened a small shop on Sixth Street about 12 years ago. They have owned and operated the Sixth Street Antique Mall for about 10 years. Jamie Cavins is a former president of the Sixth Street Merchants' Association.
Sixth Street is Texas' most intact collection of commercial buildings associated with early Route 66. The

area is on the National Register of Historic Places.
Today, the antique shops on Sixth Street attract people from across the United States and from many other countries.
Many come looking for old Route 66. That road is remembered as the first transcontinental highway to link mid-America with the West Coast. Route 66 carried, among other things, big-name entertainers coming to play at the Nat.
Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys stomped at the Nat, as well as Count Basie, Tommy Dorsey, Cab Calloway, Louis Armstrong, Harry James, Sally Rand and Benny Goodman.
Kay Kyser, Rudy Vallee, Ozzie Nelson, Guy Lombardo, Duke Ellington, the Ink Spots, Gene Krupa and Perry Como gigged there, too.
At its peak, the Nat boasted a staff of 40 people, including waiters, chefs, cooks, porters, doormen, a master of ceremonies, cashiers, ticket-sellers and hostesses.
Of the thousands of legends about the Nat, the Little Richard story rates the most retellings and is well documented in old newspaper accounts.
On Aug. 23, 1956, Little Richard, performing at the ballroom, was arrested.
Potter County sheriff's deputies handcuffed rock 'n' roll pioneer Little Richard on charges of lewdness—or "conduct that was offensive to public decency"—resisting arrest and

vagrancy. After spending the night in jail, Little Richard and three members of his band were fined \$1 each and court costs on the reduced charge of disturbing the peace.
Rock 'n' roll survived, but the Nat didn't. By the 1960s, it was closed.
For awhile, in the early 1970s, the Nat reopened and featured what today is known as Tejano music. Stars like Little Joe, Johnny Canales and Carlos Guzman played there. Also, during that period, the Ike and Tina Turner Review drew a crowd of 1,800 at the Nat.
Wayne Smith of Amarillo, who is somewhat of a Nat historian, said the Natatorium opened in 1922 as a swimming pool.
On Sept. 13, 1926—with a new floor covering the pool and a roof—the Nat opened for dancing with Ell Hoover and His Eleven Artists, Smith said.
Today, the pool is still in place, hidden under the maple-hardwood floor, Jamie Cavins said.
The late Dr. W.A. Maddox, an Amarillo dentist, businessman, rancher and master leather craftsman, bought the Nat in the 1940s. His widow recently sold the Nat to the Cavinses.

Producers face dry weather challenge

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Freezing temperatures blew across the state Monday night, breaking many low-temperature records in the South Plains and Panhandle, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service reports.
Jon Zeitler, meteorologist at the National Weather Service Agricultural Service Center in College Station, said the temperature in Amarillo got as low as 20 degrees, breaking the previous low-temperature record of 21 degrees set in 1940. But this wasn't the only record broken, with temperatures in Abilene and Midland also going lower than ever before.
Abilene's temperature got down to 32 degrees, breaking their record of 33 degrees set in 1982. Midland, dropping to 28 degrees Monday night, followed a similar pattern by breaking their 1988 record of 30 degrees.
Dr. Clay Salisbury, Extension agronomist in Amarillo, said he hopes that since the freeze was short-lived, damage will be minimal. However, it will be a few days before producers know if any damage occurred.
"By 10 a.m. Tuesday, the temperature was back up to 45 degrees," Salisbury said. "We are hoping the ground was warm enough to combat the cold temperatures."
He explained that ground temperatures could counteract any damage that might have been done to crops.
Zeitler said the cold temperatures won't be around for long and that many of the areas hit the hardest by this freeze will be back to normal temperatures - with highs in the 70s and lows in the 40s - in the next few days.
Texas producers also have expressed concern about the dry conditions plaguing many parts of the state.
Bob Robinson, district Extension director in Lubbock, said currently their wheat is suffering from drought-like conditions.

"Some moisture has been received in the district, but moisture availability still remains at a deficit," he said. "A good, hard, steady rain would do wonders for our wheat crop."
Scott Durham, district Extension director in Vernon, said spring weather conditions have caused the wheat crop to fluctuate between a good crop and a bad one.
"Our wheat condition has varied all the way from excellent to poor throughout this spring season, depending on the moisture situation," he said. "With the soil moisture so low right now, many producers are concerned."
Zeitler said rainfall is on the way for many areas of Texas and that producers should not become anxious until next month.
"Every year, we either experience extremely dry weather in April or extremely wet," Zeitler said. "If these dry conditions continue into mid-May, then producers can worry, but until then they shouldn't."
He said rainfall for the Panhandle and areas east and north of San Antonio is expected this weekend.
"A high pressure system also will build over Texas Tuesday through Thursday, bringing cool and dry air to much of the state," he said. "Temperatures should remain slightly below normal through Friday."
The high pressure system will then move slowly eastward causing temperatures to rise, Zeitler noted.
The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by district Extension directors:
PANHANDLE: Soil moisture adequate. Pastures, ranges improving with rain. Irrigated wheat progressing; some insect problems. Preparing land for spring planting. Cattle in fair to good condition.
SOUTH PLAINS: Soil moisture very short. Pastures, ranges need moisture. Wheat suffering from

drought-like conditions. Planting corn, sugarbeets. Preparing land for cotton, grain sorghum planting. Supplemental feeding for livestock continues.
ROLLING PLAINS: Soil moisture short to adequate. Pastures, ranges improving with moisture. Wheat heading; some insect problems. Preparing land for cotton planting. Cattle in good condition; spring calving continues.
NORTH TEXAS: Soil moisture surplus to adequate. Pastures, ranges improving with moisture. Planting corn, cotton, sorghum. Wheat heading. Peaches blooming. Cattle in fair to good condition.
EAST TEXAS: Soil moisture surplus. Pastures, ranges in fair to good condition. Excess moisture delaying field work. Planting spring gardens. Spraying peaches, plums. Pecans progressing.
FAR WEST TEXAS: Soil moisture very short. Pastures, ranges need rain. Preparing land for cotton planting. Wheat progressing; needs moisture. Irrigating onions, cantaloupes. Cutting, baling hay. Supplemental feeding continues for livestock.
WEST CENTRAL TEXAS: Soil moisture adequate to surplus. Pastures, ranges improving with moisture. Oats progressing. Planting spring gardens. Pecans progressing. Cattle in good condition; market steady.
CENTRAL TEXAS: Soil moisture adequate. Pastures, ranges in excellent condition. Planting spring gardens. Wheat progressing; some disease problems. Cattle in fair condition; calves being weaned, sold.
SOUTHEAST TEXAS: Soil moisture adequate to surplus. Pastures, ranges benefiting from rain. Rain delaying field work. Planting cotton, grain sorghum; fertilizing some fields. Cattle in fair to good condition.
SOUTHWEST TEXAS: Soil moisture adequate to surplus. Pastures, ranges in good condition; forage

abundant. Wheat, oats heading. Corn, sorghum, cantaloupes, watermelons progressing. Harvesting cabbage, spinach, southern greens. Planting cotton.
COASTAL BEND: Soil moisture adequate. Pastures, ranges in good condition. Wet fields delaying spring planting, harvesting. Pecans progressing. Cattle in good condition; benefiting from excellent forage.
SOUTH TEXAS: Soil moisture short to adequate. Pastures, ranges in fair to good condition. Planting sorghum, cotton. Spring vegetables progressing. Livestock in good condition.

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