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County claims \$38,000 from overdue fines

By GEORGIA TYLER
Staff Writer

Collection of fines and court costs from defendants in Deaf Smith County Court, dating back to the mid-1980s, has added \$38,066.44 to the county's treasury since Feb. 1.

County Judge Tom Simons Monday reported that through efforts of the office of County Clerk David Ruland, a process for collecting from defendants has been installed.

Also, during the meeting of Commissioners' Court, Energas was given permission to run a gas line across County Rd. 16, three-fourths of a mile from U.S. 385; resignation of Jack Mills from the county maintenance department was accepted and authorization given to advertise for a replacement, and approval was given for a state agency to inspect septic tank installations.

Sue Schroeter, deputy county clerk, said 270 persons convicted of misdemeanors in county court had not paid part, or all, of fines and court costs imposed at the time of their convictions.

"The oldest one was from 1984," she pointed out. "The oldest we have collected was from 1986."

Prior to Feb. 1, the responsibility for collecting fines and court costs was vested in the sheriff's office, Judge Simons told commissioners.

With cooperation of the offices of the sheriff and criminal district attorney, the responsibility was shifted to the county clerk's office, Simons said.

Explaining that a computer program was geared for the project, Schroeter said names of all the defendants were entered and a process installed to bill them for the unpaid charges.

"We have collected some, or all, from 170 defendants," said Schroeter. Defendants were billed for the unpaid charges and if no response was received, Schroeter explained, a summons was sent for them to appear in court.

If the summons did not bring action, a warrant for arrest for failure to appear was issued, she said.

"By law, we can't put them in jail if they don't pay their debts, but we can if they don't appear," she continued.

County Clerk David Ruland, under whose supervision the project was initiated and implemented, commended Schroeter and other members of his staff for the effort.

"They did this, along with their other work, during regular business hours," he pointed out.

Previously, there was no effective means to collect the fines and costs incurred in court by defendants, Ruland said.

With the new program, all defendants will be required to provide name, address and Social Security numbers on forms. This information will be entered into the computer.

Technically, fines and court costs are due and payable when the case is finished in court. Defendants who are placed on probation pay their fees as they report to corrections officers.

County officials believe the process for collecting the money due the county has proven its worth in the amount brought in since the project began Feb. 1.

Schroeter said 80 persons are making payments, either weekly or monthly, to pay off the fines and costs owed.

Outstanding fees levied on judgment and sentence amount to \$44,871, while probation fees for the state and county total \$115,427.

With the new system, Schroeter expects a sizeable percentage of these fees will be collected.

Ruland said he believes the computer program will ensure a higher rate of collection.

Schroeter said billing will be done on a regular basis to help maintain a high collection rate.

In other business of Commissioners' Court, Judge Simons announced that Jack Mills resigned from the maintenance department after 12 years of service. Commissioners voted authorization for advertising for a replacement.

Action on a proposal for a Deaf Smith County 4-H project center was delayed until additional information can be secured on cost. Commissioner Johnny Latham of Precinct 4 said he expects to have more information at the next meeting.

Commissioners voted to give authority for septic tank inspections to the appropriate state agency.



Blessing the new facility

The Reverend Bishop Leroy Matthiesen (center) blesses the new community-education facility that the San Jose Catholic Church recently began building. The bishop, along with the new pastor, Father Domingo Castillo (left of bishop), and the out-going pastor Father Darryl Birkenfeld (far right), conducted

the blessing of the building, new baptismal font and the new stained glass windows for the church. The "Year of Jubilee Liturgy and Celebration" was held Sunday and included the blessings, along with a program on the history of the church, and concluded with a meal and dance at the church hall.

Consumer prices increase in May

By JOHN D. McCLAIN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Consumer prices rose a modest 0.3 percent in May due in part to the largest increase in volatile energy costs in six months, but analysts said the report showed that inflation remains under control.

"The issue of the day no longer is inflation, but the strength of the economy and consumer spending,"

maintained economist Robert G. Dederick at the Northern Trust Co. "It's an economy that's struggling to retain its strength, not an economy that's struggling to restrain inflation."

The Labor Department said today its Consumer Price Index slowed from the 0.4 percent gain in April that had been caused in large part by a spike in food costs.

The report was likely to ease further any fear that inflationary pressures were lurking and boost arguments that a decrease in short-term interest rates to stimulate the economy would not lead to any substantial price spiral.

Many economists are urging the Federal Reserve to lower short-term interest rates to stimulate an economy that has softened appreciably in recent months.

In a separate report today, the Commerce Department said retail sales in May edged up 0.2 percent, rebounding in part from a 0.3 percent loss in April. The gain was substantially less than analysts predicted and suggested continued weakness in consumer spending.

The Fed raised rates seven times over a 12-month period that ended in February to slow growth to a sustainable level that would not fire inflationary pressures. Since then, however, the economy has grown sluggish, raising concerns it may slow too much and slip into a recession.

Wholesale prices were unchanged in May for the second time in three months, leading many analysts to believe inflationary pressures were easing and giving the central bank more leeway in deciding interest rate policy.

Food prices inched up just 0.1 percent in May following a 0.7 percent spike in April, driven in part by the effects of flooding in California on fresh vegetable costs.

Energy prices, fueled by a 2.1 percent increase in gasoline, shot up

0.5 percent, matching last November's gain.

Excluding the often-volatile food and energy components, so-called core inflation rose just 0.2 percent, the smallest advance since a 0.1 percent increase last December.

If prices continued to rise at the May pace, it would mean a consumer inflation rate of 3.6 percent this year. Prices rose 2.7 percent both in 1993 and 1994.

Vegetable prices fell 4 percent in May after shooting up 13.6 percent in April. The cost of tomatoes plunged 21.4 percent and lettuce was down 9.9 percent.

Meat prices fell - beef down 0.1 percent and pork down 0.7 percent. Poultry prices were off 0.5 percent. Dairy products, on the other hand, rose 0.7 percent and the price of fresh fruits was up 2.8 percent.

The 2.1 percent spike in gasoline prices in May was the steepest since a 3 percent jump last August and followed a 0.6 percent gain in April. Fuel oil rose 1.1 percent. But electricity costs were unchanged and natural gas prices actually dropped 2.7 percent, the biggest since a 2.9 percent decline in July 1987.

Apparel costs also declined, down 0.3 percent, and housing expenses edged up only 0.1 percent. Transportation prices rose 0.4 percent, including a 0.1 percent advance in new vehicles.

Medical care was up 0.3 percent; entertainment, 0.5 percent. The price of tobacco products rose 0.5 percent and airline fares advanced 0.4 percent.

O'Grady gets lunch, jelly beans on return

By SUSANNE M. SCHAFER
AP Military Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Only days after digging in Bosnian dirt to escape pursuers, rescued Air Force pilot Scott O'Grady is getting the full celebrity treatment, complete with network TV interviews, lunch at the White House, and jelly beans from Ronald Reagan's private stock.

"Being at the White House? That's one of the most phenomenal things, something I'll never forget for the rest of my life," O'Grady said on NBC today, and again on ABC, CBS and the Fox network.

He's been swamped with letters since his rescue from the unfriendly Bosnian countryside last week where he hid for six days from Serb pursuers.

"The one I got from Ronald Reagan was dear to my heart," he said. "My mom is going to get it

framed. He gave me what I always wanted ... he gave me some jelly beans. He said the next time I go out in the woods I should bring some of these and inside the bag were the jelly beans."

O'Grady's luncheon fare with President Clinton at the White House on Monday was a stark contrast to the ants and other bugs he ate in Bosnia.

"Ants?" he said in the Fox interview, "they're crunchy and they taste like lemon." And in another interview: "I had a little ant pile next to me and stuck my hand in. They're really hard to catch ... So I think I ate maybe 10 or 15 at the max."

And on ABC: "When you are out there, you don't eat very much. ... When you're in a situation like that, you'll eat anything."

O'Grady did not leave unscathed from the ordeal. He suffered burns to his face in the fireball that engulfed his F-16 when it was hit by a Serbian missile. And, "my feet still hurt, they're cold and tingly. And when I walk around I'm still lightheaded."

"I just cannot believe this response. It's overwhelming and it's still unreal in my mind," the 29-year-old captain said Monday during a series of flashy, Washington-style welcome-home events.

And despite lunching at the White House with his commander in chief and having the nation's highest military officer say O'Grady made him proud to wear the uniform, the rescued pilot held to his unassuming style.

Before the hundreds of Pentagon workers who had braved a driving rainstorm to welcome him home, O'Grady thanked God for his deliverance.

He thanked the men who rescued him.

And he said he preferred to accept the fanfare of his welcoming "in honor of those men and women who deserved it more, and didn't get it," such as prisoners of war, those in uniform who died in wartime and peacetime, and U.N. peacekeepers.

Newt less likely to run for president

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) - After four days of checking the political climate in New Hampshire, House Speaker Newt Gingrich said the chances he will run for the White House are even more remote.

"I did not think coming up here the odds were better than one in 10 that I would run. Ironically, I'm going back thinking the odds are not better than one in 20," Gingrich said in an interview published today in The Union Leader.

Gingrich said he has "greater validity staying in my job" and would run for president only if "for some reason, there were a dramatic vacuum in the presidential race." Barring that, the Georgia

Republican said he is more valuable to his party as "free spirit who kind of wanders around and gives hour-long speeches to packed houses" than as a candidate who attends "cattle shows and stands in line and gets three minutes."

Gingrich refused to endorse any candidate but said he and Republican front-runner, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, "have a great working relationship." He added that Dole "has a much harder job than I do."

He called another GOP hopeful, Texas Sen. Phil Gramm, "a very solid, tough guy" and said he doubted "there is any in America who thinks that Phil is going to sell out on anything."



Doing chores?

These youngsters were supposed to be washing the pickup, but the lure of fun activities was too strong. Justin Johnston and Loretta Camp take time to cool off in the sprinkler while Misty Wilson takes a short horseback ride.

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Local Roundup

Commodity distribution set

Panhandle Community Services will distribute commodities beginning at 9 a.m. Thursday at the bull barn. Entrance will be through the north door. All new applicants must provide proof of residency and identification.

Summer sets in

After a 92-degree high temperature Monday, the mercury dipped to 58 degrees Tuesday morning. Forecast calls for clear skies Tuesday night with a low in the mid-60s and a south wind, 5-15 mph. Clear skies Wednesday will be accompanied by a high in the mid-90s and a wind from the south to southwest at 10-20 mph.

Corrections

A photo in Sunday's Hereford Brand incorrectly identified one person involved in a Saler Association seminar held here. The woman shown with John Perrin is his wife, Susan. Also Sunday, a news story indicated an incorrect cause of death for resident Joe H. Pitts. Pitts died because of a build-up of carbon monoxide vented into his house from his hot water heater, not from a natural gas leak as previously reported. The Brand regrets the errors.

Police, Emergency Reports

Weekend emergency services reports contained the following information:

HEREFORD POLICE Tuesday

An 18-year-old female was arrested for theft.

A mental case was reported in the 800 block of North Lee.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 400 block of Avenue B, where currency and a dining room table were taken with a total value of \$180.

Fraud was reported in the 100 block of Avenue G.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 200 block of North Street.

Assaults were reported in the 500 block of Myrtle and in the 100 block of Beach.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 500 block of V. Hittier and in the 500 block of East Fifth.

Aggravated assault was reported in the 200 block of Avenue C.

Officers issued 12 traffic citations.

Monday

A 33-year-old male was arrested in the 400 block of Avenue K for assault (domestic violence).

A 37-year-old male was arrested at Avenue J and Park for public intoxication.

A 40-year-old male was arrested in the 500 block of Myrtle for public intoxication.

Two 18-year-old males were arrested at U.S. 385 and Heibach for public affray.

A 33-year-old male was arrested in the 600 block of Star for assault (domestic violence).

A 27-year-old male was arrested in the 1000 block of 13th Street for assault (domestic violence).

A 17-year-old male was arrested in the 300 block of West Fourth on a warrant for burglary of a vehicle and issued instant citations for running a stop sign, violating Restriction A and reckless driving.

A 25-year-old male was arrested in the 100 block of Miles on warrants for speeding, two counts of violating promise to appear and no seat belt.

A 29-year-old female was arrested in the 500 block of North 25 Mile Avenue for theft.

A report was filed at 14th and Long Street, where a small child allegedly threw a rock at a passing vehicle and damaged a window.

Harassment by phone was reported in the 400 block of Paloma Lane.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 200 block of Avenue C.

Runaway was reported in the 200 block of Lake Street.

Theft was reported in the 100 block of Liveoak.

Class C assaults were reported in the 500 block of Myrtle and in the 200 block of South 25 Mile Avenue.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1100 block of West Park.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 200 block of Beach Street, the 400 block of Avenue G and the 400 block of Long Street.

Reckless damage was reported in the 1100 block of West Park.

Officers issued 19 traffic citations.

There were two curfew violation citations issued.

There was one minor accident reported with no injuries.

Sunday

A civil matter was reported in the 400 block of North 25 Mile Avenue.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 800 block of Blevins.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 800 block of West Park Avenue.

Criminal mischief was reported on the south side of Pitman Memorial Golf Course.

Officers issued seven traffic citations.

There were three curfew violation citations issued.

There was one minor accident reported with no injuries.

DEAF SMITH SHERIFF Monday

A 31-year-old female was arrested on two out-of-county warrants and three Deaf Smith County warrants.

A 20-year-old male was arrested for driving while license suspended.

A 47-year-old male was arrested on two counts of surrender of surety.

A 26-year-old male was arrested for criminal mischief.

A 26-year-old male was arrested for issuance of a bad check.

Harassment was reported.

Littering was reported.

Sunday

A 36-year-old female was arrested for possession of marijuana and public intoxication.

A 22-year-old male was arrested for violation of probation (burglary of a building).

Saturday

A 62-year-old male was arrested for violation of probation.

Friday

A 37-year-old male was arrested for theft by check.

A 19-year-old male was arrested for criminal mischief.

FIRE DEPARTMENT Monday

Volunteer firefighters were called out at 9:34 p.m. to a wreck rescue 6 miles west on FM 1058 and 7-1/2 miles north on FM 1057.

Sunday

Firefighters were called out at 7:44 p.m. to a grass fire at 16th and Avenue J.

EMS Weekend

Ambulances ran on six transfers to Amarillo, seven medical runs, five trauma calls, one dead on the scene and three no transports.

Proposal may delay lobby reforms

Clinton, Gingrich made 'spur of moment' decision

WASHINGTON (AP) - A spur-of-the-moment decision by President Clinton and House Speaker Newt Gingrich to create a commission on reforming lobbying and campaign finance laws could delay progress on the issues rather than hasten it, say members of Congress and lobbyists working for reforms.

Just two days before the two leaders shook hands on the commission idea Sunday at a senior citizens' picnic in New Hampshire, the Senate agreed to take up lobby reform before the end of July. A House subcommittee has also made progress on the issue, holding hearings and planning to produce a bipartisan bill before the end of the summer.

"I assume it was just the president and Gingrich playing it by ear without the benefit of careful study," said Rep. John Bryant, D-Texas, author of a lobby reform bill that won House passage last year but died in the Senate after Gingrich, R-Ga., mounted opposition to it.

"The work's already been done on

this bill," Bryant said. "I think it would be unfortunate to give the opponents of the bill an excuse for further delay by involving a commission."

"There's no need for a commission," added Sen. Paul Wellstone, D-Minn., who also has been in the forefront of the issue. "The lobby reform and gift ban have been debated into the ground. They don't need to be studied more."

Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., a sponsor of the bipartisan lobby reform bill, said the Senate agreed to act on both lobby reform and gift reform before July 28 the bill had a good chance of passing soon.

"We do not need to reinvent the wheel and start all over again. Any commission should take up campaign finance reform first. Then, if Congress hasn't acted, a commission could take up lobby reform second," he said.

Republican aides, speaking on condition of anonymity, agreed and said they too had been blind-sided by

the agreement between Clinton and Gingrich, which came in response to a question from the audience.

Frank MacConnell of Newport, N.H., who asked the question on Sunday that raised the idea of a commission, said, "I didn't realize the question would stir so much up." MacConnell also said he was unaware Congress had been working toward enacting a lobbying reform bill.

Campaign finance reform has been a far more intractable issue for Congress. For more than a decade, lawmakers have deadlocked over such issues as stricter limits on giving by political action committees and public financing of congressional campaigns. Republicans signaled that they had no interest in the issue this year after they won control of Capitol Hill.

Even so, Wellstone said, a commission would make little difference. "Everybody's perfectly well aware of what's wrong with the current system. I don't think it moves the ball forward," he said.

White House spokesman Mike McCurry said Monday that Clinton had instructed his staff to explore with congressional aides "how we could put together this commission, what would the mandate of the commission be, what type of participants should there be."

"It's hard to get people who are currently members of an institution to think through all the issues that surround reform of a system by which they are elected," McCurry added. "So an outside commission of experts in this particular case makes some sense."

Speaking with reporters on Monday, Gingrich acknowledged a commission would stall pending reform efforts.

"If you are serious about a real commission, I don't think you rush ahead and pass something," Gingrich said at a news conference. Putting campaign finance, lobbying, gift and other reform questions in one package "is a fascinating idea," he said.



Hunt for chamber members

Deaf Smith Chamber of Commerce membership drive team leaders, Wes Fisher, right, and Tommie Weemes, at back, take aim at a stand-in for another team leader, Wes Klett, after opening shots were fired Monday morning in the drive. Other teams of chamber directors are rounding up new members as they reach for '95 in '95' during the year. The stand-in is Mike McManigal who was the first new member signed up in the drive.

Media has look at photos shown to jury in Simpson murder trial

By MICHAEL FLEEMAN
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) - After beating up on the deputy coroner's mistake-ridden autopsies for more than a week through his boss, O.J. Simpson prosecutors decided the deputy himself is best left off the stand.

Now it's up to the defense whether Dr. Irwin Golden should testify about his performance.

"We didn't feel that the jury needed to have two to three days of wasted testimony," Deputy District Attorney Brian Kelberg said in a surprise announcement Monday, the first anniversary of the notorious knife murders.

The defense immediately told the judge it would subpoena Golden, who performed the autopsies on the mutilated bodies of Simpson's ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman.

Erwin Chemerinsky, a law professor at the University of Southern California, said prosecutors may hope that the strong testimony by Golden's boss, Dr. Lakshmanan Sathyavagiswaran, will make it more difficult for the defense to undercut the autopsy performance.

Lakshmanan was due back on the stand today. With Golden off the witness list, prosecutors said their case could conclude by the end of June or early July.

Shortly after the announcement outside the jury's presence, Lakshmanan began his sixth day on the stand by ticking off a few more autopsy mistakes. Golden made some three dozen blunders in all, Lakshmanan said.

Outside court, the victims' families marked the anniversary of the murders by speaking about their loved ones and gathering for candlelight vigils. Throughout the day, people left flowers and notes at the victims' graves.

At a vigil for Ms. Simpson, about 300 people took seats on a grassy hillside ringing an outdoor basketball court.

Also Monday, several dozen reporters were shown autopsy and crime scene photos of the butchered bodies for the first time. Neither Simpson nor his attorneys attended the viewings of the photos, a display that so disturbed one juror last week the judge recessed court early one day.

The pictures were the stuff of nightmares: bloody faces, gashed necks, close-ups of corpses after they were cleaned at the morgue.

Hospital Notes

PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL

Avis Blakey, Jorge Campos, Jim Cleland, Joe H. Garcia, Nathaniel Hernandez, A.N. McRight, Lorenza Perez, Cindy Streun, Infant boy Streun, Ewing C. Thaxton and Ethel R. Vistow.

NEWBORNS

Mr. and Mrs. Miguel Angel Miranda are parents of a baby girl, Concepcion Miranda, 8 lbs. 1 1/4 oz., born June on 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Jose DeLeon III are parents of a baby boy, Matthew Dylan Jesse DeLeon, 6 lbs. 9 oz., born June on 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Andres Reyes are parents of a baby boy, Martin Angel Garcia Reyes, 7 lbs. 13 oz., born June on 7.

Obituaries



RUBY IRENE SMITH June 11, 1995

Ruby Irene Smith, 85, of Hereford, died Sunday.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Restlawn Cemetery, with Ted Taylor, pastor of Hereford Church of the Nazarene, officiating. Arrangements are by Rix Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Smith was born in Colgate, Ark., and married Clifford Smith in

1926 in Arkansas. She lived in Albuquerque, N.M., before moving to Hereford in 1959. She was employed as a cafeteria director for Hereford Independent School District until 1974. She was a member of Hereford Church of the Nazarene. Two sons, Jimmy Smith and Lloyd Smith, and a daughter, Vivian Smith, preceded her in death.

Survivors are her husband; three sons, Clifford Smith Jr., of Los Angeles, Cal., Don Smith of El Paso and Dale Smith of Hereford; three daughters, Dortha Fulkerson of Albuquerque, Mary Crist of Hereford and Betty McQuigg of St. Francis, Kan.; 20 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be directed to the Deaf Smith Health Care Foundation or Hereford Care Center.

LOLA M. BINGHAM June 10, 1995

Lola M. Bingham, 62, of Erie, Kan., a former resident of Hereford, died Saturday.

Services were held Tuesday in First Baptist Church of Erie with her husband, the Rev. Bill Bingham, officiating. Burial was in East Hill

Cemetery.

Mrs. Bingham was born in Pattonville. She attended schools in Hereford and Vega. She married Bill Bingham in 1950 at Amarillo. They had lived in Amarillo, Berger, Springfield, Mo., Mound Valley Kan., and Independence, Kan. They had lived in Erie since 1977 and she was employed at a nursing home. She was a member of Temple Baptist Church.

Survivors are her husband, two sons, two daughters, three brothers, four sisters, including Becky Hall of Wildorado, and nine grandchildren.

ELMER TRIMBLE June 10, 1995

Elmer Trimble, 67, of San Angelo, brother of Trudie Gray of Hereford, died Saturday in San Angelo.

Private services will be held at a later date.

He was born in Goree and had lived in Southland. He married Charlene Wooster in 1975.

Survivors are his wife, five daughters, a stepson, three stepdaughters, six sisters, four brothers, nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

CofC opens membership campaign

Officers and directors of Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce held a kickoff breakfast Monday to launch the annual membership drive.

While the drive will have an Old West theme featuring a mock range war between various factions, said Mike Carr, executive vice president, the slogan for the membership drive will be '95 in '95.'

"Our goal is to enroll 95 new and expansion members into the Chamber this year," said Carr. Expansion members are businesses who sign up for more than one membership.

Five chamber teams will compete for prizes on signing up new members and expansion members in the two-week campaign. Members will give daily reports to team leaders, and a "mid-term" report will be issued Friday at 3:30 p.m.

Team prizes include tee shirts to the winning team and a Bull Chip award to the captain. Runnerup team members receive a cap.

Individual awards include a weekend at Carlsbad Caverns for two; second place is tickets to TEXAS for two, and a seafood buffet for two to the third through fifth place finishers.

Chamber board members head up the five teams. The Boss Bull team includes President Wes Klett, Jeff Brown and Scott Hall; Boss Hogg's team has Wes Fisher (Past President), Mark Andrews and Wade Easley.

The Town Marshall team is led by Tommie Weemes, vice president, and deputy, Lacy Muegggenborg; Women's Division president; the Decent Townsfolk team includes Don Cumpston, Jimmy Madrigal and Raul Mariscal; and the Local Merchants are composed of Mike Foster, Jeff Carlike and Dennis Printz.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the American Legion Auxiliary, I would like to say "thanks" for the participation and support of our recent Memorial Poppy distribution. The people of Hereford are great, and their generosity will help promote our projects for veterans and their families.

We would like to thank The Hereford Brand and staff for the coverage in the newspaper, KPAN for the interview and coverage on radio, and the local merchants who allowed us space to distribute our Memorial Poppy, an emblem of sacrifice.

Also thanks to the ladies and men who gave their time to make it all a success by working together for a worthy cause.

A.L. Auxiliary 192,
Clara Trowbridge, Sec.;
Troyce Hanna, Pres.

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Lifestyles

Longtime resident receives service award presented by state bowling association



Bowler honored

Bertha Arnold was presented the 1995 TWBA Service Award by the Texas Women's Bowling Association at the association convention held recently in Dallas.

Bertha Arnold of Hereford was recently honored by the Texas Women's Bowling Association, with the 1995 TWBA service award. Bertha was honored for being involved in all aspects of bowling from Proprietor, to Association President.

Arnold began bowling at Tinker Field Air Force Base in Oklahoma City in 1943. In 1956 she transferred to Laredo and began to make her mark in Texas. She helped organize the Laredo Association and served as Secretary for three years.

After her marriage in 1958, she and her husband Hap, were transferred to Fairbanks, Alaska and did

not return to Texas until 1963 when they moved to Amarillo.

She attended her first Women's International Bowling Congress Convention in Portland, Oregon in 1964. She has since attended 23 WIBC Conventions as a delegate or guest, and has attended 26 TWBA Annual meetings as a delegate or guest.

In 1965 she and her husband moved to Hereford where they purchased the Bowling Lanes.

While in Hereford she served the Hereford Association as Sergeant at Arms, Vice President and three years as President. She was also Secretary on one league and president of

another and still drove to Amarillo to bowl.

She attended a coaches school in Amarillo and earned her instructors certificate and coached junior bowlers for five years.

She was elected Secretary/Treasurer of the Hereford Junior Bowlers Association and served for four years. She attended three National Junior Association Meetings.

After the lanes closed in Hereford, she and her husband drove with several teams to Amarillo to bowl.

In 1969 Bertha was elected Secretary/Treasurer of the Amarillo 600 Club and served for three years. She worked on many projects for the club from designing the Pin and

Patch for the club to orchestrating fund raisers for mentally handicapped children and abused children and also building up membership.

She was also the chairman of the Texas 600 Club breakfast meeting when Amarillo hosted the TWBA state tournament in 1977.

She also was chairman of the Leroy Committee at Western Bowl and served on the WBA board for 20 years.

Arnold drove from Hereford to Amarillo for three weekends every October for 19 years to serve as Tournament official for the local Invitational Tournament.

For 28 years she was a member of the Traveling Queens League bowling.

At age 72 she rolled her career high game, 262 which was 102 pins over average. In 1979 at age 68 she was Amarillo WBA Bowler of the year and was inducted into the Amarillo Hall of Fame in 1989.

In 1994 she was made the first Life member of the Amarillo 600 Club.

At age 85 she continued to drive to Amarillo on Tuesday mornings to bowl in the Morning Star League.

Ann Landers

DEAR ANN LANDERS: Thank you for publishing the letter from "Living in Fear in the West." The reader was concerned about her husband leaving loaded firearms all over the house.

Gun owners -- as well as those who do not own guns -- need to understand the risks of keeping guns in the home. Today, half of the households in America contain at least one gun. Add to that the fact that 1.2 million latchkey children have access to guns, and you have a blueprint for disaster. Any doctor who has worked in the emergency room of a hospital will tell you that the mere presence of a gun in the home triples the likelihood of a homicide occurring there.

Firearm injuries claim at least 15 young lives every day. To help prevent these senseless deaths, the Center to Prevent Handgun Violence and the American Academy of Pediatrics have joined hands to develop a program called Steps to Prevent Firearm Injury. It has earned the endorsement of former U.S. Surgeon General Dr. C. Everett Koop.

Pediatricians nationwide are now delivering a simple message: The most effective method to protect families from firearm injury is to remove guns from the home. If parents choose to keep a gun, they should unload it and lock it up, storing guns and ammunition separately. Parents who don't own a gun should check and make sure these precautions are taken in homes where their children play or visit.

For a free "Keep Your Family Safe From Firearm Injury" brochure, please send a self-addressed, stamped, legal-size envelope to the Center to Prevent Handgun Violence, STOP Parent Brochure, 1225 Eye

Street, N.W., Suite 1100, Washington, D.C. 20005.--Sarah Brady, chair, Center to Prevent Handgun Violence.

DEAR SARAH BRADY: My thanks to you and your husband, Jim, for the great job you have done in educating the public about gun safety. You have turned your tragedy into an opportunity and have saved countless lives. Bless you both.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: My husband's sister, a lovely woman, was always depressed during the time that I knew her. I tried very hard to convince her husband that "Marie" needed professional help. He wouldn't listen -- and neither would she.

Last week, Marie took a huge number of pills and was gone before she could be saved. Her husband has told their young children that their mother took the wrong medicine and it made her very sick and then God took her to heaven.

I believe a child should NOT be told a parent "took the wrong medicine" because that child will then be afraid to take any kind of medicine for fear it may be "the wrong kind."

In my opinion, they should be told the truth, "Mommy killed herself." Am I right about this? Several family members disagree. We need an unbiased opinion.--Ohio Heartache

DEAR OHIO: Sorry, I feel "the wrong medicine" is better than "Mommy killed herself." Children of suicides often believe it is their fault when a parent takes his or her own life. Everything possible should be done to soften the blow. I strongly recommend counseling.

Gem of the Day (Credit Goodman Ace): The best cure for hypochondria is to forget about your body and get interested in someone else's.

Lonesome? Take charge of your life and turn it around. Write for Ann Landers' new booklet, "How to Make Friends and Stop Being Lonely." Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$4.25 (this includes postage and handling) to: Friends, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$5.15.)

Marion named on honor roll

Kasey Marion of Hereford, was among 800 students from Abilene Christian University named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the spring 1995 semester.

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.

Cline, Euler installed with OES officers

Order of the Eastern Star officers for 1995-96 were installed Saturday at an open installation in the Masonic Hall.

Charlotte Clark, installing officer,

Hanna elected by Auxiliary

The American Legion Auxiliary elected officers for the new year during its recent regular meeting.

Elected were Troyce Hanna, president; Beverly Jesko, first vice president; Patricia Robinson, second vice president; Clara Trowbridge, secretary/treasurer; Bernice Layman, historian/reporter; Dorothy Shannon, chaplain; Ruth King, sergeant at arms; Anita Wilhelm, assistant sergeant at arms; and Betty Jo Carlson, parliamentarian.

Hanna conducted the business meeting. It was reported that 17 Auxiliary and Legion members helped with the memorial poppy distribution.

Delegates to the Department Convention to be held in Plano July 14-16 were elected. They are Hanna, King, Trowbridge and Ella Caudle. Alternates are Wilhelm, Alta Hudson, Jesko and Robinson.

The next meeting will be an ice cream and cake social on July 11 since the regular meeting date falls on the 4th of July. The Boys State and Girls State delegates will give their reports to the Legion and Auxiliary.

Hints from Heloise

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The plastic knob covers sold by child safety product companies did not fit our doorknobs.

In order to childproof our home, we cut off portions of old pantyhose and secured them over doorknobs with wide rubber bands. Our idea really worked because our son did not have a strong-enough grip to turn the knob through the hosiery.

Adults are able to turn the knob easily and most people don't realize the hose are there until they feel the knob! -- Lee Ann Corbin, Burlison, Texas

COUNT STEPS
Dear Heloise: This suggestion could be a lifesaver. If you live in a house with steps, count them as you go up and down.

Make it a habit, then you'll never miss that last step. -- Mollie McAllister, Harriman, N.Y.

That sure makes sense, and your hint can really help prevent accidents. Thanks for sharing. -- Heloise

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Sports

Rockets reflect personality of Rudy T.

By BOB BAUM
AP Sports Writer
HOUSTON (AP) - When Rudy Tomjanovich was an NBA player, and a good one, he didn't seem to be coaching material.

"He was not a leader on the court. He was just a hard, tough player who played to win and did his job," his top assistant Carroll Dawson said. "That's been the biggest surprise. He becomes a coach and all of a sudden I see leadership qualities I never knew he had."

Now Tomjanovich is on the verge of leading his Houston Rockets to a second consecutive NBA championship.

Around Houston, and across the

country, he's known simply as Rudy T. No last name is needed for this unassuming, regular guy who had to be coaxed into becoming an NBA coach.

If ever a team reflected the personality of its coach, the Rockets do.

"Hard-working, never-give-up, humble," Dawson said. "If you watch this team, the egos are not involved, just like Rudy's isn't."

"I think one reason Rudy won't coach very much longer is because his ego's not big enough. He doesn't really need this. He wants to be a normal guy. All of this celebrity status really bothers him."

When the great coaches of the

NBA are mentioned, Tomjanovich's name seldom comes up. But with his team one victory from an NBA Finals sweep of Orlando, he's becoming harder to ignore.

One more year and he'll have two titles in just over three seasons as a head coach.

"They're going to have to look at Rudy and give him some respect, because he's a great coach," Mario Elie said. "I get mad when I hear George Karl and Pat Riley. Where's Rudy T in all of that? All he did was win a championship and he's on the verge of winning another one."

Attention is something Tomjanovich can do without.

"I don't like this at all," he said,

surrounded by the usual mob of reporters. "I wish we could play basketball in a deserted gym and come out and say, 'Hey, we won that one,' and it's over."

The players all say the same things about him, that he's more like another coach than some stern dictator of a coach. He asks for suggestions and listens to their opinions.

Charles Jones has played for all kind of coaches in 12 NBA seasons, and he's never been around one like Tomjanovich.

"He's a guy with an open mind," Jones said. "Everybody gets along with him and understands him. It's so open that it's hard to describe."

After an all-American career at Michigan, Tomjanovich was the second pick in the 1970 draft. He played 11 seasons in the NBA, all with the Rockets, first in San Diego and then in Houston. He has been with the franchise for a quarter century.

Tomjanovich played in five All-Star games, but is best remembered as the recipient of one of the most violent punches in sports history.

Running down the court in a game against the Los Angeles Lakers in 1977, he caught the fist of Kermit Washington, who had squared off to punch another player. The severe injury required major reconstructive facial surgery. He came back to play

through the 1981 season, but was never quite the same.

Dawson has been an assistant with the Rockets since 1980, Tomjanovich's last season as a player.

When Tomjanovich retired as a player, Rockets coach Del Harris asked him to stay with the organization as a scout.

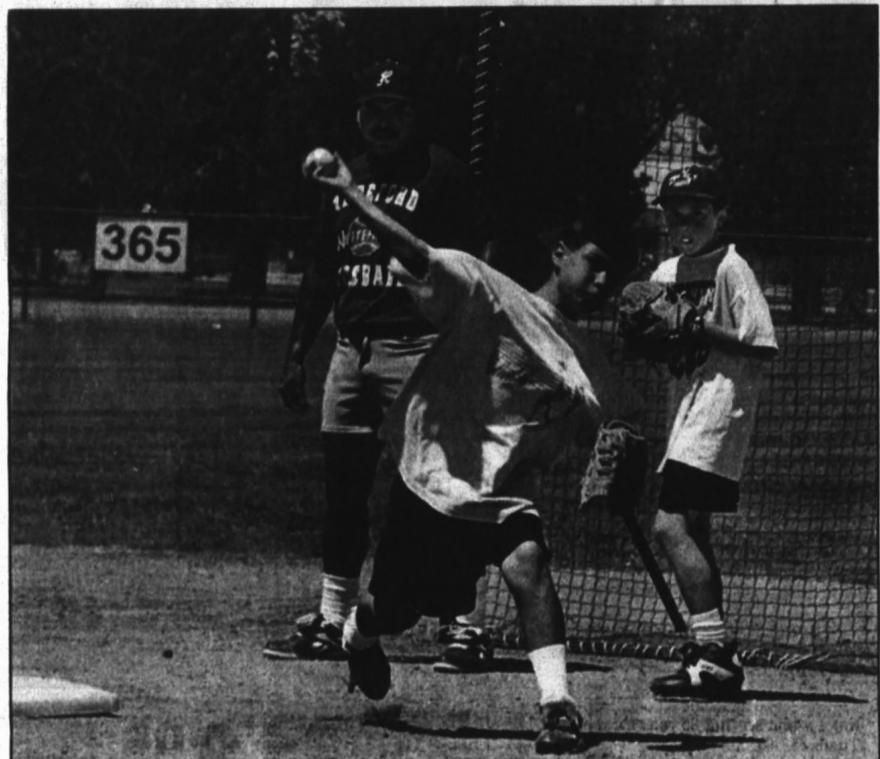
"Del and I talked into helping me because I was the only assistant we had," Dawson said. "I almost had to beg him."

Two years later, he was made an assistant coach.

When Don Chaney was fired in the middle of the 1991-92 season, Tomjanovich agreed to become interim head coach, but wasn't sure he wanted the job for good. He decided in the summer to take it. What followed has been a remarkable success story.

NBA Finals day-by-day

NBA Playoff Glance
By The Associated Press
Finals: Orlando vs. Houston
Wednesday, June 7
Houston 120, Orlando 118, OT
Friday, June 9
Houston 117, Orlando 106
Sunday, June 11
Houston 106, Orlando 103,
Houston leads series 3-0
Wednesday, June 14
Orlando at Houston, 9 p.m.
Friday, June 16
Orlando at Houston, 9 p.m., if necessary
Sunday, June 18
Houston at Orlando, 7:30 p.m., if necessary
Wednesday, June 21
Houston at Orlando, 9 p.m., if necessary



Turning the pivot

Toby Torres practices during the double play--taking a throw from shortstop, turning and throwing to first base--during the Whiteface Baseball Camp Monday. In the background, Hereford High School baseball coach Pete Rodriguez watches Torres' form, while Nathan Horrell waits his turn.

Lockout threatens NBA after Finals

By WENDY E. LANE
AP Basketball Writer
Just as one of the best NBA postseasons in years is reaching its climax, the league has raised the possibility of a lockout that could start as soon as this week.

Television ratings are up, excitement is high and the Houston Rockets are one win away from sweeping the Orlando Magic for their second consecutive title. Yet the NBA and its players association have gone almost a year without reaching agreement on a new labor deal, and the owners appear to be running out of patience.

The two sides returned to the bargaining table Monday, the same day published reports said the league intended to lock out its players after the finals if a new collective bargaining agreement wasn't reached by then.

Simon Gourdine, executive director of the players association, and union president Buck Williams of the Portland Trail Blazers met in New York for eight hours with NBA commissioner David Stern and his deputy, Russ Granik.

"I can't get into the discussions," Gourdine said Monday night. "I think

all I'm at liberty to say is we met for eight hours today and the negotiations will resume tomorrow."

Monday's negotiations were scheduled before the union learned that the NBA notified teams of the possible lockout, Gourdine said.

This season the league has been operating under a no-strike, no-lockout agreement with the union, but that pact expires at the end of the playoffs. The NBA and its players have been without a labor deal since the end of the 1994 playoffs.

As his team was preparing for Wednesday's Game 4, Hakeem Olajuwon greeted the possibility of a lockout with disappointment.

"In that situation, everybody loses," he said. "The way the NBA is today, it would not be a benefitting factor for the owners or the players. That's not a solution. Locking out players, everyone loses that way. It doesn't make any practical sense."

Kenny Smith, the players' representative for the Rockets, said a lockout threat would be meaningful only if games were in jeopardy.

"No one gets paid in June, no one plays in June. So if we're locked out in June, it doesn't do anything.

Everyone's in the Bahamas or Acapulco or wherever, playing golf," he said. "If you want to make a point, lock us out tonight."

The no-strike, no-lockout agreement was intended to give both sides time to negotiate a new collective bargaining agreement. However, more than seven months have passed during which sporadic negotiations have been held, but no deal reached.

The players are seeking revenues from a greater number of sources, such as international licensing and arena revenue, and a larger share of total revenues. Under the current system, players get 53 percent, and owners say any increase would cut too deeply into their profits.

The increase in revenue share the players are seeking would effectively raise the salary cap from the current \$15.9 million to more than \$20 million.

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A's Ontiveros overcomes pain, shuts out Sox

By The Associated Press
The pain in the neck of Oakland starting pitcher Steve Ontiveros was so severe it nearly forced him from the game in the first inning. That would have been the best thing - for the Chicago White Sox.

Athletics trainer Barry Weinberg had to give Ontiveros a massage on the mound in the first after he started getting neck spasms while warming up Monday night. During the game, Weinberg provided therapy for the right-hander's neck between innings.

But Ontiveros (6-2) managed to throw 99 pitches, allowing five hits in seven innings, leading Oakland to a 1-0 victory, the fourth consecutive loss by the White Sox.

"I tell you, it was no fun. It was probably the best stuff I had all year, and I couldn't enjoy it at all," he said. "It was killing me. It was unbelievable."

After the game, Ontiveros put a

brace on his neck and awaited a ride home from his wife. He could barely turn his head to the right.

Rickey Henderson's RBI single in the third brought home the only run of the game as the A's won their third straight.

Elsewhere in the AL, it was Cleveland 4, Baltimore 3; Detroit 6, New York 1; Texas 4, Milwaukee 2; Toronto 4, Boston 3 in 12 innings; California 9, Minnesota 1; and Kansas City 10, Seattle 9.

All five hits off Ontiveros, who got 13 outs on ground balls, were singles, and all of them came with two outs. He struck out five and walked two, and did not allow a runner to reach third base.

Dennis Eckersley got the four outs for his ninth save, making him the first pitcher in major league history to save 300 games for one club. He had three saves for Cleveland in the mid-1970s, and the rest of his 303

saves have come for the A's.

Ontiveros clutched his neck in pain while pitching to Robin Ventura with two outs in the first, and stayed in the game only after several minutes of therapy from Weinberg.

"I could feel it warming up in the pen. It was like a crick in the neck," Ontiveros said. "It mounted and mounted. I didn't think I'd get past the first inning."

Jason Bere (2-5) allowed only five hits and struck out eight in his first complete game of the season for the White Sox.

Rangers 4, Brewers 2
Texas won at Milwaukee for its sixth straight victory as Juan Gonzalez hit his third homer in three games and Roger Pavlik won his fourth straight decision.

Gonzalez, who has played in just nine games this season because of a bad back, hit his third homer of the

year off Steve Sparks (1-2), who pitched his first career complete game despite the loss.

Pavlik (4-1) scattered five hits in 6 1-3 innings. John Jaha hit his sixth homer of the year for Milwaukee.

Royals 10, Mariners 9
Kansas City had two seven-run leads at Seattle before winning in the ninth inning on Tom Goodwin's RBI single.

Ron Villone (0-2) walked Chris Stynes to open the ninth, and he was safe at second when catcher Chad Kreuter's throw pulled second baseman Joey Cora off the bag on Brent Mayne's sacrifice. Goodwin then hit a ground ball sharply up the middle.

Rusty Meacham (2-2) got the victory after allowing the Mariners three runs, two of them unearned thanks to his throwing error in the eighth.

Angels 9, Twins 1
Tim Salmon, Chili Davis and Gary DiSarcina drove in two runs apiece for California as Minnesota's major league-worst record fell to 12-32, 20 games behind first-place Cleveland in the AL Central.

Chuck Finley (4-5) earned his 103rd career victory and passed Frank Tanana as the winningest left-hander in club history. It was his fourth triumph in five starts.

Salmon hit a two-run homer, a double and scored three times to help build a 9-0 cushion through four innings.

Indians 4, Orioles 3
Cleveland improved to 31-11 and 16-4 at home, both major league bests, as Wayne Kirby had a triple, single and the go-ahead RBI against Baltimore.

Eddie Murray doubled twice and drove in a run, and Kenny Lofton had three hits for the Indians.

Charles Nagy (4-2) gave up three runs, two unearned, and five hits in seven innings, and Jose Mesa earned his 15th save in 15 tries. Kevin Brown (5-4) lost for the third time in four starts.

the subject of trade rumors between the Tigers and Yankees, fell one out short of his third complete game, running out of gas after throwing 157 pitches.

Danny Tartabull's two-out single to right field in the sixth ended Wells' no-hitter. Gerald Williams' RBI double kept the Yankees, who have lost 11 of 12 road games, from being shut out.

Andy Pettitte (1-3) gave up 10 hits and four earned runs in 4 2-3 innings for New York, which fell back into last place in the AL East.

Blue Jays 4, Red Sox 3
Shortstop Alex Gonzalez preserved a tie with a spectacular catch in the 11th inning, then singled with the bases loaded and two outs in the bottom of the 12th, moving Toronto out of last place in the AL East.

Joe Carter led off the 12th with a double before Ken Ryan (0-2) intentionally walked John Olerud. Ed Sprague sacrificed and Shawn Green was intentionally walked, loading the bases.

Ryan struck out Lance Parrish for the second out before Gonzalez, who also homered earlier, sent Boston, first in the AL East, to its third straight loss.

Mike Timlin (3-0) pitched three innings of one-hit ball for the win.

Reds resembling Big Red Machine

By JOHN MOSSMAN
AP Sports Writer
DENVER (AP) - In a 19-year major-league playing career, Don Baylor never played in the National League. But he couldn't help noticing the Cincinnati Reds, the Big Red Machine of the 1970s, and he fears that juggernaut is back.

The Reds pounded out 15 hits Monday night, including two homers by Ron Gant, to beat Baylor's Colorado Rockies 11-6.

Gant, still not fully recovered from a badly broken right leg he suffered in a dirt-bike accident more than a year ago, drove in four runs as the streaking Reds posted their fifth straight win and ninth in 10 games.

Gant's 13th and 14th homers tied Colorado's Larry Walker, who also homered, for the NL lead.

The Reds jumped on Marvin Freeman (2-3) for two runs in the second and two more in the third, and Gant's three-run shot in the fifth off

reliever Lance Painter made it 7-2.

Gant hit a 445-foot solo homer in the ninth off Omar Olivares.

Reggie Sanders added four hits for the Reds, including a pair of doubles, and Kevin Jarvis (3-3) went six innings, allowing six hits and three runs.

Baylor said his team's tendency to score single runs couldn't counter Cincinnati's scoring in bunches.

"One run is not going to do it against that club," the Rockies manager said. "That club is an offensive machine. They feel they can hit anything at anytime. Everybody swings the bat, and it becomes contagious."

"That's an awfully good offensive club, and (Barry) Larkin and Deion Sanders aren't even playing (because of injuries) and Hal Morris is not hitting. Whew."

Reds manager Davey Johnson said "the key for us was not allowing the big inning."

Colorado's Dante Bichette extended his hitting streak to a club-record 18 games, matching the streak in May by Oakland's Mark McGwire as the longest in the majors this season.

Gant's first homer was to the opposite field and his second to center.

"The first one I hit I didn't think was going to the wall," Gant said. "I was surprised. I hit a changeup on the outside part of the plate. The second one was on a fastball away. I'm using the whole field now, and doing it with power, which I didn't do before this year."

Asked about his health, Gant said, "There still is some pain in the leg, but I'm getting to the latter stages of the healing process. Hopefully, by the World Series it will be healed. I stole a base, so it is feeling better."

Of Gant, Baylor said, "I don't know what 80 percent is, but I know he's beyond that. He's swinging the

bat just as well as he did in Atlanta (before the injury)."

The Rockies, who entered the game having won nine of their previous 11 games, took a 1-0 lead on Mike Kingery's homer leading off the first.

Gant drew a walk leading off the second and Eddie Taubensee followed with his second home run of the year.

In the third, Lenny Harris had an RBI double and Morris an RBI single to make it 4-1.

The Rockies got a run in the fourth on Joe Girardi's fielder's choice grounder.

Eric Anthony led off the Reds' fifth with a walk, Harris singled and Gant homered to make it 7-2.

Walker hit a sacrifice fly in the fifth, and got his 14th homer, a 448-foot solo shot off reliever Mike Jackson in the seventh, to make it 7-4.

Anthony lined a two-run single off Roger Bailey in the eighth.

Fullerton's Kotsay gets Smith Award

HOUSTON (AP) - Mark Kotsay, a sophomore who led Cal State-Fullerton to the 1995 NCAA baseball championship, on Monday night received the R.E. "Bob" Smith Award, symbolic of the college baseball player of the year.

Kotsay set career College World Series records this season with his two grand slams and .529 batting

average (15 for 29).

In the championship game, in which Cal St.-Fullerton beat Southern California 11-5, Kotsay hit two home runs, driving in five runs, and pitched the final two innings. When not on the mound, he was his team's centerfielder.

The award was presented at the annual Smith Award dinner at the

Hyatt Regency in Houston. Kotsay edged fellow finalists Todd Helton, a first baseman-pitcher from Tennessee, and Clint Bryant, a third baseman from Texas Tech.

Voting was by more than 300 members of the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association, 33 members of the Smith Award Institutional Board and fan balloting on a 1-900 line.

Over the season, the sophomore left-hander allowed only one earned run in 29 innings for a microscopic ERA of 0.31. In 21 appearances on the mound, he posted 11 saves.

At the plate, he set a school record with a .422 batting average (111 for 263) with 20 doubles, five triples and 21 homers. He struck out just 15 times while scoring 85 runs for the Titans (57-9).

On Tuesday, he will be in Millington, Tenn., for Team USA workouts. He hopes to win a spot on the 1995 U.S. national team roster.

Past winners of the Smith Award are Jason Varitek, 1994; Darren Dreifort, 1993; Mike Smith, 1992; Bobby Jones, 1991; Mike Kelly, 1990; Ben McDonald, 1989; and Andy Benes, 1988.

Eagles sign K-Mart

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - The Philadelphia Eagles still remember the way Kelvin Martin returned a punt 85 yards for the Dallas Cowboys to defeat them in December 1991, and they hope he can deliver plays like that for them now.

So the Eagles signed Martin, an unrestricted free agent wide receiver, to a one-year contract on Monday. Terms of the deal were not revealed.

"We're excited to bring in a valuable and versatile player like Kelvin Martin," head coach Ray Rhodes said. "He's been an accomplished wide receiver and return man in this league for a long time and we're confident he'll continue to show his big play ability

in Philadelphia."

Martin, 30, who spent the last two seasons with the Seattle Seahawks, was selected in the expansion draft by the Jacksonville Jaguars but released on May 30. He began his career as the Dallas Cowboys' fourth-round draft pick in 1987.

Martin has caught 325 passes for 4,182 yards and 14 touchdowns. As a punt returner, he brought back 203 punts for 1,980 yards and three touchdowns in his career.

He's only 5-foot-9 and 162 pounds and he doesn't have blazing speed, but Martin came highly recommended by the Eagles college scouting director, John Wooten.

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June beauty spot

The non-residential beauty spot for June is Rivera Produce located at 1410 W. Hwy. 60. The picture above shows the garden in front of the business while the top picture reveals a field of wild flowers located behind the business. A non-residential site is recognized each month by the Women's Division of the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce.

Recent HHS graduate receives scholarship

Heather Hernandez of Hereford recently received a Sybil B. Harrington Merit Scholarship for 1995-96. Hernandez, who plans to attend West Texas A&M University in Canyon, will receive the actual cost of tuition, fees and books, up to a maximum of \$3,500 per year. The Sybil B. Harrington Scholarship Fund was established through The Amarillo College Foundation, Inc., in 1989 with a gift by Mrs. Harrington. She has contributed more than \$2.5 million to the corpus of this fund.

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Author, professor recalls adventurous childhood

By HILLEL ITALIE
Associated Press Writer
PRINCETON, N.J. (AP) - Mark Twain would have had a fine old time recounting the adventures of Russell Banks. Born in Newton, Mass., in 1940, Banks first took off when he was 2 years old, slipping out of his backyard and scooting over to the local cemetery, playing with a friend among the headstones. By age 12, his violent father had left for good and Banks also wanted out. Smart enough to get a scholarship from Colgate University, he quit within weeks, fled to join the Cuban Revolution and wound up dressing mannequins in Lakeland, Fla. Some 35 years later, this onetime "barroom brawler" has written more than a dozen books and is a professor at Princeton University. He is now living with his fourth wife. "I never expected my life to turn out like this. It's a source of constant amazement to me, a source of considerable anxiety," the author said. "I get very superstitious. It feels so fragile. I look around me and say, 'Jesus, how did this happen? I have no idea what I did to end up here.'"

person with you." The narrator of his new novel, "Rule of the Bone," is a 14-year-old runaway from upstate New York. Introduced to us as Chappie, he's a "mall rat" who gets himself involved in murder, changes his name to "Bone" and flees to Jamaica. "Huckleberry Finn" is an obvious influence. Bone and Huck are both "bad boys" who escape from broken homes, befriend older black men (in Bone's case, a Jamaican refugee named I-Man) and, even when they're breaking the law, somehow remain innocent compared to the violent world around them. "I did not begin with 'Huck Finn' in mind, but after I got fairly into it, 80, 90 pages or so, into the manuscript ... I realized, 'Hey, wait a minute, there's something familiar about this. I think I'm doing something that's been done before and better,'" Banks said with a laugh. "I reread 'Huck Finn' and there's so much here that is right and incredibly useful if applied to America of the 1990s. I have my own character, my own boy and his world."

"There was a Canadian magazine ... that sent out a funny little survey to writers. 'What do you think you would be if you hadn't been a writer?' I thought about it a while and decided if I hadn't been a writer, I would have been stabbed to death, outside a bar in Lakeland at three in the morning." Banks is a writer obsessed with distance, geographic and otherwise. In fiction such as "The Sweet Hereafter," "Continental Drift" and "Affliction," his blue-collar characters are cut off from each other, and cut off from themselves, living out the bleakest kind of American individualism. Their despair often pushes them to pick up and run - from New England to Florida, from Florida to the Caribbean, from the Caribbean back up north. Most of the time they're not successful at changing their luck. "There's that fantasy of starting your life over, because it has crumbled in your hand, that basic American belief that if you pack your bags and go to Mexico or Arizona and Florida, you can start your life fresh and be reborn," Banks said. "(When) I left college I felt ... I had almost trapped myself in a life that I did not want and I had not chosen. I felt well, 'If I go somewhere else, far away and drop myself in that world, as if a newborn person, I could reinvent my life whole.' And it turned I couldn't. You take the

To Your Good Health

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I recently started developing ingrown beard hairs (pseudofolliculitis barbae). I have not changed shaving habits, and am surprised by this development in my 30s. What is the best way to treat or remove the pustules and prevent new ones? — G.S.
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Here is what happens: When the sharp-pointed hair shaft curls back on itself, it can penetrate the skin. The result is like an embedded foreign body, the puncture opening a potential invitation to inflammation and infection. Matters quickly get out of hand.

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Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him at P.O. Box 5539, Riverton, NJ 08077-5539.

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Hampton graduates from UT at Dallas

Brenda Hampton graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Texas at Dallas recently with a degree in biology.

Mrs. Hampton is the daughter of Charles and Phyllis Brown and the granddaughter of Bert Brown and Harley Ward, all of Hereford.

Mrs. Hampton was named to Who's Who in American Universities and was named as a Student Leader by Student Life at UT at Dallas.

She graduated from Hereford High School in 1980 and from Amarillo College in 1983. She plans to enter Texas Tech School of Medicine in Lubbock in the fall.

She is married to George Hampton of Bay Shore, N.Y. and has two children—Crystal, 14 and Thomas, 5.



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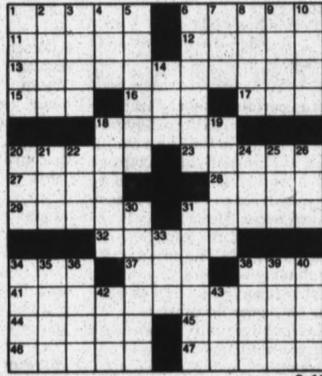
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Next steps in space program coming together in Alabama

By **MARCIA DUNN**
AF Aerospace Writer
HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (AP) - In Building 4708, where NASA built moon rockets 30 years ago, the future is arriving ... finally.

This is a future constructed of metal and graphite, 31,030 pounds and counting. It has no name; for now, they call it Alpha, because the believers say this is just the beginning of the Next Big Step into space.

This is it - the international space station. After years of debate and design, NASA's pipe dream is becoming pipes.

"That there is the first U.S. launch," says factory foreman Jim Waterman, pointing with pride to an aluminum cylinder with six docking ports that will serve as a connecting passageway for Alpha.

This passageway - called Node 1 - is to be launched on a space shuttle in December 1997, one month after the Russians send up the first station building block, a power and propulsion tug.

Across the huge room at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center is an arched sheet of shiny aluminum that will form the U.S. laboratory module.

Over there is the beginning of Alpha's habitation module. And behind those walls are gray, graphite-epoxy containers the size of phone booths that will serve as equipment racks.

"It's finally gelling. It's really coming together," welder Charlie Bill Collins says. "It's taken off just like a wild bunch of horses, and I love every minute of it."

This is NASA's seventh version of a space station; two summers ago, a newly scaled-down version of space station Freedom survived by a single vote in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Waterman took over a few weeks before that jolting vote of June 1993. "People were looking for jobs or bailing out," he recalls. "They thought the whole thing was going to be canceled. Guys on the floor honestly thought they were never going to build it."

Now, he says, "we're on a high."

No longer is the big question "Can you do it?" but rather "What are you going to do with it once it's built?" notes Wilbur Trafton, NASA's space station director.

The Boeing Co., prime contractor in charge of station production, is determined to be on time and within budget. So far, the company is meeting those goals although officials admit it's tight.

The sign at the factory entrance sums it up: 31,030 pounds of completed station hardware, 40,800 pounds projected for September 1995, 68,900 pounds for September 1996 and 93,800 pounds for September 1997.

McDonnell Douglas and Rockwell International's Rocketdyne division also are making parts, as are Russia, Japan, Canada and Italy. The European Space Agency plans to supply components as soon as it sorts out budget problems.

By the time the 250-mile-high outpost is completed in 2002 and ready for a crew of six, it will have seven science laboratories and weigh 886,000 pounds. It will be almost as long as a football field, and its pressurized volume will be equivalent to the passenger compartments of two Boeing 747 jets.

That's considerably larger and consequently more complex than the

later drafts of Freedom, which was first proposed by President Reagan in 1984. The goal was to have an \$8 billion station flying within 10 years for military and scientific research.

Nine years and \$10 billion later, the Clinton administration resurrected Freedom as Alpha. A post-Communist, post-Cold War Russia signed on. And Congress gave the program overwhelming support last summer.

With 13 countries now involved, Alpha is the largest scientific cooperative program ever.

"We are confident that they (Russians) know what they're doing," says Boeing's station program manager, Douglas Stone. "They're a little bit suspicious sometimes that we know what we're doing."

The United States hasn't had a space station in orbit since Skylab came crashing down in 1979. Russia's space station Mir has been up since 1986; NASA astronaut Norman Thagard is there now setting a U.S. space endurance record of three months plus.

NASA's space shuttle Atlantis is supposed to dock with Mir in late June and retrieve Thagard and his two Russian crewmates. It is the first of seven Atlantis-Mir dockings planned over the next 2-1/2 years as practice for Alpha assembly and operations.

Names in the News

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Bill Cosby says there's a simple reason why he's been host of the Playboy Jazz Festival 17 years in a row.

"I do it to get a free seat," he says.

The millionaire comedian is master of ceremonies, cheerleader and coach for the Hollywood Bowl event next weekend.

Cosby grew up listening to Charlie Parker, Dizzy Gillespie, Miles Davis and Max Roach. He says the music influenced his direction in comedy.

"I'm a storyteller," Cosby said. "And essentially that's what happens with jazz, with me and the music."

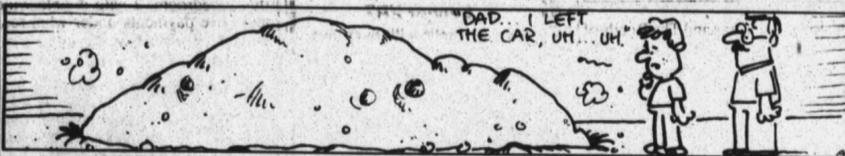
NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Alison Krauss' latest album has sold a million copies and her single "When You Say Nothing at All" tops the country charts.

But when she's in her car, she prefers rock 'n' roll.

"I listen to a lot of Foreigner," Krauss says in June's Close Up magazine, published by the Country Music Association.

"I love Foreigner ... I grew up roller skating every Friday and Saturday, and they played that kind of stuff and Bad Company. I love all of that stuff."

Krauss' most recent album is "Now That I've Found You: A Collection."



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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS
By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — A few months after Martha Whitehead was appointed state treasurer by then-Gov. Ann Richards, she shocked capitol observers by saying the office should be abolished.

In 1994, Whitehead, a Democrat, ran for a full term on a pledge to give voters a chance to merge the agency with the state comptroller's office. She won, kept her campaign promise and voters will decide the issue on Nov. 7.

Other proposed constitutional amendments on the ballot would:

- Permit the issuance of \$500 million more in bonds for veterans' housing assistance.

- Allow the Legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation certain property having a value insufficient to recover the cost of collecting the tax.

- Let local governments exempt from property taxes commercial fishing and shrimp boats.

- Allow the Higher Education Coordinating Board to issue \$300 million more in bonds to finance loans to Texas-resident college students.

- Tax land used exclusively for wildlife management (i.e. hunting leases) on the basis of its agricultural productivity.

- Halt bond-issuing authority of the Superconducting Super Collider research facility, which is being shut down.

- Abolish the office of constable in Mills, Reagan and Roberts counties.

- End the constitutional prohibition against investment of the Texas Growth Fund in companies that do business in South Africa.

- Allow the Legislature to exempt Masonic Lodges and other state-chartered charitable groups from property taxes.

- Permit home-owners to refinance their houses to pay off an income tax lien or settle a divorce.

- Re-direct \$200 million in bonds from the state farm and ranch purchase program to be used for loans to build or expand agricultural-related businesses.

- Allow the homestead property-tax exemption of a person over 65 to be passed on to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is at least 55 years old.

- Raise the exemption from property taxes on property owned by disabled veterans or by the surviving spouses and surviving minor children of disabled veterans.

Senator Denies Conflict

Harris County District Attorney John B. Holmes Jr. confirmed last week his office is investigating state Sen. John Whitmire's \$4,000 a month consulting contract with the Harris County Adult Probation Department.

Whitmire, a Houston Democrat who rewrote the Texas penal code in the 1993 legislative session, defended the propriety of the two-year-old contract after it was made public that he had been paid more than \$80,000.

Whitmire said his contract was approved by a group of state district judges who serve as the board of the adult probation department, and that he was assured his compensation would come from locally generated funds, not state funds.

"I never thought I would get in trouble working. In hindsight, I might have underestimated that some individuals would perceive

the probation department as a special interest. I thought it was very consistent with good public policy," Whitmire told the *Houston Chronicle*.

The state constitution prohibits legislators from benefiting directly or indirectly from legislation for which they appropriate money.

Whitmire's contract calls for him to explain changes in the revised penal code to Harris County Probation Department employees, Holmes said.

"The accusation, and it has yet to be confirmed, is that Whitmire was paid with state criminal justice grant funds," Holmes told the *Chronicle*. "There are either two contracts, or they are confused about what the contracts are really for. I am a little concerned about what (Whitmire) is being paid for. That right there ought to raise some questions."

State District Judge Jan Krockner, who took office after Whitmire's contract went into effect, said, "I think there clearly is an appearance of impropriety. You have a consultant to a department

who was largely responsible for the legislation that made probation mandatory."

New Security System

Those familiar prison towers occupied by armed guards is beginning to give way to more advanced security methods, according to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

An automated system called "perimeter security" is being installed at the Ellis Unit north of Huntsville.

Ellis Warden M. Bruce Thaler said a network of motion-detection cameras soon will be on line, backed up by sensitive fencing that sounds alarms if disturbed. Thaler said at least one roving guard will always be on duty to retrieve would-be escapees.

Although expensive, officials say the new technology will be cheaper in the long run.

State Comptroller John Sharp says doing away with the "obsolete" towers in new prisons and adding sensor fences could save as much as \$310,000 per year in eliminated personnel costs.

'The Hat' attracts eye of travelers, provides advertising gimmick

By JANET AUSBURY
Big Spring Herald

BIG SPRING, Texas - Every town must have its conversation piece, and The Hat certainly qualifies as one.

Which hat? You know - the one that sits off Interstate 20 West. The one everyone sees on their way coming to or going past the Big Spring airport. The huge oilfield worker's hat that usually has some local business or organization's name and logo on it.

If you've ever driven past The Hat and wondered about it, if you've ever paused to glance at it, now's the chance to learn about the largest piece of headgear you're likely to see anywhere.

According to the Big Spring Herald's files, Oilfield Industrial Lines, better known in town as OIL, introduced its theme "The Big Rig Factory" in May 1982 during the Offshore Technology Conference at the Houston AstroDome.

The Hat was described at the time as the world's largest hat. It weighs approximately 1,500 pounds.

A wood skeleton was covered with a plywood skin beneath a styrofoam coating to make The Hat. Bright orange Fiberglas covered the initial sculpture, with the OIL logo in white letters.

Because of The Hat's huge size, it had to be built in two parts for transportation from its construction site in Dallas. The two pieces were then bolted together and fastened to the crown of the rig.

The Hat was familiar sight on the former OIL grounds. However, as the oil boom faded in the early to mid-1980s, so did OIL. The company went bankrupt, and The Hat ended up in the hands of an Odessa oil field buyer.

Enter Rodney Martin, owner of WT Oil Field Services Company Inc. in Big Spring. He bought The Hat for \$100 at an auction in Odessa about three or four years ago - neither he nor wife Amy is sure of the exact year

- and paid another \$1,200 to have it moved to its present location.

He acknowledges The Hat was quite a bargain. "It cost about \$19,000 or \$20,000 when it was built," he said. "You couldn't build it for that now."

The land on which The Hat sits has been in Martin's possession for several years. He has been planning to construct a new building for WT Oil Field Services at that location and originally bought The Hat to use, as OIL did, as an on-site attention-getter.

However, with his moving plans delayed, he decided The Hat should be put to some kind of use.

Passers-by will notice The Hat's appearance changes every few months. It acts as a billboard for various causes and businesses.

"I let local groups paint it whenever they've got a use for it, to promote the city of Big Spring," Martin explained. He charges no fee.

About a year ago, The Hat was painted in a Dallas Cowboys motif to welcome Bill Bates to town.

More recently, The Hat was blue and sported the Big Spring Symphony's "Hats Off to the Symphony" slogan.

Any organization that wishes to use The Hat had best inform Martin quickly; by next year he wants to finish his company's new location on The Hat's grounds, and The Hat will be painted with the company's logo and raised on a deck.

"That will make it even more of an advertising tool," Martin said.

Nobody will ever be able to wear it, but this \$1,300 hat is proving more useful than any designer piece you'll ever see in a store.

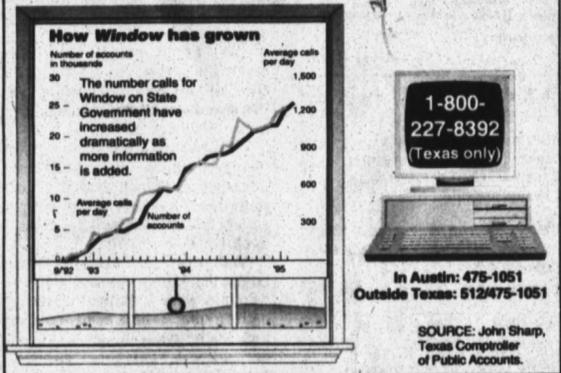
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Wheat, corn forecast adjusted by USDA

By ROBERT GREENE
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Agriculture Department on Monday lowered its forecast of the nation's winter wheat harvest and its projection for the corn crop because of weather problems besetting the grain belt. Prices for both crops were expected to rise as a result.

In its second monthly report based on field conditions, the department pegged the wheat harvest at 1.61 billion bushels, down 2 percent from the May 1 estimate and 3 percent from 1994.

Because rains and flooding in the Midwest have delayed plantings and surely will depress yields, the department projected a corn crop of 7.9 billion bushels, down 8 percent from the initial May projection of 8.6 billion. If realized, the harvest would fall 2.2 billion bushels from last year's record crop.

The lowered corn projection will mean an increase in soybeans, which can be planted later as a last-minute replacement for corn. Although as many as 1 million more acres may be planted in soybeans than originally expected, the department projects lower yields. As a result, the department projected a harvest of 2.21 billion bushels, compared with a 2.2 billion bushel projection last month and 2.56 billion bushels actually harvested last year.

In its wheat report, the department lowered its estimates both for yields and acres harvested. Area for grain

harvest was put at 40.6 million acres, 100,000 below the May 1 estimate. Much of the decrease was in Montana, where growers plowed up their poor winter crop and planted spring wheat.

Winter wheat yields are expected to average 39.6 million bushels an acre, down 0.6 bushels from last month and last year.

The harvest in Kansas, the nation's top winter wheat producer, is expected to suffer a 14 percent drop to 374.5 million bushels, compared with 433.2 million last year. Lingering cool, wet weather has slowed the crop in that state, hail recently damaged crops in the western part, and evidence of damage from earlier freezes continues to show.

Because lower production is expected for both winter wheat and this year's spring-planted crop, supplies will also decrease before the end of the marketing year in May 1996, the department said. The department raised its projected season average-price by 10 cents, meaning it could range from \$3.35 to \$3.75 a bushel.

The department further lowered its estimate of corn supplies as well. Lower expected domestic use and exports moderated the decline. The projected price range for corn is up 15 cents on each end, to \$2.45 to \$2.85 a bushel.

Lower year-end supplies will also boost soybean prices 15 cents a bushel, to a projected \$5.25 to \$5.25 a bushel.



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