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Court rejects election districts drawn for minorities

By JANET McCONNAUGHEY

Associated Press Writer

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - The second black congressman in Louisiana history was too angry to celebrate the U.S. Supreme Court's assurance that he will run for re-election next year in a majority-black district.

A companion ruling Thursday by a sharply divided court struck down election districts drawn mainly to boost black voters' political clout. The decision in a challenge to Georgia majority-black districts could have repercussions from Congress to the smallest town halls.

"There used to be a time that the 14th Amendment, the equal protection clause, was used as a shield to protect minority voters," said Rep. Cleo Fields, D-La. "Now, the court takes the same amendment and uses it as a sword to injure minority

voters."

The 5-4 ruling, announced as the court ended its 1994-95 term, invalidated three Georgia districts.

The plan devised by state lawmakers in 1992 violates some voters' rights because "just as the State may not, absent extraordinary justification, segregate citizens on the basis of race in its public parks, buses, golf courses, beaches and schools ... it may not separate its voting districts on the basis of race," Justice Anthony M. Kennedy wrote for the court.

Quoting from the 1993 Shaw vs. Reno decision, Kennedy said that assigning voters on the basis of race, "engages in the offensive and demeaning assumption that voters of a particular race, because of their race, 'think alike, share the same political interests and will prefer the same candidates at the polls.'"

The focal point of the dispute was Georgia's 11th Congressional District, now served by Cynthia McKinney, a black Democrat. She called the decision "a setback for American democracy."

The heart of the decision was that any district - not just those with irregular shapes - is unlawful if its creation was primarily motivated by race.

A 1993 Supreme Court decision setting aside North Carolina's congressional redistricting had appeared to rely on the "bizarre" shape of one district.

Black representation in the 435-member House of Representatives has increased from 24 before 1992 to the present 39.

Of the 17 blacks elected to Congress from the South in 1992 and 1994, all represent majority-black districts.

Nationwide, only five blacks have ever been elected to Congress from majority-white districts. The American Civil Liberties Union says a similar pattern holds true in state legislatures in the South, where about 90 percent of the blacks elected during the 1980s came from majority-black districts.

President Clinton called the decision a "setback in the struggle to ensure that all Americans participate fully in the electoral process."

It "threatens to undermine the promise of the Voting Rights Act," Clinton said in a statement.

In the challenge to Fields' 4th Congressional District, the court ruled unanimously that the four plaintiffs lacked legal standing to sue because they didn't live in the district. New challenges will probably come from voters in the district.

"The Georgia case won overwhelmingly on the principles they had gotten from us," said Ray Hays, one of the plaintiffs. "Our principles have been upheld."

Fields apparently felt likewise.

"The court couches its attack on civil rights laws in wide-eyed hope for 'colorblind' politics," Fields said.

"But in Louisiana, a black candidate

has never - never - been elected from a majority-white district."

However, Ben Ginsberg, an attorney who has argued many redistricting cases for Republicans, expected little long-range impact from the Georgia ruling. He said the GOP has made significant recent gains in state legislatures and will be reluctant to draw districts that might help white Democrats.

Kennedy was joined in the majority by Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justices Sandra Day O'Connor, Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas.

Justices John Paul Stevens, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, David H. Souter and Stephen G. Breyer dissented.

Civil rights advocates had feared just such a ruling from the conservative court, which had earlier this month dealt a potentially crippling blow to many federal affirmative action programs.

Jesse Jackson sharply criticized Thomas, the court's sole black member, who sided with the majority.

"It is especially painful that a descendant of slaves, in effect, stabbed Dr. (Martin Luther) King and the other civil rights and social justice martyrs in the back and is laying the legal path which is paving the way back toward slavery," he said. "This is a brutally violent act against the forces that have moved the nation forward and made his position on the court possible."

Economy hits slump

By JAMES H. RUBIN

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - The economy turned in its weakest performance in a year and a half during the first quarter, a slowing trend that analysts said is just a sign of things to come.

The Commerce Department said today that gross domestic product grew at a 2.7 percent annual rate in the first three months of 1995, barely more than half the pace of expansion in the previous quarter. The first quarter rate was unchanged from a month-old estimate.

Analysts believe the second quarter, which ends today, was far more sluggish and the economy even may have shrunk. But most do not foresee a recession on the horizon and expect at least a modest rebound by the end of the year.

Recent conflicting signals pose a dilemma for the Federal Reserve, which meets for two days next week to consider cutting short-term interest rates to put some spark back in the economy.

In today's report, the Commerce Department said consumer spending in the first quarter was a little weaker than previously estimated. But the downward revision was offset by higher net exports and business investment in durable goods.

The Commerce Department said that GDP increased \$36.3 billion at an annual rate in January through March, compared to a booming \$66.8 billion or 5.1 percent rate in the final three months of 1994.

Inflation during the first quarter was slightly higher but still well within the moderate range. One measure of inflation tied to GDP rose 3 percent in the first three months, compared to 2.6 percent the fourth quarter last year.

The Federal Reserve engineered seven interest-rate increases over a 12-month period ending Feb. 1. Since then it has left rates unchanged.

After-tax corporate profits increased 3.8 percent in the first quarter, compared to 2.5 percent in the final three months of 1994.

Consumer spending tailed off sharply in the winter. It rose at a \$14.3 billion rate, less than a third as rapid as the final three months last year.

All final sales, including consumer spending, net exports and government purchases, climbed 2.6 percent after surging 5.7 percent in the fourth quarter last year.

There also have been hints of a recovery recently. On Thursday, the government reported that sales of new homes in May posted the steepest advance in more than three years, while first-time claims for unemployment benefits unexpectedly plunged by 28,000 last week - the biggest drop in nearly a year.



Checking out the pyrotechnics

These may look like paper-wrapped turnips or Christmas tree ornaments, but they are actually some of the industrial-strength fireworks that will be used Tuesday in the official fireworks display to celebrate Independence Day here. From left, Police Chief David Wagner, Fire Marshal Jay Spain, Chamber of Commerce Vice President Mike Carr and City Manager Chester Nolen look over the items. The fireworks will be the highlight of the July 4th Celebration in Veteran's Park on Tuesday. It is the only approved fireworks display in Hereford and the only situation where they may be possessed within the city limits. Possession of fireworks by citizens is illegal inside the city. Several citations have been issued and some fireworks have been confiscated after complaints were filed about their use in town.

Fatal train accidents continue despite crossing safety moves

By JEAN PAGE

Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) -

Troopers say warning signals were working the June afternoon when a 7-car freight train struck a retired farmer's Oldsmobile sedan.

That collision near Lubbock accounted for one of six fatalities in the past two weeks for motorists on West Texas railroad tracks.

Tragic accidents continue to mount even during a year when lawmakers moved to cut the risk at the state's 12,000 rail crossings.

"We're not making any progress, and it's frustrating," said Carolyn Cook, a safety specialist with the Texas Railroad Commission.

The Department of Public Safety counted 52 fatalities and 292 injuries last year from collisions between vehicles and trains in Texas. No statistics from 1995 are available.

But the year-end toll will include these from the Panhandle:

- Two El Paso men died Tuesday when their tractor-trailer rig and a train collided near an Amarillo beef-packing plant. A witness said the truck went around the lowered warning gate.

- Three elderly friends were killed June 15 outside Kress when a freight train hit their car and pushed it about a quarter-mile.

- Two teen-age firefighters from Claude died when a train hit their truck Jan. 31. Ms. Cook said the driver "just simply did not see the train. He just had his mind on other things."

Safety advocates emphasize the motorist's responsibility and blame the accidents on impatience, carelessness and a daredevil mentality.

"There are those who want to beat the train," said state Rep. Charles Finney, D-Holliday, who sponsored a bill Gov. George W. Bush was scheduled to sign ceremonially today. "They play a game of some type without realizing how deadly the game is."

The Finney bill allows railroad crews to report near-misses to local law enforcement agencies. The law, effective Sept. 1, authorizes those agencies to investigate and issue tickets to near-miss drivers.

Another new law enables the

Texas Department of Transportation to set up video cameras at 10 risky crossings. And effective Sept. 1, the minimum fine for drivers who disregard warning gates goes from \$1 to \$50.

Bill Barton, general counsel for the Texas Railroad Association, supports safety campaigns and the new laws.

"They may not help much, but if it helps at all it's worth it," Barton said.

He said the statistics - showing Texas led the nation in 1994 rail-crossing crashes - are alarming.

"It's just a problem we don't know the answer to," Barton said.

Randall Dillard, spokesman for the transportation department, said it costs about \$100,000 to install flashing lights and gates at one crossing.

Still there's no guarantee drivers will take heed.

"Very troubling," Ms. Cook said. "The state could put crossing gates at every (crossing) and we would still have people going around the gates. So the state itself cannot prevent someone from being killed."

Survey discloses drug links

WASHINGTON (AP) - Television, movies and popular music encourage illegal drug use among youths, according to a new survey of young people and adults.

National Drug Policy Director Lee Brown said the poll should come as a "wake-up call" for the entertainment industry, which has recently come under attack for the sex and violence content of its programs.

The poll found that 67 percent, or 1,340, of the 2,000 adults interviewed said they believe popular culture

encourages drug use. And 76 percent, or 304, of the 400 youths surveyed also blamed the industry.

Drugs were named by 32 percent of adolescents aged 12 to 17 as the most important problem facing people their age, followed by crime and violence in school (13 percent) and social pressures (10 percent).

A big majority, 89 percent, said they believe most people begin using illegal drugs between the ages of 10 and 17, according to the poll.

By ROBERT GREENE
AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - A mixture of higher prices for corn, hogs, tomatoes and wheat and lower prices for lettuce, milk, peaches and strawberries held the June index of prices received by farmers at the month-earlier level.

The index also remained unchanged compared with June 1994, the department said Thursday in its monthly report. Higher prices for wheat, cotton, tomatoes and peaches were offset by lower prices for broilers, soybeans, milk and cattle.

The rebound in lettuce supplies after flooding in California earlier this year helped weigh down the index. Prices dropped to 17 cents a pound after reaching nearly 49 cents in May. Last June, lettuce brought 13.9 cents.

Tomatoes, however, rose to 38 cents a pound from 14.4 cents because of wet harvest conditions in Florida. They brought 30.7 cents last June.

Good export demand and a lower supply forecast pushed corn prices up 15 cents a bushel to \$2.56, but they

were still below the \$2.61 received in June 1994.

The same factors pushed wheat up 19 cents a bushel to \$3.85, far above the \$3.21 received in June 1994.

Milk dropped 20 cents to \$12.20 per hundredweight - 11.6 gallons - and 40 cents below the \$12.60 received in June 1994.

Hogs brought in 41.8 cents a pound, up from 37.2 cents reported in May, but still below the 42.7 cents paid in June 1994. It was the first time prices rose above the 40-cents-a-pound mark since last August, because of tight supplies leading up to the Independence Day holiday.

Probation set in guilty plea here

A defendant in 22nd District Court Thursday was granted deferred adjudication after he entered a guilty plea.

Enrique M. Merino, 28, was sentenced to eight years' probation for aggravated assault.

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Local Roundup

Thunderstorms still hang around

Continued cool temperatures -- much like the 76-degree high Thursday and the low of 57 degrees Friday morning -- are in the forecast for the first part of the July Fourth weekend. Cloudy skies, wind from the southeast to south, 5-15 mph, and a 50 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms, with a low in the middle 50s, are expected Friday night. Saturday's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies and a 40 percent chance of showers with a high in the middle 70s. Looking ahead, Monday and Tuesday will be partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Lows will be in the 60-degree range. Highs will reach 85-90 degrees.

Recycling scheduled

Community Christian School and Hereford Beautification Alliance will co-sponsor their monthly recycling day from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. this Saturday at the St. Anthony's School parking lot. Items that will be accepted for recycling are: clear glass, bundled newspapers, aluminum and other metals and car batteries.

Police, Emergency Reports

Friday's emergency services reports contained the following information:

HEREFORD POLICE

A 23-year-old female was arrested in the 100 block of Catalpa for assault (domestic).

Disturbance was reported in the 700 block of Avenue G.

Criminal trespass was reported on South Main.

Retaliation was reported in the 800 block of North Lee.

Harassment was reported in the 200 block of Avenue A; and in the 100 block of Avenue E.

Deadly conduct was reported in the 300 block of Avenue J.

Domestic disturbance was reported in the area of Knight and Lake.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 200 block of East Park Avenue.

Theft was reported in the 500 block of North 25 Mile Avenue.

A civil matter was reported in the 300 block of Avenue A.

Glamour girl of movies, Lana Turner, dies at 75

By BOB THOMAS

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Lana Turner, the glamorous blonde whose acting career was overshadowed by her numerous marriages and the killing of a gangster boyfriend by her daughter, died Thursday. She was 75.

Turner, who disclosed in May 1992 that she had been treated for throat cancer, died at her Century City home with her daughter Cheryl Crane at her side, police Officer Sonja Monaco said.

"She was doing fine. This was a total shock," Crane told Daily Variety columnist Army Archerd. "She'd completed seven weeks of radiation a short while ago, and it looked like she was fine. She just took a breath and she was gone."

The actress remained a star from the 1940s until the mid-1960s, winning an Academy Award nomination as best actress for "Peyton Place" in 1957 after she left her long-time studio, MGM.

Over the years, she appeared opposite the screen's top leading men in such films as "Johnny Eager" (Robert Taylor), "Honky Tonk" (Clark Gable), "The Postman Always Rings Twice" (John Garfield), "The Bad and the Beautiful" (Kirk Douglas), "The Sea Chase" (John Wayne) and "Cass Timberlane" (Spencer Tracy).

Her entrance into movies became part of Hollywood lore - she was discovered at a soda fountain when she was a teen-age schoolgirl, though not, as legend had it, at Schwab's drug store. Her early film appearances earned her the nickname "the Sweater Girl" and a pinup place in many a soldier's locker.

Her love life made even more headlines than her acting career. Turner was married seven times and had many well-publicized romances with such figures as Howard Hughes, Tyrone Power and Fernando Lamas.

One of her love affairs ended in abuse and sensational headlines when hoodlum Johnny Stompanato was killed. He was hitting Turner in her Beverly Hills bedroom on April 5, 1958, when Crane, then 15 years old, rushed in and fatally stabbed him with a carving knife.

The killing was ruled a justifiable homicide on the grounds that the girl believed her mother was in danger.

In her 1982 autobiography, "Lana, The Lady, The Legend, The Truth," she wrote: "Call it forbidden fruit or whatever, but this attraction was very deep - maybe something sick with me -

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported at an unknown location.

Officers issued 10 citations.

DEAF SMITH SHERIFF

A 28-year-old male was arrested for criminal trespass.

A 29-year-old female was arrested for assault.

A prowler was reported.

A domestic disturbance was reported.

Forgery was reported.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

No calls on Thursday.

EMS

Report not available.

PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL

Infant boy Alcocer, Martha Nancy Alcocer, Gloria Baca, Alberto Castillo, Guadalupe Cervantez, Annie F. Dupnik, J.B. Greenwood; Jimmy Hodge, Dora Johnson, Mary K. Johnson, Doris E. Kerr, Maria Padilla, Infant boy Riojas and Ethel R. Vititow.

CHILDRESS, Texas (AP) - Morris Higley, publisher of the Childress Index since 1935 and one of the Texas Panhandle's most colorful personalities, died Thursday at his cardiologist's office in Amarillo. He was 85.

Higley, hospitalized earlier this week, had suffered from longtime heart ailments.

Funeral services were set for 1 p.m. Saturday at the First United Methodist Church.

"Higley is no shrinking violet," the Amarillo Daily News wrote in a profile last year. "He is politically incorrect, opinionated and irreverent. He's also very likely the only remaining newspaperman in the Texas Panhandle who can say he interviewed Charles Goodnight and Will Rogers."

The Kansas native came by train in Texas in 1930 to work for the morning and evening newspapers in Amarillo.

He scooped his editor to get the interview with Rogers at the Amarillo Hotel. That initiative nearly got him fired.

"I just walked in and saw a

and my dangerous captivation went far beyond lovemaking."

She said he beat her when she tried to leave him. The night he was killed, she recalled, Cheryl rushed in when Stompanato was slapping and punching her.

"Out of the corner of my eye I saw Cheryl make a sudden movement," she wrote. "Her right arm shot out and caught John in the stomach. I thought she'd punched him."

Julia Jean Mildred Frances Turner was born on Feb. 8, 1920, in Wallace, Idaho. Her father died when she was young, the victim of a robbery-murder.

After living for a time in San Francisco, Turner and her mother moved to Los Angeles in 1936, and the girl enrolled at Hollywood High School. One day she cut her typing class to run across the street to a malt shop, not Schwab's drugstore. There she had the fatal meeting with William R. Wilkerson, publisher of the trade paper Hollywood Reporter.

"Would you like to be in the movies?" Wilkerson asked.

"I don't know, I'll have to ask my mother," she replied.

The influential Wilkerson called director Mervyn LeRoy, who cast her in "They Won't Forget" as a sensuous Southern girl whose murder leads to a lynching. When Lana (newly named by LeRoy) walked down the town street in a tight sweater, her fortune was made.

She was signed to a contract at MGM, where she played Mickey Rooney's sweetheart in "Love Finds Andy Hardy" and other relatively minor roles. Her string of big movies began in 1941 with "Ziegfeld Girl," "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" and "Honky Tonk."

Following a passionate hearing Thursday outside the jury's presence, Ito said prosecutors had violated state rules requiring both sides to trade evidence in advance.

Legal analysts said the ruling was a major - but not lethal - setback for the prosecution at a delicate time.

After five months of testimony, prosecutors expect to wrap up their case next week with more testimony from FBI hair and fiber expert Douglas Deedrick, followed by the final witness: Nicole Brown Simpson's mother, Judith Brown.

Prosecutor Marcia Clark said she would question Mrs. Brown about eyeglasses she left at Mezzaluna restaurant the night of the killings and a call to her daughter shortly before her death.

Ronald Goldman, a waiter at Mezzaluna, went to Ms. Simpson's condominium to return the glasses and was murdered alongside his friend on June 12, 1994.

Deedrick returns to court today for more testimony.

In what the judge called "compelling" evidence, Deedrick's FBI report showed that only Broncos made in 1993 and 1994 had the kind of carpet containing the fibers found on a knit cap near the bodies and a bloody glove behind Simpson's house. Simpson's Bronco is a 1994 model.

Supreme Court to look at districting Concern arises over motive for drawing boundaries

By TERRI LANGFORD

Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) - The U.S. Supreme Court wants to take a closer look at how Texas uses partisan politics to form election districts that benefit minority voters.

At issue is whether race - or incumbent protection - was the driving force behind the 1991 remapping of Texas congressional districts.

A three-judge federal panel ruled last August that two Houston area districts, the 18th, and the 29th, and the 30th district in Dallas were unconstitutional, the products of unlawful racial gerrymandering.

The Supreme Court on Thursday decided to review the "incumbent protection" strategy used by Texas in forming election districts.

"We are encouraged to a certain extent that they are willing to look at the Texas case separately from the other cases," said Charles Drayden, a lawyer for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Legal Defense Fund.

A group of Texas Republicans had challenged 24 of the 30 congressional districts, but 21 of the districts were upheld.

"The construction of Texas congressional districts is segregation, pure and simple," said Edward Blum, one of the plaintiffs who filed the suit now before the U.S. Supreme Court. "And there's no good segregation and bad segregation. It's all bad."

But the government in its appeal said the federal panel in Texas was wrong last year in ruling that the protection of incumbents is not a valid reason for varying from the most compact geographical boundaries.

Blacks make up about half the voting-age population in one of the Houston districts and the Dallas district. Hispanics make up about 55 percent of the voting-age population in the second Houston district.

The high court decided to look closer at the issue after rejecting a Georgia redistricting plan earlier in the day, because race was a predominant factor in remapping for that state.

"We believe there are significant factual differences between the Texas and the Georgia redistricting cases," said Texas Attorney General Dan Morales. "Otherwise the court would not have agreed to review our case."

"We are hopeful that the court

will rule favorably for Texas."

Rep. Gene Green, a Democrat, just secured a second term in Houston's 29th District. His district was meticulously designed to almost guarantee Houston's expanding Hispanic population a representative of their own. Still, Green, who is white, won the seat.

In Dallas, a similar district was created and Eddie Bernice Johnson, a black Democrat, won.

"They want to learn more about how Texas did it," Green said of the high court's decision. "What it means, I think, is we are going to have the same districts for 1996."

The 18th District, in Houston, has existed for decades and was first represented by Barbara Jordan, then Mickey Leland. After Leland was killed in a plane crash in Africa, Craig Washington won the seat. He was ousted in this year's primary, however, and former Houston city council member Sheila Jackson Lee is the Democratic nominee. Jordan, Leland, Washington and Lee are black.

"Politicians in America have been gerrymandering districts for partisan advantage for nearly 200 years," said

Lee in a prepared statement. "Prior to the passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act, Texas had never elected an African-American to Congress."

"Now that some minority Americans have managed to win seats in majority-minority districts, short-sighted individuals want to make those districts illegal."

Johnson said she would place her trust in mobilizing voters, rather than in legislation or lawsuits.

"A court that protects endangered species and the Ku Klux Klan is not likely to attempt to protect me," she said.

The ruling was not the decision Republicans were hoping for.

"We're disappointed," said Chris Wilson, executive director of the Texas Republican Party. "We thought they would rule that the (Texas) lines were racially gerrymandered based on the other cases."

Ed Martin, executive director of the Texas Democratic Party, was confident the districts would withstand judicial scrutiny, saying Georgia had "not nearly as strong a case for the state as Texas has."

A decision on the matter is expected in 1996.

Dole raises \$9 million for campaign

By RICHARD KEIL

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Strengthening his position as the Republican presidential front-runner, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole raised more than \$9 million over the past three months, more than twice the amount of his closest rival, according to figures provided by the campaigns Thursday.

Already the runaway leader in polls of GOP voters, Dole's successful quarter - he raised money at a \$100,000-a-day-clip - also left him with about \$6.5 million in cash on hand. That's more than all but one of his chief rivals.

"From every perspective - fund raising, message, political organization - we are dominating our opponents," Dole campaign manager Scott Reed said in a statement. "We are raising money faster, spending it slower, and most importantly, getting better results for our money."

Neither Dole's campaign nor any of his competitors have exact numbers yet; all are finalizing their reports, which must be submitted to the Federal Election Commission on Friday.

Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas, who said it would take \$20 million to win the GOP nomination, raised about \$3.4 million between March and June, according to campaign spokesman Gary Koops.

Meanwhile, other campaigns also insisted that they're doing well, even as they fall off the pace in the money race.

"We're on track for our own goal," said Dan McLagan, a campaign spokesman for former Education Secretary and Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander. "We set a goal of \$20 million for this year and we're halfway there, exactly where we anticipated we would be at this point."

While Alexander's campaign is still finalizing its numbers, McLagan said between \$2.5 million and \$3 million were raised between April and the end of June. Alexander has about \$2.5 million cash on hand at this point, he added.

Meanwhile, California Gov. Pete Wilson, whose official campaign kickoff has been delayed several times due to his slow recovery from throat surgery, raised about \$4 million between March and April, the first period in which he was formally campaigning.

Lottery

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

7-6-8 (seven, six, eight)

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Lifestyles

Local students receive foundation scholarships



MORIAH OLSON

The Texas 4-H Foundation has announced Moriah Olson and Karon Harder as scholarship recipients at the recent Texas State 4-H Roundup.

Moriah Olson was presented the C.J. "Red" Davidson - Special Scholarship. Moriah was honored for her 4-H achievement as a Texas 4-H Beef Ambassador, Commercial Steer project, and for her work with Beef Cattle. Moriah served as county council vice president for 1992 and 1994.

Moriah has carried 4-H projects in beef, public speaking, clothing, food and nutrition, and swine. She served as the 1994 Miss Texas Angus Queen, ranked in the top 5 percent of her high school class, and was active in Drill Team, Band, and Concerteens.

Karon will be majoring in animal science at Texas A&M University.



KARON HARDER

and would like to pursue a career as a junior activities director for a breed association.

Karon Harder was awarded the Texas Association Family Community Education Scholarship. Karon was awarded the scholarship by the TAFCE for her accomplishments in Home Economics projects through her 4-H activities.

Karon carried 4-H projects in food and nutrition, clothing and textiles, meat and livestock judging, consumer decision making, and family life. Karon served as the 1995 4-H Council President, ranked in the top 5 percent of her high school class, served as Keywanette Secretary, and was active in Drill Team, Band, and Concerteens.

Karon will be pursuing a major in food and nutrition - dietetics at Texas Tech University in the fall.

Former resident celebrates first solemn mass Sunday

John Ohlig, former Hereford resident, will celebrate his first solemn mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, at 9 a.m. at St. Anthony's Catholic Church.

Ohlig, who will be conferred into the Priesthood on Saturday at the Christ the King Cathedral in Lubbock, graduated from Hereford High School in 1979. He completed studies in architecture and received a Bachelor of Architecture from Texas

Tech University. He later went back to school and received a degree in early childhood education. He then began his seminary training at Sacred Heart School of Theology while he was teaching school at St. Joseph's School in Stanton.

All are welcome to attend his first solemn mass this Sunday at St. Anthony's Church. A reception will follow.

WTAMU presents program for social studies teachers

West Texas A&M University has received a grant from the Armstrong Foundation to conduct a special program which will deal with government and the economy.

The six-hour, graduate level program is designed mainly for social studies teachers. It will be offered during the 1995 second summer term (July 11-August 15).

Fund raiser set by Rebekahs

Hereford Rebekah Lodge #228 will hold a bake sale Saturday at Homeland starting at 9 a.m.

Get your home baked goods for the Fourth of July holiday.

Hints from Heloise

Dear Heloise: I live in a small apartment with a cat. The only convenient place for her litter box is in the living room.

It was unsightly, so I bought one of those cardboard sunshades for an automobile windshield and set it up in front of the litter box.

They are inexpensive and come in a variety of attractive designs to choose from. Not only does it look much nicer, but it also affords the kitty cat the privacy she prefers. — Betsy Sinkey, Richardson, Texas

Great idea! Now both you and kitty are happy. Cats require special care for healthy lives. I have a helpful pamphlet filled with great information for you about your cat. To receive a copy, send \$2 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (55 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Cat, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio TX 78279-5001.

Heloise
UNSEASONED STUFFING MIX
Dear Heloise: Use unseasoned stuffing mix to make bread pudding, apple Betty and other sweets that call for dried toasted bread. — Mrs. R.L. Irish, Helena, Mont.

Ann Landers

DEAR READERS: Today's column is definitely not a guy thing, so you fellas have my permission to go straight to the sports section.

To those of you who are still reading, have I got a treat for you! It is the world's best (and easiest-to-make) lemon meringue pie. No, this is not a recipe my grandmother gave me. It is one I got about 15 years ago from a cab driver in New York. Ready? Here we go:

Best-Ever Lemon Pie
1 baked 9-inch pie shell
1-1/4 cups sugar
6 Tbs. cornstarch
2 cups water
1/3 cup lemon juice
3 egg yolks
1-1/2 teaspoons lemon extract
2 tsp. vinegar
3 Tbs. butter

Mix sugar and cornstarch together in the top of a double broiler. Add the two cups of water. Combine egg yolks with lemon juice and beat until well mixed. Add to the rest of the sugar mixture. Cook over boiling water until thick -- about 25 minutes. This does away with the starchy taste. Now add the lemon extract, butter and vinegar, and stir thoroughly. Pour mixture into deep 9-inch pie shell, and let cool. Cover with meringue, and brown in oven.

Never-Fail Meringue

1 Tbs. cornstarch
2 Tbs. cold water
1/2 cup boiling water
3 egg whites
6 Tbs. sugar
1 tsp. vanilla
pinch of salt

Blend cornstarch and cold water in a saucepan. Add boiling water and cook, stirring until clear and thickened. Let stand until COMPLETELY cold. With electric beater at high speed, beat egg whites until foamy. Gradually add sugar, and beat until stiff but not dry. Turn mixer to low speed; add salt and vanilla. Gradually beat in cold cornstarch mixture. Turn mixer again to high, and beat well. Spread meringue over cooled pie filling. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes or until top is lightly browned.

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SATURDAY-Country western dance 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY-Pool classes, doll classes, 1-4:30 p.m.

TUESDAY-Golden Spread Hrg. 1-3 p.m., doll classes 5 p.m., pool classes.

WEDNESDAY-Pool classes, ceramics 1:30 p.m.

'Party' will serve as theme of Kid's Cooking School

A Kid's Cooking School will be sponsored by the Deaf Smith County Office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Southwestern Public Service Company on July 11.

The program will be presented by Connie Moyers, SPS Home Economist.

County Extension Office and be prepared to give child's name, age, phone number and session time desired.

Menus

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ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

"A Freedom Check List" is the title of the sermon by The Very Rev. Charles A. Wilson on the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost. The Holy Eucharist is celebrated at 11 a.m. and there is a coffee hour after the service.

The regular Wednesday Public Service of Healing is at 7 p.m. with the Litany of Healing, the Laying-on-of-Hands with Holy Unction, and Holy Communion. We will observe the major prayer book holy day of Independence Day.

Intercessory prayer requests from the community are most welcome. To have them included in the Prayers of the People at all services, please call 364-0146 and leave a message. In case of emergency, or to make appointments for personal conferences, please call Father Wilson in Amarillo at 353-1734.

A Fellowship Meal and Ice Cream Social is planned at the church on July 8 at 7 p.m. Bear Denton and Jaime Brorman are the co-chairs of this summer event.

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

The Temple Baptist Church invites everyone to come worship with them this week at 700 Avenue K.

Sunday services begin at 9:45 a.m. for Sunday School and Bible Study; morning worship is at 11. The evening service is at 7. The pastor, H. Wyatt Bartlett, will be preaching at both morning and evening services.

Our mid-week prayer meeting is at 7 p.m. Wednesday evenings.

At the present time the pastor is teaching from the Book of Proverbs.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday school is at 10 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church. We have classes for all ages.

Our adult Bible class will continue the study of II Timothy. Morning worship is at 11 a.m. "National Sin and Universal Forgiveness" will be the title of the sermon, and the Scripture reference is II Samuel 11:26-12:15.

Our regular quarterly voter's meeting will be Sunday following our worship service and fellowship meal.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

We extend a hearty welcome to everyone this week to attend the services of the FUMC.

Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by morning worship at 10:45. Rev. Eddie Allsup, Amarillo District Superintendent will bring the message entitled "Free For What?" taken from Gal. 5:1, 13 and 14. The anthem, "Bless This House" will be a duet sung by Deloris Dowell and Betty Wolfe. The offertory will be a trumpet solo by Eric Gilley. At the close of the service, Rev. Allsup will conduct a dedication service for our newly remodeled and debt-free Fellowship Hall.

Evening service is at 6.

UMW Mission Education Event will be at South Plains College, Levelland, beginning July 7 through 12.

Make your plans to attend the Founder's Day Barbecue at King's manor on July 8. Great food and fellowship.

Mark your calendar for the church picnic at Ceta Canyon on July 16. Beginning at 2 p.m. there will be swimming, volleyball, lounge chair resting, picnic, etc. followed by a devotional in the tabernacle. This is always an exciting time together.

CHRIST'S CHURCH FREEDOMSHIP

Christ's Church Fellowship at 401 W. Park Ave. will have classes

nights at 8 where we will pray for the sick.

For additional information or prayer call 364-5239.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Reverend Jeremy Grant will assume the duties of Pastor and Spiritual leader for the First Presbyterian Church of Hereford July 1. Grant and his wife Kit are both natives of Loveland, Colo. They will make their home in Hereford at 138 Liveoak.

Grant finished his theology studies and received his degree from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Va., in May of this year. His ordination into the ministry was held in his home church in Loveland on June 18.

Grant has served as an intern minister in Loveland, hospital chaplain and student minister in Richmond.

The members of First Presbyterian Church would like to extend an invitation to everyone to come and hear Rev. Grant on Sunday and to meet him and his wife. This is an exciting time for the church and its congregation. They would like to share their fellowship and enthusiasm with the members of the community. Sunday school meets at 9:30 a.m. and morning worship begins at 10:30.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

This is promotion Sunday, for children grade one through adult.

The Women on Missions Group will meet Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Church Parlor for a program on Overseas Mission Work. We invite all ladies interested to be present. Come and have coffee with us and enjoy an interesting program.

Exercise class meets at 5:15 p.m. Monday through Friday in the F.B.C. Exercise Room.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Ted Taylor and congregation cordially invite you to join us in praise and worship for the service this Sunday at 10:30 a.m. We are having a "Public Service Hero" Day honoring our judges, police officers, sheriff's department, highway patrol, fireman and ambulance crews that serve our community. Teen Challenge will also be with us for a short period. Pastor Ted's sermon will be on "The Right Priority".

Teen Challenge will conduct the evening service with testimonies and special music at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

The Youth will participate with family for the Sunday evening services during the summer, however there will be fellowship after the services each week. There are snacks served in the Solid Rock every Wednesday before and after the service. Coming up in July there will be Jr. and Sr. High Camps, so don't forget to ask Pastor Jim about signing up.

Nazarene Kid's Korner-July 5 we will be going on a picnic in the park and to the Canyon Museum. Friday we be Water Day so bring your towels and bathing suits. All kids are welcome to come share with us the games, movies and outings we enjoy.

Schedule of services:

Bible study - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday morning worship - 10:30 a.m.

Sunday evening worship - 6 p.m.
Wednesday services - all at 7 p.m.

Kids Fall Program, Teen "Club Paradise", Adult Bible Study.

CALVARY WORSHIP CENTER

105 S. Main

Pastor Vincent Sandlin and congregation would like to extend a friendly welcome to everyone to come and worship with us this Sunday.

We have two services on Sunday. The morning worship is at 10 and evening fellowship at 6. A nursery is provided.

Bible study on Wednesday evening at 7 is led by Brother Vince.

For additional information or prayer call 364-1757.

GOOD NEWS CHURCH

909 Union St.

Pastor David Alvando and the Good News congregation invite you to join us in worship of our Lord Jesus Christ on Sunday morning.

Our early service begins at 9 a.m. and is in Spanish and our late service begins at 10:40 a.m. and it is in English.

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A special invitation is made to those needing healing in their bodies to come to our Healing School on Tuesday

For more information, call 357-2535.

SUMMERFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

The public is invited to attend all of the church services. Sunday school is held at 10 a.m. and the Sunday worship services are held at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. The Wednesday service is held at 7 p.m.

We meet for prayer on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. during the summer months.

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For the third consecutive year, San Jose parishioners are invited to go on a Labor Day Pilgrimage, September 2-4 to Albuquerque, N.M. The Pilgrimage will travel by charter bus on Saturday morning to Albuquerque, Calif., to lead the tour. We will be staying two nights at the Motel 6 Mid-Town.

The pilgrimage will visit San Felipe Church and the Museum of Natural History in Old Town on Saturday.

On Sunday, we will visit Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Isleta Pueblo and other sites.

Monday's itinerary will include a trip to El Santuario de Chimayo and beautiful drive to Bernalillo through the Jemez Mountains.

CYCO is planning to attend a Dallas game on July 31 from 6 p.m. to midnight. Twenty tickets are available at \$5 each, plus food money. Call Jacque Bezzner if you want to reserve a ticket.

Parish Council election results:

Irene Reinart, Loretta Urbanczyk.

Ralph Paschel and Bernie Huseman.

School Board election results:

Doug Detten and Chris Leonard.

Summer writing workshop given by Jan Reeve and Jill Savoie.

Mondays through Fridays, from 9-11 a.m., starting July 17-21 at St. Anthony's School. Fee is \$50 per child, grades 3,4 and 5. Call 364-7200 or 364-2264.

FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS

The Fellowship of Believers invites you to attend services this Sunday. Our open-forum discussion class begins at 9:30 a.m. It is currently being led by Guy Greenfield.

Worship service is at 10:30 a.m.

Doug Manning will be the speaker.

Classes for children are at 9:30 a.m. and are available through

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Sports

Hereford Open tourney tees off this weekend

The Hereford Open golf tournament will be played Saturday, Sunday and Monday at Pitman Municipal Golf Course.

The 54-hole, individual stroke play tournament will determine the best golfer in Hereford—at least for one weekend.

Jeff Yates will be back to try to defend the title he won last year. He'll be trying to beat a high-class field in the championship flight.

"It's the strongest championship field we've had in a while," said Anthony Gale, the assistant pro at Pitman. "We have 16 players in (the championship flight), and they all have a chance to win."

Play will begin each day at 9 a.m. with a shotgun start.

There will be four flights other than the championship flight. It's not too late to enter, since Pitman will take entries up to 7:30 a.m. Saturday. The entry fee is \$75, and dinner will be served after play Saturday and Monday. Prize money will be paid to the net and gross winners in each flight except the championship flight.

Proceeds from the tournament will go to help junior golf in Hereford.

Ivanisevic serves 22 aces in bouncing out Boetsch

By STEPHEN WILSON
AP Sports Writer

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) - Fourth-seeded Goran Ivanisevic powered into the fourth round at Wimbledon with a straight-set victory today over Arnaud Boetsch on one of the hottest days in tournament history.

As the Centre Court temperature soared above 100 degrees for the second straight day, Ivanisevic served 22 aces to win 6-4, 6-4, 6-4, in 1 hour, 24 minutes.

The two-time Wimbledon finalist, who has 71 aces in his first three matches, won 96 percent of the points in which he put in his huge first serve.

He served at an average speed of 113 mph, with a fastest delivery of 129 mph, and had two games with four aces.

It was the hottest day of the year in London, with the Centre Court temperature at 2 p.m. measured at 103.2 degrees.

On some courts, ballboys held umbrellas over players' heads during changeovers to protect them from the broiling sun. Players threw water over their faces and held ice to the back of their necks to try to stay cool.

Ivanisevic will next face another big-server, 14th seeded Todd Martin, who rallied from a break down in the final set to outlast fellow American Derrick Rostagno, 6-3, 4-6, 4-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Rostagno was leading 2-0 in the fifth set but double-faulted in the third game to lose serve. After getting the decisive break to make it 5-4, Martin needed four match points to end the contest.

Following his serve to net, Martin hit a backhand half-volley that spun over the net for a drop-shot winner. Martin laughed, while Rostagno held out his arms in disbelief, then dropped his racket and applauded.

"Derrick hit a very good return and caught me in between wanting to take it in the air and wanting to let it bounce," he said. "I did half of each and caught it everywhere but the strings. But it went right where I wanted it to go."

Aaron Krickstein won another five-setter, beating Thomas Carbonell, 6-7 (2-7), 7-5, 5-7, 6-3, 6-2; and Michael Joyce beat Britain's Chris Wilkinson, 5-7 6-4 7-6 (7-3) 6-4.

In early women's matches, eighth-seeded Gabriela Sabatini rallied from 0-5 down in the first set to beat Belgium's Nancy Feber, 7-5, 6-1. Sabatini, who saved one set point, won eight straight games and 13 out of 14 to become the first woman to reach the fourth round.

Brenda Shultz-McCarthy, the No. 15 seed, beat Radka Zrubakova, 6-4, 7-5.

No. 2 Arantxa Sanchez Vicario was matched against Zina Garrison Jackson, making her 13th and final Wimbledon appearance.

Two-time men's defending champion Pete Sampras was paired against American doubles specialist Jared Palmer.

Top-seeded Andre Agassi will next meet fellow American David



Mad scramble

Juanita Davis (left) and Staci Meyer (right) go for a loose ball as Gena Artho reaches between them to get a hand on it. The scramble for a loose ball happened during a game which was part of the Lady Whiteface Basketball Camp, being held this week at Hereford Junior High. Looking on in the background are (left to right) Jessica Noggler, Jordan Davison and Whitney Goforth.

Kids Inc. baseball finishing up

Baseball action is winding up at the Deaf Smith County Kids Inc. Complex. Major Leagues, and the tournament championship for the Babe Ruth League will be at 6 p.m. Saturday.

Post-season tournaments end this weekend in the various baseball leagues. Championship games will be played at 7 tonight in the Minor and All-Star teams for all three leagues will be announced after the Babe Ruth game Saturday.

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NBA owners on verge of locking out players

By RONALD BLUM

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) - The NBA, unable to get a new labor agreement, is on the verge of locking out players on Saturday.

"I really think that tomorrow at midnight we'll have our first work stoppage in the NBA, barring unforeseen developments," Utah Jazz owner Larry Miller said Thursday on KISN radio in Salt Lake City.

NBA commissioner David Stern and union head Simon Gourdin met for four hours Thursday. A few miles away, the lawyer for players trying to decertify the union filed an unfair labor practice charge against the league in an effort to stop bargaining.

Meanwhile, the head of the National Labor Relations Board's New York office said the agency may seek an injunction to stop the antitrust suit filed Wednesday by Michael Jordan, Patrick Ewing and five other players in U.S. District Court in Minneapolis.

The no-lockout, no-strike deal agreed to on Oct. 27 expires Saturday, and owners appear ready to lock out the players - stopping all contract negotiations - rather than continue signings under the expired collective bargaining agreement.

Stern had no comment on the lockout plans or the unfair labor practice charge.

"If the players continue down their path, they are taking us exactly down the road baseball and hockey went down," Miller said.

Baseball has gone through eight work stoppages since 1972, most recently a 232-day strike that wiped out the World Series last fall. NFL

players have struck four times - including two preseason stoppages - and the NHL has had a strike and a lockout in the past three years.

Gourdin, union president Buck Williams and seven other players met for four hours with NBA officials, the first talks since last Friday, when the union's executive board refused to ratify the deal Gourdin and Stern agreed to two days earlier.

"We mentioned to the commissioner that our players were concerned about the so-called luxury tax," Gourdin said.

Under the proposed six-year deal, teams which go over their salary cap by re-signing players would have to pay a luxury tax of 50 percent on the amount over the cap next season and 100 percent after that. The star players and their agents think the tax would slow the rise in salaries.

To stop the deal, the dissidents began the legal process of decertifying the National Basketball Players Association and shifting the fight to an antitrust suit. Jeffrey Kessler, the lawyer for the dissidents, claims 180 of the league's 324 players support his side.

Kessler says that because a majority of players have renounced the union, bargaining must cease. He filed the unfair labor practice charge because the league met with union leaders on Thursday.

"I think at this point you'd have to wonder why the union leadership will not join the rest of the players," Kessler said. "I'd like to believe that the players' association realizes a majority of its members have spoken, that it will abide by the majority of its members."

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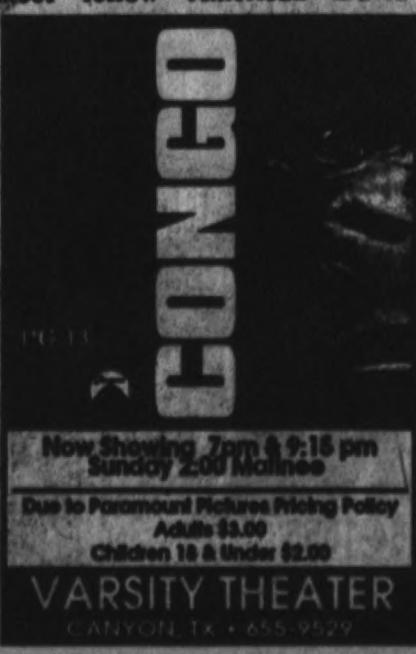
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Angels swamp Rangers with 11-run first inning

By The Associated Press
The California Angels had a great game in the first inning.

Led by Jim Edmonds' two singles, the Angels scored 11 two-out runs in the first and went on to a 20-4 victory over Texas, pulling into a tie with the Rangers atop the AL West.

"It was like a football scoreboard up there," Rangers manager Johnny Oates said.

Even Texas, with 18 come-from-behind victories, including from an 8-2 deficit Wednesday night, had little chance in this one.

"We got a ton of runs early but they looked like they weren't going to quit so we just kept scoring," Angels manager Marcel Lachemann said. "When they came back like

they did last night, then started to score tonight, we felt like we had to put up more runs."

In their 42-minute half of the first, the Angels loaded the bases with two outs. The first run scored on Ivan Rodriguez's passed ball and others followed on J.T. Snow's bases-loaded triple, Spike Owen's two-run single and RBI singles by Edmonds, Jorge Fabregas, Gary DiSarcina and Tony Phillips. Fifteen Angels batted and four of the runs were unearned as third baseman Luis Ortiz made two errors.

Roger Pavlik (4-3) lasted two-thirds of an inning, allowing eight runs, five hits, two walks and a hit batter. He has allowed 11 runs and 15 hits over his last 5 2-3 innings.

"It ain't been going good for awhile," Pavlik said. "I kept telling myself, 'You're one pitch away, you're one pitch away.' But that pitch never came."

In other AL games on Thursday, it was: Boston 7, Detroit 1; Seattle 5, Oakland 2; Toronto 5, Baltimore 1; Cleveland 10, Minnesota 5; and Chicago 17, Milwaukee 13.

The Rangers got as close as 11-4, but the Angels finished with the most runs in the majors this season on 21 fours, four each by Edmonds and DiSarcina.

Edmonds' hitting streak reached 23 games, matching Colorado's Dante Bichette for longest in the majors.

"When you get seven at-bats in a game you've got to get some hits," Edmonds said. "But I don't think I've ever had two hits in an inning before. Things are falling for me. I struggled early in the season and I'm trying to make up for lost time."

Mariners 5, Athletics 2

Mike Blowers' three-run homer with two outs in the bottom of the eighth capped a four-run rally as Seattle stopped Oakland's four-game winning streak.

Pinch-hitter Doug Strange singled off Mark Acre (1-2) to tie the game and Blowers hit his fourth homer.

Chris Bosio (6-1) allowed one earned run and six hits over eight innings. Bobby Ayala got his 12th save.

Red Sox 7, Tigers 1

Tim Wakefield won for the first time in four starts and Boston increased its lead over second-place Detroit in the AL East to six games.

Wakefield (5-1) allowed one run and eight hits in the first four innings, then permitted only two runners over the last five.

Mike MacFarlane led off the fifth with a homer off Mike Moore (5-6) to break a 1-1 tie. Boston added five runs in the eighth.

Chris Gomez, the second batter of the game, homered for Detroit.

Blue Jays 5, Orioles 1

Joe Carter had two of Toronto's four homers and Juan Guzman threw a seven-hitter as Toronto snapped Baltimore's four-game winning streak.

Guzman (2-3) was within three outs of his second career shutout when Harold Baines led off the top of the ninth with a homer. He struck out seven and walked one.

Carter led off the second and fourth with homers, Ed Sprague had a solo shot and Roberto Alomar a two-run homer.

Sid Fernandez (0-4) gave up three runs and five hits over 3 2-3 innings in his first start since going on the disabled list with a strained joint in his left shoulder on June 7.

Indians 10, Twins 5

Eddie Murray moved within one hit of 3,000 with a two-run homer and

a single, then made out in his last four at-bats.

The Indians made it 5-0 in the second against Scott Erickson (3-6) on a two-run homer by Carlos Baerga, who had four of Cleveland's 16 hits.

Bud Black (4-2) pitched six innings, allowing three runs on eight hits.

The Twins lost for the 14th time in 15 home games.

White Sox 17, Brewers 13

Robin Ventura had five of Chicago's 22 hits in a game that had two dugout-clearing incidents.

Ray Durham and Craig Grebeck each had four RBIs for the visiting White Sox, who won their seventh straight. The Brewers have lost seven in a row.

In the sixth, Milwaukee reliever Bill Wegman was ejected after hitting Ron Karkovice in the ribs with a fastball after Durhams three-run homer put Chicago ahead 13-6.

In the ninth, Chicago reliever Rob Dibble threw his first pitch near the head of Pat Listach, who charged the mound and exchanged punches with Dibble. Karkovice ran out from behind the plate and tackled Listach, while others exchanged punches. Listach and Dibble were ejected.

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LA's Nomo shuts out Rockies, 3-0

Japanese pitcher drawing comparison to Koufax

By BETH HARRIS
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) - In the rush to judge Hideo Nomo, some observers were eager to put the rookie on the same pedestal as Sandy Koufax. Nomo would have none of it.

The right-hander fanned 13 Colorado Rockies on Thursday night, giving him 50 strikeouts in his last four games. That broke the club record set by Koufax, who did it three times for the Los Angeles Dodgers, the last 30 years ago.

Nomo, who allowed six hits, improved his NL-leading strikeout total to 109.

"I'm really happy and honored to be compared to Koufax, but there's a gap of experience in 10 years (in the majors) and a half-year, so I'm not really concentrating on breaking a record," he said.

Nomo earned his second straight shutout and sixth consecutive victory as the Dodgers beat the Rockies 3-0, overtaking Colorado for first place in the National League West by a half-game.

In other NL games on Thursday it was Cincinnati 10, Philadelphia 4 and

St. Louis 6, Chicago 4.

Nomo (6-1) gained revenge against a team that chased him to his worst performance of the season at Denver on May 7. The Dodgers won 12-10, but he gave up nine hits and seven earned runs in 4 2-3 innings.

"The best thing is for the team to win," he said. "For me to win, the best way is to keep the opponents' score at zero."

Nomo fanned NL home run leader Larry Walker in his first three at-bats.

Leadoff hitter Mike Kingery had three of the hits off the right-hander, who walked one and gave up one hit over the final 5 2-3 innings before a near sellout crowd of 46,295.

"It just shows that he's got the talent to pitch in the major leagues. There's no secret. He's just throwing strikes, he's getting ahead of guys, he's keeping his split-finger (fastball) down," said catcher Mike Piazza, who was 3-for-4 with a double and his 13th home run of the season.

The Rockies loaded the bases with no outs for the second time in the eighth. Kingery singled, Joe Girardi reached on an error by shortstop Jose Offerman and Walker was hit by a pitch. But cleanup hitter Andres Galarraga hit a tapper to Nomo for a

1-2-3 double play and Dante Bichette lined out to Offerman.

"I was thinking about getting one out without giving up any runs," Nomo said.

Nomo also pitched out of a bases-loaded jam in the fourth. He fell behind opposing pitcher Marvin Freeman 3-0 before getting him to chase a high fastball to end the threat.

"It's tough to take it sometimes because the ball looks like it's coming down the middle and then it goes down pretty quick," Galarraga said. "That guy's a tough pitcher to hit. It's hard to read sometimes."

Freeman (2-6) went six innings, giving up nine hits and two earned runs. He hasn't won in nearly a month, dropping six starts since a 7-3 victory over St. Louis on June 7.

Billy Ashley's RBI double off the glove of diving left fielder Bichette scored Roberto Kelly to give the Dodgers a 1-0 lead in the second. Kelly singled, stole second and took third on a one-out grounder.

Offerman scored from third on a sacrifice fly by Eric Karros in the third after Piazza doubled to left.

Piazza led off the seventh with a homer off reliever Steve Reed, giving Los Angeles a 3-0 lead. It was

Piazza's fourth homer this season against the Rockies, including a grand slam in Nomo's other start against them.

Reds 10, Phillies 4

The Reds swept the three-game series and tied the Phillies for the best record in the majors at 37-21.

Eric Anthony went 4-for-5, drove in two runs and scored three times for the Reds, who had 14 hits, including Ron Gant's two-run homer.

Pete Schourek (6-4) allowed six hits and four runs over 5 2-3 innings and drove in two runs. The Reds scored six runs in the first off Paul Quantrill (7-3). Anthony's leadoff homer in the fifth made it 10-0.

The Phillies scored four in the sixth, including Mickey Morandini's two-run homer.

Cardinals 6, Cubs 4

Ramon Carballo hit his first major-league homer and Ken Hill earned his first victory in six starts as the Cardinals ended a five-game losing streak.

Hill (5-4) last won May 30 against Colorado. He allowed two runs on eight hits. Kevin Foster (5-5) gave up five hits and three earned runs in 5 1-3 innings.

Carballo's solo homer gave the Cardinals a 2-1 lead in the sixth and they added two more in the eighth on Ray Lankford's RBI double and a throwing error by catcher Scott Servais, who was acquired from Houston on Wednesday.

Indians 10, Twins 5

Eddie Murray moved within one hit of 3,000 with a two-run homer and

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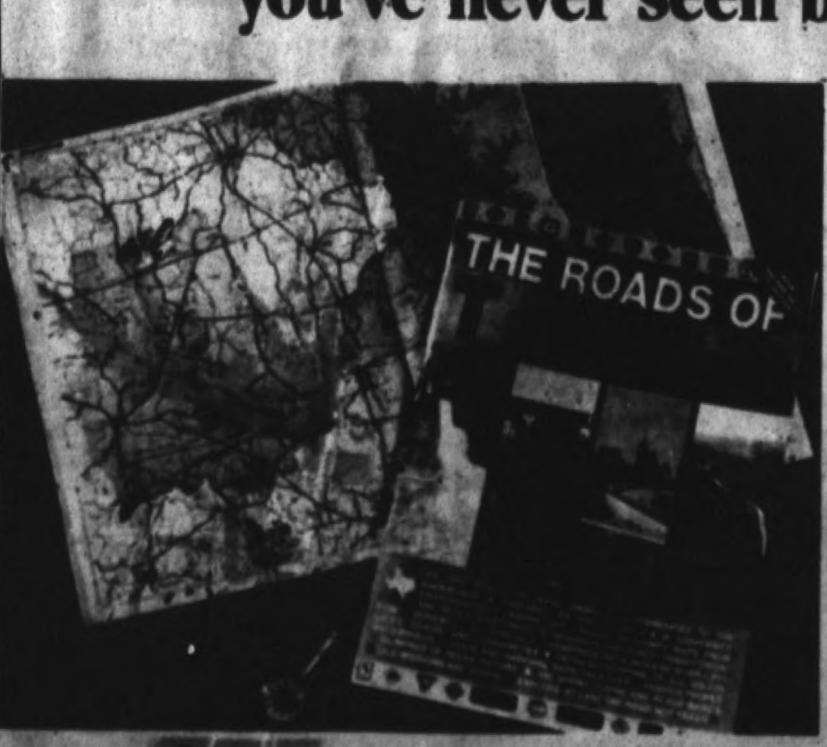
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State authority searching for cause of patient deaths

Indiana hospital ICU records unusually high number over two-year period

By SHARON COHEN

Associated Press Writer

CLINTON, Ind. (AP) — It was an anonymous letter with an alarming claim: Patients were dying mysteriously in a tiny hospital, each case marked by an eerie consistency — the same nurse was on duty.

"Would you want one of your loved ones to be a patient in that hospital with a death angel working," the letter asked. "... We need to stop this nurse and I hope you will help us."

After the Indiana Department of Health received that letter — one of several copies apparently sent this spring to newspapers and authorities — it dispatched investigators to Vermillion County Hospital.

They were looking for answers. They weren't alone.

State police already were on the trail, having been contacted by the hospital, which was concerned about a startling rise in deaths in intensive care — so concerned, in fact, that it had suspended a male nurse.

The mystery at Vermillion County Hospital has since mushroomed into an unnerving tale of anxiety, suspicion and questions about some disturbing numbers: In a 22-month period ending in March, 147 people died in the intensive care ward; in 130 cases, one nurse was on duty. In 1994, 100 people died in that unit — more than triple that of previous years.

Whether this is a benign twist of tragic coincidences, shoddy medical care or perhaps, more ominously, a diabolical pattern of evil is something the police, lawyers and courts will sort out.

The hospital says it has done nothing wrong. Orville Lynn Majors,

I fear three newspapers more
than a hundred thousand bayo-
nets.

—Napoleon

the 34-year-old licensed practical nurse who has been temporarily stripped of his license, says he is a scapegoat and that he, too, has done nothing wrong.

But several anguished families whose relatives died — sometimes, unexpectedly — sense something isn't right.

"Each person who lost somebody needs to know the answers for all of us to have peace of mind," said Judy Miller, whose 51-year-old husband, Tom, died in October. "If we don't, we're not going to be able to go on with our lives."

The stories are strangely similar: In each case, relatives seemed to be holding their own — or even improving — in intensive care, then died within a day. Some remember seeing Majors; others don't.

Tom Miller, who had been suffering from bronchitis, died less than 24 hours after being hospitalized last October. The death certificate listed the cause as pneumonia.

"They told me he wasn't that sick," his wife said, weakly. "We never dreamed that he would die."

Majors, she said, twice asked her to leave the room while he tended to her husband, but she has no proof he acted inappropriately. After learning of the investigation, she began to cry. "Why didn't the doctors notice an increase in the patients dying?" she asked.

John Rozsa is looking for answers in the 1994 death of his wife, Ethel, 61, who entered intensive care after experiencing heart attack symptoms. His wife was doing well the next morning, but after he stepped out briefly, he says, he returned to find her lying in the dark, unplugged from all monitors.

An emergency code was called. Soon after, he was told Ethel was dead.

"I could not accept the circumstances surrounding her death," Rozsa said, shaking his head. "There

was something wrong there, something drastically wrong."

Marjorie Doran is wondering, too, about the October death of her father-in-law, John, 76, who was hospitalized after complaining of loss of appetite. The next morning, she said, he seemed OK until he was moved to intensive care, where his breathing became more erratic. She said Majors treated him, giving him injections into his intravenous tube.

"We all feel guilty," she said. "We put our faith and trust in the hospital ... We had talked him into going there."

A concrete-and-glass building, sits on Main Street in this southwest Indiana town of 5,000, part of a tranquil area that is home to many retirees and several nursing homes.

The unusual rise in deaths at the 56-bed hospital — only four beds are in intensive care — coincided with Majors' work schedule.

Majors, who was rehired in May 1993 for a second stint at the hospital, has repeatedly maintained his innocence.

"I know I have done absolutely nothing wrong," declared the husky, shaggy-haired nurse in a recent interview. "I'm an excellent nurse."

His 1994 job evaluation seemed to agree: It said Majors "exceeds expectations" and praised his accuracy, judgment and people skills.

Clifford Beyler, a lawyer acting as hospital spokesman, would say only the suspension — he didn't name Majors — was "the appropriate action to protect the health and safety of our patients." But he also insisted there has been no improper care at the hospital, including intensive care.

"Our doctors have said they are not aware of any inappropriate medical treatment of these patients," he said. "Our nurses have said the same thing by virtue of the care that was given and by review of the death charts."

An 11-member state police team is now examining medical records and interviewing relatives and staff. They

have not identified Majors as a suspect.

"We have not been able to determine any crime has been committed," said State Police 1st Sgt. Mark Hartman. "If you don't have a crime, you don't have a suspect."

The hospital clearly did have problems, according to the state health department, which fined the institution \$80,000, citing eight violations.

Among them: It didn't notify the agency of suspicions about increased deaths, and the administrator didn't act when he became concerned about a jump in cardiac arrests.

"He had a gut feeling in November that something was amiss in the ICU" because of the high number of code blue calls — cardiac or respiratory arrests — and unexpected deaths, but he didn't act until March, said Art Logsdon, assistant commissioner of consumer health services.

Logsdon said doctors didn't review death records as required and "from 1993 to 1994, deaths in ICU tripled and the hospital simply didn't have a clue."

A state inspection in December, however, didn't detect the problem either; Logsdon insists it's the hospital's responsibility to alert the agency of anything unusual.

The hospital has developed a plan to correct problems cited by the state, but a national quality-monitoring group decided this month to deny it accreditation — a step that could affect some insurance coverage.

The hospital is appealing the fines, said Beyler, the attorney. He offered a simple explanation for higher death numbers: Sicker, older people are ending up in intensive care.

Majors said he even voiced concern about the death rate in 1993 to a supervisor. But he noted, too, that the hospital is in an elderly community and that many deaths under review were very sick people in their 70s and 80s; a few even were 100 or older.

That explanation didn't satisfy the author of the anonymous letter, who said the suggestion people are sicker

is "one big cover-up. ... These are home town people we all knew that were KILLED in that hospital."

The letter to the health department received — it was addressed "Dear Editor," indicating it also was sent to newspapers — claimed 23 patients died in the presence of one nurse, but provided no time frame.

Days after the fines were announced, the state nursing board held an emergency hearing in which two of Majors' fellow nurses — one

had worked with him just one day — suggested patients became more unstable when he was around.

Several nurses interviewed also confirmed Majors' presence during times of emergency codes and deaths, according to a health department report.

The board temporarily suspended Majors' license, declaring him "a clear and immediate danger to public health and safety."

Majors was not notified of the hearing.

"It's been a very unfair process," said his attorney, Marshall Pinkus.

Majors said he had no chance to explain that he worked many overtime hours — which could account for his presence during many deaths — and that he wasn't the only staffer treating patients.

"They made it sound like I was alone with 130 people died," he said. "There were many people there. Ninety-five percent of the time, I'm there with someone."

The state says the intensive care death rate has returned to normal since his suspension; Majors' attorney disputes that.

Majors said he understands the gnawing suspicions.

"If I had somebody who died in the hospital, I would question it, too. Anybody in their right mind would," he said. "(But) there's nothing there."

"If they were to go through those charts one by one, there was no wrongdoing," he added. "If they

exhume everybody who died in the hospital in the last 10 years, there's not going to be any negligent care given by me or anyone else."

While Orville Majors fights to clear his name — he will tell his side at a nursing board hearing in September — he busies himself with a pet store and an antiques business he owns in his hometown of Linton.

His attorney has collected dozens of letters from friends, co-workers and patients, some he cared for as a home health care nurse, attesting to Majors' professionalism, compassion and dedication.

Pinkus said if his client wanted to harm anyone, he had ample opportunity to do so unchecked, when he caring for the blind and ailing in their homes.

"If they have to dig up 147 people," Pinkus said, "they should start doing it. I don't think they're going to find anyone who was murdered. We have no fear of them doing that, if that's what's going to take."

He suspects some of the families "see dollar signs" from lawsuits.

Some disagree vehemently.

Russell Dulaney's "not out for a buck," said Marilyn Willis, a family friend.

Dulaney's wife, Betty, 62, had heart trouble, but walked three miles a day. In 1993, she checked into the hospital with a migraine; Majors gave her a shot for her pain, Mrs. Willis said.

The next day, her husband, who had expected to take his wife home, was told she had been moved into intensive care. Shortly after, he was told her heart had exploded.

Now, Mrs. Willis said, Dulaney "wants to know what happened to her. ... He just wants to know the truth."

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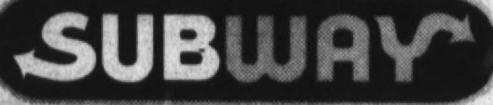
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Austin man sees latest restaurant capture attention

Entrepreneur credited with opening up business in depressed areas of city

By R. MICHELLE BREYER
Austin American-Statesman
AUSTIN - If the Jetsons opened a bistro, it might look a lot like Hang Town Grill.

"It's a playground for adults and kids," said Reed Clemons, who opened Hang Town Grill in January near the University of Texas. "Everything about this restaurant is fun."

Through franchising, Clemons hopes to take Hang Town Grill - with its eclectic menu and comic-book decor - nationwide. He envisions as many as 100 Hang Town Grills by 1998.

At 34, the boyish-looking entrepreneur already has built a successful restaurant empire in Central Texas that includes Mezzaluna, The Granite Cafe, The Bitter End and Hang Town Grill, as well as Luna Notte in San Antonio.

In eight years, the restaurants and their wood-fired pizzas, garlic-mashed potatoes and pastas have left an indelible mark on the Austin restaurant scene.

"He analyzes the market well and attacks," said architect Dick Clark, who has designed all five of Clemons' restaurants.

Revenues at the restaurants were \$7.5 million last year, and Clemons expects them to top \$9 million this year. The five restaurants employ 300 people.

Clemons has been called the catalyst that turned several vacant buildings west of Congress Avenue and south of Sixth Street into the thriving area now known as the Warehouse District.

New state law gives homeowners more right to defend life, property

By KEN DILANIAN

FORT WORTH Star-Telegram
FORT WORTH, Texas - A woman comes home one night and surprises an armed burglar in the dining room stuffing the family silver under his shirt. He bolts with the loot. She grabs the family revolver and orders him to stop. He keeps running.

Can she lawfully shoot him?

Not in most states. But in Texas, she can.

It's spelled out in Section 9.42 of the penal code: "A person is justified in using deadly force against another ... to prevent the other who is fleeing immediately after committing burglary, robbery, aggravated robbery or theft during the nighttime from escaping with the property" if the person reasonably believes that the property can't be recovered any other way.

But from 1974 until last month, there was a curious anomaly in the law.

If that burglar, instead of fleeing, dropped the silver and started toward the resident in a threatening manner, she had what legal experts call a "duty to retreat" before shooting him. Technically, that meant she was obliged to try to escape without shooting if possible, experts say.

In effect, Texas law asked more of people defending their lives than it did of those defending property.

But not anymore.

A new law signed by Gov. George W. Bush at the end of the legislative session eliminates the duty to retreat for those defending their homes from an intruder, closing what many viewed as a nonsensical loophole in a state that has always been known as a perilous place for burglars.

"Your home is your final retreat," said Rep. Ted Kamel, R-Tyler, the House sponsor, who has been pushing the measure for several years. "What I was trying to do was to codify the common sense that pretty much existed in the state of Texas already."

In practice, Texas district attorneys rarely prosecuted people for shooting intruders in their homes whether the resident retreated or not, law enforcement officials say. And even when prosecutors took such cases to the grand jury, indictments were rare.

But Kamel and the law's Senate sponsor, Ken Armbrister, D-Victoria, said they wanted to eliminate the possibility of such prosecutions.

The Texas Department of Public Safety keeps no statistics on intruders shot by residents, but the DPS counted 33 justifiable homicides in 1994 and 47 the year before, a spokeswoman said. A firearm is present in 55 percent of Texas households, according to a poll taken last year.

"He's the hottest deal in the restaurant scene in Central Texas," said John Wooley, president of Schlotzsky's Inc. "He's been feeding me."

Just three years before he opened The Granite Cafe, Clemons was studying granite and other rock formations as a geology major at UT.

But Clemons, who always enjoyed cooking, long dreamed of opening his own restaurant. He hoped to make it big in the oil business and use that money to fund the venture. But the economy had other plans.

He graduated from college in 1984 and went to work for a Houston oil company. When boom turned to bust, Clemons made the decision to get into the restaurant business a little earlier than planned. He got a crash course in the industry, working at several Austin eateries, including Fonda San Miguel, Gianni's and the Westwood Country Club.

"I wanted to get as much experience as I could in a short amount of time," Clemons said.

In 1985, Clemons spent six months at the New York Cooking School in Manhattan, where he studied classical French cooking and restaurant management.

By 1987, he was ready to take the leap and opened The Granite Cafe on the second floor at 2905 San Gabriel St., using family oil money and "believing landlords" who gave him a break on the space.

Looking back, he said, it was a terrible time to open a restaurant. The city was in the throes of the real-estate bust, and people had little money to spend.

But Clemons believed a moderately priced restaurant - everything on the menu was \$10 or less - with a fun atmosphere could succeed. Clemons, who was the original chef, describes the menu as "eclectic American." Despite skepticism from his peers, the restaurant was an immediate success, Clemons said.

Within two years, Clemons was eager to try his hand at another restaurant. Noting the success of Italian restaurants in Houston, he decided to open one in Austin.

With the help of Austin architect Dick Clark, Clemons transformed the space vacated by a failed Mexican restaurant into Mezzaluna. The restaurant opened in 1989 at 310 Colorado St.

"People said I was a fool to go downtown," Clemons said.

But Clemons proved them wrong. The success of Mezzaluna surpassed that of The Granite Cafe, and within three months, Clemons had to knock down a wall to expand. Today, Mezzaluna has the highest restaurant wine sales in Austin - averaging over \$70,000 a month - and it ranks among the top three restaurants in Texas for wine sales.

Wooley credits Mezzaluna with changing the dynamics of the Warehouse District and attracting businesses to the area. Because of Mezzaluna's success, Wooley said other entrepreneurs felt Clemons had hit on some magic spot, and they flocked around it. Mezzaluna has been joined by several restaurants and bars, including Ruta Maya Coffee House, Waterloo Brewing Co., The Ginger Man and Cedar Street.

"When Mezzaluna opened, the Warehouse District was sitting here and nothing was going on," said Wooley, who owns property in the district. "He made it happen."

Clemons took the Mezzaluna concept to San Antonio in 1991 and opened Luna Notte in the upscale Alamo Heights neighborhood.

In 1993, a change in Texas law provided a new opportunity for Clemons. A Prohibition-era state law had prevented bars and restaurants from brewing and selling their own beers on the premises. When the law was changed, Clemons, who had seen the success of brew pubs in Colorado, was ready to capitalize on it.

The Bitter End opened across the street from Mezzaluna in 1994. Because four other brew pubs opened at the same time, Clemons said it took a while to get the The Bitter End off the ground.

People didn't know how to react to the new concept, he said.

Clemons decided to do what he did best, putting the focus on the food. He cloned a chef's hat himself for a short time before hiring Emmitt Fox.

"We wanted to be a restaurant that happens to have a brew pub," he said.

Now, The Bitter End often has at least an hour wait on weekend nights.

As his business was growing, Clemons' family also was expanding. In May, his wife, Betsy, gave birth to their third child, William. They also have daughters Callie, 7, and Florence, 5.

The family man decided to create a concept that would work well for families - a fun, casual restaurant with good food where kids could run around without bothering other diners.

He created Hang Town Grill. The restaurant has a fast-food format with a menu that includes wood-fired pizza, mesquite-grilled sandwiches and salads. Although other restaurants at the location failed, Hang

Town has attracted crowds - university students as well as families.

"It's a cross between McDonald's and The Granite Cafe," said Clark, a partner in the venture. "He's hit a niche that hasn't been available."

Clemons estimates revenues at the restaurant will reach \$1 million this year.

"I knew if it was a successful concept, I would want to expand," Clemons said.

To help him with this venture, Clemons entered into a partnership with Mike Dyer, former director of concept development for Schlotzsky's Inc.; Abe Zimmerman, former chief financial officer of Tech Works; and architect Clark.

Dyer had franchising experience. Clark brought his design expertise and Zimmerman provided the experience of structuring companies for rapid growth. During Zimmerman's three-year tenure with Tech Works, 1979-1982, the company's sales grew from \$1 million to \$40 million.

Less than a year after Hang Town Grill opened, Clemons is scouting other locations in West Lake Hills and Northwest Austin. He hopes to open the second Austin Hang Town Grill by fall.

Discussions also are taking place with a possible franchisee in Houston who would open restaurants in that market. A Hang Town Grill could open in the West University area by fall.

Rather than selling individual franchises, the company is selling development areas, which range from \$30,000 to \$100,000, depending on the area. In addition to the fee, the cost of building each restaurant is around \$400,000, Clemons said.

Although new restaurant concepts are dreamed up almost every day, Clemons and his partners believe

there is a shortage of restaurants offering quick service and quality food.

"This niche of the market is the fastest-growing of all segments," Clemons said.

But even with a good concept, franchising is a crowded field. There are more than 5,000 different franchise concepts, said Meredith Levin, spokeswoman for the Washington, D.C.-based International Franchise Association.

Although it's competitive, franchising will enable the company to grow much faster than if it tried to do it as an independent company, Levin said.

But one industry expert said Clemons' growth projections may be too ambitious.

"If you're opening individual restaurants, that's great, but opening a lot of restaurants can be much more difficult," said Charles Bernstein, chains editor of Restaurants & Institutions magazine. "The landscape is littered with the corpses of many of these chains."

Bernstein estimated only one out of 100 entrepreneurs who attempt to franchise a restaurant concept actually succeed.

But there have been success stories. When Boston Chicken started five years ago, Bernstein said he was skeptical that a chain specializing in rotisserie-roasted chicken would find a large market. But the company has exceeded everybody's expectations, with more than 500 sites nationwide.

"I don't know (Clemons)," Bernstein said. "If he has the capital behind him and he's got the niche and he wants to take a shot at it, he could fool us. Maybe he'll be one of the great ones - the next Boston Chicken."

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