

Coplen given Bull Chip at Fun Breakfast



Bull Chip recipients

Whiteface tennis coach, Ed Coplen, in rear was presented the Bull Chip award during Thursday's Fun Breakfast. Members of the tennis team, also pictured, were named honorary recipients.

The tennis team competed in regional semifinals in the fall and four members advanced to state competition. The presentation was made by Hereford Brand publisher, Speedy Nieman.

Ex-Ranger ties pair of complaints to chief

By MIKE COCHRAN

Associated Press Writer AUSTIN (AP) - Human rights complaints by two female Texas got problems." Rangers can be traced directly to the head of the elite crime-fighting agency, a well-known former Ranger

Ranger chief Maurice Cook is by the women officers. 'reaping what he sowed," said leadership for the current turmoil.

Jackson accused Cook and his headquarters company. boss, James Wilson, director of the Department of Public Safety, of Ranger force.

"Politics and law enforcement of interviews dealing with the said.

backlash from belated attempts at recruitment of female Rangers.

Current Rangers previously morale, and several veterans have contacted by The Associated Press declined to discuss the Austin

retired Ranger Joaquin Jackson, who something like this, you give it a was already at odds with the Austin credence that I don't feel it dehierarchy. He blames top-level serves," said Ranger Capt. W.D. Vickers, who commands the Houston

Capt. Gene Powell of Midland pointed out that as far back as 1823, playing politics with the 172-year-old when it all began, the Rangers had problems.

"But there are no problems the don't mix," he said in one of a series Rangers can't overcome," Poweil two female Rangers chosen in 1993,

not alone in contending the Ranger "When you've got politics, you've force is in turmoil. Anonymous letters to state officials warn of deteriorating

The recruitment of women into the leadership or comment on complaints 103-member agency has backfired and suggests that the most compelling problem is the Ranger leadership

retired in disgust.

Cheryl Steadman, a historymaking Ranger, and Lisa Sheppard, who angrily and reluctantly spurned a Ranger commission, have accused the group of sexual harassment and discrimination.

Both singled out Cook for special

Ms. Steadman, 34, one of the first transferred back to the DPS last year

Whatever the reason, Jackson is and is now a sergeant in the vehicle theft service in Houston.

Ms. Sheppard, also 34, is a DPS criminal intelligence investigator in Corpus Christi. She turned down a promotion to the Rangers in 1994.

Both women have lodged complaints with the Texas Commission on Human Rights. Executive Director Bill Hale says the commission by law can neither confirm nor deny, let alone discuss, such complaints.

However, the AP has obtained portions of both written documents.

Ms. Sheppard accused Cook of a "calculated effort" to force her to work in a "demeaning or diminished" capacity or decline the job, which she did.

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Whiteface coach, tennis team honored for season

By BECKY CAMP Lifestyles Editor

Whiteface tennis coach Ed Coplen was presented the Bull Chip Award, and honorary awards went to the entire 1995 Hereford High School tennis team, at the Fun Breakfast Thursday morning.

The presentation was made by Hereford Brand publisher Speedy Nieman at the breakfast sponsored by the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce.

The tennis team advanced to regional semifinals in the fall and four members of the team participated, for the first time, in state competition.

"I appreciate the honor and accept on behalf of the entire team," Coplen said.

Coplen said, "Whenever I travel with this team, they always receive compliments. Others say they are the finest looking, best acting team they have seen.

Sponsor for the breakfast was Foster Electronics.

Mike Foster, whose name tag designates him as "CEO and janitor" at Foster Electronics, thanked the members of the Chamber and the Hereford community for their support that has made his business successful.

He also expressed his appreciation to the employees who work so hard. Foster said, "We sell peace of mind, profitability for your business and fishing trips."

The program for the breakfast opened with a skit presented by members of the Deaf Smith County 4-H method demonstration team. The demonstration, titled "On the Road competition and will be presented at state 4-H Roundup in June.

The demonstration was based on a family planning and taking a vacation. The roles of the parents were played by Justin Betzen and Jami Parker, while Erin Auckerman, Amber Vasek and Ted Peabody portrayed the children.

"Fun" singing at the breakfast was performed by Pat and Wes Fisher, Paul and Dec Hamilton, and David and Donna Ruland with the accompaniment of a karaoke machine.

Co-emcees Charlie Bell and John Stagner kept the program moving, gave out door prizes and conducted an "interview" with witnesses from the O.J. Simpson trial.

Video graphics were shown that had been prepared by computer students of Ann Warwick and Amy

Mike Carr, Chamber manager, welcomed new Hereford residents and Chamber members, and introduced Glenda Duggan who will represent Hereford in the Mrs. Texas American pageant this weekend in Fort Worth.

Carr also recognized Bettie Dickson, administrator for Hereford Day Care Center, who was unable to attend the breakfast. The Chamber will make a special presentation to her at a retirement reception held in her honor tonight at 7 p.m. in First Methodist Church.

Announcements were made on a variety of subjects:

- Lajean Henry said the Pants Cage is celebrating its 20th anniver-

Wes Klett said the Chamber will sponsor its fifth annual 4th of July celebration at Veterans Park and there will be a spectacular ending to the

-- Pioneer Day will be observed Saturday at the Bull Barn.

-- Sgt. Esrael Silva said the Hereford Police Department will hold a Citizens Police Academy. The purpose of the academy is to inform citizens about the police department

Classes start June 6 and will be Again", won first place in district held every Tuesday for eight weeks from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the HISD charge for the classes. Margie Daniels said the

> Hereford Senior Center will hold its annual pancake supper Friday from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Price is \$3.50 and children under 6 eat free.

> The Senior Center will have an auction June 10 at 1306 E. Park, starting at 10 a.m.

> -- Carr said the Chamber of Commerce membership drive will begin in June.

Dry spell abated in city with more than inch of rain today

From staff, wire reports year was improved significantly inches.

during the early hours of Thursday. at KPAN Radio recorded 1.33 inches inches, according to KPAN records. of rain up to 8:30 a.m. Thursday.

a.m. The hail continued for about 10 annual total.

continuing during the morning.

Hereford's rainfall total for the official moisture was only 1.30

The total in May, until the The city's official weather station Thursday morning rainfall, was 1.67

The Texas Almanac reports And, intermittent showers were annual rainfall for Deaf Smith County at 16 inches. Even with the latest Along with the rain, pea-sized hail rainfall, there is considerable was reported in Hereford around 6:45 moisture to be made up to reach the

Showers and thunderstorms are

In the first four months of 1995, expected to continue across most areas of Texas tonight and Friday.

And most areas will continue to have showers and thunderstorms for at least the first half of the Memorial Day weekend.

In West Texas, forecasts called for mostly cloudy to cloudy skies with showers and thunderstorms through Friday. The activity should continue through most of the weekend in the

area east of the mountains.

In North Texas, it will be mostly cloudy tonight with a slight chance of thunderstorms in western and northern areas. On Friday it will be mostly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms in west and northern

The showers and thunderstorms will continue through tonight in South

Lows tonight will be in the 50s and 60s in West Texas, the 60s across North Texas and in the 70s in South

90s in West Texas and in the 80s across the rest of the state. Showers and thunderstorms

Highs Friday will be in the 80s and

developed during the night across North Texas and in the West Texas, mainly in the Panhandle, South Plains Permian Basin and Big Country. A flash flood watch was in effect

today for extreme northern areas of

North Texas: A cold front was located before dawn along a line from Paris to Brownwood to Lubbock to Dalhart. Showers and thunderstorms were reported early today along the Rio Grande and in northern areas of the

Hill Country. Early morning temperatures were in the 40s in the Panhandle and in the 50s and 60s elsewhere in West Texas, the 50s and 60s in North Texas and in the 70s in South Texas, Extremes ranged from 46 at Dalhart to 79 at Laredo.



Charlie Bell, left, conducts an "interview" with witnesses in the O.J. Simpson trial during the Fun Breakfast Thursday morning. Teresa Garth, center, portrays Rosa Lopez as she translates answers from Kato Kaelin, who was played by Matt Gililland.

Four sentenced in district court

to charges and were assessed probated sentences.

Another defendant was ordered to prison on revocation of probation.

On the state's motion to revoke probation on two convictions, Judge David Wesley Gulley sentenced Ricardo Fernandez, also known as Richard Fernandez, to a five-year prison term on each conviction.

He had been serving six-year probated terms for burglary of a motor vehicle and sexual assault of a child. The sentences will be served concurrently. After entering guilty pleas to

pounds, was dismissed

intoxicated, Tereso Nava Tafoya, 38, pled guilty and was sentenced to five years' probation and fined \$1,500.

ordered to pay a \$1,500 fine.

Ten-year sentences imposed in also was fined \$1,500 on the drug February on two drug convictions were suspended for a defendant, Stoni Barbara Flores, 40, charged with Malone, on her completion of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice was granted deferred adjudication and boot camp program. She was placed on probation for four years. A convicted on two charges of delivery of a controlled substance, cocaine.

> Ricardo Rivas, 21, on two charges of burglary of a motor vehicle, was ordered returned to the boot camp program to complete a sentence. He had been brought back to Deaf Smith County for clarification of his immigration status.

Death of teen probed for ties to hantavirus

The death of Hereford Junior High School student Rocky Arzola Jr. is being investigated as a possible hantavirus infection, the Amarillo Daily News reported in its Thursday editions.

Arzola died May 18 in Northwest Texas Hospital from what was ruled a massive infection that set in rapidly.

Dr. James Morgan, regional director for public health in Lubbock, said the Texas Department of Health's Austin office will examine Arzola's death for a possible hantavirus connection.

Morgan was unavailable for comment to The Hereford Brand Thursday morning.

Morgan told the Amarillo paper that a serology test came back positive for hantavirus, but that the result is not conclusive and that the virus might have been present, but not caused Arzola's

death. Morgan said investigators

cannot rule the hantavirus caused the 15-year-old's death until they determine whether or not he was exposed to it, and whether his symptoms match those associated with hantavirus.

Hantavirus is transmitted through infected rodents, with human infection through contact with rodent droppings, urine or

Morgan told the Amarillo paper that people should not panic, because hantavirus is a rare disease, and that it is not communicable from person to person.

Two confirmed hantavirus deaths have occurred in Texas since 1993, and neither was in West Texas.

Potter County Justice of the Peace Terry Miller told the newspaper that he believed Arzola worked at a feedyard and might have been exposed to hantavirus among rodents living there.







Four defendants in 222nd District and possession of marijuana, over probation after hearing her guilty plea Court Wednesday entered guilty pleas four ounces, but under five pounds, to forgery by passing. She also was Arturo Flores, 30, was given 10 years' probation on each charge. He

> charge of possession of marijuana. over four ounces, but under five Charged with felony driving while

possession of a prohibited weapon,

Judge Gulley sentenced Roberta possession of a prohibited weapon Barrientez, 23, to seven years

Local Roundup

When it rains, it pours

A 30 percent chance of thunderstorms is forecast for Thursday night, on the heels of more than an inch of rainfall earlier in the day. The low is expected to drop to the lower 50s with a southeast wind blowing, 10-20 mph. Friday's outlook is for partly sunny with a 30 percent chance of afternoon thunderstorms and a high near 80 degrees. A south wind will blow at 10-20 mph, and gusty. The Memorial Day weekend is expected to be partly cloudy with a slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms. Highs will be in the upper 70s and lows, 50-55 degrees. Hereford enjoyed a 60-degree high Wednesday. The low Thursday morning was 46 degrees.

VFW, Legionnaires plan meeting

The VFW and Legionnaires are conducting an important board meeting tonight at 8 p.m. in the American Legion Hall. All members are asked to attend.

Trial springs to life on statement debate

By JEFF MEYER **Associated Press Writer**

LOS ANGELES (AP) - After nearly two weeks of sleep-inducing DNA testimony, the O.J. Simpson trial came back to life with a spirited debate over whether jurors should hear Simpson's tape-recorded statement to police.

The defense insisted that police criminalist Collin Yamauchi's comment Wednesday that he once thought Simpson had "an airtight alibi" cleared the way for jurors to hear the statement. That would allow Simpson's story to be told without him taking the stand and opening himself up to hostile cross-examination.

Prosecutor Marcia Clark argued that Yamauchi's remark was based on media reports, not any knowledge of the interview Simpson gave to police the day after his ex-wife and her friend were murdered.

One law professor said the dispute could ultimately determine whether Simpson takes the stand. Judge Lance Ito asked both parties to present arguments on the subject today.

"I think it means we have a good opportunity to get his statement in now," defense attorney Johnnie Cochran Jr. said outside court. 32-minute statement to police on June "Everybody wants the truth. I don't 13, the day after the knife murders of know why the prosecution wants to keep his statement out."

An answer was provided by law professor Robert Pugsley of Southwestern University: "You would hear O.J.'s voice making a pitch for his innocence.'

The debate centers on a section of the state evidence code that says if part of a statement is introduced, the opposing party has the right to bring in the entire thing.

Pugsley said it seemed unlikely that Ito would allow the statement to be admitted without further evidence that it was the alibi to which Yamauchi referred. "It seems to me the defense is making a very strained, overreaching kind of claim," he said.

A ruling for the defense "would be a plum," he said.

Stan Goldman, a law professor at Loyola University, said the important factor isn't what Yamauchi meant only what he said in front of the jury.

'They heard a description of an alibi," Goldman said. The right to establish the context of that remark is what the evidence law is supposed to uphold, he said.

This little bitty issue could decide whether O.J. Simpson testifies at the trial," Goldman said. "It could be a real factor."

Simpson voluntarily gave the Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald

RANGERS

"The problem I experienced with the Rangers was exclusively with the leadership at the highest level and not a reflection on the Rangers as a whole," she told the AP.

In her human rights complaint, Ms. Steadman said: "I was expected to attend an overnight meeting in Spurger, TX., and stay in a bunkhouse along with 23 men.

She told DPS investigators and a reporter Cook was present at the cabin in southeast Texas when the Rangers were drinking, gambling and using vulgar language.

She drove into town and spent the night with a female trooper.

Adding a mysterious touch to the Ranger saga is an anonymous letter sent to Wilson's office last summer with copies distributed to members of the Public Safety Commission. The AP obtained a copy of the letter, obviously written by someone with intimate knowledge of the Rangers.

Police, **Emergency** Reports

Thursday's emergency services reports contained the following information:

HEREFORD POLICE A 21-year-old male was arrested in the 200 block of Norton for assault/domestic violence.

Injury to a child was reported in the 200 block of Norton. Attempted suicide was reported in the 400 block of Avenue H.

Thefts were reported in the 200 block of Avenue E and in the 700 block of East Park.

Police assist with a medical problem was reported in the 1500

lock of East First.

Officers issued five citations. Minor accidents with no injuries were reported at First Street and 25 Mile Avenue, in the alley behind the 100 block of Avenue G, at East First nd Gough Avenue and in the 200 block of 13th Street.

DEAF SMITH SHERIFF Report not available. FIRE DEPARTMENT No calls on Wednesday.

Ambulances on Wednesday ran on two medical calls, two trauma calls nd one transfer to Amarillo.

The two-page, single-spaced letter warned Wilson of deteriorating morale and, citing internal DPS and

Ranger issues, put the blame mostly

Wilson and Cook talked at length with the AP about the recruitment of female Rangers but declined to discuss the more recent allegations by the two women or the criticism of the Austin leadership.

"Trouble is what this business is about," Wilson shrugged in an early interview. "I've had heat before and I'll have heat again.'

While requesting anonymity, another retired Ranger said Cook commands little respect from his colleagues and Wilson compounds the problem by

refusing to deal with it. 'Cook doesn't seem to care about his men," he said. "Our captain cared enough about us that we would have

charged hell with him.' Joaquin Jackson agreed: "I don't have any respect for Cook ... or any of the little group around him who think he's God. There's not many, just a handful.'

He said the service is loaded with good men, and its potential for greatness

"All it needs is good leadership," he insisted. "It needs somebody who loves the Rangers and loves his men. There are captains out in the field that are good leaders if they'd just use

He said his displeasure with the Austin leadership dates back to the appointment of Cook as senior captain

Cook is a native of La Porte who earned a bachelor's degree in police administration from Sam Houston State and a master of arts degree from tephen F. Austin.

An air policeman with the U.S. Air Force in Vietnam, he worked as a city policeman in the Houston area before signing on with the DPS in 1967.

He worked his way up to the Rangers in 1973, and was stationed in Houston, San Augustine, Livingston and Midland, where in 1982 he was put in command of the company headquarters. He was promoted to assistant supervisor in

1985 and reassigned to Austin. "Times change," Cook said in defense of the female recruits. "The only charge the colonel (Wilson) has given me ... is to hire the best people. And that's what we've tried to do A detective is not necessarily what

we're looking for a special breed." Jackson said he, too, expected a special breed.

Education bill facing compromise

By PEGGY FIKAC **Associated Press Writer**

AUSTIN (AP) - Voters could free their schools from many state regulations and parents could help design local education programs under a compromise bill headed to the House and Senate for consideration.

The measure was developed by a 10-member education conference committee that worked out differences between earlier House and Senate versions of education reform.

Nine of the legislative negotiators put their stamp of approval on the final product Wednesday, including Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, who said, "This bill is a bill that all of our children will benefit from."

Sen. Gregory Luna, D-San Antonio, was the only one who refused to sign the conference committee report recommending legislative approval of the negotiated

"I just come from a different perspective," he said.

Luna said his "major hurdle" is that the measure, which touches on

help school districts build classrooms.

'I just think it is not anywhere many state rules. near enough," he said. "We have an identified need of \$2 billion. ... Ten addition, could grant up to 20 charters times what we're doing would have been getting close."

Luna, one of two minority state. members on the conference committee, said he's proud of some aspects of the bill. But he said he fears it won't do enough for students whose parents aren't able or willing to become involved in their schooling. Other minority lawmakers also

'home-rule" with voter approval. They have said they fear the home-rule system - apparently the first of its kind nationally - would lead to segregation and eliminate such

The measure also would allow parents and teachers to obtain

all aspects of education, would put in charters to design their own only \$170 million over two years to programs, such as magnet schools for math or science, with freedom from

> The State Board of Education, in for open enrollment schools that would draw students from all over the

> Supporters have emphasized that the state will be assured that students are being educated because they will continue to be subject to statewide academic skills testing.

"I really think that the majority of the people will be able to have better have expressed concern about a education for their children, but I provision of the bill that would allow think it's conditioned upon having school districts to escape many state good parents to be able to take regulations by becoming advantage of what we offer," Luna

"I hope I'm wrong. I hope that we're not extracting from the public system all those that are problemless, and leaving behind and not focusing important rules as caps on class size on the others," he said.
in lower grades. Rep. Paul Sadler, co-chairman of

the conference committee, said encouraging involvement by parents and communities overall will improve the entire system.

"I think under our current system we have a lot of parents and educators who don't feel like they have the right to control or the right to participate, and they felt left out," said Sadler, D-Henderson.

"You talk to teachers across the state ... and the first thing they'll tell you is if we had more parental involvement, our students would do better," he said. "So anything that improves parental involvement in my opinion has to help the system along.

Among other provisions, the bill would ease the no-pass, no-play rule, which currently bars students who fail a class from participating in extracurricular activities for at least six weeks.

The bill would allow students to participate again in three weeks if

they began passing in that time.

The House and Senate may consider the bill late Friday or Saturday, said Sadler and Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant.

Student grades prompt dispute

SNYDER, Texas (AP) - As far as Jack and Barbra Jones are concered, their daughter Holly should be the only valedictorian of Snyder High School. They're willing to go to court

The West Texas school district's superintendent said Wednesday he won't budge. Holly Jones will have to share the honor for top grade point average with Veana Clay.
"It gets down to technical wording

in the handbook," Mrs. Jones said. The handbook states "student ranking points and honor points shall be awarded each semester and at the end of the four years of high school students shall be ranked according to the total of points earned."

Both Holly and Veana have perfect 4.0 grade averages. The difference is Holly went to Snyder for four years and Veana is graduating after just three years of high school. Although school rules state that

"to be eligible for valedictorian ... a student must have been enrolled their entire senior year at Snyder High,' superintendent Gayle Lomax said Veana became a senior in January. The Joneses counter that Veana

was not classified as a senior for an entire year. "Four years is four years. That's

the way we see it," Barbra Jones

The Joneses say they are making a big case out of the shared honor because it will cost their daughter thousands of dollars a year in scholarships. Their attorney has filed a formal complaint with the Texas Education Agency.

"We do believe there will be no injunction served," Lomax said.

Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) - No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth an estimated \$27 million. The numbers drawn from a field

of 50 were: 11, 12, 26, 37, 40 and 49. Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Saturday night's game will be \$37 million.

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

3-1-3 (three, one, three)

AUSTIN (AP) - The Texas

Legislature has passed a bill to toughen penalties for livestock

The Senate passed the measure on a voice vote Wednesday, sending it to Goy. George W. Bush.

"We're not going to hang them like we used to," said Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown, R-Lake Jackson, but "this is meant to cut down on the amount of horse stealing and

The measure deals with the theft of cattle, horses, sheep, swine, goats, exotic livestock and exotic fowl.

If the animals stolen are worth between \$1,500 and \$20,000, the offense would be prosecuted as a state jail felony. Such a crime is punishable by up to two years in a state jail and a fine of \$10,000.

If the animals are worth more than

\$20,000 but less than \$100,000, the offense would be a third-degree felony, punishable by two to 10 years

PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL Donald D. Henslee, Conc Mendoza, Patricia Nava, Odelia Salazar, Al Smithers, Mary M.

Spinhirne, Lillie C. Stagner and Eric

THE HEREFORD BRAND



Perfect attendance rewarded

Celia Reddinger of Holly Sugar Corp., left, presents a backpack to Tierra Blanca Primary School first grader Shayla Wilcox during a ceremony on Wednesday. Holly Sugar gave backpacks to all Tierra Blanca students who had perfect attendance during the 1994-95 school year. The packs and certificates were handed out during a school awards ceremony. Watching Shayla get her award are other students, seated on floor, and the other first grade recipients standing behind her.

Students earn special awards

A group of Tierra Blanca Primary School students received a surprise on Wednesday when they were honored by Holly Sugar for perfect

attendance. Representatives of Holly were on hand to present bright blue, red, maroon, orange and navy backpacks to all students who made it through the entire school year without missing

a single day of class. certificates from school officials recognizing them for that accomplish-

The backpacks were presented by

the Holly Sugar Employees Organiza- From the employees of Holly Sugar

tion. Celia Reddinger presented the packs to 11 first graders, while Gary Ruben De Leon, Steve Gavina, Cornelius was on hand to give them Matthew Gonzales, Jason Lopez, out to five second graders and seven third graders.

Also receiving packs were seven kindergarten students.

Tierra Blanca is the only school in The students also received the district to receive the Holly Sugar backpacks this year.

> They are adorned across the back with the Holly logo and the slogan "Congratulations, Perfect Attendance.

Obituaries



GREGORIO M. GARCIA SR. May 24, 1995

Gregorio Martinez Garcia Sr., 60, of Hereford, died Wednesday. Prayer vigil will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday in Rix Funeral Directors Chapel. Services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday in San Jose Catholic Church with Deacon Jesse Guerrero

Park Cemetery. Mr. Garcia was born in Seguin and narried Alejandra Campos in 1963 in Floydada. He was a member of San Jose Catholic Church and operated a

officiating. Burial will be in West

landscaping business.

Survivors are his wife; six daughters, Francisca Ugalde of

Navasota, Sylvia Mireles of Houston, Lucy Garcia of Amarillo and Celia Villarreal, Mary Cadensa and Irene Davalos, all of Hereford; a son, Greg Garcia Jr., of Watauga; a stepson, Erineo Alcala of San Antonio; a stepdaughter, Rosalinda "Rosa" Rodriguez of San Antonio; five brothers, Primitivo "Primo" Garcia, Enrique Garcia, Nicholas Garcia and Joe Frank "Pancho" Garcia, all of Hereford, and Marcos Garcia of Taft; three sisters, Agapita Cantu of Lubbock, Varre Palacios of Pharr and Teresa Hastings of Hereford, 17 grandchildren and three greatgrandchildren.

EVERETT C. McINTOSH

Everett C. McIntosh, 82, a former resident of Hereford and Adrian, died Wednesday. Services will be held at 10 a.m.

Saturday in Scobee Funeral Home in Winchester, Ky., with burial in Misty Springs Cemetery. Mr. McIntosh was born in Tuttle, Okla. He was a farmer.

Survivors are his wife, Clazzie A. Marcum McIntosh; a son, Lewis McIntosh of Winchester; two daughters, Florene Harris of Winchester and Jean Harris of Amarillo, two sisters, five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Penalties toughened for rustling

Corporation.

Those receiving the awards were:

Kindergarten -- Amber Blanton,

Maria Montelongo and Edward Wait.

Coronado, Danny De Leon, Lorenzo

Diaz, Amanda Estrada, April

Medeles, Claudia Montelongo,

Jessica Robles, Jesus Salazar, John

Maricela Hernandez, Christopher

Mendoza, Fabian Montelongo and

Second Grade -- Cynthia Calderon,

Third Grade -- Dora Diaz, Amanda

Gallegos, Celeste Guzman, Jorge

Guzman, Jennifer Lee, Anthony

Mendoza and Vicky Salazar.

Salazar and Shayla Wilcox.

Joshua Schroeter.

First Grade -- Tamara Betts, Mario

Lifestyles



Toastmasters officers

New officers for Hereford Toastmasters who will serve for June-December are (front row, from left) Coleen Seright, vice president of membership; Pat Varner, vice president of public relations; Linda Minchew, vice president of education; (back row, from left) David Jury, secretary; and Dave Kimmel, sargent at arms. Not pictured are Nancy Griego, president and Bud Jowell, treasurer.

Ann Landers

DEAR ANN LANDERS: My parents have been married for nearly 20 years and have three children aged 17, 13 and 10. They are both professional people and have been loving parents. I'm the 17-year-old.

The problem is that their relationship with each other has deteriorated to the point where they fight constantly. Last year, my mother had a brief affair. My father found out about it and forgave her.

Mom has told me on several occasions that she would like to end the marriage. Although she cares for my father, she doesn't want to stay with him for the rest of her life. She says the only reason she is still married to him is that she is afraid of being alone and if she gets a divorce, (They all adore my father.) Mom is also concerned about the effect a divorce might have on my younger sister and brother.

Do you think it's a good idea for parents to stay together for their kids? They did try marriage counseling, but it didn't do any good. Whenever Mom brings up the subject of divorce, Dad leaves the room, so Mom talks to me about it instead. I don't know what to tell her.

Wyche is host to FCE council

The Deaf Smith County Family, Community and Education Council met recently at the County Library. Wyche FCE club was hostess. Pledges and FCE prayer were recited. Mary Lou Aven read a poem called "June".

Chairman, Jo Lee called the meeting to order.

Visitors Vernis Parsons, Alta Mae Higgins, Mary Lou Aven, Thelma Auten and Shirley Brown were welcomed.

The group planned a garage sale to be held July 15th at 119 Centre, from 7 a.m till 11 a.m.

Members were urged to attend the Pioneer Day festivities that will be held this upcoming weekend.

I really would appreciate any advice you can give me because I feel as if I'm in the middle of a big mess, and I don't know how to handle it .--A Bystander in Wisconsin

DEAR BYSTANDER: Your mother places a very heavy burden on you, a 17-year-old, when she asks you what to do about her marriage.

Your parents should try another marriage counselor and/or get psychological help. Obviously, all is not well between them, but perhaps if they both make an effort, the relationship can be salvaged. I'm

betting they can work things out.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I'm so mad right now, I can't see straight. My in-laws have decided to drop in, two-day visit. The

foot duplex. Every time my in-laws visit, my husband and I are expected to sleep on the couch, and you can imagine five people fighting for one

I am away at work for 11 hours, Monday through Friday. My husband works two jobs, and so does my

bed. I'm tired when I get home -- on

the weekends, I play catch-up. My in-laws, who are in their 70s, can afford to travel out of the country and take lots of short trips all over the United States. My husband's mother never asks if we're busy or have prior plans. Nor do they offer to stay in a

Well, this time, I'd had it. I was rude to them, and they left angry. Now my husband is extremely upset with me. Who's right? Oh, one more important piece of information: My mother-in-law has never like me because she wanted her son to marry into a "wealthy family," and he chose me instead. -- Gulf Gate, Fla.

DEAR GULF: For the sake of AGAIN, for what was going to be a family harmony, tell your in-laws, I'm sorry. I was not pr before to say, "We're coming to company and was very tired. I hope the next time you come, you will give Now you must understand that my us more notice so I can give you a husband, my brother and I live in a better welcome." A two-day visit, two-bedroom, one-bath, 900-square- provided it doesn't happen too often, should be tolerable.

Have trouble sleeping at night and don't want to get involved in a novel? "A Collection of My Favorite Gems of the Day" is the perfect bed-stand mate. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$5.25 (this brother. And just because I'm off includes postage and handling) to:
Saturday and Sunday doesn't mean Collection, c/o Ann Landers, P.O.
I want, or should be expected, to entertain them or give up my own (in Canada, \$6.25).

congratulations to the first Graduate Good Luck Keith! From your Aunts & Uncles



Hereford Toastmasters meet for regular morning, evening sessions

Hereford Toastmasters met for a morning meeting recently at the Ranch House Restaurant with Margaret Del Toro presiding.

Del Toro led the pledge and Dan Hall gave the invocation.

Del Toro also served as toastmaster while Ed Gilbert was timer and Clark Andrews was AH counter.

Charles Minchew, as wordmaster, introduced the word abrogate.

In lieu of speakers for the meeting, two table topic sessions were held. Joe Don Cummings served as topicmaster for the first session and Bud Jowell was named winner. Jowell then served as topic master for the second session and Del Toro was the winner.

One guest, Adolfo Del Toro, and members Jigger Rowland and Linda Minchew were also in attendance.

Bippus FCE club holds annual tour

The Bippus Family and Community Education Club held its annual tour

Club members toured the Mesman Cheese Factory near Farwell, N.M., the Leslie Candy Co. in Clovis, N.M., and visited the home of Mary Dorris to view her antiques and bottle

Mr. Mesman conducted the tour of the cheese making facility and discussed cheese making, his family and the dairy. Members then sampled various types of cheese, such as black and red pepper cheese, jalapeno cheese and bacon cheese.

The tour of the candy company included the entire candy making process, from mixing the ingredients, to cooking, molding, wrapping and

Members making the tour were Mariellen Homfeld, Sue Thweatt, Kate Bradley, Zadie Bettis and Alta

meeting was held recently in the Hereford Community Center game room with Pat Varner as presiding officer.

Dennis Detten led the pledge and Joe Weaver gave the invocation.

Toastmaster was Rick Jackson; timer, Albert Cervantez; AH counter and grammarian, Coleen Seright.

Seright also served as wordmaster and introduced the word accommo-

Jackson was topicmaster and the topic speakers were Albert Cervantez, L.V. Watts, Jerry Seright, Detten and Varner. Seright, who was a guest at the meeting, was named best topic

There was only one speaker for the meeting. Detten gave his tenth speech, "Seize the Opportunity", which qualifies him as a Competent Toastmaster, no longer a newcomer.

Varner served as evaluator, Coleen

Hereford Toastmasters evening Seright told the joke and Watts was general evaluator.

After the regular meeting, a special presentation was given. Members of the 4-H performed their method demonstration, "On the Road Again". The demonstration, with props and posters, portrayed a family planning and experiencing a vacation. The roles of the parents were played by Jami Parker and Justin Betzen, while Erin Auckerman, Amber Vasek and Ted Peabody were the over-excited and unreserved children.

The demonstration won first in district competition and the team will compete in state competition in June.

Leaders who helped the 4-Hers prepare the demonstration were Carla asek, Georgia Auckerman and Cheryl Betzen.

Present to watch the demonstration along with the evening Toastmasters were Georgia Auckerman, Cheryl Betzen, Camille Betzen and Joel Bassinger.





Teel receives B.S. degree at A&M commencement

Trisha Ann Teel, daughter of Jerry and Denise Teel of Hereford, recently received her Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science from the College of Agriculture and Life Science during the spring commencement exercises at Texas A&M University.

She graduated Cum Laude with an overall grade point average of 3.56 and received the Senior Merit Award.

Miss Teel is a 1991 honors graduate of Hereford High School and plans to enter the College of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M University in the fall.

During her attendance at Texas A&M, she was active in the Texas Aggie CattleWomen, Saddle & Sirloin Club, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Council, Aggie REPS, Pre-vet Society, Fish Camp Counselor, Alpha Zeta Agricultural



Women's Center to hold breast cancer screening

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and High Plains Baptist Health Systems will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at South Plains Care

Malouf receives M.D. from Texas Tech Univ.

During the spring commencement exercise at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Saturday (May 20), 98 students, including the daughter of a Hereford resident, received medical degrees.

Cathy Malouf, daughter of Neal Young of Hereford and Betty Young of Levelland, earned her M.D. from the Texas Tech School of Medicine.

Malouf will now serve a residency in internal medicine at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

To Your Good Health

DEARDR. DONOHUE: Two years ago, our adult son went to give plasma and was told he had hepatitis C antibodies in his blood. What are hepatitis C antibodies? Does this mean he will get hepatitis at sometime? Can it be contracted by a spouse? - C.F.

ANSWER: Antibodies are evidence that the body has been exposed to a particular virus. Hepatitis C antibodies are evidence of exposure to that virus.

Your son might have been exposed to the hepatitis C virus with no outward evidence of it at the time. Trying to trace sources of that exposure can be futile. Fully 40 percent of patients never will know.

I take it your son is not sick now. Were he, his blood would show telltale signs of virus activity in his

Note: The tests should be repeated, since a patient can have elevated antibodies in one test, but be normal the next. Also, while we lack much information about the life of a hepatitis C virus, we think it is one of those that hang around in the body for life.

The C virus is among those that can be transmitted sexually, although the risk is not thought to be great. Your son should follow his doctor's advice regarding condom use.

I can tell you that many who harbor hepatitis C viruses have partners who do not come down with the illness. It's one of those medical gray areas, one where it's safest to assume the small risk of transmission is real. Partners should exercise prudent prevention.

To love oneself is the begining of a lifelong romance.

Honor Fraternity, Texas Aggie Bonfire Reload Crew, Phi Eta Sigma Freshman Honor Society and Golden Key National Honor Society.



TRISHA TEEL

Provider, Inc. in Hereford on June 2. Each participant at our screening will receive a breast exam and oneon-one instruction in breast selfexamination by a registered nurse specially trained in breast cancer detection, and a mammogram by a

the State Health Departments of Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. The total cost of the screening is \$70. Financial aid is available for breast screening and mammograms to individuals who qualify.

mammography technician. Our

program is certified by FDA,

American College of Radiology and

For more information of to schedule an appointment, please call the Women's Center at Harrington Cancer Center at 1-800-377-4673 or 806-359-4673.

Students perform during piano recital

Students of Cheryl Betzen were presented in a spring recital Tuesday at the Fellowship of Believers

Students performed solos, duets, and piano and organ duets.

Students participating were Belinda, Ashley and Kristin Fangman; Megan, Melissa and Jessica Stubbs; Andrew Carnahan; Linzy Woodard; Katie Bone; Amanda Bullard; Holly Schilling; Brionne Yosten; Shyla Martin; Jamie Steiert; Bethany Solomon; Mary Alice Brorman; Dawn Auckerman; and Sammie Sciumbato.

A good marriage is that in which each appoints the other guardian of his solitude.

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-Rainer Maria Rilke

Hints from Heloise

Dear Heloise: I have a newly installed tile shower. The bottom of my shaving-cream can has left two rust rings on the ledge. I have scrubbed with cleanser to no avail.

Help! How do I remove rust from tile? Am I doomed? - Vicki Breslow, Agoura Hills, Calif.

No, Vicki, I don't think you're doomed!

All you need to do is get one thing from the kitchen and one from the bathroom. Make a paste of cream of tartar and hydrogen peroxide. Apply a small amount of paste to the stain, then, using a small brush such as an old toothbrush or nylon net scrubby, gently scrub the area in a circular motion until the stain disappears. Rinse thoroughly. That's all there is to it!

I hope you're pleased with the results. - Heloise

EARRINGS

Dear Heloise: My daughters talked me into getting my ears pierced when i was in my 40s.

I began to have problems with my left ear lobe getting infected all the time. The only earrings I could wear were gold, but I couldn't afford to buy gold earrings every time I wanted a new pair, so I worked out a solution for myself.

Every time I change earrings, which is at least once a day, I coat the posts of the earrings with an antibacterial ointment and then put them

This way, the properties that cause one to be allergic to the more economical earrings will not cause a problem anymore. The only drawback is that you have to do this every

Residents granddaughter graduates with honors



AMY SKYPALA

Amy Skypala graduated with distinction from the University of Oklahoma at Norman on May 13.

Miss Skypala was on the president's honor roll for the last two years with a 4.0 grade point average.

She is the daughter of Eddie Skypala of Edmond, Okla., and the granddaughter of Revella Skypala of Hereford.

Miss Skypala plans to continue her graduate work at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Her degree is in zoology.

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time you change earrings. - Karen Allen, Oakwood, Texas

This does help, but, of course, anyone who has a persistent or really bad problem should see a doctor. -

EXTRA CHECK

Dear Heloise: Have you ever opened your checkbook (after loading a cart full of groceries onto the checkout counter) and realized you had written your last check and forgotten to replace it with a new book?

To avoid this situation, each time I go to my box of checks to replace a book, I take the book I need and tear off the first check of the next book and stick it in my wallet.

This way, if I accidentally run out of checks, I always have an extra one from the next book. And the numbers stay in sequence in my record book! - Wendy Bullard, Destrehan,

WINDOW HINT

Dear Heloise: Following up your reader's inquiry about double-paned windows, there is a way to prevent broken seals.

A house inspector taught me this trick and it has not failed me: Always raise the window by pulling from the bottom and close the window by pushing on the top. This rule also applies for sideways windows.

Experienced in Dallas If you say it works, I'll take your word for it. It does sound logical. -

Send a money- or time-saving hint to Heloise, PO Box 795000, San Antonio TX 78279-5000 or fax it to 210-HELOISE. I can't answer your letter personally but will use the best hints received in my column.

Hereford residents serve on Camp Cactus board

Two Hereford residents have been named to the board of Camp Cactus, the Jeanine Sutherland Camp for Children affected by AIDS.

Local board members are Gregg

Scruggs and Dr. Todd Gray. Chairman is J.D. Cargill; vice chairman, Tom Whittenburg; secretary, Stacey Mansoor; treasurer, David Currie; and Camp director is Karol Cargill.

Other board members are Dr. Ray Burchette, Clay Allen, Joe Bill Sherrod, Sharon White, Vali Jenkins, Pauline Hefley, Beverly Perry, Randy Phillips, Nancy Kritser, Janette Taylor, Ben and Nancy McIntrye, Vince Nowak, Scott Greer, Richard

Thayer, Mike Isley, Shirley Ray and Peggy Frost.

Camp Cactus will offer a positive

and enriching atmosphere in a camplike environment for children whose lives have been touched in some way by HIV. The camp, set in traditional western surrounding, will serve as a temporary retreat from the disease.

Campers' ages range from 6-12 years. The camp will last four days and will focus on the child, not the disease. For more information contact Randy Phillips at 806-372-1050.

The difference between liberty and liberties is as wide as

that between God and gods. -Ludwig Borne







Sports

Rockets rake Spurs, take 2-0 series lead

SAN ANTONIO (AP)--Maybe the rallying cry for the Spurs can be "Forget the Alamodome."

Houston played the role of General Santa Ana in a 106-96 conquest of San Antonio on Wednesday night and left town with a startling 2-0 lead over the Spurs in the Western Conference finals.

The defending champion Rockets, given up as a lost cause after an unimpressive regular season, have won five playoffs games in a row, the last three on the road, and are streaking toward a return trip to the **NBA Finals.**

"The team chemistry is wonderful," Hakeem Olajuwon said, "moving the ball, playing good defense, the bench up and cheering. It's tremendous."

Olajuwon and David Robinson, the NBA's most valuable players the past two seasons, faced off in a classic big-time, big-man matchup, with the unanimous decision in Game 2 going to Olajuwon.

half, 19 in a string of dizzying moves in the third quarter.

'He was feeling his oats. I mean he played great. He was awesome," Robinson said. "I thought I was playing pretty good defense on him and he just made the shots, tough

Olajuwon shrugged off his dazzling show.

'I was just taking advantage of the

opportunity that was there," he said. Robinson had 32 points and 12 rebounds. He scored 14 in the fourth quarter as the Spurs rallied from a 13-point third-quarter deficit to take a brief 82-80 lead, only to fall under a continuing barrage of Rockets 3-pointers.

Through it all, Dennis Rodman sat on the floor beside the San Antonio bench and watched, waiting for a call from his coach that never came. Rodman played only the first three minutes of the second half.

"It didn't have anything to do with

rebounds. He scored 31 in the second all about a chess match. They had how they lost twice at home to three in a row at the Alamodome for momentum. I had to match that the best I could with some offense."

> Robinson received this year's most valuable player trophy from NBA commissioner David Stern just before the tipoff. But the Rockets pointed to the game's outcome, and their center's performance, as evidence that Olajuwon, last year's MVP, is still the best.

"I won't take anything away from David," Clyde Drexler said, "but there are none better than Hakeem."

Drexler, fitting in better all the time with the team he joined after his trade from Portland in February, scored 23 points Wednesday. He has 48 in the first two games. The other principal members of the Rockets cast have championship rings. Drexler doesn't. His old Houston college teammate Olajuwon is doing everything he can to change that.

"We couldn't do it together in college," Olajuwon said. "If we could do it in the pros, it would be a dream come true.'

The Rockets mixed their euphoria with caution. They remember well Phoenix in last year's conference semifinals, then came back to win.

'We know what can happen in a situation like this," Houston coach Rudy Tomjanovich said.

The Rockets made nine 3-pointers, five by Robert Horry, who hit the game-winner in Houston's 94-93 victory in Game 1. Two of Horry's long shots came late in the fourth quarter as the Rockets pulled away. He finished with 21 points.

Doc Rivers added 16 for the Spurs. Sean Elliott scored 12 on 4-for-12 shooting.

Now Robinson finds himself the

dmiral of a sinking ship. "We have not played the way we can play at all," he said. "We don't look relaxed. We don't have guys shooting the ball the way we can shoot the ball. We're not moving the ball around. We're just not playing basketball.

"And if that doesn't change, then we won't be playing basketball much

The Spurs, the team with the best record in the NBA at 62-20, have lost

the first time this season.

"It's not the end of the world," Hill said. "I'm not going to panic. You can blame it on me if you want."

No team has come back from 2-0 to win the Western Conference finals. Only 11 teams rallied from such a deficit to win any series.

The series moves 200 miles down

Interstate 10 for Friday night's Game 3 at the Summit.

It will be Houston's 13th game in 24 days. The Rockets have come back after falling behind 2-1 in the first round against Utah and 3-1 in the conference semifinals against Phoenix. And they

just keep getting better. "Fatigue is no factor," Houston's Mario Elie said. "We have too much heart and pride to be beat."

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Olajuwon, the leading scorer in the Dennis, my decision tonight," San playoffs, had 41. points and 16 Antonio coach Bob Hill said. "It was

Coaches expect great last season

DALLAS (AP)--The first "official" working day of the 82nd meetings in Dallas fostered several

basketball Officiating Committee, Wednesday's agenda included several points of fine tuning for SWC football and women's basketball as SWC Football Coaches group.

By TIM DAHLBERG

"moment we all have waited for."
"Praise to Allah," Tyson said at

news conference to formally announce the fight at the MGM Grand

10-count. He then answered

questions, but only about his boxing

A schedule of summer sports

camps sponsored by Hereford Independent School District has been

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FOOTBALL

June 12-14, \$20. 9 to 11:30--Ages 9-11.

1 to 3:30--Ages 12-15.

June 12-16, \$25.

June 5-9, \$25.

"We're all excited about the last year of football in the SWC since we had a five-way tie for the championship last season. All our head coaches and all eight starting quarterbacks return, so it should be a heck of a the conference approaches its final competitive year in 1995-96.

"Our head football coaches" meeting went well," said TCU coach and 1971 Heisman Trophy winner (at Auburn) Pat Sullivan, chair of the

ball like a top after a turnover).

"We have a lot to play for," he said, "and our approach at TCU is to do like we did last year, We'll play them one at a time and see what happens when the season ends. We were fortunate enough to have made a great impression on the Poulan/-Weed Eater Independence Bowl and to get a bid there in 1994, so the possibilities are there."

SWC coaches also discussed rules changes, especially clarification of the taunting or illegal demonstration

'The NCAA Football Rules Committee is preparing a new video, which we have not seen, about taunting and showboating and the resulting penalties," said the TCU

"This should make it a lot easier on players and officials and will make the violation more clear-cut. Some leagues have not called things such as spinning the ball after a big play, and it came into play a couple of years ago in the Sugar Bowl (Miami vs. Alabama; Alabama was assessed

Scramble team

A team composed of Bernie Orel, Steve Stevens, John

Yocum and Cliff Arnold won the

Wednesday Scramble by recording a score of 30 at Pitman Municipal Golf Course.

scramble is held each Wednes-

day at 6 p.m. Any interested golfer is invited to register, and

teams are drawn with an A, B, C, and D handicap player on

Five teams scored a 31 in the close contest. The nine-hole

wins with 30

a 15-yard penalty for spinning the

We outlined plans for the last SWC Kickoff Luncheon (in Dallas on July 28)," Sullivan stated, "and we're looking to the conference office for guidane about final-year promotions. I'm certain that the TCU Committee of 100 will be working on some promotions for the final games. too, at our stadium.

The coaches received briefings about possible television dates for 1995 football and discussed recruiting

policies.
"I don't think we had any problems with negative recruiting, Sullivan continued. "And the coaches seemed to go about the football recruiting business very ethically." SWC Associate Commissioner Bill

Foster helped to administer a meeting of women's head basketball coaches Wednesday and reported a similar

spirit of goodwill.
"We had an excellent meeting," Foster said. "We had discussions about the upcoming seasons, game management procedures, the SWC Media Tipoff Day, and the state of SWC women's basketball. presenta-

CBS-TV will televise the men's tourney finals at 3 p.m. on March 9 from the same site.

During the men's basketball conference meeting Harper of PSP, **Prime Sports Productions indicated** that Prime would televise the Thursday quarterfinals of the SWC-Men's Classic prior to the CBS telecast on Saturday.

"The theme of sportsmanship, which has been emphasized by school presidents, was a major point of discussion," said Foster. "We plan to have campaigns through news releases, public appearances, and public address announcements at games to emphasize good sportsman-

SWC rule changes also discussed at spring meeting

annual Southwest Conference spring recommendations for SWC athletic directors and the SWC Council, which will itself have a voting session

After Tuesday registration and an afternoon meeting of the SWC men's

against McNeeley

Tyson will return

AP Sports Writer
LAS VEGAS (AP)--Mike Tyson
will fight Peter McNeeley on Aug. 19
in what promoter Don King called the "I feel great," Tyson said to a question about the affects of his long layoff. "I feel I could fight the champ right now.'

right now."

Two of the champions, Oliver McCall, recognized by the WBC, and Bruce Seldon, recognized by the WBA, are promoted by King, who also promotes Tyson.

The WBC already had ranked Tyson the No. 1 contender, and when asked if he deserved the ranking, Tyson said, "That's the way I left. That's the way I came back."

that will be his first in more than four years. "I'm just happy to be back."

The former champion's greeting to the media was shorter than a

That's the way I came back."

McNeeley is ranked No. 10 by the

WBC. The Medfield, Mass., fighter
has a 36-1 record that is loaded with lightly regarded opponents.

For a non-title fight, the ticket and

pay-per-view prices will be among the highest in boxing history. The cheapest ticket at the MGM Grand Garden will go for \$200, with ringside seats priced at a top of \$1,500. The suggested pay-per-view price will be from \$49.95 to \$54.95.

The 28-year-old Tyson last fought on June 28, 1991 when he scored a

12-round decision over Donovan
"Razor" Ruddock. He was supposed
to fight Evander Holyfield later that
year for the undisputed title, but the
bout was called off when he was injured while training.

injured while training.

Tyson, who terrorized the heavyweight division in the late 1980s, served three years at the Indiana Youth Center after being convicted of rape. He was able to work out while in prison, but there were no boxing facilities.

Tyson's layoff has historical precedence. Muhammad Ali was in his prime when he did not fight for a little more than 3 1/2 years while successfully contesting efforts to

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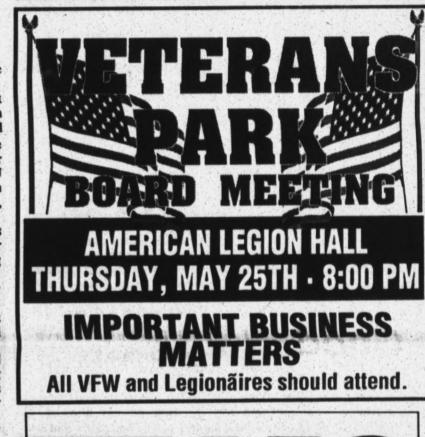
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'Eck' sets record; Texas, Chicago play 7 1/2 hours

By The Associated Press

It was a big day for big numbers in the American League: 300 saves, eight RBIs, 32 walks and 7 hours, 39 minutes.

Dennis Eckersley became the sixth ninth inning of Oakland's 5-3 victory

Blowers was more doubling his RBI before the Rangers won the second total for the season by driving in a major league season-high eight runs in Seattle's 15-6 rout of visiting

Earlier in the day--but not much earlier--Texas and Chicago shattered reliever in major league history to by 49 minutes the major league record 300 saves when he pitched the record for longest 18-inning doubleheader when they split the over Baltimore on Wednesday night. twinbill at Comiskey Park, with the At about the same time, Mike White Sox winning the opener 10-8 game 13-6. The doubleheader, which ended in

the presence of a few hundred fans who all got two free tickets to a future game for staying through the marathon, also tied an AL record with 32 walks, a mark established in 1954 and matched in 1962.

Elsewhere in the AL, California beat New York 3-1 after the Yankees' Jack McDowell pitched seven hitless innings, Milwaukee edged Cleveland 7-5, Detroit routed Minnesota 14-3 and Kansas City beat Toronto 8-5.

Mariners 15, Red Sox 6

Blowers took seven RBIs in 51 at-bats into the game before hitting a two-run homer, a three-run double and a three-run triple, matching the club record of eight RBIs set by Alvin Davis against Toronto on May 9,

Blowers broke a 6-6 tie in the fourth with a three-run double off Jeff Pierce (0-3). He also tripled with the bases loaded in the fifth and followed with a two-run homer in the seventh.

Rafael Carmona (1-1), a 22-year--old rookie called up from Class AA Port City on May 15, got his first major-league victory with 2 2-3 innings of shutout relief. Athletics 5, Orioles 3

Eckersley tied Bruce Sutter for fifth place in saves behind Lee Smith (445), Jeff Reardon (367), Rollie Fingers (341) and Rich Gossage

Eckersley's 299th save came on May 11, and he was growing impatient to get a chance for the

"I was trying to act like it was no big deal, and it may not have been if I was on the road and if it had happened sooner," Eckersley said. "I'm just glad it's over with."

Geronimo Berroa's two-run single in the eighth broke a 3-3 tie, giving Eckersley the opportunity. The hit also made a winner of Jim Corsi (1-0) for the first time since 1992.

Terry Steinbach tied the game in the seventh with a two-run homer off Mike Mussina (3-2), who took a three-hitter into the inning. Angels 3, Yankees 1

California struck for three runs and four hits in the bottom of the eighth against McDowell after he faced the minimum number of batters through seven innings.

McDowell held the Angels hitless until Chili Davis hit a hard grounder that second baseman Pat Kelly grabbed after diving for the ball. But Kelly's hurried throw to McDowell covering at first bounced, pulling the pitcher off the base as Davis slid in safely with an infield hit.

After a sacrifice, Greg Myers doubled off the left-center field fence, scoring Davis with the tying run, and Spike Owen followed with an RBI single to center. Owen went to third on a throwing error and scored on a

two-out single by Gary DiSarcina. The rally handed the Angels' sixth consecutive victory to reliever Bob Patterson (3-1), who got the last two outs in the eighth. Smith pitched the ninth for his 11th save in 11 opportunities.

Whites Sox 10, Rangers 8; Rangers 13, White Sox 6 Benji Gil capped a seven-run third

inning with a three-run homer, enabling Texas to salvage a split of the marathon doubleheader.

"You don't want to spend all day here and lose two. Winning the second one makes it a little easier," Texas manager Johnny Oates said.

The White Sox captured the opener by scoring five runs in the bottom of the eighth, with John Kruk, in his

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Chicago debut, driving in the go-ahead run with a bases-loaded walk.

The twinbill surpassed the time of 6 hours, 50 minutes by Detroit and Kansas City on July 23, 1961.

Chicago pitchers walked eight in the 3:38 second game and nine in the opener, which took 4:01. Texas gave up 15 walks in the doubleheader. There were also eight wild pitches in the two

Tigers 14, Twins 3

At Detroit, Travis Fryman broke 1-for-15 slump with four hits, including a homer, and the Tigers had a season-high 18 hits in their fifth straight victory.

Mike Moore (4-2) allowed four hits in seven innings for the victory, and he benefitted from a 7-0 lead after the two innings, when the Tigers sent 17 batters to the plate against Minnesota's Brad Radke (2-2) and Rich Robertson.

Chad Curtis and Kirk Gibson also homered for the Tigers, and Bobby Higginson had three RBIs. Alex Cole had a three-run homer for the Twins.

Royals 8, Blue Jays 5

Jon Nunnally tripled in the go-ahead run and then stole home in the fifth inning, and Wally Joyner and Gary Gaetti homered in Kansas City's victory

Nunnally tripled to put the Royals

up 3-2, then was stranded in the basepath when Tom Goodwin missed an attempted suicide bunt. But Nunnally managed to sidestep Blue Jays catcher Lance Parrish's tag to steal home.

Winner Tom Gordon (2-1) allowed three runs on five hits and six walks in five innings. He threw 12 straight balls to load the bases in the first before Carlos Delgado's sacrifice fly gave

the Blue Jays a 1-0 lead. David Cone (3-3) gave up six runs on eight hits in six innings. Brewers 7, Indians 5

Former replacement pitcher Ron Rightnowar won his first big-league game, pitching two innings in Milwaukee's victory at Cleveland.

Rightnowar (1-0), a 30-year-old who was a career minor-leaguer before being called up last Friday, gave up one run. He benefitted from the

Brewers' seven-run fourth inning. Matt Mieske doubled in another run in the fourth, and two came home on three wild pitches by Jason

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Reds complete sweep of Astros

By CHRIS SHERIDAN **AP Sports Writer**

It was the potential pop in his bat, not just the size of his salary, that inspired the Montreal Expos to acquire Henry Rodriguez.

The first payoff came Wednesday

Rodriguez, playing his first game for Montreal since being acquired Tuesday from the Los Angeles Dodgers, hit a two-run homer in the bottom of the eighth inning to give the Expos a 3-2 victory over the San Diego Padres.

Our main concern was to get a first baseman. The salary was secondary," general manager Kevin Malone said before the game.

Malone was in a bit of a huff that the trade of Rodriguez and Jeff Treadway for Roberto Kelly and Joey Eischen had been portrayed in some cities as another chapter in Montreal's salary dumping. The Expos dealt away John Wetteland, Ken Hill and Marquis Grissom during spring training rather than face the prospect of losing arbitration hearings.

Malone said the net reduction of \$600,000 in payroll from the Rodriguez-Kelly trade was an added benefit to the deal, but not the primary reason it happened.

Rodriguez, who played right field for the Dodgers, will fill in at first base for Montreal while Cliff Floyd recovers from an injury. The Expos had been using Shane Andrews at first base until Wednesday.

Rodriguez came to the plate with two outs in the eighth and Montreal trailing 2-1. He was the first batter to face reliever Andres Berumen (1-1). and he hit an 0-1 pitch over the wall

"Before that at-bat, I was talking to Moises (Alou)," Rodriguez said.
"I said, 'I think I'm going to get a single to the opposite field.' He said do whatever it takes to get on base. Then, on the second pitch, out of the park. It was a big surprise to me."

The victory was Montreal's 15th straight over the Padres and ruined a great outing by San Diego starter Joey Hamilton, who retired 17 in a row before tiring in the eighth.

Jeff Shaw (1-3) pitched 1 2-3 innings for the victory and Luis Aquino pitched the ninth for his second save.

In other games, Cincinnati beat Houston 4-2, Philadelphia beat San Francisco 2-1, Atlanta beat St. Louis

Rodeo standings

Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association, **World Standings**

ALL-AROUND COWBOY

1, Ty Murray, Stephenville, Texas, \$50,165. 6, Roy Cooper, Childress, Texas, \$25,721. SADDLE BRONC RIDING

1, Dan Mortensen, Manhattan, Mont., \$35,885. 2, Dan Etbauer, Goodwell, Okla., \$32,941. BAREBACK RIDING

1, Jeffrey Collins, Fort Scott, Kan., \$29,211. 2, Denny McLanahan, Canadian, Texas, \$27,827. **BULL RIDING**

1, Ty Murray, Stephenville, Texas, \$34,959.

CALF ROPING

1, Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, \$29,970.
5, Roy Cooper, Childress, Texas, \$21,830.
STEER WRESTLING

1, Butch Myers, Athens, Texas, \$27,200. TEAM ROPING (HEADING) 1, Steve Purcella, Hereford, Texas, \$25,461.

TEAM ROPING (HEELING)

1, Rich Skelton, Llano, Texas, \$25,461.9, Kory Koontz, Sudan, Texas, \$13,484. STEER ROPING

1, Guy Allen, Lovington, N.M., \$14,629. 2, Jim Davis, Abilene, Texas, \$8,960. 6, Bill Pearson, Happy, Texas, \$6,143. 8, Colby Goodwin, Canyon, Texas, \$5,403. BARREL RACING

1, Sherry Potter, Marana, Ariz., \$54,062.

and Chicago beat Colorado 5-3. The Florida at Pittsburgh game was rained Reds 4, Astros 2

9-5, Los Angeles beat New York 5-0

At Cincinnati, the Reds completed a three-game sweep of Houston, a team many people expected would challenge Cincinnati for the NL Central title.

'Any games you can win against the Astros right now is a major plus,' said reliever Jeff Brantley. "A sweep is just great. I fully believe they're going to be in it until the end."

Hal Morris, starting for the first time since he pulled a hamstring May 14, emerged from an 0-for-15 slump with a 4-for-4 night that included a two-run homer.

The Astros once again wasted good pitching by Shane Reynolds (1-3); they've scored a total of four runs in his three losses. Reds starter Pete Schourek (2-2) allowed only four hits in seven innings.

Phillies 2, Giants 1 At Philadelphia, Greg Jefferies drove in the go-ahead run in the eighth with a slow bouncer that scored Dave Gallagher from third.

Gallagher, batting leadoff in place of the injured Len Dykstra, went 3-for-3. He moved to third in the eighth when Giants starter Trevor Wilson (2-2) overthrew second base on a sacrifice bunt. Jefferies' grounder was hit too slowly for a play

Norm Charlton (1-2) pitched the eighth to record his first major-league win since 1993.

Braves 9, Cardinals 5 At St. Louis, Tom Glavine (3-1)





Veteran lawmaker struggling to regain health after stroke; declines re-election questions

By JENNY STRASBURG Sa" Angelo Standard-Times

AUSTIN - For the first time in his 63 years, Sen. Bill Sims has had to

Save the initial terror of the first days after his stroke on Jan. 28, the constant lessons in slowness have

been toughest of all, Sims says.
"The hardest thing ..." he says,
hesitating, "is just every minute.
Patience is the most important

thing."
Still, the people around him senators, aides, family and friends say his determination overwhelms any outward signs of struggle.

Sitting along the perimeter of the Senate floor, an area designated for senators' aides, reporters and other visitors with badges, Sims answers questions in soft, short replies, ending each with a tentative grin that

disappears as quickly as it came.

He knows people want to hear whether he'll run for another term next year, but he's adamant that he can't look that far ahead yet.

"I have no real thoughts much about that," he says. "I think it's best not to have, yet.

"I've just been wanting to know, 'How can I get better?' 'What can I do?' ... There's no way of predicting."

He says the struggle has been bearable because every day "it seems like something gets a little bit stronger."
"You don't even realize you're

improving, then you realize you're walking better, talking better. "But of course," he quips, "my talking was never all that effective."

Monday, April 25, was the first day of Sims' third week back among the lawmakers of Austin, where he has long been considered the conservative extreme among

Democrats in the Texas Senate. That day, he was 72 days removed from the stroke he suffered while trimming tree limbs atop the roof of

his San Angelo home. He says he remembers most of that morning: the numbness claiming his right side, the mental haze as he hollered to his wife in the yard below. "Something is happening," he

Sue Sims was confused.

"I just didn't know what was happening," she says. "I didn't know if it was a heart attack or stroke or what. I didn't know."

Sims remembers being relieved that his wife had gone inside to call 911, and then he slumped backward into the slant of the roof - by some grace, in the only direction safe for him to go.

He doesn't remember much of the

day beyond that. At some point he dropped the hand-held saw he'd been using, and he continued talking with his wife - but in one-word replies that told her he was slipping quickly.

She says she saw him lift his left

hand toward his right hand, trying to prompt the right hand back to life. It wouldn't respond.

Not five minutes later, rescue workers took over the yard, and in another few minutes they were lowering the senator back to earth.

Mrs. Sims got in her car and followed the ambulance to Shannon

Medical Center, where she soon would be sought by press, relatives and a constant flow of West Texans wanting news of their senator.

Mrs. Sims says her husband had planned to be on the highway that

morning, bound for the Paint Rock ranch where their son, Billy, and his family live. (Their daughter, Sue Ann Sims Setzler, and her family live in Brownwood.)

But he'd traveled for hours the day

before, to and from a Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association meeting (he has been executive secretary for 30 years), so he stuck around. Sims says he doesn't think much

about where else he could have been when the stroke hit: "No. 1," he says, "there ain't a good place to have one.

"Second, I recognized something was happening, so I sat down. I saw no use in fighting it. I could see I was losing that one."

That Saturday was Bill and Sue Sims' 40th wedding anniversary.

Many senators keep apartments in austin, and for four years, Sen. Bill atliff and his wife, Sally, kept a home way from home next to Sen. and Mrs.

Both couples lived just off Congress came south of the Capitol, in partments devoid of flourish save the uict view of Town Lake. The Sims

till keep the same apartment.
The Democrat from Paint Rock and is wife and the Republican from Mount Pleasant and his wife are about as tight as legislative couples get. Ratliff hails from Sonora, so the initial bond was natural; common political and personal ideologies brought them closer.

Mrs. Ratliff was among the first of the senatorial clan to visit Sims after his transfer Feb. 13 to Scott and White Memorial Hospital in Temple. In Temple, he was just an hour from his staff in Austin.

When she returned to Austin, she tried to be upbeat, Ratliff recalls, but she'd couldn't hide her concern for

"He wasn't moving his right side and was still medicated," so his mental alertness was hard to gauge, but he

didn't look good. "I really didn't think he'd be back

this session," Ratliff says. But the worst possibility seemed ssed, at least - the possibility of losing him forever.

Two weeks later the Ratliffs went

to Temple together, and what they saw instilled hope. Sims sounded much more like the man they knew. Ratliff says the toughest day was the Monday right after the stroke - Jan.

30. As chairman of the Senate Education Committee, he was embroiled in debate over the state education code.

"On that Monday, we were on the floor 12 hours trying to pass the education bill," he says. "There wasn't much kidding going on. We were all worried about him."

Every senator and representative in Texas had heard about Sims' attack

but his prognosis remained a mystery.
"At that point," says Ratliff, "we didn't know if he was going to live, let alone be back with us. On April 10, 10 weeks and two days

after the stroke, Sims returned to his familiar seat.

When Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock called role, Sims answered "here" for the

first time since January. Mrs. Sims and Sims' aides say the applause from the Senate floor and the gallery above lasted and lasted. 1982. And on an uncommon day, there

were uncommon tears. Says Ratliff, "I don't shed many, but I sure moistened up."

Maybe it's the West Texas rancher staff and colleagues say.

Some senators mill ceaselessly about the Senate floor, but Sims has tended toward home base, reclining in his high-back, black-leather chair in the second row, one desk removed from the center aisle - and surrounded mostly by Republicans.

But traditional allies aren't far away: Ken Armbrister, D-Victoria, on his left. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, on his right. John Montford, D-Lubbock; David Sibley, R-Waco; and Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio,

all within spitting distance.

Schauer, incidentally, happened to have a biology degree and had spent four years working with brain-trauma patients (including people who'd had strokes) at a Denver hospital before joining Sims' office. Schauer was two weeks new when the stroke happened; now he's a sort of resident occupational therapist for Sims.

More than a few news photographers have captured Sims in his trademark recline in the Senate, kicked back as far as his chair will go.

Cowboy boots planted atop the mahogany desk, brow creased, hand rested on chin.

Now more than ever, Sims' chair is nearly always occupied, because standing up no longer is a spontaneous action.

"Very few people stay in place. I can wander around very little now," he says. "It's hard."

Senators who approach him during session commonly kneel on the carpet in front of him, ensuring a common eye level without asking him to stand.

He offers his left hand for handshakes, or both, seemingly not comfortable extending his right hand, the weaker one, by itself.

On this fairly usual normal Monday in the Senate, the general session lasts from 9 a.m. until just

Sims arrives in the morning by heelchair to the chamber wings, shed by an aide. He then walks autiously - balance is not a given - his desk with a cane and an aide at

He rises only a few times during the five-hour session, each time with considerable effort: once for the ng invocation, twice for om breaks, and again to leave

at day's end.

Each time, he's taken directly to the waiting black wheelchair.

Mrs. Sims says the senator typically has used the wheelchair only for trips from the Capitol to the car.

She is gently but steadfastly protective of him regarding the physical effects of his stroke. She repeats several times that his speech suffered little or no damage,

thankfully.
Mrs. Sims says her husband still is feeling the effects of a kidney infection that sent him to bed just two days earlier, for two solid days. He ran a 102-degree temperature and missed his first day in the Senate

since returning to Austin.

Sims himself doesn't offer specifics of his newest illness even to his closest friends, they say, and he doesn't dwell on the stroke.

'One of the problems with Bill is that he shrugs off everything," Ratliff says. No matter how badly he feels, Ratliff says, Sims will say he's

Ratliff says knowing that much about Sims helps explain - but doesn't excuse - why he went 30-plus years without a single physical examination.

His staff and colleagues, Mrs. Sims and the senator himself all testify that he no more cared to know his blood pressure than he cared to move to New York City.

He never got sick, says Mrs. Sims, so he wasn't interested.

He never even had a family physician.
"I should have, but I didn't," Sims says. "I just never did.

"I should have," he repeats, "but

Meanwhile, the newest infection has weakened him but is under control, and Mrs. Sims says there are "It was very emotional," Mrs. pills and more pills for the high blood Sims says. "I was not prepared at pressure.

> "I don't think there's any senator on this floor who's loved more than Bill Sims," says Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, who was state comptroller when Sims won his first election in

> "If there's a senator who represents his district better, I don't know who it is," he adds during a short break from his podium, his lace as Mr. President before the

in him: Sims always has been of the Bullock got more than a few calls some from reporters and voters who wondered how the senator could be representing the 24th District from

Lieutenant governor, he says he was asked, how is the senator really

mostly by Republicans.

He isn't picky about where he sits, says Tim Schauer, one of Sims' four legislative assistants.

But traditional allies aren't far doing?

Mrs. Sims says the family released what information they felt appropriate. That was the family's prerogative, says Bullock, relating a sentiment once shared with him:

"There's some things about a public official everybody should know about," he says. "There's some things only his family should know about.

"And there's some things that ain't nobody's damn business.'

Sims' staff says they did every-thing short of vote for him while he was gone. Other senators stepped in to co-sponsor bills and speak on his

"I'm glad to have him back," Montford offers. "I feel a lot better with him here. ... Bill's a solid member. He never waffles or No one dared tread on Sims'

territory any more than they would have with him right there in the room, says Bullock.

In fact, he says, "I teased him that he did better when he was gone."

Sue Sims was both surprised and flattered to hear speculation that she might run for office next year in lieu of her husband.

"I can tell you I will not run," she says. "You can put that to rest. I enjoy sharing and doing what I can for Bill, but I don't want to do it on my own.

"The right person is the senator."
Sims says his rehab progress will dictate the future. He plans to reclaim his place as chairman of the Senate Natural Resources Committee in the next couple of weeks, when he regains the stamina to work longer days.

Pre-stroke, a normal day for him during session was 15 hours, with five hours of sleep at night. Now it's six to seven hours of work and 12 hours of sleep.

"Sleep comes pretty easily," Sims says. "You get tired. You really do. That's the main thing." William McKinnie Sims and Dorothy

Sue Lowe Sims say they'll return to San Angelo at the end of May, continue with rehab here and face looming decisions as the January sensorial filing

"We really thank our lucky stars that we have another chance," says Mrs. Sims. "That's really it,"

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Glassmaker trying to reproduce historic White House windows

House looks out on the world through yellow-tinted glass and the people who maintain it want to keep it that way. But it's not an easy job rolling out glass the way it was done when the Executive Mansion was built more than 200 years ago.

By NANCY NUSSBAUM **Associated Press Writer** MILTON, W.Va. (AP) - David Osburn has spent most of three years making sure the president of the United States has a clearer view of the outside world.

Osburn, 40, a glassblower for Blenko Glass Co. Inc., is developing perfectly imperfect handblown windowpanes for the White House.

"Someday, my daughter or grandson can go up and say, 'My dad's the one who made those windows," he said.

Replacing a window pane at the White House is not as simple as going to the nearest hardware store.

'The house is now over 200 years old and we're trying to continue with the history of the house," said Chief Usher Gary Walters, who oversees the executive residence and acts much like the general manager of a hotel.

"A few weeks ago, we lost nine panes of glass when a tree blew over.'

A shooting incident last October also broke several windows. Francisco Martin Duran of Colorado

EDITOR'S NOTE - The White Springs, Colo., was convicted of trying to kill President Clinton by firing more than two dozen bullets at the White House.

The windows must be historically correct, Walters says.

Few glassmakers still use the antique, or handblown method to produce windows like those at the White House.

Antique glass has lines, tool marks, waves and bubbles. Modern windows are produced by squeezing the hot glass through mechanical

But at Blenko Glass, the process is anything but modern. About 30 percent of Blenko's business is handblown panes. The rest is specialty glassware, such as vases, ashtrays and lamps.

There is no assembly line. Workers generally are divided into teams called shops, with each person having a specific job, including blowing and finish work. The heat is intense and the smell of burning cherry-wood molds fills the air.

The process used to make antique window panes dates back to medieval Europe and is one that Blenko founder William John Blenko patented for \$20 in 1893 after coming. to the United States from Europe.

Globs of glass are blown into a cylinder and both ends are cut off. The tube is then scored down the

middle and the glass is reheated and flattened.

The White House's windows date to the early 1800s. The last time any quantity of handblown panes were purchased was during the Truman administration, when the building underwent extensive structural repairs, Walters said.

"The quantity that was produced during that time held us until about the '80s," he said. "We had some panes of glass that were chipped or cracked and we didn't want to replace it until we had some reproduction

When federal officials began searching for replacement glass in the 1970s, few companies made blown window panes, and most of them were in Europe.

"Our intent when we started out was to replicate the glass as best we could and our intent is to do it with an American company," Walters

For now, the government has purchased a limited supply from a New York importer.

A consultant hired by the White House tipped off Walters to Blenko several years ago. Since then, Blenko has developed prototypes for White House review.

The White House's window panes are 19 by 28 inches, about 20 percent larger than Blenko's standard pane, which sells for about \$6 a square foot. Each White House window has up to

The White House wants to purchase 2,000 panes, an estimated 20-year supply.

"They're real particular," Osburn said. "They want the quality of plate glass, but they want it handcrafted."

The White House panes have a yellow tint, likely from years of age, said Blenko Vice President Richard Blenko, great-grandson of the founder.

Workers had trouble replicating the color, which is determined by the components in the sand used, and found they could not produce the same yellow

tint consistently.

They've accepted the fact that it ought to be a non-yellow tint," Blenko said. "It would be difficult for anyone to make on a consistent basis."

The White House glass needed does not have to be bulletproof or resistant to electronic surveillance.

"Things are not nearly as sophisticated as you think they are," Blenko said. "This glass, you could throw a rock at it and break it."

Blenko, which employs about 130 workers, is used to working on major projects.

It produces the Country Music Award each year and has produced glass globes for lights at the U.S.

Capitol.

Its colored glass, used by stainedglass artists worldwide, is showcased at the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, St. Patrick's Cathedral and Grant's Tomb in New York City, Washington Cathedral and the Riyadh Airport in

Saudi Arabia, among other places.
It has counted Eleanor Roosevelt and Mamie Eisenhower among its users and markets its pieces through Nordstrom's, Bloomingdale's and Sharper Image.

"It's beautiful glass. The forms are very simple and the colors are very vivid," said David Maloney of

Frederick, Md., author of Maloney's Antiques & Collectibles Resource

Directory. In summer months, up to 1,000 people a day visit the factory's gift

shop, Blenko said. Blenko said his family business is "an overnight success of 100 years."

Blenko Glass is preparing another round of prototypes to deliver to the White House. Walters said he is pleased with the progress.

"Each prototype we've helped fund has been more successful," he said. "As long as they continue on that route, we hope to have Blenko glass on the windows in the White

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April 19 will live in memory of Oklahoma City officer

EDITOR'S NOTE - Johnny Kuhlman, a lieutenant in the Oklahoma City Police Department Homicide Division, is a 15-year law enforcement veteran. Prior to spending the last 12 years with the Oklahoma City PD, he was a patrolman with the Houston Police Department. He is a native of Mustang, Okla., and the brother-inlaw of Midland Reporter-Telegram writer Jimmy Patterson.

By JIMMY PATTERSON Midland Reporter-Telegram

At 9:02 the morning of April 19, Johnny Kuhlman sat at his desk doing paperwork, the nuisance of all police officers. He had no idea that just 20 seconds from that very moment, his life would change forever.

Kuhlman was one of the fortunate ones, simply because he lived through through the deadly Oklahoma City bomb blast two weeks ago. From his office in the Oklahoma City Police headquarters, four blocks from the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, Kuhlman recalled the moment the terrorist bomb detonated.

"I was sitting in my office," Kuhlman said, "and the world

Kuhlman grabbed his police radio and joined several others in an instant state of confusion over what had

"My first thought," he said, "was that it was an earthquake; I knew ya'll had had one down there a couple of weeks ago. But I thought, well, there's no boom with an earthquake. Then, my thought was that a plane had crashed downtown. Then I saw question in my mind a bomb had gone off." the mushroom cloud and there was no

Kuhlman will never forget the powerful smell of gun powder that accompanied the eerie sight of Oklahoma City suffocating on thick, black smoke.

Kuhlman and others from the Oklahoma City Police Department raced to the site of the blast, arriving just minutes after the trash cans full of fertilizer and TNT had combined to create a hell in the heartland.

"When we got there, most of the detectives had just started helping people who had been walking by," Kuhlman said. "We were trying to get ambulances and triage centers set up, and we were trying to get some

calmed a bit, when decisions could be more easily thought out, Kuhlman received his longterm assignment: He and two other dectectives would be put in charge of the makeshift morgue located across from the federal building. The smell and sight of death would become a regular fixture day in and day out for Kuhlman, his peers and the 26 police officers who had volunteered for morgue duty.

Johnny Kuhlman is a private family man with a wife and two small sons. His family is his love; law enforcement and hunting his passions. The last few months have not been easy on him or his family. He lost his father to Lou Gehrig's disease earlier this year. A week before the bomb blast he was sitting at a hospital bedside in Tulsa where his 36-year-old brother was recovering from successful open heart surgery.

Kuhlman uses few words to convey his meanings. As one of three police department supervisors at the morgue he had turned down numerous interview requests by local and national media organizations. "I don't want to be a part of that circus," he said.

He has worked untold homicide investigations and has been forced to repeatedly desensitize himself over the years. As he views the death caused by the explosion, separating himself from the emotions has admittedly been one of the more difficult tasks with which he has been confronted.

"We have to depersonalize things," he said. "We have to understand we have a job to do. Obviously it's not a glamorous job. We have an important function that needs to be done correctly and we have to look at it from a professional point of view instead of an emotional point of view.

"There have been times (since the bomb blast) that emotions have run high, but that's when you have to control your emotions and you have to keep thinking about how you have to do your job correctly.

Separating personal from professional feelings is perhaps at its most difficult for Kuhlman when he has been forced to turn away priests and other clerics who come to administer last rites or pray over the bodies of the victims.

"Part of the difficulty," Kuhlman id, "is making the chaplins, the get some of the bleeding stopped."

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caused by the catastrophic blast had are homicide victims. This is not a natural disaster, this is not a plane crash, these are homicide victims. If we ever expect to fulfill our job requirements, nothing can be done or added to the bodies that would hinder the investigation.

"It's very hard for the chaplains to understand because they want to fulfill their chosen profession - whether they are Catholic or Protestant - by blessing the dead. This is no different than if I were to be called away on a homicide tonight and the relatives want to come in to where the body is. The basis is the same whether it be 200 victims or one."

One of Kuhlman's main concerns is how this tragedy has affected the families of rescue workers, police officers, firemen, and other law enforcement professionals who are working around the clock. He voiced those concerns to Attorney General Janet Reno, in Oklahoma City for the memorial service conducted at the state fairgrounds. It was prior to the service when Reno and President Clinton spent a few moments with Kuhlman and other

"My biggest concern is that someone recognize the families of all the workers involved," Kuhlman said. "Everybody feels we're just down here doing our jobs, but my biggest concern is for my family. I'm not eloquent with words, but that's my biggest worry. It's tough on Pam (Kuhlman's wife) when I come home at night and all I want to do is take a shower and eat. Pam has been responsible for raising the family and running the house while I haven't been

"The husbands and wives of the family members deserve a tremendous amount of credit. They're suffering as much as anyone. They would like to be down here helping as well and they feel helpless in a situation, but they have the sole responsibility of taking care of the house and children. There are hundreds of rescue workers in similar situations and no one thinks about

As a result of the concerns voiced to Reno, the attorney general phoned the Kuhlman house to speak with Ms. Kuhlman. Three times the attorney general left messages on the family's answering machine before finally reaching Ms. Kuhlman Saturday. The two had a brief conversation, with Reno expressing her concern for the situations the families of the workers

workers have purposely not exposed themselves to the media barrage that has accompanied the explosion. For

on television," he said. "When I Clinton told him the job he and others watch it on TV it makes it too personal. When I watch the victims' families, and I see all the children that have been lost and I see their parents ... I don't want to see that.'

Kuhlman said watching it on television as millions of Americans have is not an accurate measurement f the destruction.

Seeing it on TV somehow makes it smaller than when you're standing at the base of the building looking up and seeing the damage yourself."

Kuhlman declined to comment on any individual deaths that have occurred and subsequently received national media attention, such as 1-year-old Baylee Almon, the little girl shown being carried by a fireman, or the heart-wrenching story of Edye Smith, whose two small boys were buried together in the same casket after dying in the day care center. "I don't want to bring any individualism or to make one person more important than another," he said.

While hesitating to speak specifically about the FBI's prime suspect, Timothy McVeigh, or any others who might be responsible, Kuhlman did say, "In the overall picture ... there is just no justice here. There can't be with all the lives that have been affected. In our current system, there is no justice for the man or men responsible for this. There's nothing that we have that would be strong enough for them."

Kuhlman said his older son, Curtis, 4, has asked about the explosion, but he said he is no sure how to discuss the situation with someone so young.

'When McVeigh's picture comes on TV, he will say, 'Mommy and daddy, there's the bad man that hurt all those people."

Kuhlman won't speculate on just what the long-term effects will be on imself and others who survived and have worked to clear the bomb site.

"I think it's too early to tell," he said. "But I'll tell you what ... when I got off work that Wednesday night and came home, the hugs were a little more intense than usual. If nothing else, something like this makes a

Of his coworkers who have given countless hours to help rescue the dead and injured and clear the site, peace of mind, many of them can't, especially after being so close to the situation all day, every day.

"I can't come home and watch this shaking Kuhlman's hand that Sunday, were doing was "excellent something we can all be proud of."

That feeling is likely to continue for years to come. If anything at all was to be gained from an event as devestating and tragic as the bombing, it was that it gave Oklahomans a sense of togetherness, something that may have also been felt to a lesser degree on a national

"It feels good to be an Oklahoman right now," Kuhlman said. "It makes a guy feel proud. I'll be proud for years to come.

That pride, Kuhlman said, also

encompasses his feelings for the 26 officers who work with him in the morgue. All 26 - 12 from the department's homicide division, 10 from robbery - volunteered to work in the morgue. None of those workers he is supervising was forced to work in the temporary facility "because of the situation.'

Even after three years on the streets of Houston, a city ranked as one of the most violent in the nation when Kuhlman worked the Montrose section in the early '80s, and after 12 years in Oklahoma City, it comes as no surprise that nothing compares - nothing even comes close to -- the April 19

'I never dreamed I would see anything like this in my entire life," Kuhlman said, "and I pray to God I never will again."

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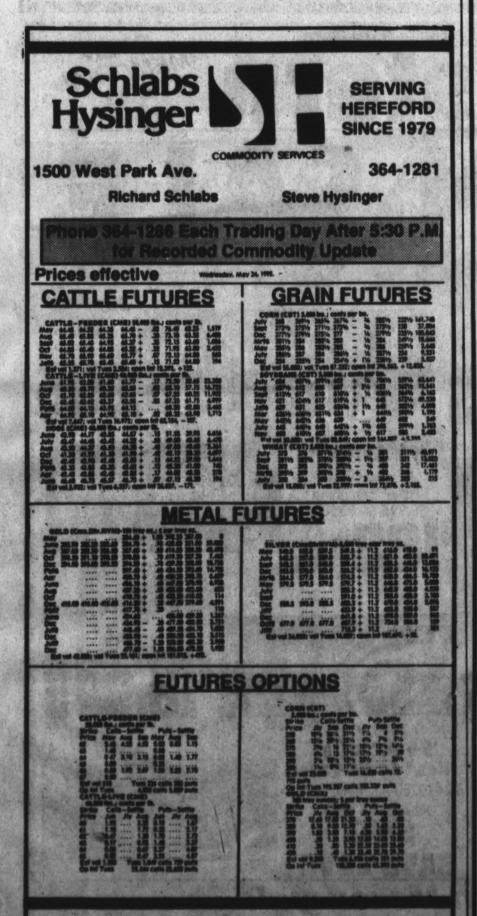
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Trading stamps making return appearance; Florida truck drivers are primary collectors

By JAMES MARTINEZ
Associated Press Writer
POLK CITY, Fla. (AP) - At the Dixie Boy Truck Stop, a scruffy namesake in blue denims and cowboy boots snuffs out his cigarette and takes a last gulp of coffee. He fuels up his 18-wheeler and pays the clerk on his way back out to that endless black ribbon.

"Don't forget your stamps," the

"I don't collect them myself, I give them to my mom," explains Jim Murphy, an Edgewater, Fla.-based long hauler. "She's the one who collects them."

"Don't let them fool you. These truck drivers will fight you for them," Clerk Robin Barnes says.

The 99-year-old Sperry & Hutchinson Co. is relying on truckers in the big rigs to dutifully collect stamps and redeem them for cash and merchandise.

Drivers of 18-wheelers constitute about 15 percent of the company's business. And of the approximately 2,000 businesses across the country that give stamps, about 300 of them

are truck stops.

Florida had been one of S&H's top states until the large Publix supermarket chain dropped the stamps in 1986 in favor of coupons and other less expensive promotions. The stamps couldn't be found again in the state until they resurfaced earlier this year at five truck stops.

"Truckers are a natural fit because openers, folding tables and cribs.

That bears little resemblance to the they buy a lot of fuel," said Dixie Boy manager Rex Sharp. "Most of them big rigs on the road take 175 or

200 gallons with every fill up." The basic rate for truckers is two stamps for every gallon of diesel, and most truck stops offer double stamps for big fill ups. Buy 100 gallons of diesel, get 400 stamps. Buy more than 175 gallons, you get triple stamps, giving you more than 1,000.

It takes 1,200 stamps to fill a book and 30 to 40 books to buy a small television set or CB radio. Or they can trade the stamps for money or use them toward purchases at the truck

"This is a way to give them something back," Sharp said. "This is like a kickback for them because

the company's paying for the fuel."

Sharp said the stamp promotion has increased the price of his diesel about a half cent a gallon, but has also boosted repeat customers and his fuel flow by several thousand gallons a

"It's like frequent flier miles," said Luke Dinsdale, a national S&H sales manager. "Truckers can get seven or eight books a trip. They can save them up and at the end of the year buy a nice gift."

S&H has long been entrenched as a part of Americana. Generations of housewives and grandmothers saved stamp books in shoeboxes and perused the catalog for electric can

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—Baltasar Gracian

scene at the Dixie Boy Truckstop off busy Interstate 4. The smell of diesel

fills the air along with the piercing squeal of brakes.

Inside, long haulers eat eggs and grits at a diner. On the magazine rack next to Playboy, Penthouse and Hustler, are free copies of a special S&H catalog with the picture of a big rig on the cover.

"Truckers! Time To Hit The Road With S&H," it reads.

It's a normal S&H catalog with additional items geared to truckers: long-haul cowboy boots (36 books), a quartz pocket watch with etched truck design (49 books), woodbeaded seat cushion (7 books), and a 40-channel CB radio (29 books). Some truck stops even have small

displays of items and customer service counters to help process

"I figure I've got to stop here and get fuel anyway, I might as well try to get some personal compensation out of it," said Tampa-based trucker Jerome Griffin. "I just get them and throw them in the glove box. Sooner or later, me and my grandson will get to it. I'll let him do the licking and I'll do the pasting."

Nurturing a steady trucker business is important for the New York-based S&H company that is but a shadow of its former self.

It peaked in 1969 with \$369 million in sales and more than 100,000 stores and businesses that gave stamps. By 1987, the company was down to 7,500 participating stores with sales of about \$200 million.

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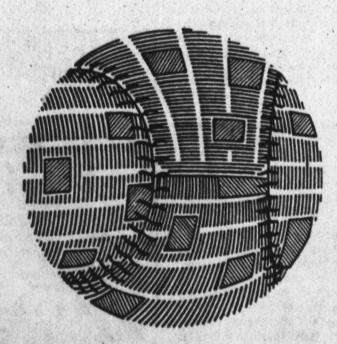
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Lack of money interferes with romance of elephant

By JAMES PINKERTON **Houston Chronicle**

BROWNSVILLE, Texas - Macho, the largest African elephant in North America, is a lonely pachyderm these days, but it's not for a lack of interested females.

Officials from several zoos around the country have expressed a desire to bring their female elephants to South Texas to breed with this massive animal that stands 10[feet from ground to shoulder.

The problem is simply a lack of money.

Macho lives at the Gladys Porter Zoo, internationally known for its breeding of endangered animals and now struggling to pay its own way after losing major support from charitable foundations that built it 25 years ago. And, like other border institutions, the zoo is suffering from the slide of the Mexican peso.

Zoo officials estimate it would cost roughly \$500,000 to build additional pens, and another \$75,000 to hire handlers to allow Macho to entertain out-of-town guests.

It is money that, if available, would likely be used on more pressing and more mundane needs. like repairs to an aging sewer system, or a badly needed coat of paint on exhibit walls, or more restrooms.

Or a new plate glass window to replace a cracked one that now separates the public from rare - and ferocious - Siberian tigers.

The zoo, which opened in 1971 on a picturesque 26-acre site in the heart of Brownsville, is at a true crossroads in its existence. It is internationally known for a long string of remarkable successes in breeding endangered animals, but it is facing increasingly hard times in the 1990s.

"I tell you what, the peso, it's incredible but it can affect us that quickly," said Karen Hunke, president of the Valley Zoological Society, which oversees zoo operations.

"We have really seen a drop in our gate receipts. Our members-only parties, and the Zoobilee (spring fund-raiser) - all of that has dropped," she said. "And it's scary because we depend on our gate receipts to live."

The lion's share of the zoo's nearly \$2.6 million budget comes from admission prices paid by 350,000 yearly visitors. But so far this year, zoo officials have seen a 20 percent to 30 percent drop in attendance, and sales of zoo memberships are down.

Mexican tourists, who in years past swelled attendance at the zoo to 4,800 a day during the Easter holiday, were scarce this year, down to 3,000 daily visitors.

But worse than that, we're seeing a secondary effect on our local economy and businesses. The people that we depend upon to sponsor our various programs and make donations to the zoo, have either had to scale back their giving or not give at all this year," explained Don D. Farst, the zoo's longtime director.

"We, as all non-profits, tend to be the easiest thing to cut out of your

This year, the zoo's annual special event - an exhibit on poisonous snakes called the "Envenomators" drew only nine of the usual 15 sponsors. In dollars, it amounts to \$23,000 less than last year, Farst said.

The cost of food - mostly hay, lettuce and fish - also is soaring as zoo employees strive to satisfy the incredibly diverse and eclectic appetites of 1,600 animals. Feeding the zoo's flock of 71 flamingos alone requires about \$12,000 worth of shrimp and fish each year.

"You cut corners, but we never scrimp on an animal's diet, " said Gerry Stones, the zoo's general curator. "I shop around. Instead of buying from a fruit wholesaler, I'll buy watermelons off the truck.

Rather than sacrificing the health of the animals, Farst said the zoo has slowly reduced the number of animals in its collection from a high of 1,800 to the current 1,550. The animals were transferred to other zoos.

The down-sizing is not noticeable to the public, zoo officials say, because so far they have not eliminated whole species but rather individual animals from some

100 pounds of shrimp.

the U.S. government allowed Mexicans

to obtain permits to work on the vessels.

Many workers, though, lack the money

and proper documentation to acquire

But they say the law is the law and they

Agents do not deny the dilemma.

The first European to sail on the Colorado River was

Hernando de Alarcón in 1540.

"We've just had to cut down ... so there are not so many mouths to feed," Hunke said.

And more tough choices will have to be made, Farst said.

... It becomes almost a conflict between continuing programs that you feel should be done for wildlife conservation, and trying to make ends meet, to make sure you have enough to meet the payroll and pay the monthly bills," he said.

The birth of the multimillion-dollar zoo in this impoverished city was the dream of some of the first "Winter Texans" to visit the Valley.

Earl C. Sams, the New York business partner of retail giant James Cash Penney, visited Brownsville before World War II and eventually moved

Both of his daughters married local men, and one of them, Gladys C. Porter, decided to build a first-class zoo. She died in 1980, nine years after the zoo

Today the zoo is an oasis in this South Texas border town. Nestled on the banks of one of Brownsville's many resacas - old meanders of the Rio Grande - it looks more like a lush semi-tropical garden than a traditional

The grounds are landscaped with native ebony, mesquite, acacia and huisache trees, along with a number of exotic plant species, that frame the enclosures where animals are exhibited.

The zoo's financial problems can be traced back to 1991. Then heirs to the Porter sisters' foundations decided to end annual support of zoo operations in favor of donating \$3 million to establish a zoo endowment fund, Private citizens from all over the Rio Grande Valley, along with dozens of businesses, donated a matching \$3 million to begin

the fund. But low interest rates have limited income from the fund to \$375,000 a year, an amount that provides only about 14 percent of the zoo's annual operating budget of \$2.6 million. The city of Brownsville, which owns the

zoo, provides another \$210,000 yearly. The current financial problem is especially painful for a zoo staff that has accomplished successful breeding programs for a host of the world's most endangered animals, a track record comparable to some of the nation's biggest zoos.

"Our little, bitty zoo is doing an incredible amount of things research-wise, and doing a lot of breeding programs with very endangered species," said Hunke.

The zoo has been given awards for successfully breeding such species as the tiny deer-like Zebra duiker and Jentkins duiker from Africa, the Madagascar ground boa, the radiated tortoise, the Bali myna bird, the Arabian Oryx, and most recently, the Philippine crocodile.

It also has one of the most complete collections of great apes, including a clan of western lowland Press

gorillas that have produced 14

offspring.
In addition, the zoo has been recognized by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for its efforts to protect endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtles at their nesting beaches on the

Mexican gulf coast. Zoo officials say they understand that Porter's heirs want to donate to other charitable projects, and they are optimistic the zoo could receive future funding from them. In fact, as recently as 1993, the heirs donated an

additional \$150,000 to the zoo. But the future of the zoo will depend, to a large degree, on the generosity of strangers.

We have got to just continue with innovative ideas on fund-raisers, and educating people to put bequests in their wills to remember us," said Hunke.

'And we have to get in touch with foundations that are willing to support a place like this, and it's going to be up to board members to go out and beat the bushes."

Despite the hard times, however, zoo officials remain upbeat.

"The zoo is going through a transitional period now," said Farst. "I think the community is realizing that it is the major man-made tourist asset that we have - second only to the beach and the lure of Mexico. It is a major offering we have to bring tourism in,"

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Border Patrolman seeks illegals at sea

By JULIE WATSON

The Monitor (McAllen) PORT ISABEL, Texas - Border Patrol agent Rosalio Estrada slips on a khaki life jacket with a sewn-on waterproof badge and climbs into a speedboat at South Point Marina.

While other agents search the grassy banks along the Rio Grande. Estrada ferrets out illegal immigrants grace. on the decks and in the galleys of shrimping vessels. He is one of four scafaring agents assigned to the channels, bays and open waters of the Gulf of Mexico off South Padre Island.

Estrada chases the homemade boats of Mexico's shark hunters, renegades who barrel across U.S. waters smuggling immigrants and drugs as a sideline to the shark business. He pulls stowaways from international freighters and fishes out Mexican families swirling on rafts from the mouth of the Rio Grande.

On a recent morning, Estrada and his crew chugged down the channel in a 22-foot motorboat, appropriately named the "Predator." The skiff hung a right and sputtered between a row of multicolored shrimping vessels docked on either side.

Agents scanned the towering crafts for anyone acting nervous or dashing for cover as they drifted by.

A burly man in a tank top dumping water over the side of a vessel glanced quickly at the gliding group of law enforcement officers. Others turned away. No one waved.

"Nobody likes us here," Estrada, 38, said. "I'm sure they're on the radio now telling everyone we're out

Agents say two out of three shrimping vessels harbor illegal immigrants, despite stiff fines of up to \$3,000 for each illegal worker.

"I think a lot of agents believe this is a picnic - that we're out here in cutoffs getting a nice suntan," said supervisory agent John Brinning, 48. He maneuvered the boat as it slammed against a wave. "But a lot of work is involved. Leaping from shrimp boat to shrimp boat all day is a workout. It's nothing easy."

Last year, agent Alicia Ramirez, 36, broke her foot while jumping from a vessel back onto the patrol's skiff. Agents undergo seven weeks of special training that covers everything from water safety to marine law enforcement before embarking on the water patrol. They travel as far as 12 miles into the Gulf, battling six- to eight-foot waves in a

motorboat fit for five.

On this day, Ramirez stood firm as Brinning shifted into high gear and zipped alongside a blue and white Brownsville vessel named "La Tanita" blazing out to the Gulf.

In two swift moves, Ramirez and Estrada grabbed an edge of the rig and hoisted aboard with precision and

Then they darted to the main quarters and ducked inside.

Moments later, they appeared back on deck with two men in their early 20s. Both admitted to the agents they were here illegally.

One immigrant, wearing a Texas T-shirt, accepted a life jacket and was escorted onto the patrol boat. The other was left on board with an agent to help the captain steer the craft back to shore. The two men were the

captain's only crew. 'When we started in '88, we could pull off enough men to fill a bus load," said Brinning, who started the water patrol, the first of its kind in Texas. "It was wide open out here. Shrimpers could employ as many illegal aliens as they wanted. The Coast Guard would board them when they could, but that was it.'

Shrimpers say their industry is no different from any other except that illegal workers have no way to flee

when caught out at sea.
"It's easy pickings (for the Border
Patrol)" said Deyaun Boudreaux, environmental director of the Texas Shrimper's Association. Her husband owns a vessel. "When they raid a farm, raid a factory or other places, there's a back door to run out of. I doubt anyone is going to jump off when they're out in 100 feet of water in the Gulf of Mexico."

Agents caught up with the owner of "La Tanita" at the Brownsville port and gave him a warning. The owner was not fined because the men had not started work yet, but his vessel missed a day's work, which would cost him about \$1,000. Other agents from the nearby Port Isabel station took the men to be deported.

"They bring us the papers, but we can't tell if it's them or not," said Arturo Chapa, manager of "La Tanita."

"We can't waste our time checking IDs. But if the papers are not real, the Border Patrol is on our backs. We don't enforce the law. It's not our job.

"I know we have to abide by the law," he added. "We try to, but a lot of people who can work won't do this kind of job, so we're stuck in the middle."

have a job to do. In this tight-knit Few U.S. residents, who can earn community, where the majority of more on welfare, are willing to endure people relies on the shrimping industry, the harsh conditions of living at sea that isn't always easy.
"The work we do here is not months at a time, spending day in and day out cutting off the heads of shrimp

opular," Estrada said. "I wouldn't for \$25 a box. A box contains about live here. I'm sure my property would get trashed. It wouldn't be real pleasant. Even if more people were willing, It's too small of a town.' few possess the ecessary skills, those in the industry ay. A few years ago,

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