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Big, wet day in town

More than 2,100 people turned out Saturday for the opening of the new Hereford Aquatic Center. Here, the view from the

top of the 135-foot water slide gives an indication of the response to the new facility. See additional photos, Pages 2 and 7.

New city ordinances will affect cat owners, repair businesses

By GEORGIA TYLER
Staff Writer

A new ordinance approved by the Hereford City Commission Monday night will regulate certain practices of vehicle repair and equipment dismantling businesses.

Another ordinance passed by the commission puts cats and other pets under the same regulations as dogs have been in the past.

Other items on the commission's agenda included:

-- Adoption of a rate change requested by Southwestern Public Service, although the rate will not apply to any Hereford businesses.

-- A report from Police Chief David Wagner on the first 10 months of activity related to the juvenile curfew.

-- Approval of a request for residential water service outside the city limits.

-- Authorization to the city manager and an engineering firm to complete specifications for a water booster station in northwest Hereford.

The new ordinance calling for screening walls or barriers for vehicle repair businesses will apply immediately to new businesses. A year's grace will be permitted for businesses already in existence.

City Attorney Terry Langchennig advised the commission that the year should give any existing business enough time to comply with the ordinance.

Non-compliance can result in a fine of up to \$500.

The ordinance mandates that walls or barriers must be at least six feet high and in good repair. A solid hedge may be used in place of a wall, but it must be at least six feet, also.

The ordinance will be published twice before becoming effective for

new business.

The pet ordinance previously applied to dogs but with the changes, it may be used for control of any pet, including cats.

A \$1 fee may be collected on every pet for a calendar year. A receipt and tag will be issued for the fee. Proof of vaccination will be required for issuance of the identification tag.

The ordinance also defines nuisance animals and gives the city authority to pick up unrestrained animals or those identified as constituting a nuisance.

Chief Wagner reported that officers have issued 156 violation citations to juveniles disregarding the

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Golf fees rise, tax rate stable

Commission opts to keep 42-cent tax rate

By GEORGIA TYLER
Staff Writer

Another go-round with budget figures Monday moved the Hereford City Commission to decisions to maintain a 42-cent tax rate and to raise fees for players at the John Pitman Municipal Golf Course.

During the budget workshop, City Manager Chester Nolen reported that property values are expected to rise by \$3 million, to \$230 million, for the budget year.

At 42 cents per \$100 of value and a 96 percent collection rate, ad valorem taxes are projected at \$927,000.

Looking at estimated revenue and expense for the golf course, commissioners agreed that expenditures will be held to the amount that will be spent at the course this year. Although the budget for expense this year was \$288,000, Nolen reported the costs will be closer to \$314,000.

Revenue from the course, before fee increases, is estimated at \$240,000, from all income sources at the golf course.

The new fees are expected to generate \$25,000 in additional revenue, Nolen said.

During discussion of golf revenues and expenditures, Commissioner Roger Eades observed that "taxpayers

are being asked to pay" for a facility that is used by "only 10 percent of the population."

Mayor Bob Josseland suggested, "try five percent or less."

Stressing that new fees will not become effective until the new fiscal year begins on Oct. 1, the commission approved the proposed schedule.

Green fees will increase from \$2 to \$3 for junior golfers; \$5 to \$6.50 for seniors, and \$7 to \$8.50 for others. Weekend fees will rise from \$11 to \$12.

A new category is inserted in the annual membership schedule, providing for a \$500 per year rate for a senior couple. The annual fee for a single senior will increase to \$300, from \$200. Seniors will have course privileges at any time the course is open. Previously, the senior fee did not permit weekend golfing.

Other annual rates okayed by the commission are \$150 for juniors (no change); \$700 for families, a \$50 increase; \$400 for a single golfer, a \$50 increase, and \$600 for a couple, also a \$50 increase.

Cart rentals will be increased by \$1, to \$15.50. Rentals will increase by \$5 on small lockers, to \$30; \$10, to \$45, on medium-sized lockers, and

(See TAX RATE, Page 2)

Farmers alerted to borer moths in corn crops

By SHELLY SCHILLING
Staff Writer

Area farmers are being alerted to be on the lookout for an increase in southwestern corn borer moths and eggs in their corn.

According to the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the pest has been on the increase due to the mild winter the area encountered last year.

"We have seen an increase in the southwestern corn borer," said Wayne Boren of American Dusting. "We have done quite a bit of spraying for the insect."

Southwestern corn borer eggs are oval and flat and are usually found in groups of two to three.

The eggs are creamy white when first laid. After 24 hours, three parallel red lines appear on each egg, which hatch in about five days.

The eggs usually appear on the upper surface of the leaf in the ear region of the plant.

The TAES recommends applying an insecticide when 20 to 25 percent of the plants are infested with eggs or newly hatched larvae.

Another pest seen in this year's corn crop is the European corn borer.

The European borer has moved into the area in the last two to three years from the north. The infestation can be seen mainly in the northern corn-growing areas of the Texas Panhandle.

Unlike the southwestern corn borer, the European corn borer has eggs in masses of 15 to 30, which are located on the underside of the leaf in the ear region of the plant.

Insecticide application is recommended for the European borer if an average of 10 to 20 hatched and unhatched egg masses can be found in 100 plants.

Boren said the population of spider mites that affect corn plants has decreased this year, but will probably rise again if the weather stays hot and dry.

Spider mites usually start their damage in the lower extremities of the corn plant and work their way up.

"The mites start firing up from the bottom and the leaves start dying off, the plant then dries up and dies," Boren said.

With the corn just now starting to tassle, extreme care of the plant should be taken.

High school students may claim schedules

Students who will attend Hereford High School this fall may begin picking up their schedules on Wednesday, school officials announced Tuesday.

In addition, new students to the school may stop by and register at the same time.

The school office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. daily Wednesday through Friday.

Pre-enrolled students may pick up their schedules at that time.

New students must bring their birth certificate, Social Security number and health records. In addition, it would be helpful to have a transcript and/or final report card at that time.

Students must pay fines and show up-to-date immunizations before they may pick up schedules.

Tornado sirens to be tested Wednesday

The Hereford Volunteer Fire Department and Hereford Police Department will test the city's tornado warning system on Wednesday, if the weather is permitting.

The test will be conducted at 9:30 a.m. in the absence of cloud cover over the city.

The test, which was postponed from an originally scheduled test last month, will include a test of the television interrupt system, which allows broadcast of warning information on local cable television stations.

If the weather interferes, the test will be rescheduled. It includes testing the warning and "take cover" alarms.

Thompson quits as inspector

Resignation of Steve Thompson as building inspector for the City of Hereford was announced Tuesday by City Manager Chester Nolen.

Thompson joined the city last April, filling a position that had been vacant for several months. He said family responsibilities prompted his resignation. He will move to the Arlington area.

Nolen said a replacement will be sought and employed as soon as possible. "We are very sorry to lose Steve," said Nolen. "He's been an asset and has worked well with contractors."

Whitewater hearings open in U.S. House Banking Committee

Regulators claim manipulation of Madison S&L investigation

By RICHARD KEIL
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Three federal regulators whose work prompted the probe into the failure of an Arkansas thrift with ties to President Clinton say their investigation was thwarted at nearly every turn.

The testimony of Resolution Trust Corp. investigators L. Jean Lewis, Richard Iorio and Lee Ausen follows the opening day of House Banking Committee hearings into the Whitewater affair in which Republicans pledged they would show that Clinton benefited from the demise of Madison Guaranty Savings & Loan.

Lewis, who has led two separate probes of Madison's failure, said in prepared testimony that her superiors,

including some Clinton administration appointees, tried to derail her work, and RTC officials tried to punish her for her aggressive pursuit of the case.

"This committee should know that I believe there was a concerted effort to obstruct, hamper and manipulate the results of our investigation," Lewis said.

Iorio added in his prepared statement: "People who do their jobs and work against these political forces can face the humiliation of reprisals motivated solely by a desire to shut them up."

Lewis said her initial investigation into Madison's failure revealed "an elaborate check-kiting scheme floating worthless checks among specific accounts" with ties to

prominent Arkansans, including current Gov. Jim Guy Tucker, and Whitewater, the real estate venture co-owned by the Clinton and his wife, Hillary, along with James McDougal, Madison's owner.

Her criminal referral was rejected in October 1993 by U.S. Attorney Paula Casey, a Clinton appointee, who concluded that there was "insufficient information to sustain many of the allegations."

But Lewis, who insisted that the initial referral "provided specific check numbers, dates, account names, account balances... and the names of individuals and entities," had already provided nine additional referrals to Casey, documents that listed both Whitewater and Clinton's 1984 gubernatorial campaign fund as

potential witnesses or beneficiaries of the scheme to defraud the thrift.

Lewis also said that as she conducted her second investigation in 1993, RTC attorneys took the highly unusual steps of monitoring the Madison investigation and attempting to "exert control over certain aspects of it."

Lewis said RTC attorneys also tried to keep her from discussing Madison-related issues with federal criminal investigators and the staff of Robert Fiske, then the independent counsel in the case.

Last summer, Lewis, Iorio and Ausen were placed on administrative leave while the RTC investigated allegations they had misused travel vouchers and time sheets.

To the Republicans on the panel,

Lewis and her colleagues are tireless federal workers who attempted to get to the truth of the Madison case, regardless of the big names involved.

But Democrats are certain to question their motives, concentrating on the conclusion by Bush administration officials in the fall of 1992 that the Madison probe showed little promise.

At that time, FBI officials in Little Rock, Ark., also asked for referrals on two other Arkansas thrifts, telling Washington officials that the other cases deserved more attention than Madison, which cost taxpayers more than \$60 million - both because the others were more costly and there was more money to recover.

By that point, McDougal had already been tried once - in 1990 - for

S&L crimes. He was acquitted.

In developments at Monday's House Banking Committee hearing:

- A federal regulator who reviewed Madison's records in 1986 - three years before it was closed - concluded that the institution was enriching insiders and was insolvent.

Today before the Senate Whitewater Committee, Susan Thomases, a New York attorney who is a friend of Hillary Rodham Clinton, was expected to testify about her conversations with the first lady and White House aides in the aftermath of White House Deputy Counsel Vincent Foster's suicide.

Senators want to know what role, if any, Ms. Thomases played in the decisions to restrict access to Foster's documents.

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Local Roundup

Showers possible Wednesday

Hereford recorded a high of 96 degrees Monday, after a morning low of 56, according to the weather station at KPAN. Showers Saturday night left about .20 to .50 of an inch of moisture, with heavier amounts reported west of town. The forecast for tonight is clear with a low in the upper 60s. Southwest wind 10-15 mph. Wednesday, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of afternoon thunderstorms. High in the lower 90s with variable wind 5-15 mph.

News Digest

State

PLANO - You may never have heard of Electronic Data Systems Corp., but chances are you're familiar with founder Ross Perot and his 1979 raid to rescue two company employees from an Iranian prison. With 80,000 employees and \$10 billion in 1994 revenue, the company that General Motors Corp. agreed to spin off Monday helped catapult Perot to fame and billionaire status.

AUSTIN - Of four white applicants who filed a reverse discrimination lawsuit challenging the University of Texas law school's 1992 admissions policy, just one is on the way to becoming a lawyer.

World/Nation

ZAGREB, Croatia - Yugoslavia denounces Croatia's victorious blitz against rebel Serbs as "shameless aggression," and there are ominous signs new fighting could erupt as Serb forces moved for a possible counterattack.

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina - Bosnia's excitement about recent Serb defeats is turning to suspicion - are the victorious Croats now going to join forces with their Serb enemies to carve up their smaller neighbor?

WASHINGTON - Three federal regulators whose work prompted the probe into the failure of an Arkansas thrift with ties to President Clinton say their investigation was thwarted at nearly every turn.

Police, Emergency Reports

Weekend emergency services reports contained the following information. Daily reports are gathered on a 24-hour basis from 7 a.m. to 7 a.m.

HEREFORD POLICE

Tuesday

A 21-year-old female was arrested for third offense no liability insurance.

Burglary of a vehicle was reported in the 400 block of West First, where an AM/FM stereo was taken.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of East Fifth, where window glass on a residence was broken; and in the 500 block of North 25 Mile Avenue, where window glass on a business was broken.

Domestic disturbance was reported in the 600 block of Irving.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 300 block of Avenue G.

Theft of a spare tire was reported in the 1800 block of East First; and theft of gas was reported in the 400 block of East First Street.

Suspicious activity was reported in the 300 block of Douglas.

A report was filed in the 200 block of Avenue F.

Harassment was reported in the 200 block of Sixth.

Officers issued 10 citations. There was one accident reported with no injuries.

Monday

A 20-year-old female was arrested at 13th and Avenue C on citations for no drivers license, expired motor vehicle inspection and no insurance.

A 24-year-old female was arrested in the 200 block of North Lee on a city warrant for failure to display drivers license. She was issued instantened citations for expired motor vehicle inspection and no insurance.

A 37-year-old male was arrested in the 100 block of Hereford Calle on a Castro County warrant for violation of probation.

A report was filed of a vehicle being shoe-polished in the 300 block of Hickory.

An intoxicated subject causing problems was reported in the 300 block of Miller.

Harassment by phone was reported in the 300 block of South Texas.

Theft was reported in the 300 block of South Texas.

Class C assault (domestic) was reported in the 200 block of East Park Avenue and in the 400 block of Avenue D.

Class A assault was reported in the 200 block of Lake Street.

Reckless damage was reported in the 500 block of George Street.

An unattended death was reported in the 300 block of Centre.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 100 block of Union. Officers issued 40 traffic citations.

There were two minor accidents reported with no injuries.

Sunday

A 29-year-old male was arrested at 15th and Blackfoot for second offense no liability insurance.

A 30-year-old male was arrested

in the 100 block of Pine Street for public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

An 18-year-old male was arrested at Park and Avenue C on city warrants for no drivers license and minor in possession.

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

A welfare concern was reported in the 200 block of Clements.

Harassment by phone was reported in the 400 block of North 25 Mile Avenue and in the 100 block of North 25 Mile Avenue.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 900 block of 16th Street.

Disorderly conduct was reported on West U.S. 60.

Domestic disturbance was reported in the 1400 block of East First Street.

Thefts were reported in the 900 block of East Park Avenue and in the 500 block of Avenue H.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of South Schley, in the 200 block of South 25 Mile Avenue, in the 400 block of Barrett Street and in the 200 block of Avenue J.

Police officers issued 30 traffic citations.

Two curfew violation citations were issued.

There was one accident reported with no injuries.

There was one accident reported with minor injuries.

DEAF SMITH SHERIFF

Weekend

A 19-year-old female was arrested for surrender of surety (criminal mischief).

A 35-year-old male was arrested for delivery of a controlled substance.

A 23-year-old male was arrested for DWI.

A 25-year-old male was arrested for violation of probation.

A 32-year-old female was arrested for surrender of surety (tampering with government records).

A 19-year-old female was arrested for theft by check.

Two cases of theft were reported. Burglary was reported.

Criminal mischief was reported. Fraudulent use of a credit card was reported.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Sunday

Volunteer firefighters were called out at 6:01 p.m. to a vehicle fire 16 miles north on FM 2943.

Firefighters were called out at 6:38 p.m. to a wreck rescue four miles north on Avenue K.

Saturday

Firefighters were called out at 6:41 p.m. to Shirley Intermediate School, 239 Avenue H, to a Dumpster fire.

Firefighters were called out at 8:44 p.m., firefighters were called out to the 500 block of West First to an SPS power pole on fire.

EMS

Weekend

Ambulances ran on six medical runs, eight trauma calls, one transfer to Amarillo, one dead on the scene and four no-transport.



Club changes presidents

Change of president for the Hereford Rotary Club is noted as Cindy Simons passes the gavel to Dennis Hicks. Simons, who took office earlier this summer, resigned because of the illness of her mother.

COMMISSION

curfew. Another 22 citations have been issued to parents who failed to appear with their children, or ignored requirements of the curfew ordinance.

One Hereford business was cited, and paid a fine, for violation by allowing juveniles in the store during curfew hours.

A total of 51 citations have been referred to juvenile authorities, Wagner continued. Referrals are based on failure to appear, failure to pay and repeat violations.

Wagner told the commission that concerns voiced originally by juvenile officials have been addressed.

"We recently met with county authorities and they agree that the curfew has worked," said the chief.

Statistics presented by Wagner seem to substantiate the success of the curfew.

The number of criminal mischief

offenses has declined significantly since curfew was enacted last Oct. 1. June and July numbers are much lower this year. In 1994, there were 82 criminal mischief incidents in June and 46 in July. This year, the number dropped to 31 in June and 25 in July.

"This has been the slowest summer since I've been on the police force," declared Wagner.

Lewis McDaniel, district manager for SPS, explained the rate change to the commission, noting that there are no businesses currently eligible for the experimental industrial interruptible service.

He described the approval as a "formality," observing that all cities in the SPS service area are being asked to adopt the change.

McDaniel said the interruptible service rate was a provision of the SPS reduction in rates recently.

David Stuart of Oller Engineering reviewed plans for the water booster

Whistleblower files new lawsuit seeking payment of judgment

By PEGGY FIKAC
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) - Government whistleblower George Green is back in court, still trying to get the state to pay him a multimillion-dollar judgment awarded in 1991.

Green is a former state architect fired in 1989 after reporting what he believed to be wrongdoing regarding construction contracts. He is owed \$13.6 million, plus about \$6.2 million in interest, after winning a lawsuit against the state under Texas' Whistleblower Act.

The law forbids state government agencies from firing employees for reporting wrongdoing.

But the Texas Legislature, most recently in its 1995 session, has refused to pay Green's judgment or the interest accruing at the rate of \$5,022 a day.

Green has rejected offers to settle the case for less than the full award, which has been upheld by the Texas Supreme Court.

On Monday, he filed a new lawsuit against the state, said consultant Bill Miller, who represents Green.

Ron Dusek, spokesman for state

Attorney General Dan Morales, said Morales' office hadn't seen the lawsuit and he couldn't comment on it.

In his new petition, Green asks the state district court to rule unconstitutional - in his case - a legislative budget provision prohibiting payment of judgments against the state unless the Legislature approves a specific appropriation.

Green said that provision shouldn't apply to his case because in the Texas Whistleblower Act, the Legislature "clearly and unambiguously waived immunity ... from liability for suits brought by public employees who report violations of the law and then become victims of retaliatory action by their governmental employers."

Green's lawsuit contends that the budget provision violates the constitutional separation of powers, his due process and equal protection rights and his right to open courts. He also says the provision unconstitutionally takes his property.

"... The state cannot now reserve to itself the privilege of ignoring or overriding the court's judgment without violating these constitutional principles," Green's petition says.

Green also is asking the court to find that it's lawful and proper for him to have filed land claims, which amount to liens, to prohibit the state from selling real estate without paying him.

He has laid claim to state property in several counties, including the site of the now-defunct superconducting super collider.

State officials have said the state is legally protected from such court judgments.

Still, Senate Finance Committee Chairman John Montford, D-Lubbock, continues to maintain that the state should pay Green.

"We had this law. It was on the books. We ought to stand behind it," he said.

station, estimated to cost \$350,000. After bids are let, he said construction would take about six months. He projected completion next March.

The commission authorized Nolen and Stuart to complete plans and advertise for construction bids.

A request from Donnie Fangman for water service to his home, on S. Kingwood outside the city limits, was approved with the rate set at one and one-half times the regular city rate. Earlier this summer, the city turned down a request from Fangman for water for landscaping and livestock. His new request was for residential service, which city policy permits.

TAX RATE

\$15, to \$60, on large lockers. Sales tax is collected on cart rental, locker rental and driving range.

At least two budget areas still remain to be hammered out by the commission.

Nolen said a new construction department is proposed with expenditures estimated at \$75,000 for the year.

And, improvements in city parks, with special emphasis on the development of the park at Hereford Aquatic Center, will get a close look at another work session, set for Aug. 15.

Total revenues for the year are estimated at approximately \$3.6

million for the general fund and \$2.2 million in water and sewer income.

Expenditures are estimated at \$4.2 million in general operations of the city and \$1.28 million in water and sewer departments.

Included in expenses are capital purchases of approximately \$250,000, although the commission tentatively agreed that a \$50,000 equipment request for the golf course may be reduced substantially.

A surplus of about \$170,000 may be realized at the end of the fiscal year. During a budget workshop in July, commissioners directed increases in city services.

Residential water minimum rates will rise by 50 cents, to \$5.50, and 10 cents, to \$1.20, for each 1,000 gallons above \$2,000 gallons.

Sewer minimum will remain at \$4 but the rate, based on each 1,000 gallons of water used, will rise from 50 cents to 60 cents.

An increase in garbage collection fees is pegged at 75 cents, from \$8.50 to \$9.25.

Obituaries

OLA SIMS

Aug. 6, 1995

Ola Sims, 76, died Sunday at her Hereford home.

Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Rose Chapel of Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home with the Rev. Jeremy Grant, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial will be in West Park Cemetery, by Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Sims was born in Rock Springs, Wyo., and lived in Austin before moving to Hereford in 1994. A graduate of the University of Wyoming, Mrs. Sims worked as an executive assistant in general

businesses. She married E.R. Sims in 1950 in Phoenix, Ariz. She was a Presbyterian.

Survivors are her husband; two daughters, Paige Arnold of Hereford and Nene Glenn of Houston, and three grandchildren.

CARL O. HAGAN

Aug. 5, 1995

Carl O. Hagan, 79, who lived in the Boodeg community of Deaf Smith County, died Saturday at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

Services were set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in Rose Chapel of Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home. Burial was in Littlefield Cemetery.

Mr. Hagan was born in Union, Miss., and came to Deaf Smith County in 1980. He was a farmer and a Methodist. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Survivors are two sisters, Maggie Thweatt of Friona and Mattie Lou Lewis of Carlsbad, N.M.; a brother, Robert Hagan of Lubbock; a niece and a nephew.

VIVIAN SEIGLER STROUD

Aug. 4, 1995

Vivian Seigler Stroud, 79, of Amarillo, formerly of Hereford, died Friday.

Graveside services were held Monday in Riverside Cemetery at Wichita Falls, by Hampton-Vaughan Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Stroud was born in Wichita Falls and was a graduate of Midwestern State University. She lived in Hereford 20 years and had been an Amarillo resident for 30 years. She was retired from Colorado Interstate Gas Company.

Survivors are her husband, Joe Stroud; a son, Steve Seigler of Willis; a daughter, Suzanne Vallejo of Everman, two stepdaughters, two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Hospital Notes

PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL

Dennis Cheek, Nieves F. Cordova, Dinorah Coronado, Infant girl Coronado, Melody Drake, Beatrice Garcia, Infant girl Garcia, Naomi Garcia, Jewell Hargrave, Sue McNeel, Christina Ramirez, Infant girl Ramirez and Mike Wilson.

NEWBORNS


Mr. and Mrs. David Fetsch are parents of a baby boy, Matthew James Fetsch, 8 lbs. 5 3/4 oz., born July 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Wiseman are parents of a baby girl, Lindy Beth Wiseman, 7 lbs 15 oz., born July 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger O. Guana are parents of a baby girl, Stephanie Brooke Guana, 7 lbs. 6 1/2 oz., born July 28.

Mr. and Mrs. David Gonzalez are parents of a baby girl, Elizabeth Gonzalez, 6 lbs. 1 oz., born Aug. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Jorge Bernal are parents of a baby boy, Jonathan Bernal, 7 lbs. 7 oz., born on Aug. 6.



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TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

Merrick opens delicatessen for animals

AMARILLO--Merrick Petfoods of Hereford opened an upscale pet food store inside Westgate Mall Saturday.

The new store, called Merrick Pet Delicatessen, features about 75 treats and snacks for pets. The treats come from rawhide, an edible part of animal hide, and bone and beef.

Garth Merrick, president of the corporation, said the new store signals the first venture into retail marketing. "When you visit our store for the first time, you'll be amazed at the number and variation of treats we offer," said Merrick.

Many of the treats were already being sold in 42 states, but the store introduces the treats for the first time in the local area. A new line of pet food, Merrick Premium Quality is also being introduced.

Merrick Premium Quality comes in 8-ounce packages and the fish, turkey, lamb, beef or liver is mixed with rice. Larger amounts also are available. Merrick said the products are 100 percent natural with nothing artificial added.

The company's familiar Beef'n More brand pet food, already sold throughout the Amarillo area, will not be at the new store, Merrick said. The store also sells frozen beef patties used to feed zoo animals. The company ships 100 million pounds of beef products to other pet food companies, Merrick said.

It also ships 25 million pounds of Beef'n More pet food; 25 million pounds of private label dog food; specialized food for race dogs and other products; and its rawhide treats.

Merrick Petfoods is part of Hereford Bi-Products, which employs about 400 people, mostly in Hereford. The operation ranks as the city's second largest employer after the Hereford public school system, according to an economic survey by Southwestern Public Service Co.

Lottery

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

1-3-1

(one, three, one)

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

7-7-5 (seven, seven, five)

AUSTIN (AP)--The winning Lotto Texas numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery:

8-10-15-26-35-47

(eight, ten, fifteen, twenty-six, thirty-five, forty-seven)

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Lifestyles

Hamilton, Ruiz, Kitten capture top honors at beef fajita cookoff

A threatening thunderstorm and light rain did not dampen the spirits of the participants or the crowd at the beef fajita cookoff sponsored by the

Hereford Cattlewomen Saturday in Dameron Park.

The judging was completed and the winning team of Paul Hamilton, Michael Kitten and Carlos Ruiz was announced just before the storm struck.

The second place team consisted of Joe Brown and Lou Serrano while the third place team from KPAN was made up of Chip Formby, Clint Formby, Cindy Caro, Dee Hamilton, Bill "Captain Billy" Anderson and Adam Treff.

Awards were also made for showmanship. Wayne Walker and Donnie Fangman placed first and the I-O team led by Bob Beville placed second.

Judges for the event were Monta

Cochran, B.J. Gililland and Jigger Rowland.

Other participating teams were First National Bank, M & W Carrott, David Fitzgerald and Family, and Thomas Villanueva.

Steve Olson won the drawing for two round-trip airline tickets to Dallas and \$100 spending money.

Young men think old men are fools but old men know young men are fools.

—George Chapman

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Championship team

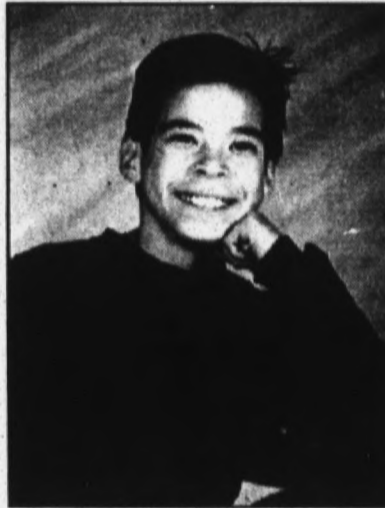
The beef fajita cookoff champions for 1995 pictured above are (from left) Carlos Ruiz, Paul Hamilton and Michael Kitten. They captured the title Saturday at the annual event sponsored by the Hereford Cattlewomen

Resident's grandson captures third at state competition

Matthew Paul Ramirez, age 11, son of Grace A. Abalos of Odessa, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Abalos of Hereford, finished third in the 1500 meter run with a time of 5:07 in State Competition in Houston on July 14-16.

His third place finish qualified him to compete in the National Competition in San Jose, Calif., on July 25-30, where he placed 30th.

Matthew has been an active member of the Permian Basin Sports Academy Track Club in Odessa since age 9. His events include the 800 meter run, 1500 meter relay, javeline and shot put. He has competed in State three years in a row and in Nationals twice.



MATTHEW PAUL RAMIREZ

Diabetic support group will meet at Hereford Senior Center Thursday

All diabetic individuals and interested persons are invited to attend an organizational meeting for a Diabetic Support Group on Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Hereford Senior Center, 426 Ranger Street.

The prevalence of diabetes is evident when statistics indicate that about 14 million Americans currently have diabetes. And each year, that figure grows, as more than 700,000 others learn they have some form of the disease.

What is diabetes? The full name is Diabetes Mellitus, a disease in which the body fails to complete the conversion of certain foods into energy.

In Hereford and the surrounding areas, there are individuals who have some form of this chronic disease. Professional help has been available to these individuals to provide medical advice, nursing, social, physical and nutritional care and

expertise. Over a number of years, the professionals have heard from patients, spouses, family, friends and caretakers repeated requests for the organization of a Diabetic Support Group.

Margie Daniels, director of Hereford Senior Citizen Association and Charlotte R. Clark RD/LD have done research with the American Diabetes Association and are determined to follow through with the plans for formation of a program to facilitate the initial development of a support group for those interested in diabetes.

There are a variety of patient programs offered by the American Diabetes Association to serve the needs of people with diabetes. Support groups are such a program which provides a means for people affected by diabetes to meet for mutual support through discussions,

presentations and organized activities.

Support group meetings offer an opportunity for people with diabetes, family members, friends, caretakers and interested individuals to come together to share concerns, problems, ideas, feelings, successes and coping strategies regarding their lives with this disease and other complications.

The participants form their own organization with assistance from professionals who adhere to guidelines of the American Diabetes Association. The support group participants decide the structure of the group including contents and type of meetings, whether open discussion, speakers, and/or social activities.

Professional individuals will include nurses, RD/LD and a Hispanic interpreter to help those who are non-English speaking persons.

The support group will focus primarily on developing comradery among participants and those who have come to support the diabetic individual.



Planning for Jubilee

Members of the Toujours Amis Study Club will sell ice cream crepes during the Jubilee of Arts as part of the Town and Country Jubilee. The booth, located in the Hereford Community Center, will be open from noon to 5 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. Proceeds from the crepe sale will go to the scholarship fund. Finalizing plans for Toujours Amis are (from left) Kim Porter, Judy Schumacher and Tami Charest.



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—Feuchtersteen

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Museum tour, pizza, hike, games highlight Junior Historian meeting

A guided tour of the Deaf Smith County Museum by curator Donna Brockman began an evening of activities for Junior Historians on Friday.



The first English dictionary was published in London in 1604 and contained about 3000 words.

Included in the tour was a "look at early-day Hereford and Deaf Smith County" through a picture presentation and narration by Brockman. An intensive view and discussion of the World War II display was also on the agenda.

The World War II display was on the Commemorative Community activity list for the chapter.

Pizza was served at the Jim and Mary Ann Warren home south of Dawn to begin the activities. After a long hike towards Buffalo Lake, the group made ice cream in hand-crank and electric freezers and quickly consumed three gallons of the delicacy.

Teams were formed to play games

of Flying Dutchman, Red Rover and a new version of Hide-and-Seek called Sardines. In Sardines, players hide with a partner and seekers are also partners.

Attending the event were members Carey Lyles, Emily Fry, Josh Rowe, Jerry Baird, Emily Curtis, Jessica Weurlein, Krista Warren, Kristen Kimbell, Mark Williamson, Mark Shakocius, and guests Heather, Melissa and John Warren. New "recruits" attending were seventh graders Nathan Horrell, Eddie Trotter, Clay Cosby, Lane Arnold and Kevin Hoffman.

Sponsors for the evening were Jim and Mary Ann Warren, Don and Carolyn Waters and Deidra Drake.



Fall fashion

Pete Hodges models a fall fashion from the Pants Cage. This and other fall and back to school fashions from various local retailers can be seen Thursday at the Women's Division Style Show at the Hereford Country Club at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$8 and are available by calling the Chamber office at 364-3333.

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Merry Mixers install officers for new term

The Hereford Merry Mixers Square Dance Club recently installed new officers for the upcoming term.

President for the next six months will be Sonny and Carolyn Evers. New Vice-President is Carlyle and Dorothy Sargent; Secretary/Treasurer will be Benny and Joan Womble; Top Tex Representative will be Truitt and Corinne Hardage; Social Chairman will be Ed and Leona Schilling; and Reporter will be Ken and Mary Tinkle.

The club also welcomed new club caller, Herrick Allen. Mr. Allen has twenty six years of calling experience.

Modern Square Dancing has progressed much in the past two decades. Callers call a set pattern to popular music.

Primarily the music is country but some oldies in the pop field are also

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—Samuel Johnson

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The Merry Mixers dance the first through the fourth Thursdays at the Hereford Community Center.

Those couples interested in learning more about Square Dancing may contact any club officer or stop by the Community Center to visit on any regular dance night.

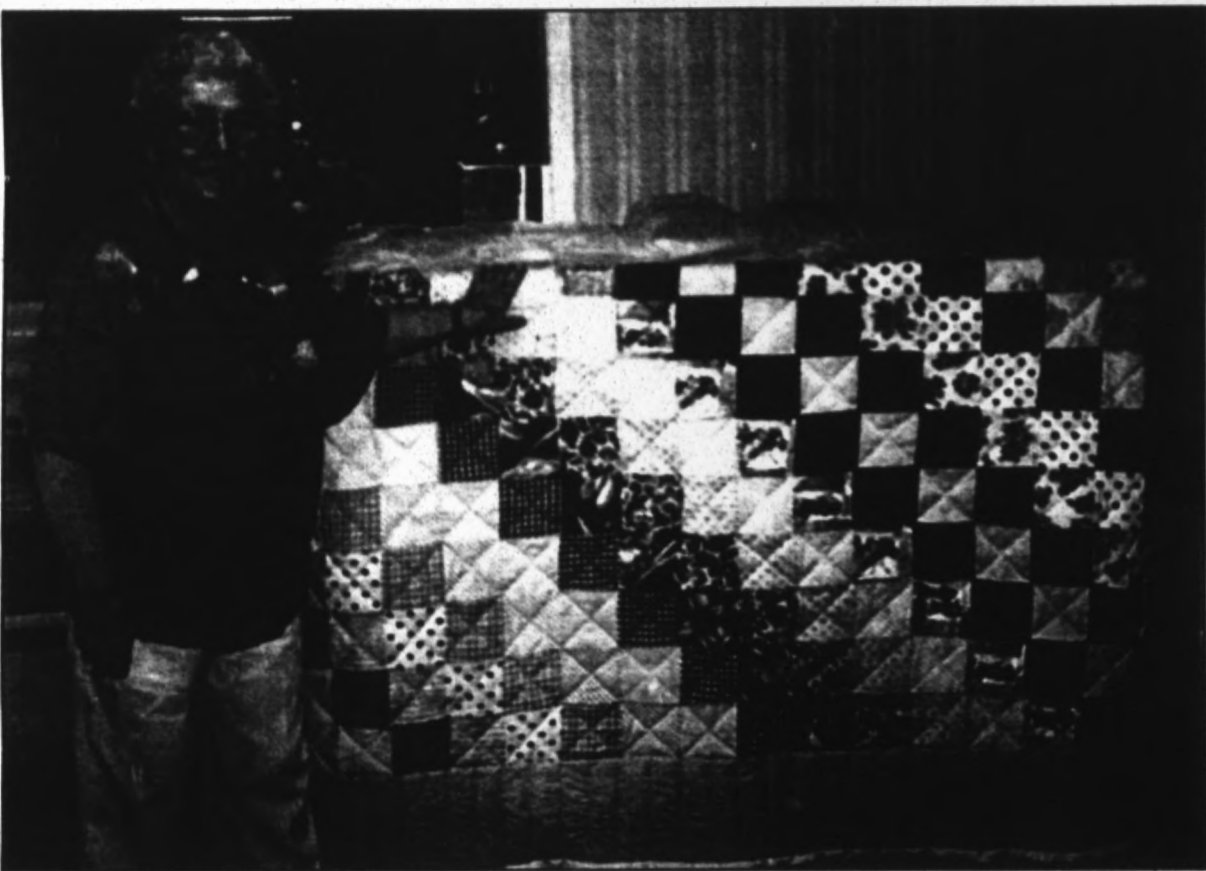
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Jubilee quilt show

Hereford Senior Citizens will sponsor a quilt show at Inkahtoots, 342 Miles Street, during the Town and Country Jubilee. The public is invited to bring quilts for display. Quilts will be received Friday from 1 p.m.-5 p.m. at Inkahtoots; and need to be picked up by 5 p.m. Saturday. The Senior Citizens will have a drawing to give away the quilt shown above at 3 p.m. on Saturday. Pictured is Virginia Garner, one of the quilters who helped make the quilt.

Ann Landers

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I saw a movie recently about prison rape. It was graphic and terrible. Everyone knows about this vile practice in prisons, but nobody seems sufficiently outraged to do anything about it. I don't get it.

The media go berserk about endangered species and animal rights, but nothing is said about the ongoing physical abuse of inmates. With the new "three strikes and you're out" law, many young men will spend the rest of their lives behind bars. Is this not enough punishment without adding physical and sexual assault by sub-human pervers? Why is the American social conscience so blunted in this area?

I have never heard an outcry from any human rights group on this subject, and I have never heard my church speak about it. This is a hideous problem -- and it's real. We really ought to give a damn. -- Outraged in Michigan

DEAR MICHIGAN: You have raised a very interesting question, and I do not know the answer.

I DO "give a damn," however, and am asking prison officials all over the United States and Canada to respond to your question. Their anonymity will be protected. Thanks in advance

for your cooperation.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I am so mad at my father I want to scream. Mother and Father just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, and all of us six kids scrimped and saved for 18 months to give them a fabulous party. Father said a while back he didn't want a party because he "hates to put anybody out." Mother just sat back, smiled and never said a word -- as usual.

Last night, we arranged to "borrow" the home of their neighbor to accommodate our big family. This included kids, cousins, in-laws, "out-laws" -- everybody we could think of. Several people flew in from out of state and one from another country. All in all, there were 64 relatives at this celebration.

My parents' neighbor "invited" Mother and Father over for a snack and some card playing. When my folks walked into the foyer and we yelled "surprise!!" Father's face got white, then red. We were all stunned when he turned around and walked out of the house. No one, not even his brother, whom he hadn't seen in 11 years, could persuade Father to return. He went home, got his car out of the garage and drove off!

I burst into tears. Mother was so

embarrassed that she apologized all night long. My two brothers say they will not speak to Father until he apologizes. My older sister left with a splitting headache.

This morning, I called Mother, and again, she apologized for Father. How I pity her. Fifty years with a man so mean. I can't even find the words to ask him why he did it. Do you have an explanation for such bizarre behavior? -- Tearful Daughter in Tampa, Fla.

DEAR TEARFUL: Your father sounds like a control freak who cannot tolerate anything he isn't in charge of. He hates the idea that you put one over on him.

How sad that he couldn't even enjoy such a delightful surprise. The man has a sickness of the soul for which, I fear, there is no cure. My condolences to your mother and to you, dear.

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Sports

2-a-days start Wednesday

Two-a-day practices for the Hereford High School football team start Wednesday with sessions at 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.

The first intrasquad scrimmage will be during the evening session Friday. Another intrasquad scrimmage will probably be held the next Friday, Aug. 18, head coach Danny Haney said.

Hereford's juniors and seniors will scrimmage against Plainview Aug. 25 in Plainview. The next week, on Sept. 1, the Whitefaces' varsity will host Amarillo High for a scrimmage. Hereford's first official game is Sept. 8, when the Tascosa Rebels come to Whiteface Stadium.

The Herd returns 21 lettermen and 14 starters from last year's 5-5 team, which finished fourth at 3-3 in District 1-4A. Haney expects more than 230 players to come out for football: 85 freshmen, 65 sophomores and 82 juniors and seniors.

Cowboys' LB may sit out part of year

AUSTIN (AP) - The agent for Darrin Smith says he'll advise the linebacker to sit out most of the season rather than sign for the Dallas Cowboys' latest one-year offer of \$425,000.

The Cowboys had put only \$300,000 on the table, but increased the offer after the first-team defense struggled in a preseason game Saturday against Oakland, agent Brian Ransom said Monday.

Smith, a starter last season, seeks a one-year deal of \$750,000. His initial contract in 1993 paid him \$430,000 to sign, a base of \$109,000 for his rookie season, and a base of \$135,000 last year.

"It's like running the mile, and we're just in the first turn," Ransom told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "Their contention is that if Darrin would have signed a three-year deal as a rookie, then what they were offering would be the equivalent of what he'd be making right now. There is no logic in that."

Ransom said he met with Cowboys vice president Stephen Jones on Sunday, a day after the Cowboys gave up 65 yards rushing in the first quarter of a 27-14 preseason loss to Oakland.

"Someone on the outside may think there is movement because they went up from the minimum, to \$300,000 to \$425,000, but really, there is no movement at all," Ransom said. "There are 94 linebackers in the league who make more than \$425,000."

7th grade players need physicals

Boys who plan to play football for Hereford Junior High this year will be able to pick up their equipment late next week.

Coach James Salinas issues a warning, though: seventh graders must have proof that they've had a physical examination before they can get their gear.

Eighth-graders can pick up equipment from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 17. Seventh-graders may pick up equipment from 1-6 p.m. Aug. 18 - if they have their signed doctor's note.



Over the net

Weldon Knabe of the YMCA team stretches to send the volleyball over the net as teammate Dale Smith looks on. The YMCA team won the Hereford Aquatic Center Beach Volleyball Center, held Saturday at the Center, outscoring four opponents 47-17.

YMCA captures volleyball tourney

Representatives of the Hereford YMCA breezed through the field to win the Hereford Aquatic Center's Beach Volleyball Challenge, held Saturday at the city's new swimming facility.

The YMCA team - Weldon Knabe, Chris Stroud, Lloyd Ames, Dale Smith and Robert Laminack - won four games by a total score of 47-17, including a 14-2 win over employees of the Brand in the finals.

The YMCA's road to the finals

also included: a 12-4 win over the city commission in the first round; an 11-6 win over the county commission; and a 10-5 beating of the chamber of commerce in the semifinals.

A ten-minute time limit was placed on each game.

In other first round games: the county commission beat the hospital board, 10-6; the senior citizens board defeated the Red Cross, 12-8; the

chamber edged the school board, 11-9; and the Brand silenced KPNR-Radio, 12-8 (the winner of the media game was given a bye to the finals). In the second round, the chamber beat the senior citizens, 10-6.

The tournament was played in conjunction with the opening of the \$1.3 million Hereford Aquatic Center. More than 2,100 persons took advantage of free swimming in the center's two pools Saturday.

Cowboys trying to patch line

By CHIP BROWN
Associated Press Writer
AUSTIN (AP) - The Dallas Cowboys' offensive line, once a dependable wall of All-Pro protectors Troy Aikman and Emmitt Smith, is now one of the team's question marks.

Robbed by free agency, the line will rely on three aging players who combine for nearly 40 years in the league, a former All-Pro battling back from a career-threatening injury and two players barely out of their rookie seasons.

Concerned about the depth and ability of its current line, the Cowboys last week signed over-weight Derek Kennard to a one-year, \$250,000 deal before he announced his retirement after one practice, citing pain in his hip.

Aikman has worried aloud about a lack of stability in the line without former All-Pro Erik Williams, who continues to recover from reconstructive surgery on his right knee following a one-car crash last year.

Without a healthy Williams, who could return to practice next week, even coach Barry Switzer has a hard time endorsing the unit.

"I think the offensive line will be solid if we get Erik back and everybody stays healthy," Switzer said Monday. "When we have injuries, we are going to fall off like everybody else does because of a lack of depth. But nobody has any depth."

Anchored on the left side are All-Pro tackle Mark Tuinei, 35, who is beginning his 13th year, and

10-year veteran guard Nate Newton, 33, who struggled to lose 40 pounds prior to camp and now tips the scales at 345.

At center is graying, 16-year veteran Ray Donaldson, 37, who left Seattle to join the Cowboys as a free agent and takes over for All-Pro Mark Stepnoski, now with Houston.

On the right side, second-year player Larry Allen has held down the tackle spot until Williams returns. Ron Stone, in his third year, has been playing guard.

Williams, a fifth-year player considered the best at his position before the car accident, will reclaim his tackle spot when he returns. Allen, hobbled recently by turf toe, will move to guard.

Coaches are concerned about the progress of Stone and second-year tackle George Hegamin, who appear to be the only viable backups for the line. Both have gotten considerable work in training camp but are

(See COWBOYS, Page 6)

Hubbard, Nieman win VFW/Hospice tourney

After trailing by a shot Saturday, Paul Hubbard and Craig Nieman shot a 62 Sunday in a partnership scramble to win the VFW/Hospice Golf Tournament by a margin of four strokes. The winning duo opened with a 63.

Shorty Roark and Jim Feagan had the low round of 62 on opening day but carded a 67 Sunday to wind up in second place. Proceeds from the tourney will benefit the hospice program.

Ronnie Traylor and Mike Yell took third place in the championship flight with a 132, one stroke ahead of Corey Newton and Mikel Walser.

The team of Bob Sims and Pat McGinty captured the first flight with 69-69--138, just one shot ahead of Earl and John Stagner. Third were John Elliott and Bill Wilfong.

Wayne Taylor and Brad Johnson won the second flight, followed by Don T. Martin and Frank Brorman (second on a scorecard playoff), and Martinez--Martinez from Lazbuddie.

Peddy and Johnson won the third flight, followed by Jim Sandoval and Barry Acton. Third were Brooks and Hamersly. Boggs and Boggs of Dumas won the fourth flight, followed by Rhea Scott and Meredith Ireland, and Max Moss and Holland.

Newton-Walser 68-65--133; Holt--Shelton 69-67--135; Cantrell-Jones 67-71--138; Charest--Charest 68-72--140; Hollowell--S. Nieman 68-72--140.

1ST FLIGHT

McGinty--Sims 69-69--138; Stagner--Stagner 69-70--139; J. Elliott--B. Wilfong 71-69--140; Bell--Hawkins 71-70--141; Clements-Bennett 71-71--142; Mitts--Mitts 71-71--142; Kelso--Kelso 69-74--143; Wilfong--Barnes 70-74--144; Shelton--Shelton 70-76--146.

2nd Flight

Taylor--Johnson 75-71--140; Martin--Brorman 72-72--144; Martinez--Martinez 72-72--144; Brown--Jepson 74-72--146; Weaver--Boggs 73-75--148; Skinner--Jones 72-77--149; Franks-Acton Jr. 74-78--152; Kuback-Weaver 73-82--155.

3RD FLIGHT

Peddy--Johnson 75-71--146; Sandoval-Acton 75-72--147; Brooks--Hamersly 74-73--147; Duffy--Duffy 75-74--149; Burdine-Watts 76-74--150; Robinson--Robinson 76-77--153; Gonzales--Leonard 75-82--157.

4TH FLIGHT

Boggs--Boggs 77-72--149; Scott--Ireland 77-75--152; Holland--Moss 77-76--153; Brorman--Brorman 80-77--157; Cabbiness-Nolen 81-76--157; Walker--Gibson 78-80--158; Elliott--Wilfong 80-81--161; Vaughn--Acton 81-82--163.

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Pitchers' duel steals show from Strawberry

Yankees' McDowell shuts out Orioles on just three hits

By MIKE FLAM
Associated Press Writer

A pitching duel between Stanford aces reduced the returns of Darryl Strawberry and Bobby Bonilla to New York into a sideshow.

Jack McDowell, whose claim to fame thus far this season was making an obscene gesture to the home fans, threw a three-hitter Monday night as the Yankees earned a 3-0 victory over Mike Mussina and the Baltimore Orioles.

Strawberry, returning to the city where he played eight seasons for the

Mets, received a 20-second ovation when he came to bat for the first time.

But with both McDowell and Mussina at their best, Strawberry's 0-for-3 performance had no impact on the game between the second- and third-place teams in the AL East.

"The notoriety (of Strawberry's return) certainly didn't detract from the game. That was a real major-league ballgame out there," Yankees manager Buck Showalter said.

In winning his 100th career game, McDowell (9-8) pitched his first shutout of the season. He struck out

five, walked three and allowed only one runner to reach second base.

McDowell said he was inspired by the early success of Mussina (13-6), the winningest pitcher in the majors.

"It keeps you locked in when a guy goes out there and is so dominant early in the game," McDowell said. "We got a couple breaks and won the game. There's not much more that you can say about it than that."

Mussina held the Yankees to two hits though six innings, but with two outs and two men on in the seventh, Tony Fernandez hit a bouncer back

to the mound that bounced off Mussina's glove and behind the mound. He threw wildly past first, allowing Sierra to score from second.

"It was the best stuff I've had all year, but the worst fielding game I've had. If I catch a ground ball, we may still have been playing now," Mussina said.

Pat Kelly followed with a two-run double for a 3-0 lead.

Bonilla, in his first appearance in New York since the Mets traded him to Baltimore, went 0-for-3 and is hitting .216 in the AL.

Red Sox 5, Blue Jays 4

Boston completed an 8-2 road trip at the Skydome with its fifth straight victory and retained its 5-1/2-game lead in the East.

Jose Canseco was hit by a pitch from Tim Lincecum (0-2) leading off the 10th and moved to third when the next two batters walked. Mike Macfarlane's fly ball to shallow right was deep enough to score Canseco.

Stan Belinda (8-1) went 2-3 innings, getting the victory despite allowing Devon White's game-tying, three-run homer in the eighth.

Rich Becker with the bases loaded and two outs in the eighth to force in the winning run at the Metrodome.

After Minnesota blew a four-run lead and fell behind 6-5, Marty Cordova led off the eighth with a home run off reliever Carlos Reyes (1-3) to tie the game. Kirby Puckett, who went 3-for-5 with four RBIs, added a two-run single to account for the final margin.

Pat Mahomes (2-5) pitched three-hit ball for four innings, and Dave Stevens pitched the ninth for his sixth save.

LA's Karros jumps on Giant's mistake

By ROB GLOSTER
AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - Jose Bautista says his only mistake was the hanging slider that Eric Karros hit into the left-field bleachers.

The home run in the 12th inning gave the Los Angeles Dodgers a 3-1 win over the San Francisco Giants on Monday, but a pair of chin-high fastballs that nearly hit Karros may also have been mistakes.

With one out in the 12th, Mike Piazza singled off Bautista (2-6) before Karros - after twice getting brushed back - followed with his 20th home run.

"It gets you going, it gets the adrenaline going, no doubt about it," Karros said of the close pitches. "When I hit it out, I was pumped."

Bautista has allowed 17 homers this season in 80 innings.

"Like all the other times, it was one bad pitch. It was a slider, a hanging slider," he said. "It's like all the balls I've thrown this year. I make one mistake and they hit it out

of the park."

In other NL games, Atlanta beat Montreal 5-1 and New York beat Florida 5-2.

Antonio Osuna (2-2) got four outs, striking out the side in the 11th, for the win. Todd Worrell pitched the 12th for his 20th save, striking out J.R. Phillips with two outs and two men on base to end the game.

Dodgers reliever Pedro Astacio worked out of a jam in the bottom of the ninth. A throwing error by Dave Hansen on Royce Clayton's grounder and Kirt Manwaring's double put runners on second and third with one out.

But Clayton was thrown out at the plate on Mike Benjamin's grounder to Hansen at third, and Astacio got pinch-hitter John Patterson to ground out to second.

"If you're standing out there for 12 innings, it's a lot better to win those games than to lose them," Karros said. "There's nothing worse than playing 12 innings on a getaway day and losing."

Dodgers starter Kevin Tapani, making his second start since being traded to Los Angeles from Minnesota on July 31, allowed one run and four hits in seven innings. But he walked four, only the seventh time in 182 career starts he has walked more than two batters in a game.

"It's a strange park with that wind blowing," said Tapani, who was making his Candlestick Park debut. "I didn't have much of a breaking ball today."

Giants starter Trevor Wilson allowed one unearned run and four hits in seven innings. He has not won since June 3, getting two losses and six no-decisions in his last eight starts.

"Another good outing for Trevor. You hate to waste them," Giants manager Dusty Baker said.

Barry Bonds walked four times for the Giants, three times intentionally, increasing his National League-leading total to 82. He walked eight times in the four-game series, which the teams split.

Braves 5, Expos 1

Atlanta's victory at Olympic Stadium increased the Braves' lead in the NL East to 11-1/2 games, the club's largest first-place margin since moving to Atlanta in 1966.

Kent Mercker (6-6) scattered seven hits in 6-2-3 innings, and Fred McGriff knocked in two runs.

Jeff Fassero (10-9) allowed four runs in seven innings as Montreal closed a 3-8 homestand.

The bright spot for Montreal was David Segui extending his hitting streak to 17 games with an RBI single in the first.

Mets 5, Marlins 2

Dave Mlicki, who started in place of the injured Pete Harnisch, won for the first time in eight starts. In striking out a career-high 10 at Shea Stadium, Mlicki (5-5) gave up two runs on seven hits in seven innings.

Pinch-hitter Joe Orsulak hit his first home run of the year, a three-run shot in the seventh inning off reliever Terry Mathews (3-3), as the Mets rallied from a 2-1 deficit.

Angels 9, Rangers 2

California's big bats delivered at home as J.T. Snow, Tony Phillips, Tim Salmon and Jim Edmonds all homered in support of Mike Harkey's third straight victory.

In pitching the Angels to an 11-game lead over Texas, Harkey (7-6) pitched his fourth complete game in 100 career starts.

Scott Taylor (1-2) lasted only 3 2-3 innings in his third major league start.

Twins 9, Athletics 6

Mark Acree walked .214-hitting

Mariners 6, White Sox 4

Mike Blowers continued driving in runs, knocking in two more at the Kingdome to give him 10 in his last three games and 17 in his last five. His 68 RBIs for the season are good for 10th in the league.

Blowers, Jay Buhner and Tino Martinez homered as Seattle won despite allowing four unearned runs.

Tim Belcher (8-6) allowed six hits and walked four in 6-2-3 innings.

Wilson Alvarez (4-7) dropped to 0-3 in his third start against the Mariners this season.

Vikings defense stuffs Chargers

By BERNIE WILSON
AP Sports Writer

SAN DIEGO (AP) - Beating the defending AFC champion San Diego Chargers in an exhibition opener meant everything to the Minnesota Vikings, even if they exaggerated a little.

"We have a legitimate shot to challenge for the Super Bowl this year," said middle linebacker Jack Del Rio, who stuffed Rodney Culver for a safety on the Chargers' fourth play from scrimmage. The Vikings went on to beat the Chargers 23-19 Monday night.

The Super Bowl is 5-1/2 months away, but the Vikings' defense did look good, even to quarterback Warren Moon.

"Our defense will be the key for us," Moon said. "We have a lot of new faces. If they jell, and I think they will, we have a good chance to win our division."

sprained left shoulder, rookie receiver Jimmy Oliver with dislocated right shoulder, and Culver with a bruised right knee.

Culver was starting in place of Pro Bowl running back Natrone Means, who suited up but did not play, having ended an 11-day holdout only three nights earlier. The Chargers gained only 51 yards on 18 rushes, with Culver getting eight on five carries and one TD.

"We've obviously got a lot of work to do," Culver said. "We've got to be more physical. The effort was good, but we didn't do as well as we'd like to as far as up front."

The Vikings led the NFL in rushing defense in 1994, allowing only 68.1 yards per game.

"We didn't play too well up front," 16-year veteran right tackle Stan Brock of the Chargers said. "It doesn't matter who you have running the ball if you don't block, and we didn't block very well."

"Having been around a long time, though, I can tell you that exhibition games are nothing to get too high or too low about."

But, said Humphries, "It will be good to get Natrone back. He's a big part of our offense."

Means, who gained a team-record 1,350 yards last year, said he would sign a new four-year, \$7.4 million contract today. He's expected to play in Sunday's home game against the San Francisco 49ers, a rematch of the last Super Bowl.

Chargers coach Bobby Ross was unhappy with the way the Vikings dominated up front.

"The thing that just smacks me right in the mouth is what we're doing at the line of scrimmage," Ross said. "Every time we go and try and run the ball, there's penetration."

Things weren't better on defense, where the Chargers were missing linebacker Junior Seau and end Leslie O'Neal.

"That's no excuse," Ross said. "People still have to tackle. We haven't had a linebacker that will step up in there and smack somebody in the jaw yet."

"On second defense, that was the poorest display of tackling in a long while," Ross said.

The Vikings originally listed Moon as being out with a strained muscle in his right shoulder. But he started and played two series, leading the Vikings to a 27-yard field goal by Fuad Reveiz.

"My shoulder has progressed well," Moon said. "It was important, psychologically, for my teammates to see me out there working well. I wanted to play more; I went along with the coach's decision."

Brad Johnson, a fourth-year pro, rebounded from an early interception to throw a 29-yard touchdown pass to Qadry Ismail and lead an 80-yard scoring drive in the third quarter. Johnson was 11-for-13 for 124 yards.

Rookie Terrell Fletcher returned a kickoff 90 yards for a touchdown with 4:47 left in the game for the Chargers' last score. Vikings rookie James Stewart gained 92 yards on 16 carries.

"That's called being out of shape," Wannstedt said. "It's hot, I know, but he has to be in shape to be able to practice and to be able to get better. That's discouraging, to be honest with you."

Rams

Running back Jerome Bettis ended his 14-day holdout and engaged in a bruising, full-contact practice Monday.

"The only thing I am behind on is getting the timing together, things like that. I think that just comes with time," said Bettis, who spent most of the morning watching and reviewing basics with Rams assistant coach Johnny Roland.

Browns

The Browns have a new quarterback: Jim McMahon.

The veteran is expected to sign a one-year contract for the minimum salary of \$178,000, plus playing-time bonuses.

Minnesota's defense capitalized on several Chargers mistakes. When a pass from Stan Humphries bounced off Ronnie Harmon's hands, Charles Mincy was there for the interception. When a Humphries pass hit lineman Isaac Davis on the back, Esera Tualo plucked it out of the air.

Alfred Jackson completed the trio of interceptions, picking off fourth-stringer Craig Whelihan.

The Vikings also knocked three Chargers out of the game - backup quarterback Gale Gilbert with a

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inconsistent.

"I think we keep forgetting that the Stones and Hegamins of the world are two- and three-year guys," said Dallas scouting director Larry Laceywell.

"(Erik) Williams didn't sizzle right off the bat and he's a superstar. We are concerned that they haven't made the progress that we would like, but we certainly haven't given up on them."

No one wants to consider what would happen if Williams' comeback fails.

Laceywell said replacements are hard to come by, due in large part to the talent absorbed by the league's two expansion teams - Jacksonville and Carolina.

The Cowboys contemplated trying to sign lineman Frank Cornish, who played for Dallas from 1992-94. But Jacksonville signed him Saturday night.

"You start feeling the impact of the two new teams," Laceywell said. "At least 160 guys would be available who are now with those teams. You can't find experience or good bodies, healthy ones, to even bring to camp to look at. It's a concern, one that all NFL teams are experiencing."

Laceywell said he expects the NFL market to improve for older linemen such as Tuinei, Newton and Donaldson because "it's just so hard to find good, young talent at those positions."

The team hopes it won't continue

to be haunted by the one player Cowboys owner Jerry Jones openly regrets letting get away through free agency: tackle Kevin Gogan, who left Dallas for Oakland after the 1993 season.

"The other guys we couldn't handle financially and we knew it," Laceywell said of Stepanoski and guard John Gesek, who left for Washington prior to last season. "We prepared for those losses. But we weren't prepared for Gogan."

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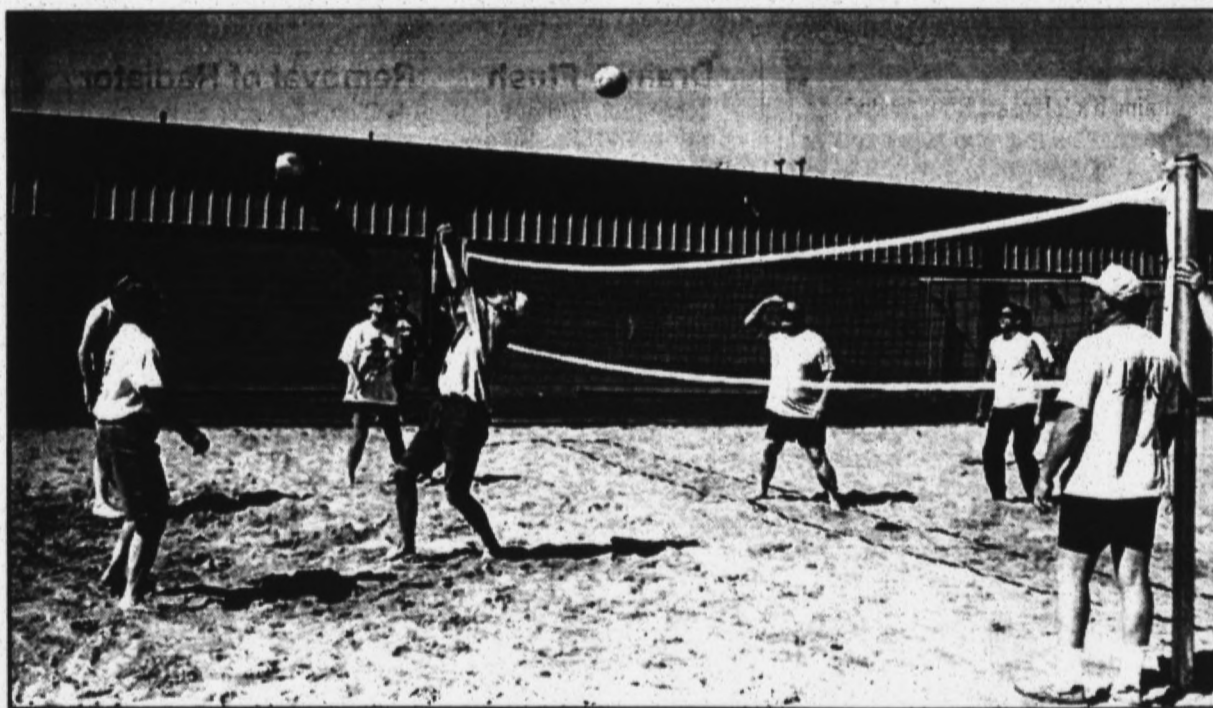
The formal opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held Friday at 11 a.m. The city facility was made possible by funds from the city, the school district, hospital district, Deaf Smith County, a Texas Department of Parks & Wildlife matching grant and a Don and Sybil Harrington Foundation grant through Amarillo Area Foundation. Final cost of the Aquatic Center is expected to be approximately \$1.3 million.



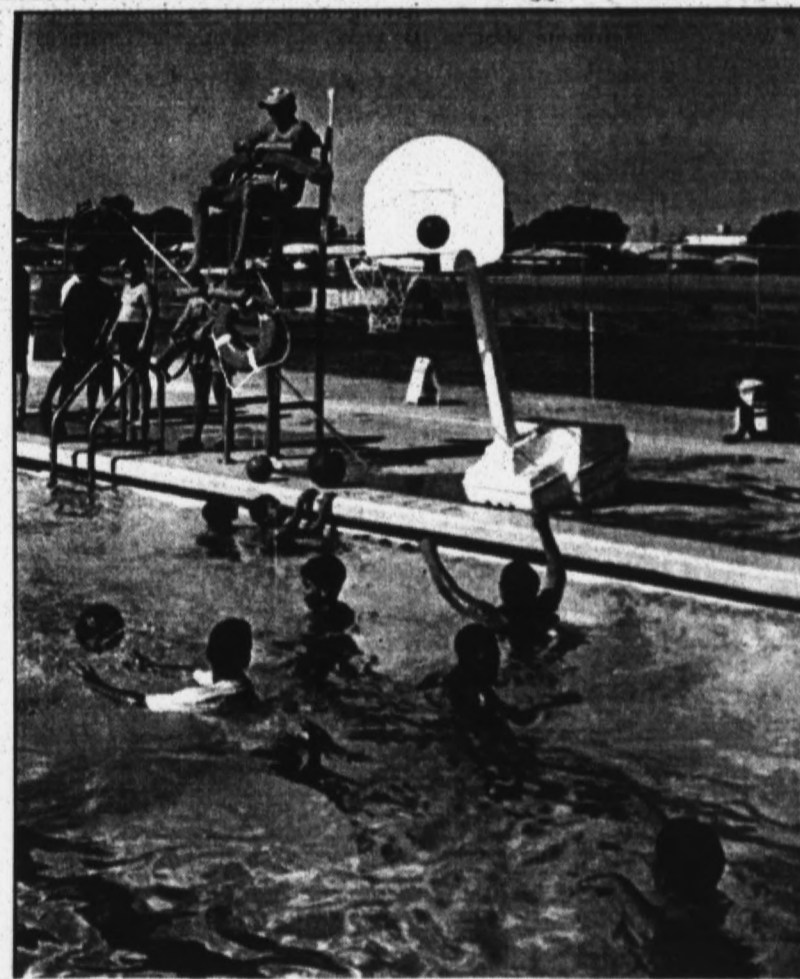
Long lines of kids waited throughout the day for a ride on the water slide



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Captain Billy makes first run on water slide



Media teams play for volleyball supremacy at beach party



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Goal-tending isn't easy while swimming

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Kids cool off under giant mushroom



Giant frog offers quick entrance to water

Television

2 Disney Channel
3 Local Weather
4 KAMR (NBC), Amarillo
5 KACV (PBS), Amarillo
6 WTBS, Atlanta
7 KVII (ABC), Amarillo

8 Faith and Values
9 WGN, Chicago
10 KFDA (CBS), Amarillo
11 C-SPAN
12 C-SPAN II
13 KCIT (FOX), Amarillo

14 ESPN
15 CNN
16 The Weather Channel
17 The Family Channel
18 Showtime
19 Local Access

20 HBO
21 Cinemax
22 MTV
23 VH-1
24 Nashville Network
25 The Discovery Channel

26 A&E
27 Lifetime
28 PSP
29 TNT
30 Headline News
31 Nickelodeon

32 USA
33 Univision
34 CMT
35 The Learning Channel
36 The Cartoon Network

TUESDAY AUGUST 8

6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
Movie: Snoopy, Come Home *** G	Mickey	JFK: His Life and Times	Disney's Night of Magic	Movie: Heidi Jason Roberts						
News	Ent. Tonight	Wings	Newradio	Fraser	Larquette	Dateline				
MacNeil/Lehrer Newshour	News	Reunion-Hibye	Perspective	Revolution	Today's	Charlie Rose				
Griffith	(35) Major League Baseball Cincinnati Reds at Atlanta Braves	(35) Movie: Airport 1975 (1974) Charlton Heston. ** 1/2								
News	Wh. Fortune	Roseanne	Home Imp	Coach	NYPD Blue					
Perspectv	We Care	Joy-Music	Sullivans	Prime Time Playhouse	In Touch	Gospel	Cap.-News	Rights		
Love Con.	Jeffersons	Major League Baseball San Diego Padres at Chicago Cubs				News	Simon & Simon			
News	Coach	Rescue 911	Movie: Adrift (1993) Kate Jackson, Kenneth Welsh.			News	(35) Late Show			
Roseanne	M*A*S*H	Movie: Downtown (1990) Anthony Edwards. ** 1/2	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Griffith					
Sportstr.	Cheerleaders	Women's Volleyball	PBA Bowling Kentucky Classic	Baseball	Sportcenter	Baseball				
Waltons	Paradise	Rescue 911	700 Club	Father Dowling Mysteries	Bonanza					
(5:00) Movie: Barcelona	Movie: Treacherous C. Thomas Howell.	(35) Roger Corman Presents				Red Shoe	Softly Paris	Movie:		
(5:15) Movie: Arena (1989)	Movie: True Lies (1994) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jamie Lee Curtis. R	High on Crack				Net-Look	Sinbad			
(5:00) Movie: Rudy (1993)	Movie: Inner Sanctum 2 R	Movie: Beyond the Law Charlie Sheen. * R				(20) Movie: Nemesis R				
Club Dance	News	Carline Carter	Music City Tonight	News	Club Dance	CCarter				
Bey. 2000	Next Step	Terra X	Treasure	How the West Was Lost	Sleeping Mts.	Terra X	Treasure	West Lost		
Rockford Files	Biography	Movie: Scales of Justice (1993) Patrick Malahide.				Law & Order	Biography			
Designing	Designing	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: The Lost Honor of Kathryn Beck (1984) ** 1/2			Unsolved Mysteries	Mysteries			
Beach	Press Box	Major League Baseball Montreal Expos at Houston Astros				Press Box	Baseball	Press Box		
In the Heat of the Night	Movie: Broken Trust (1995) Tom Selleck.	Movie: Midnight Cowboy (1969) Dustin Hoffman, Jon Voight. *** 1/2								
Doug	Clarissa	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	Taxi	M.T. Moore	Van Dyke		
Wings	Wings	Murder, She Wrote	Boxing Ray Anis vs. Jimmy Thunder			Wings	Wings	Quantum		
Caminos Cruzados	La Duena	Alondra	Primer Impacto Noc.			Noticiero	P. Impacto	Movie: Club		
Ancient Journeys	How'd They Do That?	Wonders	Forces	Hometime	Home Pro	How'd They Do That?	Wonders			
New Scooby Doo Movies	Flintstones	Jetsons	Bugs & Daffy	(10) Tom and Jerry	New Scooby Doo Movies	Toon Heads				

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 9

7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
Pooh	Care Bears	Gummi B.	Pooh Cmr.	Dumbo	Fraggle	Pony Tales	Quack	Movie: The Slipper and the Rose G		
Today	Government	Government	Sesame Street	Lamb Chop	Storytime	Mr Rogers	Station	Barney	Puzzle Place	YanCooks
Gilligan	Bewitched	Little House	J's Co.	J's Co.	(95) Matlock	(35) Perry Mason	(95) CHIPs			
Good Morning America	Worship	Views	Daily Mass	Accent	Life	Missions	Cope	Home Life	Max Glick	
News	News	News	Griffith	Griffith	T.J. Hooker	Quincy	Gerardo	News		
(6:00) This Morning	Bobby	Sonic	Biker Mice	Rimbas	700 Club	K. Copeland	Paid Prog.	Dit. World	Murphy	Hunter
Sportstr.	Sportstr.	Sportstr.	Bodyshape	Getting Fit	Sportstr.	Sportstr.	Sportstr.	Sportstr.	Sportstr.	Tennis
Xuxa	Prince Val.	Waltons	700 Club	700 Club	Health Club	Make a Deal	Name-Tune	Music		
Movie: Huck and the King of Hearts PG	(45) Movie: Mystery Date Ethan Hawke. *** PG-13	Movie: Praying With Anger ** 1/2 PG-13	Movie: Red Sun (1972)							
Smogless!	White Fang	Movie: Daffy Duck's Quackbusters G	Movie: Wholly Mose! Dudley Moore. ** 1/2 PG	Movie: The Hunter From the Future	Movie: Cat on a Hot Tin Roof ** 1/2					
Movie: The Accompant	Movie: Coneheads Dan Aykroyd PG	Movie: Yor, the Hunter From the Future								
(Off Air)	Ralph Emery	VideoMorning								
Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Pet Con.	Cholesterol	Home	Start	Easy Does It	Homeworks	Graham K.	Great Chfs	Cuisine
Lou Grant	Baby Knows	Staters	Living	Our Home	Biggers and Summers	Living	Our Home	Designing		
Press Box	Bodies	Paid Prog.	Get Fit	Major League Baseball Montreal Expos at Houston Astros				Softball		
Scooby Doo	Wainerville	Gumby	Rugrats	Scarry	Muppets	Muppets	Allegra	Gullah	Leslie	Gumby
(6:00) Cartoon Express	Carnusel	El Chavo	Chespirito	Papa Solt.	Dr Perez	Baila Conmigo	Rory and Me	Kitty Cats	Caprials	Crafts & Co.
Rory and Me	Kitty Cats	Iris the Prof.	Magic Box	Clue Club	Scooby Doo	Fangface	Hair Bear	Smurfs	Smurfs	Heathcliff
P. Pitstop	Wacky	(10) Down Wit' Droopy D								

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BLONDIE by Dean Young & Stan Drake



BEETLE BAILEY by Mort Walker



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WEDNESDAY AUGUST 9

12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
Movie: Slipper-Rose	Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella	Faerie Tale Theatre	Avonlea	Return to Treasure Island						
Our Lives	Another World	Jenny Jones	Oprah Winfrey	Maury Povich						
Body Elec.	Furniture	Keeping Up	Painting	Sit-Be Fit	Deaf Mosaic	Reading	C. Sandiego	Science Guy	Shelly/Turtle	Destinos
CHIPs	(95) CHIPs	(95) Cartoon Planet	Scooby-Doo	Brady	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell	Gro. Pains	Boas?		
Rush L.	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Am.Journal	Sally						
Hallelujah!	1 in Spirit	Faces	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Americana Sampler	Rock V.D.O.	Bottom Line	American Family		
News	(15) Major League Baseball San Diego Padres at Chicago Cubs									
Bold & B.	As the World Turns	Guiding Light	Ricki Lake							
Hunter	Matlock	In the Heat of the Night	Tiny Toon	Tax-Mania	Animaniacs	Rangers	Full House	Fresh Pr.		
Tennis ATP Championship - Early Rounds	Bloopers	Racehorse	Yearbook	Yearbook	Yearbook	Baseball	Up Close	Sportstr.		
Name-Tune	Split Sec.	Make a Deal	Punky B.	New Lasala	I'm Telling	Masters	My Dog	Rin Tin Tin	Shade	Shade
Movie: ** 1/2 Natural Causes	(45) Movie: H.E.A.L.T.H. Carol Burnett. *** 1/2 PG	Movie: Inferno (1953) Robert Ryan, Rhonda Fleming.	Movie: Huck							
(11:30) Movie: Red Sun	Movie: My Girl 2 Dan Aykroyd. ** 1/2 PG	My Girl 2	Lifestories	Movie: Satisfaction Justine Bateman. ** 1/2	Movie: Robo Wars ** 1/2 PG	Movie:				
Movie: Cat-	Movie: Black Beauty Sean Bean. ** 1/2 G	Movie: The Muppets Take Manhattan G	(15) Movie: Robo Wars ** 1/2 PG	Movie:						
Ralph E.	VideoPM									
Home	Start	Easy Does It	Homeworks	Graham K.	Great Chfs	Cuisine	Monkeys	Undersea	Wings	
Rockford	McMillan and Wife						Remington Steele	Lou Grant	Police Story	
Designing	Movie: Punchline (1988) Sally Field, Tom Hanks. ** 1/2	Spenser: For Hire	Cagney & Lacey	Supermtk.	Shop-Drop					
Softball: ASA USA Jr. Champ.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Roller Hockey	Championship Wrestling	National Cycle League					
Kung Fu	How the West Was Won	Wild, Wild West	Movie: The Big Trees (1952) Kirk Douglas. ** 1/2	CHIPs						
Beetlejuice	Muppets	Chipmunks	Nick in the Afternoon	Looney Tunes	Temple	Rugrats				
Magnum	Pyramid	Quicksilver	Press Luck	Scrabble	MacGyver					
Peligrosa	Paseo Gracie	Marla Celeste	Cristina	Primer Impacto	Dr Perez	Notic.Unl.				
Kitchen	YanCooks	Furniture	Greenlines	Crafts & Co.	Caprials	Carlo Cooks	Hometime	Furniture	Renovation	Hometime
Fant. Max	(10) World Famous Toons	Ban. Splits	Ban. Splits	Fantastic 4	Centurions	Valley-Dino.	Godzilla	SWAT Kats	Dynomutt	

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6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
By Way of the Stars	Billy Joel From the River of Dreams	President	I Love Lucy: First Show	SpinMarty	Zorro	Daniel B.				
News	Ent. Tonight	Omen	Dateline	Law & Order	News	(35) Tonight Show				
MacNeil/Lehrer Newshour	National Geographic	Day After Trinity: Oppenheimer & Bomb	River	Tony Brown	Charlie Rose					
Griffith	Griffith	(95) Movie: Ben-Hur (1959) Charlton Heston, Jack Hawkins. ****								
News	Wh. Fortune	Laverne & Shir.	Grace Under	Ellen	Primetime Live	News	(35) Cheers	Nightline		
Angels	Prim	Joy-Music	Center St.	Max Glick	Hallelujah!	Baptist Hour	WinWalk	Homeland	Cap.-News	Take Two
Love Con.	Jeffersons	Parent	Parent	Wayans	Unhappily	News	H'mooner	Simon & Simon		
News	Coach	Nanny	Dave's	Northern Exposure	Under Suspicion	News	(35) Late Show			
Roseanne	M*A*S*H	Beverly Hills, 90210	Party of Five	Baywatch	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Griffith				
Sportstr.	Major League Baseball Teams to Be Announced	Major League Baseball Teams to Be Announced								
Waltons	Paradise	Rescue 911	700 Club	Father Dowling Mysteries	Bonanza					
Movie: Huck and King	Movie: Sahara (1995) James Belushi.	(45) Movie: The Principal James Belushi. ** R	Boxing	Movie:						
Movie: Daffy-Quack	Movie: Jimmy Hollywood Joe Pesci. ** R	Dream On	Sanders	Crypt Tales	Movie: Project Shdw. 3					
Movie: Hot Shits-Doux	Movie: ...And God Spoke Michael Riley.	Movie: Pumpkinhead II: Blood Wings R	Movie: Midnight Edition Will Patton. R							
Club Dance	News	Riders Radio Theater	Music City Tonight	News	Club Dance	Riders				
Bey. 2000	Next Step	Fangs!	Invention	Next Step	Price of Gold	Fangs!	Invention			
Rockford Files	Biography	American Justice	20th Century	Law & Order	Biography					
Designing	Designing	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: The Silence of Adultery (1995) Kate Jackson.	Movie: The Silence of Adultery (1995)						
Powerboats	Press Box	Major League Baseball Montreal Expos at Houston Astros	Press Box	Fame	Press Box					
In the Heat of the Night	Movie: Spenser's Mountain (1963) Henry Fonda. ***	(35) Movie: Welcome to Hard Times (1967) **								
Doug	Clarissa	Bewitched	Bewitched	Bewitched	Bewitched	Taxi	M.T. Moore	Van Dyke		
Wings	Wings	Murder, She Wrote	Movie: Letter to My Killer (1995) Mare Winingham.	Wings	Quantum					
Caminos Cruzados	La Duena	Alondra	Fuera	Cuantamel	Noticiero	P. Impacto	Movie:			
Ancient Journeys	Paleoworld	Sci. World	Science Frontiers	Machines	Quantum	Paleoworld	Sci. World	Science		
Scooby Doo	Scooby Doo	Flintstones	Jetsons	(10) Bugs Bunny & Daffy	C.B. Bears	Inch High	Globetrot	Wheel-Chop	Father	



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HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Texas received federal approval last week for a six-year plan to withhold payments to welfare recipients who don't have their children immunized properly.

Approval of the plan, which takes effect Oct. 1, was announced by President Clinton at the National Governors' Conference in Vermont.

He said the granting of welfare waivers to Texas and three other states should serve as proof of his administration's flexibility on welfare reform.

Texas plans to withhold \$25 per child per month from families on Aid to Families With Dependent Children who don't immunize their preschool children.

Parents or guardians will be required to show their children's immunization records when they appear for interviews every six months to certify they still are eligible for welfare benefits. But the state will not assess the penalty if the parent cannot find a clinic or doctor's office offering affordable immunizations.

While urging federal approval of the waiver, the state assured federal officials that it was educating parents about immunizing their children, offering immunizations at Texas Department of Human Services offices and spending \$10 million to make immunizations more widely available.

No School Aid Appeal
Attorney General Dan Morales

says the state will not appeal a court decision ordering reimbursement of about \$80 million lost by school districts because of a miscalculation of state aid.

District Judge Scott McCown last month ruled that school districts should not be penalized for offering optional property tax exemptions and ordered that the districts should be repaid beginning with 1993 property appraisals.

After conferring with other state leaders, Morales said he had concluded it wouldn't be in the state's best interest to appeal the decision.

The state comptroller's office, against which the suit was filed, said it will not appeal.

Inmate Lawsuits Costly
Meanwhile, Morales said frivolous lawsuits filed by Texas prison inmates are needlessly costing the state money.

Texas is one of 27 states that has urged Congress to impose tighter restrictions on prisoners' civil-rights filings in federal court.

"The right to due process does not give prison inmates the right to clog up Texas courts merely for their own entertainment," the attorney general said.

Morales said costs to Texas taxpayers of defending groundless lawsuits filed by prisoners could reach into the "tens of millions of dollars" as the state's prison capacity doubles to almost 150,000.

Odom Eyes Gramm's Seat
Houston lawyer John Odom announced his candidacy for the U.S. Senate last week, saying incumbent Phil Gramm "cares more about multimillionaires than he does the middle class."

Odom said Gramm, who is also seeking the Republican presidential nomination, "has been AWOL and doesn't stand up for Texas."

He said Gramm is more interested in presidential politics than he is in representing Texas.

Odom, a longtime Texas Democratic Party activist, said Gramm will use the "LBJ law to run for president, and, at the same time,

seek a third term in the U.S. Senate next year."

Larry Neal, a spokesman for Sen. Gramm, said he wasn't worried about a Democratic challenge. "It's clear the Democratic Party plans to throw up a candidate, and if it is Odom, great," Neal told *The Dallas Morning News*.

"If he wants to spend a year and a few million dollars of trial lawyer money while spouting Bill Clinton's slogans, I say, 'Go for it, John,'" Neal said.

Odom, a native Texan, is a member of the Texas Youth Commission and served as legislative counsel to former Gov. Mark White.

Cities Get Anti-drug Grants
Gov. George W. Bush has picked six cities to receive state grants and participate in the "Turn Around Texas" crime and drug-fighting program.

Alice, Greenville, LaMarque, Corsicana, Athens and Waxahachie will be eligible for state grants administered by the governor's Criminal Justice Division to encourage and train local citizens to fight crime.

"These six communities have agreed to mobilize a grass-roots stand against crime and drugs," Bush said. "These six cities will work with the CJD and the Texas National Guard to send a clear message to criminals that they're not welcome in our communities."

Cotton Task Force Named
Texas Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry has named a task force to examine factors related to Rio Grande Valley cotton crop losses.

Farmers have called this the worst cotton crop in decades because of the combination of pest infestation, high temperatures and dry conditions.

Perry said the task force will assess how drought, pests, boll weevil eradication efforts and other crop production practices may have affected cotton losses.

Heading the 11-member task force will be Ray Frisbie, chairman of the Texas A&M University's department of entomology.

Barbed-wire collectors talk about history of 'devil's rope'

By SCOTT W. WRIGHT
Austin American-Statesman
PFLUGERVILLE, Texas—History has taken an odd twist here at the First Baptist Church, where a crusty clique of old men gathered recently to display what once was considered the devil's handiwork.

Wrinkled hands unload these rusty wares with care. Furrowed faces speak of a need for revival, lest the rustic treasures that tamed a frontier Texas be forever lost. And these men are nothing if not sticklers for history.

They'd have to be. They collect barbed wire.

"We're a dying breed," William Henry, a 69-year-old retired telephone company worker from Austin, says with a hint of sadness in his voice. "We've been trying to get the younger generation interested. But a lot of kids these days don't even know what barbed wire is or what it was used for."

Even amid the merriment, the hellos to old friends and the haggling over how much a certain strand should fetch, that melancholic refrain is repeated over and over as members of the 30-year-old Texas Barbed Wire Collector's Association gathered late last week and Saturday in this Austin suburb. As they celebrated another year of rare finds, they also assessed their future and surveyed their dwindling ranks.

"People don't seem to want to

hang onto a sense of the past anymore," says Larry Elliot, the association's president, who, at 39, is by far the youngest of the group's active membership. "Collecting seems to be a diminishing facet of American life, a victim of progress, I guess."

But progress, as these collectors of cockle-burred Americana well know, is in the eyes of the beholder. Barbed wire, at its birth in 1873, was decried as a step back, too cruel for use. Thus, its nickname, "the devil's rope."

"When barbed wire was first invented, the livestock, they weren't used to it. It cut some of them up pretty good," says Delbert Trew, the former curator of the Devil's Rope Museum in the Texas Panhandle town of McLean. "The religious groups, they demanded at one time that all barbed wire be removed."

The museum, which houses nearly 1,500 patterns of barbed wire and about 800 farm tools in what used to be a brassiere-making factory, is one of two such places that pay homage to the fencing. The other is in LaCrosse, Kan.

Joseph Glidden is credited with inventing barbed wire in the 1870s after viewing a precursor to it, the spiked wooden rail, at the Dekalb County Fair in Dekalb, Ill. Actually, two other farmers who saw the same display also invented barbed wire, but Glidden was the first to win a patent

on his pattern.

Five hundred prickly designs have been patented over the years, but "Glidden basically got it right the first time, and his design is basically what we still use today," Trew says.

He estimates there are between 2,000 and 4,000 variations, many never patented, "and we're discovering new ones each year."

The patterns range from simple spiked barbs to intricate strands that incorporate a particular ranch's name. In one rare pattern, the Dodge Star, the barb resembles a boot spur. Prices vary from 50 cents for lengths of wire incorporating common styles to \$500 or more for an 18-inch strand of the Dodge Star.

The first three large ranches fenced with barbed wire were in Texas, near Amarillo. By the late 1880s, it criss-crossed most of the Great Plains states, contributing to the demise of cattle drives and Indian raids.

"Barbed wire had more to do with the settling of the West than the Army or the Texas Rangers," Trew says. "Barbed wire gave men control over their land. It was the end of the open range. That's when the land was really settled."

In the Lone Star State, barbed wire was pitched to wary ranchers as "light as air, stronger than whiskey and cheap as dirt," according to the Texas State Historical Association's New Handbook of Texas, due out in March.

Trew says Texans in the Dallas-Fort Worth area first started collecting barbed wire in the 1950s because "it is pure Americana." Today, there are about 500 active collectors in 15 states, he estimates.

Texas once had five collectors' clubs. Today only three remain. About 45 Austin-area residents belong to the Balcones Post Barbed Wire Club.

Elliot says he started collecting the twisted strands about six years ago after stumbling across two samples while working in East Texas. He's been hooked ever since.

"To most folks," he says, "it's just something that they had to climb over as a kid. Something that cut them. Something that caused them to get stitches or a tetanus shot."

But Elliot insists each strand tells a story.

"It's knowing what the wire represents, the history behind it," he says. "When folks are driving through the countryside and looking out their car window, to them, the barbed wire just blends in to the scenery."

"They don't even notice it," he adds. "But there are a few of us that see it for what it really is—history. And I guess I'm lucky enough to be one of those few."

Trial site ruling for accused slayer of Selena expected

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP)—A decision was expected by the end of the day today on whether a new site was needed for the trial of the woman accused of killing Tejano music queen Selena.

State District Judge Mike Westergren indicated a quick ruling today after defense attorneys and prosecutors made their final arguments on whether Yolanda Saldivar's trial should be moved from Selena's hometown of Corpus Christi.

On Friday, defense attorney Doug Tinker offered witnesses who suggested that Selena's killing inflamed such passions in her hometown that Ms. Saldivar could never receive a fair trial.

However, prosecution witnesses answered Monday that a Nueces County jury could give Ms. Saldivar a fair trial.

"I am convinced that it is possible for an impartial panel to be selected in Corpus Christi," said Javier Colmenero, news director of Spanish-language KORO-TV.

Selena's father, Abraham Quintanilla Jr., had accused Ms. Saldivar of embezzling about \$30,000 from the family business shortly before the killing.

Also, Tinker asked the judge to: -Block Ms. Saldivar's alleged confession to investigators from being heard by the jury.

-Order that Selena's father turn business records over to the defense, along with copies of contracts between the singer and Q Productions, her father's recording studio.

-Order prosecutors to disclose any evidence that may benefit his client.

-Schedule a hearing to determine whether past criminal actions by Ms. Saldivar will be admitted into evidence.

-Order prosecutors to disclose 26 specific items of evidence, including all physical evidence, various medical records and a prosecution witness list with any criminal records the witnesses may have.

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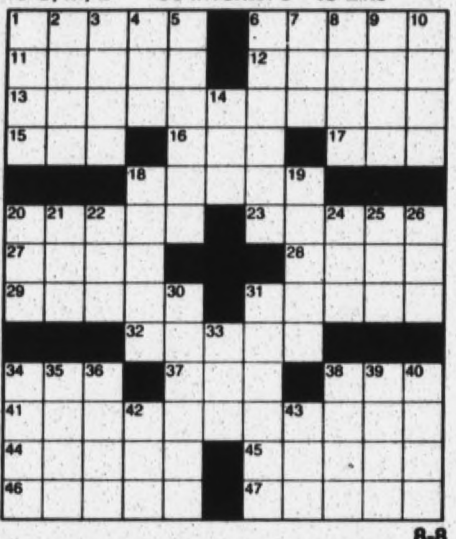
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McALLEN, Texas (AP) - A state appeals court has dismissed Mayor Othal Brand's libel suit against The Monitor of McAllen.

The 13th Texas Court of Appeals in Corpus Christi ruled in an Aug. 3 decision that The Monitor did not libel Brand in a series of six columns by Editor R. Daniel Cavazos that criticized Brand's governing style.

Brand argued that the columns, written in 1992 and 1993, constituted a personal and malicious attack on his character.

"Actual malice does not include ill will, spite or evil motive," Judge Federico G. Hinojosa Jr. wrote in the opinion. "It is the making of a statement with knowledge that it is false or with reckless disregard of whether it is true."

John A. Bussian, attorney for the newspaper, said the decision represents an important victory for newspapers in their coverage of

public officials.

"It's the kind of thing that goes to the heart of what daily newspapers do in a community - editorializing about the conduct of people in office," Bussian said. "If you can't do that without a high degree of freedom, without the possible disastrous results of a libel suit, then you're out of the editorial business."

Brand declined on Monday to comment on the ruling or to say whether he will appeal the ruling to the Texas Supreme Court.

The Monitor asked that the suit, filed in December 1993, be thrown out. Bussian argued that the columns were fair commentary concerning the performance of a public official.

Former state District Judge Fidencio Guerra rejected the newspaper's requests for dismissal. The appeal court's decision overruled Guerra's opinion.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR WASTE DISPOSAL PERMIT RENEWAL

NUTRI-FEEDS, INC., P. O. Box 2257, Hereford, Texas, 79045 has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (Commission) for renewal of Permit No. 01300 which authorizes the disposal of process wastewater and domestic wastewater by evaporation from a meat rendering and pet food production facility. The disposal volume is not to exceed 100,000 gallons per day. No discharge of pollutants into the waters of the State is authorized by the permit.

The facility is approximately 3.5 miles southwest of the City of Hereford at the intersection of Road I and State Highway 60 in Deaf Smith County, Texas. This location is in the drainage area of the Lower Prairie Dog Town Fork Red River in Segment No. 0207 of the Red River Basin.

The Executive Director of the Commission has prepared a draft permit which, if approved, will enforce existing applicable rules and regulations. It is proposed that the expiration date of the renewed be specified as midnight, October 1, 1997.

Legal Authority: Section 26.028 of the Texas Water Code and 30 TAC Chapter 305 of the Rules of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

This application is subject to a Commission resolution adopted August 18, 1993, which directs the Commission's Executive Director to act on behalf of the Commission and issue final approval of certain permit matters. The Executive Director will issue this permit unless one or more persons file written protests and/or a request for a hearing within 30 days after publication of this notice.

If you wish to request hearing, you must submit your request in writing. You must state (1) your name, mailing address and daytime phone number; (2) the permit number or other recognizable reference to this application; (3) the statement "I/we request a public hearing;" (4) a brief description of how you, or the persons you represent, would be adversely affected by the granting of the application; (5) a description of the location of your property relative to the applicant's operations; and (6) your proposed adjustment to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns and cause you to withdraw your request for hearing. If one or more protests and/or requests are filed, the Executive Director will not issue the permit and will forward the application to the Office of Hearings Examiners where a hearing may be held. Commission public hearings are evidentiary legal proceedings similar to civil court non-jury trials. Although general comments from the public may be submitted either in writing prior to the hearing, or orally at the start of the hearing, the law requires

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Requests for a public hearing on this application should be submitted in writing to Chief Clerk's Office - Mail Code 105, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, P. O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711, Telephone (512) 239-3307. Information regarding hearing procedures may be obtained by contacting Kerry D. Sullivan, Assistant Chief Hearings Examiner - Mail Code 102 at the same address or by telephone at (512) 239-4100. Information concerning any technical aspect of this application can be obtained by writing Karen D. Honer, Wastewater Permits Section - Mail Code 148 at the same address with or by telephone at (512) 239-4433.

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Waters off Florida coast home to treasure trove

Seekers of sunken ships use sophisticated equipment in search for lost riches

EDITOR'S NOTE - Call it gold fever or a quest for adventure. Whatever the reason, there are probably more treasure hunters searching for sunken ships along the Florida coast than the rest of the world combined, experts say. Beneath the Florida waters lies an estimated 2,000 Spanish galleons and other colonial-era shipwrecks. But the unwary should be careful about investing in a treasure hunt.

By **NICOLE WINFIELD**
Associated Press Writer
FORT PIERCE, Fla. (AP) - In the children's classic "Treasure Island," a drunken band of buccaneers and their peg-legged captain try to swindle buried treasure from a young boy.

In the more than 100 years since Robert Louis Stevenson created Long John Silver and his squawking macaw, the legacy of the gnarly captain lives, especially in Florida, home to the Treasure Coast and some of the most lucrative shipwrecks known.

To be sure, expensive new equipment - from magnetometers and underwater robots to sonar and sandblowers - have made salvaging more profitable and accessible to people who love a good adventure. But even today, there are stories of modern-day pirates, mutinous crews, death on the high seas and swindled investors.

Famed treasure hunter Mel Fisher gave some credibility to the industry 10 years ago this month when he discovered the bulk of the treasure of the Nuestra Señora de Atocha, a Spanish galleon loaded with an estimated \$400 million in gold, silver

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Salvage fraud investigator,
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and gems that sank in 1622 in a hurricane off Key West.

But Fisher was handed his share of legal battles when investors accused him of cheating them out of the Atocha treasure and the state conducted its own investigation into the way he sold securities.

He emerged relatively unscathed. Others, however, have not fared so well.

Eugene Lyon, a historian who helped Fisher locate the Atocha by deciphering ancient Spanish manifests, says it's no coincidence the dubious fictional characters looking for gold in "Treasure Island" appear time after time - in real life.

"Human nature, after all, really hasn't changed that much," Lyon says. "There are occasions when you have a bad apple."

In Florida, the bad apples are the responsibility of Roger C. Handley, a salvage fraud investigator in the state comptroller's office.

In 16 years on the job, Handley has investigated between 20 and 30 treasure-hunting cases, brought five to court and is working 12 active cases, including the investigation of Don Johnson, a Fort Myers salvor who claimed to have located the sunken treasure of the pirate Jose Gaspar.

In his 1991 prospectus to investors, Johnson wrote that the anticipated value of Gaspar's wreck was \$100 million "or a return to investors in excess of \$40 million in just 12 to 15 months, or sooner."

"Jose Gaspar never existed," Handley says. "He was invented in 1922 by a Tampa real estate promoter."

Johnson, who fled to Ecuador after squandering about \$1.5 million of his investors' money, is an extreme case, Handley says.

And there are legitimate treasure-hunt operations. But treasure salvaging, particularly the way in which it is financed, is largely a scam, Handley contends.

"That's an oxymoron - honest treasure hunting," he says. "Just do the math."

The minimum investment in a salvage venture is anywhere from \$1,000 to \$50,000 for a one-year limited partnership, the investment organization of choice among salvors.

The salvors would have to find an "astronomical amount" of treasure for an investor to break even - much less make a profit - in one year, especially considering that the Atlantic dive season along Florida's Treasure Coast, which stretches from Sebastian Inlet south of Cape Canaveral to Fort Pierce, only lasts the summer months, Handley says.

In addition, the partners receive only a fraction of what is brought up in the year they're in the partnership. The

haul is divided among the salvor, his subcontractors, sub-subcontractors, the crew, and the state, which gets 20 percent.

The treasure also must help cover the cost of raising the loot, an expensive operation considering a handheld magnetometer alone sells for upward of \$50,000. The device scans the ocean bottom searching for metal readings.

Handley couldn't estimate how much is invested - legitimately or otherwise - in Florida treasure hunts each year. Typically, his cases involve amounts of a few million dollars.

Though Handley sees salvaging's seamy side, he is just as enchanted with treasure hunting as the salvors, their investors and anyone who has ever dreamed about finding a buried treasure chest.

"It's neat stuff," he admits. "It's interesting, it's unique, and it's unique to Florida. They're sexy cases."

Salvors insist their business is fair. They say they give full disclosure to all prospective investors and make it clear that treasure hunting is a high-risk investment - comparable to exploring for oil.

Treasure hunting is more romance and adventure than making money, they say.

"That's why they call it treasure hunting and not treasure finding," says John Brandon, a Fort Pierce salvor. "From the public perspective, it's entertainment, it's not science."

Key West attorney David Paul Horan, who has represented Fisher and other salvors in court for more than two decades, said it is unfair to call salvaging dishonest.

"The fact that it doesn't make economic sense doesn't make it illegal," says Horan, an investor in numerous salvaging efforts.

Despite the potential for piracy and likelihood of loss, investors keep coming, and that fuels the industry.

"There are more boats working in Florida, searching for treasure, than the rest of the world combined," says salvor Robert Marx, who has traveled to 61 countries searching for treasure.

Last year alone, there were 52 registered salvaging ships, and any number of unregistered ones, working the Florida coasts, home to an estimated 2,000 colonial-era shipwrecks.

Many would blame a contagious disease called gold fever. Others would say it's the flashy, even sexy image of adventurous treasure hunters, who seem to relish in their own image.

One investor says he went into the Atocha venture looking for a tax shelter that was more fun than real estate. The New York City entrepreneur, who asked that his name not be used, says he considered the coins, silver bars and a few emeralds he received a sixfold return on his \$100,000 investment.

About Fisher, he says, "I believed that someone was going to find a treasure and he had a good shot at finding it."

Other investors had a less favorable impression of Fisher after the Atocha treasure was discovered on July 20, 1985. Various groups sued, claiming they either got nothing or too little for their investment.

Fisher says he settled with the disappointed investors the only way he knows how.

"I just give them something else from my share," he says. "I've got plenty of it. I've got lots of emeralds, gold and silver."

But in 1986 Fisher was sued again by a contractor who accused him of selling him a counterfeit coin. A grand jury found no wrongdoing.

A third brush with the law came during a two-year state investigation into the way Fisher sold securities. In April 1988, he signed a consent decree without admitting or denying guilt.

Other salvors have not had such luck.

Consider the case of Dominic Addario, a boat captain who walks with a limp, wears a beard to cover a scar, and has a pet macaw named Roland.

Addario's partners in Jupiter Wreck Inc., a Jupiter-based salvaging company searching for a 1659 wreck, have accused him of stealing hundreds, if not thousands, of rare coins.

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the U.S. Attorney's Office looked into the allegations, but suspended their investigations last year because of difficulty verifying the coins ever existed.

"No one knows exactly how many coins were brought up," says FDLE agent Jim Born.

Addario denied he stole anything from the wreck. But when pressed by the FDLE, he turned over 700 coins that he said he intended to record once they were cleaned.

While no charges were filed against Addario, the state Bureau of Archaeological Research has withdrawn Jupiter Wreck's salvaging

permit because of its record-keeping problems.

The wreck, meanwhile, is under just a few feet of water off Jupiter Inlet, where a county lifeguard found it in 1987 after taking a morning

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swim.

In another case, the Securities and Exchange Commission last August issued a permanent injunction barring the Tampa-based salvage company Seahawk Deep Ocean Technology Inc. from using a "fraudulent and illegal scheme to manipulate the price and demand for Seahawk stock."

The SEC complaint alleges that between 1989 and 1991 the publicly traded company exaggerated the value of a wreck near Dry Tortugas to inflate its stock value. Three directors are accused of profiting by selling more than \$2 million of their personal Seahawk shares while the stock was at its highest prices.

Seahawk has settled with the SEC without admitting or denying guilt, says Doug Wakeling, a Seahawk vice president. The SEC action is still pending against the three directors accused of insider trading.

Handley, the state investigator, wouldn't comment on Fisher, Jupiter Wreck or Seahawk. But prosecuting any kind of treasure case is more difficult than almost any other type of fraud, he says.

"If someone said I found ship X, how do I disprove that?" he asks. "How do you disprove a negative?"

"If you find so many ounces of gold, you can define what the yield is going to be. How do you define the value of a historical artifact? If you bring up a barrel of oil, it's a barrel of oil. There's nothing subjective about the value of it."

All sunken treasure, however, is subjective.

Fisher understood that, and he understood that the image of the salvor was almost as important as the search for treasure itself to keep

investors and their money flowing into the expensive offshore salvaging expeditions.

So he took the fabulous Atocha find and hyped it for all it was worth.

"Mel changed the whole cup of tea," Marx says. "There's more money to be made now because of him."

There were National Geographic spreads, highly publicized court battles, made-for-TV movies, and appearances on TV talk shows. An eponymous Key West museum and books on the Atocha discovery only enhanced the image of Fisher.

"The publicity attended his major finds certainly has created more interest and knowledge in shipwrecks than all the academics together," says Lyon, the historian. "He has had access through all the media no one else has enjoyed."

But the Atocha isn't even considered the most valuable shipwreck in the

world. Marx says that honor belongs to the SS Central America, which went down in a hurricane off Charleston, S.C., in 1857 with California prospecting gold estimated to be worth \$1 billion today. The Central America wreck was found in 1987.

These days, Fisher still banks on the image of the ruddy independent who defied logic and the government to make his dream come true. Luckily, he can still rely on the Atocha.

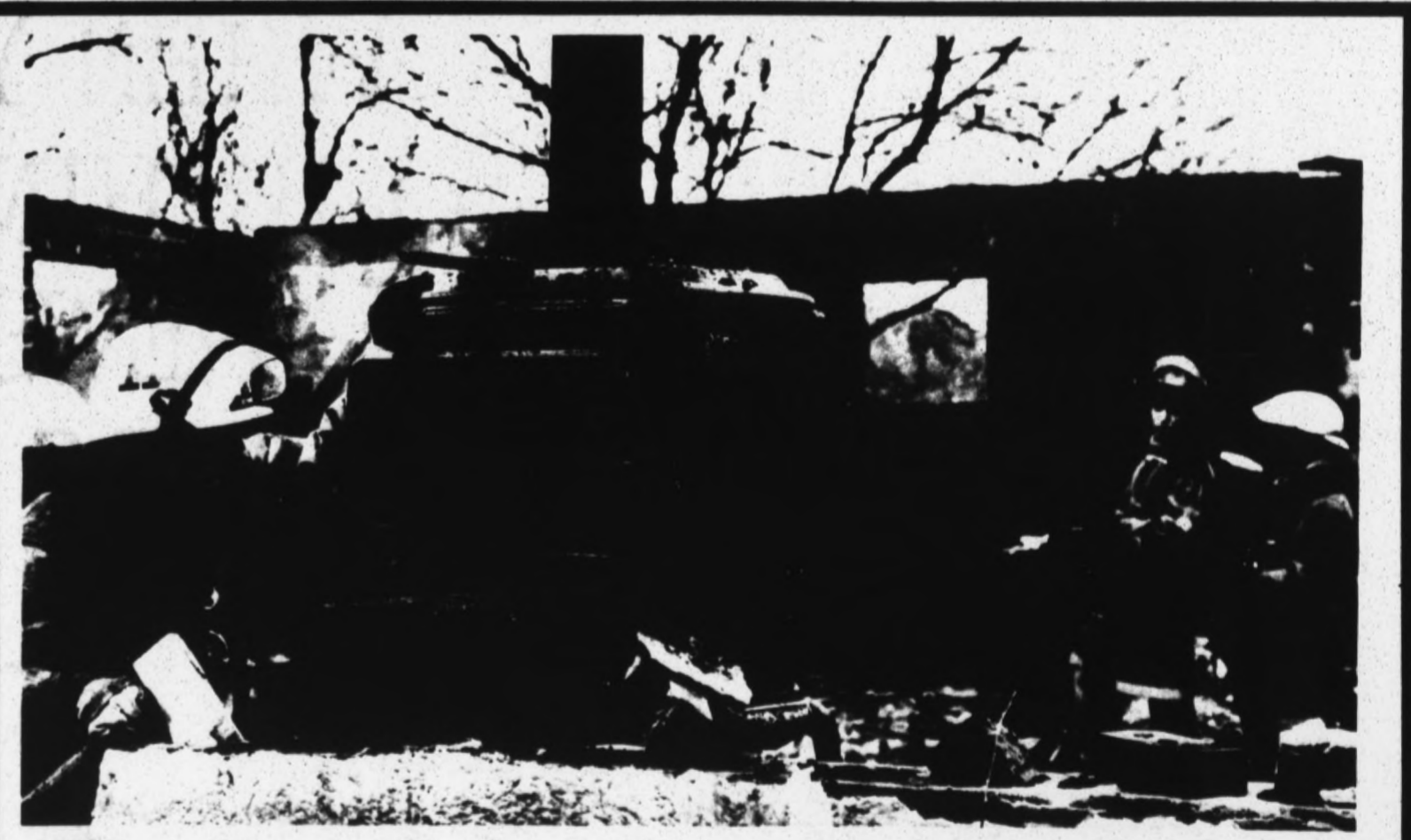
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