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Tourists look at the ruins of the Cliff Palace, the largest cliff dwelling at Mesa Verde National Park. The Cliff Palace, with its 217 rooms and 23 kivas, is one of about 600 cliff dwellings built by the Anasazi during the 13th century and abandoned during the 14th century. Mesa Verde National Park is among the endangered sites in the United States.

Historic sites across U.S. put on endangered list

RENO, Nev. (AP) - With its Art Deco architecture and glorious views, The Mapes Hotel once attracted musicians, politicians, high rollers and Hollywood's elite: Frank Sinatra, Marilyn Monroe, Tony Bennett and Clark Gable.

Now, the hotel is attracting the wrecking ball.

The Mapes, the first hotel in the country to feature gambling, dining, entertainment and luxury accommodations under one roof, is in danger of losing that roof to demolition.

In an effort to save the hotel, The National Trust for Historic Preservation today placed it and several other sites around the country on its list of most endangered historic places.

The Mapes, built in 1947, now sits vacant on the bank of the Truckee River in downtown Reno. It has avoided demolition several times in the past, but estimates have found the costs of converting the brick structure into condominiums or retail space too prohibitive.

If no deal is struck in three months, the hotel is to be demolished in January 1999.

"The Mapes Hotel has incredible reuse potential and if restored, would bring new vitality to downtown Reno," said Richard Moe, president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

"With this listing, we challenge the city of Reno to work with concerned citizens to identify a new role for this building," Moe said.

The trust is a nonprofit group with more than 270,000 members. While inclusion on the annual list doesn't ensure protection or guarantee funding, it has often proven to be a powerful tool for rallying resources.

First lady Hillary Clinton praised the group's effort after she toured

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Dryness hampers planting

By DIANNA F. DANDRIDGE
Staff Writer

For a year that started out with such strong indicators, the 1998 planting season may turn out to be a bit of dud.

The county is now well below its normal precipitation amount of 7.5 inches and, according to Deaf Smith County Extension Agent Dennis Newton, the conditions are right to have the county officially listed under drought conditions.

"Anytime you go for 60 days without rain or moisture pretty much puts you under drought warnings," he said.

Newton said harvested wheat is still showing good yields, but not bumper crops by any means.

Some dryland producers have reported as little 10-12 bushels per acre, some as much as 30 bushels per acre. Irrigated wheat is still being harvested, but it wasn't too badly damaged, according to Newton.

Other producers are just trying to

get cotton planted at the last minute, hoping to get some moisture.

Newton said the sorghum and corn are hurting the most because of the daily amounts of water being used.

For the last seven days, corn has been using an average of 0.37 inches of water daily. Cotton has been using 0.08 inches daily.

"But people have to realize the taller these crops get, the more water they'll use," Newton said.

According to a news release issued by U.S. Rep. Larry Combest's office, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has dropped a proposal that would have delayed crop insurance assessment of drought-damaged fields.

Farmers should continue to be able to expect assessment of failed dryland crops seven days after their final planting date, as has been traditional under the crop insurance program, according to Combest.

Combest had expressed concern to USDA's Risk Management Agency

over proposed assessment deferrals that would have made farmers wait 25 days - four times as long for assessment of fields where seeds fail to emerge due to drought.

"In a limited growing season, farmers cannot be asked to wait 25 days - it will ruin their opportunity to put that land to another use," Combest said.

"Farmers who bought coverage for the 1998 season expect the terms of coverage they were sold - and that would include a timely assessment of non-emerged crops. At the same time, I will continue working with USDA for the betterment of the federal crop insurance program. Multi-peril insurance is an important protection for the tremendous investment made by the farmer, local lenders and the surrounding community," he said.

Combest, a Lubbock Republican whose 19th District includes Deaf Smith County, is vice chairman of the House Agriculture Committee.

Fireworks display rescheduled

Anyone looking into the sky on the Fourth of July night will be looking for raindrops, not aerial pyrotechnics.

The Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce has called off its annual Fourth of July fireworks display, citing the dry weather and the county commissioners' enactment of a fireworks ban.

The chamber has rescheduled the fireworks show for the evening of Aug. 8 to mark the official finale of Hereford's Centennial Celebration.

The chamber will accept donations from individuals and businesses to defer the cost of the Aug. 8 fireworks display.

Chance of rain forecast

By The Associated Press

It will remain hot across all of Texas through Wednesday, but there is a chance of some occasional showers and thunderstorms over most areas of the state.

There is a slight chance of thunderstorms tonight over the Permian Basin and Edwards Plateau of West Texas and a chance of storms developing Wednesday over the low rolling plains. And there is a slight chance of thunderstorms in the Big Bend area through Wednesday. Skies will be fair to partly cloudy.

The relief provided to North Texas from a weak cold front will be history by Wednesday with some temperatures expected to climb slightly above the 100-degree mark by mid-afternoon.

There is a slight chance of thunderstorms in North Texas on Wednesday when it will be partly cloudy, hot and windy.

There is a chance of some showers and thunderstorms this evening from Southeast Texas to the Coastal Bend area. But most of South Texas will have clear to partly cloudy skies and continued hot temperatures through Wednesday.

Lows tonight will be in the 60s and 70s except in South Texas where readings will be in the 70s and 80s.

Highs Wednesday will be in the 90s across West Texas, ranging upward to near 112 along the Rio Grande, in the 90s to 102 in North Texas and in the 90s to near 105 in South Texas.

Some showers and thunderstorms briefly dampened areas along the Texas coast southward to Corpus Christi. But they didn't provide much cooling rainfall.



Photo by Becky Camp

Pageant winners

Wendy Brisendine (center) was named Miss Hereford 1998 during the annual scholarship pageant held Saturday evening in Hereford High School auditorium. Brisendine was also voted Miss Congeniality. First runner-up was Emily Fry (left), while Leann Bivens was named second runner-up. Scholarships of \$500, \$300 and \$200, respectively, were awarded to the winners.

Consumer prices post increase

WASHINGTON (AP) - Price increases for lettuce, cigarettes, gasoline and prescription drugs pushed up consumer inflation by 0.3 percent in May. On Wall Street, stock prices treaded water after Monday's huge drop.

Though moderate, the seasonally adjusted increase in the Labor Department's Consumer Price Index reported today was the largest in 17 months. For the first four months of the year and for all of 1997, it had varied between no increase and a 0.2 percent rise.

Today's report tends to support economists who argue that inflation, after hitting an 11-year low of 1.7 percent last year, has stopped improving. However, many of the items fueling inflation in May were viewed as temporary, so there's little

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Local economy improves

By DONALD M. COOPER
Brand Editor

Hereford's economy showed improvement over last year, however, it lost some ground from the previous month, according to the Texas Comptroller's Office.

The city on Friday received a sales tax rebate payment of \$87,813.08, a 14.9 percent improvement over June 1997, according to the Texas Comptroller's Office. However, the June payment is 13.4 percent below the \$101,437.05 rebate for May.

June's improvement over the previous year represents a rebound because May's payment had been the first this year to fall below the previous year's total.

For the year, Hereford has received a total of \$540,831.27, an 8 percent gain over the \$500,682.88 received for the same period last year.

Deaf Smith County is back on the roller-coaster, which saw the county's payments gain in fall in March, rise in April and fall back in May. The county's rebate of \$31,600.15 for June is 19.4 percent higher than the \$26,475.68 it received in the previous year.

June's payment to the county also was 0.3 percent below the \$31,704.60 it received in May.

For the year, Deaf Smith County has received a total of \$183,494.04, up 8.6 percent from the \$168,984.16 for the same period last year.

The comptroller's office delivered a total of \$185.5 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,093 Texas cities and 118 counties, a 14.7 percent increase over the \$161.6 million allocated to Texas cities and counties in June 1997.

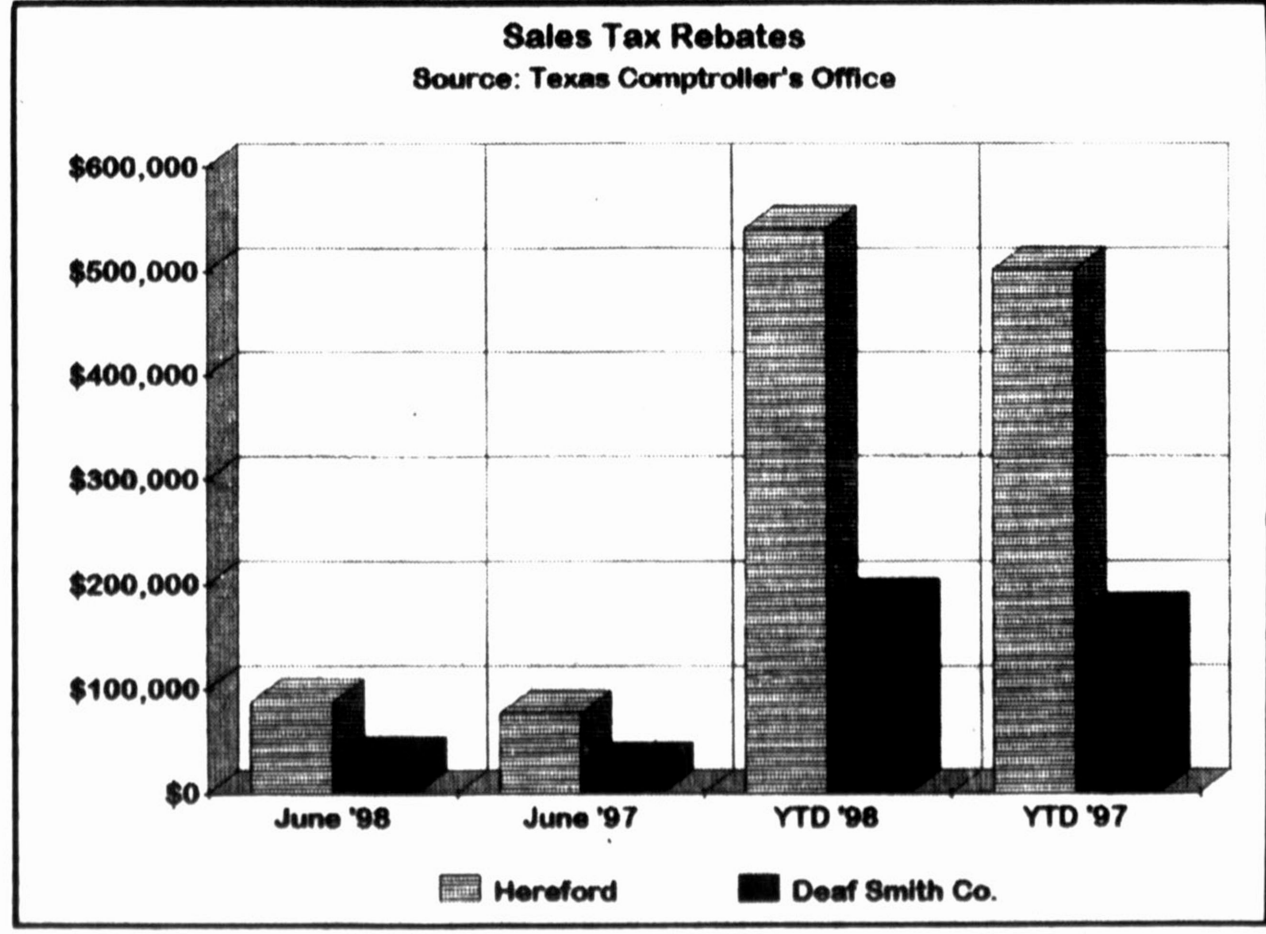
The month's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in April and reported by businesses filing monthly tax returns in May.

Comptroller John Sharp said the "long and steady increase in consumer spending in Texas continues, as jobs and new businesses remain plentiful. Year-to-date, rebates to cities and counties are up 11 percent over last year."

Sharp delivered monthly sales tax rebates totaling \$170.1 million to Texas cities, 15.1 percent higher than last June's payments of \$147.7 million. Rebates of \$15.4 million to Texas counties were 10.5 percent higher than allocations of \$13.9 million in June 1997. Another \$5 million went to 33 special purpose districts around the state.

By law, the state collects sales taxes for Texas cities and counties that have local sales taxes. The comptroller's office then returns the local portion of the taxes on a monthly basis.

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Local roundup

City Wide Garage Sale

The Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce will accept garage sale registrations for the 2nd Annual City Wide Garage Sale through July 13.

The event will be 8 a.m.-5 p.m. July 18.

The registration fee is \$10, and each garage sale will be listed on a locator map and furnished with a yard sign. Garage sales are to be registered at the chamber office, 701 N. Main.

Senior pictures

Seniors for the class of 1999 are reminded to keep their appointments for senior photos Tuesday - Thursday in the High School Choir room.

Mostly clear

Tonight, mostly clear and breezy, low in the mid-60s, south wind 20-25 mph with higher gusts.

Wednesday, partly sunny with a less than 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, high in the mid-90s, southwest wind 15-20 mph. Wednesday night, partly cloudy with a low near 60.

Extended forecast

Thursday, mostly sunny, high 90 to 95.

Friday and Saturday, mostly clear, lows 60 to 65, highs in the lower to mid-90s.

Monday recap

High, 81; low, 62; no precipitation.

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Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for June 13-15, 1998, include the following.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Arrests

- A 28-year-old man was arrested on outstanding warrants in the 100 block of Lawton.
- A 19-year-old man was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct in the 700 block of Brevard.
- A 60-year-old man was arrested and charged with public intoxication in the 100 block of West Park.
- A 25-year-old man was arrested on traffic warrants in the 100 block of Avenue I.
- A 31-year-old man was arrested and charged with class C assault in the 300 block of Sixth street.
- A 23-year-old man was arrested and charged with violation of probation in the 600 block of Irving.
- A 22-year-old man was arrested and charged with theft in the 500 block of Avenue H.
- A 20-year-old man was arrested and charged with theft in the 500 block of Avenue H.
- A 25-year-old man was arrested for outstanding traffic warrants in the 200 block of Lee.
- A 25-year-old woman was arrested on warrants at Park Avenue and Blevins.
- A 28-year-old woman was arrested for driving without a drivers license, no insurance.

Incidents

- A burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 900 block of West First.
- A theft was reported at Veterans Park.
- An assault was reported in the 400 block of Lawton.
- An unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 600 block of Union.
- A burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 200 block of Kingwood.
- A class C theft was reported in the 1000 block of West Park.
- A class C assault was reported in the 900 block of 13th.
- A car, reported as stolen from a car lot located in the 1400 block of East Park Avenue was located in Dawn.
- A 20-year-old woman was assaulted by her 19-year-old live in husband in the 500 block of Blevins. No assault charges have been filed.
- A criminal trespass was reported in the 300 block of Avenue I. No charges filed.
- A disorderly conduct was reported in the 300 block of Adelito Calle. No charges filed.
- A child custody dispute was reported in the 100 block of Veterans Park.
- A disorderly conduct was reported in the 500 block of North 25 Mile Avenue.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Arrests

- A 29-year-old man was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana, under 2 ounces.
- A 64-year-old man was arrested and charged with public intoxication.
- A 44-year-old man was arrested and charged with domestic assault.
- A 56-year-old woman was arrested and charged with public intoxication.

- A 54-year-old man was arrested and charged with violation of probation on a driving while intoxicated charge.
- A 44-year-old man was arrested and charged with surrender of surety, violation of probation.
- A 37-year-old man was arrested and charged with delivery of a controlled substance.
- A 32-year-old woman was arrested and charged with Randall County warrants.
- A 33-year-old man was arrested for surrender of surety on an indecency with a child charge.

Incidents

- Family violence was reported.
- Burglary of a building was reported.
- A stolen vehicle was recovered.
- Deputies investigated two reports of drug paraphernalia.
- Deputies investigated a theft.

JUNE 14,

- 7:39 p.m. Firefighters responded to a vehicle/structure fire 10 miles west at Ford, one mile south. A short in the wiring of a pickup sparked a fire catching the vehicle and the adjacent house on fire. Damage is estimated at \$10,000.

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Obituaries

DOROTHY HAMER

June 13, 1998

Funeral services for Dorothy Frances Hamer, 77, of Hereford will be a private family memorial service. Mrs. Hamer was born Oct. 20, 1920, in the Bronx, N.Y., to Emil Hitzke and Susan Arc. She married William T. Hamer. She had been employed as a secretary for a retail department store.

Survivors include her husband, William; one son, Bob Hamer of Hereford; two daughters, Dorothy Melton of Plano and Susan Johnson of Amarillo; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity.

JACY ROWELL

Graveside services for Jacy D'ann Rowell, infant daughter of Jason and Shelly Rowell of Hereford, were 10 a.m. Monday at Rest Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery under direction of Parkside Chapel.

She died Thursday at Northwest Texas Hospital.

Survivors include her parents; one sister, Shelby Lee Ann Rowell; her grandparents, Vince and Audrey Rowell of Hereford; her grandmother, Bobbie McIntosh of Hereford; and one great-grandparent, T.A. Kelly of Friona.

KARI WOLFE ELIZABETH PETERSON PATRICK PETERSON

June 13, 1998

Joint services for Kari Elizabeth Wolfe, 32, and her children, Elizabeth Sharava Peterson, 9, and Patrick Larry Peterson, 8, all of Canyon, were 2 p.m. Monday in the First Baptist Church in Hereford with Ted Taylor,

pastor of the Church of the Nazarene, officiating. Burial was in Rest Lawn Memorial Park under direction of Gilliland-Watson Funeral.

Kari Wolfe recently moved to Canyon from Canadian. She was married to Shawn Wolfe. She was employed as a nurse's aide and was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Elizabeth Peterson was born in Liberal, Kan., and Patrick Peterson was born in Hereford. Both were students at Northwest Elementary and members of First Baptist Church.

Survivors for Kari Wolfe include her parents, Vance and Janis Robinson of Hereford; a sister, Keile Proffitt of Sedan, N.M.; a stepsister, Kellie Williamson of Hurst; and grandmother, Nedra Robinson of Hereford.

Survivors of the children include their father, Doug Peterson of Dalhart; grandparents, Vance Robinson of Hereford and Denise Peterson; and their great-grandmother, Nedra Robinson.

JOE A. HERNANDEZ

June 11, 1998

FRIONA - Services for Joe A. Hernandez, 73, of Hereford were Saturday at the Friona Assembly of God Church with Revs. Pablo Moreno of Springfield, Mo., Inez Aleman of Tahoka and Daniel Hidalgo officiating.

Burial with full military honors directed by an honor guard from Cannon Air Force Base at Clovis, N.M., were at the Friona Cemetery. Arrangements were by Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona. He was born Sept. 29, 1924, in Clifton and died June 11, 1998, at his residence in Hereford.

He was a veteran of World War II, a retired farmer, a member of the

Assembly of God Church and had been a resident of Hereford for three years after moving from Friona, where he resided for about 40 years.

Survivors include his wife, Erma Mitchell Hernandez, whom he married April 3, 1950; two sons, Mickey Hernandez of Hereford and Joe Hernandez Jr. of Amarillo; six daughters, Linda Solelo of Clovis, Lupe Padilla of Hereford, Rebecca Lindeour of Cave Junction, Ore., Debbie Puente of Hale Center, Olga de la O of Friona and Sally Cooney of Klamath Falls, Ore.; 16 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; three half-sisters and two half-brothers.

BILL J. PINKERTON

June 13, 1998

Funeral services for Bill J. Pinkerton, 68, of Hereford were 3 p.m. Tuesday in the Rix Chapel with pastor Don Fortner officiating. Burial was in West Park Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Rix Funeral Home.

Mr. Pinkerton was born April 26, 1930 in Boswell, Okla. He married Georgie Elliston in 1954 in Norman, Okla. He was a U.S. Navy veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Georgie Elliston of the home; three sons, Bruce Pinkerton of Lubbock; Doug and Joe Pinkerton of Hereford; one daughter, Vivian Klecker of Hereford; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The family request memorials be made to the American Cancer Society.

ELSIE MINER

June 14, 1998

Funeral services for Elsie Miner, 86, La Feria, Texas, are pending with Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Miner died Sunday at the Medical Center of Aurora, Colo.

Texas secures CHIP approval, funding

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Clinton administration signed off Monday on a Texas plan that would extend health coverage to 63,000 uninsured teen-agers whose families earn too much for traditional Medicaid yet not enough for private health insurance.

Texas becomes the 19th state to secure approval from the Department of Health and Human Services for its

piece of the federal Children's Health Insurance Program. The state could receive as much as \$561 million in new funds this year under the national five-year, \$24 billion program, which is billed as the largest investment in children's health care since Medicaid's inception three decades ago.

"By providing children with health insurance, we are giving them a real head start on a healthy life,"

said Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala. "Working together, the Clinton administration and the states are making remarkable progress in reducing the number of uninsured children in this country."

Concerned by the number of uninsured children, estimated at 10 million, Congress and President Clinton agreed last year to launch the new program, known as CHIP. Texas is home to an estimated 1.3 million uninsured children.

CHIP is attractive to the states because Washington picks up a larger percentage of the insurance cost than under Medicaid, which also is funded by a combination of federal and state money.

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission estimates it will enroll 63,000 teens between the ages of 15-18 in the CHIP program by year's end. State officials are examining additional expansion efforts that would extend insurance coverage to uninsured children from birth to 18.

"This expansion of Medicaid is the beginning of our effort to construct a children's health insurance program to assure access to health care for the uninsured children of our state," said Texas Health and Human Services Commissioner Don Gilbert.

The 15 to 18 age bracket was selected for assistance first because "this is a group of children that by federal law over the next few years

would come into the Medicaid program. So what we're doing is accelerating the expansion of Medicaid for that group of children," said commission spokesman Charles Stuart.

The Texas CHIP assistance will cover 15- to 18-year-olds whose families have incomes below the federal poverty level, now estimated at \$16,450 for a family of four. Enrollment will begin in July.

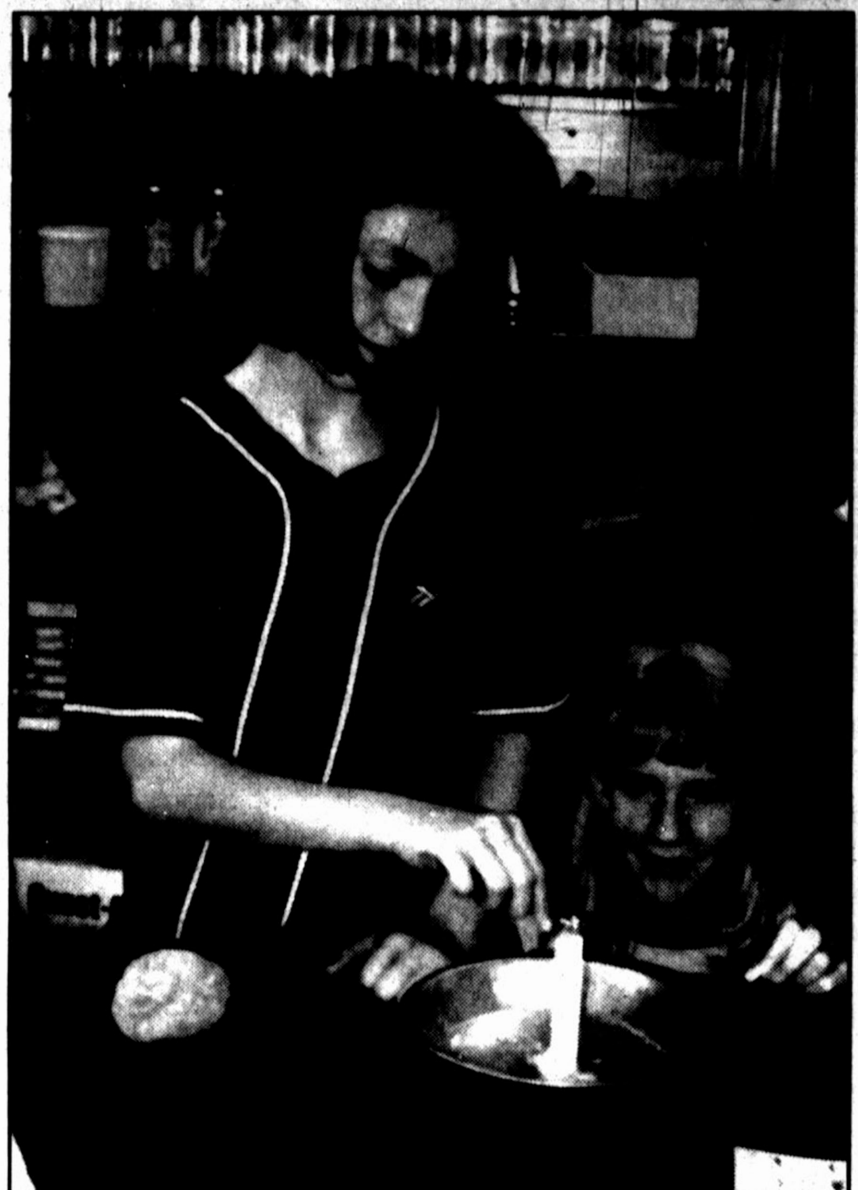
The first phase will cost \$80 million, \$59 million of which will be picked up by the feds.

Expansion to younger children will require approval by the Legislature and the governor, who must come up with additional state monies as a match for the federal CHIP funds.

Currently, Texas provides health insurance for children from birth to 1 in families with incomes up to 185 percent of federal poverty; from ages 1-5 up to 133 percent of poverty; 6-14 up to 100 percent of poverty; and 15-18 up to 25 percent of poverty.

"Free or low-cost health insurance is what families need to ensure their kids can grow up strong and healthy," said Dr. Claude Earl Fox, head of the agency working with the federal government and the states to implement the CHIP program.

Nineteen other states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico currently have CHIP plans pending with HHS. For this year, the first year of the program, \$4.3 billion in allotments are available to states.



Geology studies

Students at Nazarene Christian Academy each year take a combined end of school trip and geological study trip to Palo Duro Canyon. The students bring home sample rocks and perform tests to determine the makeup of the rock. Pictured above, Kayla Parham and Disney Poarch perform a flame test on one sample.

Woman held for child's murder

AUSTIN (AP) - An Austin woman faces a charge of capital murder in the shaking death of her husband's 5-month-old son.

Williamson County officials allege that Genise Batson, 26, violently shook Daeshon Brittenum after he cried and spit up medicine she had given him.

Travis County Medical Examiner Robert Bayardo ruled the death a murder caused by the shaking, which resulted in brain injury.

Ms. Batson, who was arrested last week, is being held without bond in the Williamson County jail.

According to Texas Ranger Dino Henderson, who worked on the case with the Austin Police Department and the Williamson County Sheriff's Department, Ms. Batson sought emergency room care for Daeshon around 12:30 a.m. June 6. The child was not breathing when he arrived at the emergency room and was pronounced dead.

Two young girls were at the apartment where the boy was injured. They told investigators that they saw Ms. Batson shake the boy and then hold his head face down in a pillow, authorities said.

Replacement task force hits Midland

MIDLAND, Texas (AP) - Gov. George Bush has formed the West Texas Narcotics Enforcement Task Force to replace the embattled Permian Basin Drug Task Force, which he shut down after allegations of financial improprieties.

The members of the defunct Permian Basin task force are under investigation by the FBI, the Texas Attorney General's Office and the Texas Rangers. Officials at the investigating agencies have declined

to comment on the specific allegations against the task force.

The Texas Department of Public Safety will lead the new task force, which will be composed of sheriffs and police from several area counties.

"I appreciate the willingness of the DPS to quickly step in and help during this time of transition," Bush said in a weekend news release.

"This task force will help area law enforcement fight illegal drugs," Permian Basin Task Force Cmdr.

Tom Finley denied any wrongdoing on the part of his agency and told the Midland Reporter-Telegram that the task force was the victim of "a lot of infighting in law enforcement itself."

"It's a sad day for law enforcement when it comes down to this," Finley said.

Bush's decision also angered members of the task force board, who last week asked the governor to consider naming an interim director for the task force.

"We are not going to let DPS run a local task force," Jeff Davis County Sheriff Steve Bailey told the Odessa American.

"I guarantee this thing is not through. I hope everyone will show

Bush our disapproval of this thing in writing," Bailey said. "I'm sure going to, nose-to-nose, if I can get to him."

The task force was formed about 10 years ago to serve 15 West Texas counties. It's funded with a grant from the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office and a matching grant from Ector County.

Ector County District Attorney John Smith said the investigation was prompted 18 months ago by a letter from Yoakum County District Attorney Richard Clark.

The letter contained allegations by a former task force member, Smith said.



TEXAS LOTTERY

AUSTIN (AP) - Six tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The tickets, both sold in San Antonio, were for a jackpot estimated at \$10 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were:

5, 31, 36, 38, 42, 43.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$4 million.

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

5-5-8

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery:

2-20-21-35-38

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

2-3-3

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Lifestyles

Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: A longtime friend phoned and asked if she could "borrow" my credit card. She was asked to be the maid of honor at her sister's wedding, and needed to buy a gown and some satin shoes. I said, "OK." I thought I would be invited to the wedding, but as it turned out, there were very few outsiders. It was mostly family.

Here's what really bothered me. Three weeks after the wedding, my credit card bill arrived, and I was shocked to see that she had not only charged the gown and shoes but a coat, a hat, underwear, an airline ticket and some expensive costume jewelry. The total came to \$818.

What can I do about this? I hate to take legal action, but if you advise me to, I will. -- No Name, No City

Dear N.N.N.C.: I don't recommend legal action. You gave your friend the credit card; she didn't steal it. Have you asked your friend to repay the charges? If not, give her a copy of the bill, and insist on reimbursement. Make it easy for her -- ask her to give you \$100 a month until the entire amount is paid up. Send her a "reminder" every few weeks if you need to. Meanwhile, pay your bill, and don't let her ruin your credit.

The only good that came out of this is you have learned that your "friend" is a user. Let us hope she is not also a crook.

Dear Ann Landers: I would like to tell you about a most remarkable cure for people who have a stuttering problem. I recently completed the fluency program for stutterers at the Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk and am thrilled with the results. I traveled from Russia to take this therapy, and it has changed my life.

I am 20 years old and now back in Russia, studying at the School of International Relations in Moscow. I stuttered for 15 years. Every day of my entire life was filled with frustration and anxiety because I could not put my thoughts into words. My speech held me back in many areas of my life.

I did not believe in any speech therapist in Moscow. The treatment consisted mainly of psychological therapy. It did not work for me. Then,

I learned about the therapy at the Eastern Virginia Medical School on the Internet and came to the United States and entered the program. I learned how to breathe, how to articulate and how to use my voice correctly. I am now approaching 80 percent fluency. It's a very hard work, but the rewards are fabulous.

Please let other stutterers know of this therapy. It can change their lives. The person to write to is Ross Barrett, M.A., Eastern Virginia Medical School, 855 West Brambleton Ave., Norfolk, Va. 23510 (www.fluentspeech.com). -- Inna Melnikova, Moscow

Dear Inna: Your letter caught my eye immediately because of the unusual envelope and stationery and, of course, the postmark from Moscow. Thank you for alerting my readers to the help that is available for those who stutter.

I must tell my readers, however, that this program costs \$3,000, although it may be covered by insurance. Also, applicants must stay in Norfolk for the specially tailored program, which involves 120 hours of intensive therapy over a three-week period and follow-up guidance afterward. Barrett accepts applicants of any age.

Be aware that this approach may not work for everyone. For those who are interested in other programs, I recommend the Stuttering Foundation of America, P.O. Box 11749, Memphis, Tenn. 38111-0749, 1-800-992-9392 (www.stutteringfa.org). It provides excellent referrals to stuttering programs across the country.

An alcohol problem? How can you help yourself or someone you love? "Alcoholism: How to Recognize It, How to Deal With It, How to Conquer It" will give you the answers. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$3.75 (this includes postage and handling) to: Alcohol, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$4.55.)

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College Report

ABILENE -- Hardin-Simmons University announces that Richard Douglas Sanderson of Hereford received his degree during spring commencement exercises May 9.

Sanderson earned a bachelor of behavioral science degree from HSU's College of Arts and Sciences.

YORK, NEB. -- Chelli Cummings, daughter of Jo and Ann Cummings of Hereford, has been named to the York College Dean's Honor Roll for the Spring 1998 semester. Cummings, an education graduate,

qualified by being a full-time student with a 4.0 term GPA on a 4.0 scale.

ABILENE -- Jenise Lanac Blankenship of Hereford graduated from Abilene Christian University with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in accounting/finance during May Commencement.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Blankenship and graduated from Adrian High School in 1994.

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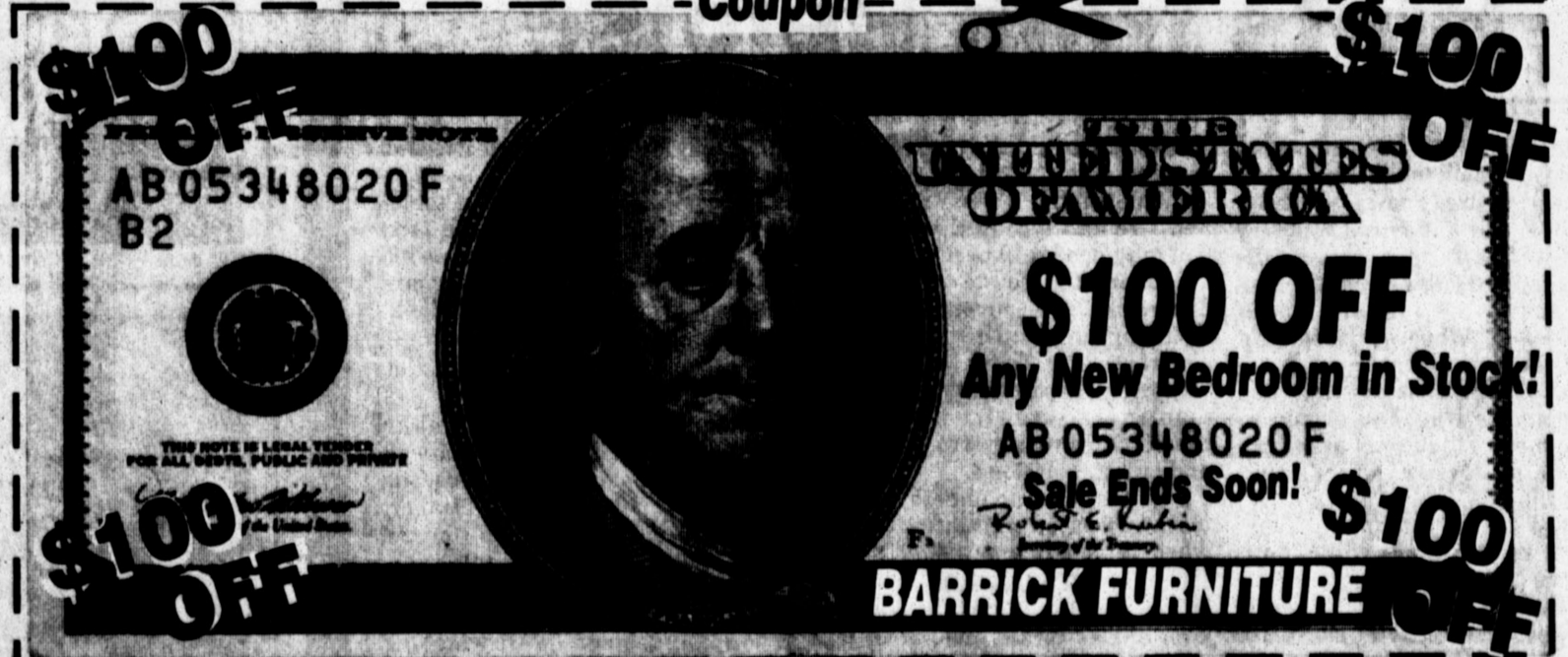
Virgie Long, recently moved to Hereford from Colorado, is displaying her artwork at the Deaf Smith County Library this month. Her favorite pastels and watercolors are a variety of subjects including Southwest scenes, animals and clowns. However, Long likes best to do portraits of her grandchildren.

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Mark and Carla Leiferman of Pierre, S.D., are the proud parents of a daughter, Morgan Brooke, born June 8.

She weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces.

She is welcomed home by a 4-year-old brother, Andrew. Maternal grandparents are Waldo and Carolyn Baxter of Hereford. Paternal grandparents are Bob and Avis Leiferman of Chamberlain, S.D.

Hospital Notes

Patients in Hereford Regional Medical Center on June 15:

B. Coy Fryar, Gene Haliburton, Peggy G. King, Patricia A. Larson, Dorothy Minchew.

Patients on June 16:

Julia Barrera, B. Coy Fryar, Gene Haliburton, Peggy G. King, Patricia A. Larson, Dorothy Minchew, Ramon Tovar.



JILL PAETZOLD

Paetzold is HS graduate

Jill Suzanne Paetzold, a former Hereford resident, graduated June 11 from North East High School in North East, Penn. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Gary Kuhne of North East, and the late Joe Paetzold. She is the granddaughter of Hereford residents Teresa Paetzold and Rosalie and Willis Hawkins.

She plans to attend Penn State University and pursue a degree in education.

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Picking a prize

Crystal Torres is reaching into the mystery bucket to pick a prize she has won for reading in the Summer Reading Club of the Deaf Smith County Library. The program, Furry Tails! Funny Tales! is now in progress for children 4 years old through sixth grade. Parents are encouraged to register their children at the library. For more information call 364-1206.

To Your Good Health

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I was diagnosed with vertigo five years ago and am still taking Antivert. I have attacks that last half a day or sometimes all day, with vomiting and everything spinning. Loss of control is becoming more frequent.

I am 54, very active in biking, walking and local volunteer work.

Is there any special diet or things I should avoid? — M.A.B.

ANSWER: Five years is far too long to go without finding a specific cause for vertigo. Less serious causes of such dizziness, including a viral infection of the inner ear, disappear in a matter of months at most. A five-year history of vertigo indicates a more important cause.

Tumors of the hearing nerve can bring on dizzy spells. So can an insufficient supply of blood to the brain.

Ménière's disease is a relatively common cause of persistent dizziness. Most often with Ménière's disease, hearing loss and ear ringing go hand in hand with dizzy spells. However, there is a rare form of the disease for which dizzy spells are the only symptom.

For effective treatment, a cause must be found. An ear-nose-and-throat specialist — an otolaryngologist — can track down the cause of dizziness. See one soon.

Treatment might be as simple as avoiding salt and taking a water pill to relieve excess fluid in the inner ear.

A surgical attack on the inner ear's

gyroscope can end dizzy spells.

Injecting gentamicin, an antibiotic that destroys nerves carrying garbled messages to the brain, is another possible solution for vertigo.

We're on a wild goose chase, enumerating treatments without knowing a cause. Call the specialist today.

I'm sending you a report on dizziness. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — SR110, Box 5539, Riverton, NJ 08077-5539. Enclose a self-addressed, stamped (55 cents) No. 10 envelope and \$3.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I recently was diagnosed as having Lambert-Eaton myasthenia syndrome. Can you give me some information on this ailment? — E.B.

ANSWER: With the common kind of myasthenia, acetylcholine — the chemical messenger of nerves — cannot activate muscles because the docking stations for it on muscles have been blocked with antibodies. Eyelids droop. Double vision is common. Swallowing can present a challenge. The arm and leg muscles are exhausted in a short time.

With Lambert-Eaton myasthenia, there is a different defect in nerve-muscle interaction. Nerves fail to release sufficient quantities of their acetylcholine messenger.

For patients with Lambert-Eaton myasthenia, initial movements are weak but repetitive movements tend to become stronger.

Cortisone drugs and azathioprine are medicines often employed for

Lambert-Eaton myasthenia. They bring the immune system into line. An errant immune system is believed to be responsible for the syndrome.

Plasmapheresis, which clears the blood of interfering antibodies, is another method to restore acetylcholine release.

Lambert-Eaton syndrome is often associated with hidden cancers, especially lung cancer. I'm sure your doctor has already searched for occult cancers.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Would you discuss anisocytosis? What is the cause? Is it inherited? — B.K.

ANSWER: Anisocytosis is a condition in which there is an excessive variation in the size of a patient's red blood cells.

If there is a concomitant deficiency of red cells, the patient has an anisocytosis anemia. Some such anemias are inherited. Spherocytosis is an example.

If "anisocytosis" is the only notation on a lab report, it generates no great concern. If the patient's red cell count is low, then the doctor would search for the causes of anisocytosis anemia.

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

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Hints from Heloise

Dear Heloise: Please help me. I'm a college student who loves baked potatoes, yet in my dorm, all I have to cook with is a microwave. Every time I try to bake a potato, the middle is hard. How do you recommend baking a potato in a microwave? — Andy Wheeler, College Station, Texas

Never fear, Heloise is here and help is on the way. You should be able to make a delicious baked potato in a microwave, and it's easy and quick.

First, wash the potato well. Then, pierce it several times with a fork. Place the potato in the center of the microwave on several paper towels or a paper plate. (Note: Don't use recycled paper products.) Cook for

at least 4 to 5 minutes for a medium-to-large potato. Cooking times will vary, depending on the microwave and size and type of the potato, so you may need to experiment.

Squeeze the potato to "feel" for doneness. Take it out and let it sit for about 5 minutes; this is called residual cooking. Then, wearing oven mitts, gently roll the potato on the counter or squeeze it a few times to break it up. Prepare it to your liking and enjoy! — Heloise

FYI: It's better to undercook first, test and cook longer than to overcook when using a microwave.

PICKLE JARS

Dear Heloise: I like to reuse glass jars, but as pickle and relish jars seem to hold their smell for a long

time, they are inappropriate for some foods.

By trial and error, I found something perfect to put in those jars: homemade dressing. I like a pickle flavor in my dressing, and the jars work real well. — Linda Cook, Wapakoneta, Ohio

MEATLOAF

Dear Heloise: When I make meatloaf, I put two slices of bread under it. The bread absorbs the grease and keeps the pan cleaner. Then I throw the bread out for the birds. They love it. — Joan Drake, Linden, N.J.

One of my mother's favorite hints; also, many people who are watching their fat intake can do this.

Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Tuesday, June 16, the 167th day of 1998. There are 198 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On June 16, 1963, the world's first female space traveler, Valentina Tereshkova, was launched into orbit by the Soviet Union aboard Vostok VI.

On this date:
In 1567, Mary, Queen of Scots, was imprisoned in Lochleven Castle in Scotland.

In 1858, in a speech in Springfield, Ill., Senate candidate Abraham Lincoln said the slavery issue had to be resolved, declaring, "A house divided against itself cannot stand."

In 1897, the government signed a treaty of annexation with Hawaii.

In 1903, Ford Motor Co. was incorporated.

In 1933, the National Industrial Recovery Act became law. It was later struck down by the Supreme Court.

In 1943, comedian Charles Chaplin married his fourth wife, 18-year-old Oona O'Neill, daughter of playwright Eugene O'Neill, in Carpinteria, Calif.

In 1955, Pope Pius XII excommunicated Argentine President Juan

Domingo Peron. The ban was lifted eight years later.

In 1961, Soviet ballet dancer Rudolf Nureyev defected to the West while his troupe was in Paris.

In 1970, Kenneth A. Gibson of Newark, N.J., became the first black to win a mayoral election in a major Northeast city.

In 1977, Soviet Communist Party General Secretary Leonid Brezhnev was named president, becoming the first person to hold both posts simultaneously.

In 1978, President Carter and Panamanian leader Omar Torrijos exchanged instruments of ratification for the Panama Canal treaties.

Ten years ago: Impeached and ousted Arizona Gov. Evan Mecham and his brother, Willard, were found innocent by a Phoenix jury of concealing a \$350,000 campaign loan.

Five years ago: The U.N. Security Council voted unanimously to give Haiti's military rulers one week to restore exiled President Jean-Bertrand Aristide to power, or face an embargo on oil and weapons.

One year ago: The British government broke off contacts it had just renewed with Sinn Féin after the

Irish Republican Army killed two Protestant policemen in Lurgan, Northern Ireland.

Today's Birthdays: Former Washington Post Co. Chairman Katharine Graham is 81. Author Erich Segal is 61. Author Joyce Carol Oates is 60. Country singer Billy "Crash" Craddock is 59. Songwriter Lamont Dozier is 57. Rhythm-and-blues singer Eddie Levert is 56. Actress Joan Van Ark is 55. Rhythm-and-blues singer James Smith (The Stylistics) is 48. Boxer Roberto Duran is 47. Pop singer Gino Vannelli is 46. Actress Laurie Metcalf is 43. Model-actress Jenny Shimizu is 31.

Thought for Today: "We seldom stop to think how many peoples' lives are entwined with our own. It is a form of selfishness to imagine that every individual can operate on his own or can pull out of the general stream and not be missed." — Ivy Baker Priest, former U.S. treasurer (1905-1975).

Correction

The 50th anniversary reception for Laura and David Downey of White Deer will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 20 in the First Baptist Church of White Deer followed by a social, games and catered supper in the White Deer Community Center. The date was reported in error in a previous edition of The Brand. The Brand regrets the error.

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Alzheimer's group to meet

In affiliation with the Alzheimer's Association, Panhandle Chapter, the Hereford support group for family caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, will meet from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Thursday at Fellowship of Believers Church, 245 North Kingwood (at Moreman).

Resource person for Thursday's meeting will be Kathy Acton, R.N.

Action is well-known to Hereford and Deaf Smith County as one who has worked both with hospice and home health care. She has extensive hands-on experience in the world of persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, and their families. Following a brief presentation, Acton will participate in the group process of sharing feelings, thoughts, questions, experiences and concerns.

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Sports

Stars win 1 out of 3 at Clovis tourney

From staff reports
CLOVIS, N.M. -- The Hereford Stars won their first game at the 1998 Eastern New Mexico Invitational baseball tournament, but then dropped their next two games in a round-robin tournament Friday and Saturday in Clovis and Portales, N.M.

The Stars won Friday night's contest at Clovis Field, beating the Clovis Wildcats 8-3 on the strength of six runs in their final two at-bats. Hereford picked up a pair of runs in the fifth inning and then tallied four more times in the top of the sixth inning.

The Stars picked up four hits in the final two innings and were also able to capitalize upon four errors by Clovis. The Wildcats committed six errors in the game overall.

Hector Zambrano got the win for the Stars.

Saturday, at Portales, Hobbs Post 26 rallied for all five of their runs in the fifth and sixth innings to claim a 5-2 decision over Hereford.

Errors played a part in the Stars' undoing -- Hereford committed three errors in the two innings.

Eddie Lacey took the loss for Hereford.

Boosted by an eight-run third inning, the Amarillo Dusters downed the Stars 10-5 Saturday night, also in Portales.

Hereford took a 4-1 lead into the bottom of the third inning. The Dusters then sent 12 men to the plate in the inning.

George Castillo took the loss for the Stars.

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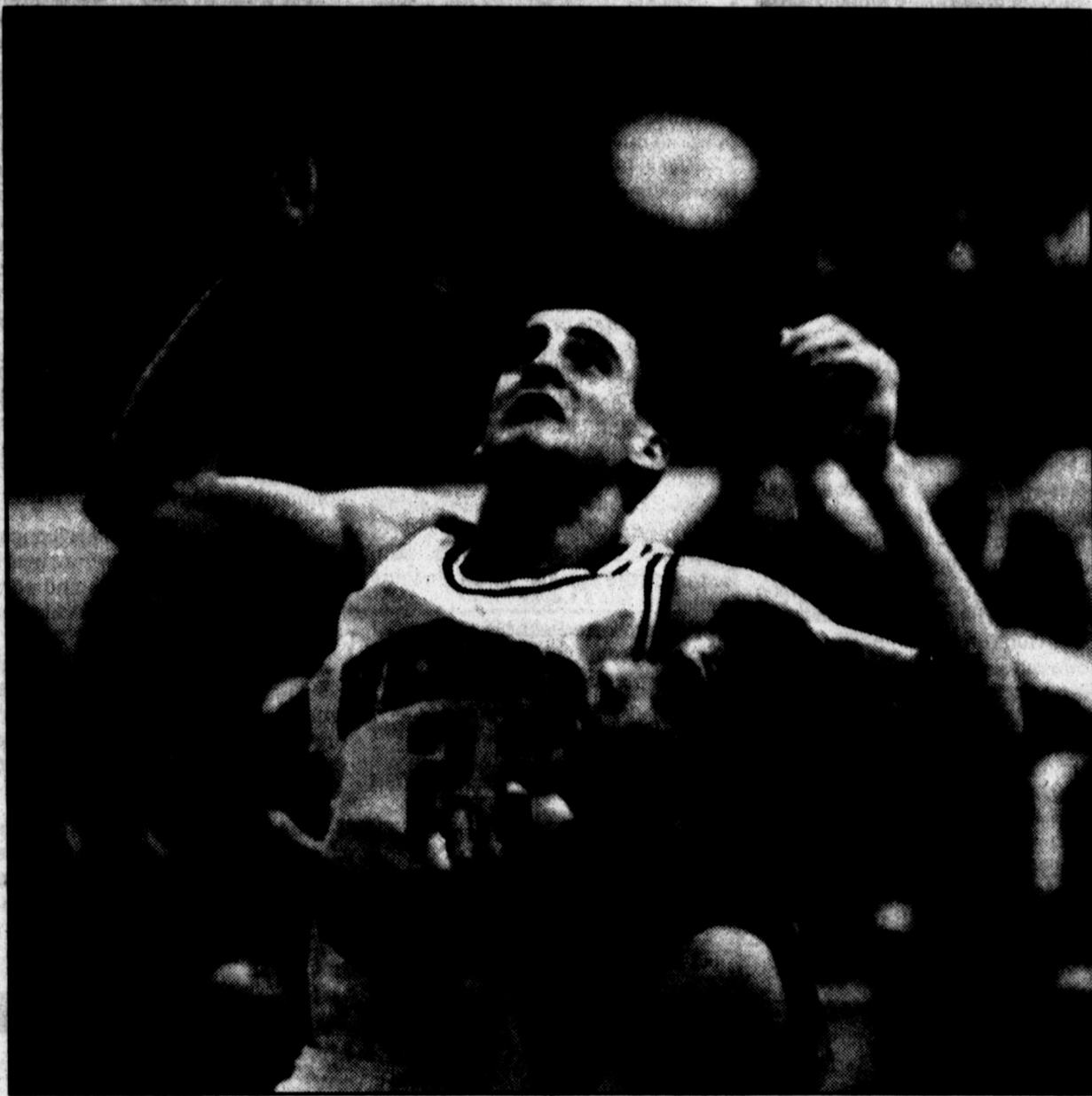


Photo by Julius Bodner

Cody Hodges of Hereford, shown in action against Borger during the high school basketball season, scored 24 points and grabbed eight rebounds for the Texas Trojans in the Trojans 90-72 win over Hobbs, N.M., Friday night in Amarillo at an AAU 15 And Under tournament.

Trojans place 3rd at tourney

From staff reports
AMARILLO -- The Amarillo Razorbacks dropped the Texas Trojans 65-58 Sunday, relegating the Trojans to third place in the Panhandle Roundup Tournament Varsity Division.

The Trojans kicked off the first of their five games with a 90-72 win over a recently constituted

team from Hobbs, N.M. Cody Hodges led the Trojans with 24 points and also grabbed eight rebounds.

Jimmy Woodring chipped in 18 points for the Trojans, including nine from beyond the 3-point arc. Eron Hayes added 15 points and had nine rebounds.

Slade Hodges tallied 12 points

and recorded six assists, and Dominique Perkins finished with 10 points to round out the Trojans scoring in double figures. Perkins also led the Trojans with 12 rebounds and had three blocked shots.

Vince Haynes and Kevin Henry

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Wilson only HHS qualifier for NHSFR

From staff reports
ABILENE -- Rodey Wilson was the lone Hereford cowboy to place in the Top 10 at the Texas High School Rodeo Association Finals.

Wilson held 10th place heading into the third go-round of Tie Down Calf Roping. He then recorded a time of 9.10 seconds to move up to fourth in the average with a total time of 30.43 seconds.

Wilson's fourth-place finish earned him a trip to the National High School Finals Rodeo in Gillette, Wyo., July 17-26. Wilson also won a spot on the Wrangler All-Star Team.

Tyler Senior of Arcola won the Calf Roping with a three-round total time of 28.13 seconds. Cash Meyers of Athens was second with 29.94 and Cory Caperton of China Springs was third with 30.07.

Texas Qualifiers
National High School Finals Rodeo
Barrel Racing: 1. Shayna Boyles, Junction; 2. Fallon Taylor, Ponder; 3. Tessa McQuillan, Borke; 4. Tammy Kidd, Fort Worth.
Breakaway Roping: 1. Karl Kild, Jourdan; 2. Tessa Smith, Hobbs, N.M.; 3. Karl Riggs, Forney; 4. Kriston Cooper, Combs.
Pole Bending: 1. Amber Cartwright, La Verne; 2. Kristen Lee, Gatesville; 3. Latrina Brown, Ewart; 4. Morgan Figueroa, Banquet.
Goat Tying: 1. Jesse Tubbsfield, Huntington; 2. Amanda Kay, Joquin; 3. Stacy Speck, Dime Box; 4. Tessa McQuillan, Borke.
Calf Roping: 1. Tyler Senior, Arcola; 2. Cash Myers, Athens; 3. Cory Caperton, China Springs; 4. Rodey Wilson, Hereford.
Steer Wrestling: 1. Jimmy Stone, Emory; 2. Seth McFadden, Del Rio; 3. Luis Sims, New Caney; 4. Cliff Shottel, Jasper.
Barrel Race: 1. Bill Herbert, Marble Falls; 2. Howdy Cloud, Beaumont; 3. Chad Esbark, Cleburne; 4. Jason Bennett.
Saddle Bronc: 1. Leland Wood, Silverton; 2. Neal Daniel, Vernon; 3. Rowdy Thomas, Frick; 4. Brad Harter, Alamo.
Bull Riding: 1. Robbie Williams, Pears; 2. Josh Guller, Yarbrough; 3. Robby Condra, Dayton; 4. Cole Mewbourn, Canton.
Team Roping: 1. Jale De Geer, Springtown/Wesley Moss, Decatur; 2. Jose Crabb, Mangum, Okla./Garrison Nipper, Mangum, Okla.; 3. Alan Chappell, Terrell/Charles Dorsey, Terrell; 4. Jim Bob Frazier, Big Sandy/Dusty Roach, Shawport, La.
Boys Cutting: 1. Travis Reno, Kerville; 2. Cody De Cordova, Groesbeck; 3. Bryan Bailey, Victoria; 4. Lance Welch, Illinois.
Girls Cutting: 1. Courtney Ford, Weatherford; 2. Tiffani Meier, Fredericks; 3. Susan Welch, Fort Worth; 4. Courtney Bowman, Fort Stockton.

Halos down Texas, 8-5

ARLINGTON (AP) -- Steve Sparks got his first victory in almost two years, and Phil Nevin hit a two-run homer as the Anaheim Angels beat the Texas Rangers 8-5 Monday night.

Sparks (1-0) gave up four runs and six hits in 6 2/3 innings for his first major league victory since July 1, 1996, when he played for the Milwaukee Brewers.

Garret Anderson and Tim Salmon hit solo homers, and Gary DiSarcina went 3-for-3 as the Angels narrowed the Rangers' lead to a half-game in the AL West. Anaheim won three of four games in the series.

Sparks, who missed all last

season following surgery on his pitching elbow, struck out five and walked one. The knuckleballer made 11 minor league starts this season before pitching his first game for the Angels on Monday night.

Troy Percival got the final four outs for his 20th save.

Juan Gonzalez got his major league-leading 81st RBI with a sacrifice fly in the Texas first.

Anaheim came back with a three-run second against Bobby Witt (5-4) on Nevin's two-run homer and DiSarcina's RBI double to take a 3-1 lead.

Astros cap off road trip with 13-2 blitz of Reds

CINCINNATI (AP) -- Derek Bell drove in three runs with a pair of doubles and Jeff Bagwell hit a two-run homer Monday night as the Houston Astros finished a successful road trip with a 13-2 victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

The Astros went 5-2 in Detroit and Cincinnati to gain sole possession of first place in the NL Central. The Astros have won seven of nine overall, matching the 1970 club for best start in Houston history at 42-26.

By splitting the four-game series, the Reds remained at a season-low 10 games under .500 (30-40). Cincinnati has lost 10 of its last 13 games.

The Astros coasted after scoring six runs off Brett Tomko (5-6) in only 2 1/3 innings. Tomko has lost his last five decisions and been rocked in his last three starts, giving up 18 runs in 13 1/3 innings.

J.R. Phillips finished off Houston's 17-hit game with a three-run homer

in the ninth off Gabe White.

Houston starter Mike Hampton came back after a 50-minute rain delay in the third inning, but left the game with a strained groin after his sacrifice bunt in the top of the fourth.

Mike Magnante (3-1) pitched three scoreless innings to get the win and also singled home a run with his first major-league hit in four career at-bats.

Houston hit Tomko hard from the outset. Craig Biggio opened the game with a double, Bill Spiers walked on four pitches and Bell followed with a two-run double. Moises Alou's single made it 3-0 with only one out.

Spiers walked with one out in the third and came around on Bell's double into the gap in right-center. Bagwell then hit a one-strike pitch for his 10th homer and a 6-0 lead.

Bagwell has two hits in nine career at-bats against Tomko, both of them homers.

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Sports Writer
SAN FRANCISCO -- David Duval has played in five U.S. Opens, enough to know what it takes to win. Still, he was at a loss for words after his first 18 holes at The Olympic Club.

From atop the amphitheater that surrounds the 18th green, he peered across a relatively short Lake Course -- at 6,797 yards, it is regarded as the longest short course in the world.

"You always say you've got to hit it straight and hit the greens," he said, pausing to look over the tops of cypress trees lining the fairways and mangled rough at the bottom of their trunks.

"But you're not going to go through the week without missing a fairway," he said. "Sometimes,

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Top golfers could find Olympic Club humbling

"That felt like work today. I don't think this golf course will let anyone run away."

-- Fuzzy Zoeller after Monday practice round

you've got to look at bogeys as making a pretty good score."

History bears that out. In the three previous U.S. Open championships at Olympic, only four players have managed to break par over 72 holes. Scott Simpson had a 3-under 277 to beat Tom Watson by one stroke in 1987, and Billy Casper and Arnold Palmer each had 2-under 278 in 1966; Casper

won in a playoff.

When Jack Fleck pulled off a stunning playoff win over Ben Hogan in 1955, both finished the four rounds in 7-over 287.

"Has anybody started speculating on winning scores?" Duval asked with a smile.

Lee Janzen, who won the U.S. Open in 1993 at Baltusrol in a record-tying 272, suggested

5-under would be enough. Duval found that hard to believe.

"I would take that and go fishing for the week," said Duval, who spent last week fly fishing in Montana and Idaho for a television show.

It even raised the eyebrows of Fuzzy Zoeller, the 1984 U.S. Open champion. Zoeller tied with Mark McCumber at 274 in the 1994 Tour Championship at Olympic, which McCumber won with a 40-foot birdie on the first playoff hole.

But this is not the same course, not with fairways as narrow as 27 yards, rough that is 5 inches and especially clumpy around collars of the green, and new sand in the bunkers that could make them even more penalizing.

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One game from brink, Caps look for motivation

By KEN RAPPOPORT
AP Hockey Writer
WASHINGTON -- So what can Ron Wilson do for a motivational speech now?

Known for his Rockne-like locker room talks, the Washington Capitals' coach will really have to come up with something stirring this time for Game 4 of the Stanley Cup Finals on Tuesday night.

Down 3-0, the Capitals are one game away from handing hockey's biggest team prize to the defending Stanley Cup champion Detroit Red Wings.

"We'll have to come out stronger in the first period," Wilson said Sunday during a practice at the Capitals' facility in nearby Odenton, Md.

Indeed. In reaching the Stanley

Cup finals, the Capitals made it a habit of jumping to an early lead and putting their opponents in a tough position.

Guess what? That trend has reversed itself in the finals, where the Capitals have fallen behind in the first period of all three games with the Red Wings.

"It's tough to start down 1-0 and have to play catch-up hockey," Capitals forward Joe Juneau said. "We have to work very hard to get our goals (against Detroit)."

The telling statistic of the finals: The Red Wings have outshot the Capitals collectively in the first period 37-15, including 13-1 in Game 3 Saturday night, and outscored them 4-0.

Otherwise, the Capitals have outscored the Red Wings 6-5 in all

STANLEY CUP GLANCE

Tuesday, June 9 Detroit 2, Washington 1	Thursday, June 18 Washington at Detroit, 7 p.m., if necessary (FOX)
Thursday, June 11 Detroit 6, Washington 4, OT	Saturday, June 20 Detroit at Washington, 7 p.m., if necessary (ESPN)
Saturday, June 13 Detroit 2, Washington 1, Detroit leads series 3-0	Tuesday, June 23 Washington at Detroit, 7 p.m., if necessary (FOX)
Tuesday, June 16 Detroit at Washington, 7 p.m. (ESPN)	

the other periods, including one in overtime.

Juneau had a tough time explaining why, except to say, "Maybe some guys are not bringing their best to the table. I don't

know whether it's pressure or fatigue."

Washington forward Brian Bellows thought the Capitals might have been squeezing their sticks a little hard in Game 3 Saturday

night following a stunning 5-4 overtime loss in Detroit. The Capitals thought they should have won that second game, which they led by two goals with less than 12 minutes left.

"There was some carryover from the second game," Bellows said, "some doubts after Game 2. That really hit me hard. (The Red Wings) could sense that we were nervous in our own rink."

The Capitals face a daunting task. Only one team in NHL history -- the 1942 Toronto Maple Leafs -- has come back to win the Stanley Cup after losing the first three games. A little bit of added irony is not lost on Wilson: the Maple Leafs that year were playing the Detroit Red Wings.

"Hey, the 1942 Maple Leafs

won after falling behind 3-0," Wilson said. "We just have to play better in the first period."

Detroit associate coach Dave Lewis can relate to how the Capitals might be feeling. He was on a New York Islanders team that overcame a 3-0 deficit against Pittsburgh in the quarterfinals of the 1975 playoffs, the only other comeback from a 3-0 deficit in NHL playoff history.

"The hardest thing for a coach or player is to project four wins in his mind," Lewis said. "That is the most difficult thing: 'How can we do it? How can it be done?'"

"Those questions rarely go away even when you present different scenarios as a coach to the team. In the back of each

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MLB ROUNDUP

Tigers 3, Twins 2
DETROIT -- Brian Moehler remained unbeaten at home and Bobby Higginson homered as the Detroit Tigers beat the Minnesota Twins 3-2 Monday night.

The win snapped a six-game home losing streak for the Tigers, who have won just four of their last 15 overall.

Todd Walker and Matt Lawton homered for the Twins.

Moehler (6-5) is 6-0 with a 1.98 ERA at home. He pitched 7 2-3 innings, giving up two runs and seven hits with six strikeouts and one walk.

Todd Jones pitched the ninth for his 10th save.

Brad Radke (8-5) lost for only the second time in his last seven decisions. He allowed three runs on eight hits, struck out four and walked none in eight innings.

Trailing 2-1, the Tigers scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh to take the lead.

Phillies 2, Pirates 1
PHILADELPHIA -- Matt Beech struck out a career-high 11 and limited Pittsburgh to four hits in eight innings as the Philadelphia Phillies edged the Pirates 2-1 Monday night.

Deel Relford extended his hitting streak to 10 games, tops among NL rookies this year, and drove in the go-ahead run with a two-out single in the sixth.

Beech (3-3) topped his career high of nine strikeouts, set in his previous start against Baltimore on June 9. Mark Leiter pitched the ninth for his 13th save.

Jon Lieber (4-9) was the hard-luck loser, giving up two runs and seven hits in 6 2-3 innings.

Relford went 2-for-3, improving to 14-for-37 (.378) during his hitting streak.

Royals 7, Indians 6, 10 innings
CLEVELAND -- Jeff King hit a

two-run homer in the 10th inning to power the Kansas City Royals past Cleveland 7-6, handing the Indians their fourth straight loss.

Hal Morris singled off Jose Mesa (3-3) to open the 10th. King followed with his 12th homer into the center field bleachers.

Jeff Montgomery (1-3) got the win despite allowing three runs in the ninth for his third blown save. Matt Whisenant allowed one run in the 10th before picking up his first save.

The Indians scored in the ninth on an RBI fielder's choice by Manny Ramirez and a two-run pinch-hit single with two outs by Sandy Alomar Jr.

Montgomery's poor effort spoiled a strong start by Tim Lincecum, who allowed two runs on eight hits in seven innings.

Cleveland starter Dave Burba, who had won his last five decisions, allowed five runs on nine hits in 5 2-3 innings.

White Sox 3, Red Sox 2
CHICAGO -- Rookie Jim Parque pitched seven strong innings and the Chicago White Sox scored three runs in the fifth inning to halt Boston's four-game winning streak, 3-2 Monday night.

Parque (2-0), making just his fifth major league start, gave up one run and four hits over seven innings -- the longest outing of his career. He struck out four and walked three.

Jim Leyritz's second RBI single of the game made it 3-2 in the eighth, but Matt Karchner got the last four outs for his eighth save.

Chicago broke open a scoreless game in the fifth inning with four straight singles -- by Robin Ventura, Wil Cordero, Magglio Ordonez and Mike Cameron. That gave the White Sox a 2-0 lead, and Charlie O'Brien's sacrifice fly off Bret Saberhagen (8-4) made it 3-0.

Devil Rays 6, Blue Jays 7
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. -- Kevin Stocker's sacrifice fly capped a three-run eighth inning for Tampa Bay, which came back after squandering a five-run lead to beat Toronto 6-7 Monday night.

Stocker drove in the winning run off Paul Quantrill (0-3) after the Blue Jays reliever walked Mike DeFelice with the bases loaded to make it 7-7.

Rick White (1-3) pitched a perfect inning for the victory and Roberto Hernandez got three outs for his 13th save.

Quinton McCracken homered twice to drive in four runs and Wade Boggs celebrated his 40th birthday with a solo homer that helped the Devil Rays take a 5-0 lead after two innings.

Cubs 6, Brewers 5
CHICAGO -- Sammy Sosa recorded his second career three-homer game Monday night to power the Chicago Cubs to a 6-5 victory against the Milwaukee Brewers.

Sosa hit solo homers off Cal Eldred in the first, third and seventh innings for his 26th career multi-homer game and fourth this year. Fans celebrated Sosa's three-homer game by throwing caps onto the field from the bleachers.

The Cubs broke the tie in the eighth on one-out singles by Jose Hernandez and Scott Servais off Doug Jones (3-3). Manny Alexander followed with a sacrifice fly to left, to score Hernandez and give the Cubs their second win in their last six games.

Terry Adams (6-3) picked up the win in two-thirds of an inning of relief of starter Kerry Wood.

Orioles 7, Yankees 4
BALTIMORE -- No brawl this time, but plenty of controversy.

The Baltimore Orioles ended David Wells' eight-game winning streak Monday night, scoring the go-ahead run on a close play at the plate in the sixth inning of a 7-4 victory over the New York Yankees.

The game also featured the ejection of Yankees reliever Mike Stanton in a scene similar to the one that started a brawl between the teams in New York on May 19.

Stanton hit Eric Davis with a pitch immediately after allowing a seventh-inning solo homer to Rafael Palmeiro that made it 6-4. Last month, Orioles reliever Armando Benitez hit Tino Martinez with a fastball after yielding a home run to Bernie Williams.

Wells (8-2) was unbeaten in 11 starts since April 2 and was 5-0 in his last five appearances.

Rockies 4, Giants 3, 12 innings
SAN FRANCISCO -- Ellis Burks hit a two-run homer as the Colorado Rockies scored three runs in the 12th for a 4-3 win Monday night over the San Francisco Giants, who lost their season-worst fifth straight game.

Larry Walker led off the 12th with a double off John Johnstone (2-3). Dante Bichette followed with a single and Walker scored on a throwing error by right fielder Chris Jones, who entered the game three innings earlier.

Burks followed with his 12th homer of the season, a shot to right-center that was his first home run since May 8.

J.T. Snow hit a two-run homer for the Giants off Jerry Dipoto in the bottom of the 12th, his second homer of the game.

Curtis Leskanic (3-3) pitched one inning for the victory. Dipoto got the final three outs for his 14th save.

--The Associated Press

CNFR ready to begin run

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) -- Six returning individual event champions are among the 347 qualifiers on hand for the 49th College National Finals Rodeo, which begins its five-day run here tonight.

The men from Panhandle State in Oklahoma and the women from Weber State in Utah -- the reigning team champions from their respective states -- are poised to defend their titles.

The cowboys and cowgirls advanced on the basis of points won at 10 regular-season rodeos and a regional rodeo. Those points are discarded at the national finals "and everybody starts out even -- head-to-head competition," said Tim Corfield, commissioner of the sanctioning National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association based in Walla Walla, Wash.

The NIRA has 3,500 members representing 135 schools in 11 regions. The field brings "the 22 best men's teams and 20 best women's teams in the United States to a common ground," Corfield said.

But more important than championships, in Corfield's view, are nearly \$300,000 in scholarships and other awards, such as \$600 belt buckles and \$1,800 saddles.

"The main goal of the NIRA is education, and we're using rodeo as a means to an end. Our sponsorship base is growing nationally. From our point of view, sponsorship translates directly into tuition and books."

The NIRA, which Corfield has headed for 19 years, also enforces strict academic standards. "We spend a lot of time -- therefore money -- so that the athlete who competes is academically eligible."

player's mind, that is the hardest question to answer, and it doesn't go away, it lingers."

The Red Wings admittedly will have to guard against overconfidence as they shoot for their second straight sweep in the finals. They beat the Philadelphia Flyers last year.

"We have an extra day to get ready for the next game," coach Scotty Bowman said. "We have got to get focused again. But (the Red Wings) have been in this position before and they should know the situation."

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"That felt like work today," Zoeller said after his practice round. "I don't think this golf course will let anyone run away."

Olympic is proof that a course doesn't have to be long to be tough. Sure, there's a 609-yard par-5 awaiting on No. 16 -- Tiger Woods tried to reach it in two Monday, but his 3-wood shot came up short in a bunker.

But one par 4 measures only 288 yards, and the 18th is one of the shorter closing holes in championship golf at a mere 347 yards.

There is only one fairway bunker, but it's not easy finding a level spot, and nearly every tee shot must be shaped around Monterey pines, eucalyptus and cypress trees.

It's called the Lake Course, but there are no water hazards to be found.

"What makes Olympic deceptively hard is its combination of slanted fairways and subtle greens," said Jim Lucius, the head pro at Olympic. "There are no simple lies, and no easy putts."

And as Olympic has shown, there are no predictable winners.

Hogan, Palmer and Watson were all primed to win the U.S. Open until it was snatched away from them in the closing holes.

Fleck birdied two of the last four holes to force a playoff with Hogan, then denied Hogan his fifth Open. Palmer squandered a seven-

stroke lead with nine holes to play. Casper caught him with a 32 on the back to get into a playoff, winning with a 69 to Palmer's 73.

And Simpson birdied Nos. 14, 15, 16 in the final round to surge past Watson. It was the first time a U.S. Open at Olympic didn't require a playoff, only because Watson's birdie putt on the 72nd hole stopped a quarter-inch short.

That's something Ernie Els should keep in mind as he tries to become only the fifth player to successfully defend his U.S. Open title since after World War I.

Same for Tiger Woods, who used to play Olympic during his college days at Stanford and would love to disprove those who say he can't win at courses that put a premium on accuracy off the tee.

Ditto for Colin Montgomerie and Jim Furyk, two of the most accurate drivers in golf who figure their best chance at their first major would be a U.S. Open.

And Watson, playing his best golf in years and a winner last month in the Colonial, could find himself once again going to the 72nd hole in contention at Olympic.

All that Olympic has ever promised is that the champion will be tested for 72 holes -- or more.

Trojans

were the only Hobbs players to reach double figures, tallying 21 and 18, respectively.

In their second game, the Amarillo Razorbacks beat the Trojans, 69-59. The Trojans rebounded to claim a 65-62 decision from West Texas Heat in their third game.

The Trojans got their second win of the tournament against Hobbs, defeating the New Mexicans 89-83 in their fourth game.

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●	(12:30) Movie: Grandview, U.S.A. (1984)			Plinkatons	Plinkatons	Looney	Dreams	Saved-Ball	Saved-Ball	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.
●	Jeopardy!	One Life to Live		General Hospital		Port Charles		Rosie O'Donnell		News	ABC News
●	News	Major League Baseball	Boston Red Sox at Chicago White Sox					Fam. Mat.	Dreams	Saved-Ball	Saved-Ball
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●	(11:30) Movie: Ada (1961)	(120) Movie: Toys in the Attic (1963) ***				Movie: Summer and Smoke (1961) ***		Movie: The Trial (1963)			
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12	(5:30) Movie: Buddy (1997)	Movie: Don King: Only In America	Ving Rhames. 'R'	Oz	SexCity	Movie: Man In Black ***					
13	Movie: Wayne's World 2	Movie: Adventures In Babysitting	Elizabeth Shue. ***	Movie: Allen (1979)	Tom Skerrit, Sigourney Weaver. 'R'	Movie:					
14	(5:00) Movie: The Trial	Movie: On the Waterfront (1954)	Morgan Brando. ***	Movie: Sweet Smell of Success (1957)	***	Movie:					
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19	Sports	FOX Sports	Major League Baseball St. Louis Cardinals at Houston Astros		FOX Sports News	Sports					
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-- Don't be misleading. Think accurate and factual when you write. Be sure to include a phone number and the best times to reach you.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Names in the News

DAVID DUCHOVNY GILLIAN ANDERSON

NEW YORK (AP) - All that tension on the small screen between Agent Mulder and Agent Scully? Tune in for the big-screen blockbuster of "The X-Files" and it might all come together in a kiss.

Maybe. As befits the moody, cultish TV series, David Duchovny, who plays Fox Mulder, is none too clear in his explanation to *TV Guide* in its June 20 issue.

"Mulder is forced to tell Scully what she means to him. And that can lead to personal involvement. There's definitely physical contact," says Duchovny.

Co-star Gillian Anderson, who plays Dana Scully, had her own take on the rumored smooching. "There's an interesting screen kiss. But it's questionable whether it's Mulder or Scully or either of them with anybody else," she says.

RICHARD CHAMBERLAIN

NEW YORK (AP) - He was the young, dashing Dr. Kildare in the 1960s. Then he was the agonized Father Ralph de Bracciano on "The Thorn Birds" in the '80s. Now Richard Chamberlain mostly stays home in Hawaii and paints.

"I stayed young a remarkably long time and then fell apart," Chamberlain, now 63, said with a laugh.

He returns to Broadway and television every few years. He was Henry Higgins in a revival of "My Fair Lady" a few years back, and came back for a sequel to "The Thorn Birds" in 1996.

But those are exceptions. "The business has just gotten too tough for me," he told *The New York Times*.

SIDNEY POITIER

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Sidney Poitier faced down Hollywood stereotyping the only way he could - by turning his back.

When he was the industry's sole black leading man in the racially segregated 1950s, Poitier turned down "more than a few" roles he considered demeaning.

"I was here under my own terms, and I knew I had no power to influence except the power to say 'No,'" Poitier said. "I didn't come into this business for the fame and fortune and all of that. I had points to make to myself and to the world on behalf of myself and my family."

Poitier, 71, made his first film in 1950 - the racial drama "No Way Out." He went on to star in such classics as "The Blackboard Jungle," "To Sir, With Love," "In the Heat of the Night" and "Lilies of the Field," which in 1963 made him the

only black to win the Academy Award as best actor.

He continues to work, appearing in the recent film "The Jackal" and as South African anti-apartheid crusader Nelson Mandela in a Showtime cable TV movie. But he has no desire to increase his pace.

WAYNE KNIGHT

MILWAUKEE (AP) - Wayne Knight, who played lazy postal worker Newman on "Seinfeld," is more into public service in real life, taking a reduced fee to make radio commercials urging Wisconsin tax delinquents to pay up.

"Ninety-five percent of Wisconsin taxpayers pay their taxes on time. Congratulations," Knight says as the Hank Williams song "Your Cheatin' Heart" plays in the background. "Unfortunately, that means 5 percent of you don't. No congratulations for you."

"In fact, what if the other 95 percent knew who you were?" he asks. "That wouldn't be pretty."

Knight, who also costarred in the films "Space Jam" and "Jurassic Park," is best known as Jerry Seinfeld's dreaded sitcom neighbor, an overweight mailman with a lethargic work ethic.

He received \$10,000 to make the commercial telling tax delinquents to take advantage of the state's 60-day amnesty, about one-fifth his usual fee for such work.

GOV. JIM GERINGER BILL GATES

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) - Microsoft boss Bill Gates has an ally in Wyoming, a state known more for cow chips than computer chips.

Gov. Jim Geringer sent Gates a supportive e-mail expressing his disagreement with the antitrust lawsuit the Justice Department and 20 states have filed against Microsoft.

The lawsuits filed last month allege Microsoft forced computer makers using Windows operating software to also sell Microsoft's Internet browser.

"I thought you could use some fresh Wyoming air," Geringer wrote. "We don't think it's necessary to stop Microsoft from doing what you do best."

Geringer said he has more than one browser on his computers and can switch back and forth without problem.

Gates replied: "It's great that information technology is important to you (I'll bet you're the first Governor of Wyoming to have three e-mail accounts) and I hope that you will continue to provide leadership on technology issues both at home in Wyoming and nationally."

Starr's lawyers hauled before judge

WASHINGTON (AP) - After publication of an article on Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr's contacts with reporters, a federal judge summoned key lawyers for an unusual evening proceeding behind closed doors.

Two of Starr's deputies were among a crowd of lawyers who arrived at the U.S. courthouse Monday evening. White House Counsel Charles Ruff and a deputy were there, along with David Kendall, President Clinton's private lawyer; Neil Eggleston, the private attorney representing the White House in a dispute over a presidential aide's testimony; and the three-man legal team representing Monica Lewinsky: Plato Cacheris, Jacob Stein and Nathaniel Speights.

While nobody would comment on the proceeding on orders of Chief U.S. District Judge Norma Holloway Johnson, Starr took aim at a magazine article that asserted he was illegally leaking evidence from grand jury witnesses by giving background briefings to reporters.

"Let me now be clear," Starr said in a statement. "The OIC (Office of Independent Counsel) does not release grand jury material, directly or indirectly, on the record or off the record; the OIC does not violate Department of Justice policy or applicable ethical guidelines and the OIC does not release (and never has released) information provided by a witness during witness interviews except as authorized by law."

Starr's office today pressed ahead with its grand jury investigation, summoning Nancy Henrich, the president's chief of Oval Office operations, to testify again before the grand jury. The White House aide, who would know details about Clinton's visitors, has made at least five other grand jury visits in the Lewinsky probe.

Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., the senior Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee, said the article published over the weekend in *Brill's Content*, a new magazine on the news media, "raised profound questions about whether he (Starr) is qualified to remain serving as independent counsel."

Starr acknowledged to author Steven Brill that he and a top aide gave

briefings to reporters about his investigation of the alleged presidential affair and cover-up involving Ms. Lewinsky, but only on condition the sources of the information not be identified. Brill claimed Starr broke the law.

Starr responded Monday that "Mr. Brill's statements ... are false."

Brill was not available for comment, his office said. Johnson called the hearing to discuss Brill's allegations after the president's private attorney, Kendall, inquired about the status of his earlier complaint accusing Starr of illegal leaks, said a source familiar with the proceedings.

The judge set a hearing for July, the source said. Federal Election Commission records show Brill made a \$1,000 donation to Clinton's 1996 campaign and \$6,000 more to Democratic Senate and House candidates since 1993. The FEC records show no donations to Republican candidates.

"I should have disclosed" the donations, Brill told *The Washington Post* in a story for today's editions. But he said that when he ran *American Lawyer* magazine he published a story arguing that Paula Jones had a strong sexual harassment case against Clinton. "It's hard to come to a conclusion that I'm ideologically tainted," he told the newspaper.

Leaking grand jury material is a federal crime and discussing evidence in pending criminal investigations violates Justice Department policies.

In his statement Monday, Starr cited the type of information his office provided. "We released information about the circumstances surrounding the initial interview of Ms. Lewinsky, but not the substance of the interview."

He said the information amounted to a "limited disclosure" that was "entirely appropriate" to counter allegations that Ms. Lewinsky was illegally detained against her will.

The Justice Department was examining the article and beginning to decide what it should do, a senior official said.

KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

Capital Report

Lawmakers, rockers hold a rally for Tibet

WASHINGTON (AP) - Lawmakers and rock musicians, rallying after a weekend concert, called on President Clinton to push for Tibetan independence during his upcoming trip to China.

More than 2,000 people gathered on the Capitol plaza to hear performances by Radiohead, R.E.M., Sean Lennon and Perry Farrell of Porno for Pyros. They also heard speeches by lawmakers, environmentalists and human rights activists, who encouraged Clinton to speak out for Tibet when he meets with Chinese leaders next week.

Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said both Clinton and his predecessor, George Bush, made a mistake by not doing more to lead other nations in calling attention to what she said were rampant human rights abuses in Tibet.

"They have failed to respond to help meet the challenge of our conscience. We have had bipartisan

Best defense is good defense

The recent nuclear weapons explosions by Pakistan and India expose our country's failure to establish a serious policy to defend itself against the growing threat of ballistic missiles. The administration has relied on sanctions, rhetoric and Cold War arms control treaties. It's time to consider a bold new approach: Defend the United States.

The only way to do that in this era of ballistic missiles is through a national defense against such weapons.

The threat of Third World nations armed with nuclear weapons -- and 30 nations with ballistic missiles -- is completely different from the threat posed by the Soviet Union during the Cold War. The Soviet Union was a superpower with well-defined, predictable interests all around the world. The new threat is completely different, and in some ways, more treacherous.

There can be no opportunity for engagement with countries that have no moral inhibition against developing a nuclear-tipped missile capable of reaching the United States, or thrusting a chemical killer into a U.S. military base anywhere in the world. These are countries that play by very different rules from those that evolved during the Cold War.

What is our best defense against the spread of missiles and nuclear warheads? The best defense is a good defense. But, the administration is thwarting efforts of Congress to develop missile defenses for the security of the United States and her allies. In fact, the very week that India tested its nuclear warheads, the Senate failed by one vote to break a filibuster against legislation with the modest goal of deploying as soon as possible a system capable of defending the United States against limited ballistic missile attack, whether accidental or deliberate. It failed due to administration opposition.

Subsequent events have amply demonstrated the need for such a system. With Pakistan's nuclear tests, and her clear intention to arm long-range missile systems with nuclear warheads, the failure of diplomatic efforts is apparent in bright relief. Knowing full well that the U.S. response to Pakistani tests would be sanctions and renewed pressure to sign a test-ban treaty, the government in Islamabad calmly conducted its tests.

What would make it useless for a nation to spend millions of dollars on nuclear weapons and the missiles to deliver them? Simple. A defense that hurts the country that launches the missile. Missile defenses will change the strategic landscape in a way treaties and sanctions cannot -- in particular, the "boost-phase" interceptors that would shoot down a missile while it's still over the territory of the country that launched it. The threat that their own weapons and debris will come raining back down on them is a far better deterrent to rogue nation behavior than a treaty it won't honor and we can't verify.

For this reason, the Senate Appropriations Committee provided \$10 million to the Pentagon for Fiscal 1999 for boost-phase programs; the administration had requested nothing for them in its budget submitted earlier this year. This would be a small down payment on the serious systems of defense against the threats we are likely to confront on the next battlefield.

If the president will not get serious about this, Congress must. Kay Bailey Hutchison, a Republican, is the junior U.S. senator for Texas.

ECONOMY

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sign inflation is headed dramatically higher either. Stock traders ignored the larger-than-expected inflation number. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks inched 8 points higher to 8,636 in the first half hour of trading after losing 207 points Monday in the largest drop in six months.

"Japan's woes appear far worse than anticipated and if the situation doesn't improve, inflation may be the least of our worries," said economist Oscar Gonzalez of John Hancock. "If the world's second-largest economy falls into a deflationary spiral, the impact will be global and we will not escape the wave."

Separately today, the Commerce Department said housing construction slid slightly for the third consecutive month. Builders started work on new units at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.53 million units in May, down 0.7 percent from April. The starts rate had hit a nine-year high of 1.62 million units in February.

ENDANGERED

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Maryland's Monocacy Aqueduct, a newly listed site in the C&O Canal National Historic Park.

"The trust is once again giving us a roadmap of what we must do as individuals and as a nation to ensure our rich and diverse heritage," she said.

Mrs. Clinton also pledged proceeds from sales of her new book of children's letters to Socks and Buddy, the White House pets, to go toward historic preservation.

The trust's key victories in the past include the Antietam Battlefield in Maryland, the Congressional Cemetery in Washington, D.C., and the world's oldest McDonald's, in Downey, Calif.

The others on this year's list are:
- The Civil War battlefield in Chancellorsville, Va., where Stonewall Jackson was mistakenly shot by his own troops.
- Cannery Row in Monterey, Calif., immortalized by John Steinbeck.

- Mesa Verde National Park in Colorado, the site of pre-Columbian cliff dwellings.
- Some 225 historic county courthouses in Texas.
- Historic lighthouses in Michigan.
- Black Hawk and Central City, Colo., where preservationists fear historic character is threatened by gambling-related development.
- Monocacy Aqueduct, Md., seriously damaged by floods.
- Governors Island in New York Harbor.
- A 120-year-old paper mill in Topsham, Maine.
- Various black colleges and universities nationwide that need funding and rehabilitation.

AXYDLBAAXR IS LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

6-16 CRYPTOQUOTE
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K ATTZ KATXN QN -
APDIKCQD GQHLKPBQ
Saturday's Cryptquote: WE CANNOT HOLD A TORCH TO LIGHT ANOTHER'S PATH WITHOUT BRIGHTENING OUR OWN.—BEN SWEETLAND

SALES TAX

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The state charges a 6.25 percent sales tax and local sales taxes can be up to 2 percent above that.

Around the area, Dimmitt, which has been up and down this year, was up again, receiving a payment of \$21,512.59, up 15.1 percent from the \$18,693.90 received in June 1997. Dimmitt had reported a drop last month.

Dalhart, which had seen its May rebate decline from the previous year, rebounded in June, receiving \$78,235.48, a 6.9 percent gain from the \$73,211.80 payment in June 1997. Pampa received \$226,301.10, 1.2 percent above \$223,644.18 received in June 1997.

Plainview also saw its payment gain, rising 6 percent to \$196,042.75 from \$184,898.82 in June 1997.

Borger improved from May 1997. The city received \$219,285.75, up 20.1 percent from \$182,565.01 for June 1997.

Dumas, which declined in May, bounced back in June. The city received \$71,272.73, up 9.8 percent from the \$64,914.86 it received in June 1997.

Among the area counties, Castro County received \$18,167.39, down 10.2 percent from the \$20,236.15 it received last June; Hale County received \$73,420.60, down 0.1 percent from the \$73,500.44 it received in June 1997.

The comptroller's next sales tax allocation is scheduled for July 10.

Willis rips organized religion

NEW YORK (AP) - Like a character in one of his movies, Bruce Willis came out blazing with both barrels in a *George* magazine interview, calling Bob Dole a "nitwit," pronouncing Louis Farrakhan "a hero of mine" and declaring that organized religions are "dying forms."

The "Die Hard" star told the political magazine edited by John F. Kennedy Jr. that if he were black, "I'd be with Farrakhan, too."

"A lot of people feel Louis Farrakhan stands for a lot of negative things," Willis said of the Nation of Islam leader. "But he is raising his voice against inequality. Anyone who stands up against injustice is a hero of mine."

Willis also said he switched from Democrat to Republican in 1992 and supported President Bush for re-election because he felt Bill Clinton's campaign was too divisive. But he sat out the 1996 election between Dole and President Clinton because he considered the Republican "a nitwit."

Willis also criticized organized religions, which he called "dying forms."

"Modern religion is the end trail of modern mythology," he said. "But there are people who interpret the Bible literally. Literally! I choose not to believe that's the way. And that's what makes America cool, you know?"

Willis latest film, the action movie "Armageddon," comes out in July.

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NEWS

in brief

Gas prices rose a third of a cent during past two weeks
LOS ANGELES (AP) - A computing error led to a mistaken report over the weekend showing that gasoline prices had dropped three cents nationwide. They actually rose a third of a cent.

The Lundberg Survey's weekly report on average gasoline pump prices reported costs were down to \$1.111 a gallon, based on a survey of 10,000 self-serve and full-serve stations nationwide.

They were actually higher at \$1.147 a gallon.

Report publisher Trilby Lundberg said Monday that an error in calculating prices in New Jersey, where self-serve is prohibited, caused the problem.

Her analysis of the prices remained unchanged, however. She said oil refiners were getting good deals on crude oil and passing them on to wholesalers and retailers, who in turn were passing them on to motorists.

At this time of year demand would normally be pushing prices up, she said.

According to the survey, self-serve prices per gallon were: regular \$1.088; mid-grade \$1.190; premium \$1.274. Full-serve prices were: regular \$1.493; mid-grade \$1.582; full-serve \$1.656.

Prosecutors want school shooting suspect tried as an adult
RICHMOND, Va. (AP) - Prosecutors want to try a 14-year-old student as an adult on charges he wounded a coach and a teaching aide during a shooting spree at his high school.

The youth was to be arraigned today. Prosecutors hoped to bring charges on two counts of aggravated assault, each of which could bring 20 years in prison; two counts of using a firearm in a felony, which could bring a total of eight years; and possession of a firearm in a school, which carries up to five years.

Gunfire erupted about 10 a.m. Monday in a hallway outside Armstrong High School's main office as students took final exams on the next-to-last day of school. Witnesses said nine or 10 shots were fired.

Basketball coach and history teacher Gregory Carter, 45, was in stable condition early today at Medical College of Virginia Hospitals, where he underwent surgery to remove a bullet from his abdomen.

Eloise Wilson, 74, a volunteer aide, suffered a flesh wound when a bullet grazed her right arm. She was treated at the hospital and released.

Dell, Microsoft talk about custom-designing computers
NEW YORK (AP) - Dell Computer Corp. wants a different view from its Windows. So do Gateway and Packard Bell-NEC.

The computer makers are pressing Microsoft Corp. to customize its industry-dominating Windows operating system so that the personal computers they sell will stand apart from each other.

Microsoft supplies the Windows software that runs 90 percent of the world's personal computers. Most PCs look and operate pretty much the same, giving computer makers little to compete on other than price.

But recently, profits at Compaq, IBM and other major PC makers have been hammered by a price war that, while a boon to buyers, has driven home the need for manufacturers to find another way to distinguish products.

Dell is the only major computer company not to be hit hard by the price war because it, uniquely among PC makers, sells its products directly to buyers. By cutting out the middleman, Dell has not been forced to shave prices as sharply.

Son: Sinatra fought against growing older

LOS ANGELES (AP) - As the years piled up and his body wore down, Frank Sinatra struggled against the changes.

"For a thoroughbred to age is never a graceful process," Frank Sinatra Jr. said in an interview broadcast early today on CBS-TV's "The Late, Late Show."

Fans still poured out to see Sinatra in his final years even though he made the occasional fumble, had to read lyrics from a TelePrompTer and sang with a voice that didn't soar quite as sweetly on songs like "It Was a Very Good Year," a melancholy look back at years gone by.

Sinatra, 82, died May 14 of a heart attack.

His memory and eyesight eroded in later years. He eventually was diagnosed with cataracts in each eye. Doctors gave him implants.

"I asked him, 'How's it going?' and he said, 'I'm looking at things through a lot of broken windows,'" his son said.

In 1988, Sinatra decided it was time to stop touring.

Yeltsin: Milosevic agrees to negotiate over Kosovo

MOSCOW (AP) - Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic agreed today to negotiate peace with Kosovo separatists, Boris Yeltsin was quoted as saying by a Russian news agency.

"Milosevic agreed to sit down at the negotiating table with Kosovo Albanians," Interfax quoted the Russian president as saying after a meeting with the Yugoslav leader at the Kremlin.

"It's necessary that the whole world see what we agreed to, so that there should be no steps back," Yeltsin was quoted as saying.

He told Interfax that the negotiations were "not simple," and said that both delegations were working up the agreements resulting from the first round of talks with Milosevic.

Russia is in an odd position in the crisis, given its uneasy relations with NATO. Russia strongly opposed NATO's eastward expansion last year, and is openly worried about seeing NATO forces close to its western frontier.

Summit hails dads as role models

WASHINGTON (AP) - Former Chicago Bears linebacker Mike Singletary, left by his father at age 12, has learned with time that being a dad is no easy job.

"It is extremely difficult to be a father," said Singletary, accepting a "Father of the Year" award at the National Summit on Fatherhood Monday. Singletary eventually was able to reconcile with his father and now says he wouldn't trade his dad for any other in the world.

"Dad was just a man, trying very

hard," said Singletary, who has seven children of his own.

Singletary joined heavyweight boxing champ Evander Holyfield, New York police officer Bruce Stayments and actor Tom Selleck as recipients of the award, honoring them for setting examples of strong fathers in a time when the role is often abandoned.

New Jersey Gov. Christine Todd Whitman described the "double jeopardy" children face when their parents separate and then their fathers

make a permanent exit from their lives.

"Every family needs a full-time father regardless of whether that father lives in the home or not," Whitman said.

Missouri Sen. John Ashcroft, author of an upcoming book "Lessons from a Father to His Son," recounted how his father knelt with him the day he was sworn in as senator. The elder Ashcroft advised his son how to act in his new office, telling him to "be humble."

"I am still struggling to learn," said the Republican senator, one of a number of political leaders showing support for the summit sponsored by The National Fatherhood Initiative.

Stayments, an award-winning police officer in Elmira, N.Y., touched the dinner crowd with the story of his decision to adopt four girls and how that later led him to set up his own "Dad School."

"Good fathering is contagious," Stayments said.

Talks hit snag at one of GM's Flint plants

DETROIT (AP) - Union negotiators angrily walked out of talks at one of two strikebound General Motors Corp. plants, but said they would return to the table despite what they described as a management insult.

Talks were to resume today at both plants in Flint, Mich. The strikes by 9,200 workers have idled more than 63,000 other GM workers at 16 assembly plants and 67 additional parts plants throughout North America.

No progress was reported in either set of negotiations Monday.

Union negotiators walked out of discussions at the Flint Metal Center after a GM representative suggested striking workers' support would weaken on a steady diet of \$150-a-week strike pay, said President Duane Zuckschwerdt of UAW Local 659.

"We took major exception to that remark," he said. "That was just a total slap in our face. ... Obviously, the company isn't trying to look for a quick resolution to this thing. They think they can win their case by holding our members hostage."

The world's No. 1 automaker released a statement saying the union's account of the meeting was "completely fabricated."

"GM implores union spokespersons to end the public posturing and return to the bargaining table to focus on the issues that must be addressed," the statement said.

The strikes at the Metal Center and Delphi Flint-East are largely over fears that the automaker plans to reduce the plants' employment, or close or sell the parts factories.

Analysts estimate the strike was costing GM upwards of \$40 million a day.

Zuckschwerdt said GM negotiators

proposed changes in the local contract to reduce manpower levels and allow for more subcontracting.

"They went backwards as far as we're concerned," he said.

But GM said it was "of paramount importance that both parties address inefficiencies" in the stamping plant, which makes doors, fenders, engine cradles and other vehicle body parts.

The automaker also complained about the UAW's repeated attacks on management's credibility in Flint, where 50,000 GM jobs have been lost in the last 20 years to cutbacks.

If no settlement is reached this week, the negotiations could be complicated by the UAW's triennial constitutional convention that begins Monday in Las Vegas, and GM's annual two-week plant shutdown that begins June 29.

Union President Stephen Yokich would find it politically helpful to go to Nevada with a settlement that he could promote as saving dues-paying jobs. Settlement talks could be complicated with union leaders at the week-long convention.

GM's U.S. workers idled by the walkouts, meanwhile, will not get their union-won "holiday pay" for the first week of the shutdown unless they're back at work by June 26.

GM's UAW contract classifies the second week of the break as mandatory vacation, for which workers received pay in a lump sum earlier in the year, company spokesman Alan Adler said.

Union officials insist the convention and shutdown will have no effect on the talks.

On Monday, GM added two car plants in Lansing, Mich., and the Cadillac factory in Detroit to the long list of those affected by the walkouts, and said it laid off several thousand more workers.

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