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Hustlin' Hereford, home of B.F. Cain



Cross-cultural visitor

West Central Intermediate School principal George Ochs, above, samples a piece of pineapple while reading about Asian-Americans at the Hereford Junior High School Multi-Cultural Fair put on by students in the Categories elective course. The fair featured food, stories, famous people and folk tales from several countries or ethnic groups. Watching above is seventh-grader Libby Brockman. Below, Xanadu Davis, a seventh-grader, shows off her papier mache figure of "Mr. No-Name," which was crafted as part of the Irish-American booth.

HJH hosts Multi-Cultural Fair



With classes nearing an end for the 1995-96 school year, students in the Categories classes at Hereford Junior High took some time Thursday to give visitors a quick tour of the world.

The seventh- and eighth-grade students enrolled in the elective course put on a Multi-Cultural Fair after school.

The fair featured displays of several different national or cultural groups, including Irish-Americans, Asian-Americans, Jewish people, Arabs and others.

The class is taught by Suzanne Allen and Margot Sims.

The students began by doing a report on their neighborhood, then expanded their focus all the way up to a country or cultural group.

As part of the semester-long study program, the groups of students had to research folk tales, famous people and food.

For Thursday's fair, the students displayed papier mache figurines they crafted from their folk tale studies and served ethnic foods.

The fair was open to parents and school district personnel, including teachers, administrators and support personnel from other campuses in the district.

Nation's trade debt soars to nearly \$9B

Imbalance worse than had been expected

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - The U.S. trade deficit soared to \$8.92 billion in March as imports into the country of both goods and services hit all-time highs.

The Commerce Department reported today that the March deficit was 26.8 percent higher than a revised February imbalance of \$7.04 billion.

The big jump in imports came despite the fact that two of the biggest categories, oil and cars, both showed decreases in March. U.S. purchases of foreign semiconductors, heavy machine tools and chemicals were up.

The March imbalance was much worse than the \$8 billion gap many economists had been anticipating. The February deficit was revised sharply downward from the original estimate of \$8.2 billion.

For the year so far, the U.S. deficit in goods and services is running at an annual rate of \$103 billion, a slight improvement from last year's \$111.5 billion, which had been the worst showing in seven years.

America's international competi-

tiveness has become a major election-year issue. GOP presidential candidate Bob Dole charged last month that President Clinton's policies with Japan represented a "spectacular failure, a fiasco."

While Clinton took office insisting he would make trade a top priority of his foreign policy, Republicans contend the president's strategy is not working.

The administration insists that the worsening deficit last year reflected economic forces the government cannot control, such as a steep recession in Mexico and weakness in other major U.S. export markets.

They contend that Clinton's market-opening agreements are beginning to pay off, pointing in particular to a jump in U.S. exports to Japan.

For March, the U.S. deficit with Japan rose by 5.5 percent to \$4.11 billion even though U.S. exports climbed to a record \$6.1 billion. For the first three months of the year, America's deficit with Japan was \$11.8 billion, the lowest quarterly total since the spring of 1992.

America's second largest deficit

in March was a \$1.81 billion imbalance with China. This figure, the lowest monthly deficit with China in nearly a year, reflected a 25.5 percent improvement from February as imports of Chinese toys and games, clothing, shoes and telecommunications equipment all fell sharply.

The Clinton administration this week targeted \$3 billion in Chinese products for punitive tariffs, which would be the largest trade sanctions in history, in a dispute over copyright piracy.

The U.S. deficit with Mexico, America's third biggest export market, narrowed to \$1.13 billion. That is an improvement of 13 percent from February as American exports to Mexico climbed to \$4.5 billion, the highest level since November 1994 - the month before Mexico was forced to devalue its peso and set off an economic crisis in the country that sharply depressed its ability to purchase foreign goods.

America's foreign oil bill fell to \$4.29 billion in March, a drop of 5.4 percent from the \$4.54 billion in petroleum imported in February.

City, county see drop in monthly sales tax checks

The City of Hereford and Deaf Smith County took large hits on their sales tax rebate checks this month, according to figures released by the State Comptroller's office.

The city's check for the month on sales in March was \$75,340.72, down 25.49 percent from the \$101,117.84 received in May 1995.

City checks are for the city's 1.5 percent sales tax, of which one-third goes to operation of the Hereford Economic Development Corp., meaning city coffers this month get \$50,227.15, while HEDC gets \$25,113.57.

On the bright side, the city's year-to-date sales tax collections remain up over last year, with \$422,009.46 remitted to the city, up 16.29 percent from the \$362,871.14 through the first five months of 1995.

The story for Deaf Smith County is not as bright, however.

This month's check for the

county's one-half percent sales tax was just \$13,986.42, which is 57.41 percent less than the \$32,846.42 received this time last year.

For the year to date, the county has received \$140,390.93, which is 7.05 percent less than had been collected during 1995, when checks through May totalled \$151,040.94.

Statewide, sales tax rebate checks totalled \$196.8 million that was paid to 1,079 cities and 115 counties. The total represents a jump of 1.4 percent over last May.

The following is a summary of sales tax rebates for towns and counties surrounding Hereford. Oldham and Castro counties are the only ones which collect a county sales tax. The figures are the tax rebate check for this May, last May's check and the difference between the two.

CASTRO COUNTY -- Dimmitt, \$20,569.40 this May, \$27,960.77 last May, down 26.43 percent; Hart,

\$974.67, \$1,973.53, down 50.61 percent; Nazareth, \$1,166.31, \$958.93, up 21.62 percent; Castro County, \$9,090.48, \$11,997.10, down 24.22 percent.

OLDHAM COUNTY -- Adrian, \$145.88, \$492.38, down 70.37 percent; Vega, \$3,298.27, \$3,471.67, down 4.99 percent; Oldham County, \$1,848.49, \$0.

PARMER COUNTY -- Bovina, \$3,749.84, \$3,387.35, up 10.7 percent; Farwell, \$4,503.41, \$5,141.31, down 12.4 percent; Friona, \$22,374.65, \$13,452.89, up 66.31 percent after sales tax was raised from 1 percent to 2 percent in October 1995.

POTTER COUNTY -- Amarillo, \$3,341,988.34, \$3,285,144.59, up 1.73 percent.

RANDALL COUNTY -- Canyon, \$44,009.02, \$47,881.60, down 8.08 percent.

Navy Admiral's suicide stirs questions about medals

By ROBERT BURNS
AP Military Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - The suicide of Adm. Jeremy M. Boorda, the Navy's top officer, stirred debate

today about the legitimacy of his Vietnam combat decorations - and whether Boorda should have known he was not entitled to wear the tiny V-shaped pins.

Just before his death, Boorda abruptly left his Pentagon office troubled by questions he was to face that day about the combat pins.

At least one of two suicide notes he left at his home expressed worry about what he feared might become a scandal over the combat decorations, a government source said today. Contents of the notes have not been released. The source, who asked not to be identified, is familiar with the contents.

Wearing the decorations "could have been an honest mistake on the part of Admiral Boorda," said Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., today. The former Vietnam prisoner of war, interviewed by NBC-TV, said, "For someone to allege that he somehow deliberately distorted what was a superb record to me is patently unfair."

Retired Marine Lt. Col. Roger Charles, who investigated Boorda's record for the independent National Security News Service, said today, "It's inconceivable to me that it was a mistake. It may be a real puzzle to civilians. But it would be a major embarrassment for someone to be caught doing this."

Boorda, 57, the widely admired chief of naval operations since April 1994, died Thursday of what police were treating as a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the chest.

Forensic evidence "indicates this case will be classified as a suicide," a Metropolitan Police Department statement said.

Boorda's body was found just after 2 p.m. in a side yard next to his quarters at the Washington Navy Yard. People nearby heard the gunshot and rushed to his aid. He was pronounced dead at D.C. General Hospital a few minutes later. Police said a .38 caliber handgun and a suicide note were recovered near the body.

The Washington Post reported in today's editions that the suicide notes, one of which was written to Boorda's wife, expressed concern about the disgrace resulting from an impending disclosure questioning whether he had earned two Vietnam-era decorations he had once worn.

The New York Times said the notes suggested Boorda had been driven to take his life by fear that the reputation of the Navy, already battered by a series of scandals, would be further harmed by the disclosures about his medals.

Boorda was to have met about the time of the shooting with the Washington bureau chief of Newsweek magazine, which was working on a story concerning his medals. The National Security News Service, which had obtained Boorda's records through the Freedom of Information Act, was working with Newsweek on the story.

Administration officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said there was no evidence the shooting was accidental and no suspicion of foul play.

Boorda's top deputy, Adm. Jay L.

Johnson, took over as acting Navy chief after the shooting.

Colleagues and lawmakers who had spoken with Boorda in recent days expressed shock and dismay.

At the White House, President Clinton praised Boorda, the first enlisted sailor in the history of the Navy to rise to its top position, as a man of "extraordinary energy, dedication and good humor."

Navy Secretary John Dalton, the service's civilian chief, said he had met with Boorda a day earlier. "He

was in great spirits," Dalton told a news conference.

Rear Adm. Kendall Pease, who was with Boorda a little over an hour before the shooting, said Boorda was to have met with the Newsweek journalist in his Pentagon office at 2:30 p.m. to discuss questions about his Vietnam combat medals.

The implication was that Newsweek was investigating whether Boorda for years had worn a combat "V" decoration that he was not authorized to wear.

SUNDAY IN THE BRAND

The countdown that began more than a decade ago for the young men and women of the Hereford High School Class of 1996 is nearly at its end.

Commencement exercises will be held this Friday, bringing to a close 13 years of compulsory education for these men and women.

In Sunday's Hereford Brand, each member of the Class of 1996 will be honored in our annual 'Salute to Seniors' special section.

The section includes photos of the graduates, as well as congratulatory greetings from family members, local businesses and others. In addition, there are stories from some of the high points of the past school year.

It is a keepsake edition to keep as a memory of graduating children, grandchildren, loved ones, or friends.

Also Sunday, hear about HHS Salutatorian Selena Varner's incredible journey to the top of her class.

Amarillo restaurant to show rattlesnake

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) - The bigger the better when it comes to steak and snakes in Texas.

A roadside attraction known for its legendary 72-ounce steak - free if eaten in one hour - plans to add a rattlesnake to its drawing card.

The Amarillo Animal Control Board voted 3-1 Thursday to give The Big Texan Steak Ranch permission to display a live rattler, which will be caged in the gift shop behind a Plexiglas barrier.

"It will be billed as the largest rattlesnake in Texas," said Bobby Lee of The Big Texan, which hosts about 320,000 visitors annually and serves rattlesnake on its menu.

Anyone who has a bigger one will be encouraged to bring it in and compete for a \$500 prize, which will be awarded to the person bringing in the biggest snake each year, Lee said.

Snake handler Bob Kerr, who

will oversee the slithering creature's care, said he hopes to educate people about snakes and make them less scary.

"You have Adam and Eve, and the reptiles got off to a pretty tough start in that story," Kerr said. "People just don't understand them. Until people look at them closely and give them a chance to be understood they just are an unpleasant experience for most folks."

The board's recommendation will be reviewed by the city's legal department and will go before the Amarillo City Commission for final approval, said animal control director Mike McGee.

Board member Sarah Faulkner cast the lone vote opposing the request.

"I voted against it because I am against caging animals, especially wild animals," she said.

Local Roundup

Yet another record falls

Hereford recorded the hottest day of the current heat spell on Thursday when KPAN Radio recorded a record-setting high of 101 degrees, eclipsing the record of 98 degrees set in 1966. The overnight low Friday was 71 degrees. For tonight, skies will be mostly clear and the low around 60 degrees with southwest winds at 5-15 mph. For Saturday, look for another scorcher, with mostly sunny skies and a high around 102 degrees and south winds of 10-20 mph. The record high for Friday is 100 degrees, set in 1927, according to KPAN.

News Digest

State

GRAPEVINE - Despite the black patches of damaged skin mottling his face, Beck Weathers very nearly beamed as he sat with his wife and two children on a couch at a Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport passenger lounge. "It ain't Kansas, but it's sure home," quipped Weathers, 49, a Dallas pathologist who nearly died a week ago when a vicious blizzard defeated his attempt to conquer Mount Everest.

AUSTIN - Nothing in the Texas Constitution or state law gives Attorney General Dan Morales the authority to file much of his \$4 billion lawsuit against the tobacco industry, lawyers told a Travis County district judge.

AUSTIN - With arrest warrants currently issued for more than 13,000 parolees in Texas, a state senator says it's time to slap a one-year moratorium on parole.

HOUSTON - Republican anti-abortion activists are ready to fight sending any Texas members of Congress, including the state's two senators, as voting delegates to the GOP national convention, the Houston Chronicle reported today.

UNDATED - A former lawyer for a wealthy South Texas charitable foundation says he prompted efforts to remove the Roman Catholic bishop of Corpus Christi as the foundation board's president. Also, Fort Worth Bishop Joseph Delaney informed an assistant attorney general of a 1993 meeting between five Texas bishops, including himself, and the Kenedy foundation board. Delaney and fellow bishops say the foundation should be spending more money on the poorer Texas dioceses outside Corpus Christi.

AUSTIN - More than 20 lawmakers are urging the State Board of Education to exercise control over textbook content despite a law they passed curtailing the panel's power to make book decisions.

DALLAS - One of the nation's first anti-cholesterol drugs, which reduces the risk of death from coronary disease among heart patients, also may help them save thousands of dollars in hospital costs, according to a Scandinavian doctors' study.

National

WASHINGTON - Just before his apparent suicide, Adm. Jeremy M. Boorda, the Navy's top officer, abruptly left his Pentagon office troubled by questions he was to face that day about the legitimacy of one of his Vietnam combat decorations.

CHICAGO - Presto, change-o. Bob Dole becomes "Citizen Dole" with a change of his clothes, but even along the presidential campaign trail, there are reminders of the Senate life he's leaving behind. Departing Washington the morning after his dramatic resignation announcement, the Republican candidate traded his trademark dark suit, starched white shirt and power necktie for khaki pants and a light-blue sport coat. He emerged in Chicago a new man - symbolically shorn of the Senate's trappings.

JACKSON, Miss. - It is a political duel with all the trimmings of an old South novel - two veteran senators sharing the same home state and the same ambitions yet promising a gentlemanly fight for the Senate's top job.

WASHINGTON - As Bill Clinton does battle with Joe Camel, the Supreme Court may have provided a free-speech oasis for some cigarette ads the president says lure children into bad habits.

NEW YORK - Alan Sokal, a physicist at New York University, conducted a little experiment recently. He wrote an article that was close to pure gibberish and sent it off to a respected social science journal.

Then he sat back and waited to see if it would be published.

WASHINGTON - While low-cost airlines have overall accident rates close to those of major carriers, embattled ValuJet has one of the nation's highest rates, a federal study shows.

WASHINGTON - A surgically implanted device about the size of a cassette tape is able to calm a racing heart and may save thousands of lives under an expanded use approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

PHILADELPHIA - Chicago's got broad shoulders, New York a big apple. Turns out Philadelphia has deep pockets.

A new survey finds Philadelphia diners to be the most generous tippers in the nation - way better than in New York City, and platefuls ahead of the Los Angeles.

MONROEVILLE, Pa. - Stephanie Owens has a pet peeve, one that many women can recognize instantly: men who leave the toilet seat up.

After reading letters to Dear Abby and watching a TV sitcom in which a couple argued about the toilet seat, Owens wracked her brain and came up with the Happy Hopper.

When offenders leave the toilet seat up, a vinyl-covered, postage-stamp-sized alarm plays a tune politely reminding them to put it down.

Emergency Services

Emergency services reports for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Friday contained the following information.

HEREFORD POLICE

A 29-year-old female was arrested for no seat belt, driving with expired motor vehicle registration, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and on outstanding DPS warrants for failure to appear and speeding.

An 18-year-old male was arrested for throwing a water balloon at a passing car and for false identification to a peace officer.

A report was filed in the 200 block of Avenue B of a person returning home from the hospital to find mail had been defaced with obscene words.

Sexual assault was reported and is under investigation.

A report was filed of a 21-year-old male spraying a motorist with a squirt gun on U.S. 385. Charges are pending.

A residential break-in was reported in the 100 block of South Ranger. Cash totalling \$150 was reported taken.

Theft of gasoline valued at \$27.34 was reported in the 400 block of East First Street.

A domestic disturbance was reported between a father and son in the 400 block of Avenue E. No charges were filed.

Officers issued 44 traffic citations. There was one minor traffic accident reported in the 800 block of East Fourth.

DEAF SMITH SHERIFF

A 20-year-old male was arrested for aggravated sexual assault.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported.

Criminal trespass was reported.

Disorderly conduct was reported.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Volunteer firefighters were called out at 5:12 p.m. to a Dumpster fire in 200 block of Avenue B.

Firefighters were called out at 7:38 p.m. to a vehicle fire 14 miles east on U.S. 60.

Firefighters were called out at 6 a.m. Friday to assist Hereford EMS load a patient in the 200 block of Kingwood and to assist unloading the patient at Hereford Regional Medical Center.

Investigation centers on canisters

Question arises over paperwork submitted on items

By TRACY FIELDS
Associated Press Writer
MIAMI (AP) - Officials are investigating whether dozens of canisters aboard ValuJet Flight 592 were empty or filled with volatile chemicals that may have caused a fire before the crash.

The canisters were listed on shipping documents as empty, but investigators said Thursday night they could not verify whether the paperwork was correct. Some workers who handled the canisters have said they thought they were full, officials said.

The 8-inch-long, stainless-steel canisters, called oxygen generators, are "issue No. 1" in the investigation, said Robert Francis, vice chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board.

The jet, which was carrying 50 to 60 outdated oxygen generators in a front cargo hold, crashed Saturday in the Everglades shortly after the crew reported smoke in the cockpit and

cabin. All 110 people aboard were killed.

Workers have recovered scorched and sooty wreckage from the front of the jet, and investigators suspect the canisters, if full, might have caused a fire or explosion that led to the crash. The canisters have not been recovered.

Oxygen generators, used to provide oxygen for emergency masks, contain a volatile mix of chemicals that create heat up to 500 degrees when in use. Considered hazardous material, they are insulated when installed in a plane.

The canisters aboard Flight 592, however, were packed in five cardboard boxes in a cargo hold that also contained three inflated airplane tires.

Investigators have not suggested how the canisters may have been activated and are still looking at other possible sources of a fire, such as wiring.

A hazardous materials team is

interviewing workers who handled the canisters before they were loaded on the plane in Miami, said Gregory Feith, lead NTSB investigator. Investigators also will use serial numbers to try to trace the history of the canisters.

One theory is that they were indeed full but that an inexperienced shipping clerk mistakenly listed them as "empty," The New York Times reported today, citing investigators.

The canisters, which were being returned to ValuJet headquarters in Atlanta, were packed by Phoenix-based SabreTech, an aircraft maintenance company with facilities at Miami International Airport. The company said it wasn't sure whether the canisters were empty.

ValuJet President Lewis Jordan cautioned Thursday against "a rush to judgment" during the investigation.

"I have not seen anything that tells me that ValuJet Airlines was in violation of anything," he said.

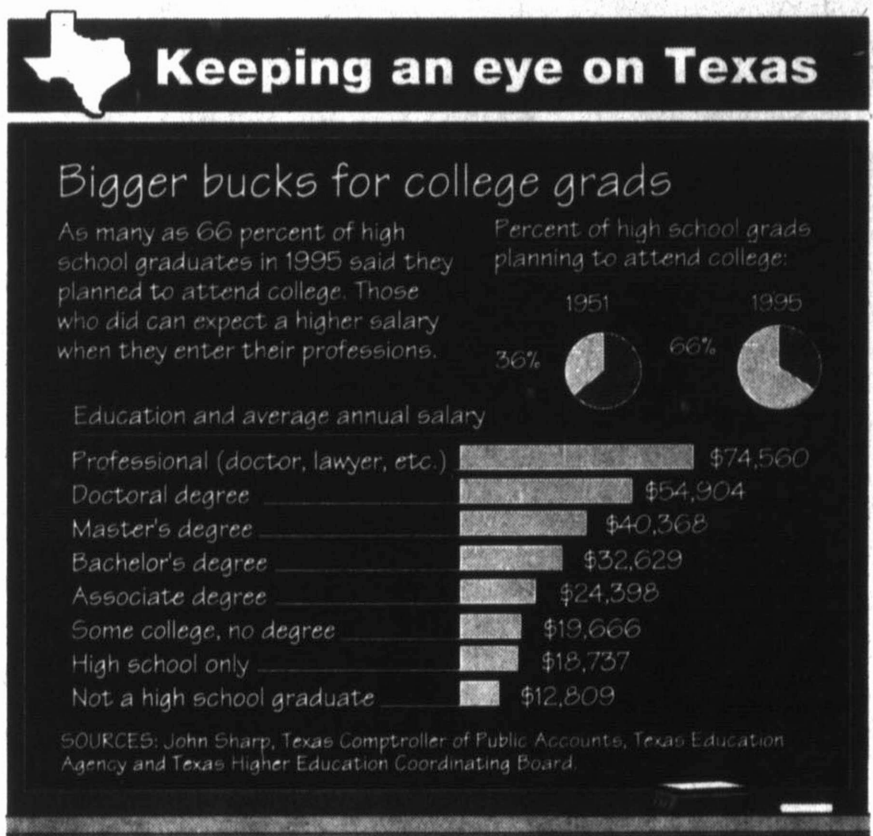
The Federal Aviation Administration had said ValuJet was not allowed to transport full oxygen generators. But Feith said there are provisions that would have allowed the airline to ship them if it was necessary for company business.

He added, however, that ValuJet would still have to follow guidelines for shipping full canisters and it was not clear whether the airline did on Flight 592.

Also Thursday, a heavy-lift helicopter pulled large pieces of wreckage from the Everglades muck along with the DC-9's engines.

The engines showed no evidence of fire but were still missing the turbine fans, which would indicate how much thrust the engines were producing, Francis said.

Also still missing was the cockpit voice recorder. An experimental radar that can detect items in the mud will be brought in Monday to help in the search. Navy sonar has failed so far to locate the so-called black box.



Mississippi senators seen vying for GOP Senate majority leader

By GINA HOLLAND
Associated Press Writer
JACKSON, Miss. (AP) - It is a political duel with all the trimmings of an old South novel - two veteran senators sharing the same home state and the same ambitions yet promising a gentlemanly fight for the Senate's top job.

Mississippi Sens. Trent Lott and Thad Cochran, who hold the No. 2 and No. 3 Senate leadership positions, emerged Thursday as the top two candidates to replace presidential hopeful Bob Dole as majority leader.

Trained as lawyers, the two started their careers in the House in 1972. Cochran won a Senate seat in 1978, Lott 10 years later.

But the differences are many. While Cochran has been known for his easygoing nature and alliance with Dole, Lott is more aggressive and conservative, originally supporting Texas Sen. Phil Gramm for president.

"They represent two different traditions within the Republican Party, two different generations even though they're not that far apart in age," said Marvin Overby, political science professor at the University of Mississippi.

Overby said while the 58-year-old Cochran "is much more of the old school, much more willing to compromise, much more low-key," his 54-year-old counterpart is more abrasive and enjoys trying to "draw sharp distinctions between the Democrats and beat them at the polls."

"It will be interesting to see which way the party decides to go," he said.

Overby said Cochran and Lott have a reputation of disharmony and "how nasty it gets is going to come down to ... how seriously they dislike each other and to what extent they see this as a battle for the heart and soul of the party."

As Cochran has slowly moved up the Senate leadership ranks to chairman of the GOP conference, Lott sidestepped tradition. Last year he defeated Sen. Alan Simpson, R-Wyo., Dole's longtime deputy, to become majority whip and second behind Dole.

"We're going to run this campaign in a way that is based on friendship, mutual respect," Cochran said Thursday. "The campaign has not developed in any kind of hostile or negative campaign at all, and I don't think it will."

Mississippi Republicans relish the thought of House Speaker Newt Gingrich of Georgia working with a Mississippian as Senate majority leader.

"The South was pre-eminent in the early part of the century. We ran the show, then we got out of it in the next 100 years. Now through the vehicle of the Republican Party, the South is emerging as the powerful region," Mississippi Republican leader Clarke Reed said. "We've come full circle."

Reed also said the race is good for the state's image.

"We're considered the butt of the nation in jokes, but now because of our leaders we're coming back," he said.

Lott, considered the early leader in the leadership race, said he has no plans to press Cochran to withdraw.

"I think he's got to make a decision he's comfortable with. I'm sure he's checking where the votes are," Lott said.

The last Mississippian who was a serious candidate for majority leader was Sen. Pat Harrison in the 1930s.

Harrison narrowly lost when fellow Mississippian Theodore Bilbo voted against him.

"I'm sure we won't repeat history," Lott said.

Joseph Parker, a University of Southern Mississippi political scientist, said Cochran and Lott make attractive candidates for the job.

"Thad Cochran sort of looks like what a Southern Republican senator would look like ... a shock of gray hair and smooth manner and tennis fan," Parker said. "When I look at Trent Lott, I think he must sleep three hours a night and when he does he's dreaming about strategy."

A third potential contender for the leader's job, Sen. Don Nickles of Oklahoma, announced he would run instead for the whip's post. He is unopposed.

Sen. Pete V. Domenici of New Mexico who also expressed interest in the race, announced Thursday he would not run.

U.S. farmers believed to be feeling result of low-priced tomato imports

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Economics Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - The U.S. International Trade Commission has reached a preliminary determination that American farmers are being harmed by a sharp rise in imported tomatoes from Mexico.

The commission voted 5-0 Thursday to send the dispute to the Commerce Department for a ruling on the question of whether the Mexican imports are being dumped in the U.S. market - sold at less than fair-market value.

Commerce has the power to set dumping duties, border taxes on the tomatoes that would raise the U.S. price to a level considered fair to American producers.

The Commerce Department has until Sept. 9 to make its ruling. If it finds that dumping is occurring, the case would return to the trade commission for a final ruling on the issue of whether American farmers are being harmed.

The tomato case was filed with the trade commission on April 1 by Florida Agriculture Commissioner Bob Crawford and groups representing tomato growers in Florida, California, Georgia, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

American farmers have been among the loudest critics of the North

American Free Trade Agreement, which is lowering barriers to trade among the United States, Mexico and Canada.

When the Mexican peso was sharply devalued in December 1994, it plunged the Mexican economy into a steep recession. Rising inflation and unemployment cut into the buying power of Mexican consumers, pushing Mexican growers to sell their vegetables in the United States.

Given that the peso was weaker against the dollar, it meant those crops were also cheaper in the American market.

Farmers in Florida have been especially hard hit with officials worried that the very survival of the state's tomato farmers could be at stake. Several tomato packing houses have been forced to close.

The U.S. Agriculture Department reported earlier this year that increasing competition from Mexico had significantly reduced Florida's share of the U.S. market for a variety

of fresh winter vegetables.

As recently as the winter of 1991-1992, Florida farmers produced 57 percent of the winter vegetables sold in the United States. A year ago, the share had dropped to 36 percent, USDA said.

Lottery

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

6-7-9 (six, seven, nine)

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Lifestyles

Retired School Employees install officers for 1996-97

New officers of the Hereford Retired School Employees Association were installed during a recent meeting at Hereford Senior Citizens Center.

They were Betty Mercer, president; Margaret Bell, first vice president; Louise Witkowski, second vice president; Eleanor Hudspeth, secretary; and Audrey Powell, treasurer.

Outgoing president Doris Bryant presented School Bell awards to Chip Formby, with radio station KPAN, and Speedy Nieman, publisher of *The Hereford Brand*.

Alta Mae Higgins, public relations chairman, presented special awards to members. Mary Duvall received the 20th Century Award; Teddy Poindexter-Appreciation Award; and Annell Holland-Volunteer Service.

The H.R.S.E. Association contributed to a memorial in honor of Reuben McGilvary and Ray Clay, who passed away this year.

Reports were given on the Retired Teachers meeting in Canyon in April. Mr. and Mrs. John Poindexter reported on the State Convention stressing that retired school employees should "get active and get involved."

Committee chairman for the coming year were named by Mercer. They are June Owens, public relations; Dorothea Prowell, retirement; Jean Beene, health care; Norma Jean Gripp, informative and protective service; Teddy Poindexter, by laws; Leona Schilling, social; and Doris Bryant, parliamentarian.

The association is planning a fish fry for July 15, with the place to be announced later.

Kingdom Seekers class elects officers, teacher

The Kingdom Seekers Sunday School Class met Tuesday for their election of officers and last meeting until September.

Ruby Shelton and Fannie Townsend hosted the covered dish luncheon that was held in the Fellowship Hall of the Avenue Baptist Church.

Rosie Wall gave the blessing and Coy Tice gave a devotional titled "Love."

Following the meal Wall presided when officers for the coming year were elected. Those elected were Rosie Wall, president; Norma Kirby, vice president; Fannie Townsend, recording secretary; Ruby Skelton, class secretary; Nita Houle, treasurer;

Luella Thomas, reporter; Trudie Gray, cheer chairman; and Erma Bain, outreach leader.

Coy Tice and Perry Keyes will be group captains and the social committee will consist of Nancy Duncan, Jessie Sumner and Maxine Coleman.

Teaching the class next year will be Pauline Landers and Erma Bain will serve as assistant.

The class will continue their present project which is Rodney Coleman who is a missionary in Chili.

In closing, Skelton read "God Is Real" and Townsend presented "Too Tired To Pray?"

King's Manor will host Open House on Sunday

King's Manor Methodist Home will host an Open House from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday in conclusion of the celebration of National Nursing Home Week and as part of the observation of May as Older Americans Month.

King's Manor has selected "Aging: A Lifetime Opportunity" as the theme for Older Americans Month.

King's Manor is a member of the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (AAHSA), a national association of more than 5,000 not-for-profit providers of aging services. AAHSA members are

dedicated to providing quality care to older persons and to helping older persons live as independently as possible.

The residents and staff at King's Manor invite the community to join them for the Open House on Sunday.

Rebekah Lodge to hold bake sale

Hereford Rebekah Lodge #228 will sponsor a bake sale beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday at Homeland Super Market.

Toastmasters hold general meeting

The Hereford Toastmasters recently met in the Ranch House Restaurant for regular session with David Rohrbach, Mike Morrison, Joe Don Cummings and Margaret Del Toro as topic speakers.

Dan Hall served as presiding officer, Rohrbach led the pledge and Clark Andrews gave the invocation.

Toastmaster was Jeff Dodson and Rick Jackson served as timer and AH counter was Jigger Rowland.

Grammarian was Kathryn Musser with Coleen Seright serving as wordmaster. Expedite was given as the word and topicmaster was Charles Minchew.

General Evaluator was Dan Hall for the five minute "Ice Breakers."

Morrison was chosen best topic speakers and Minchew was best speaker.

Adolpho Del Toro was welcomed as guest.

The first Vice President to preside at a cabinet meeting in the absence of the President was Thomas Riley Marshall, Vice President under Woodrow Wilson.



Officers are installed

New officers for the Hereford Retired School Employees Association were installed recently. They are, from left, Audrey Powell, treasurer; Eleanor Hudspeth, secretary; Louise Witkowski, second vice president; Margaret Bell, first vice president; and Betty Mercer, president.

Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: This is for "Seen Too Much in Baltimore," who couldn't understand why women stay in abusive situations. I am a domestic violence/rape crisis counselor and have seen more violence in a month than most people see in a lifetime.

A batterer controls his victim by diminishing her self-esteem in such a subtle manner that the woman does not realize what is happening until she feels absolutely worthless. That's when the beatings begin. If the police are called, they take the batterer down to the station. Fine. But he is released within 24 hours, angrier and more violent than ever. The most dangerous period for the woman is the three days after he is out of jail. That's when most killings occur.

Women stay in abusive relationships because they lack money and job skills. Society does a poor job of protecting them.

Please, Ann, let them know help is available. There are shelters and agencies in almost every county in the country. Most services are free. Social workers from the agency will help the woman through the entire process.

The most important thing to remember is that it is not the woman who has a problem. It's the man who abuses her. -- J.S.M., Franklin, Pa.

Dear J.S.M.: Your letter is sure

to be a godsend to members of the "sisterhood."

Battered women need to know they don't have to remain in abusive relationships. There are alternatives. The information you have provided tells them where to go to get help. The number for the national domestic violence hot line is: 1-800-799-SAFE (TDD: 1-800-787-3224).

Dear Ann Landers: I am divorced and remarried. My first husband and I have a 9-year-old son, "Scott." We are both involved in Scott's activities.

Last night, we attended a scouting event where Scott was to receive an award. When he was called forward, the pack master mistakenly used my last name with Scott's first name. I realize this was an honest mistake since I'm the one who communicates with his scout leaders, but it upset my ex-husband terribly. I'm sure this will happen again and make us all uncomfortable. Scott is shy and not likely to inform his leaders of this error.

Scott's father tried to correct the mistake, but the crowd was large and noisy, and all he managed to do was embarrass himself and his son. It's obvious he is offended that people might think Scott is using my

surname. I always try to make it clear that we have different last names, but people don't remember. Do you have any ideas on how I can handle this tactfully?

Also, how can I correct people when they call me by my former last name? I don't want to embarrass anyone, but I don't like it. Divorce is common these days. People should not assume that all parents and children share the same name. I'd appreciate your advice. -- Second Time Around in Fremont, Calif.

Dear Fremont: When you are called by your former name, politely and promptly say, "The name is now Smith." Before any event where your name or Scott's is likely to be mentioned, hand the speaker a note saying: "I'm Scott Jones' mother. My name is now Mary Smith. Thank you for remembering." Sign in bold letters "MARY SMITH, Scott Jones' mom." The double whammy should do it.

Gem of the Day (Credit Ambassador Walter H. Annenberg): Happiness is being married to your best friend. (P.S. He is.)

Menus

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WEDNESDAY-Scrambled eggs, buttered toast and jelly; or cereal, buttered toast, rosy applesauce, milk.

THURSDAY-Sausage pattie, biscuit and jelly; or cereal, buttered toast, orange smiles, chocolate milk.

FRIDAY-Manager's choice.

Lunch

MONDAY-Steak fingers with gravy, fluffy potatoes, green peas, sliced peaches, raisin cream bar, whole wheat rolls, chocolate milk.

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WEDNESDAY-Hamburger,

burger fixings, crispy French fries with catsup, rainbow frozen fruit bar, chocolate milk.

THURSDAY-Lasagna with ground turkey, cabbage apple salad, seasoned corn, pear delite, cookie, garlic toast, milk.

FRIDAY-Sack lunches: bologna and cheese sandwiches, potato chips, carrot and celery stix, pickle spears, fresh fruit, chocolate milk.

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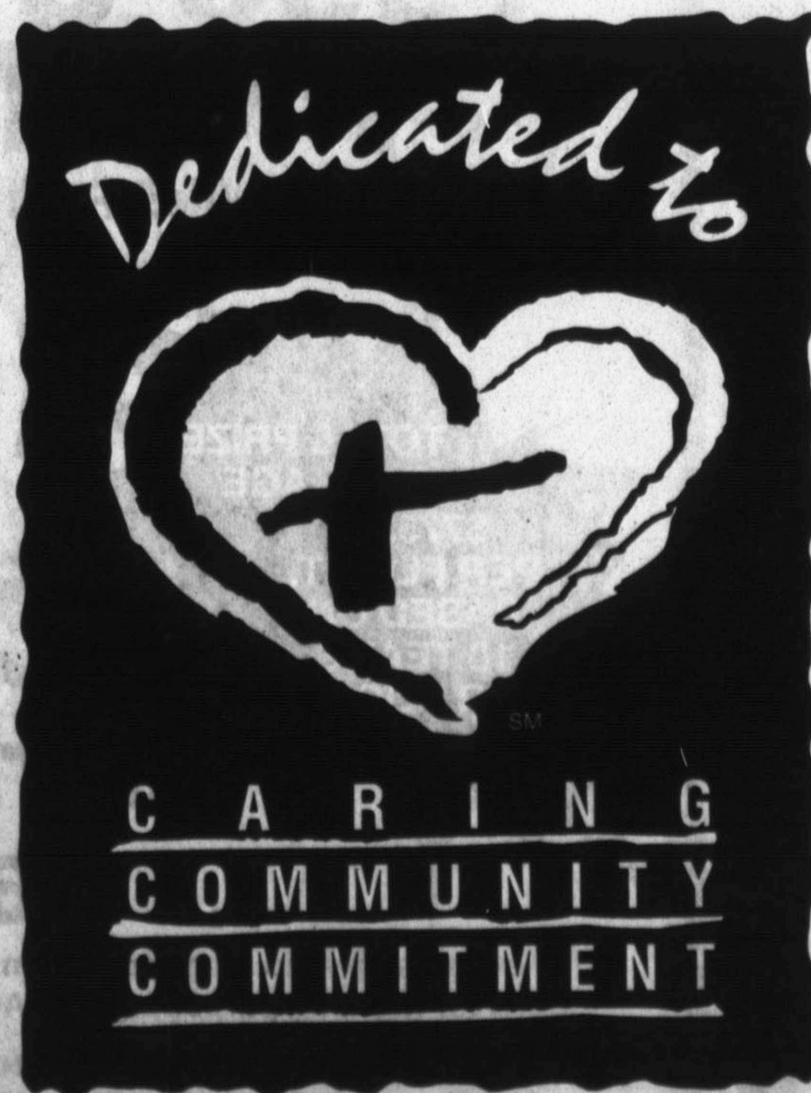
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Sports

Jazz sends Spurs home with blowout

By BOB MIMS
AP Sports Writer
SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - A fourth blowout loss to Utah had David Robinson frustrated. The officiating left the San Antonio center downright angry.

While the Jazz celebrated a 108-81 victory and third trip to the Western Conference finals in five years, Robinson, normally the epitome of sportsmanship, bitterly took on the referees, particularly Steve Javie. The All-Star center was especially upset with his third foul, a charging call just 14 seconds into the second quarter with the Spurs trailing by five points.

"I thought that call by Steve Javie was garbage, and I think it was personal," Robinson said. "I've been seeing him all year long and it has been ... I don't appreciate him bringing that on the floor."

But Robinson, held to 17 points in 29 minutes of play, stopped short of blaming officiating for the outcome. That, he said, was more due to Karl Malone, who scored 25 points.

"He got his team going early. I wasn't able to. That was a big part of the game," Robinson said.

The Jazz, who open their next series at Seattle on Saturday, led by 14 at halftime on John Stockton's buzzer-beating 3-pointer. After three quarters, Utah led 78-61, and the advantage grew to 32 with 1:36 left. All of Utah's playoff wins against the Spurs - who won the regular-season series 3-1 - were blowouts. The Jazz beat San Antonio by 20, 30, 15 and 27 points.

"It was really scary to think we played as well as we did," Utah coach Jerry Sloan said. "To have the game turn out like this was a little bit of a shock."

"I would never guess we would lose any of those games by the margins we have," Spurs coach Bob Hill added. "They just kicked butt."

Sonju quits as Mavs' GM

DALLAS (AP) - Norm Sonju has stepped down as general manager of the Dallas Mavericks to allow the new owners "complete freedom to manage their investment."

Sonju announced his retirement Thursday, saying at a news conference that it was a decision he actually made before Ross Perot Jr., David McDavid and Frank Zaccanelli bought out original owner Don Carter.

At the time of Carter's May 1 sale of 67 percent of the club, the new owners said that while Dick Motta was resigning as head coach, Sonju would remain with the club as president and general manager.

Asked then if he was concerned that his days in the Mavericks' front office might be limited, Sonju said: "I had to do some serious thinking. I just wasn't interested in

Malone credited the Jazz bench players, who outscored the Spurs reserves 51-16, led by Adam Keefe's 18 points and Bryon Russell's 15.

"I think our bench turned it up a notch. It is not too bad to go out of a game with a 10- or 12-point lead, and you come back and you have a 20-point lead," Malone said.

"Just maybe," he added with a grin, "this could be our year."

Utah's two previous recent trips to the conference finals ended with 4-1 and 4-2 losses to Houston in 1994 and Portland in 1992.

For San Antonio, Vinny Del Negro shared scoring honors with Robinson at 17; Sean Elliott had 16.

Utah outrebounded Seattle 47-35 while shooting 52 percent to San Antonio's 39 percent. On points inside, the Jazz held a 52-28 advantage.

"We didn't let them on the boards this time," Sloan said. "And we were able to go inside right off the bat."

Robinson's foul troubles began early, with his second personal being whistled 5:13 into the first quarter. He returned in the second period with Utah leading 22-17, but quickly picked up his third foul when he collided with Malone on a drive to the basket.

With Robinson out, the Jazz scored 11 of the next 14 points to lead 33-20, the same margin Utah enjoyed at the break. San Antonio got no closer than 12 points in the second half.

According to Robinson, problems with Javie began earlier this season when the referee ejected him in a game against Philadelphia.

"He said I charged him and thought I was going to hit him," Robinson said.

Hill insisted the officiating Thursday night "certainly wasn't the reason we lost."

"But I thought it was pretty sad they had to do what they did," he added. "I don't think that's right."

having them pick my brain a month or two months. That's not the sense I have (will happen) at all. ... I'm glad to be part of the new future."

But Thursday, he said he actually wanted to resign then.

"I felt I should step aside, and I shared that with them. But they asked if I would hang in through the transition and help them get launched, and I was glad to do it," Sonju said.

Sonju, 57, came under fire earlier this month, only days into the new regime, because of his fumbled pursuit of Indiana Pacers coach Larry Brown.

The new owners asked Sonju to get permission from the Pacers to talk to Brown, but word that Brown was on Dallas' "short list" got into print prematurely, and Pacers president Donnie Walsh exploded and said he would never agree.

Three tied for Colonial lead

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) - One's big on billiards and horror stories. One's spent more time caddying than playing on the PGA Tour. And a third is a former player of the year who hasn't won a PGA event since 1990.

Those were the leaders entering today's second round of the golden anniversary MasterCard Colonial golf tournament.

Omar Uresti and Jeff Gallagher,

neither household names, and struggling veteran Wayne Levi fired 4-under-par 66s Thursday on "Hogan's Alley" to nab a 1-stroke lead in the chase for the \$270,000 top prize.

Steve Jones and Emlyn Aubrey were tied at 67, a stroke ahead of a group that included Tom Kite and two in front of former Colonial champions Corey Pavin, Nick Price, Fuzzy Zoeller and Tom Purtzer.

District 1-4A

Baseball standings

	District	Overall
*Dumas	10 2	23-6-1
*Randall	9 3	20 10
Pampa	7 5	17 10
Borger	6 6	14 14
Canyon	6 6	10 15
Caprock	3 9	12 15
Hereford	1 11	5 21

*in playoffs

Results from May 7
Hereford 7, Caprock 5
Pampa 8, Randall 7
Dumas 6, Canyon 1
Borger was off

Playoffs, second round

Randall vs. Andrews
(21-6) - one game, 8 p.m.
Friday, Jaycee Park, Plainview
Dumas vs. Big Spring
(15-11) - best two-of-three series. Game 1: 7:30 p.m.
Friday at Lubbock Christian University. Game 2: 11 a.m. Saturday at LCU.
Game 3, if necessary, will start 30 minutes after the end of Game 2.

Lukas goes for 7th win in Crown races

BALTIMORE (AP) - Prince of Thieves, Editor's Note and Victory Speech are the horses, and D. Wayne Lukas is The Man.

On Saturday, with those starters, Lukas will try to extend his record of consecutive Triple Crown victories to seven in the 1 3/16-mile Preakness. "The hill is getting steeper," Lukas said. "We know it can't go on and on and on. With every one, it gets more difficult."

Even at six in a row, the record is comparable in difficulty, if not in stature, to John Wooden's seven straight NCAA championships at UCLA, or Red Auerbach's eight straight NBA titles with the Boston Celtics.

And it's a record that he and his colleagues doubt will be broken.

"You'd have to get Secretariat, Spectacular Bid and Seattle Slew back-to-back to beat what we've done," Lukas said.

Fellow trainer Nick Zito agreed it would take two or three super horses in a row, plus luck, owners with a lot of money, and a trainer who can keep them spending it.

"Otherwise, I don't see it," Zito said.

Lukas' three starters Saturday also will give him a Preakness record for starters on Saturday with 21 total, breaking Max Hirsch's career mark of 19. A third straight Preakness win would be a modern record, as well.

Jordan wants revenge

By MIKE NADEL
AP Sports Writer
DEERFIELD, Ill. (AP) - "Michael Meets Magic II: The Revenge" - also known as the NBA's Eastern Conference finals - could be that rare sequel that's well worth watching.

Fueled by memories of his playoff failures against Orlando last year, Michael Jordan led the Chicago Bulls to a league-record 72 victories this season and won his eighth scoring title. He then carried the Bulls past Miami and New York in the playoffs despite recurring back spasms.

Now, with an NBA Finals berth at stake, he gets another crack at the Magic. The best-of-7 series starts Sunday at the United Center.

"Michael's going to try to score most of the times he catches the ball," Bulls coach Phil Jackson said Thursday. "We're trying to talk him out of doing it EVERY time. But Michael's going to be a dominant force in this series."

John Paxson, Jordan's backcourt partner during the title years of 1991, 1992 and 1993 and now one of Jackson's assistants, said: "Michael is the most competitive guy I've ever seen. He accepts challenges. He's never been afraid to admit when he doesn't do well. He takes responsibility, but then he does something about it. That bodes well for us."

When Jordan came out of retirement last year, the Bulls believed their immediate future was bright. As he said at the time, "We thought we had a chance to steal the championship."

But he had spent most of his 1 1/2 years away from basketball playing baseball, and he developed a totally different muscle structure. In addition, his conditioning wasn't ready for the NBA's rigors. As a result, he no longer had what was once basketball's most lethal first step.

"Number 45 doesn't explode like Number 23 used to," Orlando's Nick Anderson said after Game 1, when Jordan was still wearing the number he had chosen for his comeback. "Number 23 ... he could just blow by you. He took off like a space shuttle. Number 45 ... he revs up, but he doesn't really take off."

After ending that game by throwing a bad pass instead of attempting the potential winning jumper, Jordan changed back to his familiar 23. He had some fine games, but when the Bulls really needed him in crunch time, he didn't deliver like he always had in the past.

The Magic won Game 3 by scoring the final nine points as Jordan missed his last three shots and committed a turnover. And in the series' sixth and final game, Jordan tossed up an airball and tossed away a pass as Orlando finished with a 14-0 run.

And so it became motivation for the man with the highest scoring average in NBA history. He spent last summer getting into basketball shape, and this season he's looked like the Michael Jordan of old.

"I must give (the Magic) credit; they gave me the initiative to go back

into the gym and get my game back where it needed to be," Jordan said. "So in some ways, I appreciate what they did. Now it's just a matter of seeing how I can repay them for what they did for me."

His teammates expect this series

to be payback time for Jordan. "He feels bad about last year, that he wasn't able to compete at the level he wants to," Bill Wennington said. "It was still better than most, but it wasn't what Michael Jordan wanted."

"I know he's thinking about last year," Steve Kerr said. "He takes things personally. He'll be ready." Indeed, the space shuttle known as Michael Jordan is ready for launch.

NBA Playoffs

National Basketball Association
Playoffs
By The Associated Press

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Rice shocks Raiders, 7-3

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) - Texas was supposed to be one of the teams in the winner's bracket final today in the Southwest Conference tournament. Rice wasn't.

Yet the Owls are matched against the perennially powerful Longhorns in tonight's clash of the last two undefeated teams at Dan Law Field after pulling a 7-3 surprise on homestanding Texas Tech.

Owls pitcher Dana Davis silenced the lethal bats of the Red Raiders (45-12), allowing just eight hits to run-crazed Texas Tech. Rice (37-21) instead sported the biggest bat in Tim McLoughlin, whose eighth-inning three-run homer did Tech in.

As important as his opposite field blast to left was, it paled in drama to that of Texas' Jason Layne earlier in the day. Layne's second two-run homer of the day came in the bottom of the ninth inning of a 7-5 comeback victory over Texas Christian.

Layne, who also added a double to his 3-for-4 day, capped the road back from an early 5-2 deficit and bailed out complete-game winner Jake O'Dell in the process for Texas (37-20).

TCU (34-32) was to face Tech in an elimination game today.

The other elimination game today was to pit Baylor (31-27) against Texas A&M, which survived its first test in the loser's bracket of the double-elimination tournament Thursday in a 12-10 victory over Houston.

The Cougars (29-28) became the first team in the last-ever SWC tournament to be shown the door. A&M's Brian Benefield was the hero, tying tournament records with five hits and four runs as the Aggies clawed back from a 10-8 deficit.

Rice had never won an opening game in the SWC tournament, but a 9-7 upset of Texas A&M changed that Wednesday. The Owls were just 2-12 in previous league tournaments until this season.

Phillips regrets going after man

MILWAUKEE (AP) - Chicago White Sox outfielder Tony Phillips regrets going after a heckler in the crowd at County Stadium.

At the same time, Phillips said, the fan pushed him too far.

"What happened was unfortunate. I regret that it happened. I have a good relationship with fans everywhere. But everyone has a limit, everyone has a breaking point," said Phillips, who may face a battery charge and jail term over Wednesday night's altercation.

White Sox general manager Ron Schueler said Phillips told him the fan had been drinking and yelled racial epithets at him during the game.

The quarrel occurred near the White Sox bus behind the left-field bleachers after Phillips changed into street clothes. Phillips was taken out after six innings in a 20-8 victory over Milwaukee, and went into the stands to confront the fan during the game.

Phillips was ordered Thursday to appear before assistant district attorney Rayann Chandler-Szychiński on Monday. The Milwaukee County sheriff's department is recommending Phillips be charged with battery, Lt. Joseph Delaney said.

Phillips would face up to nine months in jail and up to a \$10,000 fine if he is charged.

Belle attacks Tigers with two homers

By The Associated Press

Nothing seems to faze Albert Belle, and that's why his manager thinks he can hit 60 home runs.

Belle, ordered Thursday by AL president Gene Budig to get counseling, hit two homers and drove in five runs as the Cleveland Indians beat the Detroit Tigers 8-3.

The controversial outfielder leads the AL with 16 homers and has hit in a career-high 17 straight games. His two-homer performance came hours after he was told to receive counseling and to perform community service following an investigation of an April 6 incident in which Belle threw a baseball that hit a photographer.

Hargrove, who has managed Belle since the minor leagues, was asked if he thought Belle thrived on controversy. "I have no idea. I'll give you the standard answer: Ask him," he said.

Belle hit a three-run homer off Brian Williams (0-2) in the third inning. It was Cleveland's first hit and gave the Indians a 4-2 lead. His second homer, a two-run shot in the seventh inning, put the Indians up

8-2.

Since Aug. 1, Belle has hit .351 (127-for-362) with 47 homers and 102 RBIs in 96 games. His 50 homers led the majors last season.

"I will talk about his baseball ability in that anything he does at bat shouldn't surprise anybody," Hargrove said. "He has the ability to block out everything except what he's trying to do at that time."

"If I was a gambler, which I am not, I would bet on Albert, out of anybody in the game right now, hitting 60 homers in a season because he has that tunnel vision to accomplish it. Right now, though, I just hope he gets to 30 this season."

Elsewhere in the American League, Milwaukee edged Chicago 3-2 and Minnesota beat Toronto 4-1.

Cleveland, which won its fifth straight, has won 12 in a row at home and 24 of its last 31 overall. Detroit has lost 23 of 27.

Jack McDowell (5-1) won his fifth straight game with a seven-hitter.

After trailing 2-1, Cleveland took the lead for good in the third. Julio Franco drew a two-out walk and

Carlos Baerga was safe when his grounder went through shortstop Chris Gomez's legs, setting the stage for Belle's 15th homer.

Eddie Murray followed with his fourth homer of the season and 483rd of his career, putting the Indians up 5-2.

Belle's second homer came with Baerga aboard in the seventh. He unloaded another line drive into the left-field stands off Scott Aldred.

"Albert is real similar to Frank Thomas," said McDowell, a teammate of both sluggers. "The thing with Albert is he has an expanded power zone. Frank is happy to take walks, but Albert can take a pitch a little off the plate or just a bit high and hit it out. As his teammate, I sure love to see that."

Brewers 3, White Sox 2

At Milwaukee, John Jaha homered in the eighth inning as Milwaukee beat argumentative Tony Phillips and Chicago.

A day after Phillips confronted a fan in the stands during Chicago's 20-8 win, the game was relatively routine until the ninth.

Blowers comes through for LA

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Mike Blowers' glove has been fine while his bat faltered.

So when the Los Angeles Dodgers third baseman walked into the clubhouse a few hours before Thursday night's 8-2 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies and learned that batting practice was optional, he took his regular swings anyway.

It paid off with two RBIs and his first three-hit game of the season.

"When a team is struggling like we have, guys put in a lot of work and a lot of hours. I know I certainly have," Blowers said. "I've seen guys in here who have hit 'til their hands have bled."

"I hit today just because I was sick yesterday and wasn't able to do anything. I basically was on my back all day, so I felt like I needed to get out there and do some things."

Blowers, who has been benched a couple of times already this season by manager Tom Lasorda, capped a three-run first inning with an RBI double and a five-run fifth with a run-scoring triple. Still, he is batting only .218 with 11 RBIs in 124 at-bats.

"For whatever reason, my first 100 or so at-bats every year are a struggle and it takes me awhile to get going," said Blowers, who hit a career-high 23 homers last year for Seattle and has only one this year. "I don't like to make excuses. Besides, I have none."

Blowers committed his first error in 20 games when Kevin Jordan's fifth-inning grounder near the line got through his legs for a two-base error. Jordan scored on a single by Jim Eisenreich, who is hitting .418 lifetime against the Dodgers and .345 at Dodger Stadium.

"You can't go out there every day and be flawless," Blowers said. "At third base, sometimes you just get caught in-between hops on ground balls. I just tried to get in front of it and it stayed down on me. Sometimes, those balls are going to come up and hit me in the chest, too."

The unearned run was the only one given up by Ismael Valdes, who allowed three hits and two walks in six innings despite fighting control problems the entire way.

"I was wild and didn't have good control of my pitches, at least on my fastball," said the right-hander, who hasn't allowed more than three earned runs in any of his nine starts. "I felt strong, but I went 3-2 on lots of guys and if I didn't throw a lot of pitches, I maybe could have gone two more innings."

Valdes (4-2) won for the fourth time in five starts after opening his

season with a four-game winless streak. He lowered his ERA to 2.34.

Valdes escaped a bases-loaded jam in the second inning and survived errors by three of his infielders en route to his first victory in three career decisions against the Phillies-leaving the New York Mets as the only NL opponent he has never defeated.

"He just made the pitches in situations he had to make them in," Philadelphia's Mark Whitten said. "We had opportunities and just didn't come through."

Phillies starter Michael Mims (0-2) was charged with six runs and four hits in four-plus innings. In his last two outings, the left-hander has surrendered 15 earned runs, 16 hits and six walks in seven-plus innings.

Cubs 13, Astros 1

At Chicago, Sammy Sosa became the first Cubs player to homer twice in an inning, and Amaury Telemaco won his major league debut.

Sosa homered off Jeff Tabaka leading off the seventh and capped the eight-run inning with a two-run homer off Jim Dougherty. Sosa has six homers in his last six games and raised his season total to 15.

Telemaco, a 22-year-old right-hander, was recalled from Triple-A Iowa on May 14. He

allowed one hit in seven shutout innings - Jeff Bagwell's two-out single in the sixth - and didn't allow a runner to reach third.

Doug Drabek (1-3) gave up five runs - four earned - and seven hits in four innings.

Mets 6, Padres 3

Pete Harnisch, playing while appealing an eight-game suspension for fighting, pitched seven strong innings as New York snapped a four-game losing streak by winning at San Diego.

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Age divisions will be as follows: 6 & under, 8 & under, 10 & under, 12 & under, and 14 & under.

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Midnight market draws computer aficionados

By KATIE FAIRBANK
AP Business Writer
DALLAS (AP) — It's a flea market by flashlight. A moonlight look at modems, microprocessors and memory chips.

During the wee hours of the first Saturday of each month, several thousand wireheads gather on about 6 acres of parking lots beneath the glowing lights of the Dallas skyline.

Despite the different reasons that compel the computer aficionados to leave their homes in the dead of night to frequent this slightly seedy area, there in the dark they all are hunting the same thing — a bargain among the smorgasbord of refurbished hard drives, new monitors, motherboards, Pentium chips and CD-ROMs.

"I'm a computer geek, and out here there are good bargains, better buys," said Linda Walker of Red Oak, who is selling snacks and sweet rolls while moonlighting from her job as a systems analyst for the Army-Air Force Exchange Service.

About 400 vendors show up religiously each month, prepared to hawk their wares to the pocket-protector set from midnight until the sun rises.

Glenn Grissam, who helps run a Houston computer wholesale business, says he works nonstop for about 36 hours the first weekend of each month. On Friday, after finishing the regular workday, Grissam and his co-workers pack up inventory to truck to their leased spot on the Dallas asphalt. They then peddle their pieces until after daybreak.

"This is the only place in the U.S. where this happens," Grissam said of the computer carnival.

"This is like a city to itself once a month," said Al Miller, nicknamed the "Mayor" since he leases out the

designated spots to vendors, many of whom have driven across several states to display their wares by lantern light.

"Most of the players own companies and this is just a good way to move excess merchandise," said Miller, who owns two computer stores in Conroe.

It's an odd niche, but one that has been stable in the ever-changing computer world.

First Saturday began in the 1940s, held directly beneath a highway ramp by a group of ham radio operators who met early in the morning to swap and sell equipment.

Before long the radio operators noticed that the choice spots went early in the day, so everyone started showing up earlier and earlier.

As the years passed, the unruly meet moved over to the parking lots and computer components started replacing radio equipment.

Herb Reed, 88, remembers attending the Saturdays of old.

"I've been accused of being the oldest person here," said Reed.

The retired research chemist said he first started attending when he took rest stops to talk to the ham radio operators during road trips from his home in Oklahoma City to visit his daughter in Houston.

But then he too caught First-Saturday fever and got his own ham radio license. As the flea market evolved to high-tech, so did Reed.

"I'm an absolute nut on computers. I fool with them, I fiddle with them. The industry may have outpaced them, but they're not poor equipment," Reed said about the stuff he lugs north to join the piles of other stuff that he's packed into his two-story home.

On this particular Saturday, he's examining two laptop computers that

he says are in good working order. At \$25 each, he's hooked and happy. And he's not alone.

"You can't come up here without buying something," said Joe Casto, who drove from Alexandria, La., to attend his third First Saturday.

This type of shopping under the stars creates a different kind of atmosphere, for a different kind of customer.

"At night you have a lot of real bargain hunters, computer nerds, wireheads. Just walk around and look. It's a hoot," said Miller. "In the morning about daybreak, the general consumer starts showing up."

Searching for a good deal in the back of a Ryder truck with little light takes determination and isn't always easy for a novice, but customers say the vendors are always ready to help.

"The dealers are honest. If they say it works, it works. If they say 'I don't know,' it doesn't work," said Hersh Kumar of Dallas.

The Texas Comptroller's office, which gathers sales tax, can verify the general honesty at the sale.

The flea market is inspected every few months by a half-dozen undercover enforcement officers, said spokesman Clyde Walter. The officers check tax permits at the sale against filed returns to make sure the state is getting its cut.

"They're routine checks," said Walter. "We just want to make sure everybody has a sales tax permit. First Saturday is in good standing."

Authorities also say there are few incidents, despite the late hours and offbeat clients.

"You'll have people that look like they live outside the bus station and then people will come in a limo from a party," said vendor Sam Leach of Conroe, who said police attend the sale most often to ticket drivers who wreck their cars while gawking at the crowd.

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26	News	Wh. Fortune	Fam. Mat.	Boy-World	Step-Step	Fam. Mat.	20/20	News	Sinfeld	Nightline	
27	Major League Baseball Chicago White Sox at Detroit Tigers	News			Night Court			Simon & Simon			
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29	Roseanne	Simpsons	Goosebumps	X-Files			Star Trek: Voyager	M*A*S*H	Cops	Wanted	
30	Sportsctr.	Drag Racing	Boxing Bronco McKart vs. Ronald Wright			Baseball			Sportscenter	Baseball	
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Church News

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The Hereford Brand publishes Church News items as a community service. Churches in Deaf Smith County are invited to submit information about upcoming church activities for publication in the Church News listing. Information must be submitted to the Brand offices by 5 p.m. Wednesday for the following Friday's paper. News items may be edited for length.)

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Pastor Dorman Duggan and congregation invite you to come and worship and praise with them Sunday morning.

Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. and the morning worship service starts at 10:30. A nursery is provided.

The Sunday evening service is at 6 and a nursery is again provided.

The Intercessory Prayer Group meets Monday night at 7 p.m.

Tuesday morning at 9:30 the Ladies Prayer Group meets.

The Wednesday service, children's church and youth group all begin at 7 p.m.

For more information or if you need prayer, call 364-8866 or 364-2423.

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday school begins at 10 a.m. and the Sunday worship services are held at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Pastor Ed Warren and the church congregation invite the public to all services at the church located on S. Hwy. 385 and Columbia St.

For additional information, call 364-3487.

SUMMERFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

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

For more information, call 357-2535.

ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish offices will be closed May 27 for Memorial Day weekend.

Volunteers are needed to set up and run the Problem Pregnancy garage sale on May 31 and June 1. Call Annette at 364-6150 or 364-3433.

Brunch and prayer service will close the year for the Wednesday morning Catechism Study Group this week at 10 a.m. in the Antonian Room. Bring a friend and covered dish to share.

School office hours at St. Anthony's for the summer, beginning May 28 and continuing through June, are 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday through Friday. The school offices will be closed during July.

Let us all "see red" next Sunday on Pentecost Sunday, the birth of the Church. Everyone is invited and encouraged to wear something red to all weekend liturgies as we celebrate a most exciting Church anniversary.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"Living As Your Best Self" is the sermon topic to be used by Dr. Ed Williamson on Sunday with 2 Corinthians 3:1 as the scripture lesson. The prelude "Pizzicata Polka" will be played by the Celebration Ringers. The Sanctuary Choir will sing "In His Name" as the morning's anthem. The Jubilate Ringers will present "What Wondrous Love" and "Regal Celebration" as the offertory and postlude.

There will be no evening service because of the high school baccalaureate service to be held at Hereford Junior High School at 8 p.m.

King's Manor invites everyone to an Open House to be held from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday to mark the observance of Older American Month. Theme for the celebration will be "Aging: A Lifetime Opportunity."

Youth from St. Paul's United Methodist Church will present the musical "Salt and Light" on June 4 at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The community is invited to hear this outstanding group in their performance.

Vacation Bible School leaders are needed for the sessions that will be held June 9-11. The annual event will kick off with a hot dog feed on June 9 and will continue each morning. Persons willing to help are asked to contact Kris Dollar.

Third graders who will begin their acolyte training are asked to be in the church sanctuary Saturday at 3 p.m. Acolytes who have completed their tenure will be present also to receive awards for past service. The training will be under the direction of Mrs. Kathy Kerr.

Dr. Clifford Trotter will meet with the Administrative Board at 7:30 p.m. Monday in Ward Parlor. All board members are urged to be present. The finance committee, with Della Hutto as chairman, will meet at 7 p.m., prior to the board meeting.

WESTWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

We welcome you to join our church for all services.

We are a friendly church that has classes for all ages--nursery through adults.

God has blessed us this year. Please come and join us for Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. followed by worship at 11 a.m.

Sunday evening service begins at 6:30.

The Wednesday worship service is at 7 p.m. followed by choir practice.

Ronny Sanders is music minister and Ray Sanders is pastor.

COUNTRY ROAD CHURCH OF GOD

401 Country Club Drive
Pastor Woody Wiggins and the church congregation invite the public to attend all services and activities at the church.

The following is the schedule of services.

Sunday school begins at 10 a.m. and the Sunday worship services are held at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Services are conducted at 6 p.m. each Wednesday. Thursday night prayer service begins at 6 p.m.

Ladies ministry is the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 9 a.m.

A nursery is available.
Pastor Wiggins said, "If you are needing a place to worship, come be with us. We are here for those who are hurting."

Our 24 hour information and prayer line is 364-5390.

CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY CHURCH

Pastor Don Cherry and the church congregation invite the public to attend all services at the church located on S. Main St.

We have dismissed Sunday school for the time being and changed our Sunday morning worship service time to 10:30. The Sunday evening service will remain the same (6 p.m.) as will the Wednesday night service at 7.

For additional information, call 364-5874.

ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

"Fiery Ordeal, Fiery Glory" is the title of the sermon by The Very Rev. Charles A. Wilson on The Seventh Sunday of Easter. The Holy Eucharist is celebrated at 11 a.m. and there is a coffee hour after the service.

Christian Education for all ages is at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday. Children and youth meet in the education wing for "Living the Good News," a curriculum based on the Sunday Bible readings in the liturgy. The Adult class meets in the church parlor and will hear and discuss a presentation on the Lutheran-Episcopal Dialog toward union of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Episcopal Church and the current status of the Bishop Righter heresy trial.

The regular Wednesday Public Service of Healing is at 7 p.m. with the Litany of Healing, the Laying-on-of-Hands with Holy Unction, and Holy communion. The proper collect and readings will be those for Wednesday in the Seventh Week of Easter.

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

On May 26, the Day of Pentecost, there will be a festival celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 11 a.m. with the Gospel read in German, Spanish and English. Following the service, there will be an All-Parish Fellowship Meal in the parish hall.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

On Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m., Rev. Jeremy Grant's message is "Prior to Power" based on Acts 1:6-14 and John 17: 1-11. Graduating seniors will receive Bibles during worship.

A reception to honor graduating seniors will be held at 11:30 a.m.

Sunday Church School for adults and children begins at 9:30 a.m.

Come to the Fellowship Hall before worship at 10:10 a.m. to enjoy a cup of coffee or juice and a light refreshment with friendly folks.

The new class, young couple and singers together, will begin the study of the bible in depth on May 26. Materials will be handed out on Sunday. All young couples and singles are welcomed.

On Monday the prayer group will meet at 6 p.m. and the adult choir will practice Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Rev. Jeremy Grant will deliver the Baccalaureate message on Sunday at 8 p.m. The youth group will not meet Sunday night.

Day Care will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday.

For more information, call the church office 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. 364-2471.

GOOD NEWS CHURCH

400 N. 25 Mile Ave.
Sugarland Mall

Pastor David Alvarado and the Good News congregation invite you to come and worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us in the spirit of love.

Come and experience the goodness of God and his power.

Sunday services are at 10 a.m. and Wednesday services are at 7 p.m.

If you have any questions or you need prayer, please call Pastor David Alvarado at 364-5239. God bless you.

FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS

The Fellowship of Believers invites you to attend services this Sunday.

The Bible study class begins at 9:30 a.m. and is being led by Guy Greenfield. Doug Manning will be the speaker at the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

Classes for children are at 9:30 a.m. and are available through elementary ages. Nursery facilities are available during the worship service.

If you need transportation to the church services, please call 364-0359.

The youth group will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday.

NEW HOPE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

13th and Avenue H
Pastor Elda Olivarez and congregation invite you to worship with them.

Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. and morning worship is at 10:30. Evening worship is at 6 on Sunday and 7 on Wednesday.

The youth meet Friday at 7 p.m. There are monthly meetings for men and women.

FRIO BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Larry Perkins and the congregation of the Frio Baptist Church invite you to join them for worship.

Sunday School begins at 10 a.m. followed by the morning worship at 11. Sunday evening Discipleship training begins at 5:30 as we study Becoming a Contagious Christian. Evening services follow at 7.

Youth director David Splawn invites all youth to come and join in the fun.

Wednesday evening prayer service begins at 7:30.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD

"Wanted: Spiritual Giants" will be the title of Pastor Gaston's Sunday morning message. Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m., and the morning worship service begins at 10:45 a.m. A nursery is provided during all church services.

Children's church will be held during the morning worship service. Come as a family and experience the warm fellowship of First Assembly of God Church. Your kids will enjoy the wonderful new playground at the church.

Choir practice will be held at 5 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The evening service will be held at 6 p.m. with a volleyball game following.

Missionettes and Royal Rangers, a scouting program for girls and boys, meet on Tuesdays from 7 p.m. to 8:15. Children ages three and up are encouraged to become a part of these great clubs! For more information, call 364-4848 or 364-0305.

The Youth Group will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the fellowship hall. Tomorrow morning, the Youth Group is going on a hike at Palo Duro Canyon. They will leave the church at 8 a.m. Bring a sack lunch.

Mid-week worship service begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday. A nurser is provided.

Joy Fellowship, a meeting for all ladies, will be held Thursday at 7 p.m.

You are invited to attend our daily prayer meetings at 6:30 a.m. Monday through Friday in the sanctuary.

AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Johnny Griffith and all ABC members extend a warm welcome to you and your family to join us for worship. We are excited about what God is doing in our church and we invite you and your family to come and worship and grow with us!

Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship is at 11 a.m. Our Wednesday prayer meeting is at 6:30 p.m. along with Children's Choir beginning at that time also. All other organizations such as RAs, GAs, Youth time and Adult Choir practice are at 7:15 p.m. on Wednesdays.

This Sunday we will recognize and honor our graduates with a special service. There will be no evening service due to Baccalaureate.

There will be an outreach meeting this Sunday for all the outreach leaders in each Sunday School class beginning at 9:15 a.m.

ABC softball team will play Monday at 6:30 p.m. and also Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

We would also remind all GA girls to remember Sunday June 2. We will have a GA recognition service to congratulate and hand out badges for the year to our GA girls 1-6th grades.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

You are always welcome at First Baptist Church!

Our schedule of activities includes:

Sunday
9:45 a.m.--Bible Study for all ages
11 a.m.--Praise and worship
4 p.m.--Children's handbells
4:30 p.m.--Youth choir/drama
5:30 p.m.--Discipleship training
6:30 p.m.--Evening praise and worship

Monday
6:30 p.m.--Adult handbells

Wednesday
5:30 p.m.--Fellowship supper
6 p.m.--Children's choirs
6:15 p.m.--Prayer meeting
7 p.m.--Children's missions
7:10 p.m.--Adult choir

There is room for you in each of the above areas of fellowship and ministry. There is a place for you at First Baptist Church.

CHRIST'S CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

Pastor Bill Weaver and congregation invite you to join them at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday for Bible classes for all ages followed by the worship service and K.I.D.S. Church at 10:45 a.m.

Tuesday visitation is at 7 p.m. PRECEPTS Bible study is held at 7 p.m. on Monday and at 10 a.m. on Wednesday.

The Wednesday night supper is at 5:30 followed by choir practice at 6, Bible Clubs at 6:30, Teens at 6:45 and praise, Bible study and prayer (for adults at 7.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

1204 Moreman
Pastor Danny Parnell and the membership of Bible Baptist Church invite you to visit this week for Sunday School and worship services.

Sunday School for all ages begins at 10 a.m., with the Sunday morning worship service at 11 a.m.

Sunday night services, featuring a study of the book of Acts, begin at 6 p.m., while Wednesday night services are at 7 p.m.

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School at Wesley United Methodist Church begins at 10 a.m. each Sunday morning. Worship service with John Westman, pastor, begins at 11 a.m. Evening service begins at 6 p.m.

After church this Sunday we will have our dinner honoring the Wesley graduates. Bring a covered dish and join in the fellowship.

On Wednesday night the women of the church (and any husbands who would like to join us) are quilting in the room across from Ward Parlor. If you have time, come join us.

Choir practice begins at 7 p.m. Thursday night followed by the Bible study group at 7:30.

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

The pastor, H. Wyatt Bartlett, and the congregation of the Temple Baptist Church invites everyone to come worship with them this Sunday. The Sunday School and Bible Study begins at 9:45 a.m. with morning worship at 11 a.m.

At the 6 p.m. study of "The Indestructible Book" will continue. At 7 p.m. the pastor will be preaching for the evening service.

Mid-week will be prayer meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday evening. We are still studying the Book of Psalms. This week we will be beginning with Chapter 26.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Ted Taylor and congregation would like to welcome you to join us in praise and worship on Sunday. It will be led by the Youth Choir. We will be honoring our Graduating Seniors.

Pastor Ted's sermon will be titled "Choose Life."

On May 23 services will be held in the Barn Church located at the B bar S Arena at 7:30 p.m.

Praise, Worship and a Willie George movie will be shown Sunday for the children.

On May 22 the sixth grade will be promoted from Kid Venture to Teen Club Paradise. There will be no Children's Church on May 26th due to Family Service.

Baccalaureate will be held in the Hereford Junior High Gymnasium at 8 p.m. on Sunday.

Susie's Bible Study will recess for the summer.

CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

The youth at Central will go to Wonderland Park Saturday. We will leave the building at 11 a.m. If you need more information call Tracy or Dale.

Sisters and Friends will meet Sunday from 4-5:30 p.m. at the E.B. Black House. There will be a Prison Mentors Rally at the Central Church of Christ in Amarillo Sunday evening during services. Gene Stallings will be the speaker.

There will be an adult Bible camp May 31-June 1 at the Black Mesa State Park in the Oklahoma panhandle. If you are interested, let Tom know.

The Teens need to be making plans to attend Black Mesa Bible Camp. We will leave June 30 for Junior session.

Don't forget Senior Citizens Day May 23. We will have a hamburger cook-out and homemade ice cream.

Come worship with us. Bible Study is at 9:30 a.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Wednesday. Worship begins at 10:25 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday.

Hints from Heloise

PAINTING HINT

Dear Heloise: Before I start painting any room in the house, I open the gallon container and, with a hammer and nail, punch holes along the rim of the can so the paint will run back inside instead of outside the can. It works great. — Jeanette Bilka, Latham, N.Y.

CARPET DENT

Dear Heloise: Here is my tip for you. I have done this many times. Furniture leaves a dent in your carpet. To restore the pile of the carpet, lay ice cubes in the dent (pile will come back quickly as the cube melts). Or, leave the cube overnight. Don't worry about water damage — there's not that much water in a cube of ice. Hope you try this. — Rose Munjas, Clifton Park, N.Y.

SHOWER CURTAIN

Dear Heloise: Use a paper punch to create new perfect holes for your shower curtain when the original holes are torn. — Miss Carol Wolosen, Newark, N.J.

PAINTED PORCH STEPS

Dear Heloise: Tired of slipping on wet painted porch steps? We are too! Next time you paint your steps, put a little sand in the paint before applying. Stir and brush on. No slips and no lawsuits! — Schube, Hannibal, Mo.

COOKING-SPRAY HINT

Dear Heloise: Apply nonstick cook-

ing spray to plastic wrap or foil. Then wrap iced desserts. The spray will prevent icing from sticking when unwrapped. — Pat Kielty, Laredo, Texas

ORGANIZE SHOPPING

Dear Heloise: I'd like to add a hint to your recent discussion of how to organize shopping to save time and money.

I save the removable vinyl covers that come with inexpensive pocket calendars. Many have clear plastic inside flaps attached to the colored cover part. I find that using one side to carry my easily visible shopping list behind which are my coupons makes grocery shopping easy. As an item on the list that is identified as a coupon item is found, I simply remove the coupon from one side of the cover to the other.

At the end of shopping all the coupons that are to be used are together and ready to be handed to the checkout person. No fiddling with envelopes and coupons.

Everything's kept together and in order, and it doesn't cost anything to simply reuse the old covers. — Nancy S. Newton, Rochester, N.Y.

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



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Dole discards dark suit for khakis in change for new laid-back look

By SANDRA SOBIERAJ
Associated Press Writer
CHICAGO (AP) - Presto, change-o. Bob Dole becomes "Citizen Dole" with a change of his clothes, but even along the presidential campaign trail, there are reminders of the Senate life he's leaving behind.

Departing Washington on Thursday, the morning after his dramatic resignation announcement, the Republican candidate boarded his campaign plane wearing his trademark dark suit, starched white shirt and power necktie.

At cruising altitude, Dole ditched the tie and slipped into khaki pants and a light-blue sport coat. He emerged in Chicago a new man - symbolically shorn of the Senate's trappings.

"Quick-change artist," he later told reporters on the plane. "It's not easy changing clothes in that little" space, he said while gesturing toward the first-class compartment.

Still, the 72-year-old candidate seemed uncomfortable out of his Senate uniform. Asked what he would do when he got home that

night, Dole smiled. "Well, I'd like to find my tie."

The new look was a pleasant surprise to Halcie Daly, whose sausage lunch was interrupted when Dole and his entourage swept through a downtown German restaurant.

"He looks good," said the Sun City, Ariz. retiree. "I thought he would be more pale and kind of fallow looking, but he looks great, a lot younger."

A trio of men at the bar approvingly hoisted their beer mugs and toasted "Citizen Dole."

Dole even won points for style from Joe Lockhart, spokesman for President Clinton's rival campaign. "Tie-less was cool," Lockhart said.

In keeping with his new, laid-back look, the soon-to-be-former senator professed to feel no morning-after pangs of regret about ending his 35-year career in Congress.

"I felt good this morning," Dole said Thursday in his rambling style. "Went up and opened up the Senate. The Senate chaplain had

a very nice prayer about me, so that surprised me."

"So I opened up the Senate, turned it over to (Washington Sen.) Slade Gorton and said, 'I'm outta here!'"

Now that he's decided to surrender his Senate seat - and with it, his "Majority Leader" title - Dole puzzles over what to call his campaign plane.

Since February, the Dole campaign has called its chartered jet "Leader's Ship."

What now?

"The Ship, I guess. Ship-shape," Dole mused. "Or I could bring my dog on board and still call it 'Leader's Ship.'"

Dole's miniature Schnauzer is also named Leader.

Making the hand-shaking rounds at Chicago's Berghoff's Cafe, Dole made a point of correcting those among the lunch crowd who called him "senator."

"Ex-senator," Dole said with a nod.

Though he dispensed with the title easily enough, Dole seemed to have a harder time giving up the

peculiar language of a lifelong legislative tactician.

Retiree Maryanne Crochet of Wheaton, Ill., told Dole she was "not convinced that Republicans had the best interests of senior citizens at heart."

Dole replied by referring to some 1983 reforms which he said "fixed" Social Security. He also promised a bi-partisan commission to do the same for welfare.

Crochet looked confused in Dole's wake. "It sounded good, I guess," she shrugged.

As his campaign plane was ready to return to Washington Thursday evening, Dole gave the most telling evidence of the tug he still feels toward the Senate after nearly three decades there.

Perched on the arm of a seat in the press section, Dole quietly chatted with reporters about the contest already begun among Senate Republicans seeking his leadership title.

"I won't vote," he said resolutely. "It won't happen - the (leadership) election - till after I'm gone. I want to leave as the leader."

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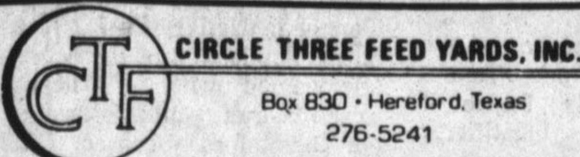
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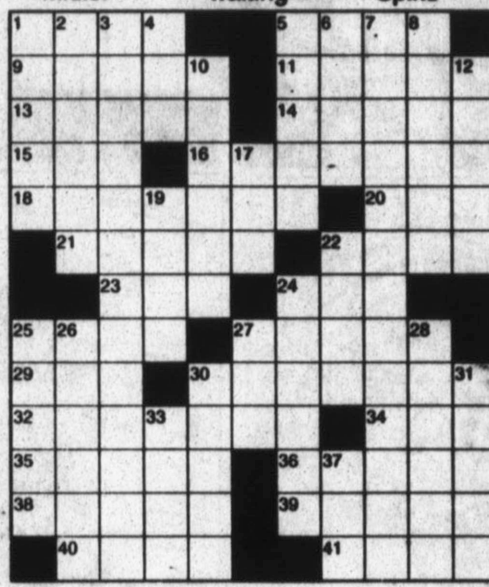
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For Rent: LaPlata Manor Apartments-1 BR apartments available, sprinkler system, yard care maintenance, security system, community building, full time maintenance staff. Stove, fridge, furnished. Available to 62 & older, disabled or handicapped. 364-1255 M th F. Equal Housing Opportunity. 31087

APARTMENTS:
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HEAT, A/C, LIGHTS INCLUDED
Rent based on income. Accepting applications for 1, 2, 3, 4 bedrooms. CALL Debra or Janis TODAY for information & directions. 12-5pm (806)364-9861. Equal Opportunity.

6. WANTED

Store Manager wanting to rent 3 or 4 bedroom house for possibly 2 years, or more. Contact Kevin at Gibson's 364-3187. 31559

Need lawn mowing. Also willing to do odd jobs. Call Tim Dudley, 364-4922. 31730

Wanted: Corn, Cotton, or Milq to plant, with 12 row, 30 inch Case IH air planter. Call Darrell at 289-5390. 31738

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8. HELP WANTED

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Help Wanted: Hair stylists & Nail Tech needed. Call Janie's Hair Salon. 364-5111. 31698

Operate Fireworks stand just outside Hereford 6/24 to 7/4. Make up to \$1,500.00. Must be responsible adult. Phone 10 am-5 pm. 210-429-3808. 31703

Mill Manager position open at Cattletown, Inc. 2 years experience. Apply in person. 31726

SUMMER WORK: High School Seniors and College Students, \$10.25 to start. Scholarships and Internships. Interview in Amarillo work in Hereford, Call 358-2559. 31729

Need experienced cook. Talk directly to Dietary Manager. Call 364-7113. 31773

NEEDED EXPERIENCED A/C & HEATING Service Technician. Must be willing to relocate to Dumas with good schools. Call 1-800-658-2168 or send resume to Dumas A/C & Htg., Inc. P. O. Box 1022, Dumas, Texas 79029 31774

Golden Plains Care Center is in need of a responsible & motivated LVN for the position of Charge Nurse. Shift flexibility essential. We offer an excellent benefit package, competitive wages & a pleasant work atmosphere. Call Shana at 364-3815 or come by 420 Ranger, Hereford, Tx.

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EOE

Receptionist: High School Diploma, with experience in 10-Key, Typewriter, Phone, Computer & Accounts Payable experience helpful. Qualified applicants please send resume and salary requirements to: Agripro Seeds, Inc., P. O. Box 2212, Hereford, TX. 79045

EOE M/F/V/H

9. CHILD CARE

Dependable Christian Mother will care for children in my home. Two spaces available, prefer age 2 thru 5. Call for more info. 364-6701. 31087

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We buy scrap iron, metal, aluminum cans, all batteries, tin, copper & brass. 364-3350. 970

Garage Door and Opener Repair & Replacement. Call Robert Betzen, 289-5500. If No answer Call Mobil, 344-2960. 14237

We buy cars & pickups running or not running. We sell used auto parts of all kinds. 364-2754. 27574

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LEGAL NOTICES

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that the Hereford I.S.D. will be accepting bids until May 24, 1996. Bids will be opened at 12:00 P.M., in the Central Administration Office located at 601 N. 25 Mile Ave., Hereford, Texas, for the following:

COSMETOLOGY CLASSROOM EQUIPMENT

Specifications and information may be obtained by contacting: Lloyd Stebbins, Career & Technology at 601 N. 25 Mile Ave., 806-363-7600. The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Mail to: Lloyd Stebbins
Director of Career & Technology
Hereford ISD
601 N. 25 Mile Ave.
Hereford Tx. 79045
FAX 806-363-7697

NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF DEAF SMITH

NO. 4208

NOTICE is hereby given that a hearing will be held on the 21st day of May, 1996, at 9:30 am in the County Court at the County Courthouse of the above named County in HEREFORD, Texas on the application of the herein-after named owner for a license to sell beer at retail at a location not heretofore licensed. The substance of said application is as follows:

1. Type of license or permit
WINER & BEER RETAILER'S OFF-PREMISE PERMIT
2. Exact location of business-
117 PINE ST. HEREFORD, TX 79045
3. Name of owner or owners:
RENE, ROSE MARIE, AND CIPRIANO RAMIREZ
4. Assumed or trade name-
EL GALLITO
5. Corporation name - NA
6. Name and title of all officers of corporation

Any person shall be permitted to contest the facts stated in said application and the applicant's right to secure said license or permit upon giving security for costs as provided by law.

WITNESS MY HAND this 21st day of May, 1996.

DAVID RULAND,
County Clerk DEAF SMITH
County, Texas
By: David Ruland

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Mom visits place where son died, sees area he wanted to integrate

By ANN GRAY
Beaumont Enterprise
BEAUMONT, Texas - Mary Lewis stood on the corner of Royal and Victoria streets in the afternoon heat, wiping her brow with a hankie and hugging those who happened out of their homes at the spot where her son, Bill Simpson, was shot and killed in 1993.

A large woman with an open face and equally open arms, Mrs. Lewis talked to neighbors about a youth mentoring program called Footprints Ministries and urged them to take an interest in the youngsters around them.

She seemed to want to soak in all the details of the people who came out to talk with her and was touched when she saw a faded silk rose still lying in the ground as a tribute to Simpson, who was shot in an apparent robbery attempt.

Mrs. Lewis and her husband, Robert, flew to Texas from California and spent an emotion-packed day recently retracing some of the footsteps Simpson had made. Two hip replacements and a recent knee surgery slowed her movements, but she reached out to anyone who would talk with her about her son and the significance of his death.

Mrs. Lewis had kept in contact with her son and was making plans for him to move to California when he died.

Mary Lewis said she wonders why her son wandered so far from the loving, church-going middle-class background in which he was raised. That fact, which she acknowledges is painful, bothers her as much as her frustrations in getting answers from U.S. housing officials about her son's life in Vidor.

Simpson gained international fame as the first black man to stay in an all-white Vidor public housing complex during court-ordered efforts to desegregate public housing in 36 East Texas counties, including Orange.

He had worked odd jobs throughout the South before settling in Beaumont and then becoming homeless. Members of a Vidor church took him in after meeting him at their Beaumont bus station ministry.

Simpson was the second black to move into the Vidor housing complex in February 1993, but the other man moved out soon after Simpson's arrival. Simpson announced he would stay and pave the way for other black families to move in. After dealing with multitudes of media and struggling with verbal threats and harassment, Simpson asked for help to move out and return to Beaumont.

On the morning of Sept. 1, 1993, 36-year-old Simpson unloaded his few belongings into a rent house on Pennsylvania Avenue. Before midnight, Simpson was on the ground bleeding from bullet wounds in his legs and thighs. He died before he reached the hospital. A female companion was wounded, but survived. Four teen-agers were charged with capital murder in his death. One has been convicted and sentenced to life in prison.

Though police said the attack was unrelated to the integration effort, Simpson's death focused national attention on Vidor.

Two weeks after Simpson's death, U.S. Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros went to the area and his agency took over the housing project where Simpson claimed to have endured threats and racial taunts.

The Vidor complex has since been desegregated and officials are working to accomplish desegregation in other East Texas counties.

During her visit, Mrs. Lewis was able to see first-hand the places where her son had lived and died. Aside from taking care of a few legal papers in Beaumont, Mrs. Lewis said she needed to come to begin closing some chapters of her grief.

She said she was anxious to meet some of the people the son she calls "Bomber" had known and influ-

enced. She wanted to see what he had left behind.

What she found in Vidor made her optimistic for the future, but sad for her son's passing. She cried quiet tears when she reached the public housing complex, but gained quick comfort at the sight of three young children playing together on a sidewalk.

A small blonde toddler was sharing toys with two black toddlers. She asked to take their picture and talked with their family members, who live next door to where Simpson had lived.

"This is what it's all about," Mrs. Lewis said. "I see these children and it just blesses my soul. He did not die in vain."

Mrs. Lewis encouraged the black residents she met to stay at the complex, and to remember that they have the right to live wherever they want. None of them had been in the complex when Simpson lived there, but they knew his story. They are now among about 10 families who reside at the complex and they assured her their life there was still a bit rough but overall they were happy.

One woman, Yolanda Blanchard, took Mrs. Lewis by the hand and told her she knew all about Simpson because of the building named in his honor. Blanchard took Mrs. Lewis to the William "Bill" Simpson Community Center at the complex where she works as a coordinator.

Mrs. Lewis burst into tears at the sight of the building, a modern brick

structure with Simpson's name in prominent letters. More picture-taking was in store. Mrs. Lewis wanted to remember everything.

In Beaumont, Robert Lewis placed a bouquet of flowers in the grass where Simpson had laid dying. Robert Lewis had raised Simpson and his sister, Lorraine, as his own after coming into the family when Simpson was about 3 years old.

Mary Lewis stays in contact with some ministers in Beaumont who organized shortly after Simpson's death. She said it took a long time, but she answered hundreds of letters which came to her from throughout the United States after her son's death. She is still grappling with a fair housing complaint she filed against Cisneros and other housing officials on her son's behalf.

The Lewises left the corner where Simpson died and headed back to Houston to catch their night flight back to California. Mary Lewis said she will go home to think and to pray about her legal complaint against housing officials.

"I'm just tired of fighting," Mrs. Lewis said. "I know Bomber would say that he forgives everyone for anything that happened to him, even the boys that killed him. There's no animosity in my heart.... It means so much to me to be able to come here."

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NYU physicist pulls wool over eyes of publication

Article 'close to pure gibberish' printed in social science journal

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NEW YORK (AP) - Alan Sokal, a physicist at New York University, conducted a little experiment recently. He wrote an article that was close to pure gibberish and sent it off to a respected social science journal.

Then he sat back and waited to see if it would be published.

It was. The article, an impenetrable bumble of physics and philosophy that appears to argue that the physical world does not exist, landed in the pages of the spring-summer issue of Social Text, a leftist journal of cultural studies published by the Duke University Press.

Then Sokal, adding insult to injury, wrote a gloating article about his own hoax for Lingua Franca, a

magazine about academia.

"What's going on here?" he wrote in the follow-up article. "Could the editors really not have realized that my article was written as a parody?"

Well, no, the editors of Social Text concede.

In fact, editor Andrew Ross said Thursday, he thought the Sokal article was simply a bad attempt at philosophy by a scientist. He included it in the journal's new issue - which is devoted to a rift between scientists and cultural critics of science - as a "curio" intended to reflect the scientists' side of the debate.

But why would anyone publish something that appeared to be nonsense?

"Physics is obscure enough as it is, and philosophy is obscure enough as it is," Ross said, "and when you have physicists who are writing in

that genre, then what they write is obscure. But there's a difference between obscurity and gibberish, right?"

Well, yes, sometimes. But consider what Sokal wrote.

In the opening paragraph, he lays out his basic theme: There are scientists, he asserts, who "cling to the dogma imposed by the long post-Enlightenment hegemony over the Western intellectual outlook, which can be summarized briefly as follows: that there exists an external world, whose properties are independent of any individual human being and indeed of humanity as a whole."

In other words, some dumb scientists actually believe that the world exists.

There follow many pages of impossibly dense scientific mumbo-jumbo, all supported by lengthy footnotes. From time to time, Sokal

slips in little parenthetical zingers.

"Mathematically, Einstein breaks with the tradition dating back to Euclid (which is inflicted on high-school students even today!)," he writes. It's not hard to imagine him chuckling over his keyboard.

In his post-mortem in Lingua Franca, Sokal talks about how, at another point in his article, "I suggest that the 'morphogenic field' - a bizarre New Age idea proposed by Rupert Sheldrake - constitutes a cutting-edge theory of quantum gravity."

Not quite. Morphogenesis is defined as the structural changes occurring during the development of an organism.

"In sum," he says, "I intentionally wrote the article so that any competent physicist or mathematician (or undergraduate physics or math major) would realize that it is a spoof."

But not the editors of Social Text.

"I think Andrew (Ross) made a mistake, that's all," said Stanley Aronowitz, a professor of sociology at the City University of New York's Graduate Center and a founder of Social Text. Sokal's article, he said, "borders on gibberish and shouldn't have been published."

Still, Aronowitz and Ross insist that while Sokal may have succeeded in his prank, he failed in his larger aim of spoofing their work, which attempts to analyze science from a cultural perspective, much as postmodern critics have been deconstructing literature for years.

"It was a bad parody," Aronowitz said. "He just doesn't get it."

Sokal was out of town Thursday and couldn't be reached for comment. But he wrote in Lingua Franca that he decided to write the hoax out of a concern, heightened by his own left-wing politics, that leftist social

scientists were spreading "nonsense and sloppy thinking" about science.

"Social Text's acceptance of my article exemplifies the intellectual arrogance of Theory - postmodernist literary theory, that is - carried to its logical extreme," he wrote.

Ross said Sokal's prank reflects the arrogance of scientists who resent anyone outside their field attempting to critique it. That, he said, was the basic point of Social Text's special issue. So in a sense, the Sokal hoax fit right in.

"I cannot really say I feel snakebit," he said defiantly. And then he paused.

"Well," he conceded, "I suppose I can."

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Pet peeve leads to toilet seat tune

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MONROEVILLE, Pa. (AP) - Stephanie Owens has a pet peeve, one that many women can recognize instantly: men who leave the toilet seat up.

After reading letters to Dear Abby and watching a TV sitcom in which a couple argued about the toilet seat, Owens wracked her brain and came up with the Happy Hopper.

When offenders leave the toilet seat up, a vinyl-covered, postage-stamp-sized alarm plays a tune politely reminding them to put it down.

"You could get different tunes - the 'Bonanza' theme maybe, or 'Let Me Call You Sweetheart,'" she said.

Owens, of Bradenton, Fla., was among the vendors displaying 1,500 products Thursday at INPEX, the Invention-New Product Exposition held annually in this Pittsburgh suburb since 1982.

Billed as the world's largest trade show for inventors, the convention attracts would-be Thomas Edisons offering everything from the practical to the ridiculous.

Some, like Australian veterinarian John Steinfert, tried to solve dilemmas that arose in their professional lives.

Years of treating milk fever, a condition common to dairy cows, led Steinfert to invent the Cow Jack. Milk fever weakens a cow's hindquarters - they fall and have trouble getting up.

The Cow Jack is a steel frame that supports up to 40 percent of a bovine's weight. As the cow is braced, its muscles can be rehabilitated.

"It gives the animal encouragement, because they're actually standing," said Steinfert, who has sold about 50 prototypes in Australia at \$800 apiece.

Peter Michalos, an eye surgeon from New York City, demonstrated his On Target Eye Drop Delivery System - a set of black wraparound goggles designed to help squeamish patients administer their own eye drops. A bottle can be screwed to the middle of each lens, and when it's squeezed, the drop goes through a pinhole and into the eye.

"With this, you can never poke yourself in the eye," Michalos said. "And the other thing is, because it's dark, you never see the drop coming."

The convention is a testing ground for a mind-boggling array of inventions with names like the Beer-O-Meter (a gauge for empty kegs), the Portable Snowman Maker (for the Frosty-impaired) and the

Catch-It Cap (a baseball cap mounted with a glove for catching pop flies at the game).

Most vendors are looking for manufacturers and distributors, but hardly anyone expects to become a millionaire. Many claim they just want to improve the world.

Magdalena Herring of Florida displayed her X-rated game of "Pin the Tail on the Donkey," in which male and female body parts are pinned on life-sized naked human figures. Herring says her goal is to help people suffering from sexual dysfunction.

Says Michalos: "We're looking for distributors, because we have day jobs. ... We're not going to sink or swim on this. It's a quality-of-life kind of thing."

Names in the news

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Bette Midler: Grammy winner, Oscar nominee and now, Compost Queen.

"My whole life had been spent waiting for an epiphany, a manifestation of God's presence, the kind of transcendent, magical experience that lets you see your place in the big picture. And that is what I had with my first compost heap," Midler says in Wednesday's editions of the Los Angeles Times.

Midler now smiles down on her public from some 40 billboards around the city, urging residents to "Keep the Green Clean." It reminds residents that green recycling containers are for yard trimmings only. No trash.

The entertainer participated in the campaign free of charge out of a longtime commitment to the environment.

Midler declared during a 1994 comedy concert that she wanted to be Compost Queen because "all the good causes are taken." In a magazine essay, Midler also called herself a composting "evangelist."

"I love compost and believe in it with every fiber (so to speak) of my being. I believe that composting can save, not the entire world, but a good portion of it," Midler says.

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