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Rains along coast, in South Texas don't dent drought

DALLAS (AP) - Hopes for drought-ending summer rain are drying up across most of Texas, except for along the coast and far south where dying remnants of a tropical disturbance pounded residents.

An upper-level low in Mexico could also bring scattered showers and thunderstorms to the Rio Grande Valley and Permian Basin. And isolated storms could dampen North Texas through Wednesday.

But, although a temporary help for lawns, it's not enough for parched farmland and dried-out stock ponds to recover from the drought that has settled over much of the state.

"Most of Texas is supposed to be above-normal on temperature and below-normal on precipitation through July,

August and September," said Joe Harris with the National Weather Service in Fort Worth.

"There's just not much relief out there," he said Monday. "In North Texas, we'd have to get a system like what hit the Houston area to feel better."

As much as 8.3 inches of rain fell in the 24 hours ending Monday morning in Matagorda County, with 6 inches around Clute and up to 5 inches in eastern Chambers County as remnants of a tropical disturbance swept through.

As the disturbance associated with an upper-level low pressure system moved into northern Mexico, it dumped 2-3 inches of rain in Medina and Frio counties near San Antonio.

But away from the coast and South Central Texas, the picture is bleaker.

The Pacific's El Nino weather phenomenon that brought record rain to California, with tornadoes and flooding in the Southeast, is slowly yielding to sibling La Nina. It brings dry conditions to the South and cold, wet conditions to the North.

Now about three months old, this year's Texas drought has already dried up \$517 million in crops, costing \$1.7 billion to the overall state economy, agricultural economists have said.

More than one million acres of cotton, the state's largest field crop, have now been abandoned, according to unofficial estimates. Carl Anderson, Texas A&M University

cotton economist, told the *Houston Chronicle* yields are expected to be one-half or less of normal on dryland fields stretching from the Lower Rio Grande Valley through the Blacklands of Central Texas.

"It would be awfully hard to find any dryland better than half a crop through the Blacklands," he said, adding that unirrigated cotton in the Lubbock area is in "sad, sick shape."

Cotton farmers are abandoning as much as 35 percent of their acreage in the Lubbock area.

Scant showers in the South Plains on June 10 were "just enough to ruin the seed," said Shawn Wade, director of communications

for the Plains Cotton Growers association in Lubbock.

In North Texas, El Nino-driven storms dried up in April, Harris said. At Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, where 3.5 inches of rain is normal in April, only 1.25 inches fell.

Only 2.38 inches of rain was recorded in May instead of the normal 4.88 and June has been a similar story, with 1.75 inches instead of the usual 2.98.

"And that's during the time when the sun is heating up, evaporation increases and vegetation is sucking moisture out of the ground," Harris said.



Little exhibitors, big horses

Participants in the Llano Estacado Horse Association horse show held Saturday in Hereford Riders Club arena line up their horses for a final check by the judge during the pee wee

showmanship class. The show included halter, performance and speed events for pee wee, junior and senior age youth from Deaf Smith and surrounding counties.

Board meets first candidate for HRMC job

By DONALD M. COOPER
Brand Editor

And, then there were two. Directors of the Deaf Smith County Hospital District have interviewed the first of two finalists for the hospital administrator's position.

LuAnn Weldon, a hospital administrator from Guymon, Okla., met Monday night with the full board, which is considering a successor to Jim Robinson as administrator of Hereford Regional Medical Center.

Robinson stepped down in February after nearly 31/2 years as hospital director.

The second finalist for the position is John M. Studrud, a North Dakota hospital administrator. He is expected to be interviewed next week.

At last week's hospital board meeting, Mark Collier, who chaired the search committee, informed the board the list of prospective hospital administrators had been weeded down to five. More than 80 resumes had been reviewed by the search committee, which included two board members, two physicians and two members of the HRMC medical staff.

Following a review of the five prospects, the board contacted the candidates, but three of the prospective administrators declined interviews.

Board president Mal Manchec said this morning the interview with Weldon went very well.

"She's very astute, knows health and knows this area," Manchec said. "My initial impression was very favorable."

"She has a home health background... and some nursing home background. The physicians seemed to like her. Overall, the board seemed to feel good about her," Manchec said.

He said Weldon's husband has worked in banking and would be interested in purchasing property in the country, if she were to be hired.

Board vice president Dean Crofford took the Weldon on an aerial tour of the region this morning, Manchec said.

He also expressed optimism the board will be able to make an offer to a new hospital administrator within days after the next interview.

NEWS in brief

Clinton takes questions from Chinese callers

SHANGHAI, China (AP) - With callers lighting up the switchboard, President Clinton fielded questions on a popular radio talk show today, bantering with Chinese citizens about the Asian economy, World Cup soccer and how he stays in shape.

The exchange was tame by U.S. standards.

Pressed to predict the winner of the World Cup championship, Clinton said Brazil is always a tough opponent. "I've watched them play a lot and they're very good," he said.

Clinton called the experience, his first talk show foray overseas, a "historic occasion" and suggested he'll do more of them to get a better idea of what ordinary citizens are thinking. He also vowed to work for more Chinese-American educational and cultural exchanges.

Vietnam War's "unknown" has been identified

WASHINGTON (AP) - The remains of an American buried 14 years ago in homage to the nation's unidentified Vietnam War dead are unknown no longer: They belong to Air Force pilot Michael J. Blassie.

The Pentagon was expected to confirm publicly today, with an announcement from Defense Secretary William Cohen, that the remains disinterred last month from the Tomb of the Unknowns were Blassie's.

A Pentagon official, speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed Monday that the remains taken from Arlington National Cemetery and subjected to DNA testing belonged to Blassie.

Now, 26 years after Blassie's A-37 fighter was shot down around An Loc, Vietnam.

Women widen education gap over men; blacks catching up

WASHINGTON (AP) - The proportion of women completing college has topped that of men, and the lead is widening. At the same time, young blacks have almost caught up with whites in the percentage graduating from high school.

More than 86 percent of blacks aged 25 to 29 last year were high school graduates, compared with better than 87 percent of whites. Statistically, Census Bureau statisticians say, those figures are close enough to be considered equal.

"The educational attainment of young African-Americans indicates a dramatic improvement by groups who historically have been less educated," said Census population expert Jennifer Day.

And 29.3 percent of women in the same age group had completed four years or more of college as of 1997, compared to 26.3 percent of men, the Census Bureau said Sunday in the report "Educational Attainment in the United States, March 1997."

Issued every two years, the bureau's analysis of education statistics also disclosed that women topped men 28.2 percent to 26.1 percent in 1996. That was the first time women had a statistically significant lead, Ms. Day said.

Men traditionally have been more likely to have completed college, she said, but women over the years have been edging steadily upward.

More and more women want careers and are recognizing the economic value of education, Ms. Day said. "I think, historically, men were the breadwinners, and now it's two-earner couples," she said.

Between 1985 and 1995 the percentages of men and women completing college was so close that the difference was considered statistically insignificant, Ms. Day said. But before 1985 men held the lead consistently.

Young women also led men in completing high school, 88.9 percent to 85.8 percent. Unlike higher education, Ms. Day said, "This is

something that women have always done pretty well. Women tended to stay in high school."

For the total 1997 population aged 25 and over men still held a lead in college completion, 26 percent to 22 percent. For high school both were at 82 percent.

The Hispanic population has experienced educational gains compared with a decade ago but remains far behind others. The proportion aged 25 to 29 who were high school graduates rose from 51 percent in 1987 to 55 percent in 1997. In the same period the share with some college training jumped from 22 percent to 29 percent.

Blacks have continued trending upward in education since 1940, Ms. Day said.

In that year just 12.3 percent of blacks aged 25 to 29 had finished high school, compared with 41.2 percent of whites. By 1965 more than half of blacks in that age group, or 50.3 percent, were graduates compared to 72.8 percent of whites.

U.S. jet fires on Iraqi installation

WASHINGTON (AP) - An American F-16 fighter fired a missile at an Iraqi surface-to-air missile battery in southern Iraq, Pentagon officials said today.

The fighter had been accompanying a flight of British Tornado jets enforcing NATO's no-fly zone. The planes returned safely to base.

The Iraqi radar at the site had illuminated four British Tornados, a potential move to fire on the jets, said Pentagon spokesman Col. Richard Bridges. That act prompted the American response, Bridges said.

The incident occurred near Basra in southern Iraq. The firing of the missile was standard operating procedure when Iraqi radar locks on to NATO aircraft, the Pentagon said.

No U.S. warplanes were fired upon and there was no immediate report on whether the missile fired by the F-16 struck its target.

The incident happened about 1:30 a.m. EDT, or during daylight hours over Iraq.

"Coalition aircraft pilots assigned to Joint Task Force-Southwest Asia received cockpit indications that they

were being targeted by a missile site," said Navy Lt. John O'Neal, spokesman for the U.S. Command, the joint military headquarters responsible for the Persian Gulf region.

In London, the British Defense Ministry confirmed the incident.

"The Defense Ministry can confirm that a coalition aircraft launched a missile at an Iraqi defense system this morning when that system threatened coalition aircraft on a patrol in the south no-fly zone," a ministry statement said.

Extra HPD officers to be on the street

By DIANNA F. DANDRIDGE
Staff Writer

Extra Hereford Police Department officers will be on duty during the Fourth of July weekend, specifically looking for seat belt and child safety restraint violators.

Officers will be participating again in STEP (Selective Traffic Enforcement Program). The program will be in effect Thursday-Monday.

The pre-survey, taken at four different locations and the Hereford Day Care Center, indicate more than 85 percent of local drivers are in compliance with state law by buckling up when driving.

However, the number of children who which still are not being restrained properly is still high, with only 64 percent of children in compliance.

"We'd really like to not write one single seat belt or child safety ticket this holiday," Cpl. Terry Brown said. "I'll guarantee, if we see a child without a restraint and the parent is buckled up, the parent will get a ticket for non-compliance with the child safety laws."

Brown said HPD officers write tickets to violators every day, but during the special STEP holidays, extra officers will be out especially looking for violators - and they will accept no excuse for not wearing a seat belt or not having children restrained.

The importance of properly worn seat belts is accentuated because the force of hitting a stationary object at only 40 mph doubles the impact force. Hitting a moving object nearly quadruples the impact force.

"People don't seem to realize that an unsecured passenger and especially a child, becomes airborne, like a bullet during an accident," Brown said. "They can go right through a windshield and the chances of survival are very small."

Postal patrons receive little help at the boxes

Hereford postal patrons who have been confused about which outside box is for local mail and which is for out-of-town mail no longer will have to try to guess.

Post office workers have affixed temporary labels to the outside collection boxes.

The old labels had been removed because they had become worn and the replacements have not yet arrived. After complaints from customers, the post office has affixed the temporary labels, which will remain until the new permanent labels arrive.

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Local roundup

Flag burning set

Old and worn-out U.S. flags collected by Andrew Artho, Scout Troop No. 50, will be burned at 8 p.m. Friday at the American Legion Hall. The public is invited to attend. The collection of the old flags was Artho's Eagle Scout project.

Partly cloudy

Tonight, partly cloudy, low around 70, southeast wind 10-15 mph.

Wednesday, partly cloudy with a high in the mid-90s, south wind 10 to 20 mph and gusty. Wednesday night, partly cloudy with a low in the upper 60s.

Extended forecast

Thursday, partly cloudy, high in the mid-90s.

Friday, partly cloudy, low in the upper 60s., high 95 to 100.

Fourth of July, mostly clear, low around 70, high near 102.

Monday recap

High, 102; low, 70; no precipitation.

Hay hotline set up for producers

AUSTIN (AP) - A toll-free hotline has been set up by the state for farmers and ranchers in drought-stricken areas of Texas who need hay for their livestock.

"The Hay Hotline is an opportunity for farmers and ranchers to locate forage during this difficult time," Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry said. "The hot, dry weather continues to take its toll on range and pastureland across Texas, and producers in scattered areas need additional forage supplies for their livestock."

Many ranges and pastures are not providing adequate grazing, according to the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Producers are rapidly depleting

carryover hay stocks. In addition, many pastures and hay fields have not had sufficient regrowth following the first hay cutting. In some parts of the state, producers were not able to get a first cutting, Perry said.

"The Hay Hotline is a precautionary measure since there is no federal Emergency Feed Program this year," Perry said.

Producers with hay can call the toll-free hotline - 1-877-429-1998 - and be put on a list of suppliers. Farmers and ranchers who need hay can call the number and request a list of hay suppliers.

TDA will put the list of suppliers on its website (www.agr.state.tx.us), Perry said.

Nationwide Mutual drops Texas rates

AUSTIN (AP) - Questions from the Texas Department of Insurance have prompted additional rate cuts from another auto insurer.

Ohio-based Nationwide Mutual Insurance, which covers about 210,000 Texas drivers, on Monday announced a 5.7 percent average rate cut and an additional 5 percent discount for drivers who carry Nationwide insurance for three or more years.

"We are very pleased to make this reduction for our policyholders," said Bob Saik, Texas state officer for Nationwide. "These changes are a

direct result of our customers' good driving experience."

Nationwide earlier this year cut rates an average of 1.1 percent. The Insurance Department questioned rate cuts announced by numerous companies, including Nationwide, and got the companies to agree to additional rate cuts.

Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer earlier this year lowered one factor insurers use to set their rates. He has said he expects insurers to lower rates based on the fact that the number of claims and the costs of claims have come down.

Gramm highlights highway project needs

AUSTIN (AP) - It took U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm and a host of state and federal officials about 25 minutes to travel some 7.5 miles up and down I-35, highlighting at least a part of the state's need for more federal highway funds.

Gramm toured parts of Texas Monday with Federal Highway Administrator Kenneth Wykle and

state Transportation Commission Chairman David Laney in an attempt to show Wykle the transportation needs Texas faces.

Laney said there are good arguments for putting Texas first, second and third in line for a share of \$700 million in federal funds recently set aside for border infrastructure and trade corridors, such as I-35.

President Clinton this month signed a new federal transportation bill, giving the state some \$2.1 billion for highway and transit spending in each of the next six years.

In addition to that money, the state will compete this fall for a share of the NAFTA-related, \$700 million in border infrastructure and trade corridor spending.

Gramm warned state officials representing several regional highway projects to work together - and quickly - to develop a unified state proposal for a portion of the NAFTA highway and border funds.

Proposals for the funds are due this fall to the U.S. Department of Transportation, which will award money based on the quality and timing of proposals.

"These projects are not fundamentally in any long-term nature in conflict with each other," Gramm said of state regional proposals to expand I-35, construct an I-69 trade corridor and improve I-27. "The plain truth is that over the next 25 years, we're going to need each and every one of these projects."

"Our objective is to move ahead on all fronts to try to build the highway infrastructure that we need in Texas," he said.

Laney said 80 percent of the country's truck- and rail-moved trade with Mexico goes through Texas. He said that should put Texas in a good position for a large share of the set-aside funds.

"We know Texas highways open trade with Mexico and Canada in the United States," he said. "The brunt of the burden will fall on Texas and the benefit is really not just a state, but a national benefit."

Gramm said Texas is grateful for the added economic benefit from the North American Free Trade Agreement.

"We've benefited from NAFTA," he said. "But the plain truth is we don't have the infrastructure to fully benefit."

Wykle said the new federal highway bill ensures more spending to improve transportation throughout the United States. He also said the \$700 million set aside for trade routes and border infrastructure will "better connect America with the world."



Mason honored

L.J. Clark, left, was honored Friday night by the Hereford Masonic Lodge with the presentation of the Golden Trowel, recognizing Clark for exceptional service to the Masonic Lodge and to the community. Also pictured are, from left, Scotty Clark, his son; Wilma Clark, his wife; and Bill Shore, worshipful master.

Compaq closes plants, eliminates 5,000 jobs

HOUSTON (AP) - Compaq Computer Corp. is closing six plants overseas and eliminating 5,000 jobs - including 1,000 at its headquarters in Houston - as part of a previously announced cost-cutting drive that follows its acquisitions of Digital Equipment Corp. and Tandem Computers.

The announcement Monday provided the first details of the cuts, which will total 17,000 jobs, or about 20 percent of the companies' 85,500 total payroll. Most of the cuts will come at Digital, which had 54,000 employees when it was acquired by Compaq earlier this month.

"This is not new," Compaq spokesman Alan Hodel said. "It's a

detail under the bigger picture."

Two plants will be closed in Scotland and one each will be shuttered in Brazil, China, Singapore and Taiwan. Compaq also is closing operations in Australia, Brazil and Japan that handle final assembly of computers for shipment to customers.

Monday's announcement describes layoffs first announced June 12 after Digital shareholders approved Compaq's \$9 billion purchase of the Maynard, Mass.-based computer maker, ending Digital's 42 years of independence and making Compaq the world's second-largest computer maker behind IBM.

The Digital deal followed Compaq's 1997 purchase of

Cupertino, Calif.-based Tandem Computers, a maker of big business computers, for \$3 billion.

"Integrating all Compaq manufacturing operations into a single, cohesive organization is essential as we build the future Compaq," said Eckhard Pfeiffer, president and chief executive officer.

The goal of the manufacturing consolidations is to deliver 95 percent of all products anywhere in the world in five days or less, the computer maker said.

Compaq said some Houston assembly lines would be closed while warehousing and logistics are realigned to consolidate regional distribution and direct-ship orders from the factory to retailers and resellers.

In Canada, Digital manufacturing operations at Kanata, Ontario will be restructured and as a configuration center for the Canadian market.

In Europe, a Tandem plant in Stirling, Scotland, will close and operations transferred to Compaq's

plant in Erskine, Scotland. Digital's PC production operation in Irvine, Scotland, will be consolidated at the Erskine plant and a Compaq Services organization based in Erskine will be relocated to Irvine.

In Latin America, a Digital manufacturing plant in Sao Paulo, Brazil, will close and Digital operations there will move to a Compaq facility at Jaguaruna, Brazil. The Compaq distribution center at Jaguaruna will close.

In the Far East, a Digital manufacturing plant in Singapore will be consolidated at the existing Compaq manufacturing plant. A Compaq plant in Shenzhen, China, will close and manufacture of its main products, power supplies, will be moved to Compaq supplier partners in the same province. A Digital facility in Taiwan will be phased out through the end of the year and Digital operations in Japan at a configuration center in Akiruno-city will be consolidated.

And in Sydney, Australia, the Digital configuration center will be consolidated into the Compaq Australasian Technology Center at Rydalmere.

NEWS

in brief

Victim of eye-gouging attack describes ordeal

DALLAS (AP) - A 16-year-old gang member says the teen-ager who nearly blinded him during a fight ignored his pleas to stop.

"He said, 'Remember my name. I'm the one who made it so you'll never be able to see again,'" Jason Prickett testified Monday during the trial of a 17-year-old varsity wrestler at Richardson Pearce High School.

Initially, the two were among about two dozen teen-agers from two rival groups who gathered in a field in the north Dallas suburb of Richardson to watch a fight between two boys over a girl, Prickett said.

Prickett, identified by police as a known gang member, said he hit a boy who tried to help one of the youths in the fight, and the defendant then attacked him and put him in a wrestling hold.

Prickett, who is now blind in his left eye and has only limited vision in his right eye, wore a patch over his blind eye during his testimony. He said he swung at the defendant, but missed.

State says 107 sickened by bad oysters

GALVESTON (AP) - State officials say 107 people have reported being sickened by bad Galveston Bay oysters, with even more cases expected.

Doug McBride, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Health, said Monday that 89 of the cases involved people who had eaten the oysters within the state.

Eighteen involved people who had eaten the raw Galveston Bay oysters in Florida restaurants, McBride said.

The total number was more than double that recorded on Friday, after health officials issued bulletins that the oysters were tainted by a bacterium called *Vibrio parahaemolyticus*.

Wholesalers are tracking shipments to restaurants around Texas and in Louisiana, Florida, Colorado, New Mexico and California and warning them not to serve the shellfish.

Mother and boyfriend tried in child's mutilation

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) - A 5-year-old boy has testified that his mother's boyfriend tied the string around his penis that resulted in a partial amputation in late 1996.

The string was left on "a long time," the boy testified Monday in State District Judge Sharen Wilson's court.

Jesus Manuel "Chuy" Hernandez and the boy's 26-year-old mother are accused of injuring the child while trying to toilet-train him. Authorities say after the string was tied around the boy's penis, it was left on for 10 to 14 days.

The string stifled the flow of blood, and doctors had to amputate part of the organ and do reconstructive surgery after the November 1996 incident. Although the boy testified that Hernandez "hurt my privates," he was unable to identify the defendant in court.

Prosecutors rested their case Monday afternoon. Defense attorneys were to present their cases today.

Each is charged with injury to a child with serious bodily harm, a first-degree felony.

Elsewhere

GOP CONVENTION: San Antonio civic leaders used dancers, fireworks and balloons to try to land the Republican National Convention in 2000. "We want you, we want you!" a lunchtime crowd of about 3,500 people chanted Monday as the GOP's site selection committee visited the Alamodome.

OIL SLUMP: Some West Texas school districts are trimming their budgets because of revenue shortfalls caused by the worst slump in the oil business in almost a decade. The Levelland school system says it's not cutting employees, but will not be filling all the vacancies that occur.

TRIPLE SLAYING: Police in Brownsville have identified a 15-year-old suspect in an April 25 robbery and triple slaying. The victims, ranging in age from 14 to 19, were shot several times and left along a desolate road.

HEREFORD BRAND

Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for June 26-29, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Arrests

-- A 32-year-old man was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated at south Main and New York.

-- A 33-year-old man was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated at Forrest and Windsor.

-- A 30-year-old man was arrested and charged with public intoxication at Forrest and Windsor.

-- A 24-year-old man was arrested and charged with traffic violations at Third and Main.

-- A 43-year-old man was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated in the 300 block of south 25 Mile Avenue.

-- A 19-year-old woman was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct in the 500 block of Sampson.

-- A 14-year-old girl was taken into custody for assaulting an 11-year-old girl.

-- A 55-year-old man was arrested in Damron Park and charged with public intoxication.

Incidents

-- Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of S. 25 Mile Avenue.

-- A domestic disturbance was reported in the 400 block of Avenue F.

-- An assault was reported in the 400 block of Ranger.

-- An assault was reported in the 1000 block of East Third.

-- An assault was reported in the 800 block of South McKinley.

-- A hit and run accident was reported in the 500 block of Grand.

-- A criminal trespass was reported in the 800 block of Brevard.

-- Criminal mischief was reported at Damron Park.

-- A burglary of a residence was reported in the 100 block of Avenue G.

-- A bicycle, valued at \$109, was stolen from the 500 block of Avenue H.

-- A burglary of a motor vehicle

was reported in the 200 block of Avenue A.

-- Terroristic threats were reported in the 500 block of Avenue J.

-- A 1-year-old child was found wandering around the 100 block of Sixth Street. The parents were located and the child was returned.

-- A reckless driver was reported in the 500 block of Willow Lane.

-- A hit and run accident was reported in the 500 block of Avenue H.

-- Theft of gasoline was reported at a local convenience store.

-- A two-car accident was reported in the 300 block of Union.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Arrests

-- A 17-year-old man was arrested and charged with assault.

-- A 29-year-old man was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated.

-- A 37-year-old man was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated.

-- A 36-year-old man was arrested and charged with public intoxication.

-- A 21-year-old man was arrested for violation of probation on DWI conviction.

-- A 38-year-old man was arrested and charged with assault.

Incidents

-- Vandalism was reported.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

June 26, 1998
-- 5:28 p.m. Firefighters responded to a barn fire two miles west 112 north on Harrison Highway. The barn and a equipment inside were destroyed. Damage and loss is estimated at \$250,000.

-- 6:03 p.m. Firefighters responded to a smoke scare at Hereford Jr. High.

June 27, 1998
-- Firefighters responded to a grassfire, caused by someone setting off fireworks, one mile north on U.S. 385.

June 28, 1998
-- 10:51 p.m. Firefighters responded to a grassfire 1/2 east of roads GG and 10 for a structure fire. Barn was set of by fireworks.

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Obituaries

CONSUELO SAIZ

Funeral services for Consuelo Saiz, 72, of Hereford were 2 p.m. Monday at the San Jose Catholic Church with the Deacon Jesse Guerrero officiating. Rosary was recited Sunday in the Rose Chapel of Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home. Burial was in West Park Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Saiz died Friday at the Hereford Regional Medical Center. She was born Dec. 4, 1925, in San Pedro, Mexico. She married Luis Ramirez and came to Hereford in April 1998 from Anthony, N.M.

She was a member of La Iglesia de San Jose.

Survivors include three sons, Ildefonso Ramirez, of Hereford, Lorenzo Ramirez of Anthony, N.M., and Lorenzo Ramirez, of Ft. Worth; two sisters, Amelia Sequento and Magdalena Medina of Juarez, Mexico; Jose Hernandez, of San Pedro, Mexico; 26 grandchildren.

RAYANN NICHOLE QUILLEN

June 28, 1998

Funeral services for Rayann Nichole "Nicki" Quillen, 9, of Port Acres, Tx., were today at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Port Acres. Services were under the direction of Pat A. Riley Funeral Home of Nederland.

She died Sunday following a lengthy battle with cancer. She was a student and a cheerleader at Dick Dowling Elementary School.

Survivors include her father and step-mother, Billy and Zina Quillen of Port Acres; mother, Sherri Quillen of Harlingen; seven grandparents, including Ray and Betty Quillen of Hereford; three great-grandparents; four uncles; three aunts and five cousins.

LOTTO

JACKPOT
AUSTIN (AP) - No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket would have been worth an estimated \$14 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were:
5-12-22-24-30-34

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$19 million.

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
6-9-8

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
3-3-2

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery:
1-21-26-36-38

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Lifestyles

Class pride: 60 years later No divorces, no jailbirds, no politicians

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STONE MOUNTAIN, Ga. (AP) - There were no movie stars, professional athletes or best-selling authors among the 1938 graduates of Avondale High School.

Instead, Mary Hay Eidson was a wife and mother. Ransford Frazier owned his own appliance business. Conrad Allgood followed his father's footsteps and became a doctor.

These aging graduates take great pride in the fact that nobody in their class of 38 students got a divorce or went to jail. Best of all, they said, nobody became a politician.

"That's something to be proud of," said 77-year-old Bill Broome. In fact, the Avondale Class of '38 is a microcosm of its generation, if you look at federal statistics: It was a group who married young, worked hard and stayed out of trouble.

"It was probably a combination of the time they grew up in, their upbringing and a little bit of luck," said Thomas Otwell of the American Association of Retired Persons in Washington.

Twenty-five surviving members of that high school class, who recently gathered for their 60th reunion at a suburban Atlanta restaurant, aren't so sure it was luck.

Growing up during the Great Depression, a time when money and jobs were hard to come by, made them stronger and more appreciative of the simple things, they said.

"I'm not going to tell you a 'we ate dirt... and we were happy to have it' story," Broome said. "But it was a different time. You didn't know they were awful times because you didn't have anything to measure it against."

Living through World War II gave

them a strong sense of patriotism and a commitment to marriage.

"We had something - some kind of bond that the others didn't have," said Edna Glaze Shiver, 77.

Frazier believes education played a part in his classmates' success. "It may sound silly, but... we had such wonderful teachers who never gave up on us. It qualified us for other stuff... to start our own business, to go to college," he said.

Marian McGibony Breedlove, 76, believes it was the area where they grew up - near Avondale Estates, which was built in the early 1930s about 10 miles east of Atlanta as one of the first planned communities in the United States.

This group is feeling its age, too. Eight of the 33 surviving classmates were unable to attend the reunion. But even those eight sent a note or computer message.



Boxes of books

Cindy Cole opens a box of cookbooks compiled by the Deaf Smith County Historical Society and featuring recipes from eight years of Black House luncheons, as well as recipes submitted by historical society members and friends. One special section is devoted to pioneer recipes. Cole, chairman of the cookbook committee, said the cookbooks are \$15 each and are available from members of the historical society or at the Deaf Smith County Museum.

Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: Animal lovers gave you quite a roasting for the stand you took against keeping pets in the house when a spouse suffers from allergies. I'm on your side. One of your readers suggested allergy shots, which is not a bad idea -- if they work. Mine didn't.

My wife had two dogs when I married her. In an attempt to control my allergies, I took all kinds of drugs, including steroids. That chemical brew caused me to slide into a deep depression. My wife and her brother then pressured me to take anti-depressants, hinting that if I refused, it would be another symptom of mental illness. I refused anyway.

Finally, I became disgusted, flushed all the drugs down the toilet, hired someone to clean the house and tried to keep the dogs outside. I soon found out that my wife was bringing the animals back into the house when I wasn't home. This infuriated me. I gradually recovered, but our marriage did not. She took the dogs and left.

Believe me, parents would not hesitate for one single minute if they had to make a choice between keeping their children and keeping their pets. Why in the world is it such a big deal when it comes to spouses? The fact that there is any debate at all trivializes the spouse's health

problems, which, in turn, poisons the marriage. I speak from experience.

Tell your readers that if they are planning to get a divorce anyway, to just do it. Otherwise, get rid of the animals pronto. If you get any hate mail, Ann, you are welcome to send it to me. -- No Sneezing or Wheezing in Calif.

Dear Calif.: Thanks for the offer, but I think I can handle it. The truth is, a woman who really loves her husband is not going to put her dog ahead of her husband's health. This goes for cats as well. Keep reading for more on this subject:

Dear Ann Landers: You recently printed a letter from a reader whose new husband was allergic to her pets. You told her that people are more important than pets and if her mate could not overcome his allergies, she should ship the pets off to a new home. Here is why you are wrong:

I have two cats. I've had them for nine years. They both give me unconditional love and affection, which is more than I ever got from any woman. They greet my guests, mind their own business and don't damage other people's property. They also make me feel loved and keep my blood pressure down. What do they ask in return? Two meals a day and to be let in and out of the house.

Now, you come along and tell me that if I marry a woman who wants me to get rid of my two longtime, faithful friends, I should just do it. Why, if I love animals so much, would I be so foolish as to marry someone who doesn't care for pets? How your future spouse feels about animals should be a premarital test of compatibility.

Chances are that the wife who would insist I get rid of the animals would leave me sooner or later anyway. My pets love me and will never ask for a divorce. The only unhappiness I ever suffered from a pet was when one was killed by a car. Please don't ask how much grief I have gotten from some of the women in my life. -- Dan in Branford, Conn.

Dear Dan: Methinks you are much better at picking winners in the feline category than you are at picking women.

If you ever consider marrying, I suggest that you look for a woman who is a veterinarian or works in that field, and I am not kidding.

To find out more about Ann Landers and read her past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com. ANN LANDERS (R) COPYRIGHT 1998 CREATORS SYNDICATE, INC.

Hospital Notes

Patients in Hereford Regional Medical Center on June 29:

Grace Cerda and infant boy Cerda, Katherine I. Hubbard, Gerald Kimbrell, M.R. Latham, Alfredo Lopez, Monica Martinez and infant girl Martinez, James L. Ponder, Shannon D. Walker and infant girl Walker, Melanie Jean Wilburn and infant boy Wilburn.

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The KUB Award is given to acknowledge those individuals and businesses who take the time and effort to maintain their property.

Property is judged for neatness, free of weeds and junk, house and trim painted, lawn mowed, no junk cars parked on premises, and flowers (in season) and shrubs.

No major prizes are awarded but recipients receive an award letter. Winners for the week of June 28 are:

- *Raul Guerrero, 325 Avenue B
- *Dale Furr, 200 Ranger
- *Lloyd Newton, 907 South Main
- *Salvador Hernandez, 109 Campbell Street

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If you are not sure how to talk to them, call the Texas Prevention Partnership at 1-800-269-4237 and ask for the free booklet called "Growing Up Drug-Free - A Parent's Guide to Prevention." Call today because if you don't take care of little problems, they can easily grow into big ones.

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Quilt for show



Lois Gililland is holding a "Double Wedding Ring" quilt that was made by her husband's mother, Mrs. W.J. Gililland. This quilt is approximately 70 years old. Gililland is a resident of King's Manor and will enter this quilt in the Quilt Show that will be held July 9-11 at King's Manor. Everyone is encouraged to enter a quilt whether old or new, made by others or yourself. Go by the King's Manor office at 400 Ranger or call 364-0661 for an entry form and further details.

Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Tuesday, June 30, the 181st day of 1998. There are 184 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On June 30, 1971, the 26th Amendment to the Constitution, lowering the minimum voting age to 18, was ratified as Ohio became the 38th state to approve it.

On this date:
In 1859, French acrobat Blondin (born Jean Francois Gravelet) crossed Niagara Falls on a tightrope as 5,000 spectators watched.

In 1870, Ada H. Kopley of Effingham, Ill., became America's first female law school graduate.

In 1921, President Harding appointed former President Taft chief

justice of the United States.

In 1934, Adolf Hitler began his "blood purge" of political and military leaders in Germany. Among those killed was one-time Hitler ally Ernst Roehm, leader of the Nazi stormtroopers.

In 1936, the novel "Gone with the Wind" by Margaret Mitchell was published in New York.

In 1952, "The Guiding Light," a popular radio program, made its debut as a television soap opera on CBS.

In 1963, Pope Paul VI was crowned the 262nd head of the Roman Catholic Church.

In 1971, a Soviet space mission ended in tragedy when three cosmonauts aboard Soyuz XI were

found dead inside their spacecraft after it had returned to Earth.

In 1985, 39 American hostages from a hijacked TWA jetliner were freed in Beirut after being held 17 days.

In 1986, in a 5-4 decision, the Supreme Court ruled that states could outlaw homosexual acts between consenting adults.

Ten years ago: There was a surprising display of "glasnost" during a Soviet Communist Party conference as delegate Vladimir I. Melnikov bluntly criticized President Andrei A. Gromyko and other longtime Kremlin figures. Renegade Roman Catholic Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre consecrated four bishops in defiance of papal authority; the

Vatican announced the excommunication of all five.

Five years ago: Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy promised federal help for Midwestern farmers as he toured flood-damaged areas of Iowa, South Dakota and Wisconsin. Actor George "Spanky" McFarland of "Our Gang" and "Little Rascals" fame died in Grapevine, Texas, at age 64.

One year ago: In Hong Kong, the Union Jack was lowered for the last time over Government House as Britain prepared to hand the colony back to China after ruling it for 156 years.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Lena Horne is 81. Actor Tony Musante is 62. Actress Nancy Dussault is 62.

To Your Good Health

DEARDR. DONOHUE: I have been advised to consider having a sympathectomy to alleviate excessive sweating, which is extremely uncomfortable and frustrating. I am unable to find much information as to the pros and cons and am reluctant to consider surgery because it could be a drastic and irreversible procedure.

Medicines I currently take are Prilosec, Premarin, Cozaar, Catapres, Paxil, Flexeril and Norpramin.

ANSWER: A sympathectomy, cutting the sympathetic nerves that serve sweat glands, is a rapid solution to excessive sweating.

On the pro side, excessive sweating stops almost immediately after surgery.

On the con side, sweating might return, and nerve pain can result.

The majority of people who have had the operation are happy they did.

Have you tried Drysol, a 20 percent solution of aluminum chloride? It has been the answer to many who sweat profusely.

Botox, a diluted solution of the botulinum bacterium's toxin, injected into areas of increased sweating, is a relatively new treatment that has brought relief to some.

Of the seven medicines you take, three can be remotely implicated in producing excessive sweating: Prilosec, Paxil and Flexeril. Sweating induced by any of the three is a rare occurrence.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible.



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Cates attends Elks camp for special needs children

Nathan D. Cates, son of Dewayne and Vicki Cates of Hereford, recently attended the Texas Elks Camp in Ottine. The camp, located between Luling and Gonzales next to Palmetto State Park, serves special needs children from all over Texas.

Cates had the opportunity to participate in all types of activities such as swimming, fishing, arts and crafts, hiking, athletics, field trips, nature studies, outdoor camping, campfire singing, cookouts, team-building exercises and therapeutic horseback riding.

The camp, celebrating its 12th season, is free for qualifying youngsters, courtesy of the Texas Elks Children's Services, a statewide project of the Texas Elks. Texas Elks Camp meets or exceeds all standards set by the American Camping Association.

The camp staff is composed largely of college students, majoring in recreational therapy or in related



NATHAN D. CATES

social sciences. Most have worked with children before and all have been chosen based on their abilities to work hard and care for children with special needs.

Hereford Elks Lodge supports this statewide program and can assist children in gaining admission.

Head Start migrant project set

The Texas Migrant Council has started recruitment for the summer phase of Head Start, according to Rosa Contreras, TMC center manager in Hereford.

Migrant head Start emphasizes all areas of educational development, health nutrition, parent involvement, and family services. TMC is a federally-funded program available

free of cost to infants to 5-year-old children and their families who meet income and agency guidelines.

The TMC has announced its policy to provide meals under the Child and Adult Care food program at no separate charge. For eligibility guidelines or more information, contact the Hereford Migrant Council at 215 Norton St., or call 364-5972.

Hints from Heloise

Dear Heloise: I'd like to respond to your request for more safe-at-home hints: Never get in such a hurry that you don't listen to your instincts.

Rushing home during my lunch break to feed our puppy, I thought it was odd that a large truck was parked in front of our home and backed up to the end of the dead-end street. I thought it must be someone working at our neighbor's house, but once inside I discovered a burglar!

Luckily, I got out safely and called 911 from my car phone and he was caught. Our property was recovered along with that of two other families.

Please warn your readers not to enter their home if something doesn't seem right. — Debra, Little Rock, Ark.

You are absolutely right! If something seems out of place or not right, don't go in. Place a call from a neighbor's house. Don't take a chance! See the following hint for another good home-security hint. — Heloise

PEEPHOLE

Dear Heloise: If you have an attached garage, keep the door separating the house and the garage locked, especially when you are away from home.

Also, install a peephole in the door. This will allow you to check on suspicious noises without opening the door to potential harm. — L. Bramble, Omaha, Neb.

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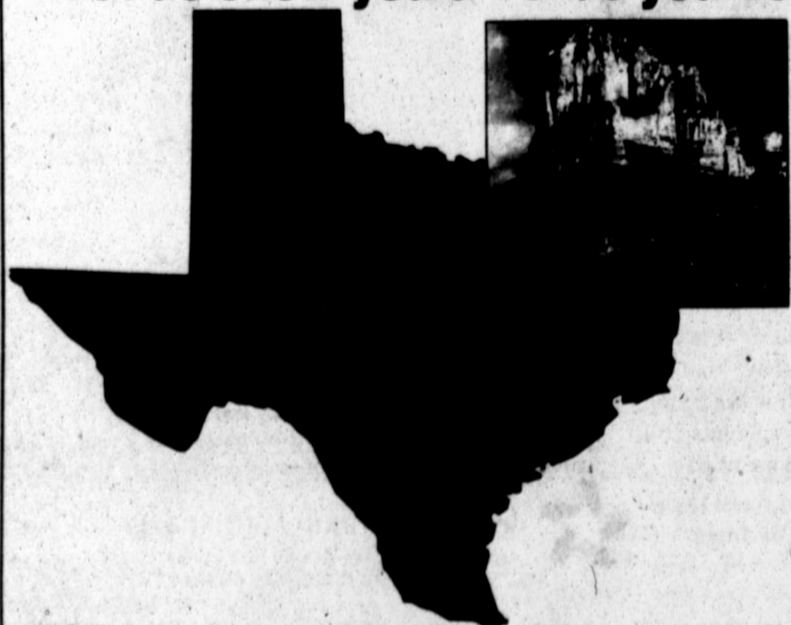


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Sports

Purcella, Northcott take 1st at Reno

From staff reports
COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.
 -- Team ropers Steve Purcella and Steve Northcott hit a Nevada jackpot last week and they didn't have to touch a slot machine to do it.

The only gamble the 1996 world champions took was competing in the team roping event at the Reno (Nev.) Rodeo June 20-28.

Purcella, from Hereford, and Northcott, from Odessa, hauled home the biggest check of the rodeo -- \$14,117 -- and more than doubled their season earnings by placing in every round of the rodeo and ultimately winning the average.

Purcella, 31, and Northcott, 28, started their rampage in the first round with a tie for third place, winning \$3,157. Purcella, the header, turned the second-round steer quick enough for Northcott to rope both heels in 6.0 seconds, which gave the team another third-place tie for another \$3,157. The duo then took second place and \$777 in the final round with a time of 6.5 seconds on their second run.

The win moves Purcella and Northcott into the Top 5 in the Crown Royal world team roping standings and into contention for another trip to the NFR. Purcella has qualified for the NFR three times; Northcott has made the NFR eight times.

Other event winners in Reno were Glen O'Neill of Water Valley, Alberta, in saddle bronc riding; Rocky Stegall of Sanger, Calif., in bareback riding; Aaron Semas of Auburn, Calif., in bull riding; Rusty Sewalt of Del Rio in calf roping; Shawn Johnson of Checotah, Okla., in steer wrestling; and Kristie Peterson of Elbert, Colo., in barrel racing.

SUPER SHOT



Daryn Hudson of Hereford returns a shot during a practice match last week at Whiteface Courts. Hudson was one of about 35 students that participated in the Hereford High School summer tennis camp, according to Hereford head tennis coach Ed Coplen.

WIMBLEDON Sampras advances Seles, Davenport make quarterfinals

WIMBLEDON, England (AP)
 -- Pete Sampras shaved four times before he ended the longest, soggiest match of his Wimbledon career: a three-set miniseries that dragged mercilessly from Friday's scheduled start to Monday's final point.

The All England Club took on a frenetic atmosphere between early and late showers as officials crammed up to six matches on each court to make up lost time. Players slid, slipped and sprawled on the sidelines with injuries.

Serena Williams defaulted with a calf strain, U.S. Open champion Patrick Rafter hurt his back and lost, and Australian Open champ Petr Korda strained an Achilles' tendon, yet won.

"It was a long, long weekend," said Sampras, who defeated Thomas Enqvist 6-3, 7-6 (7-4), 7-6 (7-3).

Sampras served aces on his first six tosses when his match finally began Saturday after Friday's washed-out start. Two downpours then intruded, and a third at 5-5 in the second set pushed the conclusion to Monday after Sunday's traditional day off to think about the whole mess. Another 2 1/2-hour rain delay then hit at 4-4 in the third set.

"It's an emotional roller coaster," said Sampras, who finished with 29 aces at up to 133

WIMBLEDON (AP) -- Results Monday of the Wimbledon tennis championships at the All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club:

- Men**
Singles
Third Round
 Todd Martin, Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., def. Todd Woodbridge, Australia, 6-4, 4-6, 7-6 (7-1), 6-4.
 Pete Sampras (1), Tampa, Fla., def. Thomas Enqvist, Sweden, 6-3, 7-6 (7-4), 7-6 (7-3).
 Sebastien Grosjean, France, def. Felix Mantilla (16), Spain, 6-0, 7-6 (10-8), 6-2.
 Francisco Clavet, Spain, def. Thomas Johansson, Sweden, 7-6 (7-4), 6-3, 6-3.
 Goran Ivanisevic (14), Croatia, def. Daniel Vacek, Czech Republic, 6-7 (8-6), 7-6 (7-4), 6-3, 6-4.
 Richard Krajcek (9), Netherlands, def. Nicolas Pietrangeli, Germany, 6-4, 7-6 (7-2), 7-6 (7-4).
Fourth Round
 Davide Sanguinetti, Italy, def. Vladimir Voltchkov, Belarus, 3-6, 6-1, 5-7, 6-2, 6-1.
Women
Singles
Third Round
 Virginia Ruano Pascual, Spain, def. Serena Williams, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., 7-5, 4-1, retired.
 Dominique Van Roost (15), Belgium, def. Sabine Appelmans, Belgium, 6-1, 6-2.
 Arantxa Sanchez Vicario (5), Spain, def. Sylvia Plieschke, Austria, 7-5, 6-2.
 Venus Williams (7), Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., def. Chanda Rubin, Lafayette, La., 6-3, 6-4.
 Jana Novotna (3), Czech Republic, def. Corina Morariu, Boca Raton, Fla., 6-3, 6-1.
 Irina Spirlea (10), Romania, def. Surina de Beer, South Africa, 6-4, 6-4.
Fourth Round
 Monica Seles (6), Sarasota, Fla., def. Sandrine Testud (14), France, 6-3, 6-2.
 Nathalie Tauziat (16), France, def. Samantha Smith, Britain, 6-3, 6-1.
 Nelaisha Zvereva, Belarus, def. Miriam Oremans, Netherlands, 6-4, 6-2.
 Lindsay Davenport (2), Newport Beach, Calif., def. Megui Serna, Spain, 6-1, 6-0.

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NBA owners impose lockout, sides far apart

NEW YORK (AP) -- The NBA didn't even wait until the deadline to put out the official word: There will be a lockout.

With collective bargaining talks at a standstill, the league moved ahead Monday and said that as of 11 p.m. CDT Tuesday night, all business will come to a halt. No trades, no free agent signings, no practices, no summer camps.

"The current system does not work," commissioner David Stern said. "We can't afford to play next season under the current system. That's just the reality. That's why owners elected to lockout."

The move came as no surprise. Players had been told all season to expect a work stoppage, and talks between the league and the union broke off more than a week ago.

The biggest question now is when it will end.

Both sides are so far apart that the impasse could last into November, when the season opens, or December -- or even 1999.

"Yes, that is fair and accurate," Stern said of possibly losing games to a work stoppage for the first time in NBA history. "There are a number of clubs that will do better not operating than operating. That's something the players don't seem to understand."

This will be the third lockout in league history. A lockout in the summer of 1995 lasted three months; in 1996 it lasted only a few hours.

The old agreement was to run for six years, but the owners had the right to reopen it if the amount of designated revenue being paid toward player salaries exceeded a certain level -- 51.8 percent of basketball-related income.

The owners say they are now devoting 57 percent of those revenues to player salaries, a total of almost \$1 billion.

The impending lockout already caused 12 NBA players to be removed from the team scheduled to compete next month at the world championships in Greece. When the players refused to commit to playing during a lockout, USA Basketball, the governing body for the national team, responded by replacing them with a team of Americans currently playing overseas, minor leaguers and possibly some collegians.

The union proposed a moratorium that would have allowed for the original world championship team to compete. But when the union insisted that trades and free-agent signings also be allowed, the league said no.

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SUMMER DIGGING

Sonya Matthews of Hereford digs a shot during a controlled scrimmage Thursday at Hereford Junior High School. Matthews was one of about 25 players in the afternoon session of a camp conducted by West Texas A&M head volleyball coach Debbie Hendricks and her staff. Hereford High School will have its summer volleyball camp July 13-17 for incoming fourth- through ninth-grade students. The camp will be conducted in one session from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. For more information on the camp, contact Brenda at 364-9147 or 363-7633.

Photo by Julius Bodner



Hamiltons bid to make racing a family business

By DICK BRINSTER
AP Sports Writer
LONG POND, Pa. -- Earnhardt, Jarrett, Labonte, Bodine, Marlin, Petty and Hamilton: a collection of names that someday could be synonymous with stardom on the Winston Cup circuit.

SOMEday? Those names already account for 214 years, 447 wins, 14 Daytona 500 titles and 21 series championships.

But the future could hold even more glory for younger drivers who share those monikers: Adam Petty, Dale Earnhardt Jr., Jason Jarrett, Justin Labonte, Barry Bodine, Steadman Marlin and last -- but certainly not least -- Bobby Hamilton Jr.

He's the latest son of a some-

body to earn praise for his work in a stock car.

"So far, so good," said the younger Hamilton, who, like his father, can be a sneaky fellow. "I think we did OK for the first time."

OK?

His debut in big-time stock car racing last weekend at Pocono International Raceway resulted in a fifth-place finish in an ARCA event.

"We didn't tell anybody we were coming to Pocono," he said. "We tried to sneak up on everybody."

They won't be able to do that again. The son is out of the back-seat.

But there was reason for their

"One of the ways he'll learn is by making mistakes. If you do everything right the first time, then you'll think you already know it. And if you think you already know it, there isn't a whole lot you'll learn anyhow."

-- Bobby Hamilton Sr.

cloak-and-dagger approach. "If we did good, great," the 20-year-old driver said. "If we

missed the show or practiced bad, nobody would have noticed. I guess that worked out pretty well

in the long run."

But instant success is not necessarily the best tutor, his 41-year-old father insists. Failure also can be a great teacher.

"One of the ways he'll learn is by making mistakes," the elder Hamilton said of his offspring. "If you do everything right the first time, then you'll think you already know it."

"And if you think you already know it, there isn't a whole lot you'll learn anyhow."

But this kid wants to learn, and seeks that knowledge from his car owner and father -- who happen to be the same person.

"Even if he wasn't my dad, I think I'd still be over talking to him, picking his brain and learning

as much as I could from him," Bobby Jr. said. "He has so many laps, so much experience."

The younger Hamilton cherishes his opportunity, and finds the father-son-driver scenario quite interesting.

"I don't know that it's easier driving for your dad," he said. "In some ways, I'm sure it is. In others, it's a lot harder."

"There are some things you can say to a car owner that you can't say to your dad. And there are some things you can say to your dad that you can't say to a car owner."

Regardless, it's all about communication.

See HAMILTONS/Page 6A

AREA HAPPENINGS

Hereford duo wins tourney

Two Hereford women — Tiff West and Linda Stevens — won the championship of the Dimmitt Darlings Golf Tourney Sunday.

West and Stevens shot a 64 Saturday and a 66 Sunday in the partnership scramble to win first place.

In another tourney ending

Sunday, Jerry Stevens of Hereford finished fourth in the first flight of the Tall Tower Open in Amarillo. Stevens carded 78 on Saturday and finished with a 76 Sunday. He also won a wristwatch for the straightest drive on a selected hole.

Hastings place at Sand Drags races

From staff reports
AMARILLO — Salina Hastings of Hereford placed second in the Race What You Brung division at the Amarillo Sand Drags Friday and Saturday.

Sammy Hastings, 28, also of

Hereford, took third in the Pro 3 division and is now in ninth place overall in the division. Bray Hastings, 23, also of Hereford, placed sixth in Pro 3 and is now in fourth place overall in the division.

SPC to conduct basketball camp

LEVELLAND — Applications are still being accepted for the Texas Basketball Camp July 26-30 at South Plains College, according to a Thursday release from the college.

The overnight camp will be for boys in third grade through high school. The focus of the camp will be to provide an opportunity for camp participants to improve basketball skills.

The camp will be at the Texan Dome. Camp activities will include drill on ball handling, dribbling, passing and shooting. There will also be contests for one-on-one, three-on-three, five-on-five and slam dunks.

Registration for the camp will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. July 26 at the Texan Dome. The camp will conclude at 4 p.m. July 30.

The cost of the camp is \$200 and

includes lodging and meals. Special arrangements can be made for participants who wish to attend the camp as a commuter.

The camp will be conducted by SPC head men's coach Shawn Scanlan and the Texan staff. Scanlan has guided the Texans to two Western Junior College Athletic Conference championships and consecutive trips to the state junior college basketball tournament.

Scanlan was previously head coach at Kilgore College, guiding the Rangers to five consecutive post-season appearances and a trip to the NJCAA National Tournament in 1994.

For more information on the camp, contact Scanlan at (806) 894-9611, ext. 2222.

Oilers-ex Montgomery dies

HOUSTON (AP) — Less than a year after it was revealed he had the same lethal neuromuscular disease that killed baseball Hall of Famer Lou Gehrig, former Houston Oilers defensive lineman Glenn Montgomery has died. He was 31.

Montgomery died early Sunday in Dallas from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, an always fatal degenerative illness more commonly known as "Lou Gehrig's disease" after the New York Yankees first baseman was stricken in the 1930s.

ALS is diagnosed in more than 5,000 Americans annually. Victims usually have a life expectancy of between two and five years.

In 1996, the year Montgomery was traded from the Oilers to the Seattle Seahawks, the University of Houston product was diagnosed with the

disease.

Word of Montgomery's illness first came last July.

Montgomery had planned a tour of NFL training camps this summer to educate players about ALS and seek support for the G. Montgomery Foundation, which supports research into the causes of the disease.

Montgomery starred at Harvey (La.) West Jefferson High School and at the University of Houston, where his 12 sacks during his 1988 senior season was one short of a team record.

The 6-foot, 283-pound Montgomery was drafted in the fifth round and became a starter by 1993. Despite the lack of height for his position, Montgomery steadily grew into a defensive force throughout his seven years with Houston.

Lockout

The lockout means teams cannot conduct practices, summer camps, workouts, coaching sessions or team meetings. A handful of players who were to be paid part of their salaries this summer will not receive those paychecks until the lockout ends.

Unlike the last lockout, teams will not be barred from working with players rehabilitating from injuries as long as those sessions take place outside of NBA facilities.

Also, some previously scheduled charity games will be allowed to proceed.

Despite meeting nine times since April, the sides have made only minimal progress on a new agreement to replace the one expiring at 11 p.m. Tuesday.

"We've made four different proposals, all involving player salaries going up every year," deputy commissioner Russ Granik said. "The players made one set of proposals, and have never moved off those proposals in any way on economic issues."

Billy Hunter, director of the players association, said he expected to meet with Stern in mid-July.

Stern and Granik said the league's profit margins have been shrinking for the last five years, and almost half of the 29 teams stood to lose money in the just-completed season.

Wimbledon

mph. "Really, you get up for playing, and you come off, and you have a 20-minute delay. You come back, play a game. You have yesterday off, which was kind of bizarre. So you get the highs and lows."

Sampras, the defending champion who is going for his fifth Wimbledon title, had fewer highs and lows than two-time finalist Goran Ivanisevic, who let his scruffy beard grow longer through the weekend as he served 44 aces and 15 double-faults in a 6-7 (6-7), 7-6 (7-4), 6-3, 6-4 victory over Daniel Vacek. That match also began Saturday and was suspended in the third set.

Ivanisevic fell in the second round last year and lost in the first round of four of his past five Grand Slam tournaments. But he believes he's figured out what he was doing wrong — "I tried to be cool. ... It's better to explode straightaway and be OK," — and now he thinks he may be on the verge of a breakthrough victory in a major.

"It was not easy for me, all this talking, 'He's gone, and he's never going to be back again,'" he said. "But every time when I am on that court, I know I can beat anybody. My matches are like horror thrillers. You cannot expect anything. I made the movie, but I don't know the end. It's interesting to watch."

Ivanisevic plays in the round of 16 against unseeded Todd Martin, the only American man left in the draw besides Sampras. Martin completed a rain-delayed match against Todd Woodbridge, winning 6-4, 4-6, 7-6 (1), 6-4.

There were curious sights in all corners of Wimbledon.

Hamiltons

Bobby Sr., who has won a race in each of the last three seasons on the Winston Cup tour, is there to listen. But he bills himself as a consultant more than anything, saying his son won't advance in the sport without a spark of independence.

"He sure isn't going to learn anything if I'm the one making all the decisions," he said.

His son is doing just that, working on his own cars, something the elder Hamilton sees as a sign of maturity in a racer. But it wasn't that way from the start.

Bobby Jr. began racing four years ago, and won some mini-stock events near their home in Nashville, Tenn.

"Then, he got a girlfriend, and his interests changed some," his father said. "A lot of parents push, push, push, but Debbie and I aren't like that. We let him do what he wanted to do."

Two years later, Bobby Jr. was ready to resume racing, and has

No. 12 Tim Henman, seeking to become the first British man since 1936 to win Wimbledon, made the quarters for the third year in a row by outplaying the No. 6 Rafter, 6-3, 6-7 (3), 6-3, 6-2.

Rafter was treated for a lower back injury early in the fourth set. A trainer massaged and stretched Rafter as he lay on a towel, but the Australian was never able to regain control of the match.

Henman next faces the No. 3 Korda, who strained his Achilles near the end of his victory over John van Lottum 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (4). Korda said the injury was painful but wouldn't stop him from playing Wednesday.

"If it's going to be nice weather, why not?" he said.

Serena Williams, playing her first Wimbledon but fearlessly predicting she might win the title, got the day off to an unfortunate start when she defaulted with a strained left calf while trailing 7-5, 4-1 in a third-rounder against No. 75 Virginia Ruano-Pascual.

Monica Seles, who reached the French final earlier this month, advanced to the quarterfinals with a 6-3, 6-2 romp over Sandrine Testud. Seles next meets Natasha Zvereva, who followed up her victory over Steffi Graf with a straight-sets win over Miriam Oremans.

Also reaching the women's quarters against each other were No. 2 Lindsay Davenport and No. 16 Nathalie Tauziat. Davenport crushed Magui Serna 6-1, 6-0, and Tauziat beat Britain's Samantha Smith 6-3, 6-1.

Women's third-round winners included No. 3 Jana Novotna and No. 5 Arantxa Sanchez Vicario.

McGwire top NL vote-getter

NEW YORK (AP) — The fans made it seem like only one player is chasing Roger Maris. Mark McGwire was the top NL vote-getter for the All-Star game, Sammy Sosa didn't even crack the top 10.

McGwire, leading the majors with 36 homers, was the overwhelming choice to start at first base in results announced Monday.

The St. Louis slugger started at the spot five times for Oakland. He now switches sides for next Tuesday night's game at Coors Field in Denver.

"I think it's going to be great,"

McGwire said during the weekend. "It's been great that I've been able to play in the All-Star game so many years for the American League, and now I get to do it for the National League."

But Sosa, whose 19 home runs in June set a major league record for most homers in any month, will have to hope he's picked as an NL reserve. The Chicago Cubs star finished sixth among outfielders, and 12th overall in the fan voting.

The AL starters will be announced Tuesday.

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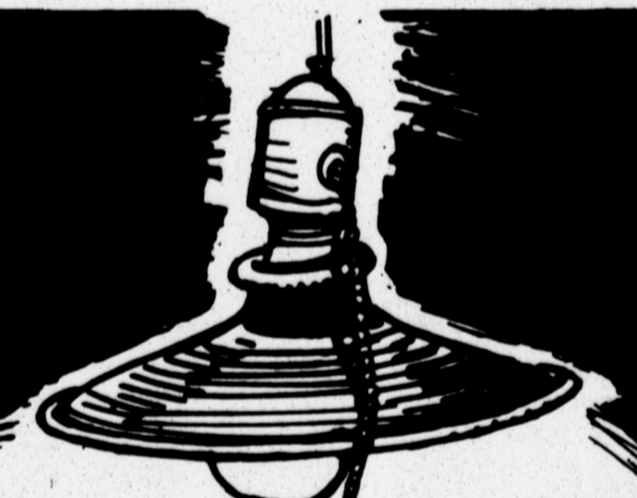
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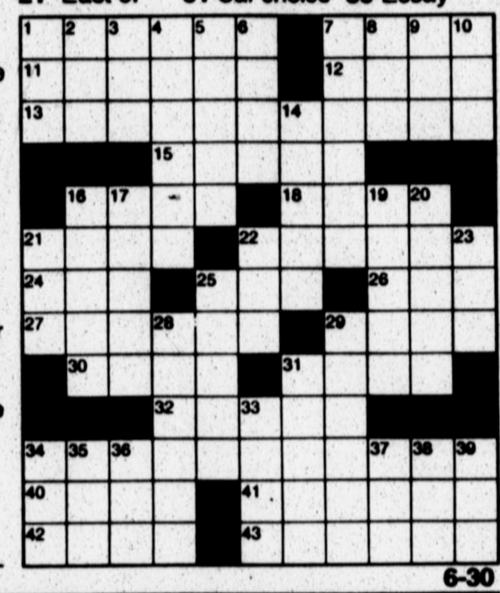
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Greens to have write-ins

AUSTIN (AP) - Green Party organizer Susan Lee Solar, who divides her time between Sierra Blanca and Austin, announced her write-in campaign for governor Monday.

Green Party member Alfredo Reza of El Paso announced as a write-in candidate for lieutenant governor.

Areas of concern for Solar include low-level radioactive waste dumps, including one proposed near Sierra Blanca that is envisioned as taking waste from Texas, Maine and Vermont; toxic emissions from "grandfathered" facilities; and a sewage sludge repository near Sierra Blanca that receives waste from New York City.

Reza's platform is "protecting the people of Texas from the polluting practices of industry, while creating programs that will ensure a healthy future for all Texans, human and non-human."

To qualify as a write-in candidate, hopefuls must file a declaration between Aug. 5 and Sept. 4, accompanied by either a \$3,000 filing fee or petition signed by 5,000 registered voters.

The secretary of state then would certify his name to each county clerk, who prepares a list for each voting booth. There is ballot space for write-in candidates.

The Republican candidate for lieutenant governor is Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry.

The Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor is state Comptroller John Sharp.

Lt. governor candidates OK debate

EL PASO (AP) - The Republican and Democratic candidates for Texas lieutenant governor have accepted invitations to debate in El Paso, assuring the city of its first debate between statewide candidates.

Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry, the GOP candidate, said during a campaign stop Monday that he will meet Comptroller John Sharp in an El Paso debate. The date is to be determined.

"We'll be there," Perry said. "We just need to settle the date."

Sharp's campaign said he welcomed the news.

"There have been more than a dozen occasions when Mr. Perry has ducked the opportunity to debate, and so we welcome his change of heart in this case," Sharp spokesman Kelly Ferro said.

The El Paso Times on March 23 issued debate invitations to Perry and Sharp, as well as Gov. George W. Bush and his challenger, Garry Mauro. The idea is to get the four together on the same night.

Mauro and Sharp accepted the invitation the next day.

Bush, who led Mauro by more than 50 percentage points in the latest statewide poll, has "not yet made a decision" about such a debate, his political director, Karl Rove, said.

El Paso has never played host to a debate for statewide candidates.

"I think it's important to get the candidates here during the campaign to talk about issues that are important to this region," said El Paso Times Editor Dionicio "Don" Flores. "A debate also should help stimulate El Paso's interest in the election, which should help increase turnout in November."

The debate would probably be at the University of Texas at El Paso, and would be televised on public TV stations across the state.

Nominations for race tallied

WASHINGTON (AP) - A court-appointed overseer tallied nominations for the new Teamsters election even though federal funding for the voting remained in doubt.

Two candidates from the split opposition to James P. Hoffa - Tom Leedham and John Metz - and their entire slates qualified for the race, according to the union election office. Although some 1,800 delegates were mailed ballots, only 982 voted in the nomination procedure.

Burnett remembers Lucy

By LYNN ELBER AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES - There's a nice touch of irony in the Turner Classics Movies' month-long tribute to Lucille Ball's film career.

Television, which made the most of her comic gifts, is highlighting how the movie industry squandered them.

From the early 1930s until the 1950s, Miss Ball often was relegated to supporting roles in generally mediocre films. Then it was TV to the rescue, allowing Miss Ball and husband Desi Arnaz to package her genius properly on "I Love Lucy."

"Lucy" reruns are as much a part of the atmosphere as oxygen. Films like "Panama Lady," "The Affairs of Annabel" and "Twelve Crowded Hours" are forgotten.

For true fans, the cable channel's July festival of 29 movies featuring Miss Ball is a chance to see their heroine as a dewy-eyed youngster in early bit parts and in a few rare dramatic roles.

There's also the opportunity to play the entertaining "Hollywood-must-be-run-by-idiot" game in which viewers discern her star quality that should have hit studio executives like a cream pie in the kisser.

Maybe Miss Ball, who died in 1989 at age 77, was just too much of a challenge for them, suggests comedienne Carol Burnett.

"Nobody knew what to do with her. It could be possible that her beauty might have thrown them," Miss Burnett said. "In that era, the only really glamorous comedic actress was Carol Lombard."

As part of TCM's tribute, Miss Burnett narrates a short film on her friend's career that plays throughout the month. Each Thursday, a half-dozen or so of Miss Ball's films will be shown beginning at 5 p.m.

Among the bests, all times EDT: The Marx Brothers' "Room Service" (1938), 8 p.m. Thursday;

"Easy to Wed," a musical remake of "Libeled Lady" (1946) 10 p.m. July 16; "The Big Street" (1942) in which Miss Ball played a crippled showgirl cared for by Henry Fonda, 1:30 a.m. July 30, and "Dunbar Was a Lady," (1943) co-starring Red Skelton and Gene Kelly, 10 p.m. July 30.

Also showing is "The Long Long Trailer" (1954), 8 p.m. July 23, which paired Miss Ball and Arnaz and was released during the first run of "I Love Lucy."

As Miss Burnett remembers it, Miss Ball never lamented her movie misguse. She was low-key about her TV success as well.

"She was very grateful for any accolades she got. She was very gracious and pleased that the show was the success it was. But she never talked that much about it," said Miss Burnett.

On the TV screen, Miss Ball was center stage with her inspired pratfalls, childlike charm and a lovely, Silly Putty face that stretched improbably into expressions of alarm and delight. Off-screen she surrendered the spotlight.

"She was never 'on.' She was the best audience in the world," said Miss Burnett. "Sometimes she'd hold her stomach, she was laughing so hard at somebody's jokes."

"She was so different from the Lucy persona. There wasn't an idle thought in her head... She was one of the most down-to-earth people I've ever met. She came up the hard way, wasn't just 'to the manor born.' She worked."

Miss Ball became a mentor to Miss Burnett, 21 years her junior, after they met in 1959.

"She came to see me on the second night of 'Once Upon a Mattress' off-Broadway, which was the show that got me my big break," Miss Burnett said. "I remember I made the mistake of peeking through the hole in the curtain and seeing this redhead sitting out there."

Earlier this month, the three surviving Beatles - Harrison, Ringo Starr and Paul McCartney - were reunited for the first time in years at a London memorial service for McCartney's wife, Linda, who died of breast cancer. John Lennon, the fourth Beatle, was shot to death in 1980 in New York City.

Beatle tells about cancer battle

LONDON (AP) - Former Beatle George Harrison disclosed Sunday that he has been battling throat cancer since last summer - and is winning.

"I'm not going to die on you folks just yet. I am very lucky," the 54-year-old singer was quoted as telling the News of the World.

Harrison told the Sunday tabloid that he first noticed a lump on his neck last July while he was gardening at his 200-room mansion in Henley, 35 miles west of London. He shares the home with his wife, Olivia, 47, and their 19-year-old son Dhani.

He had surgery in August to remove the lump. That was followed by two courses of radiation therapy at the Royal Marsden Hospital, Britain's leading cancer treatment center.

"I got it purely from smoking. I gave up cigarettes many years ago but had started again for a while and then stopped in 1997," Harrison was quoted as telling the paper. "Luckyly for me, they found that this nodule

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in brief

Costco recalls frozen ground beef patties

SEATTLE (AP) - Costco recalled frozen ground beef patties from stores in 24 states because they may be contaminated with E. coli bacteria. Costco said Monday there had been one report of an illness, in New York state, from frozen ground beef patties produced in April at its central processing facility in Tracy, Calif.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture said the woman who got sick might not have washed her hands after handling the uncooked meat. Seven other people who ate the patties at the same barbecue were fine.

The recall was aimed at two products. One is Costco's frozen 1/3-pound Kirkland Signature Ground Sirloin and Loin of Beef Patties in 6-pound packages. The patties carry item number 18508 and can be identified by looking on the bottom of the plastic package bag and finding one of two production codes designated as follows: "xx:xx 04/06/98 MFG" or "xx:xx 04/07/98 MFG" with "xx:xx" designating the time of day.

The other is frozen 1/4-pound Kirkland Signature Ground Beef Patties in 6-lb. packages. They carry item number 18498 and are identified by a production code of "xx:xx 04/07/98 MFG," with "xx:xx" again designating the time of day.

Residents urged to leave homes as Florida continues to burn

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) - Hours after Vice President Al Gore praised firefighters for stopping the flames from destroying any homes in Florida's most fire-devastated county, an unoccupied home burned.

Authorities urged residents in southern Volusia County to flee Monday, so homeowners packed their vehicles with belongings and watched from about a mile away as black smoke rose up in the air.

"I'm so sorry," Gore said to Justo and Josephina Urquiza, hugging the couple in front of what was left of their home in a burned-out subdivision in Flagler County.

Since Memorial Day, fires have burned almost 237,000 acres - mostly forest and scrubby swamp land - from one tip of Florida to the other. The fires have destroyed 78 houses and threatened several subdivisions.

19-year-old wanted in slaying of Marine fighter ace

ROSEBURG, Ore. (AP) - Marion Carl spent much of his life outracing death in a fighter plane. He led World War II air battles at Midway and Guadalcanal, where he survived being shot down. Then he became a test pilot and flew higher and faster than anyone before him. In his 50s, the fighter ace returned to combat in Vietnam.

This is how retired Maj. Gen. Carl died: He was shot in the head Sunday night by a robber who kicked in the door of his home and demanded cash from his wife.

Authorities on Monday issued a warrant for the arrest of Jesse Stuart Fanus, a 19-year-old from the area who has a record of arrests on charges including drunken driving, burglary and criminal trespass.

Judge extends injunction preventing au pair profits

BOSTON (AP) - Former au pair Louise Woodward cannot profit from the story of her trial and conviction in the death of a baby she cared for - at least in the United States, and at least until a wrongful death suit brought by the child's parents is resolved, a federal judge ruled.

Federal Judge William G. Young issued a permanent injunction Monday, requiring Ms. Woodward to notify the court and Sunil and Deborah Eappen, the parents of Matthew Eappen, if she or anyone acting on her behalf enters into an agreement to sell her story.

The ruling, an extension of a June 17 temporary injunction, further restrains her and her parents from disposing of any profits she might make from such an agreement.

Calvin Klein battles Ralph Lauren over perfume bottles

NEW YORK (AP) - Bronx-born fashion titans Calvin Klein and Ralph Lauren have much in common - perhaps a bit too much, according to Klein.

Klein is trying to keep Lauren from marketing a women's perfume that comes in a bottle that Klein thinks looks a bit too familiar.

Klein has filed papers in federal court claiming that Lauren's soon-to-be-marketed Romance comes in a bottle nearly identical to Klein's Eternity.

Eternity comes in a silver-capped rectangular bottle with a collar shaped like a wedding band. Ditto for Lauren's Romance.

South Korean boy becomes youngest to summit McKinley

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) - A boy from South Korea became the youngest child to make it to the top of Mount McKinley when he reached the summit three days after his 12th birthday.

Kim Yong Sik reached the top of the 20,320-foot mountain, the continent's tallest peak, on Saturday. He was part of a seven-person team that included his father.

The boy has been climbing since he was 3. He reached the summits of the Matterhorn in Switzerland at age 8 and Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania when he was 9, said his father, Kim Tae Wung.

The younger Kim said climbing McKinley was easier than coming back down.

The climb was uneventful, unlike the attempt made two weeks ago by a team of British military climbers. Bad weather and several falls left two climbers trapped at 19,000 feet for more than three days before rescuers reached them in a high-altitude helicopter.

Hilton to acquire Grand Casinos, split into separate companies

NEW YORK (AP) - The Hilton Hotels Corp. is expected to buy Grand Casinos Inc. and split its hotel and gambling operations into separate companies, according to published reports today.

The Wall Street Journal and The New York Times reported that the split will allow Hilton to free its hotel holdings - which are popular on Wall Street - from the drag of its gambling operations.

The U.S. gambling market is performing poorly overall, in part due to fierce competition.

Grand Casinos, based in Minnetonka, Minn., operates small and midsize casinos and has a market value of about \$775 million.

GM, union resume negotiations

DETROIT (AP) - The first meeting between chief negotiators of General Motors Corp. and the United Auto Workers in two weeks may be a sign that both sides are getting serious about ending two crippling parts-plant strikes.

At the strike-idled Delphi Flint East parts plant in Flint, Mich., the president of UAW Local 651 said the meeting Monday may have led to more serious discussions in his local plant negotiations.

"It's a little bit too soon to see any results of that meeting yet," Danny Thetford said. "I am a little optimistic, however, in that we did have a lot of serious conversation about our issues today. There was a lot more dialogue than normal. That's always encouraging."

The meeting of GM labor chief Gerald A. Knechtel and UAW Vice President Richard Shoemaker lasted for about 90 minutes while separate talks by local negotiators continued at each plant. Company and union officials declined to comment on details of the high-level talks.

Negotiations at the plants were to resume today.

The strikes by about 9,200 workers have idled more than 162,700 other GM hourly workers at 26 assembly plants and more than 100 parts plants in the United States, Mexico and Canada.

At the Flint Metal Center, a stamping plant, Local 659 President Duane Zuckschwerdt said there was no progress Monday. He said negotiations focused on health and safety issues, subcontracting and "pegged rates."

GM has demanded that the union eliminate pegged rates in the one area of that plant where they remain. Pegged rates allow workers to quit work after reaching a set production quota, even if time is left on their eight-hour shifts.

GM announced Monday that it would continue to provide medical coverage for the nonstriking workers who have been laid off because of the strikes, but that their dental coverage would be suspended until after the strike ends. GM had announced last week that it was canceling medical and dental coverage for striking workers, effective Wednesday.

The strikes began June 5 at the Flint Metal Center and June 11 at Delphi Flint East. They are the longest strikes at GM since a 67-day walkout in 1970.

GM's previously scheduled two-week summer vacation shutdown officially began Monday, though most of GM's remaining operations went down over the weekend.

The company's only North American assembly plant still operating Monday was Ramos Arizpe in Mexico, which produces the Chevrolet Cavalier.

Tripp tells grand jury about tapes

WASHINGTON (AP) - Linda Tripp, the other woman on the Monica Lewinsky tapes, went before a grand jury today to tell what she knows about an alleged presidential affair and cover-up and to counter perceptions she manipulated the former White House intern.

Her appearance at the U.S. District Courthouse marks a critical juncture in the investigation, as prosecutor Kenneth Starr tries to press beyond proving a sexual relationship between Ms. Lewinsky and President Clinton to possible obstruction of justice and witness tampering.

Mrs. Tripp was accompanied by three lawyers and her children as she arrived at the courthouse. Asked if she was nervous, she replied only with a smile. Her lead attorney, Anthony Zaccagnini, said, "Not at all. ... She's doing good. She's real strong."

And with that, unaccompanied, Mrs. Tripp entered the grand jury room for questioning that could stretch over several days.

A crowd of about 300 journalists struggled to get a view as she arrived at the federal building where dozens of grand jury witnesses have preceded her.

In an interview reported in today's editions of The Washington Post, Mrs. Tripp said she had been vilified unfairly. "I am so anxious to go before the grand jury and tell the truth," she told the newspaper.

At the White House, presidential aides were withholding any criticism of Mrs. Tripp while keeping a watchful eye on a witness whose account could undercut Clinton's denial of a sexual relationship with Ms. Lewinsky. "We'll let the American people draw their own conclusions about Linda Tripp," spokesman Jim Kennedy said.

Mrs. Tripp in 1993 became executive assistant to Clinton's White House counsel, Bernard Nussbaum, and now works for the Pentagon. She precipitated a criminal probe of Clinton in January when she took 20 hours of secretly recorded telephone conversations with Ms. Lewinsky to prosecutors.

In addition to her discussions with Ms. Lewinsky, Mrs. Tripp had contact last year with presidential confidant Bruce Lindsey and presidential accuser Kathleen Willey at a time when the White House was scrambling to contain potential damage from the Paula Jones sexual harassment lawsuit against the president.

In the Post interview, Mrs. Tripp said she had been vilified unfairly. She dismissed allegations that she had betrayed Ms. Lewinsky and had cynically tried to use their friendship as Pentagon coworkers against Clinton. "I did not cultivate Monica - she cultivated me," Mrs. Tripp told the Post. "Monica is a very worldly person. She educated me."



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