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Former HHS coach Cumpton to head chamber

Announcement made at Fun Breakfast



By BECKY CAMP
Lifestyles Editor

The highlight of the first Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce Fun Breakfast for 1996 was the announcement of Don Cumpton as new executive vice president of the Chamber.

"We believe he will bring the community together in a harmonious manner and assure the success of the program," said chamber board president Tommy Weemes in making the announcement.

Cumpton is currently Assistant Superintendent for Support Services with the Hereford Independent School District.

He will not officially assume his new position with the chamber until January 1997.

Still, he told the Fun Breakfast audience, "I am excited about this. I do love this town. It is a great place to live, to work and to play because the people make it a great place."

"My goal is to be a little bitty part of making it a better place."

The breakfast, catered by Something Special, was held Thursday morning in the Hereford Community Center. It was sponsored by Foster Electronics.

The chamber board began searching for an executive director two months ago following the resignation of Mike Carr, who had served the chamber for 18 years.

Carr left the chamber to become part of the Stagner-Carr Motor Co.

The 51-year-old Cumpton, who served as Hereford High School football coach from 1979-1982 and from 1986-1990, will continue his duties with the school district until the end of December, at which time he will retire after 30 years as a coach

and teacher.

Cumpton is a native of Bovina and a 1967 graduate of West Texas State University.

He began his Hereford coaching career in 1970, when he was hired here as an assistant coach.

He held that position until 1973, leaving for head coaching positions in Sanford-Fritch and Muleshoe. The Herd went to the state quarterfinals in 1971 and to the regionals in 1973.

Cumpton returned to Hereford in 1978, serving as athletic director and head coach until 1982, compiling a 37-16-1 record.

During that time, Cumpton went to the state Class 5A semifinals in 1981.

He was replaced in 1983 by Jerry Taylor. Cumpton left then to take the

head coaching job at Abilene High School, compiling a 15-14-1 record in a tough 5A district.

He was named Abilene High athletic director in November 1985, then was hired to return to Hereford in January 1986.

He coached the Herd the second time until 1990.

Overall, Cumpton's coaching record is 109-60-4.

Cumpton was honored with the "Bull Chip of the Decade" in 1989.

At the time, Hereford Brand publisher Speedy Nieman said Cumpton "puts the hustle in Hereford."

During the breakfast, the "fun" started early when three couples, Jim and Anna Robinson, Cumpton and his wife, Linda, and Tom and Carol Sue

LeGate, were called to the stage to participate in a game of Cheetos Toss.

In keeping with the tradition of celebrity interviews, Stagner interviewed Buster the Bull, who (sounding suspiciously like Mike Carr) gave an expert's opinion on mad cow disease.

Foster Electronics presented a demonstration of the GoldMine software program.

Co-emcees, Charlie Bell and John Stagner, kept the program moving as they led the early morning risers in song, accompanied by Jan Walser on the piano; handed out door prizes provided by Foster Electronics; and introduced representatives of various community organizations.

Making announcements for the (See BREAKFAST, Page 2)



New executive VP

Don Cumpton has been named the new executive vice president of the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce according to an announcement by board president Tommy Weemes during the Chamber's first Fun Breakfast of 1996 Thursday morning.

Perry says drought is already state's second-worst disaster

By MICHAEL HOLMES
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) - The drought scorching the state this spring could become the worst natural disaster to hit Texas this century, agriculture officials say.

Losses to Texas farmers and ranchers already total \$2.4 billion, Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry said.

He said the economic cost to agriculture-related businesses is estimated at another \$4.1 billion.

"A number of \$6.5 billion to the entire state of Texas is a staggering impact," Perry said.

He said farm and ranch losses so far "put this drought, as of today, as the second-largest natural disaster in the history of Texas." He ranked it only behind Hurricane Alicia in 1983, which he said did \$3 billion in

damage.

And things could get worse. "I'm not going to sugarcoat it. This drought has the economic potential to be the worst natural disaster in the 20th century in Texas," Perry said.

The state is doing all it can to provide assistance, he said. Relief efforts range from telephone hot lines for buying hay and selling cattle to getting permission to graze on land set aside for conservation.

"We're doing everything humanly possible," Perry said. "But the things that we can do are going to be nibbling around the edges of this problem. There will be no substantial relief in this state until it rains."

Perry said some experts already are predicting that the drought could extend into 1998 or 1999.

Zerle Carpenter, director of the

Texas Agricultural Extension Service, said Wednesday that the \$2.4 billion is the total of losses in crop and livestock production.

The additional \$4.1 billion is the estimated loss in harvesting, transportation, processing and marketing of agricultural and food products in a state where one job in five is linked to agriculture and agribusiness.

Carpenter called those estimates conservative.

"Every region in the state of Texas is either in incipient or extreme drought," Carpenter said. "The economic impact is great."

As examples, officials noted that rainfall in San Antonio over the past seven months is the lowest since 1886-1887. Precipitation in the

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This is 'fun'?

Tom and Carol Sue LeGate participate in a game of Cheetos Toss during the Chamber of Commerce Fun Breakfast Thursday morning. The object of the game was for the Cheetos, which were thrown by Mrs. LeGate, to stick to the shaving cream on LeGate's face.

Senate endures series of votes on budget proposal

By ALAN FRAM
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - With both parties out to mold their budget fight into a winning issue for November's elections, the Senate is trudging toward approval of the newest Republican plan for halting federal deficits by 2002.

Senators planned a second day of continuous voting on the \$1.63 trillion fiscal 1997 budget today after bleary-eyed lawmakers labored through 27 roll call votes Wednesday. The six-year blueprint for wiping away annual federal shortfalls calls for \$122 billion in tax cuts and \$700 billion in savings from welfare, Medicaid, Medicare and other

domestic programs.

With an eye to boosting the presidential campaign of outgoing Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., and aiding their own bid to retain congressional control, Republicans in the measure tone down many of the tax cuts and budget savings their leaders sought last year.

But the budget contains further-reaching changes than President Clinton's budget-balancing plan, letting Republicans argue that only their measure truly reins in government, cuts taxes and controls spending in a serious, effective way.

"We're committed to a stronger economy with better jobs, lower interest rates and changing the tax

code to be more pro-family," said Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M.

To blunt such assertions, Democrats concocted amendments aimed at softening the hits on Medicaid, environmental cleanups, education and job training. They were rejected, but Republicans were forced to vote to slice programs popular with the public, votes Democrats are certain to cite as evidence the GOP is governed by right-wing ideology.

The congressional budget does not require the president's signature, which allows it to stand as an unfettered statement of the majority GOP's vision of what government should look like.

Demos oppose GOP wage hike

By JIM ABRAMS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - After working for months to force a vote on raising the national minimum wage, House Democrats now find themselves trying to defeat a Republican minimum-wage plan that exempts small businesses.

Joining Democrats in what has come to be a key election-year issue, President Clinton said he would veto the legislation if it contains language "to eliminate the minimum wage and wage protections for millions of workers."

A final vote was planned today for the intricately crafted legislation that Republicans said meets the Democratic demand for a minimum wage vote while looking to the needs of small businesses concerned about rising labor costs.

The measure would raise the current minimum wage of \$4.25 an hour to \$4.75 on July 1 and to \$5.15 a year later.

"It is important that we relieve small business of some of the expense in order to pay for that minimum wage increase, and that is exactly what this bill does," said Rep. Gerald Solomon, R-N.Y.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., said he doubted Clinton would follow through on his veto threat. The purpose behind several GOP provisions, Gingrich said, was to help "small business and help create jobs for the very people who most need that very first job."

Republicans claim that the higher wage could force small firms to eliminate hundreds of thousands of entry-level jobs.

But Democrats said their vote for

a wage increase had been tainted by an amendment offered by Rep. William Goodling, R-Pa., that would exempt from provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act firms with annual gross sales of less than \$500,000 that handle products that cross state lines.

"This amendment will take off anywhere between 3 and 10 million people from coverage of the minimum wage," said House Democratic Whip David Bonior, D-Mich. "This is a terrible, terrible backwards step."

Both the minimum wage increase and the Goodling measures are attached as amendments to a minor bill detailing when employers must pay employees for the time spent commuting in employer-owned vehicles.



HJH honor students

Hereford Junior High School on Wednesday announced its outstanding academic achievement award winners for the 1995-96 school year. From left are Tan Nguyen and Colleen Kelley, eighth grade, and Brionne Yosten and Kyle Artho, seventh grade. See related photos, Pages 2, 4 and 10.

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Local Roundup

Special city meeting set Friday

A special meeting of Hereford City Commission is scheduled Friday at noon in the commission room at City Hall. The only item on the agenda is to consider and award the bid for conversion of an agricultural well to a municipal well.

Another record falls

Hereford recorded its fourth 100-degree (or higher) day on Wednesday, with a high of 100 degrees, according to KPAN Radio. This breaks the record of 96 degrees set in 1966. The overnight low this morning was 65 degrees. For tonight, look for partly cloudy skies and a low around 60 degrees with southwest winds of 20-30 mph and gusty in the evening, decreasing to 15-20 by midnight. For Friday, expect partly cloudy skies with a high in the upper 80s and winds of 15-25 mph and gusty. There is a slight chance of thunderstorms forecast for Friday night. For the rest of the Memorial Day weekend, there will be a chance of thunderstorms each day. Highs will be around 80 degrees and lows in the mid- to upper-50s.



Helipad dedicated

Hereford Regional Medical Center on Wednesday dedicated its new helipad, built through the assistance of Lubbock Methodist Regional Services. Following remarks by Joe Enabnit of LMRS and board member Larry Watts, the ribbon on the helipad was cut by Watts and board member Mark Collier. Joining the

celebration in the front row are HRMC chief executive officer Jim Robinson and his wife, Anna, Enabnit and the two board members. HRMC employees and others were treated to hamburgers with all the fixings and caps from Lubbock Methodist Hospital. The helipad is on the east side of the hospital.

News Digest

State

WASHINGTON - Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole's decision to leave the Senate and focus full bore on his presidential campaign is causing ripples throughout Senate GOP ranks. Texas Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison finds herself involved in the delicate political dance.

DALLAS - Under deadline pressure to identify its presidential candidate, Ross Perot's Reform Party may try to sandwich its nominating convention between the Democratic and Republican conventions in August.

National

WASHINGTON - After working for months to force a vote on a minimum wage raise, House Democrats are trying to defeat a Republican plan that includes wide exemptions for small businesses.

WASHINGTON - Lower-priced toys: Consumers can look forward to them if the government proves its antitrust case against Toys R Us, a toy industry observer says.

WASHINGTON - The last thing Bob Dole needs is a bitter platform fight over abortion at the GOP convention this summer. But he's being buffeted by conflicting advice over how to cool the feud. Dole was likely to touch on the issue in a speech to the Catholic Press Association in Philadelphia that aides said would focus on "values."

IRVINE, Calif. - Tom Umberg is accustomed to operating in hostile territory. As an Army officer, he walked along Korea's demilitarized zone during the Cold War. Later he built a successful political career as a Democrat in conservative Orange County. So as director of President Clinton's re-election campaign in California, he finds himself in a somewhat unfamiliar position: protecting a lead in Clinton country.

Obituaries

EARL C. GUNTHER

May 19, 1996
Earl C. "Uncle Earl" Gunther, 83, of Estes Park, Colo., and formerly of Hereford died Sunday in Prospect Park Living Center in Estes Park. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in West Park Cemetery with the Rev. Jeremy Grant, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial will be under direction of Rix Funeral Directors. Mr. Gunther was born Nov. 22, 1912, in Alpena, Mich. He graduated from high school in Shafter, Calif., and had worked in the oil business, owning his own oil exploration equipment. He moved to the Hereford area and was involved in farming until retiring in 1983, at which time he moved to Estes Park. He married Louise Ann Frye on Sept. 29, 1945, in Lubbock. She died Sept. 9, 1993. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church and the Shriners and Masons in Lubbock. Survivors include a son, Mike of London, England; and a grandson.

The family will be at the funeral from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday.

DAVID NEAL BEAVERS

May 22, 1996
David Neal Beavers, 70, of Hereford died Wednesday in St. Anthony's Hospice in Amarillo. Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Ed Williamson, pastor, officiating. The body was donated to the Texas Tech University School of Medicine. Mr. Beavers was born on Oct. 16, 1925, in Hereford. He was a machinist and local businessman. He was a U.S. Naval Air Force veteran of World War II. He was a member of First United Methodist Church. Survivors include two sons, Terry of Hereford and Dan of Amarillo; a daughter, Shaundell Anders of Amarillo; a sister, Madelle Mellott of Amarillo; five grandchildren; and a niece. The family suggests memorials to the Hereford Senior Citizens or Hereford Satellite Center.

Indictments handed down in Espy probe

By ROBERT GREENE
AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - The grand jury investigating former Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy has turned its attention to his former chief of staff.

On Wednesday, it indicted a Mississippi farmer and his son, for whom the aide had intervened in a subsidy dispute.

The four-count indictment against Brook Keith Mitchell Sr., his son, Brook Keith Mitchell Jr., and their farming company says they fraudulently collected \$777,000 in farm subsidies from 1992 to 1995. The indictment is the first to come out of an independent counsel's 20-month investigation of Espy.

The charges also involve the conduct of Ron Blackley, a Mississippi farm consultant who was a congressional aide to Espy, a former Mississippi congressman, and became his chief of staff after Espy became agriculture secretary in January 1993. Espy resigned in December 1994

because of questions about his conduct, including accepting favors from Tyson Foods and other agribusiness firms. Blackley was removed from the chief of staff position earlier in 1994, then quietly left the department.

Court documents unsealed Wednesday show that independent counsel Donald C. Smaltz was recently empowered by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia to investigate Espy and Blackley's conduct in handling requests for subsidies.

The senior Mitchell had close ties to Espy. He had been appointed by Espy to serve on the Mississippi Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service Committee, the state body that oversees federal subsidy programs.

Blackley, though only identified as unindicted co-conspirator No. 2, had intervened with the Agriculture Department on behalf of the Mitchells, of Greenville, Miss., and

The indictment says the Mitchells made false statements about the son's eligibility for subsidies for three of the five farming companies that operated under the umbrella of Five M in 1992. The family farmed 4,700 acres.

The local and state farm offices said the son, then a college student, and another unindicted co-conspirator could not show they were actively involved in farming or carried any financial risk. A national hearing officer upheld the position of the local and state offices.

Blackley, who had represented the family before joining the Agriculture Department, personally intervened for them as Espy's chief aide, the indictment says. The Mitchells made a new, fraudulent, application to a Washington official newly chosen to review their case, the indictment says.

As a result, Five M allegedly received checks worth \$777,000 for crop years 1992 through 1995.

Blackley, who now works at the

Agency for International Development, did not immediately return a phone call from a reporter seeking comment.

Although this was his first indictment, Smaltz directly brought charges last fall against Republican lobbyist James H. Lake. Lake, who is cooperating with the investigation, pleaded guilty to charges he arranged \$5,000 in illegal corporate contributions to the congressional campaign fund of Henry Espy, Mike Espy's brother.

The Mitchells, if convicted, face up to five years in prison and \$250,000 in fines for each of the conspiracy, false statement and false entries counts. The company could be fined up to \$500,000.

Their company, Five M Farming Enterprises, when some of their subsidy payments were denied, according to the indictment.

Both Mitchells declined comment when reached by telephone.

Kansas farmers seek counseling, referrals

By MICHAEL BATES
Associated Press Writer

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) - The financial pressures of low cattle prices and a poor wheat crop are driving more farmers than usual to call a statewide counseling and referral service for help.

The Farmers Assistance Counseling and Training Service, also known as FACTS, is getting three to five new client calls a day, compared with a usual new-client intake of two or three calls a week, Forest Buhler, a FACTS staff attorney, said Wednesday.

"We try to answer what questions we can over the phone and then try to get them to people who can give them good help," Buhler said in a telephone interview from his office at Kansas State University in Manhattan.

FACTS, funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, has a contract with Kansas Legal Services and its lawyers are available on a sliding fee payment basis at eight or nine offices across the state,

Buhler said.

FACTS also includes a mental health counselor, and can make available Kansas State University Cooperative Extension Service specialists and private financial counselors.

Most of the callers have been driven to seek help because of a debt crisis of some sort.

"The banks are seeing the payments just aren't going to be made. Sometimes the banks are cutting off credit," he said.

When farmers call to discuss their finances, often other problems surface, said Char Henton, a FACTS family need counselor.

"After we talk to them for a little while, other things come out like being unable to pay utility bills or put food on the table for the family," she said.

"There's a common denominator here of clients who have livestock and wheat," Buhler said.

The FACTS phone number is 1-800-321-3276, or 1-800-321-FARM.

DROUGHT

Panhandle was only 12 percent of normal from February to April, while it was 40 percent of normal in East Texas.

"If we don't see relief by September, those numbers could literally surpass the economic impact on this state of any natural disaster that we've ever had," Perry said. "I hope that doesn't happen. I pray that the rains come and the skies open up."

The Agriculture Extension Service said the 1996 crops have received less rain than did crops during the drought of 1954-55.

According to A&M, only 6 percent of range and pasture was rated as good, while 34 percent was poor and 28 percent very poor. The rice crop is doing the best, but only 12 percent of that was rated as excellent. None of the corn, cotton and wheat crops were rated as excellent. For wheat, 21 percent was fair, 37 percent poor

and 38 percent very poor.

Farmers and ranchers are suffering losses on cotton, grain sorghum, corn, wheat, beef and dairy cattle. Producers of poultry and beef are being forced to pay higher prices for feed.

Perry said consumers will feel the impact, too, in higher prices for such items as milk, bread and meat.

"You're going to see the effect of this drought in the supermarkets at the end of this month and early June," he said.

Voicing his own worries about the drought, Gov. George W. Bush said he has ordered state water agencies to work together on conservation.

"I have applied for every federal program that's available for drought relief or feed programs. ... We've pretty much exhausted our remedies in terms of disaster relief related to drought," Bush said.

BREAKFAST

organizations were:

Margie Daniels for Hereford Senior Citizens Association who will sponsor a pancake supper from 4:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. Friday at the Senior Center. Cost of the supper is \$3.50.

Roger Eades, for the Hereford YMCA, announced there will be a softball game featuring the California Cutes versus the Hereford Blue Sage Sox at 7:30 p.m. on June 5 at the Kid's Inc. Complex. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children.

Mike Sabo, as a representative of the Hereford Community Concert

association, advised they are now conducting their annual membership donor campaign. Membership in the Association provides access to performances by nine different entertainers in four area cities.

L.J. Clark, president of the Mid Plains Pioneer Association, announced that Saturday is the day for the annual Pioneer Celebration in the Bull Barn. Registration opens at 9 a.m., the business meeting begins at 11:30 a.m. and is followed by a covered dish luncheon. Highlight of the day will be the naming of the Pioneer of the Year.

Emergency Services

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

HEREFORD POLICE

A 36-year-old male was arrested in the 800 block of Blevins street on charges of Class C assault, domestic violence.

A 62-year-old male was arrested at a business, located in the 1100 block of West Park Avenue on charges of fraudulent destruction/removal.

A house located in the 200 block of Avenue B was burglarized. Taken was a pack of cigarettes, a purple cigarette lighter and some beer. Several juveniles are suspected of performing the burglary.

A house located in the 100 block of Avenue B was burglarized. Several juveniles are suspected of performing the burglary.

An 18-year-old male was caught stealing 2 packages of cigarettes at a business located in the 1100 block of West Park Avenue. The suspect was issued citations and released.

Harassing phone calls were reported in the 600 block of Irving Street.

Two teenage males were reported to have stolen several 18 packs of

beer. A search of the area was conducted but the suspects were not located.

Class A assault charges were filed in the 300 Block of Avenue B.

Burglary of an apartment in the 600 block of Irving Street was reported were \$400 worth of groceries were taken.

A bicycle was reported stolen in the 500 block of Lawton Street.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Hereford firefighters responded to a residence fire alarm located in the 200 block of Kingwood. It was a false alarm.

EMS

EMS personnel responded to a major accident in the 800 block of East Third Street. Two adult females were taken to HRMC.

DEAF SMITH COUNTY SHERIFF

A 27-year-old male was arrested for misdemeanor escape and felony violation of probation.

A 29-year-old male was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

A 32-year-old male was arrested for violation of probation.

Two run-away juveniles were reported and both located.



Who needs a yearbook?

Hereford Junior High student Kathy Kilpatrick doesn't look like she really needs a yearbook, as she watches Stephanie Bureson sign her right arm instead. On Wednesday, the school hosted a yearbook signing party, giving students the chance to sign each others yearbooks -- or body parts or clothing -- before school gets out for the summer.

Texas Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) - No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth \$8 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were: 9, 14, 25, 27, 37 and 41.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Saturday night's game will be \$12 million.

AUSTIN (AP) - Six Cash Five tickets correctly matched all numbers drawn in the Tuesday drawing, the state lottery said.

The tickets were sold in Beaumont, Dallas, Giddings, Houston, San Leon and Stafford. State lottery officials said the six tickets are worth \$49,815 each. They said 990 tickets with 4 correct numbers are worth \$453 each, and 33,429 tickets with 3 matched numbers are worth \$23.

Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday night, from a total of 39 numbers, were 5-10-15-23-37. The next drawing is Friday.

The estimated jackpot for Wednesday night's Lotto Texas, a twice-weekly drawing of six numbers from a field of 50 numbers, was \$8 million.

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

6-8-1 (six, eight, one)

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Lifestyles

Wyche FCE sponsors luncheon for area clubs at county library

The Wyche FCE Club recently hosted a spaghetti luncheon for area FCE clubs of Hereford in the Heritage Room of the Deaf Smith County Library.

Jo Lee, Kay Behrends and Argen Draper served as hostesses.

The skit, "Fun for Young and Old," directed by Mrs. Wally Gamboa opened the luncheon. Dancers were Mrs. Eugene Condarco, Mrs. Ingacia Tomes and Mrs. Vincent Guerrero.

The pledge was led by Grace Covington and Kay Behrends opened the meeting with a very funny article from the Brownwood paper.

County extension agent, Beverly

Harder, presented the program titled "Laugh Aerobics."

Clubs represented were Cultural Club with Birdie Fellers, Ruth Gandy, Perry Kyles, Naomi Hare, Daisy Steele and Wilma Goettsch; Dawn Club had Nelma Sowell, June McCabe, Charlene Cox, Doris Johnson and Helen Caraway.

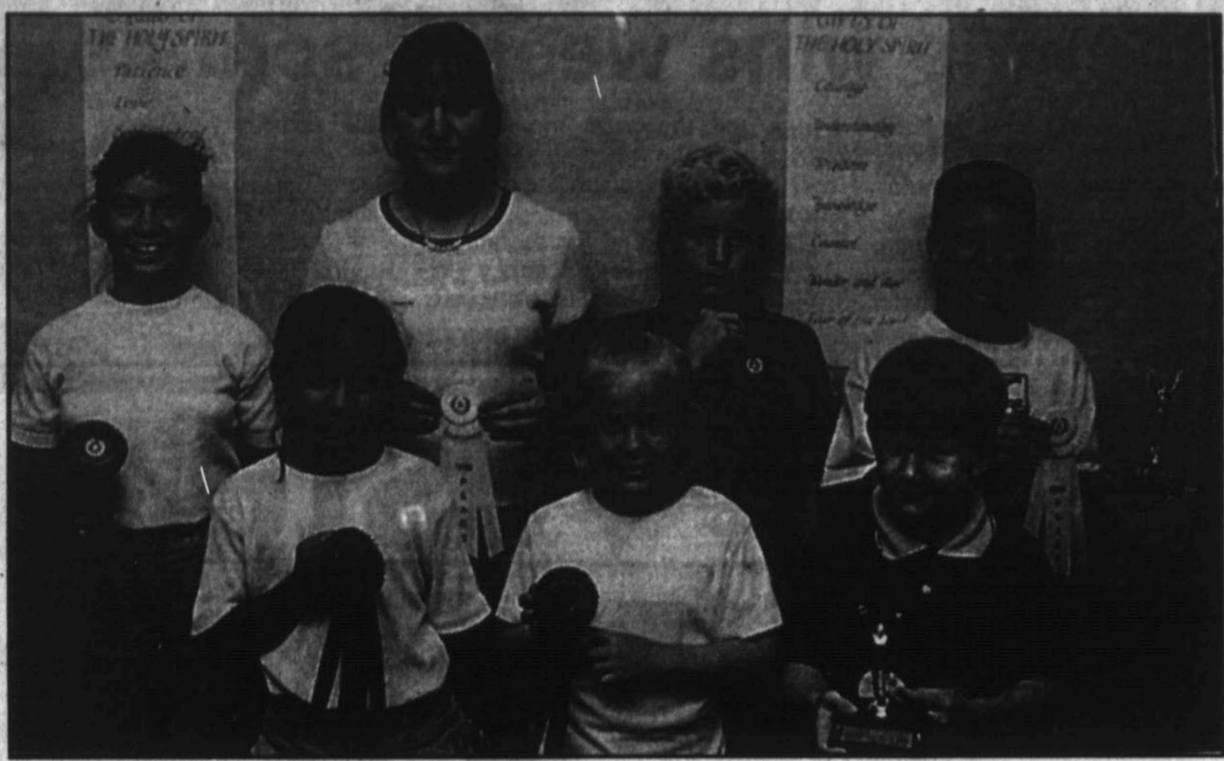
Tonie Vaughn represented the Draper Club and Maudette Smith represented the Ford Club.

Martha Lueb, Naomi Brisendine

and Evelyn Crawford represented the North Hereford Club and Grace Covington represented the Westway Club.

Members attending from the Wyche Club were Thelma Auton, Mary Lou Aven, Louise Axe, Vada Batterman, Shirley Brown, Camelia Jones, Dorma Kirby, Audry Rusher, Carol Sartain, Carol Worthan, Behrends, Draper and Lee.

Guests were Wanda Crownover of Hereford and Juanita Plunk of Dallas.



Fire prevention contest winners

The Hereford Volunteer Fire Department has announced the winners of its annual Fire Prevention Week poster contest, as well as the names of two local youth who won honors last weekend at the Panhandle Fireman and Fire Marshals Association convention in Amarillo. Shown are: back, from left, Rebecca Artho, first place, HFD Junior High division; Jessica Stubbs, third place, HFD Junior High division; Stefan Friemel, second place, Junior High division; and Seth Hoelscher, third place, Intermediate division and First Place in the Panhandle contest; and front, from left, Sara Porras, second place, Intermediate division; Kim Artho, first place, Intermediate division; and Russell Artho, first place, Primary division and third place in the Panhandle contest.

Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: You often print articles about criminal matters, and I thought you might want to share this story with your readers. It appeared in the Orlando Sentinel. -- Florida Attorney

"A 10-year-old with a loaded shotgun is charged with using his 3-year-old niece as a shield in a standoff with a truant officer because he didn't want to go to school.

"For seven minutes, the fourth-grader held Polk Deputy Sheriff Eric Rauch at bay with a 12-gauge shotgun. The officer had come to the youth's home to check on him.

"As backups began arriving, the boy grabbed his niece, put her in front of him and told Rauch to shoot, said sheriff's spokeswoman Sonya Dodds.

"After the incident in the boy's living room ended without injury, Rauch asked the 10-year-old why he used the tot as a shield. He replied: 'Because that took your shot away.'

"The boy, known to school

authorities as a habitual truant, kept the loaded weapon trained on Rauch and told the officer he would rather shoot him than go to school.

"Dodds said the child's father came home and accused officials of picking on his son. 'If it would have been me, I would have shot the deputy,' the father was heard to say.

"As deputies tried to calm down the father, he began arguing to get his shotgun back. When Sgt. Dan Pennell said it was evidence, the father threatened to shoot him between the eyes, authorities said.

"The boy was charged with aggravated assault with a firearm on a law enforcement officer, armed kidnapping and criminal mischief and was turned over to juvenile authorities. His father was charged with extortion and resisting an officer."

Dear Attorney: Thank you for the news report. It sounds as if that fourth-grader's love of guns was something he learned from his father.

But where does a 10-year-old learn about using a 3-year-old child as a human shield? TV, of course.

I can guarantee you that this is not the last we will be hearing about that family. The Polk County law enforcement folks have their work cut out for them. I wish them luck. They are going to need it.

Dear Ann Landers: I'd like to help answer the letter from the woman whose in-laws died. She had their mail forwarded to her, and years later, their mail continued to come. You told her where to write to have the in-laws' names removed from the junk mail lists. Junk mail isn't forwarded. She must have been referring to first and second-class mail.

What this woman needs to do is fill out a change-of-address card for the in-laws at the primary address where they lived. In the section of the card that indicates "new address," she needs to write in big letters MLNA. This means "moved, left no address." This card should be accompanied by a letter to the postmaster. -- Joe the Ex-Mailman in Mississippi

Dear Joe: Several postal employees wrote with the same advice. Readers, however, came up with a much simpler solution. I'm going to use it myself. Here it is: Don't open the envelope. Write in bold letters: RETURN TO SENDER. ADDRESS-EE UNKNOWN.

Is alcohol ruining your life or the life of a loved one? "Alcoholism: How to Recognize It, How to Deal With It, How to Conquer It" can turn things around. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$3.75 (this includes postage and handling) to: Alcohol, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$4.55.)

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Hints from Heloise

Dear Heloise: My mother bought my kids a bunch of the big sidewalk chalk. The kids had a great time with the chalk, but, unfortunately, I am left with chalk-stained clothing.

What is the best way to deal with these stains? I hope it's easy, as I will probably have a lot of the stains because the kids love the chalk! -- JoAnne Glaser, San Antonio

Here's how to remove chalk stains from washable clothing, according to a leading manufacturer of the colored chalk.

Place the stained area of the clothing (face down) on white paper towels and blot with some rubbing alcohol.

Next step? Wash the clothing in the hottest water safe for fabric,

using your favorite brand of laundry detergent and bleach for colored clothing. Rinse and check to be sure the stain is gone before putting the clothing in the dryer. If the stain remains, repeat the above process.

— Heloise

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Dear Heloise: A cooking hint I have used for years is to cook a turkey and place the cut-up meat in 2 1/2-cup amounts in freezer bags and freeze.

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It saves a lot of time! -- Jennifer Dickinson, Greenfield, Ind.

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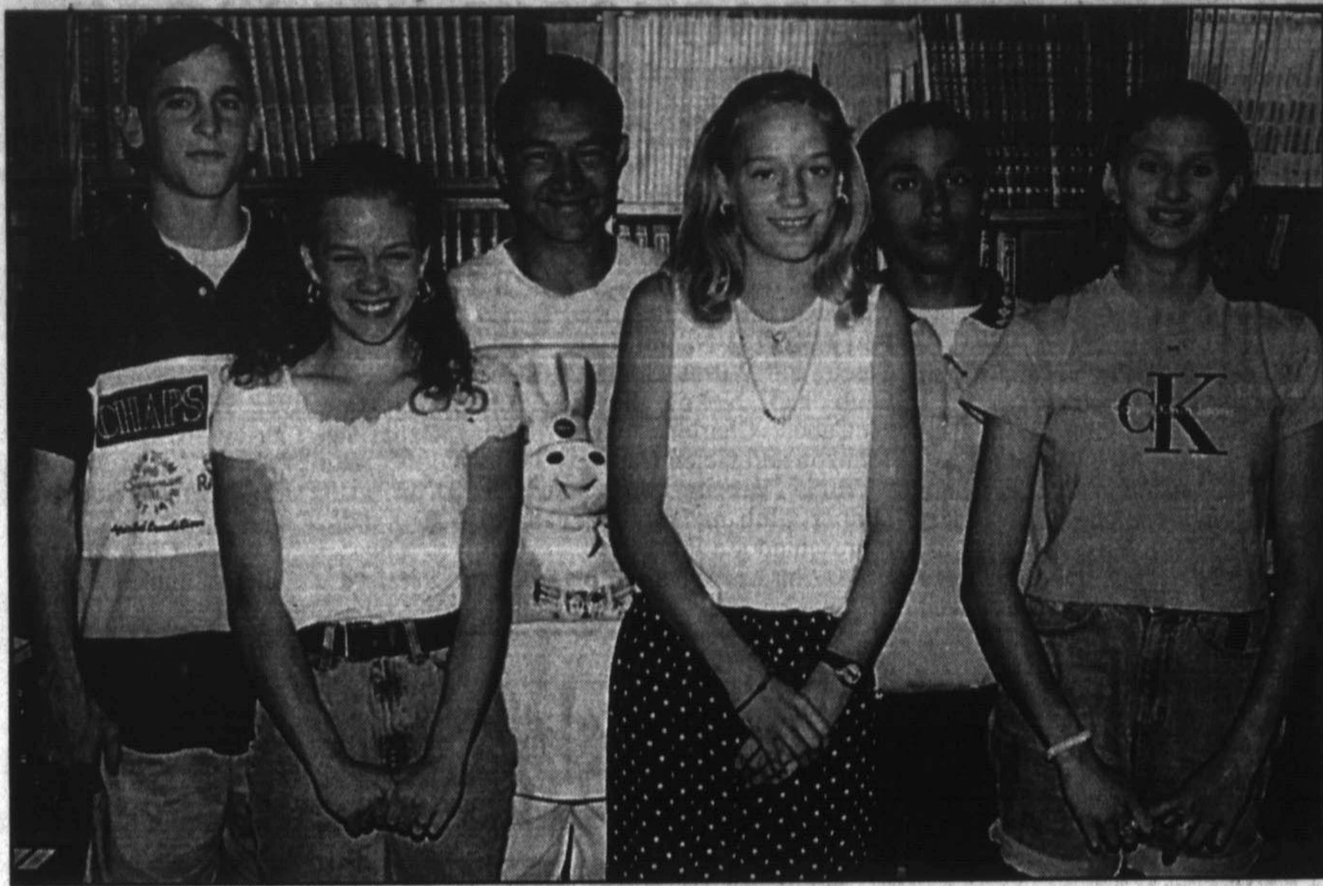
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Sports



HJH Fighting Heart winners

Honors for achievements in sports were handed out to the following students Wednesday during the Hereford Junior High School awards assembly. Back, from left, Cody Hodges, seventh grade; Joe Mendoza, seventh; L.J. Vallejo, eighth; and front, from left, Audra Witkowski, eighth; Holly Schilling, seventh and Tori Walker, eighth.

Bulls' defense stopping Orlando

By MIKE NADEL
AP Sports Writer
CHICAGO (AP) - The Chicago Bulls are more than Michael Jordan taking fadeaway jumpers, Scottie Pippen leading the break and Dennis Rodman crashing the boards. Chicago also is one of the few teams capable of turning around a game by repeatedly scuttling an opponent's offense. Jordan, Pippen and Rodman were NBA all-defensive team selections, and Ron Harper would have been a deserving choice. Defense was an integral ingredient during the Bulls' league-record 72-win regular season. And it is again in the playoffs; Chicago is 9-1 despite shooting only 45 percent. "Offensively, you're going to go through stretches where you just can't make a shot consistently," Jordan said. "But defense is an attitude, a commitment, a responsibility. Defense wins championships in this league." The Bulls displayed that attitude again Tuesday. They used a swarming, pressing, trapping defense to turn an 18-point deficit into a 93-88 victory over the Orlando

Magic, taking a 2-0 lead in the Eastern Conference finals. "We've been hesitant to use the press that much," said Jordan, whose team can sweep the best-of-7 series by winning Saturday and Monday in Orlando. "We're probably the oldest team in the playoffs. We try to conserve our energy. But when we were 18 points down, we didn't have much choice." So the Bulls - led by 30-somethings Jordan, Pippen, Rodman and Harper - pressed. And their Generation X opponent cracked. "We lost our aggression offensively. We were looking to pass the ball backward rather than trying to burn the pressure for easy baskets," Magic coach Brian Hill said. "You can prepare for the press, but you can't put Pippen, Jordan and Harper on the floor (in practice) and simulate that type of pressure." Chicago trailed 64-46 midway through the third quarter. Orlando's Shaquille O'Neal had 30 points by that juncture as the Bulls let other Magic players get him the ball in the low post effortlessly. Then the Bulls' defensive frenzy

began. After almost every Chicago basket, Rodman was on the baseline, harassing the inbound passer. Rodman would then slide over and help either Jordan or Harper pressure the ballhandler. When the Magic managed to get the ball into the frontcourt, a double-team involving Pippen and another Chicago player was waiting. "We were able to get them in the coffin corners right as they crossed halfcourt," Jordan said. "They had trouble handling the press; we sensed that, so we turned it up." Even when the Bulls failed to steal the ball, they succeeded in disrupting Orlando's offense. By the time O'Neal touched the ball, only a few seconds remained on the shot clock. Then Chicago would double-team the 7-foot-1 center, forcing him to make hasty decisions. Sometimes, O'Neal threw bad passes. Sometimes, he made good ones, but his teammates missed shots; they were 4-of-19 from 3-point range. Either way, Chicago had its desired result. The Bulls' defensive pressure

Fivesome wins weekly scramble

A fivesome shot 30 on the back nine at Pitman Municipal Golf Course to win this week's Wednesday Scramble. John Robinson, Lily Shipman, John Yocum, Marion Rivas and Jerry Ripley combined to win the scramble. Since there were ties the last two

weeks and the prize money was carried over, the winners split \$780-redeemable in merchandise from the Pitman Pro Shop. Three teams tied for second by shooting 31. The three teams were: --Anthony Gale, Ed Durrett, D.R.

Bone and Kelly Kelso. --Dave Kaesheimer, Ted Hoelscher, Rodney Strafuss, Mark Paetzold and Kelly Vardeman. --Linda Stevens, Bill Brown, Freddie DeLeon, Jerry Shipman and Dewayne Robbins.

California Cuties to play for YMCA

The California Cuties, a softball team of men dressed comically as women, will play an exhibition in Hereford June 5. The exhibition benefits the Hereford and Vicinity YMCA. The Cuties, who play only four players at a time, will take on the local Blue Sage Sox at 7:30 p.m. June 5 at the Kids Inc. Complex. They'll play five innings of serious softball against the Sox and two innings against the YMCA Board of Directors just for laughs. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children aged 6-14.

A thoroughbred filly named Heart has a perfect heart-shaped marking on her forehead.

Raiders ready for Regional

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) - Texas Tech's dominant ways in their on back yard didn't hold true last weekend, but the Red Raiders say they're ready to turn Dan Law Field into their own national stage. "A lot of teams coming in here may not be used to seven- or eight-thousand people in the stands, and that, hopefully, will be an advantage for us," said Tech catcher Dave Lindstrom of the NCAA Central II Regional, which begins today. Well, even the Raiders aren't used to those crowds as the stadium holds around 6,000, but the point is made: Southern California might be

considered the nation's No. 1 team, but the Trojans will have to prove it before a hostile group. The six-team, double-elimination event begins with Southern Cal (41-14-1) vs. sixth-seeded Akron (37-21) at 11 a.m. The 3 p.m. game pits Oklahoma State (41-19) against Arkansas (39-18). Host Texas Tech (47-13) plays the 7 p.m. game against Fresno State (35-22). Many Tech players say they believe staying at home is a huge advantage even though the Raiders didn't even make the finals of the Southwest Conference tournament

last week, won by Rice. "We've had a lot of success in Lubbock, but we can't expect these other teams to just roll over because they're playing on our field," Tech star third baseman Clint Bryant said. The Red Raiders had just two home losses this season before losing two more in the SWC tournament.

NFL owners consider policies about other sports franchises

By JOE MACENKA
AP Sports Writer
CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) - NFL owners are waiting until at least October to set rules governing their purchase of other sports franchises. "We want to wait and get some more information to everybody before we move on this," commissioner Paul Tagliabue said Wednesday after he and the owners wrapped up their two-day spring meeting at the Charlotte Convention Center. NFL owners have long been

prohibited from buying teams in other sports, but some type of change is needed to accommodate Wayne Huizenga and Paul Allen. Huizenga owns the Miami Dolphins, the Florida Marlins and the Florida Panthers, and Allen, who owns the Portland Trail Blazers, has an exclusive option to purchase the Seattle Seahawks. Tagliabue said the owners, whose next meeting is Oct. 30 in New Orleans, still have some concerns related to revenue-sharing and other financial matters.

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Athletics' Berroa bombs Yankees

By The Associated Press
Geronimo Berroa, who has made life miserable for the New York Yankees the past three seasons, saved a special effort for his latest meeting with the Bronx Bombers.

Berroa hit three solo homers Wednesday night in the Oakland Athletics' 5-1 victory over the Yankees in New York. Add those to the six he hit against New York last season and three in 1994, and Berroa has 12 homers in 26 games against the Yankees.

But Wednesday night was special. "It's the best game of my career," Berroa said. "I didn't try to do anything different. I don't try to hit homers."

After hitting 22 last season, Berroa has 11 in 1996. Oakland manager Art Howe said he isn't surprised. "I knew he was capable of it," Howe said. "I managed against him in winter ball and I know he can get real hot."

Berroa hit a solo homer in the second inning off Andy Pettitte (6-3) that tied it at 1. His second came in the fifth and gave Oakland a 2-1 lead. Berroa completed his first career three-homer game by leading off the

ninth with a line drive over the center-field fence off Bob Wickman.

Berroa also singled in going 4-for-4. Mark McGwire and Torey Lovullo also connected as Oakland scored all of its runs on solo homers.

Rangers 6, Twins 5

Dean Palmer and Warren Newson hit consecutive homers in the sixth inning as Texas rallied from a two-run deficit, then held on in Minneapolis.

Palmer snapped a 2-2 tie with a two-run drive to left off Twins starter Jose Parra (1-3), and Newson followed with his third homer of the season as Texas scored four times in the sixth.

Roger Pavlik (6-1) allowed back-to-back homers to Chuck Knoblauch and Rich Becker in the seventh as the Twins closed to 6-5. Jeff Reboulet appeared to hit what would have been a game-tying home run off reliever Jeff Russell in the eighth, but left fielder Lou Frazier leaped nearly two feet above the wall to rob Reboulet.

Brewers 10, Indians 8

Albert Belle's hitting streak was in jeopardy at 21 games when he came to the plate with two outs in the ninth inning. So was Milwaukee's lead.

But Mike Fetters threw a called third strike past Belle with two runners on base at Cleveland.

Belle, 0-for-3 with a sacrifice fly and a walk, also was involved in an interference call that led to the ejection of Indians manager Mike Hargrove. Kenny Lofton also was ejected as Cleveland lost for only the second time in 17 games at Jacobs Field.

White Sox 2, Blue Jays 1

Lyle Mouton, who has only 54 at-bats this season, hit a hanging slider off Toronto closer Mike Timlin in the bottom of the 11th for a two-run triple at Chicago.

Last month, Mouton hit a three-run homer in the 11th for an 8-5 win against Texas.

Royals 6, Tigers 4

Joe Vitiello hit two home runs for Kansas City, sending Detroit to its eighth straight loss.

Bob Hamelin doubled twice, drove in two runs and stole two bases for the Royals, who swept the two-game series and have won three straight.

Tim Belcher (5-2) won his second straight start for the Royals, holding his former teammates to seven hits with

two walks and a season-high eight strikeouts in six innings. Detroit pitchers have given up 81 homers in 47 games. The Tigers have dropped 28 of their last 32.

Mariners 6, Red Sox 1

Even though Ken Griffey and Jay Buhner did not connect, the Seattle Mariners showed why they lead the AL with 78 home runs.

Russ Davis and Darren Bragg each homered during a five-run fifth inning in Boston.

Tim Wakefield (2-5) held the Mariners to one run and three hits through the first four innings, but Seattle sent 10 men to the plate in the fifth.

Orioles 10, Angels 5

Roberto Alomar raised his batting average to .400, going 4-for-4 with a homer and three RBIs in Baltimore.

Alomar singled in the first inning and homered in the third. He hit a sacrifice fly in the fifth, singled in the sixth and beat out an infield grounder in the eighth. He is 23-for-45 (.511) since moving to the No. 3 spot in the lineup on May 9.

Rafael Palmeiro also homered for the Orioles.

Boone grounded out with the bases loaded to finish the first inning and struck out to leave the bases loaded in the third. He was in an 0-for-11 slump, and the home fans were calling for a pinch-hitter, when he delivered his key hit.

Mets 3, Dodgers 2

New York got three runs before Hideo Nomo retired a batter, then held on as Los Angeles scored twice in the ninth inning at Dodger Stadium.

Rockies 6, Pirates 3

Larry Walker set an NL record - and tied the major league mark - with seven straight extra-base hits, a streak that was still alive going into Colorado's game today against Cincinnati.

Walker doubled, tripled twice and walked in his final at-bat as the Rockies beat Pittsburgh for their ninth consecutive win at Coors Field. He had a double, triple and home run in his last three trips to the plate Tuesday night.

Joyner's two shots key Padres' win

By BEN WALKER
AP Baseball Writer
For so many years, the San Diego Padres' offense consisted of Tony Gwynn and not much else.

This season, though, the Padres brought in Wally Joyner and Rickey Henderson to help their six-time NL batting champion, and it's working.

Joyner homered twice and drove in five runs Wednesday night, and the NL West-leading Padres beat the Philadelphia Phillies 5-2.

Joyner, a few weeks shy of his 34th birthday, is batting .335 in his first year in a new league. At this rate, he could make the All-Star team for the first time since his rookie season of 1986 when he played for California.

The Padres led 3-2 in the eighth when Gwynn singled and Joyner hit his fifth home run of the season. It was Joyner's eighth multihomer game in the majors.

"I think we have the confidence to know that if our pitching staff can keep us in the game, we can win the

ballgame," Joyner said.

"Joey Hamilton did that. He pitched very well for us. He had a lot of strikeouts, which meant that his ball was moving for him, and the Phillies couldn't catch up to us. So it was a good game for all of us tonight," he said.

Hamilton (7-3) struck out a career-high 10 in 6 1/3 innings. Four Padres pitchers struck out 15, tying a team record for a nine-inning game.

"I guess the basic conclusion is you don't strike out 15 times and win too many ballgames," Phillies manager Jim Fregosi said.

Joyner hit a three-run homer off Mike Grace (6-2) in the first inning.

Cardinals 5, Astros 2

Rookie Alan Benes took a shutout into the ninth inning at the Astrodome before needing relief help, and St. Louis completed its first three-game sweep of Houston since 1987.

Benes (4-3) ended his three-game losing streak. Brian Jordan hit a solo homer and a two-run double off

Darryl Kile (5-3), who had won five in a row.

Braves 9, Cubs 4

Chipper Jones hit two home runs in a game for the first time in his career and Ryan Klesko hit a three-run homer as Atlanta won at home.

Tom Glavine (5-3), using more fastballs than usual, won his fourth straight decision. He left after 5 2/3 innings when he tired in the afternoon heat.

Expos 4, Giants 3

Pedro Martinez kept Montreal close with his pitching, then helped put the Expos ahead when he drew a walk in the seventh inning.

Martinez (5-1) wound up scoring a run that broke a 3-3 tie on a sacrifice fly by Andy Stankiewicz. Earlier in the game, Stankiewicz grounded into a double play with the bases loaded.

Reds 4, Marlins 1

Bret Boone ended a day of frustration with a tie-breaking, two-run single with the bases loaded in the seventh inning for Cincinnati.

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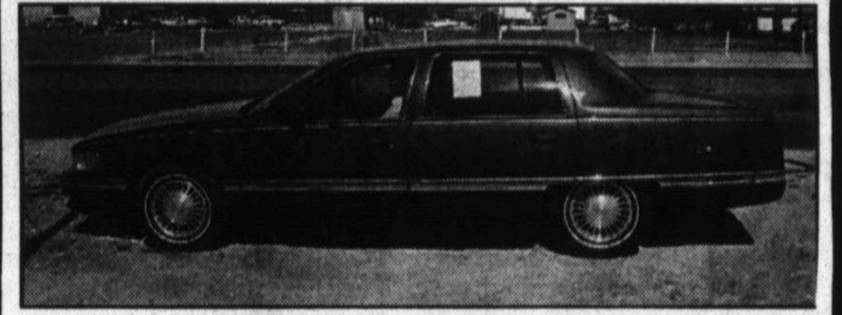
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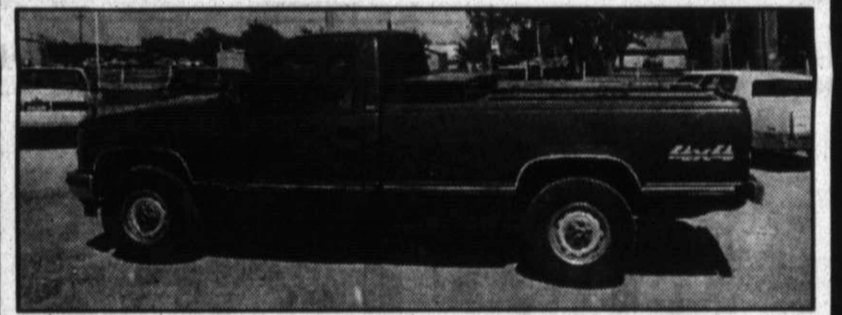
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other books and has now published three of those first five novels. Two other novels are still being revised, one of which has its setting on the Palo Duro Creek and features Charles Goodnight.

HASKELL

The Wild Horse Prairie Days in Haskell will be held May 31 and June 1-2. A covered wagon, ranch cowboys and horses will be on hand for the event.

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A Cowboy Church Service will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Sunday in the Gazebo. The featured speaker/entertainer will be Jeff Gore, a well-known minister who combines music with ministry.

For more information contact the Haskell Chamber of Commerce at (817) 864-2477.



Illustrated by David LaRoche

Help children continue learning ABCs daily

School may be out for 4s and 5s, but learning's "in" now, and all summer long. Use everyday experiences to stimulate your children to expand the skills they've developed the past nine months.

Sometimes, kids need to hear and see a concept dozens of times before it really sticks. Pat Roche, a teacher from Atchison, Kan., suggests parents declare an alphabet letter of the day and do interesting activities with that letter. Here are some hands-on variations to try.

Salt Write: Pour a thin layer of salt onto a tray. Help your child form the letter/word of the day with her finger. "Erase" and repeat several times.

Letter Shopping: Have your child look for the letter of the day on food boxes and labels in your cabinets.

Sound Hunt: Walk through the house or neighborhood with your child and name objects that begin with the sound of the letter of the day.

Letter/Sound Collage: Help your child find and cut out pictures of

words that begin with the sound of the letter of the day in the newspaper, magazines and junk-mail ads. Glue the cutouts on a piece of paper.

Rainbow Write: Print the letter of the day on a piece of paper, using large letters. Let your child trace over the writing with crayons or watercolors, saying the letter each time.

Food Write: Use Cheerios or Froot Loops-type cereal to arrange in the shape of the letter of the day. "Air trace" with index finger above the letter while saying it several times. Then eat!

Color Words: When your child starts forming words, print a word for a color on a piece of paper. Your child may draw or cut and glue pictures of objects that are that color. Print the object's name under some of the pictures. Read them together.

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Names in the News

NEW YORK (AP) - Carol Burnett is backing her friend Julie Andrews' boycott of the Tony Awards - sort of.

Burnett will attend the June 2 ceremony and accept the Tony for best actress in a play if she wins. But she won't participate as a presenter on the telecast.

"I would have to decline anyway because I'm totally behind Julie," Burnett said through a spokesman. Burnett was nominated for her performance in "Moon Over Buffalo."

Producers of Andrews' musical, "Victor/Victoria," said Tuesday that the actress will not perform in the awards show or be in the audience.

Andrews, nominated for best actress in a musical, is expected to turn down the award if she wins because her show was ignored in other categories.

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ANSWER: If you can't find "essential tremor" in your book, look under "familial tremor." They are one and the same.

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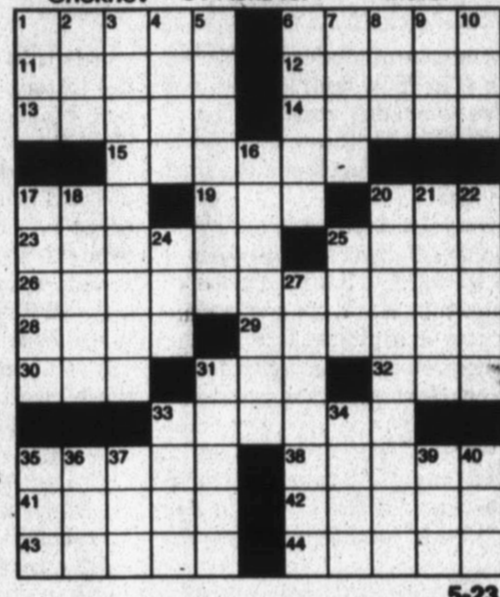
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Entertainment

This week in entertainment

By The Associated Press
Entertainment highlights during the week of May 23-29:

40 years ago: Burt Lancaster, Tony Curtis and Gina Lollobrigida were the stars of "Trapeze," which premiered in Beverly Hills, Calif.

30 years ago: Keith Moon, after a brief departure, returned to the Who. Moon left the group after he turned up so late for a show that an enraged Pete Townshend struck him over the head with his guitar. And folk singer Bob Dylan and The Hawks played London's Royal Albert Hall. Bootleg copies of a recording of the concert became prolific.

10 years ago: Viewers who took part in Dick Clark's "America Picks the Number-One Song" chose as the greatest hits of the rock era: Bill Haley's "Rock Around the Clock," Simon and Garfunkel's "Bridge Over Troubled Water" and "All Night Long" by Lionel Richie.

5 years ago: Actor Mickey Rourke, 34, debuted as a professional fighter, earning a unanimous decision over Steve Powell in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Spoken 10 years ago: Tom Cruise, an immediate sensation as the Red Beret fanatic in the film "Taps," resisted being typed as a teen-age psychotic. "After 'Taps' I was offered a lot of insane characters, hip-on-the-edge guys," Cruise said. "I chose to work with Francis Coppola in 'The Outsiders' even though people told me, 'It's not a big role, there's no money.' It didn't matter. Here was a chance to work with Francis Coppola, one of the greats of the film world."

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Guitarist Rich Robinson of The Black Crowes began performing when he was a teen-ager with his older brother, Chris, in the punk band Mr. Crowe's Garden. The band renamed itself The Black Crowes and switched to rock 'n' roll. The group's smash debut album, "Shake Your Money Maker," took 54 weeks to reach the Top Five, finally peaking at No. 4 in April 1991.

Turning 30 this week: actress Helena Bonham Carter, who is shaking off her image as the quintessential English lady of Edwardian-period films. She's starring in "Margaret's Museum,"

a new movie set in a Cape Breton Island where Bonham Carter, as a coal miner's daughter, cares only about not marrying a miner - and keeping her younger brother from going underground. The Canadian Academy of Cinema and Television recently awarded the film six Genie Awards, including best actress for Bonham Carter.

In 1981, the wedding of soap opera characters Luke Spencer and Laura Baldwin of ABC-TV's "General Hospital" sent the ratings jumping off the charts. Led by anti-hero Luke and the headstrong Laura, a tainted Romeo and Juliet, the show became a pop phenomenon. Actress Genie Francis, now 34, and actor Anthony Geary, now 48, left the show but returned to their Luke and Laura characters several years ago.

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Teen actress captures mood of downtrodden 11-year old in film

By PATRICIA BIBBY
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) - Remember when just navigating the school lunchroom could be an excruciating exercise in finding your place in the complex adolescent caste system?

Sit next to a geek and you risk having his status rub off on you like cooties. Overstep your status by wedging yourself into the sunny orbit of the most popular and you could find yourself shunned and ostracized.

In the life of 11-year-old Dawn Wiener, the anti-heroine of the film "Dollhouse," which won the Grand Jury Prize at the Sundance Film Festival, is shaping up to be a major art-house hit.

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fun-loving, gregarious teen-ager, poised and articulate and nothing at all like her screen character.

Sure, she's not immune from the worries of an ordinary, newly minted teen. She once suffered taunts about being overweight. "If I'm not, like, Cindy Crawford, they would make fun of me," she says.

She frets about how her friends will perceive her now that "Dollhouse," which won the Grand Jury Prize at the Sundance Film Festival, is shaping up to be a major art-house hit.

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little bit of both.

"There is a cycle," she says. "It's like, 'OK, I don't know what I'm doing wrong.' But then I used to bully the people who were lesser than me and never did anything wrong to me because you just had to get that aggression out."

Matarazzo speaks thoughtfully about the trials of adolescent years but, with her hip, downtown all-black outfit, she looks as if she's already passed them by. Without the dorky glasses, she has brilliantly blue piercing eyes. And she has braces, though most people wouldn't know it, since they're behind her teeth.

She also has a nervous habit of running her fingers through her thick shoulder-length hair, changing the part this way, then that. And her nails are painted a glorious shade of deep fluorescent orange.

"I was going to wear black or blue," she says of the nail polish. "I like those dark, dreary colors."

So pretty is Matarazzo in real life that the film's writer and director, Todd Solondz, feared she would not be convincing as someone so persecuted.

"I was afraid she was actually too beautiful," Solondz says. But then he let Matarazzo get into character and

he knew she could pull it off.

"She is remarkably gifted," Solondz says. "She brought a grace to her awkwardness and this is something you cannot teach."

That's fitting since Matarazzo never had an acting lesson. She was discovered when she was 8 years old after she dressed down a group disrupting a pediatric AIDS benefit.

"There was a group of people who were being completely out of line and I stood myself up in front of the whole auditorium, grabbed the microphone and I told them all off," Matarazzo says. Word of the precocious girl with the big mouth quickly spread to Carolyn Anthony, who is now Matarazzo's manager.

Matarazzo doesn't seem to have let all the praise and glory go to her head. When asked what she plans to do this summer, she says she'd like to land an acting role.

Failing that, she allows, she'd settle for working at the local McDonald's.

With an appearance on David Letterman in the works along with rave reviews from people like Siskel and Ebert, flipping burgers is looking highly unlikely.

Group meets for love of locomotives

By JEFF WONG
Associated Press Writer

GLENDALE, Calif. (AP) - When Gene Kramer saw her long, slender frame for the first time, it was love at first sight.

She was the most beautiful thing he had ever seen and he couldn't take his eyes off her.

He tried to get her attention and waved, but it was no use. She didn't even slow down. After all, this train had passengers to take somewhere and she wasn't going to stop for a little kid.

Since that day 50 years ago, when Kramer saw a locomotive for the first time, his love affair with trains has only grown. He's one of about a dozen longtime enthusiasts who gather almost every morning at the Glendale train station to watch locomotives as they come through the depot.

They're called "foamers," railroad workers say, because they

foam at the mouth when they see a train.

"Sometimes there's more train fans than passengers," Kramer said.

The group congregates at a bench tucked away on the station's south side. They go for the company, some good conversation and, most of all, for the trains.

"There's something mysterious about trains," said Charlie Hawkins, 77, a retired baker. "But they don't make 'em like they used to."

Indeed, the sleek, bullet-like trains that dart through the station are nothing like the lumbering, steam-powered locomotives these fans fell in love with years before. But they'll settle for any train they can get these days - diesel-electric, steam-powered or toy.

Hawkins tries to go wherever the trains are, whether they're at Glendale, Los Angeles Union Station or the Cajon Pass. And if there's ever a day he doesn't feel like going, his

wife provides the proper motivation.

"If there's a day that I'm thinking about not going, she'll say, 'Go down there and talk to them ol' buzzards,'" Hawkins said. "Otherwise, I'd sit around the house and watch TV. This is better than going down to the beer joint."

The group's elder statesman, Charlie Frazier, 84, has been watching trains come and go at the Glendale station since 1924, when he took his 4-month-old on his first train ride.

"That station was only about 12 years old back then," he said. "A lot of this stuff wasn't even around."

By 9 a.m., the group is near full strength. Some have scanners clipped on their belt to monitor radio conversations between trains and the station.

"Yeah, I usually have the scanner with me," Hawkins said.

"Or under your pillow," Kramer

added, laughing.

Meanwhile, others quietly sip their coffee. Another shows off his new train magazine.

Others, like Ernie Small, a 75-year-old retired telephone worker, like to discuss current events, especially politics and presidential candidate Bob Dole. (Some of the guys think he's too old.)

John Lang, 66, comes down to the station every morning, accompanied by his dog, Shanta.

One set of regulars - Lee and Millie Gottier - met at the station and eventually got married.

When the Coast Starlight to Seattle finally arrives at 9:30 a.m., the group's attention turns to the tracks. Some quickly walk over to the edge of the station platform and wave as the train rolls by.

"I used to come out here to look at women," Hawkins said, laughing. "Now I come to look at trains."

Five Questions With: Peter Graves

By The Associated Press

Your mission, Peter Graves, is to answer the following questions, based on files documenting your role as team leader Jim Phelps on the original "Mission: Impossible" TV series and your job hosting "Biography" for the A&E cable channel. Oh, and your efforts to battle a certain noisy gardening tool.

1. Are you surprised "Mission: Impossible," the series, has been turned into "Mission: Impossible," the big-budget movie from Paramount starring Tom Cruise?

Graves: Why it hasn't been made until now, darned if I know. It always seemed to me that with Paramount

having such notable success with a thing called "Star Trek" that they might have followed the same direction with this. It was bound to be made sooner or later.

2. Have you seen the film; are you bugged that you're not playing Phelps again?

Graves: I'm anxious to see it. I'll catch it in the theater. ... Probably the best way, because I'd like to see how audiences feel about it. I understand Jon Voight plays Jim Phelps. That's the way it is. Will the real Mr. Phelps stand up? That's Hollywood, nothing you can do about it; next case. I'd rather they'd call (Voight's character) Joe Smith.

3. Were you asked to do a cameo in the "Mission: Impossible" film?

Graves: The last time I was approached was six or seven years ago when a very well-known producer called me and said, "Peter, we're gonna do it (the film)." I said "Yes, that's wonderful," and I never heard from him again. I had heard that they were going to use the whole team and kill them off.

4. What interesting nugget have you learned from a "Biography" profile?

Graves: The show has been an education for me. I thought I knew all about Betty Grable and that she and (bandleader) Harry James were

beautifully, happily married forever and that they drifted off into the sunset. Turns out they were divorced ... and had all kinds of troubles and she had a tough life after that.

5. Is there anything you'd like to see self-destruct in five minutes?

Graves: Leaf blowers. My life has been active in that (efforts to ban them) for some years. When this matter came up before the Los Angeles City Council I said I'll come down with you and say something. ... And I guess the guys listened, because we won.

- Lynn Elber, Associated Press Writer

DAVID

of special education for the Arlington school district.

"I think it's a real credit to him that he is as independent as he is," she said. "That is our goal for all students - to operate independently and successfully in a normal environment."

But David has learned to balance independence with reality.

Because he has no hands, for example, David cannot catch himself if he falls.

"Falling was a big fear, which is why he was taught to twist and land on his shoulder or back so he doesn't fall face down," Powell said.

But David is more concerned about figuring out how to play Football at Bowen Day School, where he stays until his father's fiancée, Kim Cartwright, picks him up after work.

David lived with his mother in Louisiana until this year, when his father brought him to live in Arlington with Cartwright and her children, Cody, Matt and Megan.

The move has been good for David, Powell said, and the children get along well.

"He's remarkable, absolutely remarkable" said Tracy Smith, director of Bowen Day School, where David zips down the halls in his

wheelchair.

His friends there are most impressed with his ability to hit a teacher on the head by tossing a bean bag with his feet.

Although he prefers to play football, David often joins in a game of baseball.

Holding the bat between his chin and right shoulder, David takes several swings before walloping the ball toward the shortstop.

He then heads to the outfield, only to get hit in the back because the game started before he was ready.

"It didn't even hurt," he said as he strutted off the dirt field.

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Student awards noted

On Wednesday, Hereford Junior High School handed out its academic honors, including awards for participation in the Accelerated Reading program and for students who took part in patriotic contests. Shown are: back, from left, James Miller, American Legion Good Citizenship Award; and Shantell Bass and Maria Solis, both winners in the Veterans of Foreign Wars "My American Hero" contest; and front, from left, Audra Witkowski, American Legion Good Citizenship Award; Lorenzo Torres, HJH Accelerated Reading top reader (39 books); and Kara Landrum, DAR essay contest.

Susan Lucci passed for yet another Emmy

By KAREN MATTHEWS
Associated Press Writer
NEW YORK (AP) - And the winner is ... not Susan Lucci.

The "All My Children" soap star failed for a 16th time to win the best actress trophy as the 23rd Annual Daytime Emmy Awards were handed out Wednesday night.

Maybe Lucci should prepare for next year by enlisting the help of the scheming Erica Kane, her character on the ABC drama for 25 years.

Phil Donahue, the departing dean of daytime talk, received a Lifetime Achievement Award but lost in two competitive categories: to Montel Williams for best talk show host, his first; and to Oprah Winfrey for best talk show.

Williams and Winfrey thanked Donahue for paving the way, and celebrities including Shirley MacLaine and the Rev. Jesse Jackson lauded him in video clips.

"We as a people, as a nation, are better off because you came into our lives," Jackson said.

Winfrey, who had won best talk show host the previous five years,

presented Donahue's lifetime achievement award.

"Personally, I want to thank you for opening the door so wide, wide enough for me to walk through," she said.

Williams said: "I hope that I can only carry on the legacy that he began."

Donahue, who taped the final episode of his 29-year-old show this month, said his wish for those who remain in daytime TV was "a long, long list of sponsors who refuse to be intimidated or terrorized by outside pressure groups who know what you ought to see."

As for Lucci, she was beaten out of the best actress award for the second straight year by Erika Slezak of "One Life to Live." The Emmy was Slezak's fifth.

In the past, Lucci pounded tables, cried, and even stormed out of the auditorium after losing. A few years ago, she even poked fun at being a spoilsport in a series of TV commercials.

After the latest disappointment, Lucci was silent.

Daytime Emmy winners

By The Associated Press
Winners of the 23rd Annual Daytime Emmy Awards announced Wednesday:

- Outstanding Drama Series: "General Hospital."
- Outstanding Game Show: "The Price Is Right"
- Outstanding Pre-School Children's Series: "Sesame Street."
- Outstanding Children's Special: "Stand Up," CBS Schoolbreak Special.
- Outstanding Animated Children's Program: "Animaniacs."
- Outstanding Talk Show: "The Oprah Winfrey Show."
- Outstanding Lead Actress In a Drama Series: Erica Slezak, "One Life To Live."
- Outstanding Lead Actor in a Drama Series: Charles Keating, "Another World."
- Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Drama Series: Anna Holbrook, "Another World."
- Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Drama Series: Jerry Ver Dorn, "Guiding Light."
- Outstanding Younger Actress in a Drama Series: Kimberly McCullough, "General Hospital."
- Outstanding Younger Actor in a Drama Series: Kevin Mambo, "Guiding Light."
- Outstanding Performer in a Children's Series: Shari Lewis, "Lamb Chop's Play-Along."
- Outstanding Talk Show Host: Montel Williams, "The Montel Williams Show."
- Outstanding Drama Series Directing Team: "The Young and the Restless."
- Outstanding Drama Series Writing Team: "All My Children."

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Bush appoints task force to improve adoption process

AUSTIN (AP) - Gov. George W. Bush has announced a task force to study ways to improve the state's adoption process.

Firm vacuums up prairie dogs

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) - Using a vacuum truck to suck prairie dogs from their holes, a pest control company is making a profitable roundup of the burrowing rodents that are highly prized pets in Japan.

"These little guys are worth \$700 apiece," said Gay Balfour, a co-owner of the company Dog Gone and inventor of the special vacuum.

Workers captured three to four dozen prairie dogs Tuesday using the vacuum, which noisily pulls the animals through a wide hose and into an enclosure. The vacuum pulls up lighter animals, leaving heavier adults alone.

"We're just taking the young ones," said company co-owner Dave Honaker. "They make good pets - they're real trainable and social animals."

The Cortez, Colo., company has been capturing the squirrel-like rodents, which grow to about a foot long, for five years. The latest roundup is already in its fourth week.

An exotic pet dealer who made a deal with an Amarillo landowner is marketing the prairie dogs, sucked from a 320-acre tract near this Texas Panhandle city.

Bush on Wednesday praised foster parents invited to a picnic at the Governor's Mansion where he named the new panel. He said they were making a difference in children's lives and should be commended.

But the governor added that there are not enough foster parents in Texas and the adoption process takes too long.

"The number of children available for adoption in Texas is growing while the number of adoptions is declining," Bush said. "We must reverse this trend because all Texas children need and deserve stable and secure homes."

Eva Brown, an 18-year-old from San Antonio, told the governor that her foster family, now her adoptive family, made a real difference in her life.

She was a foster child in the Browns' home for 8-1/2 years before her adoption was completed.

"I can't tell you how thankful I am that my parents got involved," she said. "If they didn't, I wouldn't be

where I am today."

Bush named 13 members to the Governor's Committee to Promote Adoption. The committee has until Sept. 1 to come up with recommendations:

- To cut the two-year adoption process in half.

- To encourage more people to become foster and adoptive parents.

- To make Texas a more "adoptive friendly" state by imposing time limits on court and administrative actions.

The members include:

- John Bowie, pastor of the True Light Baptist Church in Houston.

- Irene Clements, director of foster care for Lutheran Social Services, in Marion.

- John Criswell, a news anchor for KDFW-TV in Dallas.

- Monsignor Marvin Doerfler, executive director of the St. Peter-St. Joseph Children's Home, in San Antonio.

- David Garza, a Brownsville attorney.

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