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Congressman Larry Combest

Citizens air concerns to Combest at meeting

U.S. Rep. Larry Combest (R-Lubbock) heard some of the concerns of his constituents Thursday morning at a Town Hall meeting at the Hereford Community Center.

Combest, in his fourth term serving Deaf Smith County and the rest of the 19th District, addressed a wide range of topics during the 90-minute meeting, which was attended by about 40 persons. Combest designed the meeting so that he could listen to concerns expressed by citizens and address their questions. The topics ranged from Environmental Protection Agency guidelines that declared Lubbock a highly-polluted city to term limitations.

Some of the interest areas expressed at the meeting, and Combest's responses, included:

Arms sales

Combest said there are limitations in place restricting the government and private companies from selling high-tech weapons, and the technology, to foreign countries.

"If we are the only source (for high-tech weapons and planes) then we can control it," Combest said. The United States also has restrictions on spare parts or other countries may need later on, and can cut off that supply if necessary.

"Of course, there's also a problem that even if we sell arms or planes to a friendly nation, we don't know what would happen if there is an overthrow, or if the nation is overrun, the arms may be used in a way that is not intended," Combest said.

He also said the Soviet Union may sell more weapons on the open market in the future.

EPA regulations

Combest termed the EPA regulations that affected Lubbock as "ridiculous." Lubbock's air quality was deemed poor in March when

EPA sampled Lubbock's air during a sandstorm.

Combest said the determination has become a "serious joke" in Lubbock. "We would have been better off with a large industry polluting the air than the sandstorms, because we would be able to do something about the industry," Combest said.

Combest pointed to the determination as one of several problems that have cropped up with the Clean Air bill enacted with little opposition last year. Combest cited the bill as one of the proposals that would have been tackled by his FAIR program that would more fully determine the impact and costs of legislation before the bills are passed.

"We are going through a capital credit crunch because there are so many restrictions on what you can do," Combest said, pointing to a proposed bill that would make banks accountable for environmental damage done by businesses or industries they have lent money. "We want to start bringing attention to bills before they become law," Combest said. "We want to change our priorities and look at the effective of representatives not on how many bills they pass but how many they stop."

Bureaucracy

While the initial question focused on yield determinations established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the discussion soon turned into the accountability of bureaucrats that write regulations after bills have been passed.

"I often become frustrated because the final result of a bill is different from the intent," Combest said. He said one reason for debate before a bill is considered is that regulators have, on the record, what the

Late crop rules hurt farmers, says Bentsen

WASHINGTON (AP) - Crop regulations proposed on the eve of the spring planting season and the winter wheat harvest could seriously disadvantage farmers in Texas and other states with an early-planting season, said Sen. Lloyd Bentsen.

But Keith Bjerke, administrator of

the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, says the proposals are just that - proposals, and that the actual regulations could be published next week.

"It's hard to say changes have been made until we've seen the final rule," Bjerke said Thursday.

Bentsen, D-Texas, says USDA has gone beyond modifying farm law based on 1990 legislation to proposing significant changes "that were not expected and are not required by law. ... In some areas, USDA even proposed major rules changes where no changes at all were made in the law."

Farmers, however, made their planting decisions on the assumption that the only major changes would be those ordered by Congress when it passed the 1990 farm bill, Bentsen said.

Cotton farmers in Texas have already prepared to plant this year's crop. But if the regulations are altered significantly now, Bentsen said they will have wasted much money and effort.

"Many farmers have told me that it will be very difficult and expensive for them if they are forced to comply with these unexpected regulatory changes after they have already plowed and put down costly herbicide," Bentsen said Wednesday in Anson.

Bjerke said Bentsen's concerns were considered during the drafting of the final rules, and that the intent of last year's law was the basis for the regulations.

"It's not possible to take a thousand-page farm bill, take it to the county offices, and say here's the law. We have to boil that down to handbooks, regulations and information to producers so everyone knows what the rules are to follow the law," Bjerke said.

Bentsen said USDA should

consider delaying any significant changes in planting regulations until next year, so farmers would have time to adjust.

The final regulations will be published months after the deadline for various crops. The cotton program was to have been announced Nov. 1, while the wheat program was supposed to have been announced June 1, the feed grain program by Sept. 30, and the rice program by Jan. 31, Bentsen said.

Because the farm bill was not enacted until after some of those deadlines passed, farmers assumed they would largely continue to operate under existing regulations this year.

Bentsen said he was opposed to unnecessary changes in farm program rules after farmers have either already planted or have made irrevocable commitments to plant.

"I don't think the bankers, the seed, fertilizer and implement dealers, the landlords and others who rely on farmers' business are too thrilled about that idea, either," Bentsen said.

In a letter to Bjerke, Bentsen complained "substantive changes beyond those absolutely necessary by law would severely disadvantage farmers in Texas and other early-planting states."

In the letter, released Thursday, Bentsen also said that using the agriculture secretary's discretionary authority to "needlessly add to the regulatory burden of farmers would be outrageous and uncalled for under these circumstances."

Compromise school funding plan eyed

AUSTIN (AP) - Hoping to avoid a possible court take-over of the school funding system, House Speaker Gib Lewis and Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock will try to work out a legislative compromise on school finance reform over the weekend.

"What I'm concerned about is reaching some type of a reasonable agreement ... Once the system is in

place, it will be in place for years to come," Bullock said Thursday. "The system will be tattooed on Texas."

The House voted to allow Lewis to appoint new members to a school finance conference committee, and asked that the Senate also appoint lawmakers to continue working on the issue.

Senators may formally agree Monday to resume conference committee negotiations, Bullock said. But he said they are unwilling to do so unless the House finds a plan it can support.

The House last week rejected a school finance reform bill developed by a House-Senate conference committee.

The bill, which passed the Senate, would have shifted hundreds of millions of dollars in local property tax revenue from wealthier to poorer school districts. The money would have been redistributed among school districts in 183 new education taxing regions.

Lewis, D-Fort Worth, has met with lawmakers who voted against the bill to see if it could be modified slightly to meet their concerns. But he said the effort was not successful.

"So therefore, we're going back to conference at this time and trying to look for new angles," he said.

Lawmakers missed Monday's Texas Supreme Court deadline for devising a reform plan, triggering an order to shut off state funds to schools. The order's impact is delayed because the next state checks are not due to be sent to school districts until April 25.

State District Judge F. Scott McCown, who is overseeing the case, set a new April 15 hearing date in the case. He appointed an expert to draw up a backup reform plan for his consideration if lawmakers again fail.

Poor school districts filed a class-action motion Thursday that, if granted, would ensure any court plan would apply to all Texas school districts. The judge on Monday suggested that the motion be filed.

Lawmakers will be involved in the school finance talks this weekend, Lewis said. He said conference committee members likely will be named Monday, and that some may be different from the previous committee.

Shootout with gang kills 6, wounds 14

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) - Police charged into a store where members of an Asian youth gang held more than 30 hostages, ending an 8 1/2-hour standoff with a 30-second shootout that left six people dead and 14 wounded.

Three hostages and three of the four gang members were killed in the burst of gunfire that ensued after deputies blasted the door off The Good Guys electronics store in a local shopping mall, said Sheriff Glen Craig.

The gunmen, who held hostages for 8 1/2 hours on Thursday, had demanded safe passage to Thailand.

One gunman "walked systematically down the line shooting hostages" as the officers opened fire, Craig said. He was among the three killed, he said.

Thirteen hostages and the fourth gunman were wounded.

Craig said police decided to rush the store at 10 p.m. after the gunmen shot and wounded two hostages,

including one whose shooting was broadcast live by local television stations.

"We didn't think we had the luxury to wait any longer," he said. "We couldn't sit here all night and let them shoot people one at a time."

The wounded were hospitalized early today. Their names and conditions were not immediately available, but officers said one hostage suffered critical head wounds and that the surviving gunman was in serious condition.

It was not immediately known how many people escaped unharmed, but authorities said 30 to 35 people were taken hostage, and eight people were freed before the police raid. At least one person was able to flee as the gunmen entered the store.

"I'm very relieved to be out of there," said store employee Matt Dennis, 20.

The eight hostages who had been released earlier included a man, two women and five children.

Bush vows not to be drawn into civil war

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. (AP) - President Bush, vowing not to be "sucked into a civil war in Iraq," says he never misled the Kurdish rebels or anyone else into expecting U.S. help to overthrow Saddam Hussein.

"I made very, very clear from day one that it was not an objective of the coalition to get Saddam Hussein out of there by force," Bush said Thursday after fence-mending talks with a non-combatant partner in the Persian Gulf War against Iraq, Japanese Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu.

Bush was making a helicopter trip up the Pacific coast late today to Los

Angeles for a star-studded salute to America's armed forces and the 50th anniversary of the USO.

The president also was making a pitch to Hispanic business leaders for support in his bid to get Congress to allow a yes-or-no vote without amendments on trade pacts, including one with Mexico.

Bush and Kaifu sought to minimize U.S.-Japanese friction over trade issues, and the president "profoundly" thanked his guest for the \$13 billion in economic and military aid Japan contributed to the multinational effort that drove Iraq from Kuwait.

But from the two leaders' own

testimony and accounts by White House officials, they made little headway in resolving nettlesome issues, including whether Japan will lower its barrier to rice imports.

With the Kurdish resistance all but broken and thousands of Kurds fleeing for their lives in the mountains of northern Iraq, Bush said he and Kaifu agreed to "do what we can to help the Kurdish refugees."

But they have food and medicine in mind, not arms, U.S. officials said.

Bush has been sharply criticized by Sen. Albert Gore, D-Tenn., and others for allowing Saddam to quash the Kurds with helicopter gunships.

Ag Day tribute planned by bank, sponsors Saturday

Hereford State Bank's annual Agricultural Appreciation Day is scheduled Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., highlighted by a hamburger cookout and farm equipment and new car show.

The bank, in conjunction with Hereford's new car and implement dealers, has been holding the tribute to farmers and ranchers for several years.

Those planning to attend need to pick up a ticket at the bank or one of the participating firms: Stevens Chevrolet-Olds, Stagner-Orsborn Buick-Pontiac-GMC, Whiteface Ford/Chrysler, Ford-New Holland, Arrow Sales, Oglesby Equipment, and White Implement.

Those attending will register for a chance at a free limited edition print and a number of beef certificates.

Free trade agreements

Combest said he could agree with the concept of free trade with if everything were going to be on equal footing, but felt there were too many differences between government restrictions and policies and cost of labor for the agreement to be greatly beneficial to the U.S.

"We need to fine-tune it now and go forward with it, rather than fine tune it later," Combest said.

The congressman was also guest speaker at Hereford Kiwanis Club at noon Thursday. He covered some of the same topics at the public meeting and held a short question-answer period before departing for his next appearance at Farwell.

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Life!



Memorabilia on display

Girl Scout memorabilia, furnished by three generations of Linda Arellano's family, is on display at the Deaf Smith County Library. According to Arellano, Hereford service unit director, the local Girl Scout program is providing girls with quality scouting experience. Members of the organization recently celebrated the 79th birthday of the Girl Scouts of America. Representing the Girl Scouts of Hereford are, from left, Rosie Escobal (Junior Girl Scout from Troop 282), Cindy Escobal (Brownie from Troop 286) and Natalie Shave (Brownie from Troop 281).

Local group observes anniversary

Delta Xi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma celebrated both Founders Day and the 35th anniversary of its own beginnings at the special meeting held recently at the Hereford Community Center. Eloise McDougal, ceremonial chairman, was in charge of the program, assisted by Virginia McWorter and Dolores Foster.

Three large red candles were lighted to symbolize the three levels of teaching represented by the twelve founders of this international organization for key women teachers: elementary, secondary and administrative, and university teaching. Delta Xi members, both active and retired, in each group were recognized.

McDougal then gave a biographical sketch of Dr. Annie Webb Blanton, a professor at the University of Texas who became the original founder and also the first woman to serve as the state superintendent of schools for Texas. The first state organized was naturally Alpha State

of Texas, and the international headquarters is still located in Austin.

The chapter's history was detailed by McDougal with its organization on April 21, 1856, as a three county unit, including Deaf Smith, Castro and Palmer Counties. In 1970, each county organized its own chapter with Delta Xi remaining the name of the Deaf Smith County group. In 1989, the Parmer County group returned to become members of Delta Xi because of the demise of the chapter.

Past presidents of Delta Xi who were present each told about some highlight of her term of office to summarize the past history of the group. They included: Della Stagner, Leta Kaul, Betty Mercer, Margaret Bell, Audrey Powell, Ann Cummings, Bera Boyd, and Carole McGilvary.

Special music to mark the founders and birthday celebrations included "The Birthday Song" and "Symbols of Delta Kappa Gamma," both led by Pat Montgomery with Joan Latham at the piano.

The chapter voted to donate \$500 to the literacy program being directed by Rebecca Walls of the Deaf Smith County Library. Walls spoke at the March meeting of Delta Xi, explaining the scope of the literacy program in this county and soliciting support, both financial and tutorial, to enable the aid to illiterate adults to continue. Persons interested in working as tutors were asked to contact Walls at the library.

The chapter collect was led by Brenda Campbell and the Delta Kappa Gamma moment was presented by Carole McGilvary. Hostesses for the salad supper which preceded the meeting included: Dorothy Brownlow, Eleanor Hudspeth, McWhorter, Jean Beene, Marilyn Leasure and Louise Witkowski.

Those present were Alice Christman, Margaret Ann Durham, Kaul, Stagner, Thelma Alexander, Beene, Bell, Billie Birdwell, Boyd, Wana Brewer, Nina Brown, Dorothy Brownlow, Campbell, Betty Jo Carlson, Cummings, Mary Dziuk, Francie Farr, Foster, Carol Gage, Alta Mae Higgins, Hudspeth, Sue Inmon, Virginia Jackson, Sidney Kerr, Latham, Sarah Lawson, Martha Layman, Leasure, DeeAnn Matthews, McDougal, McGilvary, Julia McNaney, McWorter, Mercer, Lois Miller, Montgomery, Ruby Mulkey, Powell, Fay Reeve, Janie Rendon, Rose Mary Shook, Pat Sinnacher, Margot Sims, Wanda Stanley, Murlene Streun, Marie Stringer, Dorothy Szydloski, Betty Volkman, Carolyn Waters, Karen White, Witkowski, and Betty Sue Worthan.

Ann Landers

DEAR ANN LANDERS: This item appeared in our church bulletin recently. No author was credited. Although there's a lot of humor in it, there is also a great deal of truth. Please share it with your readers. -- F.D. from Upper Darby, Pa.

DEAR F.D.: Thanks for the perfect Friday column. I needed something on a high note and you found it. Thank you.

The No-Excuse Sunday
1. Cost will be placed in the vestibule for those who say, "Sunday is my only day for sleeping in."

2. Eye drops will be available for those whose eyes are tired from watching TV too late on Saturday night.

3. We will have steel helmets for those who believe the roof will cave in if they show up for church services.

4. Blankets will be furnished for those who complain that the church is too cold. Fans will be on hand for those who say the church is too hot.

5. We will have hearing aids for the parishioners who say, "The pastor doesn't talk loud enough." There will be cotton for those who say, "The pastor talks too loud."

6. Score cards will be available for those who wish to count the hypocrites.

7. We guarantee that some relatives will be present for those who like to go visiting on Sunday.

8. There will be TV dinners available for those who claim they can't go to church and cook dinner, too.

9. One section of the church will have some trees and grass for those who see God in nature, especially on the golf course.

10. The sanctuary will be decorated with both Christmas poinsettias and Easter lilies to create a familiar environment for those who have never seen the church without them.

See you in church.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: You have printed many letters from wives who were cheated on and letters from the "other woman." My father did a lot of running around on my mother and now I am struggling to make a go of my own marriage even though my husband has been unfaithful on more than one occasion. The men always claim the marriage was "dead" or "no good" before they began to have affairs. They somehow feel that this

entitles them to do anything they please.

I am tired of all the lame excuses for adultery and lack of commitment. It's not only hard on the women, but children who lack a secure family life suffer a lot. They did not ask to be born. We brought them into the world and we owe them a stable, loving home with two loving parents.

To all the cheating husbands, I say, you can't turn back the clock, but you CAN wind it up again. Confess your mistakes and clean up your act. Don't continue to behave like a heel. Stop blaming others for your weaknesses. Vow to grow up and accept your responsibilities. -- Debbie in Lincoln, Neb.

DEAR DEBBIE: Well said. All I can add is bravo!

Do you have questions about sex, but no one to talk to? Ann Landers' booklet, "Sex and the Teen-ager," is frank and to the point. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$3.65 (this includes postage and handling) to: Teens, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$4.45.)

Auxiliary elects officers

The Ladies Auxiliary to Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4818 met in regular session recently with Betty Boggs presiding when members conducted the election of officers.

Officers elected were Betty Boggs, president; Linda Maeder, junior vice president; Ruth Morris, senior vice president; Terrye Rhyne, treasurer; Beth Maxwell, chaplain; Essie Martin, conductress; Anna Conklin, guard; Ruth Stethem, three-year trustee; Martha Bridges, two-year trustee; Sadie Shaw, one-year trustee; Darleen Carroll, secretary; Erma Loving, patriotic instructor; Marie Goheen, historian; and Erma Murphey, assistant historian.

These officers will be installed during the next meeting on May 6 by Erma Loving. Because of daylight savings time, the next meeting will be supper at 7 p.m. and meeting at 8 p.m.

Vira Wederbrook Jones, sister of Roy Wederbrook for whom the Post was named, was welcomed as a new member.

The meeting was preceded by a salad supper and a program on Satanism given by Officer Terry Brown.

Those present were Boggs, Bridges, Carroll, Conklin, Dora Lea Howell, Jo Irlbeck, Loving, Martin, Morris, Murphey, Rhyne, Greta Short, Stethem, Martha Williams, Doris Wilson, Maxwell, Maeder, Goheen, Bob Morris, Tony Irlbeck, Jim Loving and Tom Goheen.

Hints from Heloise

Q. After some kitchen-cabinet cleaning I am left with several containers of spices and other ingredients that I am unsure what to do with.

A. My most perplexing is dried shrimp. I'm sure I bought it for a recipe but now I can't remember what it was. In what types of dishes can it be used? — Marietta Simpson, Seattle, Wash.

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LONDON (AP) - Prime Minister John Major says he regrets his indifference to school as a boy. But the man who finished high school by correspondence and never earned a university degree says academic credentials don't impress him.

"I know an awful lot of people who have an armful of academic qualifications and ... they are wholly useless, most of them. They have no common sense at all," Major said in a TV interview broadcast Monday.

Major left school without taking many of the usual qualifying tests British schools require.

Despite his lack of a university degree, he made a career in banking, was Britain's treasury chief at 46 and prime minister at 47, four months ago.

"I certainly was pretty idle at school," he said. "It was ... extremely silly."

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SPORTS

Herd falls to Dumas, 2-1

The Hereford varsity baseball team dropped a 2-1 decision to Dumas Thursday at Whiteface Field. The game was a make-up of the game which was snowed out Saturday.

The win makes Dumas 9-6 overall and 2-0 in District 1-4A, tied for the lead with Borger.

Hereford fell to 0-2 and 3-15 overall. But they have been in six of their last seven games in the late innings, Coach T.R. Sartor said, and the team hasn't given up.

"They haven't gotten down," Sartor said. "I'm proud of them for that."

The Whitefaces were hurt Thursday by several balls which dropped just out of fielders' reaches. And in the bottoms of the innings, they hit several balls well, but straight at fielders.

"I feel like we hit the ball harder

than they did the whole day," Sartor said. "Theirs fell in and ours didn't. A little luck here and there and it's a different game."

Dumas scored first, getting one run in the third inning. With one out, Demon leadoff hitter Coby Duffer blooped a double into left field, where the ball landed right between left fielder Rene Cano and third baseman Tab Hathaway.

After the second out, Dumas' Saul Garcia, a left-hander batting .568 going into the game, hit a line drive over shortstop for the RBI.

Dumas got one more run in the fourth. They led off with two consecutive singles--one a bloop dropped right over first base.

Scott Venable and Chad Adams tried a double steal. Hereford catcher George Jowell chose to get the lead

runner, throwing Venable out at third, so Adams was safe at second. Adams scored on shortstop Amado Lopez' throwing error.

Hereford got a run back in the bottom of the fifth. Louis Mungia hit a chopper down the third base line. Venable, the Dumas third baseman, made a nice play to keep the ball from being a double, but his throw to first drew Garcia off the bag for an error.

Mungia went to second when the ball got away on a pickoff play. After an out, he scored on Cano's line-drive single to left field, making the score 2-1 in favor of the Demons.

Cano went to second on the throw home, but was stranded when Roy Cantu lined out to short and Matt Bromlow struck out.

Dumas' pitcher Troy Wilborn got out all six of the batters he faced in the sixth and seventh innings.

Sammy Casarez pitched the complete game for the Herd, and pitched it well, Sartor said.

He gave up only five hits, and two were bloopers and one was an infield squibber which found a pocket between pitcher, third baseman and shortstop where no one could reach it.

Casarez walked one batter and struck out five, and one of the two runs was unearned.

Unfortunately for the Herd, Wilborn also pitched well. He walked none, struck out two and gave up three hits. Besides Cano, Bromlow and Ralph Martinez were the Whitefaces to hit safely.

Hereford hosts the Pampa Harvesters Saturday at 1 p.m. at Whiteface Field. Pampa is 1-1 in district play and 13-2 overall.



Out by a mile

Dumas' Scott Venable tried to steal third as the front end of a double steal, but the throw from Hereford catcher George Jowell to third baseman Tab Hathaway was there long before Venable was. The Whitefaces lost 2-1 in the game played Thursday at Whiteface Field.

Maroon JV scalped by Friona

Hereford's Maroon junior varsity baseball team lost 9-5 to Friona's varsity Thursday in Friona.

Hereford Coach Bill Bridge said that the Chiefstains, fielding their first baseball team in several years, have definitely improved since the Maroons drubbed them 20-3 on March 14.

The Maroons led 1-0 after the first inning. Andy Kalka singled and his courtesy runner, Russ Watts, scored on Michael Campos' double.

Friona tied it up in the bottom of the second, but Hereford recaptured the lead in the third thanks to Ralph Holguin's triple and Ruben Ramos' RBI single.

Hereford didn't lead again, as Friona scored three times in the bottom of the inning, two times in the fourth and three times in the fifth.

Hereford scored twice in the fifth, cutting the Chiefstains' lead to 6-4. Campos doubled, Ray Hastings singled him home, and then Richard Rodriguez singled Hastings home.

The Herd got its last run in the seventh when Campos walked, stole second and scored on Richard Wilbanks' single.

Kalka started the game on the mound for the Whitefaces and pitched four innings. Hastings pitched two innings to finish the game.

The Maroon team's record now stands at 7-4-1, Bridge said.

Giants already hurt by injuries

The regular season hasn't even started, but the San Francisco Giants' medical staff is already busy.

The Giants broke camp Thursday and headed home for the Bay Bridge Series with Oakland, but not before putting shortstop Jose Uribe and pitcher Kelly Downs on the 15-day disabled list.

Uribe, who was being pushed by rookie Mike Benjamin for the starting shortstop job, has a sore right heel. Downs, a right-hander who was battling for a spot in the starting rotation, has an infected blister on his right foot.

"He feels that if he played on it every day, he could aggravate it and he might be out more than 15 or 20 days," Craig said of Uribe's injury. "With Kelly, he's got a big bruise, there's some infection in there, and (doctors) said he'd be out at least a week."

Craig said he had remained undecided about his starting shortstop until Uribe's injury made his mind up for him.

"Benjamin will be the shortstop. The pitchers--there's still a couple of things I've got to decide on that," he said.

Benjamin, 25, said he didn't feel like he won the job by default.

"I presented a good case this spring," said Benjamin, who has less than three months of major league service.

Benjamin finished the spring hitting .308 in 15 exhibition games. Uribe, 31, batted only .143 in 16 games.

Downs, Rick Reuschel, Don Robinson and Mike LaCoss were competing for the two remaining spots in the pitching rotation.

With opening day set for Monday, teams continued paring their rosters to the 25-man limit.

Cleveland claimed catcher Eddie Taubensee off waivers from the Oakland Athletics and Philadelphia optioned second baseman Mickey Morandini to Scranton-Wilkes-Barre of the International League.

Pittsburgh sent pitcher Mark Huisman and first baseman-outfielder Orlando Merced to Buffalo of the American Association and released pitchers Doug Bair, Joel Davis, Joe Lazor and Joe Pacholec; catcher Tom Nieto and first basemen Jeff Osborne and Junior

Vizcaino.

The New York Yankees sent left-hander Steve Howe, attempting a comeback after several bouts with substance abuse and injuries, to Columbus of the Class AAA International League. But manager Stump Merrill indicated Howe, 33, could be back in the Bronx soon.

Sixteen players passed unclaimed through unconditional release waivers and became free agents. Among them were Mike Aldrete, Steve Balboni, Stan Jefferson, Terry Puhl, Calvin Schiraldi and Andres Thomas.

Montreal lost newly acquired outfielder Darren Reed, who broke his left forearm when hit by a pitch from Mets reliever Alejandro Pena in a game that was later rained out. The Mets traded Reed, 25, to the Expos on Tuesday for two minor leaguers.

Astros 5, Reds 4
At Plant City, Fla., Javier Ortiz and Mark Davidson each had a pair of hits and drove in a run as Houston beat Cincinnati.

Twins 10, Rangers 3
At Fort Myers, Fla., Jack Morris pitched seven strong innings in his final start before opening day as Minnesota defeated Texas.

Johnson, King pace women at PING-Welch

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP)—Playing in front of her home fans did not seem to bother Chris Johnson.

Johnson, a former University of Arizona player, had a share of the lead going into today's second round of the PING-Welch's Championship after shooting a birdie on the 18th hole Thursday for a 5-under-par 67.

She shared the first-round lead with Betsy King in the \$350,000 tournament.

"The crowd out here means well, but I have to try and stay away from them so I don't have any more pressure put on me," said the 32-year-old Johnson, the 1984 Tucson Open champion.

Johnson said she was nervous knowing she needed a birdie on the par-5, 458-yard 18th to tie King.

"I haven't been in this position for a while," Johnson said.

Jordan leads Bulls past Knicks

to starters Charles Oakley and Gerald Wilkins and Trent Tucker's respiratory illness to outscore the Knicks 57-29 in the second half and hand them their sixth loss in seven games. The 29 points was New York's season low for a half.

Spurs 105, Bucks 101
David Robinson scored 28 of his 35 points in the second half to rally San Antonio.

The Bucks led 98-94 with 1:36 left, but Robinson made a three-point play and Willie Anderson followed with a basket with 48.5 seconds remaining to give the Spurs their first lead of the game at 99-98.

Anderson finished with 22 points. Jay Humphries paced the Bucks with 20 points.

Trail Blazers 105, Bullets 96
Clyde Drexler scored 25 points and had 10 of Portland's 30 at the free

Chicago took advantage of injuries

throw line.

Portland took 29 more free throws (40-11) and was whistled for 10 fewer fouls. As the game wore on, referee Steve Javie ejected Bullets Darrell Walker and Pervis Ellison as well as Washington coach Wes Unseld.

John Williams scored 24 points for the Bullets and Ellison had 17 points and 11 rebounds.

Celtics 123, Nets 104
Larry Bird scored eight of his 14 points in a 24-10 surge that ended the first half.

Boston led 62-48 at halftime, but the Nets used an 18-8 surge to cut that to 70-66. The Celtics dominated thereafter.

Lakers 102, Suns 98
James Worthy scored 20 of his 26 points in a one-sided first half and Los Angeles averted a second-half collapse to beat Phoenix, which never led.

Timberwolves 134, Nuggets 122
Tyrone Corbin scored 26 points as Minnesota set several team offensive records, including most points in a game.

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The tournament started off in a familiar pattern with Ricky and Harold Austin winning the early "hourly" big bass contests by weighing in a pair of nice four- and five-pound bass. Hour three saw Childress angler Don Schorn sneak in a four-pound bass to take the prize. Ken Scoggins of Perryton weighed in a pair of six-pound trophies to win hours four and six.

During the fifth hour the wind settled down to a 20 mph calm and Keith Taylor of Pampa made his move with a true tournament trophy that tipped the scales at 9.82 pounds. A crankbait in 10 feet of water fooled one of the prettiest bass I have weighed in. For all practical purposes the tournament was over. Well, not quite over...

Darrel Blades of Canyon had entered his first tournament. His fishing partner was A.K. Roden of Memphis—his mother-in-law! After six freezing hours in their first bass tournament they had no fish—not even a nibble. Suddenly, their luck took a change for the better.

Darrel had been reading in Honey Hole magazine that a Stanley jig and an Uncle Josh No. 1 jumbo pork frog would catch big bass. He rigged it on 10-pound line (Yes, 10-pound) and promptly caught his first bass on a jig and pig. Well, at first he thought he was hung up on the bottom, until his line moved off the side. A quick hook-set, a little luck and a great deal of coaching by his mother-in-law and she netted the biggest bass that either angler had ever seen—10.00 pounds.

Did I mention that his big motor was acting up and had earlier refused to start? Now it did start, and they raced to the official scales before anything could go wrong.

The fun of a big bass tournament is that luck plays a role. Was Darrel lucky? Without a doubt. Was Keith unlucky? Certainly, but he was the first to congratulate Darrel on his good fortune.

I can't wait for the next "Big Bass on Lake Baylor" on May 11, because I am really looking forward to meeting all the mothers-in-law.

Spring turkey season starts this Saturday. The folks in Wheeler County have started a new business of providing spring turkey hunting for some 20 East Coast visitors! Pretty good idea.

Rodgers leads The Tradition

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Phil Rodgers spent his 53rd birthday Wednesday looking at birdies.

On Thursday, he collected them. Rodgers, winless in four years on the Senior PGA Tour, set a course record with a 7-under-par 65 to take a three-stroke lead over Don January and Bob Brue after the first round of The Tradition.

"It was the most birdies I can remember in a long time," Rodgers said. "The other day, I went over to the zoo to see what a 'bird' looked like. I haven't had any for so long. But when I get going, I can make a

bunch of birdies in a very short time.

"That was by far the best round I can remember in the last 10 years. It looked like I might get a 62 or a 63 for awhile there. But it at least gave me a chance to get a nice lead."

Rodgers shared the first-round lead here last year, but finished in a tie for 13th in the rain-plagued tournament.

This time, he took advantage of sunny, 92-degree conditions on the 6,864-yard Cochise Course at Desert Mountain.

The previous course record was 66, set by Don Bies, Gene Littler and Ken Still in 1989's inaugural

Tradition.

January, who has won 22 tournaments in his 11-year Seniors career, had a bogey-free 68 and birdied the 18th hole to go 4-under.

"The course played good and I'm playing well," January said. "I feel strong and I'm hitting the ball good. We'll see what happens."

Brue, winless in six years on the tour, had three birdies on the back nine to move into contention in the 81-man field.

"Things are going great, but tomorrow will be better," said Brue. Chi Chi Rodriguez, Gary Player,

Mike Hill, Ben Smith, Tommy Jacobs, Jim Dent and George Archer all were tied for third with 69s.

Miller Barber, winner of last week's Fuji Grand Slam, had an opening-round 70.

Defending champion Jack Nicklaus, making his Seniors season debut on the course he designed, struggled to a 71, while Lee Trevino soared to a 75. Trevino, winner of seven events as a Seniors rookie last year and a two-time winner this season, had four bogeys and a double-bogey Thursday.

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Business Of The Week

1st day of IIAO marred by rain

THE WOODLANDS, Texas (AP) — Corey Pavin's priorities don't match those of the PGA Tour when it comes to rainouts.

He'd like to see every tournament played to its 72-hole conclusion, including the \$1 million Independent Insurance Agent Open, which for the second straight year had its first round rained out Thursday.

Only 36 golfers teed off before rains stopped play. Officials planned to resume play today at the point where it stopped at 7:53 a.m. Thursday. No plans were announced to make the tournament a 54-hole event.

"Hopefully, we could play 36 holes on Sunday. That would be the best," Pavin said.

He doesn't expect it to happen, however.

He realizes many of the pros are anxious to get to Augusta, Ga. to practice for next week's Masters and there also is the matter of Sunday's televised finals.

"I think any time we can get 72 holes in is more important than getting to Augusta on Monday and more important than having a winner on Sunday," said, the 1984 winner when the tournament was called the Houston Open.

"I understand the reasoning behind that. I wish there was a way to get around it but there isn't."

Thirty-six golfers in the 144-player field teed off Thursday before play was suspended at 7:53 a.m. It was the second time in as many years that the first round was canceled by rain. Tony Sills won the 1990 event over 54 holes.

PGA Tour official Vaughn Moise said a 36-hole makeup is unlikely.

"We want to finish the tournament on Sunday on television," Moise said. "That's kind of hard to do if you play 36 holes so there's not much possibility of that happening."

Pavin would like to see the tour

make up lost rounds.

"We played 36 holes at Hartford a few years ago and I shot 64 in the first round," Pavin said. "It's easier the more golf you play up to a certain time, until you get tired. You get into a certain rhythm."

Pavin had to qualify for the U.S. Open last year over 36 holes.

"I don't remember my score but I won it," he said.

Pavin said a 36-hole day allows the pros to play better.

"When you play 18 holes, you tend to think of your score on about 12 or 13 and you don't do that on 36 holes," Pavin said. "You have a bigger picture in mind than something you've got to do in 18 holes. You're playing all day and you're not thinking as much about what you're shooting."

Greens superintendent Mike Link said his crews could have The Woodlands TPC course ready for play Friday morning if there is no more rain. More is forecast, however.

"We went through this last year and we were prepared for the next day," Link said. "We'll be ready to play."

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Ask Dr. Lamb

DEAR DR. LAMB: I am a 63-year-old woman. I went for my Pap test which came out OK, but the doctor told me I had a prolapsed uterus. I have never heard of that before. He said there are four stages and in the fourth stage it comes out and you have to have surgery or a ring put up there. Mine isn't out, but it is right inside the opening now. He said it's all right unless it bothers me or it bleeds. It doesn't do either.

He said it comes from childbirth, coughing and constipation. Last year I had a bad tickle cough all winter and am constipated some times. Is it all right to let things stay the way they are?

DEAR READER: A prolapsed uterus is quite common. The normal supporting structures are torn or relaxed to the point that the uterus is no longer held up in its normal position. Yes, childbirth is the most common cause as the passage of the baby through the vaginal canal is hard on these supporting structures. Rarely it does occur in women who have not had children.

I don't think coughing or constipation will cause the same damage, but if you already have the damage, then anything that increases the pressure in the abdomen may make it worse.

You can have a rectocele, which is another hernia into the vaginal vault. In that case the wall between the vagina and the rectum is damaged and the rectum may protrude into the vagina. That can cause a woman to have difficulty in having a bowel movement. Also the bladder may rupture through the front wall of the vagina. All of these are really hernias.

I have discussed all of these in some detail in Special Report 106, Fibroids, Vaginal Hernias and Hysterectomies, which I'm sending you. Others who want this report can send \$3 with a long, stamped (52 cents), self-addressed envelope for it to THE HEALTH LET-

TER/106, P.O. Box 787, Gibbstown, NJ 08027-9908. If it is not bothering you, and you have no other vaginal hernias, you could avoid surgery or the use of a support for the uterus, but eventually, most cases of prolapsed uterus reach the point when surgery is necessary. Surgery corrects the mechanical defects — corrects the hernias.

DEAR DR. LAMB: Every time I read an article about "sexual problems related to medication," it is directed solely toward men. Please address this same situation in women. Since I started taking Tenormin for migraines over 10 years ago at age 35 my sexual drive has been simply gone. I am healthy otherwise and never had any physical or psychological problems regarding sex. I probably have enjoyed it more than most women. I have spoken with women who also take beta blockers for various reasons and they admit lack of sex drive.

DEAR READER: You are right! Women's sexual responses to medications and a variety of medical problems that are noted in men have been neglected and not mentioned often. Why? Perhaps there is still a major reservoir of the archaic thinking that women endure rather than enjoy. I know from letters I receive that many women "fake it" rather than let their sexual partner know they cannot have an orgasm. Women can be a sexual partner without response, but a man cannot hide his impotence.

In general, the nerve fiber connections in women are the same as in men. Diabetes, alcoholism, hormone deficiencies, drugs such as tranquilizers and blood pressure medicines can all impair a woman's ability to have an orgasm. About a third of diabetic women have trouble having an orgasm. Ask your doctor to take you off beta-blockers and see what happens.

Dr. Lamb welcomes letters from readers with health questions. You can write to him at P.O. Box 787, Gibbstown, NJ 08027-9908. Although Dr. Lamb cannot reply to all letters personally, he will respond to selected questions in future columns.

Study club holds meeting

La Afflatus Estudio Club met recently in the home of Lydia Hopson. President Emily Suggs presided over the meeting.

Pet Ott lead members in the club collect and Alberta Higgins announced that the club will have a Spring luncheon in the Suggs home at noon Sunday, April 7.

Margaret Perez presented a program on ethnic groups relaying her early childhood and travels with her parents in working in the fields. She told of her efforts in learning English and becoming a good citizen.

The next meeting will be held in the Herford Senior Citizens dining room with Margie Daniels, director, presenting a program on senior citizens.

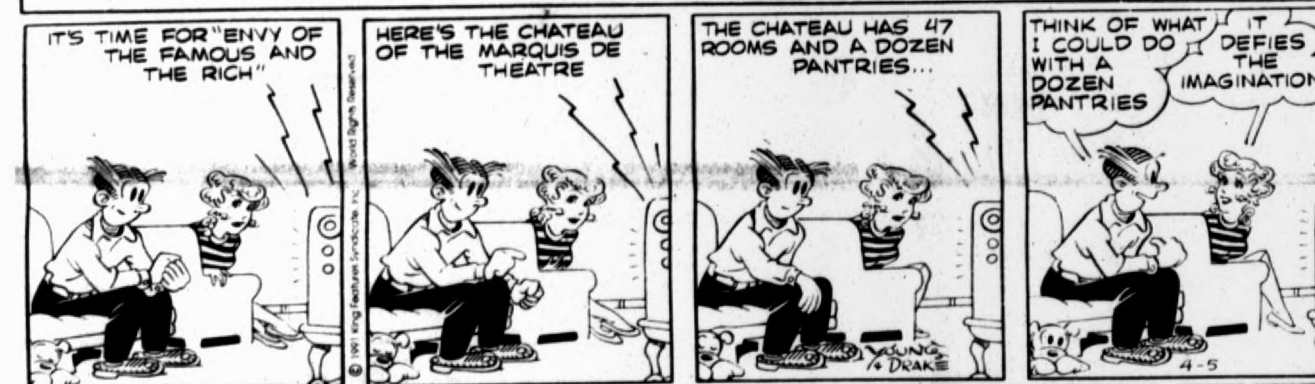
Those present were Mary Williamson, Della Stagner, Eloise Manning, Louise Kinsey, Ott, Suggs, and Hopson.



Always keep cultured buttermilk chilled. If it becomes warm, it may separate. If it does—stir it.

Comics

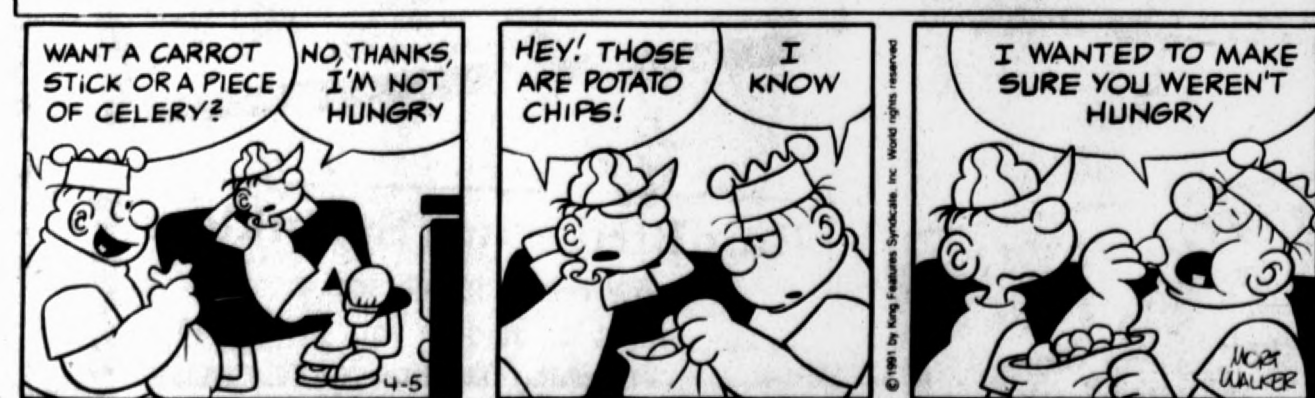
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Television

FRIDAY

Television schedule for Friday, April 5, 1991. Columns: 6 PM, 6:30, 7 PM, 7:30, 8 PM, 8:30, 9 PM, 9:30, 10 PM, 10:30, 11 PM. Rows: Various TV shows and movies.

SATURDAY

Television schedule for Saturday, April 6, 1991. Columns: 7 AM, 7:30, 8 AM, 8:30, 9 AM, 9:30, 10 AM, 10:30, 11 AM, 11:30, 12 PM. Rows: Various TV shows and movies.

Television schedule for Saturday, April 6, 1991 (continued). Columns: 12:30, 1 PM, 1:30, 2 PM, 2:30, 3 PM, 3:30, 4 PM, 4:30, 5 PM, 5:30. Rows: Various TV shows and movies.

Television schedule for Saturday, April 6, 1991 (continued). Columns: 6 PM, 6:30, 7 PM, 7:30, 8 PM, 8:30, 9 PM, 9:30, 10 PM, 10:30, 11 PM. Rows: Various TV shows and movies.

SUNDAY

Television schedule for Sunday, April 7, 1991. Columns: 7 AM, 7:30, 8 AM, 8:30, 9 AM, 9:30, 10 AM, 10:30, 11 AM, 11:30, 12 PM. Rows: Various TV shows and movies.

Calendar of Events

ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Members of the congregation are asked to invite a family for the monthly morning "get-together" Sunday.

Children's Liturgy of the Word needs teenagers or adults to help for the remainder of the school year. Aides are also needed. If you would like to help celebrate the Sunday scriptures with the children, please contact the office.

The Spring Youth Rally is planned from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, April 20, at the Diocesan Activity Center, 2000 N. Spring St. in Amarillo.

The symthothermal method to natural family planning will be taught as a weekend workshop April 13-14 at St. Mary's Church in Amarillo. Babysitting will be provided. Anyone who has taken STM classes can sit in on any class. The first class may be

attended at no obligation. Pre-registration is required by calling Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Marnell at 289-5355.

AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

Everyone is invited to attend Sunday services at the church. Sunday school for all age groups begins at 9:45 a.m. and the morning worship service starts at 11. The evening activities begin at 6 with the children's choirs, youth Bible study and covenant marriage. The Sunday evening worship service begins at 7.

The Wednesday night activities, with programs for all ages, begins at 7.

There will be a Ladies Prayer Retreat from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, April 13, at High Plains Baptist Campgrounds. Those attending will leave from Avenue Baptist Church at 9 a.m. For further information, call the church office at 364-1564.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Confirmation classes for all children eligible to attend will be held from 6:30-8 p.m. Sunday, April 7, in the sixth grade class in the education building. This will be the first of four classes required for children participating at Confirmation Sunday, May 5.

There will be a Council on Ministries meeting at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 7, in Ward Parlor. UMYF will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. and the Sunday morning worship service starts at 10:55.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rev. Don Kirklen invites the public to attend all services at the church located at 100 Ave. B. Sunday school begins at 10 a.m. for all age groups.

The Adult Bible class will continue to study the doctrine of "End Times."

During the 11 a.m. Sunday worship service, the sermon will be based on the text taken from I John 5:1-6. The theme will be "Blessings for Those Born Again."

Printed copies and video tapes of the sermons are available upon request by contacting the church office at 364-1668.

FRIO BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. Delbert Serratt, director of Seminary Extension Center in Amarillo, will be the guest speaker at the 11 a.m. Sunday worship service.

During the 7 p.m. Sunday worship service, Sandy Harkins of Hereford, who is a missionary to the Philippines, will be the guest speaker and will also show slides of her work in the mission field.

The public is invited to all services at the church including Sunday school for all age groups which begins at 10 a.m. and the Wednesday evening Bible study and prayer meeting at 7:30.

The church is located seven miles south of Hereford on Farm to Market Road 1055. The Rev. Sam Milam, pastor, says, "It's worth the drive."

For those wanting more information, they may call 276-5380."

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. Ron Cook invites the public to attend all church services. Sunday school for all age groups begins at 9:45 a.m. and the Sunday morning worship service starts at 11.

Following worship services Sunday, April 7, a fundraising luncheon will be held in the fellowship hall. The menu will consist of brisket, bread, potato salad, beans, dessert, ice tea and coffee. All donations will benefit the Summer Youth Ministry.

Vacation Bible School has been scheduled June 3-7 with Susan Sublett serving as director. If you would like to assist, contact Sublett or the church office.

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday worship services are held at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS

Sunday school for kindergarten through high school age youth is held from 9:15-10 a.m. at the church's temporarily location at the Hereford Senior Citizens Center, 425 Ranger Drive.

Doug Manning is the regular worship leader for the Sunday morning service held from 10-11:30.

Persons needing transportation for

any reason may call 364-0359 or 364-3869. This is just one of many unique services offered to the public by the congregation.

SAN PABLO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Hilda Cavazos, pastor, invites the public to all services at the Hispanic Methodist church located at 220 Kibbe St.

Sunday school for all ages begins at 10 a.m. and the Sunday worship services are scheduled at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. The Wednesday night prayer service begins at 7.

For further information, call 364-0770 or 364-3100.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dr. James W. Cory's sermon for the 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship service is titled "Reunion Mystery." The scripture lesson is John 20:19-31.

The centennial church model of the original church building will be dedicated during the Sunday morning service. The fellowship time will be changed to 11:30 a.m. for the celebrations on April 7 and April 28. "The Bible: An Owner's Manual" is the name of the new book Jim Cory will be teaching in his adult Sunday school class beginning April 14.

The junior and senior high youth fellowship will meet from 6-7:30 p.m. Sunday at the church.

DAWN BAPTIST CHURCH

"Revival is Dangerous" is the topic of Pastor Jim Hickman's message for the 11 a.m. Sunday worship service. The sermon will take a unique look at the issue of spiritual awakening. "David and the 'Important Fool'"

is the topic of the 7 p.m. Bible study. The lesson is part of a series on the life of David.

Sunday school begins at 10 a.m. The public is invited to all services. For additional information about the church, please call 258-7330.

ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. Thomas Church will continue the celebration of the Easter season with the observance of "Thomas Sunday" which marks Jesus' appearance to St. Thomas. Father Charles Threewit will preach on the subject of doubt and its effect on faith. The liturgy will be the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

The regular Wednesday Healing and Eucharist will not be held next week as Father Threewit will be attending a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest in Austin. Morning prayer will be said daily at 8 and the evening prayer will be recited at 6:30 Friday.

Visitors are most welcome to any of the church services. Anyone needing transportation or information may call 364-0146 or 364-0939. A nursery is provided during the 11 a.m. Sunday service.

School Menus

ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL

MONDAY-Grilled cheese sandwich, potato salad, pickle slices, peaches, milk.

TUESDAY-Tacos, pinto beans, tossed salad, cinnamon rolls, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Lasagna, green beans, toast, cookies, milk.

THURSDAY-Salisbury steak, sweet peas, mashed potatoes, hot rolls, vanilla pudding, milk.

FRIDAY-Hamburgers, fries, lettuce, tomato, sliced pickles, strawberry Jello, milk.

HEREFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS Breakfast

MONDAY-Pancakes and syrup, orange juice, milk.

TUESDAY-Sausage patty, biscuit and jelly, fruit cup, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Hash browns,

Texas toast, diced pears, milk.

THURSDAY-Cereal, toast, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY-Little smokies, toast, diced peaches, milk.

Lunch

MONDAY-Chicken nuggets and gravy, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots apple cobbler, hot rolls, butter, milk.

TUESDAY-Hamburger, burger salad, French fries, chilled peaches, white cake with pink icing, bun, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Pizza, green vegetable salad, fried okra, fruited gelatin, cookie, milk.

THURSDAY-Beef enchiladas, lettuce and tomatoes, seasoned pinto beans, Spanish rice, pineapple cowboy bread, milk.

FRIDAY-Burritos, cabbage-apple salad, buttered corn, mixed fruit, brownie, milk.



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...OBVIOUSLY, THIS DIDN'T FIT REHOBOAM'S IDEA OF WHAT A KING SHOULD BE LIKE, SO HE SOUGHT ADVICE OF THE YOUNG PRINCES WITH WHOM HE HAD GROWN UP! TO A MAN, THEY ALL AGREED THE PEOPLE NEEDED A SEVERE LESSON FOR THEIR IMPUDENCE IN QUESTIONING A KING'S RIGHT TO TAX HIS PEOPLE. SO, THREE DAYS AFTER THE QUESTION HAD BEEN PUT TO HIM, THE KING GAVE THEM HIS ANSWER—HE WOULD TAX THEM GREATER THAN SOLOMON EVER HAD, HE WOULD WORK THEM HARDER THAN SOLOMON EVER WORKED THEM! AND PERHAPS REHOBOAM SHOULD HAVE BEEN FOREWARNED, FOR THE EPHRAIMITES APPEARED BEFORE HIM IN ALL THE ACCOUTREMENTS OF WAR—THE DIE WAS CAST! THE TEN TRIBES OF THE NORTH REBELLED, NAMING JEROBOAM THEIR KING—AND NEVER AGAIN WAS ISRAEL UNITED!

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