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Seasonal switch?

These students from Shirley Intermediate School found it was more comfortable to carry their coats after school Wednesday than it was to wear them as temperatures soared into the 70s.

Forecasts call for continued warm weather today and Friday, with temperatures to stay in the mid-70s, making it likely that short sleeves will be more popular than coats and mittens.

Number of county SSI recipients on rise, according to government

One of the fastest growing federal welfare programs is the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program, according to a report published by the Social Security Administration. SSI is the largest federal welfare program providing direct cash benefits in sheer dollar terms. The program was designed to provide cash assistance to the indigent aged, the blind, and the disabled who did not qualify for most other forms of cash assistance. From fiscal 1993 through fiscal 1994, federal expenditures for SSI increased by 23.2 percent, from \$21.1 billion to \$26 billion. Locally, spending for SSI in Deaf Smith County increased by 8.4 percent. Figures prepared by the Department of Health and Human Services show that the number of persons in Deaf Smith County receiving SSI benefits increased from 489 in 1993

to 505 in 1994, or just 3.3 percent. Nationally, the number of people on SSI increased by 5.2 percent. Increases in the SSI program have alarmed many in Congress. The major reason for the sharp increases in participants and expenditures is simple: the number of disabled children receiving benefits has soared since federal courts determined that children suffering from emotional disabilities were entitled to the same benefits as children suffering from physical disabilities. In spite of Congressional complaints, the number of disabled children covered through SSI has continued to increase. Nationally, the number of disabled children in the program jumped by 16.1 percent from 1993 through 1994--from 761,198 to 893,807. In Deaf Smith County, the number of disabled children receiving money

through SSI actually declined from 60 at the end of '93 to 58 in December of '94. Several congressmen have suggested rewriting eligibility requirements to control the SSI program's growth. Many critics fear that a number of children are being encouraged by their parents to pretend to have emotional disabilities in order to fraudulently obtain benefits. Defenders of the program dispute this and suggest that these children should have received benefits all along. The definition of emotional disability appears to be at the heart of this controversy. While a physician can usually determine physical disabilities within a readily understood set of guidelines, the determination of emotional disabilities appears to be more complex and less objective. Some diagnoses are

evident; many are not. While the number of children receiving SSI benefits has increased greatly in recent years, the number of disabled adults receiving these benefits has also increased--rising 5.4 percent from '93 to '94--to a total of 3.9 million. The Deaf Smith County total for disabled adults increased from 237 to 257 during that period, or by 8.4 percent. The number of persons classified as aged and indigent who received benefits from SSI actually declined slightly. In Deaf Smith County, the number dropped from 187 in '93 to 183 in '94. The number of blind adults on SSI benefits also declined slightly in the nation during the period. The number of blind adults on SSI benefits in Deaf Smith County increased from 5 to 7 during the period.

Gramm, 'dead' heard together after one-two political punch Wednesday

By MIKE GLOVER
Associated Press Writer
DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) - Texas Sen. Phil Gramm has sketched a scenario for his exit from the Republican presidential field, and some strategists say that's prudent planning. "The stars are not aligning themselves correctly for Phil Gramm," former Iowa Republican Chairman Michael Mahaffey said. "I don't know that he's dead, but I think he's in trouble." Indeed, the word "dead" was heard frequently Wednesday in descriptions of the Gramm campaign. Gramm suffered a one-two punch Tuesday, losing badly to commentator Pat Buchanan in a Louisiana contest he helped create, then finding himself under fire in Iowa for missing a key Senate vote on farm legislation. "He loses on all of those counts," said Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad, who has endorsed Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole. "I think Phil Gramm made a big mistake playing footsie with Louisiana." Gramm, trying to make up for his

slip with nonstop campaigning, arrived in the Mississippi River town of Clinton this morning in a good mood. "I have come to Clinton to redeem the good name of your city," he joked before saying he still hoped to finish in the top three spots in Iowa. Several rivals were in Iowa as well, as Monday's caucuses drew ever closer. In Des Moines, Indiana Sen. Dick Lugar unveiled a new ad in which three supporters denounce the negative advertising that has dominated the GOP race. "Lead the nation and take a stand against negative campaigning," the narrator says in urging support for Lugar. "I thought the whole idea of the caucuses was to get a Republican nominee who can win," Lugar told reporters. "This is a demolition derby." Former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander struck a similar chord at a morning event in West Des Moines, laying most of the blame for the negative campaign on multimillionaire publisher Steve Forbes and his

relentless ad attacks - many of which Alexander said were untrue. Forbes failed, "the first test of presidential character - the George Washington test," Alexander said. "If Malcolm Forbes Sr. knew how junior was spending his money he might have put some restrictions in the will," he added in a jab at Forbes' inherited wealth. Forbes, for his part, was on the East Coast filming new ads and planned to return to Iowa tonight. Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, the leader here and presumptive GOP front-runner, was campaigning in New Hampshire today before heading to Iowa tonight. Both Dole and Lugar were in Washington on Wednesday for Senate action on farm legislation important to Iowa - a debate and votes Gramm skipped to campaign. "I think he's made his judgment that he's got something more important to do there," Dole said of Gramm in an interview with an Iowa radio station. "My judgment is this is more important." Gramm flew to Des Moines for a

big rally Wednesday at the Statehouse that was billed as a celebration of his first campaign win, but shifted gears after the results were counted in Louisiana. "I think it is clear that if I don't get first, second, or third (in Iowa) that is going to knock me out of the race," Gramm said Wednesday. "I am going to get first, second, or third." Others were skeptical. "I am not ready to write Gramm out of the race," said Steve Roberts, a Republican National Committee member and Dole supporter. "I'm not sure I'll be able to say that after Monday." Dole, whose campaign has viewed Gramm with deepest worry, was the quickest on the assault. "He's in deep trouble, no question about that," said Darrell Kearney, Dole's Iowa campaign manager. "Here's a candidate who at one time looked like he could be the second-place guy coming out of Iowa. Now I think he's going to be competing for third or fourth."

Workplace productivity shows 1.4 percent gain

By JOHN D. McCLAIN
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - The productivity of the American workplace rose at a 1.4 percent annual rate during the third quarter, less than half the growth of the previous three months. The Labor Department said today that July-September nonfarm productivity - defined as output per number of hours worked - was down from the April through June level of 3 percent. At the same time, the report showed that inflation remained muted. Unit labor costs, typically two-thirds the cost of a product, rose at a 2.4 percent annual rate, little

changed from 2.3 percent in the previous quarter. Productivity is a primary measure of the nation's living standards and business competitiveness. Increases mean companies are making their goods more efficiently and at lower costs. The latest productivity figure was revised from a 2 percent growth rate previously reported. The report also showed that productivity grew just 0.5 percent in 1994, up from 0.2 percent in 1993 but slower than the 1.9 percent rate in earlier estimates. In addition to the inclusion of more data, the latest report also reflects changes in the way the government

measures output as well as historical revisions. The new method, called a chain-weighted measure, takes into account annual changes in prices, while the old fixed-weighted measure was based on 1987 prices. Still, productivity growth in the July-October quarter was much stronger than during the January-March period, when it fell 1.1 percent. Many economists attribute recent gains to business investments in high-tech equipment and to the restructuring and downsizing that many companies have undergone. Others contend improvement results merely from the economic

recovery and that as the business cycle matures and levels off, productivity gains will slow. Hourly compensation rose at a 1.8 percent rate, when adjusted for inflation, down slightly from a 2 percent rate the previous three months. The manufacturing sector enjoyed a 5.7 percent efficiency gain in the third quarter, up from 4 percent in the second. Productivity jumped 6.6 percent at factories, making durable goods such as cars and computers, products expected to last more than three years, and 4.8 percent at businesses making nondurables.

Senate approves farm plan, 64-32

By ROBERT GREENE
AP Farm Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - A Republican Congress took its biggest step yet toward ending well-entrenched farm subsidies, but it's still too soon to kiss the Depression-era safety net goodbye. In a 64-32 vote Wednesday, the Senate called for a historic change in how the government supports corn, cotton, rice and wheat growers. The farm bill replaces subsidies that rise and fall, depending on market prices, with fixed, annual payments that decline over seven years. The plan could spell the eventual end of subsidies.

In exchange for less government support, controls over most planting decisions would end, along with requirements that some acreage be idled. Freed from those controls, proponents say, farmers will prosper, planting every free acre with the most profitable crop, and shipping their harvest the world over. Consumers may feel little impact from the bill, because raw ingredients make up a small share of supermarket costs. However, critics complain that the bill does not end outdated quotas and price guarantees that make consumers pay more for sugar and peanuts.

The farm plan was created by House Republicans, but no vote is expected there until after a recess ends Feb. 26. The proposal faces opposition from many Democrats, including President Clinton, and some key Senate Republicans have their doubts.

"I believe we need to make certain this is going to work so that we don't have these stories appearing that somebody had a big crop and got a big payment," Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., said after Wednesday's vote. At one point last week, Republicans and Democrats headed for a compromise that would have given some fixed payments and some market-dependent ones. Democrats have said they fear that well-off farmers would grab the payment, park their tractors and combines, and spend a season on vacation. A Democratic plan that kept some traditional payments failed 63-33.

Democrats argued that the Republican plan would further thin the ranks of smaller farms, letting giant corporations take over.

Republicans argued that good land gets farmed and the payments would shrink about 10 percent from what farm spending is now projected to be.

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman said the Senate improved the original proposal, which had been jammed into a budget-balancing bill vetoed in December by Clinton.

The Senate bill retains an underlying permanent farm law that allows high subsidies to go into effect whenever there is no farm bill. That means Congress will be forced to revisit farm programs rather than just letting them die.

The bill also protects food stamps and other feeding programs, as well as conservation programs that protect wetlands and guard against water pollution from farm runoff.

Still, Glickman said, "I remain concerned that the bill will continue to provide payments when market conditions are good and that it does not provide as strong a safety net for family farmers as we would like."

Payments would be more generous under the Republican plan than now because crop prices are high, and thus subsidies are low.

Glickman said the problem could be worked out when House and Senate negotiators begin work on a compromise bill.

But the compromise will be tricky. The House bill has few of the Senate bill's extras, including sections that cover trade, credit and research. The House bill has dairy changes that took more than a year to work out but face food-processor and consumer group criticism that they will jack up milk prices.

The Senate defeated attempts to let the sugar program expire in two years and cut peanut price supports by one-third. Dole, with presidential contests next month in the South, introduced the motion to block the peanut amendment.

The delay in farm legislation means parts of the country are starting to plant without guidance from Washington. Farmers in the Deep South will be planting crops in the coming weeks.

HEDC meet called for lack of quorum

A meeting of the Hereford Economic Development Corporation board was cancelled Wednesday afternoon when a quorum of directors was not present. The agenda for the meeting included a single item of business, on advertising materials to be developed by HEDC, but no action was taken. Board members who were present for the 4:30 p.m. meeting were Don Graham and Jerry Stevens. Board Chairman Cliff Skiles, Rosendo Gonzalez and Joe Artho were absent. Mayor Bob Jossard and Mike Hatley, HEDC executive director, were present.

Reports say head of Rangers to quit

AUSTIN (AP) - Capt. Maurice Cook, the embattled chief of the Texas Rangers, is retiring. The Associated Press has learned. Cook, 52, reportedly was out of town on business Wednesday and unavailable for comment. The parent Department of Public Safety would not confirm the report. "By policy, we do not discuss personnel matters," DPS Director James Wilson said through a spokesman. James Francis of Dallas, a member of the policy-making Public Safety Commission, told the AP that Cook is retiring but was uncertain of the date. At the same time, Francis denied a report that Cook was bowing out under pressure from Gov. George W. Bush. Karen Hughes, a spokeswoman for Bush, also insisted that Bush was not involved in Cook's surprise decision. "He did not tell the commissioners how to handle this or any other

matter," she said. "His management style is to recruit good people and let them make independent decisions." Francis, a Bush appointee, likewise insisted that the retirement is not linked to a long-running controversy over the promotion of women into the elite crime-fighting force. Two female DPS officers, including former Ranger Cheryl Steadman, filed a federal lawsuit in December against the Rangers, the DPS and others. "This retirement has nothing to do with any specific act or certainly nothing to do with Cheryl Steadman," Francis said. "He has got 29 or 30 years of service, and people do retire when they get 29 or 30 years of service." Cook joined the DPS in 1967 and was promoted into the Rangers, the oldest law enforcement agency in North America, six years later. He has been the senior captain since 1992.

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Lifestyles

Ann Landers

Reader credits Ann with saving her life

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I am the mother of nine children -- seven boys and two girls. I am 55 and look pretty good, all things considered.

In September 1994, one of my sons handed himself. I became deeply depressed and couldn't get over the idea that somehow I had failed him. My doctor gave me pills to help me sleep and tranquilizers to get me through the day. Suicide was always at the back of my mind. Instead of taking the sleeping pills, I saved them up. My goal was to accumulate 200. I figured that would surely do it.

Then, I read your column in the Hartford Courant the day you ran the article "Before You Kill Yourself" from Reader's Digest. I took a long look at those pills and flushed them down the drain.

Thank you, Ann, for saving my life. With my luck, I would have ended up a vegetable had I taken those pills. I still have a long way to go, but believe me, I am going to give it my best. I am planning to get some counseling, shape up and be equal to whatever comes my way.

Thank you for my life. That was some gift. -- "Kate" in Connecticut
DEAR KATE: I am thrilled that you are still among us, but you should thank the Hartford Courant and Reader's Digest. I was merely the one who put you together.

And now, I hope the counseling you get will help you maintain a balanced and rational outlook. Death is awfully permanent.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: My

husband smokes, and I hate it. After cancer surgery, "Joe" promised to quit. For six weeks while recovering, he didn't smoke, but as soon as he got out of my sight, he started again and lied about it. He swore he wasn't smoking until I caught him.

Joe has promised to quit many times, but he's never made an honest effort. I am sick of this filthy habit and his lies. It caused many fights. He has high blood pressure and bleeding ulcers but insists he is healthy and that smoking doesn't hurt him. He says that smoking is not a problem for him and that I'm the one with the problem. He intends to continue to smoke and I can "like it or lump it."

Joe smells like his stinking cigarettes all the time. This odor is repulsive to me and a real turn-off. I can hardly stand for him to touch me. He has chosen to give up closeness and intimacy rather than give up smoking. I don't want to hurt my children and grandkids, so we continue to live together and I try to make the best of it.

I keep reading that smoking kills over 420,000 people every year, but there are no statistics on how many marriages it ruins. I'll bet the number is staggering. Any suggestions? -- Trying to Cope in Salem, Ore.

DEAR SALEM: I am sure you realize that Joe is hooked. The addiction to nicotine, they say, is more difficult to kick than heroin.

Joe is not going to get off the weed with out professional help. If he

should suddenly become sane on this subject and decide to do something about his addiction, a good physician will help him. He cannot win this battle alone. I wish him luck.

DEAR ANN: If you think it's hard to get a job with a law degree, try with a B.A. in history. Especially if you can't type. Advise college students to major in something useful. Or better yet, go to a vocational school -- Smart Too Late

DEAR SMART: You may be right. Thanks for the advice.

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Donation to Crime Stoppers

Hereford police officer Randy Stribling accepts a \$50 donation on behalf of the Hereford High School Crime Stoppers from Breakfast Kiwanis Club board member Mike McManigal.

HRMC Auxiliary meets with Daniels presiding

The Hereford Regional Medical Auxiliary met Monday for its monthly luncheon meeting.

Margaret Daniels called the meeting to order and Lupe Cerda led the group in the Auxiliary Prayer.

Bonnie Sublett announced that 227 hours had been volunteered during the month of January.

Grace Covington reported that 21 baby books had been distributed during the month.

It was decided that the Auxiliary would bring finger-foods to the hospital on Valentine's Day to express appreciation for the support it receives from the hospital staff.

The Auxiliary welcomed Mary McCutchen as a new member and greeted guest Carole Greenfield.

After the meeting was adjourned Mr. Robinson took members on a tour of the Obstetrics ward to view the new Hillron chairs purchased by the Auxiliary.

Members present at the meeting were Janis Bell, Irene Boardman, Mary Jane Burrus, Gladys Caviness, Lupe Cerda, Grace Covington, Billie Kelley, Jo Lee, Anna Robins, Anna Stunt, Bonnie Sublett, Quintna Waits, Mary Williamson, Daniels and McCutchen.

Class of 1976 to plan reunion

The Hereford High School class of 1976 is planning an organizational meeting for an upcoming 20 year class reunion.

The meeting will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Hereford Community Center.

Anyone interested in helping with the reunion is welcome to come.

Curtsinger gives review during Rebekah meeting

Hereford Rebekah Lodge #228 met Tuesday with 12 members present.

Noble grand Anna Conklin presided at the business session which included plans for the chili supper to be served Saturday from 5 p.m.-8 p.m. in the Odd Fellow Hall, 205 E. 6th Street.

Tickets are available from members for \$3.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12. Chili, beans, cornbread, pie, tea and coffee will be served.

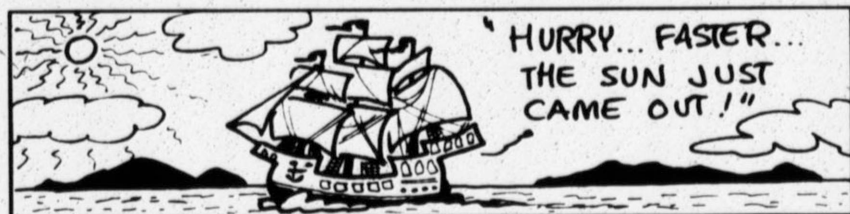
Reports were made of four visits to the sick, 29 cheer cards, six dishes of food delivered and 16 flowers.

Susie Curtsinger gave a review of Schuyler Colfax who authored the

Rebekah Degree in 1851. Starting as a way of helping wives and widows of Odd Fellow members. It was later expanded to include women outside the family and in 1928 included the community at large in the helping ministrations of Rebekah members.

The next meeting will be a Valentine party. Members will bring two valentines, one of which will be sent to patients in Veteran's Hospital.

Jessie Matthews served as hostess to Nelma Sowell, Mary Lou Weatherford, Ben Conklin, Tony Irlbeck, Peggy Lemons, Lucille Lindeman, Leona Sowell, Dorothy Lundry, Rosalie Northcutt, Conklin and Curtsinger.



The first shipment of natural ice in the U.S. occurred in 1799. That year merchant ships carried blocks of ice from New York City to Charleston, S.C. During the early 1800s, speedy clipper ships carried ice from New England to many other parts of the world, including the West Indies, South America and India.



MR. AND MRS. GARRY GORMAN
...named to Who's Who

Husband, wife named to college Who's Who

Nikki and Garry Gorman of Weatherford, Okla., were among the 72 Southwestern Oklahoma State University students who were named in the 1996 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Mrs. Gorman is the daughter of Terrie Hutson of Hereford.

The Gormans were selected based on academic achievements, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

They were honored with a

Correction

The date for the Friends of the Library Open House was incorrect as reported in a recent issue of The Brand.

The correct date is Feb. 29. The Brand regrets the error.

As scarce as the truth is, the supply has always been in excess of the demand.

—Josh Billings

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Pistons shut down Magic in fourth quarter

By The Associated Press
The Orlando Magic can score seven points in a minute. So how did they manage to get that many — and only that many — in the fourth quarter against Detroit?
“A team like Orlando likes to come out in the third quarter and limit their opponents’ scoring and pick up their offense,” Pistons guard Allan Houston said Wednesday night after a 97-83 victory over the Magic. “Tonight, we tried to pick up our

defense in the third quarter and take them out of what they are comfortable with in the fourth quarter.”
By the time the final period rolled around, the Magic had a foul-ridden Shaquille O’Neal and no offensive rhythm. They shot 1-for-16 in the fourth quarter.
“Every team we play, plays scrappy,” said O’Neal, who sat out much of the second half after drawing his fourth foul 15 seconds into the third quarter. “They’re the same team

as the last time we played them. Only this time we missed our shots. This time I got in foul trouble.”
It was the lowest quarter ever for Orlando, breaking the mark of 10 points. It also was the worst field goal quarter in club history; the previous low was three.
“Everything is triggered for us with our defense,” said Doug Collins, the first-year Detroit coach. “That is the whole key, being aggressive and active.”

Houston scored 31 points for the Pistons. Anfernee Hardaway and Dennis Scott each had 16 points for Orlando, O’Neal and Horace Grant each had 15.
“Orlando is a different team without Shaq,” Houston said. “Without him in there, it made it easier for us to get to the hole.”
Out west, the Chicago Bulls snapped their first two-game slide of

the season they’re 42-5 by beating Golden State 99-95. The Los Angeles Lakers improved to 4-1 during Magic Johnson’s comeback by taking New Jersey 106-96.
Also, it was Philadelphia 102, Indiana 101; San Antonio 99, Boston 89; Milwaukee 93, Toronto 89; New York 87, Washington 82; Miami 101, Atlanta 89; Portland 103, Minnesota 93; Utah 102, Vancouver 79; and Houston 110, the Los Angeles Clippers 102.

a confidence and momentum standpoint.”
The Bulls’ consecutive losses at Denver and Phoenix came after an 18-game winning streak.
Joe Smith had 23 points and 20 rebounds for Golden State.
Spurs 99, Celtics 89
At Boston, Sean Elliott scored a season-high 36 points and pulled down 10 rebounds for the hot Spurs, who have won five of six. David Robinson added 19 points and 19 rebounds.
Elliott got off quickly with 17 points and five 3-pointers in the first quarter.
The Celtics, with their 11th loss in 14 games, were led by Dino Radja with 24 points.

'Horns click with Clack

HOUSTON (AP) - Freshman Kris Clack scored a career high 25 points to lead four double-digit Texas scorers as the Longhorns wore down the Rice Owls for a 79-64 victory Wednesday night.
Texas (13-6, 6-2 Southwest Conference) beat the Owls for the eighth time in nine games, but they weren't able to pull away from the Owls (11-9, 3-5) until the second half.

Clack led the way with 13 second-half points. Three free throws by Reggie Freeman with 8:09 to play extended the Texas lead to 61-51, its biggest of the game to that point.
The Owls closed to 68-60 with 2:19 to play before the Longhorns pulled away with a 11-4 flourish.
Lamont Hill (16), Sonny Alvarado (16) and Freeman (15) also hit double figures for the Longhorns.

RECRUITING

- TEXAS A&M, B-minus
Even with an adjusted scale, the Aggies should be held to a higher standard. They've earned the extra scrutiny by being straight-A students in recent years.
Maybe some luster is gone now that they've lost some conference games.
Still, coach R.C. Slocum tried maintaining the reputation of his team's vaunted linebacker and defensive back corps by targeting those positions.
He didn't do much to replace Leeland McElroy, although last year's class probably will suffice, and he didn't do much else to spark the offense.
Then again, they'll have Brannon Stewart suiting up this fall, and that could be enough to make this year's crop of incoming players big difference-makers.

- TEXAS EL-PASO, D
You'd think the one team that already was in the WAC could've done a better job of recruiting the state. It shouldn't have been terribly hard to come to Dallas and lure in a few kids with the chance to go away to school, yet still get free trips home when the Miners play SMU and TCU.
Apparently, it was.
UTEP's most familiar name was Pat Norris, who grew up in El Paso.
- RICE, D-minus
A school this smart should be able to come up with a way to recruit.
Obviously, they're pitching the academics.
But did they remember to tell high school students that if they went to Rice they'd eventually get to make a road trip to Hawaii?

Tech men upend Frogs

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) - Jason Sasser scored 20 points and grabbed 10 rebounds as No. 13 Texas Tech defeated Texas Christian 85-70 on Wednesday.
The Red Raiders (19-1, 8-0 Southwest Conference) won their 12 straight and kept a two-game lead in the SWC race.
The Horned Frogs (11-11, 2-5) were beaten on the boards 53 to 36 and shot 25-of-60 from the floor. Byron Waits led TCU with 13 points.
Sasser's scoring including his team's only nine points during a 4:43 stretch of the second-half that gave Tech a 73-52 lead.
TCU was trailing 83-61 when Jeff Jacobs hit three 3-pointers in the final 56.3 seconds.
Tech jetted to an 11-4 start at 15:53 using man-to-man defense that held TCU far outside early in the game.
The Horned Frogs had rallied to within 20-13 when Tech freshman

guard Stanley Bonewitz hit five straight 3-pointers and Tony Battie sank two free throws to put the Red Raiders up 37-20 with 6:25 to go in the half.
Battie's backward dunk put Tech up 53-32 at half time while TCU scored its six final points of the period off free throws.
Bonewitz finished with 17 points and missed just one shot during the 14 minutes he played for Tech. Darwin Ham and Cory Carr each scored 12.
The Red Raiders made 12-of-33 3-pointers but went cold in the second half, when they shot just 29 percent overall. The Horned Frogs, who didn't score in the game's first three minutes, hit three of the seven 3-pointers they tried.
TCU's Dennis Davis made 12 points and James Penny scored 10. Davis led the Horned Frogs in rebounding, with eight.

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WAC
- TEXAS CHRISTIAN, A
If coach Pat Sullivan had done this well, the Horned Frogs may not have been forced into the Western Athletic Conference.
TCU signed potential stars at nearly every position, lots of depth all over the defense and found a replacements for Max Knake and Andre Davis in juco transfer Fred Taylor and in Denison's Reggie Hunt.
- SOUTHERN METHODIST, C
If Flower Mound Marcus quarterback Chris Sanders and Corpus Christi Calallen running back Wes Danaher were so good, then why didn't more teams want them?
That pair, who are all over the state and national high school record books, definitely were forced to settle for SMU. Both promise to prove their detractors wrong.
We'll see.
But with the Mustangs no longer having to bash heads in the SWC, this year's crop could eventually help lay a decent foundation in the WAC.
At least, it's a good building point.

CONFERENCE USA
- HOUSTON, A
It took being sent into an unknown alliance of strong basketball schools, some of whom even field football teams, for Kim Helton to realize that he could recruit the Dallas area.
“I think the reason for our success there is that it's not too drastic a change for the city kids to come on down to a similar environment,” he said.
BIG WEST
- NORTH TEXAS, C-minus
Give Matt Simon credit. He's trying. Maybe not succeeding, but he's trying.
Simon hopes eventually to skim some North Texas talent that eludes the other schools in the area and here's guessing that he one day will, if he sticks around at UNT.
But for now he's reduced to taking five juco players and some pretty good players from real good programs - Seth Luker of Stephenville and Jason Kitchens of Odessa Permian - and hoping they can be productive.

Lady Raiders get by TCU

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) - Seventh-ranked Texas Tech played well enough Wednesday night to defeat Texas Christian 90-71, but the Lady Raiders didn't play well enough to suit coach Marsha Sharp.
“I thought we played hard, but I didn't think we played smart,” Sharp said. “I thought TCU did a good job early of taking away some things we did the first time (the two teams met this season).”
Texas Tech (18-2, 8-0 Southwest Conference) shot 41.5 percent from the field and a mere 18 percent from the 3-point line.
The Lady Raiders' 74 percent free-throw shooting made a difference, led by Michi Atkins' 11-of-11.
“We let a lot of loose balls go, we

stood around on offense and took the easy way out,” Sharp said. “Instead of letting the offense come to us, we forced it because we felt we should be scoring more points.”
Texas Christian (2-17, 0-8) lost its 12th in a row since beating Texas Southern on Dec. 18. The Lady Frogs shot 33 percent from the field and 23 percent of their 3-pointers, but made 84 percent of its free throws.
“It was one of our better total team efforts,” Lady Frogs coach Shell Robinson said. “I was pleased with how well they played defense. I think it started at the beginning of the ball game. We had a serious heart-to-heart (talk) with them, and they see what hard work will do for you.”

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The Panhandle Chapter covers 30 counties of the Texas and Oklahoma

A program titled **Look Good...Feel Better** is being sponsored by the American Cancer Society on Feb. 19 from 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. in the American Cancer Society Office at 3915 Bell St., Amarillo.

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With the help of cosmetology professionals, patients will learn quick and easy makeup tricks to make them look and feel more like themselves. They will learn how to compensate for hair loss, including how to use scarves and turbans to their best advantage.

Reservations need to be made by Feb. 12 so that the American Cancer Society will know how many beauty kits to have available.

To register or for more information call 806-353-4306.

FCE clubs to host training

Deaf Smith County Family Community Education Clubs will host a leader training for their membership or others that are interested in Consumer Literacy.

The program will be presented by Jo Lee who is the current County FCE Chairman.

The program will be a part of the State Program of Work for the FCE members per year.

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Trees have to be removed

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CHUMS fosters independent living for mentally ill patients over age 60

By JAMES HANNAH
Associated Press Writer
DAYTON, Ohio (AP) -- You can never have enough friends. Just ask Herb and Al.

The two men have a lot in common. They like walks, visiting museums and even once worked in the same industry. But they might never have met without CHUMS.

CHUMS Inc., one of 11 projects created by the American Association of Retired Persons to foster independent living, pairs volunteers with people over the age of 60 who have a history of mental illness.

Al May, a 69-year-old retired Air Force pilot, met Herb three years ago after responding to an invitation to join CHUMS that appeared in his church bulletin.

"He's the best chum I've ever had," says Herb, 69. Herb, who has been diagnosed with schizophrenia, asked that his last name not be used because of the social stigma attached to mental illness.

Herb, who never married, lives alone. He enjoys crafts and riding his bicycle.

He also likes spending time with May. The two go to parties, hit the library and take long walks. They also share stories about stints both put in working in paper mills.

"All I'm doing is enjoying knowing Herb," May said.

AARP began the program after members responding to a 1993 survey said remaining at home and living as independently as possible was the most important thing to them.

"People are in a community where they have their friends, often their family. They feel very rooted there and at home," said Kathy Keller, spokeswoman for Ohio's AARP office.

Janet Lowry, associate professor

of sociology at Austin College in Sherman, Texas, said people feel better about themselves in their normal surroundings. And it is cheaper to keep people in their homes than to institutionalize them.

The AARP has similar pilot projects for elderly independence in New York City; Rutland, Vt.; Columbia, S.C.; Raytown, Mo.; Brookings, S.D.; Sacramento, Calif.; Maricopa County, Ariz.; Pierce County, Wash., and Calcasieu Parish, La.

Phyllis Crickmore, 66, became a CHUMS volunteer after she retired. "I love people," said Ms. Crickmore. "I just think I could do a little bit for someone else. It is rewarding."

She said that when she first saw the CHUMS clients at a party, she could not believe how much they needed.

"It just broke my heart," she said. "You really don't know the need until you get into it."

CHUMS was founded in 1987 by the National Institute of Mental Health as a pilot project. It became an independent agency in 1991. Locally, it is funded by county mental health boards.

AARP helps provide CHUMS with volunteers and guidance. And it uses CHUMS as a model when contacted by communities interested in starting similar programs.

Risa Grimes, CHUMS' chief executive officer, said the organization that began in 1987 with just 14 volunteers now has more than 200. It serves 382 people with a history of mental health problems, such as manic depression or schizophrenia.

Volunteers are screened, interviewed and trained. They then select a "chum" based in part on mutual

interests and location.

Ms. Grimes said the clients respond well to the volunteers.

"When you give them someone in their life, it's like a miracle," she said.

"People were getting their first library card, going to their first parties, going to church and being taken in by their first family. We're always amazed by what this does for folks."

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Once you have the shower curtain repaired, you may want to consider attaching an old miniblind wand to the first shower curtain ring with a small S hook.

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Mariachi teens learn art form in high school

By DAVE FERMAN
Fort Worth Star-Telegram
FORT WORTH, Texas - Eight a.m. is not mariachi time.

The soulful Mexican music - all trumpets, guitars, violins and stories of loves lost and found - is right for celebrations, quinceaneras and parties. But here and now, in a too-small room at North Side Senior High School, it seems a bit, er, early for such Saturday-night fare.

But as the bell rings and the school day begins, most of the 29 students in North Side's first-period mariachi class - the only such class offered in any high school in the Fort Worth district - are already tuning their violins, strumming away, prepping for nearly 90 minutes of rehearsal.

Saturday nights may be for playing, but Monday mornings are for learning how to get good enough to do so.

Teacher and mentor William Gradante is everywhere at once, tuning a violin here, passing out sheet music there, helping to clarify some form they all have to file out.

Within about five minutes, Gradante leads them through the first song of the day, "El Si Que Si." It is not the best version of the song ever performed. And everyone knows it.

in a car caravan of relatives, are all business.

They are, now, Mariachi Espuelas de Plata (the Spurs of Silver), North Side's legendary, long-running mariachi outfit. Of the 29 students in Gradante's class, 22 play in the group. The remaining seven, he says, don't yet play "because they haven't been there long enough to learn the songs."

This gig is one of dozens the band will play this year at events ranging from FWISD functions to Mother's Day serenades to Christmas parties at the local rec center to the Cowtown Marathon. Within a few minutes of entering the building, they are tuned, lined up in the dining area and playing with gusto and precision.

Gradante looks on with pride. He knows his kids will show up on time, looking good and ready to go, and conduct themselves as professionals, because they always do.

To be one of the select number of North Side mariachis, to represent their heritage, their school and their part of the city, is an honor they take very seriously.

And they have been honored by the city for their talents. In September 1994, the band was on of four performing groups invited to participate in Fort Worth, Texas

mariachi music in the late '70s in Austin, eventually forming a mariachi band.

He came to Fort Worth to teach mariachi music in 1980 after earning his master's in anthropology from the University of Texas. He currently has four mariachi classes, one at North

Mariachi Cobre, the mariachi band at the Mexico Pavilion at Florida's Epcot Center, says Gradante "does a great job with the kids. They're very enthusiastic. He provides them with good basics. What Bill is doing is great. Whether they go on to play the music as their livelihood or not,

"What's overwhelming for one who plays mariachi music professionally is the will these kids have to learn the music. It was a joy for us to teach them -- it was a great experience for us. Not all the time do you see kids so interested in our music."

**Jose Hernandez,
Founder, Mariachi Sol de Mexico**

Side and three at J.P. Elder Middle School - more than 100 students in all.

Weekends are often filled with performances by the high school band and, less often, Mariachi Estrella Tejana (the Texas Star), which is comprised of the best sixth-, seventh and eighth-graders and plays 10 to 15 shows per year.

Summers are for workshops and mariachi conferences. This past summer Gradante took 20 students to Los Angeles for a week of intensive study with Mariachi Sol de Mexico, quite possibly the best mariachi band in the country.

"What's overwhelming for one who plays mariachi music professionally is the will these kids have to learn the music," says Jose Hernandez, founder and director of Sol de Mexico and president and founder of the Mariachi Heritage Society. "It was a joy for us to teach them - it was a great experience for us. Not all the time do you see kids so interested in our music."

Nobody is sure how many Texas public schools offer mariachi music; not Gradante, not Zeke Castro, a nationally known mariachi teacher at Travis High School in Austin, and not the Texas Education Agency.

But all of those who know about North Side praise Gradante and his musicians.

"He always does good work," says Castro, who guesstimates that "about a dozen" schools statewide offer mariachi classes. "He always seems to have a very nice group."

Randy Carrillo, Jirector of

"A lot of kids don't understand it's a discipline. When we go to play at a mall, it's essentially Hispanic kids playing for white people. And we're going to blow them away."

**William Gradante,
Mariachi music teacher**

But not for long. The class runs through the song again. And again. Gradante, known to all his charges simply as "Mr. G," circulates among them, cajoling, encouraging. He has individual sections play brief passages over and over - the trumpets one minute, the violins the next. And all the while, he coaxes increasingly better performances out of them.

"Let's hear a little fire!" he says. "You should be beat at the end of the song! You should be dead!"

Gradante says this with the affability of a wiser older brother, and his pupils do not chafe or roll their eyes. They try harder. There is no wisecracking in the small room now.

And sure enough, after about 20 minutes, "El Si Que Si" sounds pretty darned good. Then it's on to "La Negra," all staccato trumpet bursts and quickly strummed guitar. And then another song.

Less than a week later, early on a Saturday night, many of the same students file into American Legion Post 516. This time, though, there's no goofing around. Dressed in their black charro suits and sombreros, the teens, having been driven to the site

Week In Budapest, a Sister Cities event. The mariachis performed in front of thousands.

When the band is done at Post 516, they pile back in the cars and go to the second gig of the night, a wedding reception. Come Monday morning, they'll be back in class, talking about how the performances went and which songs need work, and learning more material.

Basketball and football have their seasons, but for Gradante - an Italian who grew up copping licks from Santana and Cream records in working-class Hartford, Conn. - and his pupils, mariachi music is year-round.

Mariachi music, Gradante says, originated in southwestern Mexico and dates from the mid-1800s. It began with harp, guitar, violin and vihuela, a precursor to the guitar. Gradually, over decades, trumpets were introduced into the sound, and more violins were added.

But for years, mariachi music to Gradante meant "a Mexican band with hats and guitars." He was more interested in the folk music of Colombia, and grew to appreciate

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Rescuers widen search, but find only debris of plane

Hope wanes for survivors of chartered jet packed with 189 tourists aboard

By KERNAN TURNER
Associated Press Writer
PUERTO PLATA, Dominican Republic (AP) - Rescuers widened their search area today, but found no survivors among the sea of debris feared to be all that remained of a jet packed with German tourists that plunged into the Atlantic Ocean.

The bodies of at least 105 of the 189 people on board the plane were recovered Wednesday before the search was called off at nightfall amid a tropical rainstorm.

The search resumed at daybreak today, with pilots from the U.S. Coast Guard and Dominican military directing searchers in rubber dinghies. Rescuers expanded the search area to account for possible drifting. Seas were calm and there were scattered thundershowers.

The chartered jet went down for unknown reasons 12 miles off the resort of Puerto Plata on the north coast of the Dominican Republic on Tuesday night.

Coast Guard officers described

finding coffee cans compressed into pieces of tin by the impact of the crash.

"It doesn't look like anybody would have survived that," U.S. Coast Guard helicopter pilot Scott Matthews said Wednesday, describing an expanse of floating debris and bodies.

Dominican investigators believe the plane plunged into the 4,300-foot-deep water minutes after taking off from Puerto Plata, said Air Force Col. Manuel Mendez Segura.

Its 176 passengers and 13 crew were headed to Berlin and Frankfurt. Most passengers were German tourists, and four were children. Eleven crew members were Turkish and two were Dominican.

Officials differed over who was in charge of Flight 301 - the Dominican airline that leased the plane shortly before takeoff or the Turkish company that owned it. They also differed over whether the pilot reported problems, and the reason

why the aircraft was leased as a substitute at the last minute.

There was a light rain when Flight 301, operated by the Dominican airline Alas Transporte de Internacional, took off around 11:45 p.m. It reached an altitude of 7,000 feet and appeared on radar screens to veer right, as if turning back, before going down, Dominican officials said.

The pilot radioed that he was returning to Puerto Plata, and the last message from the crew was "Stand by," according to Gen. Hector Roman, director of the Dominican Republic's civil aviation agency.

His account was disputed by an air traffic controller on duty in the tower Wednesday, and by Maj. Alan Arias Battle, who is serving on a committee investigating the crash for the Dominican Civil Aeronautics Office.

The pilot called in his position to air traffic controllers and then the aircraft disappeared from the screen, said the controller, who refused to give his name.

"All the communication was normal," Arias Battle said. "In no moment did they speak of an emergency."

The Boeing 757 was leased shortly before takeoff from the Turkish Birgenair company after Alas' own Boeing 767 developed mechanical trouble, Birgenair said. The 767's landing gear wasn't functioning properly, according to an Alas employee who requested anonymity.

Birgenair's owner, Gulperi Peri, told The Associated Press there was a report that lightning may have struck the jetliner that crashed, but investigators said no cause had been determined.

Rosamarie Meichsner, a spokeswoman for Schoenefeld airport in Berlin, said the planes had been switched because the flight was underbooked for a 767, which holds about 300 people. The 757 holds 224 passengers.

A Dominican civil defense official, Domingo Antonio Vargas, said late

Wednesday as many as 126 bodies had been found.

The bodies were taken to a makeshift morgue consisting of two refrigerated seafood trucks at Puerto Plata. The dock where the trucks were parked was protected by heavily armed Dominican guards.

Rescuers spotted sharks in the area, but Coast Guard Cmdr. Tom Nies said the sharks were not hampering the search. The U.S. Navy offered a diving team to try to retrieve the aircraft's flight data and cockpit voice recorders from the waters.

Officials from the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board headed to the Dominican Republic to help the investigation.

Few details were available about the airline, and a woman who answered the phone at Alas' office in the

Dominican capital, Santo Domingo, referred all questions to a hotline number in Germany set up by the Hamburg company that chartered the plane.

Alas de Transporte Internacional was shut down temporarily in 1993 after the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration concluded that the Dominican Republic's civil aviation agency did not meet international safety standards. The safety rating was for the government agency, not the airline.

It was the second Boeing 757, a twin-engine medium- to long-distance aircraft, ever to crash. An American Airlines Boeing 757 crashed Dec. 20 as it approached Cali, Colombia, killing 160 people. Four people and a dog survived that accident, whose cause has not been determined.

American Airlines has suggested pilot error was to blame.

Repository of nation's history takes show on road in celebration of 150th anniversary

By SUE MANNING
Associated Press Writer
LOS ANGELES (AP) - The Smithsonian Institution was established in 1846 to preserve history. Now the institution is making it.

"America's Smithsonian," an \$8 million, 336-artifact tour to mark the 150th anniversary, will play 12 cities in two years, beginning Friday when it opens at the Los Angeles Convention Center.

It's the biggest chunk of history the Smithsonian, or any museum, has ever put on tour - 10 times bigger than the 1970s King Tut show, boasts project director J. Michael Carrigan.

In two hours, visitors can tour three galleries - "Discovering," "Imagining" and "Remembering" - that display objects from all 16 Smithsonian museums and galleries, and the National Zoo.

Browsers will be able to view some of the Smithsonian's most riveting objects, from a 19th-century Indian totem pole to the top hat President Lincoln wore the night he was assassinated. Admission is free.

Carrigan began putting together the exhibit a year ago, polling Smithsonian museum directors about their 20 most important treasures from more than 140 million objects.

The results were so disparate, Carrigan said, it took five weeks at the drawing board to pull together a

cohesive show for the tour, which has stops in Kansas City, Mo., Providence, R.I., and Houston, with more cities to be announced.

The largest piece in the exhibit, and the first a visitor sees, is a reproduction of the carousel on the National Mall.

For \$2 and 2-1/2 minutes, you can take a ride on the nostalgia attraction that features "exotic characters, screaming dragons and reindeer you don't usually see on a carousel," Carrigan said.

The toughest item to move was the Apollo 14 command module from the National Air and Space Museum. The module weighs 12,694 pounds.

Across from the Wright brothers' 1903 Kitty Hawk Flyer, public affairs specialist Vicki Moeser points to the grimy spacesuit worn by Cmdr. David Scott on the 1971 Apollo 15 lunar mission.

"The knee is covered with Tang," she said.

One of the most fragile artifacts to ship - and one of Carrigan's favorites - was Lincoln's top hat. It hasn't been displayed anywhere for several years.

Dresses worn by first ladies over the years will stay on their mannequins for the tour because handling could hurt them.

It took 50 special vans and trucks three days to get the goods to Los

Angeles under intense security. After all, even though the Hope Diamond wasn't on board, a 182-carat star sapphire was. The bangle known as the Star of Bombay was given by actor Douglas Fairbanks Sr. to his wife, silent film star Mary Pickford.

The icons traveled in climate-controlled, air-suspension rigs. Most of the treasures were crated, but some rode in slings and cradles.

The crates, said curatorial specialist Chris Shaffer, are built

better than homes, with special seals, hinges and coating. The Smithsonian also shipped all the display cases, lights, walls and carpet.

The show also includes a General Electric television from the 1950s that was donated to the Smithsonian by the Griffiths family of Washington, D.C. The family had the first television on their block.

"It is the daily struggle of everyday life that makes history," Carrigan said.

Family ill after ignoring coating on mushrooms

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - The fuzzy white coating on top of the world's most dangerous mushroom seemed harmless to a mother and her three children.

Despite the mushrooms' strong odor - something akin to smelly sneakers - the family ate several of them in a spaghetti sauce, and became gravely ill.

Surgeons at the University of California at San Francisco began a liver transplant early today in an emergency effort to save the life of one of them, a 13-year-old girl.

The girl's mother and two brothers, 11 and 14, were listed in serious condition. Hospital spokesman Bill Gordon said doctors had not decided whether they, too, needed transplants.

The hospital refused to identify the

family other than to say they live in Orinda, east of San Francisco Bay.

A donor for the girl was found in Northern California, although the donor's family asked that no other information be released, Gordon said.

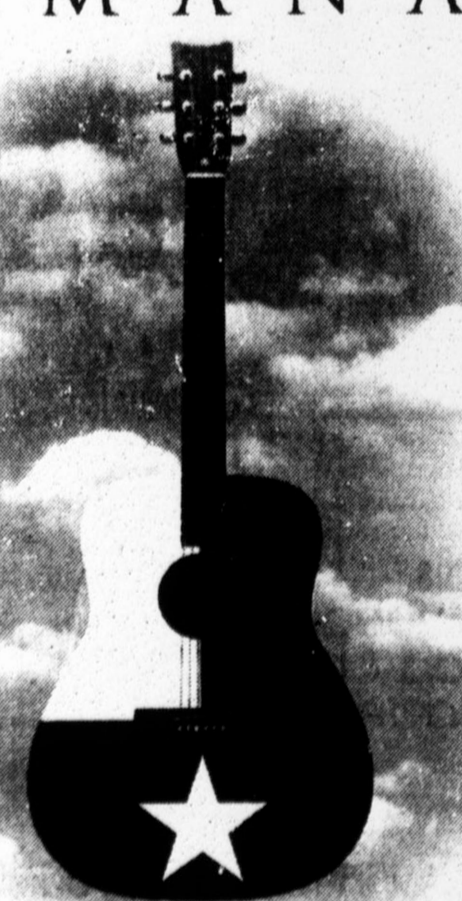
The family picked the wild mushrooms, called death caps, near the Lafayette Reservoir east of San Francisco Bay. The caps were diced along with two less poisonous mushrooms and added to a spaghetti sauce the family ate Saturday night.

The unidentified, less poisonous mushrooms made the family ill enough to seek treatment for stomach pains the next morning. And that variety may have masked the effects of the death cap, said Dr. William Freedman, chairman of the toxicology committee of the San Francisco Mycological Society.

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Build on the Dream



A committee of civic leaders will kick off a community fund-raising campaign, "Build on the Dream", February 12-26, which will benefit further improvements to the Hereford Aquatic Park site.

A campaign goal of \$40,000 has been set. All proceeds of this campaign will be directed to this park only, for the purchase of 100 large trees and the material expense for construction of a covered picnic pavillion, concrete picnic tables, benches and barbecue grills.

If you would like to share in this park improvement campaign by making an individual donation, please fill out the form provided below. All donations are tax deductible. The City of Hereford will provide a tax exempt receipt for all donations upon request.

Yes, I would like to help

"Build On The Dream"

Please find my enclosed donation for \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

All donations should be made payable to: "Build on the Dream" and returned to City Hall, 224 N. Miles or FirstBank Southwest, 300 N. Main or Hereford State Bank, 212 E. 3rd.