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Farm bill prevails in U.S. House, 270-155

Negotiators to reconcile bill with Senate measure

By ROBERT GREENE
AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - With spring planting already under way in some areas of the nation, Congress is putting final touches on a bill that would end market-based subsidies and production controls for major crops in favor of guaranteed, but declining, payments to farmers.

The House, by an easy 270-155 margin Thursday, approved the measure, which House leaders touted as ending 60 years of government interference in agriculture, while adding significant environmental protections.

The measure was expected to go next week to House-Senate negotiators who must work out differences with a version that passed the Senate on Feb. 7.

The House bill closely matches the Senate on the way it deals with corn and other feeds grains, cotton, rice and wheat. Both treat sugar and peanuts the same way, trimming both but not enough to satisfy critics who

say both result in higher prices for consumers.

But other issues remained, including what to do about dairy programs and on the overall costs of the massive farm bill.

Spring planting has begun in the South, adding urgency to the need for final legislation, which had been tangled for months in the House because of the Republican budget fight with President Clinton. But the basic agreement on core elements and good prices for most crops have made grower choices less dependent on congressional action. Still, all sides agree the pressure is on, with a final bill possible by the middle of this

month.

"The president and I both believe that new farm legislation is urgently needed for producers to make sound planting decisions," Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman said. "I would caution that the time constraints ... should not be used as an excuse for sending an incomplete piece of legislation to the president."

The Senate bill contains provisions on food stamps, other feeding programs, research and rural development that aren't in the House bill. House Agriculture Committee Pat Roberts, R-Kan., said these

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Farm bill highlights

By The Associated Press

MAJOR CROPS

-Replaces cotton and grain subsidies linked to crop prices and production with guaranteed, declining "market transition payments" over seven years. Ends government authority to require acreage idling or tell farmers which crops to plant to keep drawing payments. Potential for added payments exists because of capped "marketing assistance loans" which enable growers to hold crop off market until prices improve. Same as Senate bill, except that it raises loan rate for soybeans.

SUGAR, PEANUTS

-Lowers the guaranteed price for sugar from 18 cents a pound to 17 cents and ends domestic curbs on production. It slightly raises the import quota, which props up prices. Same as Senate.

-Lowers the guaranteed minimum price for peanuts by 10 percent and makes fewer peanuts eligible for the guaranteed price. Quotas letting only certain farmers get the minimum price are maintained, but some quotas could be moved across county lines. Same as Senate.

DAIRY

-Phases out government supports for milk, cheese and butter. Also ends a special tax on dairy farmers to help pay for the program. Keeps a system of regional "orders" that are criticized as favoring farmers in some regions while distorting the prices paid by consumers and manufacturers. Senate bill has no dairy provision.

CONSERVATION

-Reauthorizes Conservation and Wetlands reserve programs, which pay landowners to idle environmentally sensitive land. Creates new \$200 million annual year program to help livestock and crop producers fight pollution. Guarantees \$200 million for cleanup of Everglades. Senate bill is similar, although House bill favors keeping more CRP land in Plains states, while Senate bill shifts some land East. Senate bill has additional conservation program that uses CRP and market transition payments.

NUTRITION

-None. House says issue should be taken up in welfare reform. Senate bill guarantees future of food stamps and related nutrition programs.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT

-No guaranteed spending. Senate authorizes \$300 million over three years in mandatory spending for rural development.

TRADE

-Continues trade and aid programs, with more emphasis on market development and high-value products. Senate version similar.

RESEARCH

-No research provisions. House wants to pass a separate bill on farm research. Senate continues programs with some changes.

CREDIT

-No credit provisions. House wants separate bill on that issue. Senate bill continues credit programs but tightens restrictions, especially for those who have defaulted on previous loans.



Pooped pancake eater

Bethany Wesner, 4, stops for a milk break while dining on pancakes and sausage at Thursday's Hereford Lions Club Pancake Supper. A crowd estimated as high as 700 people turned out at the Hereford High School cafeteria for all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, milk and coffee in the annual fund-raiser of the club. Proceeds from the pancake supper will be used to support club projects. Also on hand Thursday was District 2-T1 Gov. Earl Long, who was helping sell raffle tickets for a 1996 Chevrolet Conversion Van, which will be given away May 18 at the district carnival in Amarillo. Tickets are \$10 each and are available from local club members. Proceeds will benefit the local club and district Lions activities.

Doctors say not everyone needs cholesterol checks

By AMY WESTFELDT
Associated Press Writer
PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Tens of millions of Americans without a high risk of heart disease do not need cholesterol screening, the nation's largest organization of family doctors said in a break with most experts.

The American College of Physicians is urging doctors not to screen men younger than 35, women younger than 45 and men or women 65 or older, unless they have clear risk factors such as high blood pressure or a family history of heart disease.

The group's guidelines, which drew sharp criticism, were published in today's edition of the *Annals of Internal Medicine*.

The researchers, citing concerns that some people might receive unnecessary prescriptions, said there is no proof that lower cholesterol levels cut the risk of heart disease for low-risk age groups.

"Our great concern is that if you screen young people and start them on drugs, that you'll expose them for many years to the inconvenience and risk of therapy without corresponding benefits," said Dr. Alan Garber, a Stanford University professor and co-author of the new guidelines.

Government experts and heart specialists said the guidelines would deny people the chance to live healthier lives.

"Basically what they're saying is physicians can't be trusted, because they're all going to jump to drugs. That's not the evidence," said Dr. James Cleeman, coordinator of the National Cholesterol Education Program.

The NCEP recommends cholesterol screening for anyone 20 or older. The American College of Physicians, the nation's largest medical-specialty group with 85,000 internists, previously recommended testing everyone between the ages of 20 and

70. Garber, who wrote the guidelines with Warren Browner of the University of California at San Francisco, said lowering cholesterol prolongs the lives only of people in age groups with an annual heart disease death rate of 3 percent.

Fewer than 1 percent of middle-aged men and even fewer women fit into that category, Garber's paper says.

"Because the short-term risk for developing coronary heart disease is low in this group, even among persons with an elevated blood cholesterol level, the potential benefits of cholesterol reduction are small," the paper says.

Garber said clinical trials have not focused on people younger than 35 or older than 65, and so there is little evidence drug therapy can help them. Heart drugs may pose side effects, he said, and some have been linked to cancer in rats.

Clinton to pilots: stay away from Cuban air space

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Clinton administration says it will take stern action against any American civilian pilot who penetrates Cuban airspace during a memorial service Saturday off Cuba's coast. At the same time, the White House is warning Fidel Castro not to interfere.

The Federal Aviation Administration issued a directive Thursday night asserting that violators are subject to immediate loss of their licenses, seizure of their aircraft and possible fines or imprisonment.

The directive was one of several measures announced Thursday to ensure a safe and peaceful late afternoon memorial service planned by Cuban exiles for four companions who died last weekend north of Cuba. The two small planes in which they were flying were shot down by MiG fighters over what U.S. officials say was international waters, a point disputed by Cuba.

The administration coupled the measure with a warning to the Cuban government not to interfere with the service.

"In plain English, the United States of America will not tolerate unacceptable behavior by the Cuban government," White House press secretary Mike McCurry said Thursday. The warning was delivered to Cuban diplomats in Washington and Havana Thursday night. Cuba has promised to keep a hands-off approach as long as participants stay in international waters.

IRS says it will do fewer audits

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Internal Revenue Service will audit fewer individual taxpayers this year than last because of a budget squeeze.

An estimated 1.7 million individual returns will be audited this year, 1.4 percent of the total, spokesman Frank Keith said Thursday. That's down from 1.92 million, or 1.7 percent of the total last year.

Audits of businesses, however, are projected to increase to 61,000, up from 51,808.

The decline in individual audits is coming primarily in correspondence audits, in which the IRS sends a letter questioning a particular item in a taxpayer's return and seeking a reply by mail, Keith said.

For instance, if the IRS were challenging the legitimacy of an exemption for a dependent, it might ask the taxpayer to mail a copy of the child's school records to show the child attended school in the same community that the taxpayer lived.

The level of field audits, in which an IRS agent visits the taxpayer's place of business or home, and office audits, in which the taxpayer goes to the IRS agent's office, will remain about the same as last year, Keith said.

Despite the projected decline for 1996, the audit rate for

individuals should remain above the rates in 1994, 1.1 percent; 1993, 0.9 percent; and 1992, 1.1 percent, he said.

The audit rate in 1995 went up because of a special \$400 million-a-year appropriation supplementing the agency's enforcement budget. The special appropriation was to have run for five years, allowing the IRS to hire an additional 5,000 employees.

But the Republican-controlled Congress eliminated the special appropriation after the first year. Overall, the IRS budget shrank to \$7.4 billion in 1996, \$800 million less than requested and down from \$7.5 billion in 1995.

As a result of budget cutbacks, the IRS had announced last fall that it was canceling plans to do an exhaustive audit 153,000 randomly selected 1994 returns. Those audits, which aren't conducted every year, are part of the IRS' Taxpayer Compliance Measurement Program, designed to spot trends and help the IRS better target its regular audits.

Keith said, "it's clear there will be revenue consequences" from the reduced audit rate. But he said the agency has not yet estimated how its collections would be affected.

The agency estimates that about \$150 billion a year in taxes go uncollected.

Coming in

Sunday's Brand

In October 1994, Dr.

Guy Greenfield moved to Hereford and opened the Family Growth Center, a family counseling ministry of the Fellowship of Believers.

Since then, Greenfield -- a retired Baptist minister -- has seen his ministry grow to near-full-time proportions, as people from throughout the region turn to him for help and support.

On Sunday, Lifestyles Editor Becky Camp introduces readers to Greenfield and his ministry.

In addition, Managing Editor Gary Wesner reviews Greenfield's latest book, "Re-Igniting Love and Passion: 24 Marital Checkpoints."



Top junior spellers

Winners of Thursday's Deaf Smith County Junior Spelling Bee are, from left, first runner-up Sara Porras, fourth-grader at West Central and Bee champion Cassandra Soria, Bluebonnet fourth grader. Cassandra is the daughter of Maria and Carlos Guerrero of Hereford. With her victory Thursday, Cassandra qualified to advance to today's Senior Bee, which will be set at 3 p.m. in the Deaf Smith County Library to determine who represents the county at the Regional Spelling Bee on April 13, on the West Texas A&M University campus.

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Local Roundup

Sunny, warm on Saturday

Hereford's high temperature on Thursday was 44 degrees, with an overnight low this morning of 24 degrees, according to KPAN Radio. For tonight, look for mostly clear skies and a low in the lower 20s with northwest to west winds at 5-15 mph. For Saturday, the forecast is calling for mostly sunny skies and warmer, with a high near 65 degrees and northwest winds at 5-15 mph, becoming southwesterly at 10-20 mph.

News Digest

World/Nation

LIMA, Peru - A Faucett Airlines jet carrying 117 passengers and six crew crashed en route to the southern Peruvian city of Arequipa, killing everyone on board, airport officials said. Seven Chileans were the only foreign passengers.

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LUMBERTON, N.C. - A man convicted of murdering Michael Jordan's father during a holdup awaits a jury's decision on whether he will be sentenced to death.

COLUMBIA, S.C. - Competing for Christian conservative votes, Republican presidential hopefuls outline their opposition to abortion and pledge to get the federal government out of local school policy. The courting comes two days before South Carolina's presidential primary and on the heels of a combative candidates debate.

LONDON - Princess Diana is threatening to break off divorce talks unless the palace honors agreements the princess says she made with Prince Charles on her title, home and office. The threat bodes ill for hopes of a swift divorce.

WASHINGTON - With spring planting already under way in some areas of the nation, Congress is putting final touches on a bill that would end market-based subsidies and production controls for major crops in favor of guaranteed but declining payments to farmers.

NEW YORK - A gene that makes women susceptible to breast and ovarian cancer when it's defective may be the starting point for a new cancer therapy.

State

WASHINGTON - Her 4-year-old son perched in her lap, a Minnesota woman haltingly told a House panel that the boy would die if the government deprives him of an unconventional cancer therapy she credits for halting his aggressive brain tumor. She made an impassioned defense of Houston doctor Stanislaw Burzynski and his experimental antineoplasin treatment.

SAN MARCOS - When Democratic Congressman Greg Laughlin switched parties last summer, Republicans on Capitol Hill gave him a warm welcome, a seat on the House Ways and Means Committee, even a cake. At home, the welcome's been a few degrees cooler.

AUSTIN - Joyce Dawidczyk, who has cerebral palsy, is urging a state health panel not to forget the needs of people with disabilities in the move to managed health care.

HOUSTON - The former head of the Texas prison system pressured the prisons into buying millions of dollars worth of a soy meat substitute and directed officials to serve the product once a day, a prison administrator says.

AUSTIN - AT&T Communications of the Southwest Inc. says the new federal law that governs telecommunications in the country has opened the door for it to offer local service in Texas. The long distance giant filed Thursday for authority to offer local telephone service with the Texas Public Utility Commission.

STEPHENVILLE - A Texas man says he's received e-mail death threats for breaching the internet's nonprofit ethic. Larry Shelton, who advertised a long-distance company on the worldwide computer network, says he received a letter saying the sender would like to "send you a bullet."

Obituaries



BETTY RUTH SWINT
Feb. 29, 1996
Betty Ruth Swint, 73, of Hereford, died Thursday in Hereford.

Rosary will be said at 7 p.m. Friday in Memorial Park Chapel of Memories in Amarillo. Msgr. Orville Blum of St. Anthony's Catholic Church of Hereford will officiate at services at 2 p.m. Saturday at the same location. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery by Memorial Park Funeral Home.

Mrs. Swint was born at Muleshoe and married Frank Swint in 1945 in Littlefield. She moved to Hereford from Muleshoe in 1973. She was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church.

Survivors are her husband; three sons, Ron Swint of Fayetteville, Ark., Paul Swint of Peoria, Ariz., and Roger Swint of Greeley, Colo.; a daughter, Pam Swint of Canyon, and 11 grandchildren.

The family has suggested that memorials be directed to Hospice of Canyon.

TROY LEON COLE
Feb. 24, 1996

Troy Leon Cole, 69, of Mooreland, Okla., a former Hereford resident and brother of Nadine Caster of Hereford, died Feb. 24 in Woodward, Okla.

Services were held Tuesday in the Assembly of God Church in Mooreland with burial in Mooreland Cemetery.

Mr. Cole was born in Enzy, N.M., and spent his early life in Oklahoma. He came to Hereford in 1936 and attended school here. He joined the U.S. Navy at the age of 17 and served in the submarine service. He married Vera B. Reitman in 1948 in Clovis, N.M. He worked for the Santa Fe Railroad for 37 years before retiring. He was active in the Mooreland Assembly of God.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, John Cole, Larry Cole and Price Cole, all of Woodward; a daughter, Patricia Duggins of Mooreland; a brother, Kenneth Cole of Madisonville, Ky., and nine grandchildren.

LYNN ARNOLD
Feb. 29, 1996

Services for Lynn Arnold, 70, who died Thursday, will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday in Bell Avenue Chapel of Schooler-Gordon-Blackburn-Shaw in Amarillo.

Graveside services and burial will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday in West Park Cemetery. Arrangements are by Schooler-Gordon-Blackburn-Shaw.

Mr. Arnold was born in Lubbock and lived in Amarillo for 12 years. He had owned and operated the Dairy Queen in Hereford and in Canyon, Dimmitt, Tulia, Amarillo and Friona. He served in the Army during World War II. Mr. Arnold married Mary Walker in 1977 in Hereford. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Amarillo.

Survivors are his wife; three sons, Tony Arnold of San Antonio, Brad Arnold of Hereford and Gary Arnold of Marble Falls; three stepsons, Ted Coleman of Hereford, Rex Coleman of Amarillo and Joe Coleman of Phoenix; a brother, Wayne Arnold of Plainview; two sisters, Buelah Herring of Brownwood and Peggy Channell of Albuquerque, N.M., and four grandchildren.

The family has requested that memorials be directed to favorite charities.

Military spending continues slide

Clinton plan calls for decrease of \$14.7 billion

By JOHN DIAMOND
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - Military spending continues its decade-long slide under a budget plan President Clinton plans to submit next week to Congress, defense sources say.

Clinton will seek \$243.4 billion for defense in fiscal 1997, a \$14.7 billion decrease from this year's inflation-adjusted budget of \$258.1 billion, the sources said Thursday. That represents a 5.6 percent decrease.

Even if inflation is not taken into account, Clinton's budget for the fiscal year beginning in October will be less than this year's budget in current dollars of \$254.8 billion. Senior congressional aides were to get their first look at the defense budget figures today. And the Republican-controlled Congress can be expected to contest the continued reduced levels of spending on weapons, as it did last year when it added more than \$5 billion to

Clinton's budget for weapons purchases.

While the administration plans to continue its emphasis on combat readiness and quality-of-life for soldiers, sailors and airmen, the reduced spending will cut into weapons spending and research accounts. Uniformed officers have been arguing repeatedly and publicly that procurement spending must increase.

Pentagon officials, who like the other sources spoke only on condition of anonymity, said the budget proposal would contain few major new initiatives but would amount to continuing the administration's basic defense policy.

That policy emphasizes improving the quality of life for service members, providing cost-of-living pay raises, maintaining military combat readiness and keeping the overseas force steady at 100,000 in Europe and 100,000 in the Pacific. Despite the urgings of top

uniformed commanders, Clinton is apparently putting off any increases in weapons procurement until defense budgets in 1998 and beyond.

Clinton plans to seek \$38.9 billion for weapons procurement next year, a \$5 billion decrease from the figure approved for this year by Congress. Earlier Clinton budget blueprints had projected a weapons budget for 1997 of \$44 billion. The administration is apparently taking advantage of improved inflation estimates to buy about the same amount of weaponry for less money.

Compared with this year's Pentagon budget, Clinton's request continues a decade-long series of decreases that began in the latter half of the Reagan administration and continued through the Bush and Clinton governments. Under the Clinton plan, defense spending would level off in 1998 and 1999 and increase in 2000 and 2001.

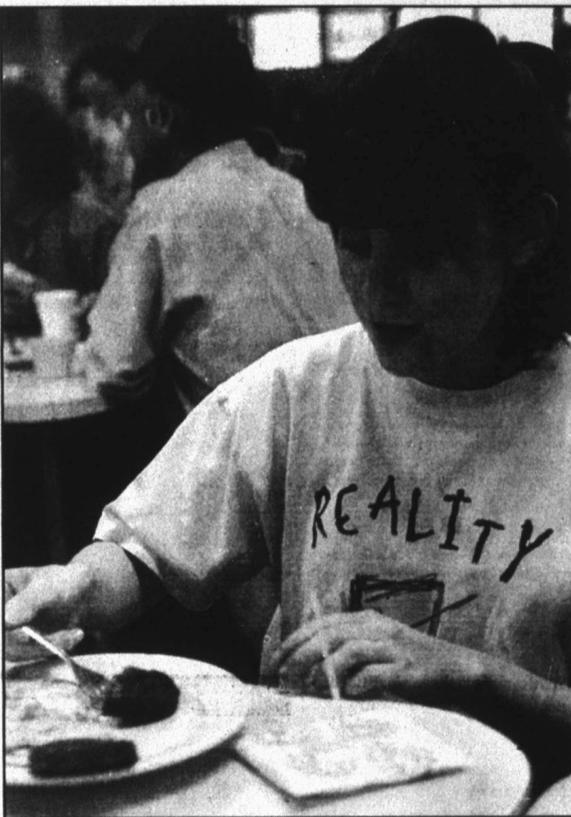
Word of continued low weapons spending comes only a day after the

outgoing vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Adm. William Owens, told lawmakers that the Pentagon's procurement budget has slipped to dangerously low levels.

Spending on weapons would not return to this year's congressionally approved level until 1998, when Clinton plans to seek \$45.5 billion. From there, weapons spending will increase steadily.

Military research, meanwhile, would decrease steadily through the end of the century from a proposed \$34.7 billion next year down to \$31.7 billion in 2001, under the Clinton plan, the sources said. This may reflect a shift in dollars as major developmental programs like the Air Force F-22 fighter move from the research phase to actual construction.

The \$243.4 billion figure does not include Energy Department accounts for nuclear weapons and other, relatively small, ancillary defense spending by other agencies such as the FBI and the ready Reserve.



Enjoying the pancakes

Colleen Kelley was one of several hundred people who turned out Thursday night for the annual Hereford Lions Club Pancake Supper. Colleen joined other residents in feasting on pancakes, sausage and milk to raise money for a variety of Lions Club projects.

Astronauts get new look at satellite 53 miles away

By MARCIA DUNN
AP Aerospace Writer
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) - Space shuttle Columbia's astronauts got another look at their escaped satellite and its tether as the two craft sped past one another today.

The 12-mile cord dangling from the satellite was straight and glowing, illuminated by the sun. "It's beautiful," said astronaut Franklin Chang-Diaz.

Emergency Services

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

HEREFORD POLICE
A 20-year-old female was arrested in the 500 block of North 25 Mile Avenue for Class C theft.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 300 block of East Sixth.

Class B criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of Irving.

Domestic disturbance was reported in the 800 block of West First.

Officers issued 13 traffic citations. There was one minor traffic accident reported.

DEAF SMITH SHERIFF
No arrests or reports.

FIRE DEPARTMENT
No calls.

EMS
No runs.

PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL

Paula Kay Cloud, Ofelia Estrada, Mercedes B. Guzman, Annie M. Lee, Blasa R. Mancillas, Leonardo Martinez, Eliseo Rivera and Oather T. Vardell.

Columbia passed within 53 miles of the satellite before drawing apart again. It was their closest approach since Sunday, when the electrical cable between them snapped.

There was no way for Columbia and its crew to get closer, let alone snag the errant sphere, because of their different orbital paths and limited fuel in the shuttle.

At the moment of closest approach, the astronauts could not see the satellite because the two craft were on the dark side of Earth. But they spotted it before then and afterward, as the satellite moved into sunlight.

The crew aimed a bevy of cameras at the satellite and beamed down stunning video images until it disappeared into nothingness at a distance of about 140 miles.

"We can still see it in our monitors, a very faint, straight line," reported Swiss astronaut Claude Nicollier. "Becoming smaller and smaller and faint."

Early on, the satellite resembled a bright, white mushroom. At other times, it looked like a moth and even a flying saucer as it wobbled in the sunlight.

To conserve battery power on the satellite, ground controllers had turned off all but the most essential systems on the craft for roughly 12 hours. The science instruments later were activated so researchers could coax a few remaining bits of data from the satellite, the heart of the \$400 million-plus electrical experiment.

Mission Control told the crew that the satellite managed to transmit data collected during the close approach, even though there was barely any battery power left.

FDA orders folic acid added to grain foods to lower birth defects

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - Most bread, flour, pasta and other food from grains must be fortified with folic acid in an attempt to prevent disabling birth defects, the Food and Drug Administration ordered Thursday.

The move "is going to save babies from being crippled," declared March of Dimes President Jennifer Howse.

The Texas Department of Health in 1992 pioneered a program encouraging pregnant women to include folic acid in their diets.

The department suggested that the FDA make similar recommendation nationwide in 1993.

The addition means women will get about 10 percent of their daily requirement of this vital trace nutrient from every serving of these foods they eat, making it easier to consume enough to ensure a healthy pregnancy, FDA Commissioner David Kessler said.

"It is a very big step when you fortify the food supply," Kessler said. "We are confident we are doing good here."

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matters should be handled quickly but separately, with food stamps belonging in the welfare bill.

The House on Thursday added conservation and trade language close to what the Senate approved and the administration sought. Those include \$200 million for cleaning up the Florida Everglades and \$1.2 billion to control pollution runoff from agricultural land.

Those changes and others, meant to broaden support, also raised costs. Those will have to be trimmed once negotiators get a clear picture from budget writers how much money agriculture has to work with.

Also, because of drastic changes in recent crop prices, the fixed, declining payments that are to replace the traditional subsidies tied to price swings could give growers a windfall. That's because crop prices are forecast to move up beyond earlier estimates, driving price-based subsidies way down.

"The so-called reforms in the House will end up costing billions of dollars more than current programs," said Kenneth A. Cook, president of the Washington-based Environmental Working Group.

Glickman said there has to be at least a guarantee that farmers grow a crop in order to get a payment.

The House bill has a price tag of about \$46 billion over seven years, compared with about \$52 billion for the Senate version. The 1990 farm bill cost \$52 billion over five years, the Agriculture Department estimates.

The House measure also lacks a guarantee that Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., deemed critical - that a future Congress could reinstate traditional programs if lawmakers have a change of heart.

"In seven years there will be no government commodity program whatsoever ... and the safety net for farmers and ranchers across America would be gone," he said.

Dairy issues could remain pesky. The House stripped a dairy measure that started in the House Agriculture Committee, in part because it raised the cost of milk for shoppers and government feeding programs.

But the measure keeps in place regional pricing arrangements that favor regions producing a lot of milk for drinking over those that produce more for cheese and other products.

The FDA couldn't say how many birth defects the fortification might prevent, but a study published last year in the American Journal of Public Health said the addition could prevent at least 300, and possibly up to 700, every year.

Folic acid is a trace B vitamin found in citrus fruits and dark, leafy vegetables. Eating enough folic acid is said to cut by 50 percent to 70 percent a woman's risk of having a baby with a neural tube defect, in which the brain and spinal cord form improperly.

Some 2,500 U.S. babies are born with these defects annually, including the crippling spina bifida, and an unknown number are miscarried.

The government recommends that all women of childbearing age consume 400 micrograms of folic acid every day, but studies show the average woman gets only half that.

The nutrient must be eaten six weeks before pregnancy and through the first six weeks of pregnancy, to ensure the woman's body contains enough for the period of vital spinal cord development. But an estimated half of the nation's pregnancies are unplanned, meaning untold numbers of women don't get enough folic acid at critical times.

A few breakfast cereals already voluntarily add some folic acid, and at least one brand provides the full 400 micrograms in a single bowlful.

But the FDA decided the need for folic acid was so great that most grains - any product labeled as enriched - must be fortified. The regulation makes the United States the only country to require folic acid fortification.

Scientists are uncovering some intriguing evidence that folic acid can help people fight off heart disease, but that link is still unproved so the FDA didn't consider it in deciding to fortify grains.

However, Kessler said the FDA will continue to watch folic acid research carefully to ensure grains contain the right amount, particularly to maximize the benefits to pregnant women.

Under the rules, manufacturers of enriched breads, flours, corn meals, rice, pasta and even that Southern favorite, grits, would have to add between 400 micrograms and 1.4 milligrams of folic acid to every pound of their products.

And for women planning a pregnancy, taking a multivitamin that contains a full day's amount of folic acid is still the best bet, Howse said.

Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-0-3 (one, zero, three)

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Lifestyles

Rebekah Lodge holds regular business session

Noble grand Anna Conklin presided as Hereford Rebekah Lodge #228 met in business session Tuesday.

Reports were made of sick members and friends. Twenty-two visits to the sick, 37 cheer cards and 10 dishes of food were recorded.

Nelma Sowell read "The Other Beatitudes," author unknown.

Plans are being made for a bake

sale to be held at Homeland March 16.

Conklin was hostess to N. Sowell, Susie Curtsinger, Mary Lou Weatherford, Jessie Matthews, Rosalie Northcutt, Dorothy Lundry, Ursalee Jacobsen, Leona Sowell, Frankie Ruland, Peggy Lemons and Ben Conklin.

Leona Sowell won the door prize brought by Jacobsen.

Ann Landers

DEAR ANN LANDERS: My father-in-law passed away four years ago. My mother-in-law passed away a year later. After they died, we had their mail forwarded to our home, 1,700 miles away.

We have moved three times since we made that request, and the mail keeps following us. It has become a real nuisance. We receive approved credit card applications at least 15 times a month in my in-laws' names. We get magazines with bills that follow, along with hospital and medical bills for services done after my parents died. (My father-in-law apparently had gall bladder surgery a year after he passed away.)

The final straw came today when we saw this in our mail: "Your psychic friend has an important message for you. Find out what special events your future holds. You will find the love you seek. You will get a new job or a promotion. You will receive money soon. Just call 1-900-etc. Only \$3.89 per minute."

Apparently this psychic has a short in the wiring. -- Kingsville, Texas

DEAR KING: A short in the wiring and a bat in the belfry. Meanwhile, if you want to put a stop to the junk mail, send a letter to: Mail Preference Service Direct Marketing Association, P.O. Box 9008, Farmingdale, N.Y. 11735. Be sure to print or type your parents' names and full address, including zip code.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: You asked for letters about "how we met." Here's mine.

I was living in Chicago when my wife passed away. I buried her in Houston where we owned a grave site I had purchased when we lived there.

In 1957, I took a two-week vacation and came to Houston to see my children and grandchildren. While there, I went to the cemetery to visit my wife's grave. That same day, R.H. Cullen, a great Houston philanthropist, had passed away and was being buried close by. I was unable to leave the cemetery because several cars were parked all around mine. I decided to sit down and wait until they left.

While sitting there, I noticed a woman watering a grave close by. She said, "It looks like we're here for

a while." We started to talk, and I learned that when I lived in Houston, we went to the same church. We both had attended the same wedding but had not met. I asked for her phone number, and we made a date to go to church together and then have lunch.

When I returned to Chicago, I phoned her and said I missed her and asked her to marry me. She said she'd think about it and call me back. It didn't take her long. It didn't take me long, either. I went to Houston the following weekend, and we were married.

I retired in 1969, and my wonderful wife and I traveled the world together loving every day of it. We've had 38 wonderful years together and agree that it all had to have been arranged by the good Lord. -- J.A.E., Houston

DEAR HOUSTON: It's always a joy to get letters from people who have had good fortune and appreciate it. Thank you for sharing your heart-warming history.

DEAR ANN: Your "Gem of the Day" that said, "A conservative is a liberal who has been arrested" is backward. It should be "A conservative is a liberal who has been mugged. A liberal is a conservative who has been arrested." -- James in West Pawlet, Vt.

DEAR JAMES: Thank you -- and 3,000 conservative and 2,000 liberals who wrote to set me straight.

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 \$3.75 (this includes postage and handling) to: Teens, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562.

Trotter takes first place in regional history fair

Eddie Trotter of Hereford received first place in the Project category during the regional history fair at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum.

Trotter and his entry on the Texas

Rangers was also the recipient of a regional award given by the Palo Duro Chapter of Westerners International. The Ernest Archambeau award is given to an entry which relates to the history for the American West.

Trotter is a Hereford Junior High School student and the son of Johnny and DeAnn Trotter.



EDDIE TROTTER

Hereford student is most handsome

Caleb Brumley of Hereford was named the most handsome male student during awards night at Clarendon College.

Brumley is a student in the Ranch and Feedlot Operations Program. He is son of Mike and Janice Brumley of Hereford.

Menus

HEREFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Breakfast

MONDAY: Waffle stix with syrup; or cereal, buttered toast, fruit cocktail, milk.

TUESDAY: Sausage patty, biscuit and jelly; or cereal, buttered toast, orange smiles, chocolate milk.

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

THURSDAY: Breakfast pizza; or cereal, buttered toast, orange pineapple juice, chocolate milk.

FRIDAY: Cheese toast; or cereal, buttered toast, banana, milk.

Lunch

MONDAY: Chicken strips with gravy, mashed potatoes, green peas, hot peach cobbler, whole wheat rolls, chocolate milk.

TUESDAY: Chili dog with mustard, French fries with catsup, baked beans, fruit salad, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Soft tacos with picante sauce, lettuce and tomatoes, seasoned pinto beans, Spanish rice, pineapple T.B., cinnamon roll, chocolate milk.

THURSDAY: Submarine sandwich (ham and cheese), lettuce leaf with tomato slices, tator tots with catsup, rainbo frozen fruit bar, milk.

FRIDAY: Fish nuggets with tartar sauce, macaroni and cheese, green beans, vegetable stix with dip, fresh fruit, peanut butter bar, cornbread, chocolate milk.

ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL

MONDAY: Macaroni and cheese, black-eyed peas, green beans, applesauce, hot rolls, milk.

TUESDAY: Stuffed baked potato, broccoli and cheese, homemade bread, apple crisp, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Grilled cheese, tator tots, vegetable soup, cookie, milk.

THURSDAY: BBQ on a bun, vegetarian beans, French fries, peach cobbler, milk.

FRIDAY: Salmon croquettes, buttered potatoes, sweet peas, whole wheat rolls, blueberry crisp, milk.

New Arrivals

Doug and Tana Watts of Canyon are the proud parents of a daughter, Kenzie Beth, born Feb. 22 in North West Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

She weighed 9 pounds, 3-1/2 ounces and was 21-3/4 inches long.

She was welcomed home by a sister, Brittney, and a brother, Nicholas.

Grandparents are Mike and Judy Watts of Hereford and Ray and Sue Gibson of Amarillo. Great-parents are Billie and Verdon Watts of Hereford.

Lawsuits force churches to incorporate

By KERRY CURRY
Amarillo Globe-News

AMARILLO, Texas - Churches today are frequent targets of lawsuits that can cripple or destroy a ministry, says Phil Strickland, director of the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission.

In September, the Christian Life Commission sent a document to Southern Baptist churches called "Keeping Your Church Out of Court."

One of its suggestions: incorporate.

"Traditionally, churches were fairly immune from lawsuits," Strickland said. "That is simply no longer true. Churches are routinely being sued - sometimes with justification, sometimes without justification."

"I think there are far more churches incorporating now than there were 10 or 15 years ago. That is not just true of Baptists but across the board."

Incorporation makes a church a separate legal entity from its members.

The members of a nonprofit corporation are not personally liable for the debts, liabilities or obligations of the corporation, according to "Keeping Your Church Out of Court."

Amarillo's First Baptist Church voted last month to incorporate, and

Paramount Baptist Church recently did so.

"It would be malpractice for me as an attorney to suggest that a church should not incorporate," said Richard Hammar, a Springfield, Mo., attorney and editor of Church Law & Tax Report.

"Say you have a church member who molests a child. You have a \$1 million verdict, but the church only has \$100,000 in insurance. Theoretically, the members are responsible for the balance of that judgment," Hammar said.

But with an incorporated church, the individual members would not be responsible for paying the judgment from their personal assets, Hammar said.

"I'll tell you this - I would never become a member of a church that was not incorporated," he said.

Bill Brian, an Amarillo attorney, serves as chairman of First Baptist's Incorporation and Bylaws Committee.

"If you are incorporated, the corporation would be at risk, but the assets of members would not be. If I ran over someone in the church parking lot, I would be responsible and the church would be," but other members would not be, he said.

First Baptist was formed long before incorporation was advised for churches, Brian said.

"First Baptist Church is over 100

years old and when it was organized, it (incorporation) was not such a common thing," he said.

It is today.

Hammar said a poll he took last year indicates that about 85 percent of churches are incorporated.

Trinity Fellowship, a nondenominational Amarillo church, incorporated in 1978, said Scott Rosenbach, Trinity Fellowship's business administrator. "Probably one of the reasons they incorporated is ... a lot of the ministry staff came out of the business world," Rosenbach said. They brought some of those business practices into the church and knew that incorporation would provide liability protection for church members, he said.

In addition, churches today are larger than in days of old and are perceived as having more assets, said the Rev. Don Guy, Paramount Baptist's executive pastor. That is another reason to consider incorporation, he said.

The incorporation trend is largely unseen because churches are not required to use the abbreviation for incorporation - Inc. - after their names, a state official said.

Hammar said some churches choose not to incorporate because they don't understand the ramifications of not incorporating.

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Church News

COMMUNITY CHURCH
Pastor Dorman Duggan and the church congregation would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone to come and worship with them Sunday morning.

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

Frankie Garcia will teach a series on marriage and family Sunday evenings at 6. If you would like to improve your marriage, come see how God intended for us to live. Nursery provided.

The Ladies Prayer Group meets on Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

The Wednesday schedule includes children's church, youth groups, and prayer time, all beginning at 7 p.m.

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

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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

For additional information, call 364-3487.

SUMMERFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

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

The Wednesday service is held at 7 p.m.

For more information, call 357-2535

WESTWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

We welcome you to join our church for all services.

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

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

Sunday evening service begins at 6:30.

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

Ronny Sanders is music minister and Ray Sanders is pastor.

COUNTRY ROAD CHURCH OF GOD

401 Country Club Drive

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

The winter schedule of services is below.

Sunday school begins at 10 a.m. and the Sunday worship services are held at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Services are conducted at 6 p.m. each Wednesday. Thursday night prayer service begins at 6 p.m.

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

A nursery is available.

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

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

Beginning March 13, the Country Road Church of God will have a Holy Ghost Miracle Camp Meeting.

Services will be held twice a day on weekdays and three times on Sunday.

Weekday services are set for 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday services are 9 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

There will be special speakers for the services and different speakers for morning and evening. Special music will also be provided.

Call 364-5390 for more information.

CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY CHURCH

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

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

For additional information, call 364-5874.

ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Prepare special crafts for Carnival Krazy coming April 21. We're collecting egg shells for confetti eggs. If you have anything to donate, call Lisa Artho at 364-8525.

Knights of Columbus will hold another Fish Fry on March 8 from 6-8 p.m. in the cafeteria. They will have fried and baked fish. Cost if \$5 for adults and \$3.50 for kids.

St. Anthony's School board member nominations are being sought. They need two women for three year terms. Contact Karen Martin at 364-4223, JoAnn Serrano at 364-8581 or Jerry Koenig at 364-

7634. Martin and Serrano are members whose terms are expiring.

The "Sermon on the Mount" Scripture Seminar that was postponed last month due to snow has been rescheduled for March 8-9 at Saint Thomas Apostle Church in Amarillo. To register call Charlotte at the parish office.

ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Bob Hamman of Gideons International will be the guest speaker at St. Thomas' on The Second Sunday in Lent. The Holy Eucharist is celebrated at 11 a.m. and will begin with the Penitential Order. There is a coffee hour after the service.

Christian Education for all ages is at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday. Children and Youth meet in the Sunday School room in the Education Wing for "Living the Good News," based on the Sunday Bible reading in the liturgy. The Adult Class meets in the church parlor. They will view "Keeping the Feast" with Jeff Smith, Methodist pastor known as "The Frugal Gourmet."

The regular Wednesday Public Service of Healing is at 7 p.m. The service will include the Litany of Healing, the Laying-on-of-Hands with Holy Unction, and Holy Communion. The proper collect and lessons will be those of Wednesday in the Second Week of Lent.

Following the service there will be a Soup Supper and the second in a series of brief programs on the life and work of Thomas Merton, Trappist monk.

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

St. Thomas' Vestry will hold its annual retreat on March 9 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at the church. Facilitating the retreat will be The Very Rev. James P. Haney, Rector of St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Lubbock and Dean of the Llano Estacado Deanery of the Diocese of Northwest Texas.

GOOD NEWS CHURCH

400 N. 25 Mile Ave. Sugarland Mall

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

Come and experience the goodness of God and his power.

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

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

FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS

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

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

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

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

Junior high and high school youth groups will meet at 5 p.m. Sunday at the church.

NEW HOPE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

13th and Avenue H

Pastor Elda Olivarez and congregation invite you to worship with them.

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

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

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Pastor Taylor and congregation would like to welcome you to join us at 10:30 a.m. this Sunday morning to share in praise and worship and the word of God. Sunday's message will be "What Is the Church All About."

Pastor Carol would like to invite the children to join here as she continues to teach on "The Miracles of Jesus." Sunday they are going to learn how to "Keep Our Eyes on Jesus" from Psalms 25:15.

Youth Bible clubs are on Wednesday mornings at 7 a.m. in the senior high gymnasium and Thursday mornings at 7:20 a.m. at the junior high.

Wednesday night youth meetings are at 7 at Club Paradise.

Join Susie Merrick's Bible Study Class on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 in the Sanctuary. You will be blessed.

All kids are welcome at Nazarene Kid's Korner on Wednesdays and Fridays to share the fun, games, movies and outings. Call Eleise at 364-8161.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

You are always welcome at First Baptist Church!

Our schedule of activities includes:
Sunday

9:45 a.m.--Bible Study for all ages

11 a.m.--Praise and worship

4 p.m.--Children's handbells

4:30 p.m.--Youth choir/drama

5:30 p.m.--Discipleship training

6:30 p.m.--Evening praise and worship

Monday

6:30 p.m.--Adult handbells

Wednesday

5:30 p.m.--Fellowship supper

6 p.m.--Children's choirs

6:15 p.m.--Prayer meeting

7 p.m.--Children's missions

7:10 p.m.--Adult choir

There is room for you in each of the above areas of fellowship and ministry. There is a place for you at First Baptist Church. Come and see what God is doing and join with Him in reaching Hereford!

DAWN BAPTIST CHURCH

We invite everyone to join us in our services each time we meet.

Bible Study is held at 9:50 a.m. Worship services are 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Rev. Bill O'Dell will bring the message Sunday morning.

The Week of Prayer for Home Missions will be in the home of Ronald Johnson at 6 p.m. Sunday. The book "People Count" will be reviewed by Sharon Johnson followed by the film on Home Missions. A meal and fellowship will conclude the evening.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"Jesus, Feeding the Five Thousand" is the sermon topic chosen by Dr. Ed Williamson Sunday with the scripture lesson Mark 6:30-40. The Sanctuary Choir will sing "Listen to the Hammer Ring." Bobby Boyd and Margaret Williams will be soloists for the anthem, and Rodney Caison will be the percussionist. Sunday School begins each week at 9:30 a.m. and evening worship services are held at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend all services of the church.

To help with expenses in attending a handbell workshop in Fort Worth April 19-20, the Jubilate Ringers will host a donation dinner in Fellowship hall immediately after morning worship Sunday. The menu off BBQ brisket, potato salad, baked beans, relishes and homemade desserts will be prepared by the bell ringers.

Lois Scott, coordinator of Christian Personhood for United Methodist Women, will be the leader of the annual "Call to Prayer and Self-Denial" program to be held in Ward Parlor on Wednesday at 10 a.m. The focal point will be a Quiet Day Service, focusing on the theme "Alleviating the Trauma of Violence," and an offering will be taken to fund programs that reach out to women, children and youth, not only in the United States but in many other countries. All women of the church and community are invited to attend. A covered dish luncheon, hosted by the Nettie Slaton Circle, will follow in Fellowship Hall.

Cookies are again needed for the Kairos Prison Ministry. Bobby Boyd, church representative, asks that church members bake cookies to be taken to the Clements Unit in Amarillo on March 27 as a part of this outreach ministry.

The Education Committee, chaired by Betty Conaway, will meet in the Friendship Classroom on Monday for a planning session for the spring programming of the church.

The Lenten Life Series will hold its third session on Wednesday evening beginning with supper at 5:30 in Fellowship Hall, followed by study sessions for all age groups from 6-7. A devotional time in the church sanctuary will end the evening's schedule. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Caring Committee will hold its monthly meeting in the Friendship Classroom on Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Persons interested in visitation of shut-in church members are asked to attend this meeting.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday School is at 10 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church. We have classes for all ages. If you need a ride, please let us know at 364-1667 or 364-1668.

Our Adult Bible class will continue the study of the book of Hosea.

Morning worship is at 11. We will examine the text of Genesis 12:1-8 as we look at the subject of faith.

First Year Confirmation class will be held Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. Please note this time change.

Our Advent Vespers service will be at 7:30 p.m. Please make your plans to attend.

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

We are having a "pot-luck supper" Saturday at 6 p.m. Our guest will be Rev. Jack Albright, a Home Mission Board chaplain. He will speak about

Home Missions and our Week of Prayer. Everyone is invited to bring a "pot" and come hear him speak.

The church also invites you to come for services on Sunday. Sunday School and Bible Study will be at 9:45 a.m. then at 11 a.m. we will have Rev. Albright again for the morning service.

The evening worship service begins at 6 with another of the Faith Lessons filmed in Israel. This is Lesson #9 -- "The Lord Is My Shepherd" -- filmed at Negev. The evening sermon is at 7. The pastor, H. Wyatt Bartlett, will preach.

The mid-week prayer meeting will be Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. We are still studying the book of Psalms. We invite everyone who would like to study the Bible to come join with us in studying Psalms.

AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m., morning worship is at 11 a.m. Our Wednesday prayer meeting is at 6:30 p.m. along with Children's Choir at the that same time. All other organizations such as RA's, GA's, Youth time and Adult Choir practice is at 7:15 p.m. on Wednesdays.

This Sunday marks the beginning of our Week of Prayer for Home Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter offering. We will have special guest missionary from Kansas Jack Albright to speak during our evening worship services at 6.

On Friday our GA girls will have their GA Home Mission Study beginning at 7 p.m. All GA girls are invited to attend and bring a friend.

On March 10 all men are invited to Brotherhood breakfast at 7:30 a.m. We will also have our regular business meeting March 10 after evening worship.

All Youth and Adults interested in going to see "Point of Grace" in concert April 16, please let Jerry Miracle know so we can purchase tickets in advance.

The Youth will have a garage sale this summer and would like to remind anybody that has anything to donate, please start bringing it to the church or contact a member of the youth for pickup.

Children's Choir along with our Youth are working on an Easter special. If you would like to participate be here Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

All folks are welcome to join us in worship as we continue our LOVE ON THE CROSS series. Last week, we had such a crowd we ran out of crosses for everyone. We will have more in and available to aid in the learning and devotion.

Our Sunday morning worship service begins at 10:30 a.m. Elder Jan Metcalf will help the Rev. J. Jeremy M. Grant lead the worship. Rev. Grant's sermon will be "Love Calls Us to Follow." The scriptures are Exodus 19:1-6 and Mark 8:34-38. The congregation will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Sunday morning, we will also commission Martha DeBord, Lynn Kreighshauer, Chris Star, Colleen Kelley and Adrianna Ramirez to go on the mission trip to Juarez, Mexico. Please remember to bring goods and snacks for the group to take.

Sunday School classes for all ages start at 9:30 a.m. The adults continue their reflection on the Beatitudes. Morning fellowship starts at 10:10. Come enjoy friendly conversation over light refreshments and coffee.

There will be no youth group on Sunday evening as the youth are going to Lubbock Friday and

Saturday for a conference on the family.

Monday evening, the prayer group meets for intercessory prayer at 6. The Christian Nurture and Growth Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m.

The Session meeting of elders is Tuesday night at 7.

Wednesday Night LIVE! is getting under way with fellowship and learning. The potluck dinner starts at 6 p.m. The Kid's Club, Children's Choir and Adult Video Discussion/Bible Study all start at 6:30 p.m. Confirmation class and the Adult Choir commence at 7:30 p.m.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

1204 Moreman

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

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

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

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

"How to Spot a Real Christian" will be the title of Pastor Gaston's message Sunday morning at 10:45.

New members will be welcomed during this service.

Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday, with classes provided for all ages. A nursery is provided during Sunday School and during each service of the church.

At 3 p.m. Sunday, we will hold a service at Hereford Care Center. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Choir practice will begin at 5 p.m. Sunday. We are practicing on our Easter program.

"I Can't Wait!" will be the title of Pastor Gaston's message Sunday evening at 6. Following the message, a water baptismal service will be conducted.

Men's Fellowship meets Monday at 7 p.m. Jack Kissel will be the speaker and a meal will be served.

Women's Ministries meets Tuesday at 10 a.m., continuing their study of the book Becoming a Woman of

Excellence. Following the meeting, lunch will be enjoyed together.

Royal Rangers and Missionettes, a scouting program for boys and girls, will be held Tuesday from 7-8:15 p.m. Enroll your kids today in this program as they learn camping skills, earn badges, study the Bible, and have fun.

Our mid-week service will be held Wednesday from 7-8:15 p.m. The youth will meet in the fellowship hall during the same time.

CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Tom Bailey returned from his African Mission trip Saturday afternoon. The trip went great and a lot of good was done. Tom is not feeling well but we hope he will soon be back on his feet. He will give a report on his trip in a couple of weeks.

The youth at Central have been very busy. During ski weekend they traveled to Angel Fire for an outing. Thanks to all who went and helped. They also held a Love Banquet for the Senior Citizens of the congregation. Thanks teens for caring and showing your love.

The Top of Texas Bible Bowl was held last Saturday in Dumas. The youth from Central did very well. In Division I (grades K-1st) Hereford team of Oletta Jackson, Casey Hollingsworth and Caleb Straughan placed third. Oletta was third high individual.

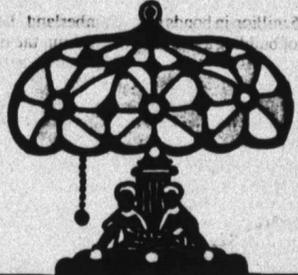
In Division II (grades 2-3) Hereford team of Twyla Jackson, Thomas Bailey and Bianca Riley placed first. Twyla was third high individual and Thomas was fourth high individual.

In Division III (grades 4-6) Hereford team of Becky Bailey, Jami Riley, Mandy Lange, Mindy Lange, Eric Gallardo and Ashley Gallardo placed third. Becky was second high individual.

In Division IV (grades 7-9) Hereford team of Crystal Bailey and Nicole Bailey placed first. Nicole was first high individual and Crystal was second high individual.

Thanks to all who helped prepare for this event. Kale Hollingsworth was ill and unable to participate.

Don't forget the Elders and Deacons will meet Sunday at 2 p.m.



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Sports

Seminole's fast start is too much for Herd

The Hereford baseball team was unable to recover from giving up six runs in the first inning and lost 8-6 to Seminole Thursday in Levelland.

The game was in the first round of the Lobo Invitational. Hereford (2-2) was to face the loser between Levelland and Perryton today.

In the bottom of the first inning, Hereford starting pitcher Eric Ambold gave up two walks and a single and his defense gave up two errors.

Then a Seminole player hit a grand slam. Hereford was down 6-0 in a hurry.

"We gave them six runs in the first inning," Herd coach Pete Rodriguez said. "We tried to come back. We'd come back, come back, come back, but the six runs in the first inning gave them the momentum."

Hereford started to come back in the third inning, benefiting from three Seminole errors. Ambold reached on an error and Ronald Torres walked. Tanner Murphey drove Ambold home with a single, and Torres scored on Wade McPherson's fielders choice grounder. McPherson came around to score on two straight errors.

Hereford got another run in the fourth, when Torres walked, stole

second and scored on Murphey's single.

Seminole got that run back on three straight singles, making the Indians' lead 7-4.

Sonny Perez relieved Ambold after the third single and got Hereford out of the jam. He ended up pitching three innings in relief and gave up only one run. That came in the sixth inning, when a man reached on an error and scored on a double.

That made the lead 8-4. Hereford threatened in the top of the seventh, but could get only two runs. Torres reached on an error, and walks drawn by McPherson and Perez loaded the bases. Aaron Sorenson singled Torres home, and McPherson scored on John Marty Galan's sacrifice fly.

"We had plenty of chances to get back in the game," Rodriguez said. "Seminole gave us chances, but we had some crucial strikeouts."

Hereford will play its third game of the tournament at 9 a.m. Saturday, no matter whether it wins or loses today. If the Whitefaces win today, they'll play at Levelland High School for the shot to get in the consolation championship at 1 p.m. Saturday. If they lose today, they play a guarantee game at 9 a.m. at the city park.

Canyon, Nazareth roll in Austin

By The Associated Press
JoRuth Woods scored 17 points, including a turnaround jump shot with 11 seconds left that gave Cedar Hill a 52-51 victory over Waco Midway.

Allison Mooney's rushed 3-point attempt that would have given Midway the victory bounced off the rim as time expired.

Cedar Hill (36-3), playing in its first state tournament, will play in Saturday's championship game against Canyon (31-0), a 64-26 winner over Crosby in the other semifinal.

Waco Midway (29-9), which won the state championship in 1994, made its 12th trip to the tournament.

In a fourth quarter with four lead changes, Waco Midway took a 51-48 lead on a 3-point play by Eboni Hammond with 2:06 left. Woods answered with a leaping jump shot in traffic with 1:54 to play, pulling Cedar Hill to 51-50.

Mooney missed the front end of a one-and-one with 56.9 seconds left and Kendra Watson missed the front end of a one-and-one with 26.7 seconds to play.

Woods confidently demanded the ball on Cedar Hill's next trip down the court and swished her turnaround jumper from six feet out to give the

Lady Longhorns their final margin.

In the other semifinal, Valerec Valdez scored 16 points and Jon Alair sizzled from 3-point range as Canyon remained unbeaten with a victory over cold-shooting Crosby.

Crosby, led by Syreeta Barrett with 14 points and 11 rebounds, finished the season 22-11, wrapping up its first trip to the state tournament.

Canyon's man-to-man pressure took Crosby out of its offense early and the Lady Cougars never found a rhythm, shooting 10-of-60 from the field (16.7 percent).

Class 3A Semifinals
Slaton 70, Lindale 54
Groesbeck 71, Liberty Hill 54

Phylsha Whaley scored 27 points and grabbed 11 rebounds as Slaton used a thundering fourth-quarter surge to come from behind and defeat Lindale 70-54.

Slaton (26-7), seeking its sixth state title in seven tournament appearances, plays Groesbeck (35-2), which is making its third state tournament appearance, in Saturday's final.

Lindale led nearly the entire game before collapsing in the fourth quarter. The Lady Eagles finished the season at 33-4 after making their first

ourney appearance.

Lindale led 49-41 after a 3-pointer by Jami Gilbert with 43 seconds left in the third quarter. But Slaton stole the momentum when Becky Evans and Allyson Lewis hit 3-pointers and Julie Cottrell hit a jump shot after a steal by Lewis during a 22-0 run.

In the other semifinal, Annetta Anglin had 24 points and Shari Gray scored 22 and grabbed 13 rebounds as Groesbeck used pinball-like speed to overcome a huge size mismatch and blow out Liberty Hill 71-54.

Class 1A Semifinals
Celeste 47, Zephyr 30
Nazareth 58,

Round Top-Carmine 27
Marcey Lewis scored 16 points and Christy Grady had 15 points and 12 rebounds as Celeste defeated Zephyr 47-30.

Celeste (35-2), which won back-to-back 1A titles in 1992 and 1993, will meet Nazareth (35-2) in the 1A championship game on Saturday. Nazareth is seeking its 13th state crown.

Zephyr, led by Kim Pointer with 14 points and six rebounds, finishes the season 30-6 after making its first tournament appearance.

With Celeste up 13-10 with 1:11 left in the first quarter, Lewis hit two 3-pointers and a short jump shot in less than a minute, giving the Lady Devils a 21-10 lead heading into the second quarter.

Zephyr pulled within 27-18 on a jump shot by Pointer four seconds before halftime. But Celeste opened

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Kids Inc. will hold the first of three registration sessions from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday at the Hereford Community Center.

Fees are \$35 per child - \$45 for Babe Ruth players. Boys are eligible for Kids Inc. if they are aged 5-15 by Aug. 1; girls must be 5-16 by Sept. 1.

Other registration sessions are planned on March 16 and March 28.

the third quarter with a 12-0 run highlighted by five straight points by Grady and a 3-pointer by Lewis, to go up 39-18 with 5:10 left in the period.

In the other semifinal, Melinda Schmucker scored 24 points and Nazareth used a swarming, full-court pressure defense to run away from Round Top-Carmine 58-27.

Carmine, led by Gretchen Goebel with 10 points and six rebounds, finishes the season (25-4) after making its seventh trip to the state tournament.

The Swiftettes took an 11-4 lead after the first quarter and then began wearing Carmine down with their full-court pressure defense. Carmine had 29 turnovers that Nazareth converted into 26 points. Carmine could only generate eight points off of 20 turnovers by the Swiftettes.

Nazareth, which had 21 steals compared to 10 by Carmine, led 25-11 at halftime and increased the lead to 40-17 with 54 seconds left in the third quarter before substituting liberally.

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Nashville petition drive threatens Oilers' move

By TERESA M. WALKER
AP Sports Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Just as the wheels of government seem firmly behind the Houston Oilers, a petition drive may give voters the final say on Nashville's bid for the big leagues.

Tennessee's Legislature on Thursday sent Gov. Don Sundquist a bill to issue \$55 million in bonds for the state's share of building a stadium for the NFL franchise.

The Metro Council approved Thursday night the city's financial package for the team, despite protests that the \$149 million should be spent on schools, sidewalks and the like.

Election officials worked overnight Wednesday to check the 43,640 signatures on a petition calling for a referendum on the \$292 million deal, which includes a new riverfront stadium in downtown. Of that total, 28,085 signatures must be validated as registered voters in Nashville.

Such a vote couldn't occur before May, and Oilers officials say they're content to wait if they must.

Negotiators anticipated a referendum drive and included in their relocation deal a requirement that Oilers' owner Bud Adams wait for the vote's outcome before talking to other cities.

Other milestones have been met, including personal seat licenses, luxury suite rentals and financing. Adams told Gov. Don Sundquist by phone that waiting is not a problem.

"We recognize the rights of these voters out there to be heard, and no matter how that comes out, we'll be right in there 'til the bitter end on this thing if they do have a referendum, because we want to move this team to Tennessee," Adams said, with reporters listening on.

Mayor Phil Bredesen spent most of Thursday lobbying the few councilmen who wanted to defer the third and final vote until after a referendum.

The state Senate approved issuing \$55 million in bonds for the project Wednesday night, and the House voted 70-26 for the bonds Thursday.

The Oilers' board of directors and Cumberland L.P., the group that would run the 65,000-seat stadium, adopted the agreement and stadium lease Wednesday.

That was Adams' last chance to back out, and he said the documents were on their way to Nashville.

If the Oilers' deal heads to a vote, negotiator Byron Trauger predicted success.

"If there is a referendum, a lot of football fans and a lot of people who care about the future of Nashville who are going to come to the foreground who have been silent up until now," Trauger said.

Adams said he is working to schedule the Oilers' final preseason game with the Dallas Cowboys for Knoxville in August.

"It would be some way of us showing our appreciation to the state of Tennessee for everything you all have done because it's not too often we get a chance to play the Super Bowl champs in the last preseason game," he said.

The Oilers played a preseason game at the University of Tennessee's Neyland Stadium last year. Athletic director Doug Dickey said Tennessee want to be helpful in negotiating a place to play the game.

Houston Mayor Bob Lanier meets NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue Friday and has said the Oilers would be allowed to leave for Tennessee this year if his city receives a deal similar to that given to Cleveland.

Jets give O'Donnell big money; Means gets cut

By BARRY WILNER
AP Football Writer

Neil O'Donnell helped a team to the Super Bowl and made \$25 million. Natrone Means helped a team to the Super Bowl and got cut.

O'Donnell will be paid \$25 million for five years including a \$7 million signing bonus, by the New York Jets, who had the NFL's worst record last season. He leaves the Pittsburgh Steelers, whom he guided to the AFC championship in his best year as a pro.

A native of Madison, N.J., who grew up rooting for the New York Giants, O'Donnell took more than 24 hours to mull over the Jets' offer, which he knew the Steelers would not match.

"I gave Pittsburgh every opportunity to sign Neil O'Donnell," O'Donnell said after the signing Thursday. "It was a tough decision. It really was. When you're one drive away from winning it all, you want to keep it intact."

The Jets have been one of the league's most active teams this offseason, and who can blame them after a franchise-worst 3-13 mark? They hired Ron Erhardt as offensive coordinator after Pittsburgh let him go - a major factor in enticing O'Donnell away from the Steelers. And they signed two new starting tackles as free agents, David Williams and Jumbo Elliott.

New York also has the No. 1 pick in the April draft and is expected to take All-America receiver Keyshawn Johnson of Southern California.

"The Jets want to win now," O'Donnell said. "I understand that. It's a great challenge. I'm excited about it. There was a lot more to it than just money. If that was the case, I would have made up my mind a

long time ago."

They released backup quarterback Bubby Brister on Thursday. Three-year starter Boomer Esiason is a free agent.

The San Diego Chargers shockingly sent away Means, their leading rusher and the key to their offense in 1994, when they lost to San Francisco in the Super Bowl. Releasing Means freed money under the salary cap for the team to sign Miami defensive end Marco Coleman to an offer sheet.

Coleman signed an offer for three years at \$9.6 million, including a \$4 million signing bonus. The Dolphins have one week to match it or lose Coleman.

San Diego also released wide receiver Shawn Jefferson and tight end Duane Young.

Means rushed for a team-record 1,350 yards in '94, but he held out of training camp last summer in a salary dispute, then missed most of the last half of the season with a groin injury.

Means' reaction "was one of shock," said his agent, Sean Holley; Means was unavailable for comment. "They said it was a business decision, whatever," Holley said. "I don't think anybody would imagine releasing an All-Pro with the capabilities of Natrone Means."

Aaron Hayden and Terrell Fletcher, rookies last year, are expected to replace Means.

The Steelers don't seem to be fretting too much about losing O'Donnell, although their quarterbacking is in chaos. Will they gamble and make Kordell Stewart the starter in just his second season? Are they willing to go with journeyman Mike Tomczak, who played poorly when O'Donnell was hurt in 1995? What about Jim Miller, who was drafted in 1994?

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Mavs bomb Nuggets with NBA-record 18 treys

By The Associated Press
Put the Dallas Mavericks near the basket, and they throw up bricks. Put them downtown, and they pile up points.

The Mavs are the second-worst shooting team in the NBA - except when they get beyond the 3-point circle. They are on pace to set an NBA record for 3-pointers in a season, and they made 18 of 37 from long distance Thursday night for a league mark in a 137-120 victory at Denver.

Golden State held the team record of 17 3s set against Minnesota last April 12.

"We hit a lot of 3-pointers," Kidd said, "but that's the way we shoot. We're better from 3-point range."

Certainly Dallas was against the Nuggets. The Mavs also hit 12 of 21 3s in the first half, the most ever made in a half. The previous record of 11 was set just six days earlier by Miami against Chicago.

"I told our guys before the game we'd break our team record for 3-point attempts, but we didn't," Mavericks coach Dick Motta said, noting that mark is 40, which Dallas tied in its previous game. "I didn't think we'd set the NBA record for 3-pointers made. We were pretty good tonight. That was fun."

Jim Jackson scored 30 points, and Jason Kidd had a triple-double with 26 points, 12 rebounds and 12 assists. George McCloud scored 24 points, accounting for all his points on eight

3-pointers.

Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf had 23 points and Bryant Stith 18 for Denver.

Elsewhere in the NBA, it was Orlando 114, New Jersey 98; Indiana 94, Golden State 85; Cleveland 95, Milwaukee 86; Houston 109, Philadelphia 95; San Antonio 120, Toronto 95; and the Los Angeles Clippers 122, Sacramento 110.

Rockets 109, 76ers 95
Hakeem Olajuwon had 42 points and 11 rebounds, and Houston spoiled the return of former Rocket Vernon Maxwell.

Houston used a 20-3 run in the fourth quarter to win its fourth straight game and hand the 76ers their

eighth loss in nine games.

Maxwell, who played for the Rockets before leaving the team before last season's playoffs, was sidelined briefly in the third quarter with a slightly sprained right ankle. He returned and finished with 12 points and three assists.

Clarence Weatherspoon led the visiting 76ers with 24 points and 10 rebounds. Tony Massenburg added 18 points for Philadelphia.

Magic 114, Nets 98
Dennis Scott bombed New Jersey from 3-point land, and Shaquille O'Neal slammed the Nets inside to lead surging Orlando.

Scott matched his season-high, hitting eight 3s in scoring 30 points. O'Neal took advantage after Shawn

Bradley picked up three early fouls and finished with 33 points as the Magic won for the eighth time in nine games since the All-Star break.

The win was also the fourth in five road games since the break, a major improvement for Orlando, which had a 9-14 road record in the first half of the season.

Chris Childs had 25 points and 10 assists, and Bradley added 23 points for New Jersey.

Pacers 94, Warriors 85
Ricky Pierce scored 11 of his 17 points in the fourth quarter, and Indiana never trailed en route to its fifth straight victory.

The Pacers led 68-65 after three periods, but Pierce scored nine points in a 13-3 run to start the fourth quarter and put Indiana comfortably in front.

Mark Jackson led the Pacers with 18 points. Antonio Davis, filling in for injured starter Dale Davis, added 17 points and 11 rebounds.

B.J. Armstrong scored 21 points for visiting Golden State.

Spurs 120, Raptors 95
Vinnie Del Negro scored 24 points to lead San Antonio, which made 59 percent of its shots.

The Spurs were especially accurate in the first half, shooting 68 percent, while sending the Raptors to their seventh straight loss. Toronto set a franchise record for turnovers with 30.

David Robinson added 21 points on 8-for-10 shooting for the Spurs. Oliver Miller and Tracy Murray led visiting Toronto with 13 points each.

starting backcourt at Milwaukee.

The Bucks lost their fifth consecutive game and 10th straight to the Cavaliers despite facing a backcourt of Crotty and Bob Sura after guards Bobby Phills (sprained leg) and All-Star Terrell Brandon (bruised tailbone) were injured in the first half.

Vin Baker had 17 points for the Bucks.

Clippers 122, Kings 110
At Los Angeles, Terry Dehere, whose erratic season has included a 1-for-14 shooting night, connected on his first six 3-pointers to tie a club record.

Loy Vaught had 23 points. Dehere and Brian Williams each added 19, helping the Clippers to only their third victory in 16 games. They ended a seven-game skid at the Sports Arena.

The Kings lost their eighth consecutive road game despite 29 points from Mitch Richmond and a career-high 28 by Brian Grant.

Cincinnati squeezes by Memphis

By The Associated Press
Cincinnati coach Bob Huggins has a reputation for demanding the most of his players. Maybe he should ask Darnell Burton to shoot more.

Burton made his second clutch shot in less than week Thursday night as the seventh-ranked Bearcats clinched at least a share of the first Conference USA championship with a 71-66 over Memphis.

With the score tied 67-all with 2:18 to play, Burton hit a 3-pointer, and his two free throws with 15 seconds left clinched the win. Last Sunday, Burton hit a 3-pointer with two seconds left for a 65-63 victory at Tulane.

The fiery Huggins, who was uncharacteristically quiet on the bench, avoiding a technical foul for the first time in three games, actually complimented his team's performance.

"We didn't attack the press. We beat the press, but we didn't attack the press," Huggins said. "Other than that, we played well."

Danny Fortson, who had 25 points and 17 rebounds, relayed Huggins' postgame comments.

"He said we did a lot of things good tonight," Fortson said.

The Bearcats, however, nearly blew it.

Cincinnati (22-3, 11-2) let a 13-point lead fritter away before

finally dealing Memphis more heartache in the school's rivalry.

The schools have a recent history of playing for conference championships. Cincinnati beat Memphis (20-6, 10-3) three consecutive years - 1992-94 - in the championship game of the Great Midwest Tournament. Memphis beat Cincinnati last season to clinch the Great Midwest regular-season title.

"I saw a lot of sad faces in that locker room," coach Larry Finch said. "We had a great opportunity to win."

Memphis had two chances to take the lead in the final 62 seconds, but Mingo Johnson had one shot blocked and a 3-pointer fall short.

"We were down 13 and could have folded, but we didn't lose our composure," said Johnson, who led Memphis with 18 points. "We didn't get out of sync. It all came down to that one shot."

In other games involving teams in the AP Top 25, it was No. 5 Purdue 67, Minnesota 61; No. 16 Virginia Tech 70, Xavier 61; No. 24 George Washington 76, Rhode Island 72; No. 11 Arizona 72, Washington State 62; No. 16 Virginia Tech 70, Xavier 61; No. 17 UCLA 68, Oregon 66; and No. 24 George Washington 76, Rhode Island 72.

No. 5 Purdue 67, Minnesota 61
Chad Austin scored 22 points, including three on free throws in the final 41 seconds, as the Boilermakers clinched at least a share of their third straight Big Ten title.

The Boilermakers (24-4, 14-2) won their 10th straight game and have won 20 of their last 22 overall. A win in one of its two remaining games or one loss by Penn State in its three remaining games would make Purdue the first school to capture three consecutive outright Big Ten conference championships since Ohio State in 1960-62.

Minnesota (15-12, 7-8) has lost 14 straight games at Mackey Arena.

No. 11 Arizona 72, Washington St. 62
At Pullman, Wash., Reggie Geary scored 11 points during an early second-half run as the Wildcats overcame a four-point halftime deficit.

Geary had 15 points for the Wildcats (22-5, 11-4 Pacific-10 Conference), who won their fourth straight game and their 22nd in a row over the Cougars (14-10, 6-9). Washington State last beat Arizona in 1986.

No. 16 Virginia Tech 70, Xavier 61
Senior Travis Jackson matched his career high with 17 points in his final

home game, and the Hokies (21-4, 12-3 Atlantic 10) overcame a slow start to down the Musketeers.

Shawn Smith scored 14 points and Ace Custis had 13 points and 12 rebounds for the Hokies.

Darnell Williams scored 16 points for Xavier (11-14, 7-8).

No. 17 UCLA 68, Oregon State 66
At Corvallis, Ore., the Bruins narrowly avoided what would have been college basketball's biggest upset this season.

Toby Bailey scored eight points in the final 4:41, but missed two of four free throws to help the Beavers, losers of a school record 14 in a row, nearly make up an 11-point deficit in the final minute.

Rob Williams of Oregon State (3-22 overall, 1-15 Pac-10) made three 3-pointers in the final minute, but barely missed at the buzzer.

UCLA improved to 20-7 overall, 13-2 Pac-10.

No. 24 George Washington 76, Rhode Island 72
At Washington, Alexander Koul scored 20 of his season-high 28 points in the second half and made three big defensive plays in the final minute for the Colonials (20-5 overall, 13-2 Atlantic 10).

Rhode Island (15-12, 7-8) had three opportunities in the final minute to go ahead or tie, but Koul stopped each possession with a defensive play, including a block of David Arighabu's layup with 10 seconds left.

The Colonials, who handed then-No. 1 Massachusetts its first loss last Saturday, won their fourth straight game.

Baseball hits Belle hard in wallet

By RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer
NEW YORK (AP) - Albert Belle was given a record fine, and baseball players were given a message.

In an attempt to improve the sport's image, acting commissioner Bud Selig on Thursday ordered the temperamental Cleveland Indians outfielder to pay \$50,000 for his profane tirade toward NBC reporter Hannah Storm during the World Series.

It was the biggest fine ever assessed a baseball player. Selig had threatened to suspend Belle if he didn't agree to the terms of the punishment. While Selig didn't specify the length of a suspension, the players association thought it would be for 10 games.

"The fine is without any precedent in the history of baseball and totally unjustified," said Belle's agent, Am Tellem. "Had we been able to have this matter heard by an impartial arbitrator, there is absolutely no way we would have agreed to this

resolution.

"But given the fact that the prosecutor and the judge and the jury were all the same person, we had no choice but to accept the best deal and not risk being suspended for any games during the season."

Following the 232-day strike and the negative attitude of many toward baseball, Selig is trying to steer the sport through a recovery. Many owners want to force players to be more cooperative in public.

"Baseball has been through some very difficult times," Selig said. "We need not to compound it in any negative fashion when there doesn't have to be negativism."

Said Storm: "I'm happy that baseball addressed the situation in a serious manner. Now we can all put this behind us and move forward in a positive way."

A source familiar with the negotiations, speaking on the condition he not be identified, said the Indians will cover a substantial portion of Belle's fine, which will be

paid to three charities.

Cleveland general manager John Hart and Belle refused comment at the team's training site in Winter Haven, Fla., but Belle issued a statement through the team.

"For a number of reasons, I have decided not to contest the action," he said. "Principal among them is my desire to permit the Cleveland Indians to focus on the task at hand - preparing for the upcoming season."

"I very much regret the incident and the ill feelings it has generated. At no time whatsoever was the presence in the dugout of any individual reporter the cause of my actions."

"I was upset with the sheer number of them in the dugout and not any particular one. But having said that, many of them were simply doing their job and it was not for me to decide they should not be there."

Belle's tantrum came before Game 3 of the World Series last Oct. 24 as Selig was about to begin TV negotiations with the networks.

Twins' Aguilera works on starting

By The Associated Press
Rick Aguilera, admittedly nervous and feeling strange, made his earliest appearance on the pitcher's mound in seven years for the Minnesota Twins.

Accustomed to being handed the ball with the game on the line in the final innings, Aguilera made his first start since 1989 Thursday, pitching three innings for the Minnesota Twins in a 7-3 loss to the Japanese Olympic team at Fort Myers, Fla.

"It's definitely a relief to get this first start over with," said Aguilera, re-acquired by the Twins after spending part of last season in Boston. "I need to get stronger and build up more arm strength, but I'm happy with the day and how it went."

The Twins are counting on Aguilera to be a major contributor to a pitching staff that has had the worst ERA in the American League for the past two years.

Aguilera pitched from a windup for the first time in seven years, throwing 33 pitches - 23 for strikes - in three innings. He allowed one hit, struck out four and didn't walk a batter.

Aguilera, who has 211 career saves, admitted being a starter requires a different mind-set, including his preparation when he arrives at the ballpark.

"It felt strange to start," he said. "After I got here, I kept looking to see what time it was to begin warming up. I'm still not sure how much time I will need. In the bullpen, sometimes I got only 60 seconds to

get ready."

After Aguilera left, the Japanese team pounded Eddie Guardado for eight hits and six runs in two innings.

The Japanese team smacked three home runs in the game, including one by 18-year-old Kosuke Fukutome.

Chuck Knoblauch and Scott Stahoviak had two hits apiece for the Twins.

In another split-squad game against Pittsburgh in Bradenton, Fla., the Twins defeated the Pirates 8-1. Marty Cordova had two hits and Ron

Coomer went 3-for-5 with two RBIs.

Braves 2, Georgia 1
At West Palm Beach, Fla., Jermaine Dye drove in the tie-breaking run with a sacrifice fly in the sixth inning.

The Braves started their regular lineup except for using Tyler Houston at catcher in place of Javier Lopez. Atlanta, however, rested its top pitchers.

Jeff Blauser drove in Atlanta's other run with a groundout.

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Anti-Mexican rhetoric from GOP candidates, NAFTA criticism alarming

By ROBERT RIVARD
San Antonio Express-News
MEXICO CITY - While Americans watch Republican candidates bicker their way through primary after primary, campaign-watchers south of the U.S. border are feeling increasingly uneasy over the anti-Mexican tone of the debate.

Many Mexican intellectuals believe a belligerent, anti-immigrant debate within the Republican ranks already has led the Clinton administration to begin to take its own protectionist measures, including a recent announcement of increased funding for immigration and border patrol efforts.

Leading newspapers here are reporting every turn of phrase by the Republicans whenever the topic turns to Mexico, NAFTA, the border, immigration or drug interdiction.

"It's strange that so many politicians have so much to say about the war on drugs outside the United

States," one Mexico City reporter noted at a conference here on the U.S. elections. "None of them have anything to say about the United States being the biggest consumer of illegal drugs."

A little more than one year after the signing of an unprecedented free-trade accord with the United States, Mexicans now are somewhat befuddled to hear of frequent U.S. attacks on tomato and tuna exports and a move by the Clinton administration to delay the treaty accord that would begin allowing Mexican trucks into the United States.

"U.S. Senators Pressure Mexico," read the Page 1 headline in the Jan. 31 edition of La Jornada, one of Mexico City's leading dailies following pronouncements in a single day from U.S. Sen. Alfonse D'Amato in Washington, D.C., and Sen. Diane Feinstein in California that took aim at Mexico for everything from its

produce exports to the flow of drugs and immigrants into the United States.

The fact that anti-Mexico rhetoric, which has been a strong presence in the Republican campaign, also has been sounded by politicians such as Feinstein, once the liberal mayor of San Francisco, has many Mexicans thinking that more than election-year rhetoric is at play.

Many believe the United States might be reaching a historic moment when it changes its traditions of serving as a haven for immigrants.

When a White House spokesman offered only a tepid reply to D'Amato and Feinstein, saying U.S.-Mexico relations were showing "improvement," Excelsior, the Mexico City daily that often reflects the ruling party's position, characterized the administration statement as a "lukewarm response that gives tacit support to the senators' initiative."

The mood here grew noticeably more pessimistic after the Iowa caucuses and the strong second-place finish by Republican candidate Patrick Buchanan, who leads all candidates in unapologetic Mexico-bashing.

The high-profile syndicated columnist and television commentator never has held elective office, and few political observers believe he can win the nomination, much less the presidency.

However, his fiery gospel of social conservatism and protectionism reminiscent of U.S. foreign policy a century ago has unnerved many Mexicans who see strong trade and political relations with United States as essential to Mexico's continued economic recovery and evolution into a multiparty democracy.

James Jones, U.S. ambassador to Mexico, meeting recently with

Mexican reporters, said: "The U.S. political process promotes a free and open debate of the issues. Normally this works for the best, by allowing citizens to learn what the candidates stand for. Unfortunately, it also means that at times the rhetoric can be negative and unproductive."

Jones said the rhetoric likely would wind down as the field of candidates thinned in the later primaries.

Describing U.S.-Mexico relations as the "most fruitful in the history of our two countries," Jones said, "no amount of negative campaign debate is going to harm that bilateral relationship."

Jones ranks as the most trusted U.S. envoy to Mexico in many years but even his assurances seem overshadowed by the campaign rhetoric and the concerted worries of Mexicans. And even if most of Buchanan's superheated message of isolationism is aimed mostly at arousing apathetic voters, his message also is heard loud and clear here.

Buchanan's New Hampshire television ads decried free-trade policies and the \$50 billion Mexican bailout, a reference to a line of credit from the International Monetary Fund to help Mexico maintain liquidity last year after the sudden crash of the peso. Mexico has drawn only an estimated \$9 billion of the credit line, and already has begun repayment of that debt.

Many conservative Republicans and others who opposed the signing of the North American Free Trade Agreement in 1994, however, also opposed the subsequent loans to Mexico.

Buchanan has spoke of a "conservatism that speaks up for the working-class Americans who are betrayed by trade deals that send their jobs over to Mexico."

Buchanan's xenophobia, however, is not limited to Mexico. He also has called for the ouster of the United Nations from its home in New York City, where it has operated since 1948, and he does not believe the United States should continue in its traditional role as international peacemaker if it means placing troops under U.N. command or sending them abroad to keep the peace in places such as Bosnia.

Fellow Republican and Texas Sen. Phil Gramm, who withdrew from the race after finishing well behind Buchanan and other candidates in both Louisiana and Iowa, said in a meeting with San Antonio Express-News editors that he abhors Buchanan's protectionism.

"The idea of building a wall around America and then crawling under a rock is not something I could ever do" Gramm said. "I'm the only candidate in the race to have denounced this rhetoric. I'm not saying other candidates didn't want to say something, but I'm the only one who said anything publicly."

Gramm said Buchanan is a throwback to another time in United States foreign policy.

"Protectionism is a sort of recessive gene in the American character," Gramm said. "Both political parties have done a good job of resisting it ever since the Depression until now."

While Gramm may avoid the more blatant anti-Mexican rhetoric employed by Buchanan, he, too, favors fundamental changes in the immigration flow along the border.

"Opening up trade does not mean opening up immigration," Gramm said. "We're the only country in the world that does not effectively control our borders."

Not only have other Republicans

declined to publicly challenge Buchanan, all major candidates have demonstrated they, too, would take a tougher, less moderate approach to Mexico, despite our common border and important trade and cultural ties.

At a time when much of the world is embracing a more global view of trade, communications and technology exchanges, the Republican Party seems to be retreating.

The same day Buchanan charged U.S. jobs are flowing south to Mexico, Lamar Alexander, a former education secretary and Tennessee governor, issued a proposal "creating a new branch of the armed services which will fight illegal drugs and illegal immigration."

Dole, who supported NAFTA, has avoided the subject of immigration, but he has called for new law that would make English the official national language an issue inflammatory to many Hispanics, especially Mexican-Americans who celebrate their cultural heritage and often speak Spanish in the home or raise their children to be bilingual.

None of the Republican candidates has addressed the more obvious fact that much of the agricultural economy along the West Coast and elsewhere depends on low-wage Mexican migrant labor, much of which flows back across the border when the harvest seasons ends.

The three front-runners also have avoided discussing why the United States leads all developed nations in per capita drug consumption, and why the so-called war on drugs first launched during the Reagan administration has led to record level of incarcerations here but has done little to curb overall demand.

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Names in the news

NEW YORK (AP) - She was shut out at the Grammys, but don't cry for Mariah Carey: Her hit duet "One Sweet Day" is No. 1 on the Billboard charts for a record 15th straight week.

Her collaboration with Boyz II Men outlasted the previous two record-holders, Whitney Houston's "I Will Always Love You" and Boyz II Men's "On Bended Knee."

The good news came one day after Carey arrived at the Grammys with six nominations and went home with no awards. Carey and Boyz II Men opened the show Wednesday night by performing "One Sweet Day."

best new artist and best female pop vocal. Her current album, "Daydream," has sold more than 6 million copies.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) The Beach Boys' latest effort has a little country twang mixed in with their Surf City sound.

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Big Spring man designs 13-month calendar

'Silen's Universal Calendar' evens out months, adds month of 'Remember'

By JANET AUSBURY
Big Spring Herald
BIG SPRING, Texas - Can one man change the way the entire world measures time? Mark Silen of Big Spring is trying to find out.

In November, Silen developed a 13-month calendar based on the cycles of the moon. "One marketing company in Dallas said, 'It must have taken you two years to come up with this,'" he said. "Actually, it took me about 30 minutes."

Silen said the idea for the calendar just struck him one day. He doesn't like the difficulties of the Gregorian calendar much of the world uses. He wants to eliminate the problems of some months having more days than other months, leap days, leap years, leap seconds and other quirks.

Silen's Universal Calendar retains the 12 months now used. However, the months are identical, all beginning on Sunday and ending on Saturday. This structure makes dates easier to remember because one month is like the next, he explained.

He has named the 13th month Remember. "It rhymes with December, and you can use it to remember the Sabbath," he said.

Halloween is the only holiday occurring after the 28th of any month, so it is the only "lost" holiday, Silen said. Those born or married after the 28th would have to select another day to celebrate, but as he pointed out, "So do people born or married on Feb. 29 in a leap year."

Silen believes the calendar could achieve wide acceptance because of the appeal to the secular and religious worlds. Every seventh day of the month is Saturday, every month ends on Saturday and every year ends on Saturday. All seasons would change on a Saturday.

The non-religious would find the calendar easier to remember than in the current calendar, Silen said.

religious world would see the Sabbath fall regularly on a Saturday, when many cultures celebrate it.

"This is a revived calendar that was used for thousands of years by Indians, Jews and other cultures. The concept is by no means new, just basically forgotten," he said.

Silen derived the calendar mathematically from the lunar cycle of 28 days, 13 months, 52 weeks and seven days a week - not drastically different from what we now use. His calculations show 28 days multiplied by 13 months equal 364 days a year - once again, not a major difference.

His additional calculations show 13 months multiplied by four seasons equal 52 weeks, and 52 weeks multiplied by seven days equal 364 days. "The math of 12 wouldn't come close," he said. "This puts everything back in perspective."

Silen acknowledges scientific minds should look at the calendar to see if there is anything he has missed. "To implement it, I'd leave it up to the scientific community," he said. He has planned to meet with people who know astronomy so they can analyze the calendar.

He also knows those who he approaches with his idea might dismiss him and his idea. However, he has already won local support for the Universal Calendar.

When Silen contacted local talk show host Johnnie Lou Avery, she became intrigued by the calendar. "It's logical and sensible, but I see barriers with accepting the changes and putting it into practice," she said.

"The most reasonable way to do it would be if the federal government would accept it," she added. She and Silen had an appointment at the end of January to speak with Charles Stenholm about the calendar.

Avery admitted to initial skepticism about it. "It seemed too simple, too sensible to actually work," she

said. "There might be things that need to be changed to make it truly universal, but we want to propose to Stenholm that calendar companies start working on it now."

When Silen visited her in the studio, bystanders were won over as well. "Nobody gave a negative reaction," Avery said. "Even one woman, whose daughter was born on the 30th, liked it."

She is assisting Silen with publicity and other arrangements for the calendar, and thinks it will succeed with time and perhaps a few minor adjustments.

"Any time you start with a new idea, it's got to be fine tuned, as long as we don't change the major concept," Avery said. "It's reasonable, logical and follows our real life."

Doyle Phillips was one of the people at the studio with Avery when Silen

discussed his calendar. Coincidentally, a lawyer and printer had already recommended Phillips to Silen as a potential designer for the calendar.

"My first thought was that it was too odd to work," Phillips said. "Then, as I looked at it and saw the logic, it impressed me." He is now helping Silen with the calendar's design.

Phillips, like Silen, recognizes this "new" concept of changing how we measure the days, years and seasons is actually very old. "Our calendar has been modified several times," he said. "It's not an entirely fresh or dangerous idea. It was only in 1929 that the Chinese adopted the Western calendar," he added. "It's been done before."

Phillips believes the calendar has potential for worldwide acceptance because no religious biases are built in. The biggest roadblocks will be

whether the calendar is scientifically sound, and then convincing people to use it.

"As beautiful and logical as this seems, I'll be convinced it is what it is when someone says it works with what happens up above," Phillips said. "The calendar is a measure of the lunar movement and we have to do it right."

Putting the calendar into practice will take time. "You can't just arbitrarily go on it. There will be a transition period," Phillips explained. "The year 2000 is when this calendar should kick in." He agrees with Avery that calendar companies should take on the project now to make the calendar a reality by 2000.

"I think it can work," he said. "I wouldn't be working so hard on it if I didn't."

Silen has a copyright on the 13-month calendar and is trying to find

out whether he can patent it. He is also looking for investors and for a company to make and sell the calendars. Most of all, he is looking for public support.

"I'm just a nurse," he said. "It's going to take 5 billion people to implement it. I can't do it all on my own. Once people are aware of it, it's theirs to decide."

And what will he tell the inevitable detractors who want to dismiss him and his calendar?

Silen shrugged and smiled. "Can't please everybody," he said. "I think most people are realists and analysts. The majority see that it's logical."

To become involved with the Universal Calendar project, contact Silen at 2510 Cheyenne, Big Spring, Texas, 79720 or at (915) 267-6795.

Firefighting crew waits for new fires as part of emergency preparations

By CHRIS VAUGHN
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

DECATUR, Texas - Holed up in the National Guard Armory outside town, playing cards and watching television day after day, 122 of the nation's most experienced wildfire-fighting veterans wait for a repeat of last week's infernos.

It may not come. They've been idle for six days. Activated by last week's wildfire emergency declaration, they assembled in the midst of bone-dry North Texas to try to prevent another blaze like the one now known as the "Jackerwise fire," so named because it scorched 16,000 acres and consumed almost 60 homes in Jack, Parker and Wise counties.

It may be hard to imagine that grass fires could be a threat with temperatures near freezing and the forecast calling for winter precipitation. But this is Texas, after all, and winter storms don't last long. The federal government still considers

Texas in extreme danger.

"We're in a bit of a lull right now, but it doesn't take much and we're right back into it," said Ron Davis, a Texas Forest Service supervisor who has taken command over the Decatur operation. "Walking on the grass out there is like walking on cornflakes. All it takes is a spark to start."

The firefighters who have gathered in Decatur are from the Texas Forest Service, the U.S. Forest Service, the federal Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the National Guard, Harris and Travis counties, and the North Carolina Forest Service.

They brought engines, pump trucks, bulldozers and helicopters, and planes are at the ready. It is a larger operation than the fire staging area in Waco.

The arrival of the firefighters - some of whom fought fires in Yellowstone National Park in 1994;

in Oakland, Calif., in '91; or in Los Angeles in '93 - occurred within 24 hours of President Clinton tagging 22 Texas counties for emergency aid.

Since they descended on Decatur, they've spent no time fighting fire and all their time waiting for one. They play cards and dominoes, read books and watch movies, clean equipment, teach firefighting techniques and tell "war stories." It's either feast or famine.

"It comes with the profession," said Randy Pretty-on-Top, a veteran firefighter from the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Montana. "We understand the waiting."

Should another fire grow beyond the reach of local departments, it is hoped that the task force can contain it before it unleashes much damage.

The Texas Forest Service, which will be almost entirely reimbursed by the federal government for its efforts, won't know the per-day costs of the

Decatur operation until it is over, Davis said.

"It's not cheap," he said. "But I can tell you that what we're spending out here per day is less than the cost of someone's home."

The Jackerwise fire, which is being blamed on illegal trash burning near Poolville in northern Parker County, not only physically exhausted many volunteer firefighters, but also damaged and in some cases ruined already worn equipment.

The 14 fire chiefs in Wise County have collectively asked the public for donations to replace some of their equipment.

"It's accumulative," County Commissioner Paul Wood said. "The last three months have been tough. I suspect there's a number of departments who have fought more fires so far this year than in all of last year."

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86-year-old woman is operator of souvenir-gift shop established before Oklahoma town sprang up

By TERRELL LESTER
Tulsa World
DISNEY, Okla. (AP) - One stop at Hamlin's Gift Shop is all it takes. If you need it, they have it. If they don't have it, you don't need it.

Diapers or imported dinnerware. Jewelry or spoons of thread. Work boots or guitar picks. Greeting cards or pots and pans. Hamlin's has it all. Even history. Especially history.

Louisa Hamlin has been around these parts since before there were any parts.

Folks talk about oldtimers being older than dirt. Mrs. Hamlin was here before they ever turned the dirt... for the Pensacola Dam.

But she does not consider herself old. Does not even feel old.

"Who are you talking about?" she asks with a sense of timing and a double take that would make George Burns proud.

Mrs. Hamlin turned 86 recently and her blue eyes are as bright as the spring sky that soon will form a canopy over nearby Grand Lake.

She laughs easily and works hard. In fact, she works seven days a week, operating the landmark gift and souvenir shop that rose above the shoreline of Grand River long before the town of Disney.

As Mike Andrasko, mayor of Disney, says: "Everybody knows Mrs. Hamlin. If you want to know anything about what happened in this town back when, she is the one to talk to."

And, readily, she will share her memories of a town and a dam that sprang up between the Depression and World War II.

Recently, at her own expense, Mrs. Hamlin had printed an eight-page pictorial history of Disney and the Pensacola Dam. She sells the newspaper collectibles for 50 cents over the glass display case at the front of the rock store.

The chronological compilation is not, however, her only contribution

to the community, merely one of the latest.

She has sat on the Disney City Council, taught school in the area for 34 years, played the piano and served the First Baptist Church of Disney for more than a half-century, and has received the key to the city on at least a couple of occasions.

A slight woman who, maybe, stands 5 feet tall, she speaks as softly as a January snow. But she is a strong and respected businesswoman, the matriarch of a serious community that was built on the premise of recreation.

Kindly and approvingly, she is known to young and old as Mrs. Hamlin. As Andrasko says, "I'm 67 years old, and I call her Mrs. Hamlin."

Monday through Saturday, she opens the door to her kaleidoscopic emporium along Oklahoma 28 at 8 a.m. "Eight o'clock sharp," she says in a tone that bespeaks her days as a piano teacher. Closing time is a little more flexible, she admits, anywhere from 5 p.m. to 5:30, or so.

On Sunday, she is open from 1 to 5 p.m.

"I go to Sunday School and church, then I come home and fix dinner," she says. "I close at 5, then I've got plenty of time to get back to church again."

For the most part, aisles in Mrs. Hamlin's store are virtually nonexistent, somewhat like the road system in Disney, circa 1937. Shelves and display racks, burgeoning with necessities and niceties, pull toward each other like so many magnets.

Mrs. Hamlin and her late husband, Jesse, moved to the area in 1937, from Bristow. Hamlin was a master craftsman, building their furniture and their first wooden storefront.

While he operated the gift shop and worked as a locksmith, she taught school and inscribed the phrase "Grand River Dam, Disney, Oklahoma" in India ink on figurines

they purchased from traveling peddlers.

Shortly after opening the store, it was destroyed by fire. The Hamlins moved across the street (which is now Oklahoma 28), and he built the structure that still houses the gift shop and home where the couple raised their only child, Martha Lou.

Mr. Hamlin died in January 1971 and Mrs. Hamlin continued to teach until retiring two years later. She has been behind the display counters her husband built ever since.

"People say, 'Mrs. Hamlin, why don't you retire,'" she said with a laugh. "I say, 'Well, what would I do then?'"

"As long as I'm healthy, and up and going, what would I do?" "Somebody said, 'Well, you could find a job.'"

"I say, well I've GOT one! What would I want with another job?"

"I enjoy this. I suppose that it's just the idea of being with people. I like to see people find what they want. And, then, it's a living, of course."

In the 28 months that led to the completion date of the dam, November 1940, the townsite that was to become Disney was a hustling and bustling boom town. It was not unlike the days Mrs. Hamlin had experienced two decades earlier when the discovery of oil in Creek County had turned her hometown of Bristow and nearby Slick into boomtowns.

It was that type of land-run potential that Hamlin envisioned for the area of Northeast Oklahoma where a river would become a lake.

The Hamlins began by selling simple souvenirs and costume jewelry.

"And then, anytime a salesman would come in with something that I could see that the people would need, why, we'd start investing in it and see if it would go," Mrs. Hamlin said.

Those things - from stuffed animals to maps of Grand Lake to leather moccasins - have been going for nearly 60 years, and have made Hamlin's Disney's one-stop shopping experience.

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U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

Texas History Takes the High Road

We Texans take our history seriously. We have a better idea than most where we come from — and where we're going. We are careful to preserve our most significant and precious historic shrines, from the Alamo to our county courthouses.

Last month I introduced a bill in the Senate that will expand Texans' opportunities to learn about and enjoy a unique historical legacy in their midst: the Lower Rio Grande Valley. My legislation would designate the valley a "National Heritage Area," as authorized by federal law, to highlight the region's character and rich cultural heritage.

This designation would acknowledge the significance of the lower Rio Grande Valley as a living historical asset, serving as a magnet for tourism, recreation and other economic activity in this distinctive, and beautiful, area of our state.

"Los Caminos del Rio Corridor," as the area is to be called, will stretch from Laredo and Columbia, Mexico south to Brownsville and Matamoros, Mexico and the gulf — one of the fastest growing regions in the country. Unfortunately, it also has among the highest rates of

poverty and unemployment. I believe the heritage project will function as a positive force to benefit this region.

This project is based on a framework of binational, public and private sector partnerships that include organizations interested in culture, education and tourism development. Project partners in the United States include the Texas Departments of Transportation, Commerce Parks and Wildlife, along with the National Park Service and the Meadows Foundation. The Texas Historical Commission has played a pivotal role in bringing it all together. In Mexico, participants include the Ministry of Tourism, the national Institute of Anthropology and History and the Tamaulipas state Department of Tourism.

This corridor designation, when achieved, will allow the creation of public-private partnerships to preserve this part of our Texas legacy. It will provide for federal technical and financial assistance, with matching funding from the private sector, from both sides of the border.

What the heritage area designation will not do is create any new means of regulating what property owners may do with their land.

- The heritage area will not involve federal zoning, land use regulation or the diminishment of property values.
- The heritage area will not usurp local authority.
- My bill specifically states that "No entry shall be made onto private property without the written consent of the owner..."
- The bill contains explicit language prohibiting the acquisition of real property.

I have taken every precaution to ensure that this legislation includes concrete property rights protections.

The corridor will serve as a unifier of the region, and as a catalyst to give communities on both sides of the border an opportunity to improve themselves — along with a sense of belonging and a sense of pride in what they have to offer. It will educate residents and visitors about our history, traditions and environment. This is an area of remarkable diversity and importance. In creating the "Los Caminos Del Rio Corridor" we will be enhancing a precious part of our Texas heritage.

Convicted killer changed name, eluded authorities for 30 years

DALLAS, Ore. (AP) - For more than 30 years, convicted murderer James Ostrander figured he was home free.

After using a hacksaw to escape from a Washington state mental hospital in 1957, he stayed out of prison with the help of a forgiving Oregon governor and a new identity found in a lost wallet.

In 1995, he was tracked down in Arizona but fled. Now, after being located again - this time back in Oregon - he has stopped running and may finally have to serve out his sentence.

Ostrander, 68, surrendered Tuesday in Dallas, Ore., and on Wednesday, Oregon officials were asked to return him to Washington state, where he had pleaded guilty to the 1953 murder of a grocer.

"Freedom is a precious thing," said Ostrander, who remains free for the time being. "Until you lose it, you don't understand that."

He said if he has to go back to prison, "I'll die. I couldn't stand it."

Oregon authorities have not decided whether to comply with the request from Washington Gov. Mike Lowry, and Washington authorities were not yet sure what to do with Ostrander if he is returned.

The silver-haired Ostrander who uses a cane is a lifetime away from the 24-year-old thug who helped rob a Seattle grocery store 43 years ago. His partner, James Elwood Frazier, hit grocer Nunzio Salle with the gun and it went off, killing him.

Frazier spent 15 years in prison and died of lung cancer in 1976.

Ostrander - whose real name is John Lyle Wilson - pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and was sentenced to 30 years behind bars.

While in prison, Ostrander's first wife divorced him and left with their three children. He had a breakdown in 1957, was sent to the mental hospital and escaped within the year.

He took on his new identity after finding a wallet belonging to a James Ostrander in a Tacoma alley. It was not clear what happened to the real Ostrander.

The fugitive moved to Oregon and made a new life, getting a driver's license, working at a gas station and marrying again.

When the law caught up with him in 1964, his friends and family barged the office of then-Gov. Mark Hatfield with letters and petitions, and the governor refused to send him back to Washington.

Ostrander stayed in Oregon and began working in construction. Then he hurt his back, and doctors urged him to move to a drier climate.

In 1991, Ostrander moved to Yuma, Ariz. He transferred his Social Security payments there and a random check by the government revealed that he was a fugitive.

Ostrander was arrested and released pending a hearing. But he fled, heading back to Oregon where he thought he still would be safe from prosecution.

But police showed up, and he decided to surrender.

Now he is counting on another reprieve from another governor.

Hatfield, a Republican who went on to become a U.S. senator, said he would still refuse to send Ostrander back to Washington if it were up to him.

"The murder of Nunzio Salle in Seattle so many years ago was a tragedy," Hatfield said. "The incarceration of James Ostrander again will not correct that, yet it would constitute another sad tragedy."

So friends and family have begun a new letter-writing campaign to try to persuade Oregon Gov. John Kitzhaber to refuse Lowry's request. Governor's aides and lawyers

huddled Thursday to try to sort out the legal complexities.

Ostrander said he thinks he has atoned for his crime.

"I've tried to set examples for my family and friends," he said. "I wish it hadn't happened. I was a jerk when I was a kid."

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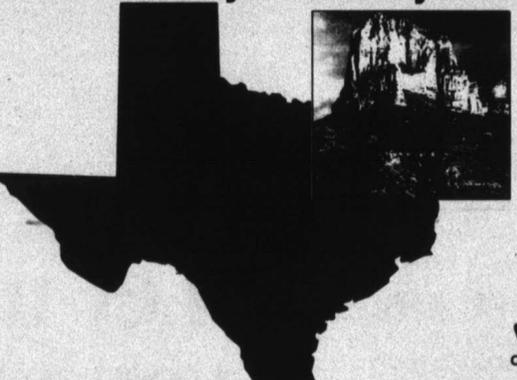
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